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THE Resolutions Committee has been announced as being composed of Harriet Isaacson, Chairman; Jeannette Lempke and Fanny Leonpacher.

TWO brand new future aviators made their appearance recently: Annette Gipson Magoffin, a son, Edward Thompson Magoffin, Jr. Soloed May 13, 1938: Marion Pease, a son, Hugh Ralph Pease. Soloed April 17, 1938.

IN MEMORIAM. Beatrice Nadon of Burlingame, California, May 23, 1938, as the result of an airplane accident. A fine, capable girl. A loyal friend. She was always happy and laughing. The world is better off for having had her here if only for so short a time.

SECTIONAL MEETING. The next North Central Sectional meeting has been set by Governor Florence Boswell for July 16 and 17 in Bay City, Michigan. Jeannette Lempke and the Michigan chapter will act as hostesses.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NORTH CENTRAL - Michigan Chapter - On Sunday morning, June 12, the Michigan 99's converged at Capitol City Airport, Lansing, in various and sundry types of planes. . . that is, all except Louise Carson, who arrived by auto after having been forced down a few miles from the airport because of engine trouble. Those who flew in were Mabel Britton, Gladys Hartung and Dorothy Carpenter, who arrived from Ypsilanti airport in Mabel's Fairchild; Jeannette Lempke, who came down from Bay City in her trusty Davis; Helen Montgomery, who arrived from Triangle Glider Port, Plymouth, in her recently acquired Aeronca C3; Faye Davies Kirk and husband from Burns Airport, Detroit, in a Verveille; Leora Stroup and Alice Hammond from Gratiot Airport, Detroit, in an Aeronca K; Marion Weyant, whose home airport is in Lansing, and last but not least, Louise Carson, who regretfully left the American Eagle in an alfalfa field under the care of a farmer.

This breakfast meeting, as the guests of Colonel and Mrs. Evans of the State Board of Aeronautics, was a delightful occasion. We were much pleased with the clever table decorations, colorful nose-gays made of gay floral design hankies, which Marion Weyant had engineered. The weather, after threatening early in the morning, gave us almost everything conducive to pleasant cross country flying. We were happy to see our editor, Dorothy Carpenter, back in her old haunts for a short visit as the guest of Mabel Britton. We heard a letter read from our former member, Max Brunton, and hope we can persuade her to come to our sectional meeting next month in Bay City, July 16 and 17. Jeannette Lempke will be our hostess and we're all looking forward to a swell time. Judging from past experiences in Bay City, and from the reputation Jeannette has for her hospitality, we have reasons to believe that this meeting will be the event of the year.

- - Helen Montgomery

NEW ENGLAND - The June 11th meeting held at Dot Garside's in Canton, Massachusetts, was a fine success socially, even though the business transacted was practically negligible. The weather was worse than bad, preventing everyone from flying in. Even with the torrential rain there were twelve 99's present and four visiting prospective 99's. Bernice Perry of Wilton, N. H. was there. . . we seldom have the pleasure of seeing her, and two new members, Melva Doyle of Boston and Lillian Putnum of Nashua, N. H. Jean Adams and Daisy Kirkpatrick waited desperately at the East Boston airport for the weather to clear so they might attend the meeting of the Sportsman Pilot Association in Harrisburg, Pa., but were unable to go. Dot treated us to a delicious lunch that made us forget the weather, and we had much fun with Ruth Granger taking time exposures. . . time being determined by the minutes the girls could keep from giggling. It was voted that Connecticut, if it wished, should be permitted to join the New York - New Jersey Chapter. It is so much easier for the Connecticut girls to get to meetings there than up in Boston. The girls had some fun considering a club-within-the-club, parallelling the Caterpillar Club, for those who have had bad forced landings. It might be called, perhaps, the Worm Club.

The July meeting will be on Hortense Harris' yacht, "Guardian", and Barbara Southgate, whom we haven't seen all winter, has promised to come up from Stamford, Connecticut for it. Dorothy Mumae, here in New England for the summer, has invited us to Coonamessett in Falmouth, Massachusetts. Coonamessett has a fine flying field, but we can only wait on the weather. Dot and Joe Garside and Lillian and Wes Holmes flew one Sunday to Newburyport, grabbed themselves a grand shore dinner, and were back almost within the regulation lunch hour. Bernice Perry has bought a new de luxe Aeronca in

place of the Monocoupe she formerly owned. She and Lillian Putnam had a forced landing recently, flying a Cub, but Lillian, who was at the controls, got them neatly down into a field in Plymouth, New Hampshire. Hortense Harris got her private license this month, flying her Fairchild. She has well over 100 hours, but just never did try for the license before. This finishes the month's news and the reporter is still complaining. Surely someone in Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island or Vermont has been off the ground. We'd hate to believe New England thrift has you all so firmly in its grip that the price of a stamp is keeping you from sending in the news, and we're positive you're not all lazy, so we're forced to believe it must be womanly modesty. If that's it, then we say "Down with modesty and please, more tooting of our horns." We want NEWS!

- - Louise Howard

NORTH CENTRAL - All Ohio Chapter - Again Florence Boswell has had a forced landing! On her way to the Birmingham, Alabama, air carnival, when about five miles from the Chesterfield emergency field, a bolt of lightning struck her ship and she was forced down on a farm in Murray, Kentucky. She brought down the Cessna in perfect order and moreover picked a farm that had gasoline. After an overnight nap she started early the next morning to continue her trip. She tells of the lovely time she had as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sellers and the Flying Barbecue of Jackson, Mississippi. After arriving at the Birmingham show the Program officials were greatly distressed because they could not get to an old army field by car (because of traffic) to get the main attraction of the day, Miss Dorothy Quackenbush, P. W. A. entrant in the pageant contest and Miss American Aviation of 1938. Florence offered her services and flew over and got Miss Quackenbush. Abbie Dill Haddaway of Dallas, Texas, accompanied Florence on this trip and came back home with her to visit old friends. The May Art Festival at Ann Arbor, Michigan, proved enticing to Mary King, who flew up to attend. Helen Curtiss is doing all she can to accumulate time in order to secure her private rating. Sunday, June 26, takes us to Mary King's residence, Pinery Farms, Mentor, Ohio, to attend a buffet luncheon at noon. All the 99's have been invited to attend; a business meeting follows.

- - Ann Barille

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER - At the recent meeting on June 4, Irene Adamson was welcomed back to the fold after her year spent in Wyoming. Two new members, both connected with the Federal Land Bank of Omaha, Ivah Carlson and Annabell R. Nielsen, were extended a welcome by the president of our chapter, Belle Hetzel. Appreciation of the good work done by two of the members, Evelyn Sharp and Dorothy Broadfield, in flying the air mail on May 19, was expressed. Irene Adamson extended an invitation to the group to hold a meeting July 1 at her home; needless to say, it was accepted. If any 99's are near here at that time, we hope that they will meet with us.

- - Beatrice J. Mack

MIDDLE EASTERN - The Middle Eastern section would seem to be non-existent from lack of news, but such is not the case. The girls have really been doing things, but because of their procrastinating reporter, it did not reach the News Letter. Though a bit late, I must report on the meeting held in Pittsburgh on May 1 at the Longue Vue Country Club with Marge McCormick as hostess. Those attending were Frances Allen, Ellen Smith, Vee Shakarian Toner, Anne McKee. Florence Boswell, with her young son, flew in in her "Got everything in it" Cessna. Mary King flew in from Willoughby, Ohio, in her Stinson and Helen Curtiss came in with Florence and returned with Mary. After a delightful luncheon and short business session, the girls visited the Bettis and Allegheny County airports. Elizabeth Phillips is climbing high, having obtained her Instrument Rating in May, and is she happy about it. Congratulations, Elizabeth, it's fine work you are doing. She also instructs at Tred Avon field, Easton, Maryland, and has two prospective (new solo students) members for this section. The June meeting was held at the beautiful home of Mary Tillotson at Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, on June 19. A delicious luncheon was served and very brief business meeting held. Seems as though everybody there had to move along pronto afterwards, much to our regret. Dorothy Carpenter had a drive to northern New Jersey; Ellen Smith was leaving for a week's vacation at Ocean City. Bee Hyman and Frances Allen were able to take a breathing spell before their departure. Lydia Clement and your reporter flew in from Washington in a Taylor Cub, and since I had to make a parachute jump at College Park Airport at five, we too were in a mad scramble to finish all our business and get back. Didn't have time to work the kinks out of my knees after spending almost two hours in the front seat of the ship without room to stretch my long legs, before I was up in the air again ready to walk home from another air-ride. Marge McCormick had to be in Chicago on business and was unable to attend the meeting. Harriett Sackett Black and her husband are quite busy making preparations for a vacation trip to her home in Des Moines. Leah Zeigler, another of our active members, will leave for Kansas City the first of July, where she has been transferred from Washington, and we are all sorry to see her leave.

- - Helen Frigo

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION - No, the Southeastern section hasn't gone to sleep or lost its wing feathers, it's just scattered about too much for fun. However, the annual Georgia Air Tour of four glorious days managed to round up several 99's among its 125 passengers who flew in 58 planes. Charlotte Frye of Griffin in a Beechcraft; Zoe Stephens of Augusta in a Spartan, and Nell Bohr with her two cubs and husband in a Fairchild. Everyone, including three-months'-old "Teddy" Behr and two-year-old Billy Behr had a grand time. This was Billy's second Georgia Air Tour. Much credit goes to the folks who make those tours possible--they're teaching the public the safety and comfort of flying as no other method could. Right on top

of the Georgia Air Tour came the dedication of the new airport at Anderson, South Carolina. "Doc" Boldridge, President of Carolina Aero Club, assisted by Clayton Patterson and Bob Bryant, herded up some forty planes and oodles of members from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia and got them on their way to Anderson. Besides these there were some fifteen planes flown in by Department of Commerce officials and guests from other states. A big hand goes to our gal, Clayton. She is editor of the "Carolina Flyer" and did one swell job for the May issue; this she dedicated to Anderson, South Carolina and left not a stone unturned in boosting Anderson and the new airport. She flew her Fairchild to Anderson on May 23 to bring flyers and material for dedication, had lunch at "Bohr-port" and left saying she'd surely return for the dedication on the 27th. But the day came and no Clayton--unexpected relatives swooped down upon her and on top of that Madeline Hockenbelikner, 99 of Charlotte, was married on that day and Clayton attended the wedding. The Army had been maneuvering since the air races at Cleveland last fall, concentrating particularly on Charlotte, North Carolina. They at last won a victory on May 27, the army being none other than Lieutenant Erickson Snowden Nichols, brother of our own Ruth Nichols, and the opposing forces, Madeline. To lose her is a disappointment to Charlotte, but all her friends join in wishing her happiness. Madeline has a host of personal friends as this has been her home since birth. She has been one of the most popular girls who have taken up flying in this section, and was the first Charlotte-born girl to receive her Department of Commerce license for flying. Her sweet and genial disposition will be missed, but what is our loss will be Lieutenant Nichols' gain, and we wish them both many happy landings.

After the Anderson airport dedication, a banquet was held at the Country Club with all 99's and other women guests of the dedication as honored guests. Each one was presented with a gold-colored plane with the 99 symbol upon it. After supper everyone met at the big Armory for the Dedication Ball. Peppy music was furnished and they all did the "hot pertater" and other steps till an early hour. You gals who've never heard of that step had better drop in and let some of these "mountain boys" teach you; they may be slow southerners, but you can't beat 'em when it comes to popularizing new dance steps. Ruth Stetson graduated from Guilford College on May 30 and we hope will find a big paying job down south here. Carroll Boone has been very ill and has had to give up flying, but we hope the time will be short until she's again on the wing. The 99's plan a meeting with the Carolina Aero Club at a beach party at Myrtle Beach on June 18 and 19. Our expert pilot, Charlotte Frye, was the only woman to carry mail in these parts during Air mail week; we're proud of her. At the dedication she joined Zoe Stephens and Nell Behr in a friendly race of three new Cubs right from the factory. They're making them plenty cute now with 50 horses, "spats" and everything.

- - Nell Behr and Clayton Patterson

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SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION - Dorothy Morgan is still winging around all over the country. Just any place you want to land you will find Dorothy there. She has made two trips to Michigan lately, and for a change drove over to Oklahoma City to take her physical. Fanny Leonpacher reports that her Bird is about ready to start chasing the clouds again. Mrs. Harriett Davidson of Albuquerque flew the mail on May 19 from Socorro to Albuquerque. Alma Martin flew up to Tulsa to visit friends last week. Alma makes the trip in nothing flat in her Wasp Beechcraft. Everyone is still feeling the effects of the Oklahoma State air tour held June 9, 10 and 11. 99 members participating in the tour were Gayle Horral, Dorothy McBirney and Dorothy Morgan, all of Tulsa. Una Goodwin of Oklahoma City, however, was the only one to make all of the tour. Jimmy Kolp of Electra, Texas, is a frequent visitor to Dallas. We have missed Jimmy up in these parts lately.

- - Una Goodwin

SOUTHWEST SECTION - Los Angeles Chapter - The recent Air Show at Oakland, California, was a huge success, both as to interesting events and the large crowds it attracted. 99's from Los Angeles attending were: Bessie Owen, who flew up from Santa Barbara in her Beechcraft, with Hilda Jarmuth as passenger. Laurretta Schimmoler was there, doing splendid work with her girls of the Aerial Nurse Corps. Also attending were: Esther Johnson, Mabyll Bull, and Della LaVier, who thrilled, watching her husband Tony win the first two days and placing third the third day. AND, showing genuine club hospitality was Harriet Isaacson, who chauffeured the members from the Hotel to the grandstands, and furnished delightful male escort for the Aviation Ball at the Fairmont in San Francisco on Saturday night. Also, other Bay Cities' members gathering at a luncheon on Monday, were: Kay Niddick, Ruth Rueckert, Marjorie Hook, Afton Lewis. What a thrill it is to find fellow 99's so gracious when far from our own home grounds. Gladys O'Donnell and Dorothy George were guest speakers at Whittier College Phalia Club, during an aviation program. . . Haze, bumpy air and a map blown from the cockpit did not deter Wilma Fritschy and Dorothy George recently, when they decided a cross country flight to Riverside via compass course. However, they were awarded with an invitation to lunch by the Officer of the Day when they arrived at March Field, and so the day was happy after all.

June 13th was the last of the summer meetings until September. 25 members attended, with guests who entertained with orchestra music. Candle light and stimulating refreshments made the setting complete - except, that it was really a farewell party also for our Chairman Bettymay Furman, who is going to New York to live--a nice box loaded with gifts from each member awaited her; the gavel was in its proper place, BUT no Bettymay! You know the saying of "Business before Pleasure". So it was in this case, when Bettymay

told us the next day she had to work on a special assignment until 2:30 A. M.! However, the thought behind all the celebration is what counts, and we want Bettymay to know we shall miss her lots, and hope she can visit us now and then. We want to welcome our new member, Pauline C. Jones of Pasadena, California. A charming girl and grand flyer. Welcome again! Hasta la vista!

- - Hilda Jarmuth

WILL ALL secretaries of chapters or sections please send me promptly the names and addresses of new members as they join? Otherwise their names will never be put on the mailing list of the News Letter. Several girls have recently come to light who have been members for over a year, and have never received an issue,

ALL 99 pins and other jewelry, membership lists and applications for membership blanks may now be obtained from the National Secretary, Edith Lackner, 2432 Observatory Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

BABIES

Now you wouldn't think that BABIES
Would interfere with Fliers.
We mostly think of BABIES
As darling little Criers.
But my Ninety-Nine Club TROUBLES
This entire past year
Were always caused by BABIES, I fear.
In California and Florida,
And Oklahoma, too,
My plans have always been upset.
No wonder that I'm blue.

- - Daisy Kirkpatrick, President

