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A VERY ATTRACTIVE little booklet listing the names and addresses of all 99 members is recently off the press. The cost is only twenty-five cents per copy, and the many who will want to have one may order direct from Melva Doyle, 1109 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, Massachusetts, or in groups through your chapter secretary.

ATTENTION - Will all girls who bought pins from Edith Lackner in Cleveland kindly notify your editor at once, as her list has been lost.

DOROTHY PRESSLER MORGAN has a young daughter, Sharon Knight, who soloed August 29. We understand she is turning things around just backwards; having soloed, she will very shortly be ready for dual according to the latest news.

THE NEW YORK- NEW JERSEY SECTION has voted to change its name; it will now be known as the "Metropolitan Tri-State Section."

RECORDS: Helen Montgomery, 99 member of the Michigan Chapter, set a national glider endurance record for women on September 4th at Frankfort, Michigan, by remaining aloft for seven hours and twenty-two minutes. Good going, Helen, we're proud of you!

MARY EDITH LACKNER

Word is just received of the death of Edith Lackner whose plane crashed in flames in a cornfield near Williamson, West Virginia, October 29. She was flying her Stinson back to Cincinnati after attending a 99 meeting in Cleveland. As the News Letter goes to press the specific cause of the accident is unknown. Edith gave valuable and loyal service to the Ninety-Nines as National Secretary and was a well loved member. Our sympathy goes out to her bereaved parents.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NEW ENGLAND - The September meeting was held at Bayside Airport in Hingham, Massachusetts, with Ruth Freeman Hamilton as hostess. As it was the Saturday after the hurricane, with transportation facilities much impaired, the attendance, including guests, was only six. However, Ruth having prepared a delightful repast those present were well stuffed and very content to lie on the shore and listen to Daisy Kirkpatrick's tales of the Air Races. From all sides came stories of the storm. Ruth Hamilton tied her Cub to her car and sat six hours holding the plane. We regret to report that Daisy is ill in bed with a serious throat infection. Having just moved to her new home in Marblehead, with all the activity moving entails, it doesn't please her very much. Ruth Granger, who has taken a position with American Airlines, is going up for her private very soon. Jean Adams flew down to New York the week end of the fifteenth and had a fine time. Melva Doyle will fly down to Nantucket the week end of the twenty-first to visit Jean. Ora King won a prize for paper strafing at the Hyannis Air Show recently. The New England air tour which Dot Garside helped husband, Joe, outline, starts from Hartford, Connecticut, on October 21. The trip has planned landings at Westfield, Massachusetts; White River Junction and Montpelier, Vermont; Concord, New Hampshire; Waterville, Augusta and Portland, Maine; Boston, Massachusetts, and the last stop, Providence, Rhode Island. The October meeting will be at Wiggins' Airways, East Boston Airport, with Constance Sheridan and Miriam Vanderslice as hostesses. We'd love to have visitors from other parts of the country, or world. How about it?

- - Louise Howard

METROPOLITAN TRI-STATE SECTION - We in the Metropolitan Tri-State Section are bereaved; Laura May Brunton, our newly elected governor, held just one meeting and then if you please announced that the West was calling--she comes from Montana--and that she and her husband were answering the call. They've moved to Seattle, Washington! Well, at least she will still be in the U. S. A. and so long as her trusty Monocoupe has a faint putt left in it, we'll expect her to come back this way to pull the ever-hanging latchstrings on all 99 doors. "Johnny's" place as Governor has been taken by Margo Bain Tanner. If we can keep Margo away from Manila, P. I., and points east--very far East, like Japan or China--we'll have as good a Governor as Johnny. No two members in this Section are more thought of than Johnny and Margo, so since Johnny had to fly West, we are very pleased that Margo has taken her job in the Club. Any 99er who will be in New York on November 18, (Friday) will be cordially welcomed at the dinner dance this section is giving at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street. Time: around 8 P. M.: Dress--as you are, or hair up and dresses long, as you please.

Peggy Remey (Mrs. John T. in phone book) is in charge. Call the hotel or call Peg or just drop in--we'll be happy to welcome any visitor. Henceforth, from this date, this Section's meetings will be held the first Monday of every month at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, at sevenish. Dinner first, meeting after. Visiting 99's always welcomed.

- - Novetah Davenport

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION - The October meeting was held on Sunday, October 16, at the home of Dorothy Leh in Allentown. Fog covered the airport until almost noon, but ten members and guests managed to arrive in time for the luncheon. Afterwards, Mr. Serchek, Department of Commerce radio operator at the Allentown airport spoke on the radio beam. Mabel Britton of the Michigan Chapter and husband, Harry, flew in to spend a few days visiting Dorothy Carpenter, arriving fortunately in time for the meeting. The important news of the business meeting following was the dividing of the section into three chapters on the basis of geography. Because of the very great distance covered by the section and the mountains, which makes excellent weather imperative to get to a meeting by air, the attendance has been greatly limited. By forming a West Pennsylvania Chapter, an East Pennsylvania Chapter, and a Washington-Baltimore-Richmond Chapter, almost every member should be able to attend the monthly meeting of her chapter. Sectional meetings will be held once each fall and spring, when it is hoped the entire group will be able to meet together. We are making a strong drive for new members and so far have two: Marie Coyle of Meadville, Pennsylvania, and Ruth Wieland of Baltimore, Maryland. Each chairman will appoint a chapter reporter to send in news of the groups' meetings and flying activities and it is hoped the latter will be long and numerous.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Ruth Harmon, 24-year-old Ninety-Niner at Kenosha, Wisconsin, is one of the liveliest wires in this section of the country, according to Gladys Hartung, who dropped in on her at Kenosha this summer. Ruth has gathered 900 hours in her eight years of flying, and has held an Instructor's Rating for the past four years. She has soloed fifty students, and when Gladys last saw her in September, she had twenty students flying her Taylorcraft. Incidentally she has the Taylorcraft agency for the Racine and Kenosha territory. What with her instructing and demonstrations, she has little time for "gadding" and seldom gets to see any of the other girls. So if any of you are cruising about looking for an objective, why not drop in at Kenosha Airport and get acquainted with Ruth, and see how she does it!!

Michigan Girl Flyers' Day at Hartung Airport, Roseville, Michigan, Sunday, September 25, was made to order with its cloudless sky, mild temperature, and steady gentle breeze out of the east. Jeannette Lempke was Champion of the Day, and captured the Joyce Hartung Trophy by winning first place in two events which gave her the highest total of points for the meet. Helen Montgomery, who staged a beautiful exhibition of acrobatics in her glider, was second; and Faye Davies Kirk, Doris Lowery, and Alice Hammond tied for third place. This was the third year of competition for the Joyce Hartung Trophy, which is awarded each year to the Michigan girl who scores the highest number of points in the various events in connection with Michigan Girl Flyers' Day. Dorothy Carpenter was the first winner in 1936; Doris Lowery won it in 1937, and for the next twelve months it will be in the possession of Jeannette Lempke, 1938 winner. Various prizes were awarded in the individual events, and each contestant received a beautiful Elgin compact as a gift from Max's Jewelry Store in Hamtramck. The program was preceded by a luncheon, served in one of the hangars, with the compliments of Howard Hartung, donor of the Joyce Hartung Trophy, and manager of the field.

The results of the several events were: Ribbon Cutting - Jeannette Lempke, first; Doris Lowery, second; Faye Kirk, third. Spot Landing - Jeannette Lempke, first; Helen Montgomery, second; Doris Lowery, third. Bomb Dropping - Alice Hammond, first; Faye Kirk, second; Pauline Hutchins, third. Gliding - Helen Montgomery, only contestant.

Ninety-Nines competing in the meet were: Jeannette Lempke, Saginaw, in her Warner Davis; Helen Montgomery, Plymouth, in her Franklin utility glider and an Aeronca C-3; Faye Davies Kirk, Detroit, in a Continental Verville; Marion Jane Weyant, Lansing, in an Aeronca C-3; Eloise May Smith, Kalamazoo, in a Fairchild 24; Leora Stroup, Detroit, in an Aeronca K; and Alice Hammond, Grosse Pointe Farms, in a Fairchild 22 and a Kinner Bird. Others were Pauline Hutchins and Doris Lowery from Pontiac in an Aeronca K, and Sandra Goralczyk from Hamtramck, in a Bird.

Florence Boswell, North Central Section Governor, flew up from Cleveland for the day in her Cessna, bringing Helen Curtis with her. Leona Dugelar, former Detroit member, was also among the spectators, and took the opportunity to renew her membership. The girls are so happy to welcome you back, Leona!

- - Alice Hammond

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Michigan Chapter - On October ninth we met at Ypsilanti Airport for our regular meeting as the guests of Mabel Britton. A lovely luncheon was served us at the nearby Huron Hills Country Club, where we held our business meeting later.

The election of officers brought forth the following results: Leila Baker, chairman; Gladys Hartung, vice-chairman; Helen Montgomery, secretary-treasurer. We are adding to our library "Through the Overcast" by Jordanoff, "High, Wide and Frightened" by Louise Thaden, and "Listen! the Wind" by Anne Lindbergh. Mabel Britton and her husband, Dr. Britton, have just returned from a flight through the northwest to Washington, down the Pacific coast, and home through New Mexico in their Fairchild. We haven't heard any of the details, but are saving this until we get a chance to put them on the program at some future meeting. Jeannette Lempke spent the weekend of the meeting as the guest of Mabel at her home. Helen Montgomery and husband are spending their vacation on a flight to the Panhandle of Texas.

- - Helen Montgomery

Missouri Valley Chapter - With the hum of motors on the apron outside the Administration Building in our ears and a bright array of asters from Belle's garden on which to feast our eyes, elections for the year were carried out on Saturday, October 8. Our new officers are as follows: Beatrice Mack, chairman; Dorothy Broadfield, vice-chairman; Dorothy Berendsen, secretary and treasurer. Irene Adamson was appointed historian; Annabell Nielsen is chairman of the program committee, and Evelyn Sharp, membership committee. The national association of the state aviation officials in Omaha on October 13, 14 and 15 gave us the splendid opportunity to hear Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt and Professor Fred Fagg speak. We were also very pleased to have Florence Boswell with us at these meetings and at a 99 luncheon on Saturday, October 15. All of our members except two now hold private certificates; one of these two is a Junior member, while the other has a commercial certificate. Could it be that we have a good luck charm, or rabbit's foot, possibly? Belle, I feel sure, brought victory to the South High football team recently by flying a Stinson around the field while a game was in progress. Our regular meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at a 12:30 luncheon at Hotel Fontenelle, Omaha. We are in hopes that any 99 in the city or near here then will feel she is most welcome to attend.

- - Beatrice Mack

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION - Edna Gardner is quite busy these days. She had five students go up for licenses recently and expects to have six more to go up soon. Una Goodwin flew down to Dallas October 8th to the Texas University-Oklahoma University football game. Jennie Tschoep got her Commercial License a week or so ago. Congratulations Jennie! She has only been flying sixteen months, and plans to remain at Spartan School of Aeronautics, hoping to "hook up" as a commercial flyer. Here is news from Helen Johnson Wheeler

at last. Helen writes both she and her husband have been very ill with malaria fever while in Honduras. They have been transferred back to Glendale, California. Here's wishing both of you a very speedy recovery from all the South Central Section.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION - New officers were elected on September 18 at the colorful Hillman dude ranch near Paso Robles - the halfway mark between San Francisco and Los Angeles - which was the site of the section meeting. Most of the girls flew or drove in to the ranch on Saturday, and after the business meeting Sunday morning went horseback riding and swimming. The weather was very threatening on Saturday, but two ships from the north got through, although Elizabeth Hayward and Dorothy George were obliged to wire that they were grounded by rain at Glendale and could not get to the meeting. At the ranch, however, Sunday was a perfect day, and everybody on the scene had a grand time. The new officers are: Governor, Ruth Rueckert; Vice-governor, Peggy Vining; Secretary, Harriet Isaacson; Treasurer, Dorothy Ruether; and Parliamentarian, Afton Lewis. Other members present included Genevieve Brown and Hilda Jarmuth from Los Angeles, and Marjorie Hook and Rita Gerry from San Francisco.

- - Marjorie Hook

SOUTHWEST SECTION - Los Angeles Chapter - Vacations are over - the new club year has begun. We start with one new member - tall, blonde and willowy Genevieve Mitchell Brown. And, the little gal's a new bride, too! Welcome into our midst, and may your contacts with 99's be the happiest. Ethel Sheehy reports an interesting trip back from Flint, Michigan, wherefrom she soloed her new automobile. Elizabeth Hayward, who has been ill for some time, is back good as new again. Too bad the nice air ride she planned with Dorothy George, up to Paso Robles, California, to the Sectional Meeting did not pan out. The weather man just couldn't make up his mind, and consequently, after eighteen hours between Los Angeles' Dycer airport and Grand Central at Glendale, these "intrepid" pilots decided it wasn't meant to be, so wired their regrets to the gals at the meeting, "Grounded in disgust."

The section meeting was a grand success, with horseback riding, and swimming, PLUS walking under the starlit black velvet sky out on the range Saturday night. It was a real dude ranch, with cowboys, brandin' irons, an' everything. Delegates from Los Angeles were: Dorothy Ruether, Peggy Vining, Hilda Jarmuth. Genevieve Brown came up with her nice hubby. From Bay Cities' Chapter were: Harriet Isaacson, who flew in a Stearman, and Marjorie Hook with Rita Gerry, who flew in a Fairchild. Also Ruth Rueckert and Afton Lewis arrived by auto after having to land because of fog half way, and borrowed an auto. That's perseverance, eh? Los Angeles

Chapter's new officers for the year are: Chairman, Ethel Sheehy; vice-chairman, Wilma Fritschy; secretary-treasurer, Hilda Jarmuth. Our chapter pledges its full support and cooperation to the new National Officers, and hopes the coming year will be one of pleasant, successful and constructive progress! Hasta la Vista!

- - Hilda Jarmuth

Bay Cities' Chapter - Chapter officers for the northern chapter were elected at the October meeting as follows: Chairman, Vilma Johnston; secretary, Dolores Guinther; treasurer, Olive Bledsoe. The official winging party for the month turned out to be a four-mation flight, in that various 99's were found to be headed in four directions on the week-end of October 15-16. Vilma Johnston went South with the cruise of the Aviation Country Club to Del Monte, where they met the contingent from Southern California. Vilma reports good weather, wonderful accommodations and a marvelous time. Afton Lewis, who alternates her flying week-ends with trips up to the snow-covered Donner Lake country, took wing in a Kinner and headed East for the air circus at Modesto. She reports renewing old acquaintanceships and admiring the ever-admirable flying of the service ships. Harriet Isaacson, that busy lady of the Harriet Isaacson Personal Shopping Service, could not get away on Saturday, but headed the faithful Stearman South-by-west on Sunday, and spent a lazy and enjoyable day on the beach at Rio del Mar. Olive Benson also found time to flit in her Fleet to Modesto on Sunday, the 16th. Marjorie Hook flew a Fairchild on the Flight Club cruise to Fort Miller Ranch near Fresno, and is still raving about the barbecue dinner on the banks of the San Joaquin underneath the stars. Food and plenty of it - and such food, sleeping Saturday night in a modernized 'dobe guest house which was originally the officers' quarters at Fort Miller in 1848, and horseback riding to Table Top on Sunday, comprised part of the fun.

- Marjorie E. Hook



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