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THIS ISSUE is going to be a mighty slim one, we're afraid, on account of because the twentieth of the month has come and gone, but much of the expected copy hasn't arrived as yet. With last month's unusual amount in on time, we thought perhaps all the reporters had made their New Year's resolutions a month early. But it was not so. We can't have an interesting News Letter without news, but each member can still make a last minute resolution to send in any interesting news about flying activities, past, present, or future, in her neighborhood. And the TWENTIETH is the last day for news, in case you're not quite sure of the date! Now turning to happier topics, we wish the very best of New Years to everyone, with lots of pleasant flying trips, and happy landings. - D. C.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Northern Ohio Chapter - Three chapter members joined the trek to the Miami Air Races in December: Florence Boswell in her Cessna, Arlene Davis in her Beechcraft, and Abbie Dill in a Taylorcraft as one of the participants of the Taylorcraft Cruise. Incidentally, as a direct result of the aforementioned cruise, Abbie has added unto herself a new name, that of Mrs. George E. Haddaway. It appears that the combination of moon, stars, balmy breezes, and the aviation ball at the Biltmore in Miami were too much for them, so the following Monday they were married in West Palm Beach. Haddaway is editor of the magazine, "Southern Flight", and their collective address is now 1516 Homan Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas. Abbie entered the Bernarr MacFadden race, and came in fifth or sixth, winning a "small" amount of the prize money. Congratulations on everything, Abbie!

Florida wasn't so kind to Florence; a combination of bad cold, sore throat, and possible pneumonia, has her spending the holidays in the Jackson Hospital, Miami. We are very sorry to hear of the illness, but hope the lay-up has given her time to map all her courses for future trips. We'll bet she's encircled the globe several times, already.

At our last meeting on December tenth, we started an aviation library with Edesse Dahlgren as "keeper of the books." To get a head start each girl donated a book, and then together we added Amelia Earhart's "Last Flight" as a Christmas gift to the library. By this time Mary King, our chairman, is enjoying glorious Florida sunshine. She flew down in her Stinson to spend the holidays with her family there. - Ann Barille

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Michigan Chapter - The Michigan Chapter had its Christmas Party on Sunday, December 12, at the Detroit City Airport. The place of the party was changed from Leila Baker's home because Leila was sent to the Ford Hospital for a minor operation on Wednesday. We had a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and Santa, played by Helen Lehtio, distributed the gifts. At the business meeting it was voted to add Amelia's book, "Last Flight", to our chapter library. We also discussed programs for the next four months, and decided to have them all at the Detroit City Airport with guest speakers and instructors as we have had in the past.

The Saturday night before our meeting, Faye Davies Kirk and her husband, Bob, invited all the 99's and their husbands or beaux to their new home for a party. We had a grand time playing keeno, guessing games, dropping beans in a bottle, and shooting a toy pistol with a suction cup on the end of a stick for a bullet. Jeanette Lempke closed her eyes and shot a bull's eye, all of which shows she's a good shot as well as a good flyer. Our next meeting will be on the second Sunday in January at the Detroit City Airport. All 99's from other chapters are always welcome guests. -
Peg Horton

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION - Dan Cupid zoomed down over Brownsville, Texas, December 6th, and took deliberate aim at Helen R. Johnson, Governor of N. A. A. for the state of Texas. She succumbed and is now recuperating as Mrs. Frederick John Wheeler. Wheeler is radio operator for Pan American and they will make their home in San Salvador. We extend our heartiest congratulations and good wishes. Gayle Horrall is California bound, and we understand she is looking forward to being entertained by Melba Beard at a W. I. A. A., W. N. A. A. and N. A. A. meeting, and an Aviation Club breakfast. Wish we could all be along, Gayle. Alma Martin, our new Governor, flew up to Tulsa from Shreveport in her new Wasp Jr. Beechcraft for Thanksgiving. She visited Dorothy Pressler Morgan and Gayle Horrall while there. Hazle Simpson has changed her base of operation from Wiley Post Airport to the Municipal Airport. She is now working for Maxfield Flying Service and getting in some good experience in ambulance service. - Una Goodwin

SOUTHWEST SECTION - Bay Cities Chapter - The last meeting of the year was held December 7th at the 99 Club Room in the Plaza Hotel. After a business meeting during which Ruth Rueckert completed a report on activities of the Air Marking Program, and in which Marjorie Hook was instructed to send in the Chapter's official recommendation as to an Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund, the new business of a proposed 99 Air Show at the San Francisco Municipal Airport was discussed. It was planned, with weather and management favorable, to hold such a show the latter part of January or early in February. Harriet

Isaacson invited the Club members to hold their January meeting at her house in Oakland, and the invitation was eagerly accepted. The rest of the evening was spent in a Dead-Eye-Dick shooting contest, shooting suction arrows, darts and guns. High score was made by Rita Gerry and second by Harriet Isaacson, with corresponding favors won by each. Maude Miller hit the only bull's eye of the evening. A grabfest was held with Christmas gifts costing not over 15¢ piled into a waste basket and each girl spearing her choice.

Ruth Wakeman showed up for her first meeting since the arrival of son, Tommy, and if possible looked prettier than ever. She took her flight test for transport over (as per regulations after the birth of a child) and her transport was returned to her with an instructor's rating thrown in, so now all the girls can climb in and run the duals with her. Ruth, Bea Nadon, and Harriet Isaacson had planned on accompanying the flight tour to Death Valley on the week-end of the 12th, but to their disappointment the entire trip was cancelled due to inclement weather. Janet Knight flew to Los Angeles and back, luckily striking in-between weather and having favorable conditions both ways. Ruth Rueckert's plans to drive to Reno to her grandfather's funeral were disrupted by the heavy rains and attendant floods which washed out part of the Sacramento-Reno highway. At last reports she was looking for a plane to "sky-way" there.

Dolores Guinther was on the disabled list with a sprained ankle and did not show up for the December meeting. Also from the East Bay, Nelda Anderson is reported as missing. We understand she has moved to Los Angeles. A letter from Phyllis Burchfield, formerly of the chapter and now in Pennsylvania, told of a contemplated trip to the Miami races, but we've heard no more since. If silence is golden, we've had a lot of glitter but that's all, for no news has been received from our Sacramento members. Except for one flight made by Ruth Wakeman, Harriet Isaacson and Bea Nadon, who flew to Santa Cruz (Rio Del Mar), the cross country excursions of the club this month have been a minus quantity. Weather and the holiday activities have rather bedraggled our wing feathers. And so to our New Year Resolutions. . . - Janet Knight

NORTHWEST SECTION - Fifteen airplanes, piloted by men and women, took to the air in groups of five as a tribute to Amelia Earhart, on Sunday, December 5th, from Swan Island Airport. The flight was one of many staged in various cities in the country and which will be repeated annually under a national program. Program details were arranged by Alyce Pashburg, Northwest Governor, and Esther Rumbaugh, director in Portland of the Women's International Association of Aeronautics. The following 99's participated in the flight: Bessie Halladay, Irma Westover, Muriel Fitzpatrick, Edna Anderson, and Alyce Pashburg. An event commemorating the first flight of man on December 17th has also been planned, and details will be given later.

- Alyce Pashburg

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