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MAY ALL your Winds be Tail Winds in 1938: and may your Plane come in laden with all those intangible things which make life really worth living--particularly Friendship in which I hope your association in the Ninety-Nines may play a helpful part.

- Daisy Kirkpatrick

THE NORTH CENTRAL Sectional Branch meeting will be held at 10:00 A. M. sharp on Sunday, January 30, at the Stockyard's Inn, Chicago, in conjunction with the Chicago International Air Show. All visiting members are invited to attend the meeting, and are asked to be sure to visit the 99 Booth at the Air Show sponsored by the North Central Section.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NORTH CENTRAL - Illinois Chapter - Like a faint twitter out of the darkness comes word from the long silent Illinois Chapter: but we've been here all the time, and doing things too! The annual Christmas celebration came off on December twentieth as scheduled, and it was a grand party. A little business (but very little) was accomplished in a short meeting. . . Christmas baskets and such, after which we could work no more. Jane Ray showed several reels of movies she took on her extended vacation in Germany. They were all excellent, especially those in color (including a gorgeous sunset); but two stood out as comedy relief. It seems that due to a technicality known to the layman as double exposure, we saw such remarkable scenes as automobiles driving right through traffic policemen (oh happy land!); river boats steaming majestically down a city street, and a bicyclist riding serenely down the Rhine. Perhaps too much Rhine wine for Jane produced this peculiar impression of Germany.

A grab-bag and supper followed, and the table and food looked so lovely it seemed a shame to spoil them. . . but we did, enthusiastically. Wedding gifts were presented to our new brides, and "speeches" were in order. To Jane and to Emma Sprague, hostesses for the party, go our expressions of appreciation for a very pleasant evening. We wish our out-of-town members could have been present. We are all looking forward to the International Aircraft Show and hope to meet a good many of you there. Our January meeting was devoted to work on the show and the 99 booth. . . we hope you'll come to see it.

- Dorothy Ring

NORTH CENTRAL - Northern Ohio Chapter - Our meeting of Friday, December tenth, was quite eventful with Florence Boswell back at the controls. After a lay-up of a month, all she could talk about was the grand trip she had flying back in her little Cessna, making a night landing at the Cleveland Airport on her return. . . surprising her husband, family, and even the radio operators. Here's to you, Florence, you certainly have what it takes. Mary King was forced to go by train to Miami for the holidays. However, she is still a very much determined pilot and is planning on making the southern trip in her Stinson. After she attends the Chicago Show on January 30, she will fly south to Florida. And may the weather read clear, and ceiling unlimited all the way this time. We are planning on having an Ohio Air Tour, and if things work out it will be sometime the first part of June. Our chapter suggested the recommendation of a scholarship loan fund as a memorial to Amelia Earhart. Until further notice our meetings will be held on the second Friday of each month. All members in the vicinity are more than welcome to attend.

- Ann Barille

I wish to express my appreciation to the various members who sent me messages and expressions of sympathy during my recent illness in Miami, Florida. I regret that more 99ers were not able to attend the NAA Convention and Planning Conference, which was most instructive and inspiring.

- Florence Boswell

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY - The last dinner meeting was held November 29 at the Hotel Woodstock in New York. Two courses of constructive action were plotted: that we think over the possibility of organizing flying clubs in schools and colleges, and that we try to get airports to improve their rest room facilities for women. In the spring we plan to go on several flying trips as a group. On November 21 there was a memorial service for Amelia Earhart at Floyd Bennett field. A very nice, brief radio tribute was given by Lucille Boudreau, president of this section. Miriam Blagden, Jessie Wachenheim in a Kitty-Hawk, and Lucille in her Aristocrat flew to the airport from Roosevelt Field and joined in the tribute over the airport after the broadcast. November 22 the American Legion Post #501 gave a dinner in honor of Bernarr MacFadden at the Astor Hotel. The 99ers were represented by Mary Nicholson and Lucille Boudreau.

Thiel College in Pennsylvania has planned a nation-wide memorial for Amelia. Her grandfather was one of the founders of the Lutheran Synod which created the college, and she herself received an honorary degree from the college in 1932. Her father was graduated from Thiel, and just before her last journey she expressed a special desire to do something for the college. \$500,000 will be raised to support the foundation. The Thiel College board of trustees announced the objectives of the foundation as: 1. To establish a number of Amelia Earhart scholarships for women in science and sociology for post-graduate study at any institution of the recipient's choice in the United States: 2. To erect on Thiel College's

campus an Amelia Earhart Hall for Women, with a memorial room where mementoes of her life and work would be preserved: 3. To establish an annual Amelia Earhart Lecture, to be given by a woman in one of the principal cities of the country under the auspices of a national scientific organization: 4. to endow one or more Amelia Earhart chairs of science.

Lucille Boudreau, Jacqueline Cochran, Viola Gentry and Fay Gillis Wells attended a dinner on December 15 at the Hotel Biltmore in connection with negotiations for a museum, the basis of which will be the "Last Flight" data of Amelia. The museum will be sponsored by the World Center for Women's Archives. At the banquet the collection of mementoes of the final flight was formally presented to the Center by Edward G. Elliott, President of Purdue University. There will be erected in New York a building where documents connected with the lives of the great women of all countries and generations may be preserved. Sponsors of the movement, one of whom was Miss Earhart herself, include Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Judge Florence Allen, Mrs. Vincent Astor, Fannie Hurst, Dorothy Thompson Lewis, Dr. Florence Sabin, Frances Perkins, and others. Through the museum, the Center, first projected only two years ago, will achieve status as a permanent institution with the records of one of its youngest sponsors as its initial memorabilia.

At the January 5th meeting of this section several suggestions for the 99 Earhart Memorial were made: to establish a work shop for women to give them a chance to prove their mechanical ability (as wished for by Amelia in her book, Last Flight); a ground course for women in some college; a scholarship for high school girls (essay contest perhaps) whereby the winner would get a solo course free (the girl selected for the scholarship should be of limited financial means and high in her academic work); the encouragement of college flying by donating an annual prize for the girl outstanding in college flying activities. The scholarship for the high school girl was generally agreed upon as being the one which would reach the greatest number of people.

Lucille Boudreau made one flight to Philadelphia and another to Baltimore recently in an Aristocrat. Barbara Ashley says she has started her own flight school at Floyd Bennett! Magda Tisza stunted in an airshow at Nelson Airport in November, competing with the men. She reports that the weaker sex was vanquished. Bella Heineman flew from Roosevelt to Camden for lunch one day. Peggy Remey traded in her Warner Fairchild for a Ranger. . . . went down by train and bus to Hagerstown and flew the new plane back to Roosevelt. Ruth Nichols flew to Boston recently on a business trip and gave her brother some time. Laura B. Harvey, one of the charter members of the 99's, has an aeronautics club which she started in 1928, composed of around 150 people, mostly boys. Last year's president of the club won the 1937 World Championship in Gas-model contests. While she doesn't fly much any more, she is still keenly interested in aviation; for the past several years she has been teaching at

Washington Junior High School, Mount Vernon, New York. Germaine Anderson, one of our newest junior members, has been concentrating on getting her license, which she hopes to have soon. She flew as co-pilot from Roosevelt Field to Montreal on the last good will flight. Germaine graduated from New York University where she took courses in airplane motors, meteorology, and navigation. Margaret Cooper spent two weeks in Southern Pines, North Carolina, visiting friends. Says she had a wonderful time. . . played golf and rode every day. February 12 she will be off again, this time on the Saturnia for part of a Mediterranean cruise. She will leave at Naples to meet a party in Palestine and motor through Trans Jordan and Syria. She'll be starting back April 13. Everyone was glad to see cute little Hermalinda Briones at the January 5 meeting. Hermalinda is South America's only licensed woman pilot, and for some time has been an active member of this section. She and her husband have just returned from an extensive flying trip to Mexico City. Since she's been back, she has flown to Hartford, Connecticut, and to Allentown, Pennsylvania, in her Warner Fleet. Alma Harwood is flying to Panama via Eastern Air and Pan American. Says it will be an unusual experience for her, as she's been in a transport only a few times.

- Laura May Brunton

NEW ENGLAND - The November meeting was held at the Fox and Hounds Club in conjunction with the Aero Club of New England and the Boston Aero Club. A permanent clubroom at this Beacon Street Club has been furnished us through the courtesy of its manager, Mr. McManus. A grand steak dinner was served and afterwards there were several interesting speakers, the first being Daisy Kirkpatrick, who read us her latest contribution to the world of poetry, "Certificated". Captain Edson, Manager of the Boston airport, was presented an award by the New England Aero Club for his contribution to aviation. Lieutenant Commander Charles R. Brown and Captain Richard Cobb, both U. S. N., spoke to us on flying topics after which Professor Otto Kopen of M. I. T. talked about gliding. Our newest member, Ruth Freeman, was asked to take a bow. Having that day received her private, she is our youngest member.

There are now two inspectors at the Boston Airport filling a need that has long been paramount. This should facilitate the getting of licenses. Jean Adams flew a Stinson to New York recently, and Constance Sheridan also went to New York in the new twin-motored Beechcraft belonging to the E. W. Wiggins Airways. Mrs. Margaret Stower of Providence, who will soon be one of us, is leaving in a short time for Central America in her Waco. Hortense Harris, whose Fairchild is still in the West, has been putting in a lot of time on a Cub, and Ruth Granger has been flying a Fairchild. Miriam Vanderslice has been trying for weeks to fly to New Hampshire in her Fleet, but when she finally set the day it rained and she hasn't gotten there yet.

Daisy Kirkpatrick went to the Miami Air Races visiting en route with Fonda Hyatt at Pinehurst, South Carolina; Clayton Patterson, Governor of the Southeast Section, and Harriett Sackett in Washington. Margaret Kimball, who has a blind flying license as well as a trans-

port license, has capabilities in quite another field. From December 27 to January 7 she held an exhibition of still-life at the Copley Society Galleries in Boston. December 17, National Aviation Day, seven 99's--Jean Adams, Hortense Harris, Ruth Granger, Mary Davies, Constance Sheridan, Miriam Vanderslice and Nancy Love--flew in the Boston Aerial Parade.

- Louise Howard

MIDDLE EASTERN - With winter on around these h'yar parts and the temperature wavering around the zero mark, a great deal of our flying activities have been temporarily grounded. This did not stop Anna McKee, however. She merely warmed up her Fairchild and hied herself to Florida for the air races. Since she had just received her radio operator's license, she thought it might be a good idea to use it, so flew in the cruise to Havana and back. In the rush of holiday activities and a trip to Wisconsin, I failed to get in my news for the last issue, and so want to mention here that the Washington members enjoyed a very pleasant evening with Daisy Kirkpatrick, who stopped over for several days on her way to Florida. The wedding bells have been ringing again. Harriett Sackett took off this month and married Frank Black. . . happy landings, Harriett. The new Mr. and Mrs. Black will make their home in Washington. Lydia Clement, our erstwhile Governor who hails from the sunny south, tried some ground flying up in the cold north woods. Her ship was a pair of skis and she got her flying speed as soon as she topped the knoll on some nice snow-covered hills. The landings were all perfect three-pointers. For entertainment at the next meeting, which is to be held in Washington the early part of February, movies of Lydia's solo flights will be shown.

- Helen Frigo

SOUTHEAST - The Southeastern 99's gathered on November 29 at the Southern Pines Country Club in Pinehurst, North Carolina, for a lovely luncheon arranged by Fonda Hyatt in honor of Daisy Kirkpatrick who stopped over on her way to Miami. Cunning favors in the form of the club emblem cut from Carolina pine marked the places for Daisy, Clayton Patterson and Carroll Boone from Charlotte, Mabel Clemson who had just arrived from New York, Blanche Ash and Louise Derby from Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Jessie Woods from Camden, South Carolina. Guests invited were Mrs. Allen Taft, Mrs. Bob McClelland, Dr. Alice Presbrey and Miss Ann Rockwell from Pinehurst. After the luncheon Daisy gave an inspiring address and review of the club projects for the new year. She also told about her rather amusing experiences during her first flight over Dixie some years ago. Then Clayton showed some interesting aerial moving pictures, "Wings over Dixie", and a reel that she had taken while flying to Bermuda last summer on the Cavalier.

It was a tough break for us that on this particular day not a plane in the entire South was able to leave the ground on account of rain and fog. . . and this the "Sunny South". Come again, Daisy, and we'll

hope for better luck. We have several new members--Carroll Boone from Charlotte, N. C., who is almost ready for her private rating and who is piling up the hours in her new Taylorcraft, and Jessie Woods from Camden, South Carolina. Jessie has been flying for some-time, but first wing-walked on airplanes when she was 18, later performed with a rope ladder suspended beneath, then jumped parachutes for three years, and now has climbed into the cockpit and taken up the more "serious" business of flying herself. And she does a grand job of it too. Madeline Hechenbleickner and Lucille Brokenbrough of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Nell Behr of Anderson, South Carolina are now full-fledged 99ers, having successfully passed their private rating tests in December.

- Ye Reporter

SOUTH CENTRAL - Dorothy Pressler Morgan flew up to St. Louis on a business trip and to do some shopping just before the holidays. It seems Dorothy set a record from Tulsa to Dallas by auto last week; she had breakfast in Tulsa, luncheon at a W. N. A. A. meeting in Dallas, and back to Tulsa for a late dinner. The South Central Sec- has another L. C. pilot in its midst, and it's none other than Fanny Leonpacher of Lafayette, Louisiana. Congratulations, Fanny! We are very happy to welcome Abbie Dill to our section. As you know, Abbie became Mrs. George Haddaway at Miami last month and is now living in Fort Worth. We hope she likes our southern hospitality. Malcolm Clark doesn't give her Taylor Cub a chance to cool off. She can be seen at almost any airport any day of the week. She drops in, says "hello" and is on her way to some other town.

All the members of the Nebraska group now have licenses. . . one amateur and the rest private. Our youngest member, 18-year-old Evelyn Sharp of Ord, Nebraska, had a Cub given her by the business men of her town. She plans to go up for her transport rating soon.

- Una Goodwin

SOUTHWEST SECTION - Los Angeles Chapter - On account of Santa Claus having so much mail to deliver last month, looks like he just naturally didn't hurry with just news reporting mail, so that's why you missed out. However, his little helpers didn't forget all, so perhaps this month all will be righted and forgiven. Los Angeles chapter had its second Christmas party on Monday evening, December 13, at Hotel Clark. The "U"-shaped table was beautifully decorated with flowers, red candles and places set alternately with Santa Claus and peppermint stick airplanes. There was also a table with a decorated Christmas tree and gifts for all present. Bud Morriss, the genial host and manager of the hotel, was Master of Ceremonies and Santa Claus. A little bird had whispered it was also his birthday, so Bettymay Furman arranged to have a nice birthday cake brought in, with all candles lighted, and everyone sang Happy Birthday. Then Christmas carols were sung, and Mr. Joe Marriott, Superintendent of the Bureau of Air Commerce, gave a very enlightening talk on the new Civil Air Regulations, and much to everyone's relief, we learned that the private pilot can still take off and land at municipal airports, without being signalled off the "wide, open air lanes". Mrs. Carolyn West, who is president of the L. A. Chapter of W. N. A. A., gave a brief resume of her contest-winning book entitled, "Down Wind". We

are all anxious to read this modern aviation story of a woman pilot and her airplane designer sweetheart. A table was loaded with toys and gifts for needy children which were later turned over to the Salvation Army. It is going to be an annual event with our chapter to do something for needy children at Christmas.

The meeting of January 9 was held at the "House and Garden" of Bessie Owen, in Santa Barbara. Members drove up, brought friends and their lunch, and a warm sunny day made it a perfect outing. We ate in the garden, Bessie furnishing the trimmings (and what trimmings!) to our sandwiches, and later ping pong contests were held, while others tried to loop the little swing hanging from a gorgeous tree. Later, before the fireside, flying experience stories were told. The biggest ah-er-a experience was told by Melba Beard which won her a beautiful ivory compact, trimmed with three gold airplanes, which Bessie had brought from Belgium. The men's prize was won by handsome Jack Miller, friend of all aviators, and highway patrolman. He won an ivory cigarette case, also trimmed with gold airplanes. (Wonder if it will make him nonchalant enough to light a Murad if he sees a fair member zooming the highway at miles per!) It was a grand change from meetings in the same club room, as heretofore.

Helen Hyde Clark reports the "bit of stock" on her new ranch requires a specialized type of "on course" training. Lucille Baker of Phoenix visited in Hollywood recently, as did Gayle Horrall of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Nelda Anderson, former Bay Cities Chapter member, now lives in Los Angeles, and we hope she will make herself at home with us. Nona Vaughn of Santa Maria was present at the January meeting; it was the first opportunity we had had of meeting this charming member and we are looking forward to again having her with us. Dorothy George promises to stay put for a while, after having spent weeks up in Sun Valley Lodge, Idaho, hobnobbing with the movie crowd and learning the finer points of staying on skis. Ethel Sheehy and husband, Bill, are on foot. They've sold their Great Lakes and the first pang of loneliness came when they couldn't fly up to Santa Barbara to Bessie's party. Gladys O'Donnoll and husband, Lloyd, are at present vacationing via boat and Pan American in South America; they expect to return in about one month. Bessie Owen has done some grand work flying over her city, picking out a large roof, and having an authentic Bureau of Air Commerce sign painted on the largest roof in town. Air Marking, you know, is the year's project and the girls are all working towards a perfectly air-marked California. See you next month, and those of you members who have not yet paid your dues, this is your LAST chance!

- Hilda Jarmuth

IT HAS been asked that the Sections, and the states under them, be summarized in the News Letter for the convenience of members who move.

Northwestern Section - Wash., Ore., Mont., Wyo., Idaho., N. D., S.D.

Southwestern Section - Calif., Utah, Nev., Ariz.

South Central Section - Neb., Kans., Colo., N.M., Tex., Okla., Ark.,

North Central Section - Mich., Ohio, Ky., Ind., Ill., Wis., (La. Mo., Minn., Iowa

Southeastern Section - N. C., S. C., Tenn., Miss., Ala., Ga., Fla.

Middle Eastern Section - Pa., Md., Va., W.Va., Del., Dist. Col.

New York-New Jersey Section - N. Y., N. J.

New England Section - Me., N. H., Vt., Mass., Conn., R. I.