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A March Poem

He was a big, strong pilot,
 She a demure little Miss.
 Tho the wind was quite high
 And she was learning to fly,
 He boldly asked for a kiss.
 And while he leaned over to get it
 They thoughtlessly pulled back on the
 sticks.

And up shot the little airplane
 Into the blue, and did tricks.
 It looped and it spun and did sideslips,
 You never saw such a show.
 So, girls, take my advice;
 Though it may not be nice,
 Always gently, but firmly say, "No".

- - D. M. K.

THE FOLLOWING are the only responses so far received as to suggestions for the Amelia Earhart Memorial. What has happened to the choices of the many other chapters and sections?

New England: (1) A memorial fund in Amelia's name for the help of women flyers hurt in any airplane accident in which they were flying themselves; (2) To send Amelia's mother and husband something appropriate inscribed from her friends, and Ninety-Nines; (3) Memorial fund in Amelia Earhart's name to help one or more promising girl flyers; (4) To choose one deserving boy from the Junior Birdmen and to give him a course in flying; (5) A memorial air-marking beacon (such as the one for Will Rogers) to aid in the safety of cross-country flight. . . perhaps one at Newfoundland for trans-Atlantic crossings and one at San Francisco for trans-Pacific crossings in memory of her ocean flights.

Middle Eastern: To divide the sum of money allotted, among the Sections, to airmark as many towns as possible. Preferably the towns should be those in parts of the Section where airmarks are most needed. In this way aviation in general and all flyers would be benefited, rather than but one or two persons.

North Central, Ohio Chapter: To offer a scholarship loan fund (more details as to exact meaning not given).

New York - New Jersey: To give a scholarship to some High School girl of limited finances and high scholarship (essay contest perhaps) whereby she would obtain a solo course free.

SECTIONAL NEWS - (Mostly taken from an article, for Airwoman, on the Air Show by Jean Adams, Governor of the New England Section of 99's.) . . . Let us stop a moment at the North Central Section 99 meeting at ten o'clock on Sunday, January 30, in Chicago. A brunch was in swing with the Chicago girls as hostesses, which was followed by the business session. After this each girl got up and introduced herself, telling something of what she does. A few accounted for were Daisy Kirkpatrick, national president from Boston (Ed. and Jean Adams who flew in with Daisy on the airlines). Daisy is an extremely able leader in running the Club and also her own affairs, i. e., she returned home five days later with more money than she had started with on her trip. Then came Florence Boswell, sectional governor; we don't see how she does it either. She flew in from Cleveland with her young son and Helen Curtiss in the Cessna. Another Clevelander was Mary King who arrived in her Stinson. Then came Edith Lackner (also in a Stinson) who left all her playmates in Cincinnati, and made both the Show and the Sportsman Pilot's meeting the night before. Mabel Britton, former national president from Michigan, had hardly a chance to say a word, so swamped was she by friends. Alice Hammond left Detroit with her husband and then deserted him temporarily to enlighten the 99ers about Department of Commerce regulations which needed straightening out. Jeanette Lempke of Bay City invited all the girls for a week end sometime this summer. Everyone will no doubt accept, she is such a grand hostess. Faye Davies Kirk, sectional secretary-treasurer, and Leora Stroup, both of the Michigan chapter were also among those present. Lucille Young, Vi Crosbie, Helen Colton and Mae Wilson, native Illinoisans, arose. However, Lucille having just returned from Havana, may not like being called a native. Mae is the remarkable girl who runs her own airport, Wilson Airport, Schiller Park. . . . Alice DeWitt took a bow. She has a transport certificate and a husband who is distributor for Rearwins. Helen Budwash, who has been dubbed the "Flying Cashier", arose and enlightened us about her doings. Dorothy Ring was next: she has an instructor's license and flies a Ryan S. Loretta Schnaubelt, also a native of the Windy City, has been nicknamed the "Flying Schoolman". Are her pupils lucky! Emma Sprague arose. She was president of the Chicago girls' air show which made such a hit last spring. And Elizabeth S. Folsom and Lenore McElroy, both of Indiana, were also introduced. Then came three new and most attractive fledglings to be ushered into the club: Edith Campbell of Minneapolis, Ruth Martin of Chicago, and Vinetta Schultz of South Bend. . . . Upstairs and a brief collapse at the attractively restful Press Club. Louise Thaden was sitting there, but our other foremost woman pilot, Jacqueline Cochran, was among the missing, being in a New York hospital hav-

ing sinus treatments. The doctor had told her that everything would be fine if she did no more high altitude flying, but of course no one could keep Jackie down, especially on a flight to Miami. Also, the 99 Booth, sponsored by the North Central Section, was a most excellent place to rest and renew old acquaintance-ships. . . . Nancy Love "gwinned and beared it" as the crowds mobbed her Gwinn Aircar exhibit.

AT THE North Central Sectional meeting it was decided that the Northern and Southern Ohio chapters should be consolidated into one, the All-Ohio chapter.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NORTH CENTRAL - All-Ohio Chapter - Due to an unexpected delay Mary King, our chairman, called at the beginning of the dinner session of our meeting on February 11, and asked Florence Boswell, our Governor, to carry on. Might we report the first signs of spring. . . sweet peas for a centerpiece, and our "gals" wearing bright new bonnets. Hearing all about the gay time at the Chicago Aeronautical Show and the Sectional Meeting of January 30, left those who did not attend with deep regrets over the fact. Our Governor reported that at the Sectional Meeting it was decided to consolidate the Northern and Southern Ohio chapters into one, to be called the All-Ohio Chapter. We add a new member to our Chapter list, Thelma Wilson of Canton, Ohio, who has just acquired her private rating, and who appeared very proud wearing a Ninety-Nine pin. Mary Winstanley, old faithful, drove in from Bedford, Ohio. We do hope that Helen Curtiss passed her First Aid exam; we had all we could do trying to make her forget the test she had taken the previous night. We were trying to find out the real story of the meetings that our educationally minded Edesse Dahlgren has been attending. They must be important, for she leaves five or ten minutes before our meetings end. Mary King did well for herself after leaving the Chicago Show. She flew south via Indianapolis, Louisville, Jackson, and hangared at Ocala, Florida, making the trip in eight hours and forty minutes (the winds stayed right with her). She is very pleased over the night landing she made in Columbus, Ohio, on her trip home. Just a reminder that our next meeting will be held March 11, at Stouffer's, 13 and Euclid Avenue, Cleveland. And you are all invited!

- - Ann Barille

NORTH CENTRAL - Michigan Chapter - The February meeting was held on Sunday, the 13, at Detroit. Don Walker, pilot of the Detroit News' "Early Bird", was to have spoken to us. Due, however, to the floods in Michigan from Detroit to Bay City, he was called away just before lunch to take photographs of the various areas. Instead of his talk, we had a "contest", each girl writing down

her prize boner in aviation. The winner was presented with a permanent trophy, a paper cup with the 99 emblem emblazoned upon it and a place for the name of the winner and date. The prize boner was as follows: (name of author omitted on request) "Having taken a friend for a ride of half an hour one day, I returned to the airport. After making three attempts to land and overshooting the entire field each time, I wondered what might be wrong. I finally discovered that the wind had changed while I was away, and my neglecting to look at the windsock had not been a fortunate idea." Florence Boswell flew in with two passengers, Helen Curtiss and Mary Winstanley, through some rather bad weather from Cleveland. She told us about the sectional meeting in Chicago and announced that the next one would be held in Bay City in July. Gladys Hartung has her Limited Commercial license back again; she obtained it on February 15 at the Wayne County Airport. Helen Montgomery is taking a course in aero-engineering at Wayne University.

- - Peg Horton

NORTH CENTRAL - Illinois Chapter - The date has come and gone! Chicago has had its Air Show, and we were there. . . . To those who didn't come, let me mention that there were many interesting exhibits of engines, parts and accessories, and airplanes (at least two of which made this heart simply ache). Of course the high spot of the show, to us, was the sectional meeting on January 30, at which we were particularly honored by the presence of our very charming National President, Daisy Kirkpatrick, come clear from Massachusetts to see us. The program included breakfast at 10, and later a meeting at the Stockyards Inn. They tell me the breakfast was very nice. . . . after all, 10 o'clock is awfully early. Our new Governor, Florence Boswell, presided very capably over an interesting meeting. There were so many out-of-town guests that each girl as part of a getting acquainted game was asked to give her name and brief history of herself. They were very modest, too. An out-of-town section member, worthy of special mention because she came so far, was Jean Adams of Massachusetts.

Scarcely had we recovered from eleven days of Air Show, when a regular Illinois Chapter meeting burst upon us. It was not one of the best attended meetings we have had, but it was one of the best. (Aside to some of the chapters: you missed the chicken salad and the other things that Lucille Young and Mae Wilson had for us!) However, we did transact important business. Plans were started for our annual party, this year to be St. Patrick's Day Supper Dance, in the Tally-Ho Room of the Medinah Club. And so we complete a month of activity with the hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing some of the out-of-town members at the St. Patrick's Day party.

- - Dorothy Ring

NEW ENGLAND - On January 15 our meeting was held at the Wiggins Airways Hangar at East Boston. Ruth Freeman, Daisy Kirkpatrick, Jean Adams, Ruth Granger, Constance Sheridan, Miriam Vanderslice, Dorothy Garside and Louise Sissons were present, the last two acting as hostesses. Two guests were with us, Mrs. Mary Davies and Mrs. Lee Gates. Time on the Ceiling Zero parties has been extended to the first of March, to allow the girls to recover from the holidays. A letter was read from Blanche Noyes asking every member to cooperate in the air-marking campaign by contacting local mayors and selectmen and urging them to paint the name of each city on some prominent structure. After the business meeting, the second of the series of lectures on navigation was given by Fletcher Ingalls.

News of the month is not very extensive, especially the flying news, as the Boston Airport has been closed to private flying a good bit due to bad samples of our New England weather. Daisy, Joan Adams, and Nancy Love were at the Chicago Air Show where Nancy was exhibiting the Gwynn Aircar. They attended the meeting of the North Central Section where Florence Boswell and Daisy presided jointly. Lorraine Franklund, who has been a long time at the New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston, is home again and recovering nicely we are happy to report. Daisy and Harry Kirkpatrick left on February 17 on the Sportsman Pilot Cruise to Florida, flying a Beechcraft. The February meeting is to be at the Fox and Hounds Club in Boston on the 26. There will be luncheon first and a talk afterwards on the new Department of Commerce regulations. It promises to be very gay, for we must be gay, even though flying is a serious business.

- - Louise Howard

SOUTH CENTRAL - Una Goodwin took part in the memorial flight over Oklahoma City on February 13 at the unveiling of the Will Rogers and Wiley Post busts. About thirty planes participated, dropping flowers on the grounds of the State Historical Building. Alma Martin of Shreveport is a very frequent visitor to Tulsa, flying in two or three times a month. Fanny Leonpacher, a delegate of the Evangeline Chapter, attended the W. N. A. A. convention in Cleveland last month. Fanny is thoroughly sold on fortune telling since Florence Boswell took her to a Gypsy tea while there. Alberta Worley, an ex-Ninety Niner, has returned from Europe where she has been living the past five or six years. Alberta has promised to give us a story very soon on aviation in Europe. She is planning on renewing her license and coming back into the fold soon. Malcolm Clark has changed her address from Guthrie, Oklahoma, to Los Angeles. We will all miss Malcolm, but our loss is Los Angeles' gain.

- - Una Goodwin

SOUTHWEST - Los Angeles Chapter - The regular monthly meeting on February 14 was high-lighted by a table decorated in an unusual manner. . . little red candy hearts were scattered all over the white table cloth, and proved both tasty as well as ornamental. During the meeting one could see little fingers dipping downward, and by the closing hour, only a few "decorations" were left. The red candles gave an intimate touch (Chairman Bettymay Furman knows ladies look their loveliest by candlelight.) The speaker of the evening, Lieut. Jack Lincke of the U. S. Navy, gave a most enlightening talk on the national defense situation, with information that is vital to all of us. Another special guest of the evening was our delightful 99'er, Blanche Noyes, who is stopping in Los Angeles a few days on official business for the Bureau of Air Commerce. Blanche is official Air Marking Pilot for the Bureau, and has done splendid work all over the country getting small and large towns to airmark their roofs and highways. She has been most charming in offering her cooperation with the Southwest Section's California Air Marking project.

Gladys O'Donnell and husband, Lloyd, are back home again, after a most enjoyable trip to Panama, Central America and Mexico. Myrtle Mims is now a full-fledged Real Estate Broker and Salesman, having passed the State Board examination with high honors. She reports having flown a prospective buyer to Palm Springs, sold him a lot, and flown back again the same day. Good work! Bessie Owen is getting some bad weather flying experience. She has her Beechcraft somewhere between Kansas City and New York. Melba Beard, Mabel Bull and Dorothy George have been avigating between Los Angeles and Santa Maria. Clema Granger, Esther Johnson, Lucille Orman and Lauretta Schimmoler have been airplaning to Bak-ersfield, and report the Ridge Route looks like perfect skiing country. Ethel Sheehy, Lois Stanton and Onita Thorley are planning a trip north to fly an airplane on skis. Hilda Jarmuth is selling California and flying to friends visiting from Chicago. She says four new converts promised to fly the airlines back home. (Commission please, United.) Mary Alexander has a mysterious air about her these days. What are you holding out on us? Hasta la vista, amigos, until next month!

WILL ALL Chapter or Section secretaries or governors please send immediately to the Editor a list of those girls who were 99 members last year, but who through non-payment of dues or for other reasons, are definitely not members now? We wish to remove their names from the mailing list of the News Letter, and the only way we can do so accurately is through your cooperation. Thank you.

