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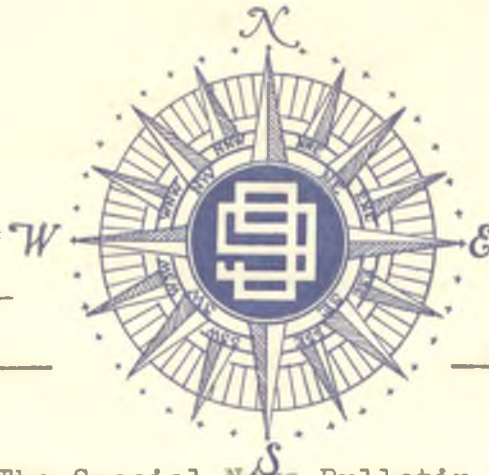
OF WOMEN PILOTS

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NORTHWEST SECTION - The Special ~~News~~ Bulletin brought to you recently tells you the story of the reorganization of the Northwest Section. Laura May Brunton, the moving force in the organization, states: "Being originally a Northwesterner, I used to kind of smile under my breath once in a while at our calling ourselves 'National.' 'Coast-to-Coast' was more apropos, but not 'National.' So we proclaim loudly that the Northwest Section is now fact, not fancy, and that the 99's have finally penetrated to every nook and cranny of these here United States!" Good work, Laura May, we are proud of you!!!

EDNA GARDNER KIDD, 99'er of New Orleans, won the Culver Race at Miami. Good going, Edna, we're proud of you!

REPORT ON THE "99" EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND. The New York-New Jersey Section was able to net \$1,528.09 from their dinner dance. This was due to the consistent efforts of Mary Nicholson as chairman of the dinner, and Marjorie Ludwigsen who compiled the program. Ruth Nichols brought in \$1,000 worth of program advertising. Viola Gentry, Peggy Remey and Peggy Lennox all gave unstinted help. The following made cash contributions: Jackie Cochran, \$225; Miriam Blagden, \$25; Casey Jones, \$50; Ernest Gamache, \$50; and Tom Durrelle, \$25. The Ohio Chapter has made about \$100 from two sales and Michigan is making a per capita member contribution.

Louise Thaden and Mabel Britton have accepted membership on the Earhart Committee, and Betty Gillies is an ex officio member.

Future Plans: New England Section is planning a Spring Aviation Ball from which they hope to raise \$600. Ball chairman is Hortense Harris, Governor.

Suggestions: I do hope the remaining Sections will get started immediately upon their own plans, so that we can raise \$4,000 by the next annual September meeting, which would mean the Scholarship could then be given each year instead of every other year, as originally agreed.

PUBLICITY for Ninety-Nine members - Harriet Isaacson writes again urging the members to send a résumé and glossy picture for the Oakland Post-Enquirer, stating the article will be written just as each girl wants it to appear. Write Harriet, 20th and Franklin Streets, Oakland, California.

ATTENTION ALL SECTIONAL GOVERNORS AND CHAPTER CHAIRMEN: The question of finances is of paramount importance and I would like to have suggestions from all as to the distribution of dues. Some of the Chapters feel that 50¢ per member is insufficient to carry the Chapter expenses. Many Chapters must supplement by various methods. According to the way the Constitution is written, of the three dollars dues paid by each member per year, \$2.00 goes into the National Treasury; 50¢ to the Section Treasury, and 50¢ to the Chapter Treasury.

It would not be possible for the National Organization to function on less than \$2.00 per member. The National Treasury has to pay for the News Letter which runs approximately \$1.00 per member; for printing and mailing of ballots, dues notices, annual meeting notices; expenses of the National officers which include postage, stationery, telephone, etc., as well as the expenses of the annual meeting and banquet. A paid Secretary and permanent headquarters would mean a great deal to the Ninety-Nines as a whole, but the National Treasury has never been in a position to afford the cost.

In view of the above, I do not like to even consider reducing the proportionate share of the dues which goes into the National Treasury. There are several things, however, which could be done and I would like to have you discuss them, as well as any other suggestions you may have, in your next Chapter and Section meeting.

In order to remedy the existing condition, it would be possible to: (1) Increase the dues to \$4.00 per year, of which \$2.00 would go into the National Treasury; \$1.00 to the Section Treasury, and \$1.00 to the Chapter Treasury, (or 50¢ to the Section and \$1.50 to the Chapter Treasury).

(2) Assess the members of needy Chapters \$1.00 per year.

Please let me have your thoughts on this as soon as you can. It will be necessary to amend the Constitution at the next annual meeting in order to change the distribution of dues in any way, and the problem should be thoroughly reviewed before any changes are made. Bessie Owen, Chairman of the Los Angeles Chapter, was the first to bring this problem to my attention. I would like very much to hear from all the other Chapter Chairmen and Section Governors in regard to the success or failure of the financial set-up as it is now, and as to what changes, if any, should be made.

- - Betty Gillies

ELIZABETH PHILLIPS writes with regard to her resignation, "Much to my regret, I've found that I cannot continue as National Secretary and also keep up the work I've been doing here, since I've been at Nottingham Field, near Fredericksburg, Virginia. Besides instructing several hours a day, caring for and fixing up an old 18th century house at the field where we take in student boarders and itinerant fliers, I'm also doing most of the office work. It's been hard to find time to keep up my instrument rating and practice for an instructor's rerating, so I hope you'll understand why I've found it necessary to give up the job as 99 Secretary. I've enjoyed the contacts with girls all over the country, and will miss them tremendously. The work has been ever so much fun. I feel a bit as if I'm losing an old friend, and am terribly sorry that lack of time forces me to resign, but it's fairer to you all, and best for everyone, so I must. Many happy flying hours to you all!"

As stated last month, MARJORIE LUDWIGSEN is the new National Secretary, 4 Irving Place, New York City. We wish her all the luck in the world in her new assignment. If the swell job she did on our Anniversary Dinner Dance Program is any criterion, the 99 Club can consider itself fortunate to have her.

GILL ROBB WILSON was elected President of the National Aeronautic Association at the Convention held in New Orleans recently. The Ninety-Nines are pleased because Gill Robb is one of their particular friends.

REPORTERS - In order to make the News Letter as interesting as possible it is important to have news from as many different members as can be reached, but since our organization covers the entire United States as well as outlying countries, it is impossible for the Reporters to know of the activities of all the members. If each girl would let the Reporter for her Section or Chapter know what she is doing, it seems that a better News Letter would result, because as has been stated before, the News Letter is only as good as you make it. On the last page, therefore, is a list of the Reporters for all the Chapters and Sections. It is suggested that you save this list, and once each month, not later than the 15th, let your Reporter know what you are doing. Your Reporter can then compile the News sent in and have it in the hands of the Editor by the 20th dead-line. Send in your news!!

LOST, STRAYED, OR STOLEN! Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the 99 cut, please advise the Editor. Thanks.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER - Arlene Davis, petite mistress of the "Dream Ship", a Spartan, dropped in Omaha shortly before the Miami Races. Arlene was on a reconnaissance flight when the weather closed in. It was a "forced landing" this Chapter truly enjoyed. Bea Mack, Adele Morrison, Annabelle Nielson, Ivah Maxfield, Dorothy Broadfield, Belle Hetzel and her sister Ollie, along with yours truly, maneuvered an impromptu luncheon for Arlene at the Hotel Fontenelle. She's really making this locale "99" conscious with all the limelight she's placed in by the papers and the February issue of the AMERICAN and her public is very much impressed.

Achievements of the month! - Mrs. Eno placed third in one of the light plane events at Miami. Irene Adamson deserted the wintry blasts of old Wyoming for holidaying in Omaha. However, they caught up with her on a cross country to Sioux City, Iowa. Dot Broadfield was along. It was so cold, 20° below, the motor wouldn't start so they could come home. Dorothy finally took to the airlines. Irene nursed the Cub another day and got home in time for our New Year's party. Now if only some of you Southerners would come in followed by balmy weather! Our regular luncheon meeting was at the Medical Arts Tea Room on the 13th. The plan for the Memorial Fund hasn't been completed, but we anticipate having a gala ball after Lent. Flying has been on skis for a month now, but our last snowstorm will only let us go bobsledding this week-end for the benefit of 49½ers.

- - Sonnee Mae Joe

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Minnesota Chapter. Our 99 dinner party on St. Nicholas Day was extra-special de luxe, thanks to the delightfully novel ideas of Ruth Kunz, Ella Steen and Edie Campbell, who were in charge of the party arrangements. We had as our guests twelve girls who fly in and around the Twin Cities and who will eventually become 99 members. Rose Dale, our Chairman, Virginia Marter, Vice-Chairman, Janet Wakefield, Secretary-Treasurer, Edie Campbell, and Frances Lennon, the five girls with licenses who made it possible for us to establish an official 99 Chapter in Minnesota, were presented with gardenias as tokens of special merit. After the dinner Christmas gifts were exchanged. The one which attracted the most attention was an Ohhh! so wonderful plane, received by Ruth Kunz, which made very fancy loops right off the floor after a run of only three inches! A special meeting was called for Wednesday, December 13, at which time tentative plans were outlined for a 99 party to be held in April for the purpose of raising funds for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund.

Our Vice-Chairman, Virginia Marter, who is now basking in California sunshine, was hostess to 99 members who met at her home on January 3rd. The most important topic of discussion during the evening was the party-dance to be given for the benefit of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. The party will be held on Tuesday evening, April 16, at the Air-O Inn, which is just a short skip and a jump from Wold-Chamberlain Field in Minneapolis. Chances will be sold in connection with the party and the lucky winner selected from all the names will receive a round-trip ticket to Chicago via Northwest Airlines. We have Virginia to thank for helping us get such an attractive prize!

Welcome to our Chapter, Charlotte Teschen, Ruth Jurgenson and Helen Clos! It is a nice warm feeling in this zero weather to know that our membership can increase by three's! By the time the warm breezes from the South have melted the icicles off the hangar, our Chapter will be able to report a notable addition of members--that's how the girls are flying around here!!

Emily Cikanek

NEW ENGLAND SECTION- In spite of the freezing weather and snow that covers New England, our young instructor, Gertrude Meserve, has been out on East Boston Airport every morning at seven o'clock with her ship warmed up for the first one of her ten C. A. A. students. Gertrude was recently chosen by YOUTH magazine as one of the ten most outstanding young people of the year. Among other activities at East Boston, Moya Mitchell was checked out on night landings in a Fairchild.

Ruth Hamilton, another one of our young Commercial pilots flew a new Cub in from the factory at Lockhaven, Pennsylvania, for the Bay-side Flying Service. In addition to running the office at Bayside, Revere, Ruth also hops the passengers. Mary Davis and Gertrude Meserve were hostesses at the meeting last month. "Peg" Kimball visited her family in Lexington, Massachusetts, for the holidays, and Hortense Harris spent a few weeks at her home in Champaign, Illinois. Jean Adams went to Rochester, New York over New Years.

- - Florence E. Cates

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION - Sally Duncan and Opal Ferguson, flying sisters of Coffeyville, Kansas, were honored guests at the Lions Club in the Sunflower Room of the Hotel Dale, when the Club doffed its hats to "Aviation". Sally and Opal were Coffeyville's first women fliers in a town of 18,000 which boasts of more flying activity and more licensed pilots than any other city of its size in the Middle West. The activity has resulted in the building of a fine new airport which will be ready for use in the early spring. 49.5er "Hank" Duncan is Chief Instructor and has put in the air 47 pilots locally, 10 of them being women, with two sets of flying sisters--our own Opal Ferguson and Sally Duncan, and Effie and Mellie Jensen. Opal Ferguson does a lot of cross country flying and usually spends most of Sunday in her Aeronca. Jennie Tschoep is a frequent visitor at Coffeyville. Sally Duncan recently flew a student of her husband's school to Chanute, Kansas, and even though it was his first flight with a woman pilot, he enjoyed it very much. Sally got a ride in hubby's new "Funk" 75 to Tulsa, and then a nice trip over Tulsa with 49.5er A. M. Horrall in his Cessna, for a view of their lovely country home and the new Commercial port site to which they will soon move. Gayle Horrall was a special guest of the Aviation Club of Coffeyville recently, and was accompanied to Coffeyville by Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong, manager of Commercial Airport, and Mr. and Mrs. "Connie" Connell, all of Tulsa.

Governor Harriet Nye seems to be a live wire; she is giving up her job with the State on February 1st, so with the cooperation of every member of this far-flung Section she should be able to do much good for the Ninety-Nines. Una Goodwin is improving her leisure by taking a course in Speedwriting in Houston. Edna Gardner Kidd of New Orleans was hostess to several out-of-state Ninety-Niners recently during the Convention of the National Aeronautic Association. Lauretta Schimmoler of California, Florence Boswell and Helen Curtis of Ohio, Blanche Noyes of Washington, Nell Behr of South Carolina, Ann Johnson of Georgia, and Fanny Leonpacher were all in attendance. Edna's plans for a Chapter in New Orleans go apace, and it is understood that Florence Boswell is flying down early in the spring to complete organization.

- - Sally Duncan

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION. Washington Chapter - The Washington Chapter held a cocktail party recently, the gathering being in the nature of a "Bon Voyage" or "Happy Motoring" party for Helen Frigo, our parachute-jumping member. Mary Benson very graciously donated the use of her spacious home for the occasion, and all the members brought a little gift for Helen to use on her trip. Helen is taking a six weeks' vacation and right now is headed for Texas. She plans to go across the border into Mexico, then across the Southwestern States, up thru California, then across the Northern states to Sun Valley where she will indulge in some ski-jumping. And then after meandering through Minnesota and her home state of Wisconsin, she will probably return to the fold of the Chapter sometime in February.

LuLu Shank, our Vice-Governor, is now back from a three months' stay at her home in Twin Falls, Idaho, and was greeted at her first meeting since her return with the fact that she had been elected Chairman of the Chapter. It was the consensus of opinion that the persons with the most jobs to do were the ones who always found the

most time to handle additional work, and in Lu's case we are sure we couldn't have made a better choice. As Secretary to a United States Senator and Vice-Governor of the Section, she has displayed so much energy and ingenuity that we decided to take further advantage of her abilities. And speaking of distinguished members--we have another hitherto unsuspected genius in our midst. Joe Busse has just about completed a very learned and very technical paper on the subject of Thermometry, which from what your reporter has heard, must be really "sump'n."

Dorothy Carpenter of Allentown was passing through our fair city a few weeks ago and found time to visit with Katherine Delaney, Joe Busse and your reporter at Joe's apartment. Dot had about a million (slight exaggeration) pictures taken on her trip to the British West Indies last summer and they were all so intriguing that she could scarcely tear them from our hands when she was forced to leave.

Officers were elected at the last meeting, as listed below:

LuLu Shank, Chairman; Katharine Delaney, Vice-Chairman; and Coba Overman, Secretary-Treasurer.

Miscellaneous items worthy of note - Harriet Black and husband, Frank, have recently moved into their newly completed home out in Virginia; Mae Gath, our youngest member, is still piling up the hours toward her Private, and your struggling Reporter has finally acquired her Private.

- - Dorothy Carpenter

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION - Quite a number of the girls have gone to the Miami Races, including Mary Sansom, Alma Harwood, Peggy Remy, Peggy Lennox, Mary Reifschneider, Marjorie Gray, Hermelinda Briones, Kay Traulsen; and in addition our news reporter, Paula Lind, is ill, so our meeting in the Governor Clinton Hotel on January 8 was rather slim in attendance. Those of us who were there thoroughly enjoyed our guest speaker, Mr. I. S. Randall, Eastern Division Manager of TWA, and President of the Aviation exhibit of the World's Fair, who told us about some of their trials last year, and some of the plans for the coming year. The 99's are invited to participate, and are asked to have a booth. One of the suggested plans is to have a continuous movie of 16 m.m. film projected on a screen of all the various activities of women in aviation, so all you amateur photographers, dust off your film and start saving it up for this booth, as we want pictures of all the girls, and in all the various activities connected with their flying. The more film the better, because frequent changes will be necessary. Peggy Lennox stopped off in St. Petersburg, Florida, to see her family, and took her Dad up to see the city. Jacqueline Cochran spent the Christmas holidays at her ranch in California, and is getting set for more records. Belle Heineman is taking a complete course in navigation at the Weems School and reports it is lots of fun, but plenty of work. The weather has been rather bad, so flying activity has been a little slow, but we should be having plenty soon with the promise of clearing skies. Happy landings to you all.

Mary Nicholson, Governor

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - All Ohio Chapter. The Cleveland Chapter recently attended a tea given by the Akron Women with Wings and later held their regular meeting, at which time it was reported that the Christmas candy sale netted \$60.00 to be used toward the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Memorial Fund. Florence Boswell flew to Rochester to attend the Rochester Pilots Club dinner as guest speaker. Her trip home was on instruments and she is very capable, as she flew her rocheck last week and passed it with flying colors. Florence, with co-pilot Helen Curtiss, flew to the Air Races at Miami, stopping at Palm Beach, and on the return stopped at New Orleans for the annual convention of the National Aeronautic Association. She was a delegate to the N. A. A. meeting from the Cleveland women's chapter. Sorry to hear that Arlene Davis cracked up her "Dream Ship" at the Miami Races, but glad to know she suffered no injuries. Mary King has her instrument rating and had occasion to use it on her first trip which was to New York; she has recently returned from Florida.

Air Port Flashes: Mary Winstanley Brugman is still busy getting settled after her wedding. Grace Birge spent the holidays with her people in New York. Ann Barille as a nurse in "Sentence to Life" does as well in dramatics as she does in flying. Rene Lincoln has soloed a Stinson and is doing an excellent job of flying it. School will be over about February 1, then she will spend more time flying. Helen Laughlin flew to Buffalo for a few days. Marion Coddington had a nico party for the girls and they all enjoyed themselves very much. Mary King and Frances Drenik attended the christening of the Lake Erie College students' ship.

Cleveland is boasting of a new member, Mrs. William Gundelfinger, who is not only a flyer but an expert horsewoman who has taken several ribbons. She learned to fly by instruments and after mastering that course, the hood was taken off and she learned to maneuver the ship on the ground and take-offs and landings without instruments. She has her Private, so we expect to see a lot of her in the near future.

- - Frances Drenik

SOUTHWEST SECTION - Los Angeles Chapter - Malcolm Clarke reports a most unusual Thanksgiving dinner--salt pork, soda biscuits and coffee. And it tasted mighty good after hiking two miles in cold, hard, rutty country before she and her husband came to an isolated house in Oklahoma, after a forced landing in their Monocoupe. They were flying from Oklahoma City to Dallas. No bad effects, however, either to plane or pilots. Another interesting cross-country flight is reported by Helen Walker. She loaded three passengers into her Waco Cabin and flew to Las Vegas to spend Christmas. After visiting places of "interest", they flew over Boulder Dam, and back to San Diego. Jessie Ostrander aeriased her new Taylor Cub to Phoenix. Says she had a check-pilot along to help in navigation. It's a good story, but we know Jessie has won trophies for navigation "afore this."

We are happy to now have in our midst a former member from Denver, Gladys Howe, flying Fullerton. Gladys has been doing some beautiful flying with Tex Rankin's Air Show, and is practicing some stunts for the spring season. (Hey, Gladys, what becomes of the two chickens and piggy you drop from your suitcase at each airport?)

Another new member is with us--very diminutive Pauline Dodd of Garden Grove. The pilots at Fullerton are working on a special gadget--a "pilot-stretcher" so Pauline will get up to the 4'6" mark! Welcome, and we are glad to have you. Bessie Owen reports two ground loops last month. Each time the Beechcraft lost a landing flap. Can't you think of less expensive games?

The January meeting was a howling success. The LaJolla Beach and Tennis Club were hosts, and Grace and Clarence Prescott furnished transportation from Linda Vista Airport, hangaring the Beechcraft, Monocoupe, Waco, Fairchild, Luscombe and Rearwin. The meeting was Saturday evening, and San Diego representatives of the W. N. A. A. were guests. The fifteen members attending were: Bessie Owen, Ethel Sheehy, Jossie Bundy, Eurith Howard, Helen Walker, Jessie Ostrander, Grace Prescott, Beth Hart, Suzanne Hickman, Adrienne Clark, Myrtle Brown, Florence Medlicott, Malcolm Clarke, Jean Witty Stuart, and Hilda Jarmuth. Sunday we had "brunch" and the 49.5'ers present, together with several 49.25'ers (the latter being old friends of 99's) entertained wholeheartedly.

LISTEN, Los Angeles 99's! On account of we are spread over 200 miles, and I cannot personally get to talk to each of you gals, PLEASE send me news of any flying you do, PRETTY PLEASE! 103 S. Edgemont St., Los Angeles. Hasta la Vista!

- - Hilda Jarmuth

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION. Illinois Chapter - Before our first meeting of the new year, held on January 12, the girls met to have an informal dinner. During the meeting we made plans for a dance to raise funds for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund.

We also made plans for an Air Meet to be held sometime next summer. Helen Budwash suggested that we hold the meet at Dixie Airport. Helen flies at Dixie and she gave us some interesting data on all the improvements that have been made. One of the things they did was to build new hangars with facilities in them to accommodate fliers wishing to stop there over night. There is also a bunkhouse for girl fliers with a house mother to look after their comfort. While Harriet Rhoads was doing some cross-country flying a short while ago she flew over Dixie, and was quite enthused with the way it looked from the air. She said its long graded runways could be seen for miles.

After the meeting we had a drawing on a devil's food cake. Each girl chose her favorite number, and then Hazel Hackwith drew one from a hat. Mae Wilson held the lucky number. After Mae won the cake she decided to cut it, and then we all indulged. While coffee and cake were served, Jerry Truesdell entertained us with a demonstration of what "Dirty Gert", the palm reader, does for a living. It was such fun to have Jerry look into your palm and say, "You, my dear, have a good life line. It seems that you are destined to have a very long and happy life. Now understand me, this doesn't mean that you can go jay-walking across State Street."

Say, by the way, did you see Maxine Howard's picture in POPULAR AVIATION's February edition? Lucille Young has left our sub-zero wave for us to enjoy (?) and is now basking in the sun on Florida's sands. Hope to see you all next meeting. So long for now.

- - Lorraine Anderson

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Michigan Chapter. Michigan is rapidly being caught up with by the Los Angeles Chapter of the Southwest Section so we had to get busy on our expansion policy. Two guests this last meeting seemed to like us as much as we like them, and we hope to have them with us soon. Anyway, our best congratulations to Los Angeles!

But are we proud of one of our own members! Mabel Britton of Ypsilanti went down to Wayne County Airport the end of last month and when she came back she had for herself an instrument rating. Mabel celebrated by entertaining at City Airport for her guest, Dot Carpenter, who was such an active member of this Chapter some time ago. Her guests included Leila Baker, Mary von Mach, Gladys Hartung, Helen Montgomery, and Alice Hammond.

At our meeting in Ann Arbor we had Professor and Mrs. W. Carl Rufus acting as hosts. We had breakfast in the Michigan League's Russian Tea Room. Pauline Hutchins and Doris Lowry had a terrible time driving over and so did Jeannette Lempke. After breakfast we had a nice welcome from George Downs, manager of the Ann Arbor airport, who explained a little of the civilian training program to us. Someone asked him a question about the classes being limited as to the entrance of women and for a minute it looked as though he were going to get himself all tied up in a feminist discussion. He extricated himself neatly, however, with this beautiful and extemporaneous remark--"Women aren't dumber than men--they're just less predictable." After that one he blushed and we howled.

- - Sara Winn

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