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ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Ninety-Nines will be held this year in Denver, Colorado, on July 6th and 7th. The Banquet will be Saturday night, July 6th, at 8 P. M. and the meeting will be Sunday morning, July 7th, at 10:30 A. M.

Headquarters for the Ninety-Nines will be at the Brown Palace Hotel and the girls are requested to please make their own reservations directly with the hotel, and register there as soon as they arrive. Room rates at the Brown Palace begin at \$3.50 per day, single, and \$5.00 per day, double. Being headquarters for all aviation activities, the hotel will be running to capacity and therefore early reservations for minimum rates are most advisable.

The Executive Committee meeting will be Saturday morning, July 6th, at 10 o'clock.

There is going to be a big Air Show in Denver on July 4th, 5th and 6th. Mr. Stedman Acker of Birmingham, Alabama, is in charge of the Show and it promises to be extremely interesting. The N. A. A. Annual Congress will likewise take place in Denver, beginning July 7th.

Mrs. Donna Tracy Myers, 99'er, Secretary of Ray Wilson, Inc., at Park Hill Airport, Denver, is in charge of all Ninety-Nine arrangements. Park Hill Airport is located northeast of the city, about 3 miles west and slightly north of Municipal airport, and 3 miles southwest of the radio beam station. The buildings are orange, two hangars, and office building. On the roof of one hangar is printed "Ray Wilson Flying School--Park Hill Airport." Mrs. Myers will be glad to welcome any and all 99'ers and it is suggested that the girls make reservations in advance if they wish to leave their ships there.

All members of the Ninety-Nines are urged to attend the Convention. Let's make it the most successful and enjoyable convention in the history of the club.

- - Betty H. Gillies, President

PINS AND BRACELETS. New prices on pins and bracelets as follows:

Sterling silver pins with movable propellor	\$1.50
" " " " fixed "	1.45
Sterling silver bracelets - movable propellor	1.75
" " " " - fixed "	1.70
Gold filled pins with movable propellor	1.60

Orders will be filled by the National Treasurer, Barbara Southgate, 87 Grove Street, Stamford, Connecticut. Get your pin or bracelet and plan to go to Denver to recognize and be recognized as a member of our unique organization!

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION. Florida Chapter. The Florida Chapter held their Amelia Earhart Benefit dance at the beautiful MacFadden-Deauville on Miami Beach, April 27. Its success was very gratifying and all the more remarkable because this Chapter is only four months old with a very small membership and that scattered all over the state. We are proud to contribute \$115.25 to the Memorial fund and it was through the persistent and untiring efforts of Dorothy Lemon, our Chairman, that this was possible and to her we want to give full credit for what she has done. Crystal Mowery assisted Dot with all arrangements and our Junior members, Katherine Rawls Thompson, Lorna Simpson, and Helen Dooley were in charge of decorations, which were lovely. We wish to express our appreciation to Peggy Rex and to Annette Gipson Magoffin who gave generous donations, Annette giving a magnum of champagne and a bottle of perfume, having 2 crates of avocados shipped via the Clipper from her Cuban ranch to be used as additional door prizes and buying a block of fifty tickets. Bernarr MacFadden donated the ballroom and many others very kindly contributed. Karl Voelter acted as Master of Ceremonies and contributed a great deal to the success of the evening. Manny Gates and Chester Alexander provided music and a floor show on a par with mid-season entertainment in Miami. Guests included numerous important figures in the aviation world including Dick Merrill of Trans-Atlantic fame and his lovely wife, actress Toby Wing; Commander and Mrs. R. P. McConnell; Karl Ort; David Putnam, step-son of Amelia Earhart; Mr. and Mrs. W. Overton Schneider, and the universally known and admired Bernarr MacFadden. The patron list included such outstanding personages as Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, world war ace and now President of Eastern Air Lines; Leland Jamieson, writer of aviation stories in the Saturday Evening Post and Captain on Eastern; Mr. and Mrs. G. Loening; Mr. and Mrs. H. Seymone Shennard; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rex, and Col. and Mrs. Leray Berdeau. We were fortunate in having with us our beloved Governor of the Southeastern Section, Jessie Woods from Charlotte, N. C., who flew down especially for the event. Come down again soon, Jessie, when you can stay longer. And Jessie states, "The full house attendance was composed of the cream of both the social and aviation circles with 'white ties and tails' the predominating attire. It wasn't a brawl and it wasn't stuffy--just plain swell, with fun, laughter, and frolic for all. A great deal of credit for this achievement should go to the Florida chairman, Dot Lemon, who with the staunch support of Crystal Mowery and the Ft. Lauderdale girls, accomplished miracles for this grand result. Annette Gipson Magoffin, although a silent participant, did much to aid in this success."

The May meeting was held at the home of Helen Dooley in Ft. Lauderdale. Those present were Dorothy Lemon, Crystal Mowery, Vera Self who flew over from Sarasota and brought a prospective new member, Mary McCandless, Marion Bertram and Evelyn McRae from Miami, Lorna Simpson, and our charming hostess, Helen, who afforded us a delightful time. The financial report of the Scholarship Fund Benefit Dance was read at this meeting and a discussion was held pertaining to obtaining better cooperation and good fellowship among women pilots. We announce two more new members, Frances Nancy Richardson, West Palm Beach, and Celeste E. Dervaes, Tampa. A hearty welcome to you, girls. Long-lost Jean Blood Criddlebar came to light as she and her husband, Red, dashed in to secure physicals recently.

See you all next month at St. Petersburg at the Tampa Terrace Hotel.

- - Marion Bertram, Reporter pro-tem for Vera Self.

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Missouri Valley Chapter. The inimitable Ft. Dodge Trio, Mrs. Anderson, Win and Bernie Enno were hostesses for the Chapter members at Sunday "Brunch" May 5, at the Enno Airport. Mrs. Piper flew in with her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er from Iowa City. Mrs. Prochaska and Virginia Snodgrass drove together from their respective Cedar Falls and Waterloo. You'll remember Virginia won first place at Miami and Bernie placed third in the light planes event. Bea Mack and Belle Hetzel made up the Omaha contingent. At the clan feast, it was learned we are soon to be blessed with two new members from Des Moines, names not yet revealed.

While the Chapter was busy refueling on a savory brunch and the usual prop wash of winged hashing, Nellie Willhite dropped in. She is one of the charter members of the 99's. Nellie had just come down to see about a ship in which to earn her 2S rating and was promptly hired by Mr. Enno to the meeting. She is operating a ground school at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and reports a lively interest in aviation.

Saturday, May 11th, the regular monthly luncheon-business meeting was held at the Medical Arts Tea room. Gwen Hess will report the results of the business, namely the decision on the two issues--the proposed Middle Central Section and new requirement of private license for 99 membership by next May.

- - Sonnee Mae Joe.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION. Western Pennsylvania Chapter. This Chapter gathered together nine members for a meeting in Pittsburgh, April 28. We started off with an exceptionally good luncheon, so coffee and business were taken care of at the same time. The Chapter approved the proposed amendment pertaining to solo members and elected Ruth Barclay as representative to the National Convention, with Helen Walker as alternate. Harriet Fertig of Bradford handed over \$25 for the Amelia Earhart Fund which she had collected by her own ingenuity. She deserves a lot of credit for she is our only member in Bradford. It was decided to give another dance during the summer for the Earhart Fund and it looks as though we'll easily meet our quota by September. The girls are working hard.

At the close of the meeting the Chapter presented Frances Allen with an identification bracelet as a small token of our appreciation of her friendship and loyalty. Frances had waited over for the meeting and was leaving for Chicago the next morning. Helen Walker brought a guest from Warren, a girl who is not only a student flier but also a candidate for an Airline hostess. We wish her luck. Our next meeting is to be in Warren in June.

- - Betty DeVore

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION. Louisiana Chapter. Yes, the first Chapter in this Section has really been organized with Edna Gardner Kidd as Chairman, and we are off to a flying start with other officers as follows: Margaret Lamont, Vice-Chairman; Carol Buggeln, Secretary; Catherine Sigler, Treasurer. Edna Kidd and Carolyn Cullen flew the Monocoupe to Tulsa to attend the Southwest Aviation Conference. They enjoyed very much the luncheon given by the 99's and the W. N. A. A. Edna has the distinction of being the first in this section of the country to get her CPT students through to their Private certificates.

- - Carolyn Cullen

SOUTHWEST SECTION. Los Angeles Chapter. On May 5th we had a Sunday morning Breakfast Flight, meeting at Evelyn Kilgore's Tri-City Airport, just outside of Riverside. Ethel Sheehy had made arrangements for a most delicious breakfast at a nearby inn, transporting the girls in cars. There were five guests, solo students of Evelyn's of whom she can be rightfully proud. Eurith Howard flew a Waco cabin from Santa Paula; Wilma Fritschy and Hilda Jarmuth flew a Waco-F from Alhambra, and other members attending were: Florence Medlicott, Marjorie MacFaddin, Maurine Brunsvold, Doris DeAy, Susanne Hickman, Joan Witty Stuart, and our new member Esther Nelson. After a short business meeting, we drove back to the Hangar and inspected the new equipment.

Your reporter celebrated her eleventh year "solo anniversary" on May 5th, and as in the past, it was fun to go up on that certain date. The Breakfast Flight was a good reason to dust off the wings and start on a new year.

Hasta la vista!

- - Hilda Jarmuth

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION. The April business meeting was held in the private dining room of the Jefferson Hotel in Columbia, S. C., with the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission as host at the delightful luncheon served the 99'ers and their guests. We were pleased to have so many enthusiastic guests present and we hope that they will soon be on our membership list. Bill Capp, C. A. A. Inspector, explained the new rules affecting the change in licenses and answered many questions about flying in general. Dexter Martin gave an interesting talk on the projects of the State and the plans of further advancement of aviation developments. Mr. Markwood, Assistant State Director, and Mrs. Patrick, noted newspaper woman of the South, were also present. Many business matters were discussed and the following officers appointed: Charlotte Frye, Vice-Governor; Lucille Greenwood, Chairman of Finance Committee with Peggy Pate and Nell McKee as aides. Nell Behr resigned from her Secretarial post to make way for the expected stork, however, she loyally offered to carry on the work of Chairman of Membership with Ann Johnson and Maxine Bennett as Assistants. Catherine Boyers was appointed Secretary and Treasurer but her resignation was received the following week due to Mr. Stork again. Your Reporter is thinking very seriously of appointing a committee to shoot this disturbing Bird on sight.

A decision of what should be done in regard to the Amelia Earhart Memorial was postponed after much discussion until the next meeting. Because our members are scattered "all over the South" it was decided to hold all future meetings in connection with the various air-meets held each month by the pilots of the two Carolinas in the hope that we may have a better attendance at our 99 meetings.

Charlotte Frye is recuperating from an appendicitis operation. Maxine Bennett has been confined to her home with a serious throat ailment. Peggy Pate is expecting to move to Jacksonville, Florida, very soon. Vera Self writes that she plans to return to North Carolina for the summer. Fonda Hyatt flew into Charlotte from Pinehurst this week. Ruth Stilson reports from Kansas that her crop of fledglings is being successfully soloed, and that she is enjoying her work immensely. Agnes Pittman and her K came scuttling into Charlotte on the wings of a young gale recently. Betty Baker and Carroll Boone are making splendid grades in the ground school course they are taking.

Carroll has finally decided that the wind is going to blow all summer and she might as well start bounding around now as later. Your reporter is without a ship again--sold to a man with more money than her resistance could stand!

- - Jessie Woods

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION. Michigan Chapter. A certain sign of Spring was the airplane that buzzed around our chimney at 5:30 this morning. The C. A. A. students take their flying early these nice days and so our early morning sleep has now started its annual three months' vacation.

This month's meeting was at Plymouth, where all--well, almost all, the 99's gathered for a nine o'clock breakfast. The night before had been the occasion of our spring party for which John and Alice Hammond had opened their lovely home. Twenty-two of us gathered for a buffet supper and some riotous games. The prizes were all aeronautical and the lucky winners went home in the late hours with such things as section maps, the new official log books and even the boobies had little toy parachutes to break the fall of their deflated egos. Little red silk ones they were, blown out of blow guns to flutter all over the room and create lots of fun. Jeannette Lempke and Marion Woyant flew down for the party and the rest of us drove. Such a grand time and everyone so grateful to the Hammonds and to Leila Baker, Faye Kirk and Gladys Hartung for all their work.

We were so sorry that Helen and Monty Montgomery were not among those present but Helen went for a short glide in the afternoon and ended up with two unofficial glider records for women and about thirty miles from home. When she finally came down in a plowed field near Monroe, Michigan, a nonchalant farmer passed her with plow reins in hand, waved cheerily, "Hello, run out of fuel, lady," said he calmly and went right on plowing! Helen found the only telephone available was in a noisy tavern so she shouted her position into the phone --unable to hear a thing--and went back to hope someone would come. Everything was all right--someone did. Her record is way out in front of anything existing--she has an altitude record of 6500 feet and a distance record of 26.4 miles. Lucretia Buxton of California has about 3000 feet and 5 miles to her credit, so the jump was quite an appreciable one. Helen, of course, already holds the endurance record for women so she has a monopoly on gliding records for women now.

Along towards the end of June Michigan is holding its first Plane Cruise. Everyone will fly in to Traverse City and side trips will be arranged from there to show you Michigan's lovely summer scenery. The Michigan 99's are planning to spend some time there and we would so like to play hostess to any other 99's who can make the trips. The State Board of Aeronautics and the Northern Michigan Chamber of Commerce are combining to make this a real flying event, perhaps an annual party. Michigan in June is a beautiful sight so why don't you all try to come. We promise a warm welcome, some fine flying, and a vacation as it should be.

We'll be looking for you!

- - Sara Winn.

SOUTHWEST SECTION - Bay Cities Chapter. On May 3 eleven members of the Bay Cities Chapter dined as guests of the Mayflower Coffee Shop in Oakland. After a delicious dinner we retired to a quiet room for two hours of undisturbed hangar flying. Harriet Isaacson read Peggy

Vining Potter's interesting letter about her trip to Bahrain. Marjorie Hook gave a report of her Flight Club trip to the Yolo Country Club, near Woodland. Five ships landed on the golf course. The day's program included a picnic lunch, baseball, picking water-lilies, fishing in the goldfish pond, and heckling the golfers. The long-delayed winging party to Stockton was planned for June 2. Stockton has had the Indian sign on us for a year. Here's hoping! A dinner party was arranged for May 24, having as our guests Mrs. Amy Earhart and Mother Tusch. Dolores Guinther announced her marriage to Howard Waldorf, Aviation Editor of the Oakland Post Enquirer. Eleanor Turney drove down from Lodi, bringing Ardith Randall of Oakland, as her guest. Lillian Anderson was tired and hungry after a day at Bay Airdrome building up some of her annual time. Lillian does not get to the airport often, and when she does get there, she just climbs in a ship and stays put for eight or ten hours. Ces Brav and Pat Seares, who fly with Janet Knight at San Francisco Airport came to our meeting to get acquainted with their future club members.

Ruth Rueckert made the following report on the winging party to Sacramento on April 28. Arrival 9 a. m. Hostesses: Dorothy Jones, assisted by Pansy Bowen and Avis Rielesfeld. A delicious breakfast of ham and eggs and all the trimmings was served to the following: Ruth Wakeman, who flew a 4-place Fairchild, with Harriet Isaacson as guest; Marjorie Hook, who flew a 4-place Fairchild, with Vera Russell, Flora Ferris and Ces Brav as guests; Afton Lewis, who flew a Stinson 105, with Ruth Rueckert as guest; Eleanor Turney, who flew a 65 Cub, with Joe Thompson, Lodi News Sentinel city editor as guest. Inasmuch as there was to be an air show later in the day all present were able to review the stunt ships, and talk with Laura Ingalls who was planning to pilot Dorothy Barden, a parachute jumper. All present reported a grand trip to Sacramento, and much fun "hangar flying" during breakfast. Pansy Bowen also had a guest, Mr. Samuel Greene, who proved to be a very congenial host among so many ladybirds.

Geraldine Masinter is still in Honolulu. One of the girls had a letter from her. She has a temporary job there and will stay as long as the job lasts.

- - Rita Gerry

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION. All Ohio Chapter. Ohio's Director of Aviation, Earle L. Johnson, was guest speaker at a combined dinner meeting of the N. A. A. and the 99's. The meeting was well attended and we all enjoyed Mr. Johnson's talk on what Ohio is doing toward better air markings thruout the State and the Civilian Pilot's training program. Mr. Johnson has many plans that will help the private pilot and he is endeavoring to have the C. A. A. adopt them.

Florence Boswell with Jean Gundelfinger as her co-pilot attended the Southwestern Aviation Conference where Florence gave a broadcast on Aviation for Women. Honors go to Mrs. Boswell for finishing second, tying with Henry DuPont of Long Island, in the Western wing of the Sportsman Pilots' winter cruise.

Helen Curtiss reports that she enjoyed her week's vacation in Kansas City, also the flying there and back was grand. We hear that inveterate traveler, Mary King, is taking herself and her Stinson to Hot Springs for a short stay. Most any day you can see Rennie Porter around Willoughby keeping her husband's ships warm when there are no students; with a full summer ahead and nothing to do but vaca-

tion Grace Birge intends to pile up lots of hours.

We expect to welcome some new members in the near future. Marion Coddington, our alert membership chairman, has had her eyes on the girls in the C. P. T. program at Lake Erie and Kent State Colleges. She reports that at least five will remain in our vicinity. So you can count on Marion to get them for members.

- - Frances Drenik.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION. Members attending the South Central meeting in the French room of the Mayo Hotel included Harriet Nye, Governor, and Betty Green of Albuquerque, who flew up in Harriet's Fairchild; Abbie Haddaway and her new little 99'er from Dallas in her Aeronca; Florence Boswell and Jean Gundelfinger of Cleveland; Sally Duncan, Coffeyville, Kansas; Gayle Horrall, Gerry Honomichl and Laura Tucker Morgan, all of Tulsa, and Helen Morris, a guest and future 99'er from Topeka, Kansas. Corinne Armstrong, although not a 99'er, helped to make our stay in Tulsa very pleasant. After our business breakfast we went to a luncheon at the Tulsa Hotel where the Tulsa unit of the W. N. A. A. were hostesses and listened to talks by Rose L. Vojack, Chief Stewardess of American Airlines, and Cy Caldwell, Associate Editor of AERO DIGEST.

On May 5 at the conclusion of the Oklahoma Air Tour, Mrs. Sally Duncan, 99'er, put on a 20-minute aerobatic exhibition of loops, spins, snap-rolls, half-loops and rolls from an altitude of 3000 feet. Mrs. Duncan was Coffeyville's first woman pilot to solo and with her sister, Opal Ferguson, were the first to receive their private certificates. She demonstrated her expert ability in her stunt flying though handicapped by a strong wind.

Wedding bells will ring out June first for Dorothy McBirney who becomes the bride of Robert Marion Hardy. We hope the dual flight will be a happy one!

- - Sally Duncan.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION. Illinois Chapter. Helen Budwash's hospitality was made quite an occasion of for our May meeting, which was held at her home in Harvey. After a well-attended business meeting, we were joined by a number of guests (prospective members, 49½ers, flying enthusiasts) and Helen served a swell supper to this assembly. Then we moved on down the street to the home of Dr. Alexander, who had graciously consented to show us his fine collection of color photographs taken on the 8,000-mile trip through South America from which he recently returned. After the pictures, the meeting became a purely social affair which lasted far into the night. Our thanks to Helen and to Dr. Alexander for a gala evening.

The North Central Section meeting took place in Chicago May 19th, with some 30-odd girls in attendance. The bad weather Sunday morning kept away some of those who had planned to fly in then, but it cleared up later so that those who had flown in Saturday were able to "get out of town." Mae Wilson, our Governor, conducted the meeting, after a breakfast at the Hyde Park Hotel. Much important business was handled, such as discussion of the forthcoming National Convention, etc. And since we seem to be on the subject of meetings, Adelaide O'Brien (one of our downstate members whom we see too seldom) has invited us to have a meeting at the Springfield airport sometime soon. Good idea.

Bits about this 'n' that: We're raffling off two Learadials at our June meeting, after which the Scholarship fund may expect to hear from us. We also expect to have some new members by that time. We don't see much of Dotty Ring these days. Reason: she's in the midst of one of Uncle Sam's refresher courses for instructors, and I do

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hear tell that that keeps one very busy indeed! But with nice weather here, these are busy days for everybody who wears wings, so we'll hope to have divers interesting goings-on to report next time. Till then--happy landings!

- - Harriette Rhoads.

NORTHWEST SECTION. Washington Chapter. Our "much looked forward to" Chapter meeting at Clayton Patterson's was held on May 10th with everyone present. Some of the gals brought their 49^{ers} as an evening of entertainment was promised and we got it!!

We are happy to welcome two new members--Barbara Ericksen, who is one of the C. A. A. girls who took her instruction in seaplanes and just received her Private, and Clarke Franklin of Tacoma. Barbara was present at the meeting and we were all delighted to meet her. We also had with us three future 99^{ers} (we hope) Vi Knutsen, Dorothy Corothers and Margaret Wendelen. Major Wiley Wright and his charming wife were present and the Major gave a most interesting talk on "Clouds." I think we all learned a few things about 'em. During the business meeting it was decided that we make a short breakfast flight on the 19th of this month, destination undecided as yet. The Patterson family cooperated on taking pictures of us 99^{ers}, the money we pay for them to go in the 99 treasury. Last but not least, we were shown some excellent color moving pictures taken by the Pats in Bermuda and also some of the Air Races.

Attention you Washington, D. C. gals! Edith Foltz Stearns, her husband and Dave Lewis of Portland are flying a Fairchild out your way this week. They will be in Washington for several weeks and Edith would like to have you look her up at 627 Lamont St., N. W.

Your Reporter had the time of her life on her vacation last month. Had her first real cross-country and flew down to the old home town, Rosburg, on the Columbia River. Scared all the neighbors' cows; the Durrah herd didn't seem to mind the little Taylorcraft at all, but I guess they're air-minded.

- - Helen Durrah

NORTHWEST SECTION. Due to the fact that the National meeting will be held on July 7th this year instead of in September, the Northwest Section meeting has been set ahead to Wednesday, June 27th. The meeting will be held at the Washington Athletic Club in Seattle and will be followed by a luncheon for those of us who are not in too much of a hurry. Girls flying in will be met at the field and free gas will be arranged for, if possible. Entertainment will be provided for those who can stay all night--and we hope that you all can. I am going to ask for 100% attendance at this meeting. There are still very few of us in this Section, and we need the cooperation of every one of you.

This will be a most important meeting--the meeting just before the National meeting is always the most important of the entire year. We will elect our delegates to represent us at the National, suggest names for the nominating committee (who nominate our next National President) and suggest names for next year's Board. Let's see you all here on June 27!

- - Laura May Brunton

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION. Indiana Chapter. Well, there isn't much news up in this part of the country this month, girls. We won't have our monthly meeting until May 19th at which time it will be held in Chicago during the North Central Sectional Meeting. Most of our girls are planning to attend. ATTENTION WEST VIRGINIA GIRLS. S.O.S.

Lost, strayed, or stolen the flying representative of a coal company in Bluefield, ship Waco NC 15210. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this chap, please let me know. Dog-gone these pilots! Mrs. Betty Folsom has been doing some Sunday morning breakfast hopping in her Fairchild lately with Indiana's only 49^{er} (Carl Folsom) as co-pilot. Helen Wetherill of Richmond has been flying XC to Dayton, Cincinnati and around for time in order to secure her Private. Lois Hollingsworth of Purdue University has been taking time in the Ryan S-T. This ship is the pride and joy of Dorothy Ring, Chicago. Dorothy has won many a trophy and prize flying "The Baby." Ruth Slough of South Bend is now out of the hospital after having her "motor checked." Jane Templeton of Lafayette started to fly down to Indianapolis a short time ago and the wind was so strong that she found herself headed south but actually flying north, so she called it a day. Oh boy, you can't beat fun! Anyway, Jane had her license renewed okay, wind or no wind. Indiana, I do believe, has the world's worst weather. Hope that in the next report I'll have some more news for you, but we will look for you in Chicago and from what they tell me we're going to have a fine time. However, the June meeting will be held at Rochester, Indiana, on June 9th, at which time Helen House is going to dedicate her airport. All pilots are invited to attend. We'll see you!

- - Margie Jan Stables.

NEW ENGLAND SECTION. We've had our dance and was it a success! At the Hotel Somerset, May 3rd, you could find about 450 people all enjoying themselves. The girls all looked so lovely in their summer frocks. Financially speaking, Hortense Harris hasn't said just how much of a success it was. We had Harry Marchard's music and some entertainment between dances. Dolly Bernson won a wrist watch that chances had been sold on. Miriam Vanderslice was responsible for some fine publicity for the dance--namely sign towing! Lorraine Frankland and Louise Sisson certainly did fine at promoting the dance and we all give a big hand. Ruth Nichols drove up from New York to attend. Daisy Kirkpatrick, looking as nice as ever, had a big smile for everyone. The girls all worked hard and I'm sure it was most gratifying to hear so many compliments and to have it such a grand party that was over too, too soon.

Nancy Love flew to New York for a couple of days and is now in Michigan visiting her family. She plans to return in a new Aeronca 65. Unfortunately Carolyn Moran was unable to attend the dance because of a death in the family. Instead, she spent the week end flying home to Ithaca, N. Y. She did manage to fly a Waco F while she was out there. Jean Adams and Connie Sheridan have started "commuting" to Nantucket again. Every time you see them, they're trying to get the Cape Cod weather. I found Melva Doyle looking over a 105 Stinson at the Airport the other day. She mentioned something about a few of the girls owing her some money for booklets. How about it, girls?

Boston is really going to have seaplane facilities with marine rails. Good! Gertrude Meserve has soloed all her C. A. A. students and several are licensed. Ruth Granger is "Fleeting" again. Hortense Harris and Jean Adams saw Maud Moriarity at Springfield the other day. "Peg" Kimball Harsh is due for a week-end in Boston soon. Louise Howard has gone West for a month and plans to do some flying out there. We are all so sorry to hear of Betty Gillies' illness and hope she will be well real soon. Ruth Hamilton is teaching at the ground school at Revere Airport. As for myself, I'm flying too--wheel!

- - Moya Mitchell

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