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SPRIG, SPRIG, beautiful sprig. Through a told in the doze we survey a world suddenly full of robins, bluebirds and other brightly polished fauna such as cubs, aeroncas, etc. Spring is never officially here until we have a poem on the subject, and not a one did we receive. We surely must have some poets in our midst. Seriously, send in some of your efforts on any flying subjects and we'll have a little poetry section to start off each issue.

- - D. C.

ALL 99 pins and other jewelry, membership lists and applications for membership blanks, may now be obtained from the National Secretary, Dorothy Morgan, 1601 S. Knoxville Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A VERY clever little announcement came in recently from Nell and Howard Behr of Anderson, S. C., announcing the latest model Behr Cub, A. T. C. No. 2, delivered February 23, 1938, known as Howard Sidney Behr, Jr., from factory at "Behr Port", Gross Weight, Turn and Bawl Indicator, Special Equipment - Full Night Crying, etc.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NORTH CENTRAL - Illinois Chapter - Shure, an' the top of the mornin' to ye. . . and the best St. Patrick's Day greeting that a good Norwegian can give! Sorry, but I guess the green hasn't worn off yet. During the month of March I'm afraid the Illinois chapter did not make any serious and valuable contribution to the advancement of the science of aviation, but we did hold our regular annual supper-dance in the form of a St. Patrick's Day party, in the Tally-ho Room of the Medinah Club in Chicago. During our last meeting before the dance, the question popped up as to who should receive the all important assignment of collecting the ticket money, and it was decided that Helen Colton, our treasurer, do it as it had been so long since she'd had any money to handle. The party was a distinct financial success and Helen had lost none of her skill from lack of practice.

Jane Ray, acting as mistress of ceremonies, proved for the second time that she has a flair for this particular thing, turning in a nice job at the "mike". Besides this, the music was particularly smooth, the food good, the decorations and favors very green

and everyone congenial. . all combining to make a memorable evening. And now that spring is on the way our thoughts can turn once again to much better flying weather: and this particular frozen pilot has already started polishing up her goggles before flying open ships again. (We can't let that Ryan get lonesome in the springtime, can we, June?) Here's the fervent hope that the blizzard season is over.

- - Dorothy Ring

NORTH CENTRAL - All Ohio Chapter - Minute changes in weather conditions have kept our fair sex on the ground this month. But instead of watching the gloomy clouds, and bickering about constant rain and snow, they have put forth their efforts into other ventures. But as usual, they're in keeping with the motto "For the good of aviation." Florence Boswell heads the list; she has been lecturing. She has already given talks on "Aviation as seen by the Sportswoman's Eyes" and "Aviation Associated with the Youth of Today". Along with this, she has found time to round up models made by the orphan boys in Cleveland and vicinity and took them down to be judged at the Sportsman Air Show held here on March 17. Mary King, our chairman, acted as one of the judges on the committee selected to pick the winning airplane models at the show. Helen Curtiss (who by the way received 94 on her First Aid exam) will address her sorority sisters on the topic, "Statistics of Aviation". We are thrilled to report that Marion Jackson who is attending the University of Southern California, has finally sold her father, Dr. Jackson, on the idea of flying. Marion's parents are planning to pay her a visit on the campus and have already made arrangements to go by way of the airlines. (That was a 100% three point landing, Marion, we are cheering you for it!) The breezes bring us news of Abbie Dill Haddaway, who has made her home Fort Worth, Texas. She is going to try to get the Texas "gals" together, and form a chapter for the 99's. We are wishing you all the luck, Abbie, and hope that you will be reporting for your Texas chapter next month.

- - Ann Barillo

NORTH CENTRAL - Michigan Chapter - The March meeting was held on Sunday, March 13, at the Detroit City Airport with Helen Montgomery as hostess. There were fifteen present and the tables were attractively decorated with green carnations and green favors which held among other things, little green lollypops. Following the luncheon Don Walker, pilot of the Detroit News' airplane, The Early Bird, gave us a very interesting talk on aerial photography. The Early Bird is a Lockheed with a giant camera mounted in the wing. He also showed us a number of pictures of the recent floods and ice jams and other scenes of interest. The Hammonds recently took their young son for his first airplane ride, but Alice says he was terribly bored and went to sleep. Mabel and Harry Britton's Fairchild

has just had a major overhaul, so will be all set to go when nice weather is here to stay. Helen and Bill Lohtio have their Monocoups flying now and we expect they will soon be going places. Florence Passineau has a fine son, Robert Terry, who "flew in" on March 2.

- - Faye Davies Kirk

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY - At our last meeting, a dinner at Schraffts, Dr. Charles del Norte Winning gave a most interesting illustrated talk on his Rainbow Bridge-Monument Valley archaeological expedition. There are, believe it or not, 2000 square miles of unexplored, unmapped territory in Arizona and New Mexico, most of which is Navajo Indian Reservation; and for the past few years the expedition has been attempting to solve some of the mysteries of this unknown region. (Dr. Winning forgives you all for never having heard of it before. He says that, inasmuch as he doesn't smoke Camels or eat Wheaties or use Stanavo gas and oil, the expedition has very little publicity.) Amy Andrews of this section was responsible for our very pleasant evening. She flew her Reliant for the expedition last summer so that they could get the perfectly beautiful natural color movies and slides, some of which were shown us; and she brought Dr. Winning around to tell us of the thrills of digging up the remains of the ancient people who once lived here. There are evidences of civilization which go back thousands of years before Christ! . . . skeletons, houses, old pottery, cliff dwellings, etc., still there to tell their various fascinating stories.

He showed us some shots of bringing up "Cynthia" as was the name given one of their finds, and told us that she and her family had been buried there in the year 1157, the date having been determined by the tree-ring method. Cynthia's people had lived there in peace and plenty for centuries, when suddenly a great drouth came along which lasted twenty years and killed many of the people, driving the survivors away. Then he showed us some twenty minutes' worth of perfectly beautiful color movies of the country, some of the ruins they found, the landing field and a few of Amy's breath-taking take-offs and landings. One of the strictest rules of the expedition was that no women be allowed in the camp, so Amy kept the ship at a field some hundred miles distant from the base and commuted each day. My husband and I particularly enjoyed it as we were planning on doing aerial mapping for the same group in the spring of 1935, and then were unable to carry out our plans. Margo Tanner is back from an all-winter trip to Manila. She came back by Clipper if you please, and then to N. Y. on the airways, too. Magda Tisza is raffling off tickets on a Taylorcraft, the proceeds to be used toward a ship for their new club. Teddy Kenyon and Ted are on a flying trip to Florida and Betty Gillies and her husband just returned from there.

- - Laura May Brunton

NEW ENGLAND - In February a luncheon meeting was held at the Fox and Hounds Club. Eleven 99's were present, and with their many guests, the number of the meeting was around forty. Jean Adams, governor, presided and the speaker of the afternoon was Thomas Lee Gates, one of the new inspectors at Boston. Glynn Jones, our other inspector, could not be present, but Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Jones were both at the meeting and everyone was glad to make the acquaintance of these two girls from the South. Mr. Gates gave us a very comprehensive talk on the new regulations, assuring us they were all for the ultimate good and that any seeming discrepancies would soon be ironed out. After his talk he was most generous with his time in answering the many questions that were put to him. Aside from the value in aeronautical knowledge that Mr. Gates' lecture brought to us, the change from our broad a's and nasal twang bequeathed to us by ancestors and climate, to his southern voice was something more than refreshing.

News of the month: Constance Sheridan won the Ceiling Zero contest. Miriam Vanderslice is rebuilding her Fleet; we all expect great doings when it is finished. Daisy Kirkpatrick is back from Miami. She turned right around the next day and flew to Washington for a planning conference, and on the 16th she and Jean Adams went to Northhampton to talk to the Smith College Flying Club. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kenyon flew up from New York recently entirely guided by the automatic pilot in their new Fairchild. They caught up with a little back reading on the way. Nancy Love has her Gwyn Air-car here this month to demonstrate. Louise Howard has moved to her new place in the country which practically overlooks the Norwood airport. She hopes that its red blinds will read as an invitation to any itinerant 99's flying this way: just give the house a zoom, she says, and she'll rush right over to the airport and gather you in. Fonda Hyatt's new "baby" (Waco) has arrived, much to her relief. The April meeting will be on the 16th at the Fox and Hounds Club, and will be a dinner dance jointly with the N. A. A. and Aero Club of Boston. It's formal and promises to be worth attending, both for the fun involved and the speakers slated, one of whom is Grove Webster, head of Airport Directory and Treasurer of National N. A. A.

- - Louise Howard

MIDDLE EASTERN - Several days of rainy weather did not prevent the girls from attending the February meeting at the home of Lydia Clement. Being unable to fly they came to Washington by train. . . . Leona O'Shea and Marge McCormick from Pittsburgh, Ellen Smith from Meadville, Bea Hyman from Wilkes Barre, Elizabeth Phillips from Cambridge, Dorothy Carpenter from Allentown, and the Washington members, Jo Busse, Lydia Clement, Harriett Black, Leah Zeigler, Coba Hawkins and Luella Leonard. Luella has just been transferred to this section from Oklahoma. After a delightful luncheon, a short business meeting was held, the main topic being the Amelia Earhart Memorial. Ellen Smith and her husband visited in Washington for several days on their way to Florida, and letters indicate a glorious

time with plenty of fishing, swimming and flying. Daisy Kirkpatrick was in town long enough to have lunch with Lydia Clement. Anna McKee was grounded in Florida with an infected jaw and was unable to attend the meeting. We hope she has recovered and will be able to attend the next meeting to be held in Pittsburgh at the Duquesne Club. Marge McCormick is sailing for Bermuda on the twenty-second, but expects to be back in time to act as hostess at the meeting: she hopes to get in some flying at any stop-overs along the way. Bon voyage, Margo. We also want to welcome a new member to our section, Mrs. F. Allen. Greetings from all the "gang", we are glad to have you with us. Bea Hyman is now proud holder of a private license; congratulations, Bea.

- - Helon Frigo

SOUTH CENTRAL - March 11 and 12 have passed and Oklahoma City has had its Southwest Aviation Conference, 99 Club Meeting of the South Central section, and the national W. N. A. A. meeting. Let me say that those who were unable to attend, really missed something worth while. Some of the speakers were Al Williams, Jimmie Doolittle, Wayne Parrish, Major General Oscar Westover, Earl Ward, and many others. Friday evening a dinner dance was held at the Chamber of Commerce for all three groups. The dining room was decorated as an airport, with wind socks whipping in the breeze, small planes stationed around the room, and the waitresses in snappy, white helmets. A gas model plane, fixed on wires, was flown around the room during the dinner. General Breeze of San Antonio, Texas, was the principal speaker; the Kiowa Indians, in full war regalia, put on an Indian dance as part of the program. Saturday afternoon everyone was loaded into several busses and official cars, and led by a police escort out to the airport for the program planned there and to see the air mail feeder planes come in.

Saturday night the 99 Club and the W. N. A. A. had a joint dinner at the Oklahoma Club. Spring was very much in evidence by the bright new dinner gowns worn and the beautiful spring table decorations. Out business meeting was held immediately after the dinner. Alma Martin, governor, flew up from Shreveport in their Beechcraft and Fanny Leonpacher of LaFayette, La., came by train but returned home by plane. Gayle Horrall of Tulsa flew over in their Waco. Dorothy McBirney, Tulsa, flew over with friends, and Dorothy Pressler Morgan, also of Tulsa, and her husband flew over in a Spartan. Abbie Dill Haddaway and her husband joined us Saturday as did Jimmie Kolp of Electra, Texas. Mrs. Harriett Davidson came all the way from Albuquerque, N. M. to be with us. Others who attended the 99 Club meeting were Nona Allen Young, Hazel Simpson and Una Goodwin, all of Oklahoma City. We were very happy to have as our guest, Mrs. George Benter, 99, from San Diego, California. Louise Thaden flew down in her Beechcraft and stayed over until after the air show Sunday. Jimmie Kolp flew her Spartan to Dallas last week to get that 100 hour check, and you can bet that means there is a big trip in the making. Elizabeth Meyer Haywood of Brownsville, Texas, and a former "Ohian" writes that she and Abbie Dill Haddaway of Fort Worth, plan on a get-together in the near

future to team up against us Southerners.

- - Una Goodwin

SOUTH CENTRAL - NORTH CENTRAL - Missouri Valley Chapter - (Ed. note: members of this chapter belong to both sections.) The Missouri Valley Chapter held a luncheon meeting at Lincoln, Nebraska on February 5, in order to meet with Evelyn Sharp, our member from Ord, Nebraska, who is working towards her transport license. As Evelyn had not been able to come to any of our Omaha meetings, we especially enjoyed this get-together. By the way, if you haven't seen the hangar and plane outfit sent out by Kollogg's Corn Flakes, try them for table decorations; we thought they added much to the occasion. This month we had a new member with us at our regular luncheon at Hotel Fontenelle, Omaha, on March 5. She is Miss Berendsen, a nurse in charge of the surgical department at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha. We haven't had enough snow this winter to suit another of our members, Dorothy Broadfield, who lives at Glenwood, Iowa. She has been enjoying considerable flying at the municipal airport in a Cub with skis attached. We are hoping some time this spring to have with us again another member who has been in Wyoming this year, Irene Adamson; we have missed her at our luncheons. Our next meeting will be held at noon at the Hotel Fontenelle, on April 2.

- - Beatrice J. Mack

SOUTHWEST SECTION - Los Angeles Chapter - The March meeting was held on the 14th in the newly decorated Tropic Room of the Hotel Clark: to this, Chairman Bettymay Furman added green candles and tasty green candles strewn on the tablecloth, making a very delightful setting. They say the road to Heaven is paved with good intentions. If this is true, all the good little members should certainly have smooth runways this month as they planned a nice surprise (belated, but nevertheless good) for three young brides, namely Grace Cooper Scott, Della Lawhorn LaVier and Gayle Stewart Burns. It seems that somewhere along the line the days were too busy to stop for celebration, the good wishes were extended. Anyhoo, three little white boxes, beribboned and be-bowed, with little cards attached and wedding presents in each, were awaiting their respective new owners. . . but not a bride showed up! Oh well, can't say we blame these gals, having their nice husbands. The gifts are being delivered personally, soon as the "at home" signs are on the doors.

Dorothy George is having her tonsils out: terrible handicap for Dorothy, as one can't talk for a couple of days. Nelda Anderson, former Bay Cities' Chapter member, is now quite at home with us, and we're sure happy to have her. Onita Thorley reports an interesting flight in a Ryan recently when weather fogged in and she just found a little hole over Bakersfield airport. Melba Beard had some anxious moments wondering about her Bird airplane during the recent flood, when Alhambra airport became submerged and later covered with a three-foot layer of mud. However, luckily, her plane escaped damage. Peggy Gauslin reports an interesting new position;

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she has charge of the research department of the Los Angeles Times, with thirty-five girls under her supervision. Wilma Fritschy reports flying over the flood area and has some interesting photographs. With the Aircraft and Boat Show in the offing, and the Aviation Ball on April 7 to work on, we'll sign off. Hasta la vista, amigos, until next month!

- - Hilda Jarmuth

SOUTHWEST SECTION - Bay Cities Chapter - (Ed. note: Due to lack of cooperation on the part of Uncle Sam's mails, the January news for this Chapter, it has just been learned, never reached us. We are very sorry, and want to mention now the main news of that month--the delightful party that Harriet Isaacson gave at her home in Oakland for the group. It was splendidly planned and greatly enjoyed by everyone.) On Tuesday, March 2, Afton Lewis was hostess to the Bay Cities' Chapter on the event of their sixth birthday meeting. Nine members were present, Ruth Wakeman, Rita Gerry, Ruth Rueckert, Marjorie Hook, Maude Miller, Pat Kendall, Vilma Johnston, Bea Nadon, and Afton Lewis. Ruth Wakeman, as acting chairman, presided over a very short business meeting. Thereafter the girls spent two hours of real fun playing Afton's fascinating games, one of which was her own innovation, an Air Race combination dice game and very exciting. Cake and ice cream were served and everyone PX'd out with a smile. (Another of Afton's clever ideas, she has regular Air Commerce registration sheets to check her guests in and out.)

Ruth wakeman and Bea Nadon flew to Grass Valley, one of California's oldest gold mining towns, in Ruth's Fairchild. The purpose of the flight was for Bea to get a physical from a special flight surgeon in "them thar hills". There were only two snow-ploughed runways on Idaho-Maryland Mines' 3800' Alt. Loma Rica airport, and it was necessary to land cross wind in the muddiest runway, but Ruth made a perfect three-point. However, the mud was sticky clay loam and the pants had to be removed from the wheels in order to return to San Francisco. The girls reported a swell trip with plenty of excitement. Before Dr. March finished with Bea's physical, he was called out on a rush maternity case, so Ruth and Bea went along. . . but the bouncing baby boy was born before they reached the scene. Harriet Isaacson just returned from several weeks' cross-country in her de luxe Chevrolet, which included Palm Springs, San Diego and Mexico. Harriet certainly picked her weather, while she was basking in the sun we were deluged with rain and more rain. Incidentally, she reports just missing the Los Angeles flood.

- - Janet Knight

