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ANNUAL MEETING - Word is received from our President, Betty H. Gillies, that the Executive Committee has approved Denver, Colorado, as the place for our 1940 annual meeting. The meeting will be held in Denver on July 7th and it is hoped that all Ninety-Niners will make plans to attend. The N. A. A. is holding its Annual Congress in Denver at the same time and a good time is assured to all. Further details will be released in the next issue of the News Letter.

AVIATION BALL - The New England Aviation Ball will be held May 3rd at Hotel Somerset, Boston, Massachusetts. Come all ye lads and lassies, and have a good time and help a good cause in so doing! Proceeds go to the Earhart Scholarship Fund.

<u>SCHOLARSHIP FUND</u> - N. Central Section, All-Ohio Chapter	\$ 117.62
New York-New Jersey Section	1460.00
Middle Eastern, E. Pa. Chapter	85.00
Middle Eastern, Washington Chapter	Not reported
	<u>\$1692.62</u>

The New England Chapter's Earhart Memorial Ball is being given in May. South Central and Southwestern Sections have also been discussing possibilities of a Ball. As interest yields are low on high grade bonds, we must secure at least another thousand dollars by Fall. Come on Northwestern and Southeastern, let's hear from you!

Application blanks for the Instrument Rating Scholarship will be ready in two weeks and distributed to Governors.

Ruth Nichols, Chairman, Rye, New York

SECTION MEETINGS - The South Central Section will hold a meeting April 27th at Tulsa, Oklahoma, in connection with the Southwest Aviation meeting, according to announcement of Harriet Nye, Governor, Albuquerque. The North Central Section will hold their sectional meeting May 18th and 19th at Hyde Park Hotel, 1511 E. Hyde Park, Chicago, Ill., the meeting being called by Mae Wilson, Governor of this Section.

SYMPATHY - A great loss has been felt in the Northwest through the death of Cora Sterling who held a commercial certificate. On Sunday, March 31st, the plane Miss Sterling was piloting crashed into a lumber yard south of Boeing Field and exploded, killing the young flyer and her four small passengers. A subsequent investigation revealed that the accident was due to structural failure and the pilot was found to be blameless. It has been determined that the ship was on fire when it crashed. Our sympathy goes out to her family and many friends.

MEMBERSHIP BOOKLETS - There are still some membership booklets left. Have you ordered yours? 30¢ in stamps, coin, check or money order to the Editor, address above, and you will own one. Don't delay.

P. F. A. says Airport Traffic Control should be responsibility of airport managers and should be standardized. They urge appointment on the Air Safety Board by President Roosevelt of someone of proven background and experience in private flying. The value of the air-speed indicator in avoiding stalls is pointed out by a P. F. A. member from Stanford.

NURSES - A letter has been received from Lauretta Schimmoler, President and Founder of the Aerial Nurse Corps of America, telling of the proposed development of an Air Corps Reserve Section to be affiliated with the ANCOA or attached to that organization for duty in time of emergency. President Schimmoler wishes to give the members of the Ninety-Nines an opportunity to become identified with this new Section.

The following is an excerpt from her letter: "The work of this Section would, of course, be confined to those women pilots who have the qualifications to pilot four place or larger aircraft under varying conditions. In the event of emergency and it is necessary for us to have medical supplies or personnel transferred from one point to another, we will have available the list of eligibles who can get into equipment and conduct such an activity."

Will all the girls who are interested in acquiring additional information regarding the Air Corps Reserve Section of the ANCOA please contact President Schimmoler at 2620 N. Hollywood Way, Burbank, California.

CUPID - One of our Australian members, Nancy Bird, was married in December. On her way home from the States last Fall she met an Englishman on the boat named Charles Walton. She is now Mrs. Charles Walton, and her new address is 7 Bushland's Avenue, Gordon, New South Wales, Australia. Congratulations and best wishes from all the 99's!

EARHART - Captain Irving Johnson in the schooner Yankee intends to search some sixty islands of the Gilbert and Ellice groups in a new search for Amelia and Captain Frederick J. Noonan.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Minnesota Chapter - Our benefit dance for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund was an event of April 16th, but in order to make the NEWS LETTER deadline, your Reporter could not wait for the final check-up of the receipts, so that news will appear in next month's issue. The round trip ticket to Chicago, via the Northwest Airlines, which was raffled off at the dance was won by a little waitress working in the tearooms of a Minneapolis department store. She was so thrilled and excited about winning the ticket, she lost her voice and couldn't thank Rose Dale, our Chairman, who informed her of her good fortune. When the happy young lady finally did recover her speech some time later, she called Rose and invited her to have lunch at her expense.

Mary Jane Leasman, our 99'r from Hector, Minnesota, the "flyingest town in the U. S.", flew into Minneapolis last week with Johnny Rice for a visit. Frances Dale is flying a prospective 99'r, June Anderson, to Faribault, Minnesota, next Sunday on a breakfast flight sponsored by the Cedar Flying Club.

- - Emily Cikanek

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION - Washington Chapter - We did not predict the amazing success of the dance, nor could we, for it amazed even the girls who have been working so hard these last few months to put it over. We really believe that it was, without a doubt, the first occasion of its kind in Washington. We are assured now that the Ninety-Nines are very definitely "on the map" in Washington aviation. It is seldom that any organization is honored by having so many prominent guests at one affair, even here in Washington, and that they should gather to celebrate with a group of girl pilots to honor one outstanding woman pilot of all time, is indeed a tribute to Amelia and to the Ninety-Nines.

Fulton Lewis, Jr., acted as Master of Ceremonies for the evening, and to give you an idea of the brilliance of the gathering, some of the honor guests introduced by him are listed--Senator and Mrs. D. Worth Clark of Idaho; Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas; Representative and Mrs. William B. Barry of New York; Representative and Mrs. Melvin J. Maas of Minnesota; Representative and Mrs. Phil Ferguson of Oklahoma; Representative Leslie Arends of the Military Affairs Committee; Representative Jack Dempsey of New Mexico; Edward P. Warner, member of the Civil Aeronautics Authority and Mrs. Warner; Carl B. Allen, Vice-Chairman of the C. A. A. Air Safety Board; Grove Webster, Chief of the Private Flying Division of the C. A. A., Rear Admiral John H. Towers, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, U. S. S. and Mrs. Towers; Sigmund Janus, President of Canadian-Colonial Airways; David Behncke, President of the Airline Pilots Association, and Colonel Sumpter Smith, formerly a member of the Air Safety Board, and now in charge of construction on the new Gravelly Point Airport in Washington.

The Washington Chapter awarded a trophy for the greatest contribution to aviation progress during 1939 to David Behncke, presentation by Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee. A trophy for the greatest contribution to aviation safety in the year 1939 went to Colonel Edgar S. Gorrell, President of the Air Transport Association. This trophy was received by Captain Gill Robb Wilson, President of the N. A. A., in the absence of Colonel Gorrell. We were both honored and delighted to have Betty Gillies, our National President, fly down with a group of friends for the occasion.

A highlight of the evening was the reading of a letter received from Amelia's mother, Mrs. Amy Otis Earhart, of Berkeley. She said she wished she were possessed of a magic carpet so that "I could be among you Ninety-Nines. . . to pay tribute to one we love and, so far as we may, individually and collectively, carry on those things she hoped to help in herself." A letter received from Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt was printed in the front of our program--"I am deeply sympathetic. . . and sincerely hope it will be a memorable occasion."

The N. B. C. orchestra played sweet music through the evening, and the Arthur Murray dancers composed a dance called the "Flying Waltz" which was ably demonstrated by several of the girls in the Chapter accompanied by handsome Army, Navy and Marine Air Corps cadets. Our one regret was that there could not have been more Ninety-Niners from all over the country to join with us and have as much fun as we did.

- - Dot Carpenter

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Indiana Chapter - We held our meeting at the Purdue Airport at Lafayette, April 14th. Mrs. Betty Folsom of South Bend flew her Fairchild down with the following passengers as guests--Mrs. Lois Cross, Miss Maureen Ingleman and Miss Rose Brookfield. Helen House of Rochester flew over in her Robin and Nell Emery and your Reporter flew down in Nell's Cub. We had a very pleasant surprise when we arrived at Purdue, as there, as our special guest, was Mrs. Florence Boswell and her son from Cleveland. It certainly was grand to see you and "Lady B" again, Florence, and we hope that you will come to our meetings more often. Miss Ruth Clowell of Indianapolis and Miss Joann Greer of West Lafayette were taken into the Chapter at this meeting and we are mighty pleased to have them, too. We discussed ways and means by which we could raise money for the Amelia Earhart fund. We have two members who are both very ill in the hospital--Miss Ruth Slough of South Bend and Mrs. Doris Schory of Kokomo. We sincerely hope that these two young women will soon be well again and back in the air. Helen Wetherill of Richmond has been buzzing around in a Cub quite a lot recently. Our next meeting will be held in Chicago during the Sectional meeting and we are all trying our best to make arrangements to attend. We also wish to say "Thanks a million" to Pat Dickerson, Jane Templeton, Lois Hollingsworth, and Joann Greer, all of Lafayette, for a perfectly marvelous time while down at this month's meeting. See you in Chicago, girls!

- - Marjorie Jan Stables.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Illinois Chapter - We had a very enjoyable meeting at Jerry Truesdell's home, April 12th at which we had two prospective members as our guests--Eleanor Nolan and Nell Hawk. Among other things discussed were our plans for raising funds to make up our share in the Scholarship fund. More about that later.

Sunday, April 14th, no less than 70 planes, count 'em, set down on Waukegan Airport in an orderly fashion that was beautiful to behold for the AOPA breakfast flight (gee, kids, FREE breakfast to them what flies in!). At least six of those ships were brought in by our gals--perhaps more, as it would be easy to miss some in that crowd. Everybody had a lot of fun and a good breakfast. Then, although the field is small, irregular and rolling, the ships took off practically in formation, no confusion, and there isn't so much as a scratched wing to report. I wish you could have seen all those ships stacked on that little airport! Planes circled so thick overhead that you'd have thought you had spots before your eyes. I was proud of private flying, and especially proud that our gals made up such a large percentage of the crowd--but then, we're all getting in quite a bit of flying around these parts. Fran Anderson is flying around in a new Cub Coupe. Jerry Truesdell is doing her flying at Lansing and Harlem. Dotty Ring is instructing for a club at Ashburne (that's Alice DeWitt's home port). Has sixteen students who keep her very, very busy. Janet Mayhercy does most of her flying at Palwaukee. Helen Budwash gets in her time in her favorite Porterfield, and I'm still partial to Sky Harbor's Dart. Jane Ray and Emma Sprague, lucky girls, are each vacationing in Florida. So long!

- - Harriette Rhoads.

SOUTHWEST SECTION - Bay Cities Chapter - Our April meeting was held at the home of Afton Lewis. After the business session was finished we spent a pleasant evening and at midnight after a delicious supper, we made a mad scramble for late trains. Eleanor Turney and Mabel Altree stayed over until Saturday when they returned to Lodi taking Rita Gerry with them as a week-end guest. What a week end! A party Saturday night, and exploring and flying on Sunday. Eleanor is breaking in a new "Cub" for the Lodi airport. Mabel Altree brought along her charming young husband, whose hobby is making travelogues in colored movies. His pictures are beautiful. Flying activities are in full swing. Afton Lewis and Ruth Ruechert had an hour's flying time in Frank Fuller's amphibian, the ship he uses at Lake Tahoe. They made several landings on the bay. It should have been duck soup for Afton. She has been flying a submarine. Ask the seagulls. She scared them off the dyke at Mills Field when she landed in the fog a week ago. Ruth Ruechert was flying in the same hazy weather. Near Sunnyvale she flew into what she thought was a flock of ducks. It was a formation of twenty-one planes from Moffat Field. Ruth left just then. Marjorie Hook was one of the pilots on a Flight Club trip to Lodi, where Eleanor Turney entertained the group at breakfast. Ruth and Fred Ruechert flew in later. They made a hurried trip to Ukiah, returning Sunday morning in time to join the party. Marjorie Hook has been making numerous short trips to Santa Rose, and other nearby towns. She flew over Knight's Landing to take pictures of the flood.

Harriet Isaacson is taking a very active interest in the C. A. A. program. (Gentle reminder). Harriet is still waiting for publicity items and pictures for the newspapers. What's a-holdin' you back, gals? Times-a-wastin! Lillian Anderson has recently finished a nine-thousand word article for a medical magazine. She is a dietitian, and in 1939 planned half a million meals for tubercular patients. We have a new member in our group, Isabel Steiner, of Stanford U. She flies at Palo Alto field. A cordial welcome to you, Isabel. Adios for this month. The spring fever bug has bitten me, and I'm off to the Mother Lode country with my gold pan in my hand.

Your candid-camber correspondent, Rita Gerry.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Michigan Chapter - We wound up our winter hangar sessions yesterday at Wayne County with a lecture on weather maps and the art of reading the hieroglyphics thereon. Mr. Pierson of the Weather Bureau was very lucid on an anything but lucid subject. Gladys Hartung was hostess. Next month is our Spring party for which John and Alice Hammond are again so generously giving their home. It will be May 11th, the Saturday night before the next meeting and then Sunday morning we will all drive up to Plymouth to be Helen Montgomery's guests at Triangle Field. Helen sadly announced that she sold the squatty Aeronca that has become such a familiar sight at all our meetings. Everyone will miss it. Louise McEnnan and her husband have bought a big flat field, built some hangars and have moved into their own airport in Ypsilanti. We are planning a field warming as soon as they are ready for us. Louise says she has been up at the crack of dawn for longer than she cares to remember getting everything done. They are pretty well set, though, now so Louise is going to learn to sleep again. Hope to see many of our friends from other Chapters at the Section meeting and catch up on all the news then. (Shame! that's the purpose of the News Letter. Ed. Note.) In the meantime, the best of flying to you all.

- - Sara Winn

NEW ENGLAND SECTION - New England weather has taken a definite turn for the better and the sky is full of airplanes again. Our meeting was held at the Fox and Hounds Club, April 4. Louise Sisson was there from Providence. Lillian Putnam is preparing for a Commercial certificate. She recently completed a course in Navigation at Harvard College and is now busy with a ground course in Manchester, N. H. Her father flew with her to Waterville for a few days' vacation. In a Cessna, Nancy Love flew to Washington to attend the 99 dinner dance held in that city. At Norwood airport, Lillian Holmes and Dot Garside are both flying in a Cub coupe. A Lockheed Electra is the reason Hortense Harris is walking on air. Part of her instrument course has been in this ship. Carolyn Moran is making plans for a great deal of flying in a Fleet Seaplane this summer. Marion Tibbetts flew a Fleet from Boston to Hanover. From there she flew a woman, aged 84, to Hyannis in an Aeronca 65. Miriam Vanderslice is busy with C. A. A. students asking her all kinds of questions.

Lorraine Defren Frankland has been assisting the committee for the dance. The tickets seem to be going fast. Jean Adams, Ruth Granger, Hortense Harris and Marjorie Davis escorted a group of Boston debutantes around the airport. They were shown through a DC 3 and the radio room of Boston and Maine Airways. They are assisting us with tickets for the dance. Our Chapter gave prizes for the best posters donated by Vesper George Art School. The first prize was \$10. Other prizes were short rides around Boston donated by some of the girls. Hope all you girls will be able to attend our dance, May 3rd. Will look forward to seeing you.

- - Moya Mitchell

SOUTHWEST SECTION - Los Angeles Chapter - STOP, LOOK, LISTEN! May Day--May Day--May Day--! You know that aeronautically this means S. O. S. If you want this chapter to continue as is, and survive, it is imperative that members of the Los Angeles area attend meetings. Governor Ethel Sheehy announced at April 15th meeting the San Bernardino members, numbering 14, will pull out and organize a chapter of their own, taking San Diego, all outlying areas, Santa Paula, Santa Barbara and points between. Their members always attend meetings and somehow Los Angeles members are always on the absent list, with the exception of two or three members who try to be faithful. SO, if the local 99's wish to continue, it's up to you, girls. Tell the Governor, Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary what you want and PLEASE ATTEND MEETINGS!

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The Long Beach meeting on the 7th was grand fun. A delicious breakfast served at Lakewood Country Club! Dorothy Ruether, with the able assistance of Jean Stuart and Malcom Clarke had a program lined up which was fun and good for the air-minded brains. We had two questionnaires, one with 15 and one with 20 words to unscramble, and I mean "un"-scramble. Risnalo, Esfuglae, Gatsgre, Teniny Nesin, Hainbimpa are just a few of them. Eurith Howard and Ethel Sheehy got first prizes for one set each, with Pauline Dodd drawing the "consolation." We then returned to the airport and visited the Control Tower, sending out red, white and green lights, and listened to planes PX out of Burbank. Very instructive. Eleven members and three guests attended. among which were Dorothy Pressler Morgan, visiting here from Oklahoma, and a former member, Estelle Sherman. Monday's dinner meeting at Hollywood Plaza was climaxed by a picturesque sound movie by American Airlines, showing operations of the daytime

and sloop planes, both interior and the scenic exterior. Thirteen members and twelve guests were present.

Spring has definitely come to California. Dan Cupid's arrows have hit their mark again. The first of our spring brides is Gladys Howe, who center-aisled it with "Chic" Young, and the flying couple are now operating the Arlington Airport, near Riverside. Also another of our lovely members who said "I Do", is Beth Hart, now Mrs. James Perkins. Congratulations, girls and boys! Many Happy Landings! On the sick list were first Wilma Fritschy, who has undergone a sinus operation, and Elizabeth Hayward who has had a "major overhaul" and is now recuperating nicely. Have you seen the May issue of POPULAR AVIATION? Our busy instructress, Evelyn Kilgore, is a shining example of what a lassie can do if she is sincere and persevering. Good work, Pinky! Last but by no means least--the annual Aviation Ball is to be held at Hotel Ambassador, Saturday, May 25th. We have tickets to sell--\$1.10 per person, and the 99's got a percentage of all tickets sold. Ethel Shoochy and Hilda Jarmuth have the tickets, so just ask for yours and they will be sent. You are all invited, so Come North and South, Come East and West!

- - Hasta la vista - Hilda Jarmuth

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - All-Ohio Chapter - Things were strictly routine here until last week Bessie Owen from the West Coast landed at Cleveland Airport on her way East. She was a guest of Florence Boswell and on Wednesday, April 10, we routed our Mary King, Helen Laughlin, Marion Pease, Jean Gundelfinger, Ann Barille and Arlene Davis and her sister from Chicago, to have lunch with Bessie and hear some of her interesting experiences gathered from all corners of the world. This gathering of 99ers was held at Guild Hall in conjunction with the Women's N. A. A. luncheon and they were as pleased over Bessie's presence as were we. Last Tuesday Frances Drenik took off for Memphis in a Taylorcraft on her first long cross-country, and with a passenger, too. Said she'll be gone for a week endeavoring to recuperate after a winter's hard grind in her father's business, while he was in Florida enjoying the sun. A telephone call from Grace Birge revealed the fact that she is getting in a little flying at Lost Nation Airport. At our next regular meeting, May 6th, we expect to hear our State Aviation Director, Earle L. Johnson, give us the low-down on the "Non-College Civilian Training Program" and also something on Air Marking. Anyone interested?--if so, drop in on us at the Cleveland Hotel. At our April meeting, Marion Coddington from Akron brought with her our "hottest" prospect, Sue Mostonic, who's practically on the verge of a Private and we're hoping with the coming of good weather (?) it won't be long now. To our newly acquired member, Jessie Burack, formerly of New York and now in Columbus--cheer up! We'll have a meeting in your neighborhood one of these days.

- - Helen G. Curtiss

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION - As this goes to press we learn that this Section will be hosts to the National meeting in Denver, July 7th. Cleveland has set us a fine example, and while we can't hope to do as well with our widely separated membership, we hope you will have a good time. Next month we'll give you the report of our meetings at Tulsa.

Your Editor has been laid up with a serious operation, but is

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well on the road to recovery now. As soon as the News Letter goes to press, she is going to visit her parents in Florida and hopes some of the 99'ers in that neck of the woods will look her up--P. O. Box 229, Jacksonville Beach.

NORTHWEST SECTION - Washington Chapter - Our last Chapter meeting was held in sunny Yakima on the 23rd of March with Dora Skinner as hostess. Our two Tacoma members, Grace Johnson and Frances Sherley persuaded a fellow airman to fly them over in his ship. They got in just in time to catch us at the table at the luncheon given in our honor at the Donnelly Hotel. Gosh, we were glad to see them! After the luncheon, which was attended by some of Yakima's leading citizens, we were taken for a drive through lovely Yakima Valley. Alas, by the time our drive was over, it was decided that our Tacoma people had best start back before that foggy condition over in the mountains got worse. So we had to hold our business meeting without them.

Clayton Patterson is moving into a lovely home situated right on the waters of Lake Washington and has extended an invitation for us to hold our next Chapter meeting there. We accepted! It will be in the evening on the third of May. Clayton is a most accomplished photographer, and has not only promised to show her movies of the air races, etc., but has promised to make an extra-special portrait of every girl there for only one dollar each and donate the dollars to the Chapter treasury! Clayton had something in the way of a new thrill the other day when Lana Kurtzer, who operates both at Boeing Field and Lake Union, came over to see her in a Fairchild on floats and landed right at her front door. Clayton has been flying a Fairchild for about five years, but this was some better!

Frances Sherley is now the proud possessor of a Limited Commercial. Not bad! See you next month!

- - Helen Durrah

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION - East Pennsylvania Chapter - Our Chapter made a week-end affair of the April meeting. We met at the Reading Municipal Airport on April 13th. Our hostesses were Leona Henley and our newest member, Betsy Ross. One ship was able to dodge all the snow storms and come through with flying colors--Mary Hoch of Bridgeville, Delaware. Other members who were forced to drive were Dorothy Carpenter and Dorothy Leh from Allentown; Helen Jones, Lancaster; Leona Henley, Reading, and Betsy Ross, Richland. Betsy met us at the airport and took us to her lovely big home, some twenty miles from there, via station-wagon. We had cocktails, then dinner. During the course of the business meeting we drew the lucky number for the receiver of the little RGA radio we chanced off to raise our money toward the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. Winner--a student pilot from Lebanon. The next meeting will be held in Lancaster and Helen Jones will do the honors.

- - Helen E. Jones

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION - Florida Chapter. Last month there was some doubt as to who had won the cup of the Miami Air Pilots Association, but we are pleased to announce that it was won by Crystal Mowery. Sorry for the delayed information, but the news just missed the last News Letter. Our Chapter is only a few months old, and we'd like to give a sketch of some of our members. Evelyn McRae hails from California where in 1929 all of her interests were wrapped in amateur radio. She had her own station and met her husband, Don, over short wave communications. At that time he was with Western Air Express.

She caught the "air-fever" from him and transferred her interest in radio to flying--keeping radio as a hobby. He is now Superintendent of Communications for Eastern Air Lines and flies as a diversion while he earns their daily bread "by radio." Nice set-up? Evelyn started flying in 1935 on light planes; Don gave her a Rearwin Sportster for her birthday two years ago. She now has a NEW Sportster with blind flying instruments and two-way radio. This naturally means that her instrument rating is not "far off." She is visiting in California for a month and will be at 234 E. H. Street, Ontario, California girls, please note! She hopes to be able to get some actual practice in instrument flying. She has six hours under the hood. Evelyn makes long cross-country trips one of which took her to New York last year with the Florida Air Tour. Very often she takes Marion Bertram as passenger and flies around making contacts with all girls flying in Florida with an eye for future 99 members. Has over 230 flying hours and was elected Secretary of the Miami Air Pilots Association. She is a real asset to this Chapter, in fact just what it takes to make a good pilot.

- - Vera Self

NORTHWEST SECTION - The Portland meeting was a huge success, and the Portland girls proved themselves to be marvelous hostesses. Union Oil Company (with a bit of urging from Bessie Halladay and Dave Lewis) gave each ship 10 gallons of gas. Dave Lewis tucked the airplanes away for the night, and we tucked ourselves away for the night in the hotel at special rates! The Aero Club and Leah Hing outdid themselves to show us a pleasant time. At the luncheon, in our own little dining room, were Geraldine Snook, whom we had never had with us before and whom we very much enjoyed meeting; Edith Stearns, Leah Hing, and the girls who flew in--Frances Sherley, who brought Grace Johnson in her C-3 Aeronca from Tacoma, Irma Wallace and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er from Seattle in a Cub Coupe, and Laura May Brunton, 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er and 24.75er (Flipper, the black Cocker Spaniel co-pilot) from Seattle in the Monocoupe. The dance at the Aero Club in the evening was lots of fun, and none who went would have missed it on a bet. The next morning the Sportsmen Pilots of Oregon invited the 99ers on a breakfast hop to Salem, Oregon, which we all thought was a wonderful idea; and after that we left for home. The next Sectional meeting will be in Boise, Idaho, on August 2. Hope you can all come, cause I know it'll be just as much fun, if not more than this one.

- - Laura May Brunton

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION - Western Pennsylvania Chapter - This Chapter got off to a start on their share of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund with a St. Patrick's Day dance, March 15th. It was a great success and much of the credit goes to Rae Trader who, as Chairman, handled the details very capably, besides entertaining with poppy accordion solos throughout the evening. A vote of thanks to Rae for giving us so much time and effort toward what we feel is a worthy cause. From West Virginia Irene I. Crum sends word "I got the ole' instructor's rating and was I happy. That gives this little State of West Virginia two gals holding the rating--Lenora McElroy of Parkersburg and me at Huntington."

We are sorry to report that Frances Allen is moving to Chicago; she has been Governor of the Middle Eastern Section. How we are going to get along without her, we don't know. We'll miss her like the dickens. Helen Walker tells us of a lot of flying activity in Warren, and gives promise of new members.

- - Betty DeVore