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DEAR NINETY-NINES: I hope that I shall make as fine a president as Mabel Britton has been. In order to do so I must first ask the co-operation of all of you. So much depends upon the Sections and their Chapters. So much depends upon the Sectional Officers and the members! "The strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack!"

You have a fine, capable Executive Committee; Gladys O'Donnell, Ruth Nichols, and Mabel Britton. All are women of out-standing ability, and all have the best interests of the Ninety-Nines at heart.

It was a real inspiration to be at Cleveland, and to meet the girls from the other Sections. I had a grand time and I think that every one else did too. Let us continue to make these fine friendships. Don't neglect your sectional meetings. Have a lot of good get-togethers. Let us make our Ninety-Nine friendships mean much to us.

Happy landings to all of you.

----Daisy Kirkpatrick, President

SEEN AT THE NATIONAL AIR RACES --by Jean Adams (Gov. N. E. Section)

.....Jacqueline Cochran roaring across the Cleveland Airport in her Wasp Beechcraft before any of the other Bendix entrants. She placed third.

.....Nancy Love demonstrating a Gynn in the aerial parade with Frank Hawks. It has a 90 horse power gear-driven Popjoy motor.

.....Sitting in the Army Box watching the races--Ruth Nichols and Alma Harwood (the flying grandmother; see LIFE, July 26th)

.....Mabel Britton, former National President, saying hello to Daisy Kirkpatrick, new National President, when she arrived from Boston in a Fairchild with her husband and friend.

.....Florence Boswell swamped by last minute hotel reservations, greeting so many people that by the third day she was minus her voice.

.....Alice Hammond of Detroit - without her very new son, whom she left sleeping in his crib at the hotel. (Wise boy!)

.....Louise Thaden watching from a box and resting on her laurels, decided to let somebody else win this year's Bendix Race.

.....Blanche Noyes, who did all the navigating for Louise in that famous Bendix Race last year, sat nearby. Blanche is now Airmarking for the Department of Commerce in the Northwest section.

.....Harriet Isaacson and Beatrice Nadon of Oakland, California, hidden behind dark glasses. They flew on with two friends in a Fairchild.

..... Dolly Bernson of Boston out in the field. She had been trying to find a ship for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Trophy Race as she left hers at home.

..... Lauretta Schimmoler of California, walking about in a uniform. She has founded a Flying Nurses Corp run on the same basis as the Army's.

..... Margaret Cooper of New Jersey, talking with Capt. Alex Papanas, the Toumanian Ace stunt flyer.

..... And so on and so on.

A VOTE OF THANKS from all the 99's to the Cleveland Chapter and to Florence Boswell who had charge of the arrangements for the 99s during the Races. Transportation, handling of hotel and dinner reservations, and comfortable headquarters at the grandstand at the races where hospitality and sandwiches and drinks were dispensed are just a few of the things for which Florence and the Cleveland girls deserve much credit.

THE C. G. TAYLOR TROPHY RACE received little recognition due to the fact it was a last minute addition to the Air Race Program. However, Abbie Dill, Cleveland 99er flew her first race in this derby and won sixth place, \$50 and the women's trophy, which was presented by the Women's Flying Club of Maryland. The race was for light planes in the Aeronca, Taylor Cub and Taylorcraft class. The pilot had to estimate his flying time in minutes and seconds from Columbus to Akron to Cleveland, then fly the race, with watches sealed, in the time estimated. Abbie Dill's time was just 2 minutes and 51 seconds short of her estimate.

FLYING ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL by Hilda Jarmuth

Even though I am a pretty good sailor, hearing so much about how rough the English Channel gets, decided me to fly across from London to Paris. So, boarding the Imperial Airways bus, we drove out to Croydon Airdrome.

Small world is this. A couple in the seat behind me were talking about the flight across, and the lady was getting quite scared, as it was to be her first flight, although friend husband was an old timer at it. I couldn't help smiling a bit, and they noticed the reflection in the glass, so asked me if I had ever been up. The man said, "You are an old timer, then!" Then he asked me if I were an American. I told him that I was and that they also sounded like Americans. Well, they were from Oak Park, Ill., my old stamping grounds. I asked if they knew friends of mine, a Mr. and Mrs. ----- and imagine my surprise when they said yes. We had many mutual friends.

Arriving at the Airdrome, we were weighed in and boarded a four-engined, 38 passenger Hercules cabin bi-plane. The interior was divided into compartments of 2 passengers sitting side by side, with a drop-leaf table you could pull up, and coffee and sandwiches were served by a uniformed steward.

The pilot came back to chat with the passengers and I wish you could have seen him! I told him he would create quite a sensation in this

country as he had the bluest eyes I have ever seen and wore a lovely long beard!

The day was sunny and the channel looked smooth from above. It took two hours, the last twenty minutes of which were in thick fog, so I missed the thrill of seeing Paris loom up in the distance. You couldn't see the wing tips for some time, and suddenly a big, white circle below said "Le Bourget" and we circled and landed on a nice, green field. After the necessary details of going through the customs were completed (we had to open suitcases, make out forms and answer a few questions asked in rapid French to which most of us smiled and said both "yes" and "no" according to the officer's expression) we were put on another bus and 45 minutes later were in the heart of Paris. Yes, it was Paris in Spring!

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NEW ENGLAND SECTION held its August meeting at the home of our new governor, Jean Adams, in Cohasset, Mass. Due to poor weather the attendance was small and only Daisy Kirkpatrick, the new National President, flew in, the rest coming by car. Jean gave us a delightful lunch prior to accepting her new job. She flies a Stinson, has a private license and has been a very active member of the 99's since 1934. Last spring's dance had some excellent advertising done entirely by Jean, and the success of that, combined with her energy and enthusiasm augurs well for the further development of the New England Section.....Louise Sissons, of Providence, brought the silver baby spoon she designed and made for us to give to Alice Hirschman Hammond's new son, John III.....Madolaine Suttio, of Waterville, Me., was a member of the committee in charge of the air show at Augusta. Fonda Hyatt, Miriam Vanderslice and Bernice Blake Perry flew up to it from BostonTo the Cleveland Air Races flew Daisy Kirkpatrick in a Fairchild, Dolly Bernson in her Bird, Nancy Love in a Glyn Air-car which she demonstrated, and Dorothy Munro in her Rearwin. Dorothy Munro's flight was her first cross country and her participation in the Amelia Earhart Memorial Race was also an initial event. We think she's a mighty sporting flyer!.....Ruth Granger stopped at Rochester, N.Y. on her way back from the races and is getting her private license there. This summer she has been doing some exceptionally fine photography from the air and a picture she took of the "J" races at Marblehead was printed in the rotogravure section of the Boston Sunday Herald. It had all five of the Cup Contenders in it, which makes it a rare one indeed!.....A deadstick landing fell to the lot of Ora Kind in August. After waiting for two days for the weather to clear so that she might start for her vacation in Washington, D.C., she took off in her open biplane, reached an altitude of 400 feet when her motor cut out. We're glad to report that she achieved what we wish for all you flyers---A Happy Landing.

----Louise Howard

SOUTHWEST SECTION - The sectional meeting was held on Sunday morning, Sept. 26th at Sacramento, California. Election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: Governor, Melba Beard; Vice-Gov., Ruth Rueckert; Secretary, Marjorie Hook; Treasurer, Maude Miller.

Those attending from the Los Angeles Chapter were: Gladys George, Elizabeth Hayward, Lauretta Schimmoler, Hilda Jarmuth, Melba Beard, Mabyll Bull, Gladys O'Donnell, Grace Prescott, Ethel Sheehy and Peggy Vining. From the Bay Cities Chapter were Pansy Bowen, Avis Bielefield, Dorothy Jones, Harriet Isaacson, Beatrice Nadon, Afton Lewis, Ruth Rueckert, Maude Miller and Marjorie Hook.....The girls are greatly indebted to Pansy Bowen who made all the arrangements and acted as hostess for the meeting.

SOUTHWEST SECTION - Bay Cities Chapter - The regular monthly meeting for September was held at the Plaza Hotel, but due to the Hotel strike, the club rooms were not yet available. Those present were Janet Knight, Ruth Rueckert, Nelda Anderson, Marjorie Hook, Afton Lewis, Maude Miller and Vilma Johnston...Ruth and Fred Rueckert and Afton Lewis flew to Modesto the week-end of Sept, 18th in Harry Brown's Waco and attended the Modesto Air Show.....Bea Nadon and Harriet Isaacson have returned from the National Air Races and report an excellent trip back via the Grand Canyon.

--Ruth Wakeman

SOUTHWEST SECTION- Los Angeles Chapter- had its first meeting of the new club year on Monday evening, Sept. 13th. After a two-months' vacation, we have resumed the program of activities, and are looking forward to a happy and successful year.....Betty Furman, chairman, led in a three-minute silence for our beloved members, who have made their last flight---Amelia Earhart and Genevieve Savage. Genevieve was on her way to fly to the Cleveland Races when suddenly word was flashed back that she was sometime overdue in a Ryan ST. We mourn deeply the loss of this grand girl and splendid pilot.....We had the pleasure of meeting our newset member, Mrs. Lois Stanton from Olive View, California, and extend to her a cordial welcome and hope the association with 99's will be a long and happy one.....Gayle Stewart Burns, our brand new bride, made her first personal appearance since the great event took place. Best wishes to the new Gayle-Herbert combine!.....Gladys O'Donnell made a splendid showing at the National Air Races, as she flew her Ryan to a grand "first" in the Amelia Earhart Trophy Race. Congratulations! She reports an interesting "hedge-hop" flight back below the fog from Wichita..... Esther Johnson is back again from vacationing in Wisconsin and later "delegating" in Cleveland. We rather doubt the fish stories, although they do have big ones up in them thar parts.....The writer is back from a grand trip through England, Europe and Egypt. Saw many interesting airports and planes.....Viola Neill, and former member Evelyn Hudson, report a most interesting trip in a Stinson to Washington, where they vacationed with two girl friends who are learning to fly. They were all stocked with canned beans, soups, etc., just in case the fish were on a no-bite strike. A few nice big salmon, however, were open-minded, and a good dinner was had by all. Grace Prescott has recently acquired her license from the Department of Commerce for weather observation. She received a grade of 98 in her examination from the Weather Bureau, one of the highest marks to be accorded....Cloma Granger, Myrtle Mims and Carolyn West were recently entertained for a week-end at Rancho Linda Vista, Grace Prescott's home near San Diego. After inspecting the Prescott's new four-place, 220 h.p. Continental-powered Waco, the visitors enjoyed a tour of the airport ranch and a short trip to Tia Juana and Caliente.

----Hilda Jarmuth

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Cleveland Chapter - A wire from Florence Boswell states that the Cleveland Arrangements committee enjoyed having the members of the 99 Club in Cleveland during the National Air Races and only regretted that every member couldn't have been present. The Cleveland girls are appreciating all the interesting thank-you letters that are now pouring in. Florence, who was chairman of the Arrangements committee, is not relaxing after her strenuous work during the races, but instead has been off in her Cessna to Columbus, Dayton, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Suffolk, L.I., the Detroit Air Races and the Chicago Air Show.

---Florence Boswell

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