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Johnny Brunton,
new Governor
of the N. Y. -
N. J. Section,
Flies a Mono-
coupe.

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Dear Ninety-Nine Members: I am honored that you again wish me to serve as your President. I promise to serve loyally and faithfully, and to do everything that I possibly can for the best interests of the Ninety-Nines. May I express my appreciation for your full cooperation and support last year. I realized what a real honor it was to be head of the Ninety-Nines, for I had the respect and loyal support of everyone interested in flying. I feel that I should have been able to accomplish more than I did. But I did the best that I knew how, and we cannot help making some mistakes. This year I shall know a little better what it is all about. Let us all work together again to make our organization stronger in every way possible. Sincerely, Daisy Kirkpatrick.

This year's national officers are: President, Daisy Kirkpatrick; Vice-President, Betty Gillies; Secretary, Edith Lackner; and Treasurer, Barbara Southgate.

WINNER of the Bendix Trophy this year was Jackie Cochran flying a Seversky. She came in very handily ahead of the entire field, all others of whom were men. It was an excellent job; congratulations from all of us, Jackie.

A new member taken in at the National Meeting was Hanna Reitsch of Germany. Petite in stature, she is anything but that in her flying ability. Recently her takeoff, flight and landing of a helicopter, all within a large building in Berlin, was of world-wide interest, and her exhibition of acrobatics in a glider at the recent Air Races in Cleveland was clever and amazing to say the least.

The following is a portion of a letter sent by her to Daisy Kirkpatrick for the 99's: "Before I am leaving Cleveland I will send you my best greetings and I will thank you for all your kindness. I am really very proud to be a member of 99's. Thank you for all! In fellowship, yours, Hanna Reitsch."

The heartiest of welcomes, Hanna, we're very glad to have you as one of our members.

The annual banquet was held on the evening of September 4 at the Hotel Carter and was most successful from every viewpoint. Swannee Taylor of "us girls" fame was an excellent toastmaster, and the following were banquet guest speakers: Jacqueline Cochran, Bendix winner, and her husband, Floyd Odium, Wall Street financier; Major Alexander de Seversky, manufacturer of the Seversky plane with which the Bendix race was won; Hanna Reitsch; Grove Webster, Head of the private flying section of CAA; Ruth Nichols, 99'er; Captain Alex Papana; Blanche Noyes, 99'er and air-marking pilot; Betty Gillies, vice-president of the 99's; Major A. B. McMullen, Chief, airport section CAA; Peter Riedel, German glider pilot; Edith Lackner, Secretary of the 99's; Dick Boutelle, Florence Boswell, Chairman of Arrangements; and Max Constant. During the evening the members of the Civil Aeronautics Authority came to pay us a call, and we were very glad to see "in the flesh" Chairman Edward J. Noble, Vice Chairman; Harllee Branch, Robert H. Hinckley, Grant Mason, Oswald Ryan and Colonel Sumpter Smith. The very clever place cards used at the guest table were an aerial view of Cleveland, donated and made up by Ruth Granger of the New England Section.

A vote of thanks to the North Central Section members who did such a fine job of acting as hostess to fellow 99's Sunday, September 4, and to members who cooperated so beautifully with the Arrangements committee. We sincerely hope that we will again have the pleasure of seeing the same faces next year, and may many new names appear on our registration list. This year, 99 members who registered at the 99 headquarters during the races were from the following states: California, 5; Connecticut, 1; Illinois, 4; Indiana, 2; Louisiana, 1; Massachusetts, 3; Maryland, 1; Michigan, 5; Maine, 1; New Jersey, 1; New York, 10; Ohio, 10; Pennsylvania, 6; and Virginia, 1.

- - Florence Boswell

SECTIONAL ELECTIONS: Elections from two sections have reached us to date. New York - New Jersey: Governor, Laura May Brunton; Secretary, Barbara Ashley; Treasurer, Magda Tisza; Executive, Lucille Boudreau, Miriam Blagden; Flight, Barbara Southgate; Program, Mary Nicholson; News Reporter, Margo Blain.

North Central: Governor, Florence Boswell; Vice-Governor, Belle Hetzel; Secretary and Treasurer, Faye Davies Kirk.

Middle Eastern: Governor, Dorothy Carpenter; Secretary and Treasurer, Elizabeth Phillips; News Reporter, Lydia Clement.

News from the Sections

NEW ENGLAND - During August the wives of the Department of Commerce Inspectors, Mrs. Glynne Jones and Mrs. Thomas Gates gave a birthday party in Daisy Kirkpatrick's honor. A lovely luncheon was served in Mrs. Jones' apartment. Twelve girls were present and Daisy had many lovely gifts including a luncheon set made out of airplane cloth by Mrs. Jones' mother. Also during August our reporter, Louise Howard, had a future 99'er, Judith by name. Therefore it is perfectly understandable that Judith took preference over the 99 news. We did hear, however, that Dorothy Monro of the Southeastern section entertained the New England girls very delightfully at their August meeting at Coonamessett Inn, Falmouth, Cape Cod. Details are lacking, but everyone had a most enjoyable time. The section was represented at the Air Races by Daisy, Fonda Hyatt of Rangeley, Maine, who flew out, and Ruth Granger, Dorothy Monro, Barbara Southgate and Elizabeth Horton, all of whom drove.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY - The day for the Hampton Beach picnic was clear and beautiful, but so many of the gals were away on vacations or for the weekend, that we were a small crowd. Poor Alma Harwood was imposed upon by all. She generously divided up her picnic lunch with everyone, so we all tore a chicken leg with Alma. No one dreamed we wouldn't be able to buy at least a hot dog and "coke" at the beach! Alma flew in from Armonk in her Fairchild; Magda Tisza and brother Tony, and Kay Traulsen and handsome husband arrived by I-know-not-what-means, but there they were. Margo Bain and Webb Schmalting flew in from Portchester in the Aeronca "C" seaplane landing on the N. S. inlet (just south of George Arent's airport at Bridgehampton) without disturbing a single duck at the adjoining duck farm! We were all driven to the beach and called for by the snazzy station wagon of George Arent's. (No relation to Bob Burn's Aunt Snazzi.) Sweet little Hermelinda de Briones had to spend some time in the hospital following an emergency operation which kept her from attending the September 12 meeting. We all missed her and extend our sympathy. Lucille Boudreau conducted the meeting, but what with the first tang of Fall in the air it was like trying to land a blimp in a tornado to keep the gang in hand. In spite of the fun, however, we elected officers for the coming year (see page 2). Peggy Remy was put in charge of promoting a dance for a date to be agreed upon by the hotel, the swell colored band we had last year, and us all. Speaking of the meeting, at this point I choose to turn inquiring reporter and ask, "What all went on at Cleveland?"

Undoubtedly Johnny Brunton will regale us with the inside stuff when she returns. Of course, we all know about the magnificent job Jackie Cochran did in the Bendix, and are we proud! Mary Nicholson is going to see when we can do her a party, and also what mischief we can get into at the World's Fair.

We are all excited about the Picture Hunt which is to be on Saturday, September 24 or Sunday, the 25, depending upon the weather. Friends having planes may enter if a 99'er is in the plane, but not just an owner of a plane. Agitation was expressed by each one as she saw Amy Andrews' left wrist in a cast. And it has to be that way for twelve weeks. Some careless person shut a hangar door without giving her time to remove her left arm. Dare we remark about "those swinging doors?" Sorry, Amy. We all seem to be having some delay in getting our identification cards back from Washington. The C. A. A. will be favored with an inquiry from us after we count 10. Maybe it's the way it was in Manila with a shoe merchant last winter when I was buying alpargatas. I asked him for another color in my size. He seemed to have shelves of those swell espadrilles, but he shook his head and said quite seriously, "I have written three letters to the man in Spain, but I have not received any answer. I think, Mum, maybe he is busy." Goodbye for now.

- - Margo Bain

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION - We had an excellent representation of members at the Air Races, namely, Elizabeth Phillips, Ann McKee, Helen Jones, Beatrice Hyman, Ellen Smith, Dorothy Carpenter, Marge McCormick, Frances Allen and Leona O'Shea. Helen Jones participated in the Flight of Progress over Cleveland each morning, flying a new Taylorcraft. Elizabeth Phillips had an excellent column of "Impressions of the Races" in the Baltimore (Maryland) News-Post one day the next week. Directly following the annual 99 meeting, we held a sectional meeting for the election of officers, the results of which are on page 2. On Sunday, October 16, at eleven a. m., we are planning a big luncheon meeting in Allentown. Every member is urged to make a special effort to attend and to bring with her every possible future member. Daisy Kirkpatrick is planning to be here, and the program will be of some importance. Here's hoping that just once we have the whole membership at one meeting together!

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER - Our visit with Florence Boswell and daughter, Louise, at Belle Hetzel's home in Avoca, Iowa, is now just a pleasant memory. We did, however, secure a promise of more visits, so our parting was just an au revoir. Belle proved to us at this time what can be done with chicken; now she has a permanent job in the chapter besides acting in an official capacity of chairman. A visit from a 99 from Minneapolis, Frances Lennon and her little daughter, was another pleasant experience of Belle's; there was, unfortunately, no time for Belle to reach the rest of us in time. Mrs. Lennon is a limited commercial

pilot with the Cedar Flying Service of Minneapolis. Due to the secretary's absence on a vacation trip, some news was omitted from the last News Letter. Dorothy Berendsen received her private pilot's certificate on July 28. Congratulations, Dorothy. About that time, too, on July 30, the date of one of our meetings, Evelyn Sharp of Ord, Nebraska, was in the city by request for an interview with the Man on the Street. At the time of this writing I find the front page of the rotogravure section of the Omaha Sunday World Herald completely covered with pictures of Evelyn showing her with her variety of interests, and an all-around girl. Illustrations besides of flying include her hunting, fishing, swimming, riding, playing tennis and golf, sewing, playing the saxophone and piano, and singing. Irene Adamson's departure for her work in Wyoming was the signal for a get-together at the airport for a dinner on August 31. Stories of vacation were in the air with the undercurrent of the "sadness of farewell" for Irene. Two visitors, Sonne Mae Joe of Omaha and Adele Jeppesen of Council Bluffs, have been making a place for themselves lately in the hearts of the chapter members. We are expecting them to be ready shortly for membership. Their enthusiasm for flying and the 99's is all that one could wish.

- - Beatrice J. Mack

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - All Ohio Chapter - And the 1938 National Air Races have winged their way into the things of the past. It was grand meeting all fellow members again and we hope there will be many many more next year. We regret very much to hear of Marjorie Jan Stables' mishap on her return trip home to South Bend, Indiana. The automobile collision left her with two broken ribs and minor bruises. We hope that you will be on the mend very soon and then try flying again for safety. Air Race time brings election time, and we congratulate our "guiding compasses." May they have clear weather ahead with horizons bright and sunny. Speaking of bright horizons, Florence Boswell flew to Minneapolis and brings back glad tidings. The girls there are logging hours daily in order to have sufficient time to become members of the 99's. As soon as they have enough members they want to establish a Minnesota chapter. Ione Coppedge of Dayton has picked as a recuperation spot a place next door to the airport. She honestly states that it is just the tonic she needs. We are glad to have with us Marion Jackson who will be returning shortly to "Upper class it" at the University of Southern California. Mrs. King just returned from a flying trip east which she enjoyed very much. Florence Boswell and daughter, Louise, were highly entertained by the Army at Selfridge Field upon a visit there recently. The Army boys put on a show for them, the most exciting feature of which was the night formation flying.

- - Ann Barille

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION - Jimmy Kolp's new theme song is "It's Just the Gypsy in my Soul." Jimmy has really been up in the air lately. After taking in the Air Races at Cleveland she flew up to Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Corpus Christi, San Antonio and on to Los Angeles; returned via the same route making the round trip in three days. She was only in the air twenty-six hours during the three days. Denver, Colorado, is the hot spot of this section. Gladys Howe of Denver informs your reporter that they have three new applications in for membership and will have three more by the first of the year. Let's all give Denver a big hand. Dorothy Morgan had an unexpected visitor when Sharon Knight, 6 pounds, dropped in on August 29. Dorothy was not expecting her for another two or three weeks. The prize telegram Dorothy received read: "Was the flight scientific or Corriganistic?" She plans to enter Sharon in the Bendix race next year, so look to your laurels, Miss Cochran!

Those who attended the Air Races from the section were Abbie Dill Haddaway, Fort Worth; Fanny Leonpacher, LaFayette, Louisiana; and Jimmie Kolp of Electra, Texas. We wish to welcome a new member, Frances Brown, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who has a solo license and says it won't be long before it's tagged, Private. Frances is another "half" of a flying couple, and has held several offices in the W. N. A. A., having been State Governor and President of the Tulsa Unit. She is also a former newspaper woman. In fact, she has many accomplishments and we feel quite lucky to have her in our section. Alma Martin flew to Ashoville, North Carolina, to get her sons from summer camp. She visited the old home town, Tulsa, before returning to Shreveport. Abbie Haddaway purchased a new Aeronca, taking delivery on it at the races in Cleveland. We will expect you up in these parts soon, Abbie.

- - Una Goodwin

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