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"Still stands the forest primeval; but
under the shade of its branches
Dwells another race, with other customs
and language." - Evangeline

Greetings and salutations from your new Editor, and herewith a cordial invitation to all 99'ers to visit the land of Evangeline via Lafayette. Thanks to Dorothy Carpenter and Jimmie Kolp for the fine job they have done in handling the News Letter last year. Jimmie took over in May when Dorothy went on a trip to the West Indies and Central America.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE! Our President reported an increase of only three members at the National meeting while the number of women pilots has increased from 557 in August, 1938, to 773 in July, 1939. A definite effort should be made to increase the membership of the 99's; it is an honor and a distinction to be a member. Our National President suggests the following:

"If each member would get one new member we could double our membership in no time. And that is what we should do! Our organization must grow. There is no reason for it to stand still, and it is up to each one of us individually to get out and get new members. Let's organize our membership committees and organize ourselves. Let's double our membership!"

On the last page of the News Letter you will find a membership blank--use it, each one of you readers, to sign up one new member. Additional membership blanks may be obtained from the National Secretary, Elizabeth Phillips, "Enniscorthy", Keene, Virginia.

List of Women Pilots as of July 25, may be obtained from Statistical Section, C. A. A., Washington, D. C., without charge.

Pins and Bracolets with the 99 Emblem may be obtained from the National Treasurer, Barbara Southgate, 87 Grove Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

Too much cannot be said about the "99" EARHART MEMORIAL ADVANCED FLIGHT TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP, of which Ruth Nichols is the chairman. "Since Amelia Earhart always championed the cause of women pilots and their equality with men, it seems most fitting that the 99'ers, for whom she gave so much time and who elected her as first National President, should work for a Memorial that would help bring this about." This scholarship, focusing the attention of women pilots as well as public on Instrument Rating Qualifications, is for those girls who are wage earners and who, incidentally, form the largest part of our membership, enabling them to keep up their rating without having

to pay for additional specialized instruction. The method of financing the scholarship fund will be through the raising of \$2,000. interest for two years thereon should be sufficient to pay for the scholarship. So let's get busy and each Section raise as much as possible in any way they may see fit. For further and more complete details contact Ruth Nichols, Chairman, Grace Church Street, Rye, New York.

PAY YOUR DUES! Cards are being sent to each member to be filled out in remitting their dues. In case "Class of Membership" has you stumped, it merely means whether you are "Active", "Inactive" or "Junior." It is most important to have these cards filled out and returned with your remittance to your Section Treasurer if you wish to continue receiving copies of the News Letter. December first is dead-line and will mean exclusion from a Membership Booklet, plans for which are not yet completed. See next issue!

The National Association of State Aviation Officials held its annual meeting in New Orleans October 10-12, and among the 99'ers in evidence were Florence Boswell, Blanche Noyes, and your Editor, who found it easy to drive 160 miles to hear what was being said by Grove Webster about women in the new civilian training program. Fuller details on that are quoted elsewhere. We understand Edna Gardiner was also in attendance but were not fortunate enough to see her on this trip. She is so busy flying around the country selling Stinson 105's, it is a wonder we ever see her.

Private Fliers Association, through Haven B. Page, Counsel, informs us through our President that two schools exclusively for women are participating in the C. A. A.'s civil pilot training program; i. e., Mills College at Oakland, California, and Lake Erie College, at Painesville, Ohio. "Authorities in charge of coeducational institutions might. . . admit girls to their training programs in numbers up to ten per cent of their quotas," Mr. Hinckley said.

P. F. A. is thanking the C. A. A. for three changes made recently for which they have labored: 1 - certificate retention with five hours' solo; 2 - private certificate holders with 200 solo hours and an O. K. check by a C. A. A. inspector may fly dual with passengers or other private pilots; 3 - notary acknowledgments no longer required.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY - These are the mad moving days in this big city and in the scramble we have lost our last year's Governor, Margo Tanner. Our loss is Washington's gain, but we hope that she will find many occasions to visit us. The October meeting happened to be on the worst rainy night in ages but that did not prevent a goodly number from attending. It was most gratifying to have several out-of-towners with us; namely, Mrs. C. S. Robinson, Private Pilot, from Ithaca, who braved the rains in her Fairchild 25 and planned to fly on to Washington the following day; Mrs. Carroll Smith, Jr., of Essex Falls, N. J., Private Pilot and mother of a boy and two girls; Ruth Mayo, L. C. Pilot of Basking Ridge, N. J. Other guests were: Violet Ward, who flies from Floyd Bennett Field; Mrs. Jessie R. Cham-

berlain, President of the New York Chapter of the W. I. A. A. and her daughter, Miss Jessie; Mary Calcano of Caracas, Venezuela, Private Pilot and owner of a new Cub Coupe which she expects to ship back to her home when she returns there the latter part of October. Miss Calcano has been flying for three years and is the only feminine pilot in her country. She had to come to the United States to get a license since no licenses are issued in Venezuela.

The presence of a goodly number of the husbands added interest to the evening and lent moral support to the special guest, George McLaughlin, Editor of Aero Digest. Mr. McLaughlin, an enthusiastic amateur photographer, has recently returned from an extensive flying trip to South America. The results of his camera work provided a most entertaining evening with many superb views and interesting sidelights and commentaries. A hearty vote of thanks from us all for a splendid evening. We are happy to report that our former president, Margaret Cooper, has graciously accepted the Life Membership. It was a rare pleasure to have Margaret present again at our last meeting and hope she has had her quota of globe-trotting for a time so that she may be with us more frequently. Margaret recently returned from several months' stay in Europe. As far as we could learn, she motored through every country in Europe but Italy and Russia and then had to reach the U. S. A. before she heard serious war talk.

"Teddy" Kenyon has almost, but not quite, forgotten her airplane because of a boat, but swimming time is almost over and soon the airplane will be most important again. Ethel Peckham has but recently returned from their summer place at Lake Glenwild. Bella Heineman spent the summer at Cape Cod but made various flying trips to New York City. The cooler breezes have prompted her decision to stay here for most of the time. Hermolinda Brionos now possesses a diploma signifying her successful completion of Commander Weems Air Navigation Course given at the American Museum of Natural History. Hermolinda, our diminutive Ecuadorian, recently took her countryman, Lieut. Delgado, on a busman's holiday, by flying him over Long Island. The lieutenant must have been a bit taken back when he discovered that there were no controls in the front cockpit of the Fleet!

Gayle Pond of the Horace Mann School and holder of a British Pilot's License, forsook flying long enough this summer to take a motor trip to Quebec and Montreal and through the New England states. Barbara Sloane took time off from her flying and family duties to motor to Kokomo, Indiana, for a vacation of several weeks. Sperry Gyroscope Company's only lady of the air, Betty Duncan, is progressing most favorably with her training on their Link Trainer. Augusta Roberts has almost finished her refresher course and expects to have her Private License again soon. We believe that someone must have fed a little TNT to Alma Harwood's Fairchild at Cleveland or else she was especially fortunate in locating a strong west wind to reach New York in three hours and fifteen minutes. Good going, Alma!

This Section is fortunate in having Mabel Clemson and we hope she will decide to stay in this part of the country a long, long time. Since the races at Cleveland, she has been getting reacquainted with New York state. Mabel reports thusly--"Schonectady Air Meet, I found two girls, one a full-fledged Commercial Pilot and a Private who had never heard of the 99's. Flew to Binghamton, Endicott Airport, found myself only woman pilot at a grand breakfast. Made me speak a

few words, so of course I did a bit of salesmanship on behalf of 99's. Extremely enthusiastic crowd there but no women with interest in flying. Flew to Kingston by invitation of airport manager, and found that, instead of just having a sandwich at the airport, I was led into town and again said a few words to about 100 Kiwanians." Thanks, Mabel!

- - Paula Lind

NORTH CENTRAL- Michigan Chapter - In continuance of our summer program of holding our regular meetings in cities other than Detroit so that the girls will have an incentive to log more cross-country time, we gathered at the Pontiac Airport for a breakfast meeting October 8. Two new members--Pauline Hutchins and Doris Lowery, the flying sisters from Pontiac--were hostesses. Margaret Haskell flew in from Wayne County Airport in a Stinson 105; Marion Jane Weyant from Lansing in her Aeronca; Helen Montgomery from Triangle Gliderport in her Aeronca accompanied by her husband, Monty, and your young 99 prospect, three-months-old Mary Helen; and Jeannette Lempke from Bay City in her Warner-powered Davis. Those arriving by auto were Leila Baker, Alice Hammond, Gladys Hartung, Faye and Bob Kirk, and Eloise Smith and her sister. Mrs. Maude Rufus of Ann Arbor encountered such strong head winds in her Aeronca that she decided to turn back, and therefore missed the meeting.

Versatile Leora Stroup has gone "conventioning" to Hastings, Nebraska, where she is scheduled to make a speech on "Home Nursing Aids" at the Nebraska State Nurses' Convention. Here's hoping some of you 99's out in those wide open spaces will have the pleasure of meeting her. Leora recently entertained Colonel Lauretta Schimmoler, founder of the Aerial Nurse Corps of America. A luncheon for the Colonel was also given at one of the large hotels in Detroit by the local 99 group.

On September 24 the annual Michigan Girl Flyers' Day was held at Gratiot Airport, Detroit. Howard Hartung, owner and manager of the airport, was host to a large group of girl flyers, nine of whom entered the various competitive events for the honor of having her name engraved on the Joyce Hartung Trophy. Following the free lunch served to the guests, the girls really got down to business and vied with one another in bomb dropping, paper strafing, aerobatics, and spot landings from 180 and 360 degree approaches. Following are the results: Spot landing - Mrs. Maude Rufus first, Helen Montgomery second; Paper Strafing - Helen Montgomery first, Marion Weyant second; Aerobatics - Doris Lowery first, Pauline Hutchins second. Helen Montgomery was the lucky recipient of the Trophy, which was presented to her by nine-year-old Joyce Hartung, in person, and Doris Lowery, winner of the 1937 event, was second. Other participants included Jeanette Lempke, Faye Kirk, Gladys Hartung, Leora Stroup. Alice Hartung was present in the capacity of one of the judges and husband Johnny did the announcing over the P. A. system to a crowd estimated to be 7500.

The November meeting is scheduled to be held in Ypsilanti with Ann Arbor as alternate in case Mabel Britton is still busily engaged in trying to nurse husband Harry back to health and can't serve as hostess. You are welcome to drop in at Ypsilanti Airport for the meeting, November 12. See you then!

- - Helen Montgomery

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - On September 17 the annual meeting was held at Lafayette, Indiana. On the day before the Indiana Chapter assisted by the Purdue Flying Club entertained the Section at a buffet supper. All those who missed the party surely missed a fine evening. At the Brunch meeting officers were elected. (See page 8.) Ed.

Following the adjournment of the meeting, the Indiana Chapter held its September meeting and elected officers also. Sincere thanks to Jane Templeton and Lois Hollingsworth!

If any of the members are flying over Rochester, New York, be sure to land and meet right at the Airport, Virginia Parr, who holds down the 99 fort in Rochester all by herself.

- - Florence Boswell

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Indiana Chapter.- We had a perfect day for our meeting October 14, held at the home of Helen House in Rochester, Indiana. Margie Stables and Mrs. Betty Folsom flew in from South Bend in Mrs. Folsom's Fairchild, bringing with them Nell Emery, a brand new member. Pat Dickerson and Jane Templeton flew in from Lafayette in Pat's Cub. The business session was soon over so we all did a couple hours of hangar flying. How some of these Indiana girls do get around. Margie and Jane took in Cleveland and some points east which they aren't telling about. Betty's been flying in and around Chicago with her husband. Pat's been flying the tail of the Cub around the southern part of the state. What's the attraction, Pat? I was in Chicago and had the good fortune to chat awhile with Mrs. Alice DeWitt, who helps her husband run the flying service.

Our next meeting is to be held in South Bend on November 11. The Indiana Chapter invites a large attendance.

- - Helen House

NEW ENGLAND SECTION - About twenty-five members of the New England 99's had such a good time at the chicken barbecue given for them by Ruth Hamilton and Florence Cates. The guest speaker was Ben Follett, Jr., Manager of E. W. Wiggins' Airways in Boston. He talked most interestingly of the new vocational flight program for which his airline has the contract. Meeting Mrs. Follett, the former Electa Harper, A. A. stewardess, added much to everyone's pleasure.

Mrs. Hortense Harris, New England Governor, told us of the fun had by all 99's fortunate enough to be in Cleveland during the week of the Air Races, and then roused everyone to enthusiastic planning of ways and means of raising the New England quota of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund. We have a new member, Miss Marjorie Davis, who acquired her Private rating during the summer. Gertrude Meserve, our nineteen-year-old pilot, who has won her Commercial and Instructor's ratings, is busy for a while at the Northampton airport, hopping passengers and instructing.

Miriam Vanderslice has been waiting for a little leisure time in which to "polish up" for her Private rating test. Ruth Hamilton, who, with her husband, manages bustling Riverside Airport, has many new and enthusiastic students for the fall season. Florence Cates is spending every free minute practicing XC navigation in her Cub 65. A week ago she arranged a party of three Cubs to fly to North Conway in the White Mountains. It proved a great idea, and gave everyone who went a breath-

taking view of glorious autumn foliage, an excellent chance at navigation and a general good time. Moya Mitchell still loves to fly Ryans, and Fairchilds, but is getting more and more skillful in flying Beechcrafts!

- - Constance M. Sheridan

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER - Sioux Citians were roused from Sunday matinal doldrums by the mass arrival of 99's from Omaha on October 8th. Bea Mack and Annabelle Nielsen took to the skies with a trim little Cub as did Adele Morrison and Nurse Dot Berendsen. Ivah Maxfield and Dorothy Berendsen piloted a Cub Trainer while our invincible Belle played follow-the-leader with a four-place Stinson. Mrs. Eno managed to sneak a plane (don't ask how) from hubby's hangar and brought along Mrs. Anderson, also of Fort Dodge, as a guest. Mrs. Anderson's husband is learning to fly with the Enos and we soon hope to have him as a 49^{er}. Ivah's mother-in-law was hostess at breakfast to the entire squadron of women with wings upon their arrival in "Soo" City. It's Ivah's home town and there's no doubt about it after reading the local paper's account of the flight.

- Sonne Mae Joe.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION - A fall meeting was held at the Club House at the Charlotte Airport, Charlotte, North Carolina, on October first. Luncheon of fried chicken and barbecue, with all the trimmings, was served. A very stormy day with rain and other bad weather accessories did not keep Lucille Greenwood from away over in the mountains of Asheville from flying in and Nell Behr arrived from South Carolina undaunted in her bran' spankin' new 105 Stinson. Our invitations brought a flock of future 99'ers to our party with that gleam of the air in their eyes. We were fired with excitement to know that such a grand bunch of girls and women have become so active in flying in this Section. These gals from Dixie are a bit slow to get started at times, but once they swing into the stride they are mighty hard to catch. We had hopes of doubling our membership roster this year and after we met this flock of fledglings a la femme we feel that our hopes will be realized. We were very glad to have had among our guests a group of men from the C. A. A.--Inspectors James G. Nall of North Carolina and Bill Capp of South Carolina; Ed Nilson of the Civilian Pilots' Training Program; and W. M. Hutchins and Fred Easley, Jr., who are in charge of standardizing student training in this Section. Each of these men gave an interesting side-glance on aviation which was thoroughly enjoyed and was particularly helpful and encouraging to those who were just beginning. The Section presented Clayton Patterson with a little token of appreciation for all the many, many things she has done for us. She responded graciously as she received her gift. Clayton will soon be leaving us and the cool salty air of Seattle will be flowing over her wings instead of the soft Southern breezes of Dixie. Clayton has been doing a lot of cross country the last few weeks and has made several demonstrations of her Fairchild. She is selling both home and plane before going to the West. However, she is planning to get a new plane in the spring.

Fonda Hyatt arrived in Pinehurst, North Carolina, several weeks ago for the winter. We are so glad to have her here with us again and

we hope to see a lot of her. Hi, Fonda, welcome home, and we will be seeing you at our next meeting. Ruth Stilson is now employed by the Camel Flying Service at Winston-Salem and has a number of students for instruction.

- - Jessie Woods

SOUTHWEST SECTION - Los Angeles Chapter - Well, here it is--the new Club year--all set with new captains at the various Section and Chapter heads! This Section had its annual meeting at Del Monte, California, attended by members from the Los Angeles Chapter as follows: Ethel Sheehy and Suzanne Hickmann, who flew up in Ethel's Luscombe; Bessie Owen flew her Beechcraft, carrying Wilma Fritschy and Eurith Howard. The trip home was very exciting, what with temperature dropping from 107° to a sudden rainstorm, lowering the ceiling to 200', to say nothing of the high winds. All arrived back safely, however. The Chapter election was most interesting, with campaign speeches and all, and Florence Medlicott has the distinction of being the first member to come to a meeting the first time, a stranger in our midst, having just "hailed" from San Antonio, Texas, and being elected to an office! We also welcome the following new members to our midst, and hope they will continue to be enthusiastically interested in our activities, and participate in our various meetings and flights: Beth Hart, San Bernardino; Suzanne Hickmann, Loma Linda; Doris E. De Ay, Chino; Eurith Howard, Santa Paula; Marjorie McFaddin, San Bernardino, and Florence Medlicott, San Bernardino. Governor Ethel Sheehy has appointed this scribe to continue the publicity and reporting job for the Section, so am happy to give my signature, with a happy Hasta la Vista, amigos!

- - Hilda Jarmuth

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION - Harriett Davidson was married to Dr. Kyle Nye of Albuquerque, September 7th. She is happy that the new husband looks with favor on her favorite hobby of flying. On behalf of the Section we want to express wishes to Harriett and to new 49ther Dr. Nye for a very happy life together. Alma Martin accompanied her husband on a business trip to Houston the middle of October, which gave your reporter an opportunity to renew a friendship beginning when both our homes were in Tulsa. Jimmie Kolp is such a vagabond that she just couldn't continue as editor of the News Letter, despite the excellent job everyone thinks she has been doing. However, the Editorship is remaining in our South Central Section, being entrusted to the hands of Fanny Leonpacher at Lafayette. Jimmie Kolp and her Cessna usually contrive to make every aeronautical event in the Southwest, although service to her motor caused her to miss the Texas Air Tour. However, she flew up to Pampa for the show which was held there. Then she went to Kansas City to attend its Municipal Air Terminal Dedication, which event was participated in by the Kansas City Unit of the W. N. A. A. The first week in October Jimmie took her husband on a business trip; she had planned to spend a day with Fanny at Lafayette so that the two of them might attend the meeting of the N. A. S. A. O at New Orleans, but she just couldn't get that trip in.

Gayle Horrall was still at Casper, Wyoming, the first part of October, having just returned there from a trip out to Los Angeles to

visit her parents. We hear from Dorothy Morgan that she has enjoyed several meetings at Tulsa recently with Mae Haislip, who returned from Europe a few weeks ago. Mae is now living at Wichita. We hear that Gladys Howe of Denver is in Washington taking acrobatic flying from Tex Rankin with his Aerial Circus. We understand she is to be married soon to a Southern California pilot. Una Goodwin went to Chicago and had the pleasure of seeing her Oklahoma University football team wallop Northwestern. Jean LaRene Foote and husband (Lou Foote Flying Service) are moving their business from Love Field, Dallas, to the old Curtiss-Wright Airport at Grand Prairie, Texas. Moving into a new home and a business move simultaneously has kept Jean in a whirl this past month. The new address is Box 385, Grand Prairie, Texas.

- - Frances Brown

ELECTION RESULTS

SOUTHWEST SECTION - Governor, Ethel Sheehy; Vice-Governor, Marjorie Hook; Secretary, Wilma Fritschy; Treasurer, Ruth Rueckert.

Los Angeles Chapter - Chairman, Bessie Owen; Vice-chairman, Hilda Jarmuth; Secretary-Treasurer, Florence (Posy) Medlicott.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION - Governor, Jessie Woods; Secretary, Nell Behr.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION - Governor, Frances L. Allen; Vice-Governor, LuLu Shank; Secretary-Treasurer, Elizabeth (Lee) Hazen.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Governor, May Wilson, Wilson Airways, Schiller Park, Ill.; Vice-Governor, Belle Hetzel, Avoca, Iowa; Secretary-Treasurer, Elizabeth Folsom, 1106 W. Jefferson St., South Bend, Indiana.

Indiana Chapter - Chairman, Patricia Dickerson; Secretary-Treasurer, Helen House.

Michigan Chapter - Chairman, Helen Montgomery; Vice-Chairman, Gladys Hartung; Secretary-Treasurer, Sara Winn.

All-Ohio Chapter - Chairman, Helen Curtiss; Vice-Chairman, Grace Birge; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Helen Laughlin.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION - Governor, Mary Nicholson; Vice-Governors, Ethel Peckham and Mabel Clemson; Secretary, Loretta Leonard; Treasurer, Margie White.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER - Chairman, Dorothy Broadfield; Vice-Chairman, Gwen Hess, Secretary-Treasurer, Annabelle Nielsen.

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