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LETTER



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Will all reporters please mail their next month's news so that it reaches the editor not later than December 15? She is leaving Allentown on the 16 and will not return until after January 1. Thereafter, the regular 20 of the month will continue to be the deadline. - D. C.

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In Memoriam

We, the members of the All-Ohio Chapter of the 99's, mourn the loss of our loyal friend and member, M. Edith Lackner, whose untimely death occurred October 29, 1938. Words can not express the grief we feel, but we shall try to think that . . .

There is no Death! What seems so is transition.
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian
Whose portal we call Death.

She is not dead, the child of our affection -
But gone unto that school
Where she no longer needs our poor protection
And Christ Himself doth rule.

And tho at times impetuous with emotion
And anguish long suppressed.
The Swelling heart heaves moaning like the Ocean
That cannot be at rest.

We will be patient and assuage the feeling
We may not wholly stay;
By silence sanctifying, not concealing,
The grief that must have way.
- - Longfellow, "Resignation".

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One of our 99 members, Ya Ching Lee, has been delegated by relief organizations of China to make a tour of the United States in the interest of Chinese relief. She plans to fly her own ship on this tour. Anything that 99 members can do to be of assistance to Ya Ching Lee on her tour will be greatly appreciated by her, it is certain.

Women's Races, Miami, January 6, 7 and 8, 1939 - Daisy Kirkpatrick announces that the following girls will serve as the Air Race Committee: Louise Thaden, Chairman; Helen Rough and Nancy Love.

C-licensed 250 cu. in. displacement and over (up to 900 cu. in.) Free-For-All, handicapped.
1 lap over approximately 25-mile course. . .
. . . K. K. Culver Trophy (Sunday)

C-licensed 200 cu. in. displacement and under.
1 lap over approximate 25-mile course. . .
. . . 1-2-3 Trophies (Friday)

A New York to Miami race open to both men and women pilots is being planned. The race will arrive in Miami on Friday afternoon, weather permitting. Two thousand dollars has already been placed for the winner of this event.

The K. K. Culver Trophy is a very handsome bronze trophy. There will also be other trophies for the various positions in these races, and minor prizes.

Any girl wishing to take part in these events should wire her entry to Carl Adams, Chairman Contest Committee, Miami Air Maneuvers, Mezzanine Floor, Columbus Hotel, Miami, Florida.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

North Central Section - Michigan Chapter - On Saturday, November 12, the Michigan Chapter sponsored a Hay Ride at the Mt. Vernon Country Club, Washington, Michigan. We had an excellent turn-out with a number of the out-of-town girls present. In spite of the cussedness of the rainy weather, for it started to rain at the time set for the wagon to pull out, everybody had a grand time. We just buttoned up our overcoats and went merrily ahead singing "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More" (to the accompaniment of Faye's mouth organ). After a somewhat shortened hay ride we repaired to the Club's living room, where we danced while our bedraggled clothes dried out. A buffet luncheon was served much to the delight of the hungry 99's and 49½'ers. Mary Von Mach is very grateful to three certain

young men who repaired a flat tire on her borrowed car about 12:45 A. M. Mary said top speed on it was 25 miles an hour. She got home at 2:00 A. M.

The November meeting was held on Sunday following the Hay Ride at Wayne County Airport, Detroit, with Faye Kirk acting as hostess. The table in the parachute packing room was converted into an attractive dining table decorated with a centerpiece of beautiful flowers, and set for fifteen, among them four guests. We were very pleased indeed to have Ruth Wakeman with us. We understand that she is visiting her parents in Coldwater and will be in this vicinity for a few months. We are adding the publication, "Air Facts" to our library. During the winter we decided to have a series of educational programs for our meetings. Gladys Hartung and Alice Hammond are investigating the possibilities. The girls were so enthusiastic about the Hay Ride, that they planned to have a Sleigh Ride just before the January meeting. Leora Stroup, who is at the head of the group of girls who make up the Aerial Nurse Corps in this area gave an interesting resume of their work in this community. She invited the help and cooperation of the Ninety-Nines in the furtherance of this organization. She regretted that only the single girls between the ages of 21 and 35 were eligible to join, for most of our girls seem to have gotten themselves tied up to some member of the opposite sex some time during the past.

Alice Hammond has invited us to her house for the December meeting, at which time we will have a little Christmas party. We are exchanging 25¢ gifts and bringing gifts for needy children in the Children's Aid Society, in which Mabel Britton is active. Marion Jane Weyant, our Lansing member, has gone deer hunting. We hope you get your buck! Leila Baker, we understand, has just recuperated from the strenuous activity of staging a birthday party for three-year-old Dale. Helen Montgomery, husband, and Aeronca arrived home from a trip down to Texas intact. Mabel Britton flew her Fairchild down to Cincinnati to attend last rites for Edith Lackner. We are glad that at least one of our group could pay her respects. Peg Horton and Jeannette Lempke spent the week-end at the home of Faye Kirk. We gather from Faye's guests that this is the place to go for a real feed! Jeannette took off Sunday after the meeting for her home in Saginaw with a very strong, gusty crosswind. Only the airlines and Jeannette would brave it! We hope to have some new members to announce in the next issue of the News Letter.

- - Helen Montgomery

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - All Ohio Chapter - At the controls for the coming year the All-Ohio Chapter places the following: Chairman, Helen Curtiss; Vice-Chairman, Marion Pease; Secretary and Treasurer, Mary Winstanley. The following are chairmen of committees: Mary King, Program; Marion Pease, Membership; Ann Barille, Publicity and News Letter. Grace Birge will be librarian, replacing

Edesse Dahlgrem who has left us to take over a brand new job with the Elizabeth Arden cosmetic people. (And to a swell gal, we wish all the luck in the world, for we are going to miss you.) Our meeting of October 28 was held in Florence Boswell's "Flying Den", a lovely room with blue wall paper stamped with large silver airplanes, big closet with shelves and shelves of air maps, shower curtains stamped with little stars and best of all, Ninety-Nine emblemed towels!

The log book has Arlene Davis credited with a trip to Spartonsburg, South Carolina, making the return home trip in two hours and fifty minutes. Next, she nosed her ship east with Helen Waterhouse as passenger. Bad weather cut her radio short and she got to New York by way of Buffalo and Albany. However, she was thrilled to be ushered in the great Metropolis's field by the new beacon lights that had just been installed. Sotto Voce. . . Arlene plans to take the part of Dan Cupid shortly when she takes a young married couple, Joy Humphrey, whose husband will be Howard Sbornic, flying instructor, on a flying honeymoon trip. Florence Boswell went to Fort Worth, Texas, and there visited Abbie Dill Haddaway, formerly of Cleveland. She brings back lovely memoirs of the grand time she had with Phoebe Oemlie in Memphis. Our last logged trip for the month was that taken by Mabel Britton, Florence Boswell, Erin Darden, Mary King and Marion Pease, who flew down to Cincinnati to pay last tribute for the 99's, to Edith Lackner. May she be logging time now with 99's who have gone before her.

- - Ann Barille

NEW ENGLAND SECTION - We boast of three new members this month, Mrs. W. C. Holmes of Milton, Massachusetts; Miss Marion Tibbetts of Whitman, Massachusetts, and Mrs. A. G. Moore of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. In addition we welcome Ruth Gilson who has transferred from the Southwestern Section. It isn't all gain for us, however, as Nancy Monroe of Osterville, Massachusetts, is settling down in Greenwich, Connecticut, to work and fly and will be gobbled away by the Tri-State Section we fear. Ann Conant will be in Boston this winter, when she's not in St. Louis, Missouri. Elizabeth Horton will be in New York. Dolly Bernson and spouse, Bob, have left for Florida in a trailer, and are waiting for their new ship, an open biplane Cadet Trainer. Several girls are talking of going to the Miami Air Races; you're practically certain to see Daisy Kirkpatrick and Jean Adams there and Hortense Harris and Louise Howard are doing some out-loud thinking on the matter.

Thelma Chickering who was ill all of September is back again at her job with the Roebling Steel Works. Miriam Vanderslice broke down and took a day off from her duties at the E. W. Wiggins Airways at East Boston. She flew to White River Junction, Vermont, with some friends, then enjoyed a long hike in the woods before flying back. It's always safe to report that Hortense Harris has just come back from the West because that's what she does mostest. . . it must be the Lochinvar in her. Lorraine Frankland is now

connected with Jav's, one of Boston's smartest dress shops. Jean Adams has returned, but definitely, from Nantucket and has been doing some flying to Hartford, Connecticut, and Rhode Island in connection with her aerial photography work. Ruth Hamilton continues to ferry students from the Bayside Airport to East Boston when they take their license tests. Visitors of the month to Boston have been Grove Webster who heads private flying, as you all know, and Virginia Farr of Rochester, New York. The November meeting will be at Daisy Kirkpatrick's in Marblehead, Massachusetts. Business of the day will include a house warming for Daisy. We like Hilda Jarmuth's adieu, "Hasta la vista" and wish we had one as charming with which to end our news. The best we can do, with quotations is "come up and see us sometime!"

- - Louise Howard

TRI-STATE SECTION - A very successful dinner dance was held at the Hotel Woodstock in New York on Friday evening, November 18. Peggy Remey was the very capable chairman of the affair which was well attended. The dinner was in honor of Jackie Cochran who was presented by Governor Margo Tanner with a scroll from the Tri-State Section in recognition of her achievements. Swannee Taylor was his usual success as master of ceremonies, and other head table guests were Jackie, her husband, Floyd Odium, Major and Evelyn de Seversky, Ruth Nichols, Daisy Kirkpatrick, and Major E. E. Dedrin.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION - West Pennsylvania Chapter - Our new chapter is now off "on its own" having soloed with a meeting on Sunday, November 13, at the Flyers' Club, Allegheny County Airport, Pittsburgh. Under the capable guidance of Marge McCormick, Chairman pro tem, the meeting took off with five of the nine regular members and three prospective members in attendance. Unfortunately we couldn't seem to inveigle the West Virginia members "outen them thar mountings" to this first meeting, but a long wire from Irene Crum of Huntington assured us they were with us in spirit and we're counting on them at our next meetings. Florence Boswell expected to bring Helen Curtis and her trusty Cessna to Pittsburgh, but unfortunately bad weather prevented her and disappointed us. Among the many, many matters of utmost importance at this, our first meeting, was election of officers. A unanimous vote put Marge McCormick in the Chief Pilot's seat (Chairman, to you), Irene Crum as Co-Pilot; Ellen Smith as Chief Mechanic (the gal who really inherits the hard work - Secretary and Treasurer), and as Radio Operator, this unworthy scribe. Ways of filling our practically nonexistent treasury were discussed, and a plan agreed upon so that each member will have a tidy sum to report at the next meeting. Needless to say, we're out to make our Chapter the liveliest in the Middle Eastern Section. Some of the girls are already making plans to attend the Air Races in January and to participate in the New York-to-Miami race. . . and we're looking forward to Ye Old Summertime when good week-end weather is more dependable and we can get together in our ships for Treasure Hunts and Real Fun! Our next meeting is scheduled in Pittsburgh for Sunday, December 11.

A cordial invitation is extended to members of other chapters to join us. Just drop Marge a note at Lebanon Hall Apartments, Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The WELCOME MAT is on our doorstep permanently.

- - Frances Allen

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION - East Pennsylvania Chapter - Our first trip under the new regime as separate chapter took off very successfully on Sunday, November 20, at the Lancaster Municipal Airport. Helen Jones was hostess and had arranged a delicious luncheon at a nearby hotel. We were greatly pleased to have with us as guest, Daisy Kirkpatrick, who stopped off to take in the meeting on her way from New York to Washington. At the business meeting a plan to raise money for our much deflated treasury was agreed upon, and at our next meeting on Sunday, January 16, at the Camden, New Jersey airport, we hope to be able to bring together a tidy amount. Jesse Jones, manager of the airport and test pilot for the new Everell one-bladed propellor, gave us a most interesting and instructive talk on their construction, testing and operation. Elizabeth Phillips and Lee Hazen, who flew up from Easton, Maryland, in Elizabeth's Fairchild, had to leave then to return before dark. The rest of us were taken through Sensenich's propellor factory at nearby Lititz and shown every step they undergo from the raw lumber to the last bit of polishing. It was very, very interesting and we thank Helen for arranging such a trip. Congratulations are in order for Helen Schmaltz who received her private certificate on October 21. Any other 99's who are in the vicinity of Camden on January 16 are cordially invited to join us.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION - Jimmy Kolp has been working the radio beam overtime. She has a new Cessna and most any time you can hear Jimmy calling most any station. Frances Brown is piling up the hours toward a private certificate these days. Una Goodwin went up for renewal October 31 on her Commercial certificate. The South Central Section is very happy to welcome "The Flying Sisters", Sally Duncan and Opal Ferguson, of Coffeyville, Kansas, as new members. Sally's husband has the Duncan Flying School and is the Aeronca dealer, and Sally and Opal have really been giving those Aeroncas fits! They are the only "flying sisters" to hold, and to receive at the same time, Private certificates. They are also the first 99 members from the state of Kansas. Both are crazy about acrobatics and Sally won the bomb dropping contest, October 16, at the Coffeyville Air Show, competing against nine other pilots. Probably the busiest member in our section is Edna Gardner. Running a flying school, she says, really keeps her on the "fly". New officers for the coming year are: Una Goodwin, Governor, Harriett Davidson, Vice Governor and Fanny Leonpacher, Secretary-Treasurer. Abbie Haddaway has been Aeronca-ing around quite a lot recently.

- - Una Goodwin

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION - Bay Cities Chapter - Vilma Johnston was hostess in her lovely apartment at the Hotel Alameda on November 1 to members of the Bay Cities' Chapter, and a most enjoyable evening was had by all. Among those present was Ya Ching Lee, who had just returned home from China on the Clipper. Ya Ching showed some movies of the bombing of Nanking and told of the unfortunate conditions existing in China. While in Hongkong she flew a Beechcraft belonging to the Chinese Red Cross. At the business meeting, Olive Bledsoe regretfully handed in her resignation as Chapter treasurer, due to lack of time to handle the office, and Marjorie Hook was elected to the position in her place. Olive brought a collection of authentic pictures of war-time and earlier aircraft which were delightfully examined by the girls.

From Clarksburg, near Sacramento, comes the happy announcement of the arrival of Ann Elizabeth Bielefeld on October 17th, piston displacement 8 pounds 3½ ounces, to 99er Avis Bielefeld and husband. A winging party to Sacramento is definitely in order. Ruth Wakeman has sold her Fairchild and is now in Michigan on her annual Christmas visit. We know it has to be, but we still wish we didn't have to part with Ruth for three or four months every winter. Maude Miller went to Los Angeles via United Air Lines recently to attend the annual Peace Officers' and Police Chiefs' Convention. She reports a grand time, many lovely luncheons and lots of fun. Esther McCollum came down to San Francisco for the week end from her home in Loyalton. It was snowing in Loyalton when she left, so she particularly enjoyed the sunny skies and sparkling autumn weather in San Francisco. A luncheon was had at the little glass house on the Golden Gate Bridge, at which were present Esther, Ruth Rueckert, Rita Gerry and Marjorie Hook. Afterwards a drive to Hamilton Field was made to inspect the Army bombing base.

The next Bay Cities' winging party is scheduled for November 27 to Hamilton Field, at which time we expect to see four shiploads of 99's descend upon the Army bombing base. Dolores Guinther has sold her J6-5 Travelair and replaced it with a Fairchild 24, so we expect Dolores to be prominently present on the winging party. Marjorie Hook took part in a four-ship cruise on November 6, flying three passengers in a Fairchild 24 on a flight which included stops at Hamilton Field, San Francisco Municipal Airport and Bay Airdrome. There was a pair of newlyweds in the back seat, and every time the ship banked the bride shut her eyes and clung to papa. And because a cross-wind prevailed at all of the fields, there was considerable banking before the cruise was over!

--Marjorie E. Hook

SOUTHWEST SECTION - Los Angeles Chapter - The November meeting was both interesting and educational. Ethel Sheehy, Chairman, read a question of the C. A. R. list of questions required for a Private Pilot's test to each member, who in turn tried to answer. It was lots of fun, and surprised us with the fact that it is so easy to forget what we learned long ago. We will continue on the Navigation and Meteorology set next month. Bessie Owen passed her Transport Test with flying colors and we are proud to congratulate her

on this new accomplishment. Orchids to you, Bessie. Also, have you heard of Bessie's "pane in the belly?" Well, it seems that the Beechcraft's visibility to below the lower wing is somewhat difficult from the cockpit, and she often wondered if her retractable landing gear was really down. So, to eliminate future worries, she had a pane of shatterproof glass installed in the bottom of her cockpit, and now has perfect 360-degree visibility. A grand idea which deserves commendation from designers, eh?

Dorothy Ruether just returned from an airline trip to Mexico City, where she was the guest of a government official. Says she met an old general who fought with Pancho Villa; held a gold brick for the first time; saw the beautiful Borda Gardens of Carlotta and Maximilian. She started at Juarez, and landed at Chihuahua, Parral, Torreon and Aguas Calientes. Also, being the only girl on board was lots of fun, and Dorothy says at every landing field, she was mistaken for a movie star, which helped keep up the good spirits. (Dorothy, you see, is a lovely blond, and has that "certain air" about her, which naturally attracts the masculine attention.) Ethel Sheehy and Evelyn Kilgore embarked in a sturdy Taylor Cub recently and, starting from Banning, landed at every airport enroute to Los Angeles, taking in Grand Central, Burbank, and Long Beach for good measure. The return trip was made in record time with tail winds which just scooted the "Cub" across the airplanes.

A cute wise-crack comes from Dorothy George. She and Wilma Fritschy recently took off from Alhambra on a gusty, windy day, enroute to Palm Springs, where they were greeted by Clema Granger. On the homeward trip, head winds prevailed. Dorothy is used to flying a Continental Waco F2, and the little Fleet did its best to keep up with expectations. Upon landing, Dorothy said, "Do you know what I think, this old Fleet just hung up there for minutes without moving. They really ought to take out those built-in headwinds." Adios amigos. Hasta la Vista!

- - Hilda Jarmuth

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER
or
(Calling All Santas)

T'was a Christmas way back when I was a child
That the presents I wanted were all rather mild.
Nothing expensive and nothing too fine,
My tastes were all simple: the age was but nine!
Oh to be satisfied now as before
With a doll and a book and a little toy store.
Why in God's name do the things I want most
Have to be those of a millionaire's boast?
A yacht, a world's cruise, a diamond green,
A mink coat, three horses, a V sixteen. . .
That's just the beginning friends, my dear,
The REAL wish a plane; custom I fear.
Equipped with all instruments, radios two,
Finished in cream and a soft shade of blue -
Adjustable prop and parachute seats -
A reliable engine that misses no beats.
All that remains is someone to ride.
BUY ME A PLANE and sit by my side.'

(Please Reply: Jean
Adams, Boston Airport)

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