

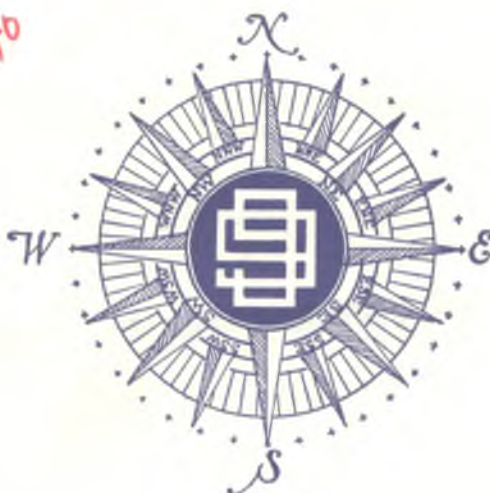
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ALL AMERICAN AIR MANEUVERS: According to announcement from Carl Fromhagen, Chairman of the Contest Committee, the women's events which will be offered at Miami, January 10-12, include the following:

The K. K. Culver women's handicapped race for C-licensed ships with a manufacturers advertised cruising speed of 110 mph or better, and up to 900 cubic inches. One lap over fifty mile course. Perpetual trophy with cash awards.

The Alcazar: Women's C-licensed ships, 200 cubic inch displacement or under. One lap over 25 mile course. Alcazar Trophy and \$200 in cash prizes.

The Lieut. Col. Gimbel South Dade Team Precision Race: three ships constitute a team. Trophies and miscellaneous prizes.

Women Pilot Eligibility: Only women pilots holding a CAA private certificate or better, and who have at least one hundred certified solo hours and appropriate aircraft and engine weight classification rating on the aircraft entered, are eligible to participate in the above events. Entry fee will be \$2.50 on each entry of each event. Also there will be a Women Pilot's Aerobatics Contest by invitation for the Gimbel Trophy.

Several other events in which our members can participate are hanging fire right now and may go through--our Chapter is working with the Contest Committee on a Novelty Race for women pilots which our Chapter will sponsor, and we hope to be able to put it over. The Florida Chapter will entertain all visiting members and their escorts at a cocktail party at the home of Mrs. Don C. McRae of Miami Springs, which is convenient to the airport. Tickets may be had at the 99 Booth, and transportation will be furnished those requiring it. Our 99 registration booth and headquarters will be in the Aviation Exhibit adjacent to the Air Race Registration. We would like to have every 99'er send us an autographed picture of herself for display in our booth during the Air Show, the picture to be transferred later to our scrap-book and to be the property of our Chapter. Also, it would be greatly appreciated if every member expecting to attend the races would send us a postcard, so we may have some idea of about how many to prepare for. Send cards and pictures to Marion Bertram, 916 N. E. 2nd Ave., Miami, Florida.

NEW DEAD-LINE. Dead-line for the receipt of News has been changed to the 5th. This means that the next issue of the News Letter will reach you about January 15th, so be sure to send in the News to reach the Editor by the 5th of January!

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Write to her for pins and bracelets, for new membership blanks - (old ones should not be used). Stationery may be ordered from her at \$1.00 for 100 sheets and envelopes, postage prepaid. Inform her of changes of address and she will notify all others concerned! If you miss a copy of the News Letter, she'll furnish another.

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL FUND: Fay Wells has given me the privilege of having the five hundred blanks which I have ordered sent to her apartment so that we can ship them out around the country from there. I feel when I visualize five hundred banks in her place that the girls should know and be grateful for this cooperation. I know it will inconvenience her. It is very hard for me to express my gratification at the cooperation I am being given by members all over the country. I have had numerous letters approving of this plan and if I had not been so busy I would have answered each girl individually, but will try to do so in the near future. Until then, please accept this means of expressing my thanks.

There are now applications filed by the following members: Bessie P. Hadaway of Portland, Oregon; Patricia Thomas of Hoboken, N.J.; Ruth F. Hamilton of Malden, Mass.; Theresa Dorothy James of Turtle Creek, Pa.; Marion Jane Weyant of Lansing, Mich. It is interesting to note the widely separated states from which these girls come. I think it will be nice if we had at least one application from each State and now that the scholarship has been opened to other forms of advanced training other than instrument instruction, it should be very easy to have a Ninety-Niner representing each State.

Only one letter with suggestions about the scholarship has been received to date. Please 99'ers, put on your thinking caps and write me your suggestions. This is your scholarship and to administrate it to your satisfaction we must have your opinions in writing so that I can have them tabulated in the next News Letter in a concise form for discussion.

Jeannette Lempke, National Treasurer, has sent me copies of acknowledgement from:

Ohio Chapter	129.16
Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter	70.00

Correction: Luscombe Aircraft was not a donation. It was from the sale of advertising space in a program of the New York-New Jersey Section and should be rightfully added to their contribution. Also \$50.00 reported from Jennie Joan Tschoep, should be from Jennie Joan Tschoep, Secretary-Treasurer of the South Central Section.

Please Section and Chapter treasurers, send Jeannette Lempke your pledges and contributions so that we may know what we have raised in 1940.

December slogan: "YOUR DIMES MAY GO TO SANTA CLAUS
BUT SAVE YOUR PENNIES FOR OUR CAUSE."

-- Alma Harwood

ELECTIONS: North Central Section: Missouri Chapter: Chairman, Marie Page; Vice-Chairman, Jewel Stanton; Sec.-Treas., Virginia Garst.

✓ All Ohio Chapter: Chairman, Grace Birge; Vice-Chairman, Jean Gundelfinger; Sec.-Treas. Frances Morrison.

✓ Michigan Chapter: Chairman, Helen Montgomery; Vice-Chairman, Eloise Smith; Sec.-Treas. Sara Winn.

South Central Section: Governor, Fanny Leonpacher; Vice-Governor, Zoe Stephens; Sec.-Treas., Beatrice Mack.

Louisiana Chapter: Chairman, Margaret Lamont; Sec.-Treas., Alice Cagel.

✓ Missouri Valley Chapter: Chairman, Gwen Hess; Vice-Chairman, Maxine Holt; Sec.-Treas. Beatrice Mack.

Florida Chapter (Southeastern Section): Chairman, Vera Self; Vice-Chairman, Kathryn Thompson; Sec.-Treas., Lorna Simpson.

Carolinas Chapter: Chairman, Jessie Woods; Vice-Chairman, Nell Behr.

Middle Eastern Section: Eastern Penn. Chapter: Chairman, Betsy Ross; Vice-Chairman, Leona Henley; Sec.-Treas. Mrs. Linda Bick.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION will hold its annual conference in Harrisburg, December 7 and 8. Distance to Harrisburg from any point in the Section should not be more than 200 miles, so attendance should be exceptional. SEE YOU IN HARRISBURG!!!

PROCEDURE FULLETTIN for Ninety-Nine Chapters and Sections is being prepared. Copies will be sent each Chapter when completed.

SOUTHWEST SECTION. Bay Cities Chapter. This has been a busy month for the Bay Cities Chapter. On November first, eleven members met for dinner in the beautiful dining room of the Western Women's Club in San Francisco. Later in the evening we held a business meeting in one of the small club rooms. Three new members were initiated. Helen Ashley and Adele Chase both University of California graduates who hold CAA pilots licenses, and Betty Eames, San Mateo Junior College Student, who flies at San Francisco Airport.

Now for flying activities. On October 20, Harriet Isaacson sponsored a breakfast trip to Sacramento for the C. A. R. Flying Club, Boeing's first class of 1940. There were seven ships and eighteen members in the party. The airport lunch-room was not prepared to handle such a large crowd, so Harriet, the only gal, got behind the counter and helped cook, serve, and wash dishes. Let's hope that no union organizer hears of this, or the place will be picketed.

Ruth Rueckert is at home again, after a vacation that was so hectic it took two inches off her hip line. Ruth and her husband, Fred, drove to Salt Lake City, gave their car to Fred's brother, then continued on to Detroit by bus. At Detroit they gathered up a nice new Packard, drove to Houston, Texas, to visit Brother Bill, and came on home via Carlsbad Cavern and the Painted Desert. Ruth took colored movies of the desert country. Near Kingman, Arizona, they had an argument with a Dodge, and passed said Dodge at 110mph. Flying too low, Ruth!

The breakfast flight to Lodi was one of our most delightful trips. The weather was perfect, and the sky beautiful, with great puffs of whipped cream clouds over Mt. Diablo. Those clouds lured some of us from the straight and narrow. We had to have a look-see. Eleanor Turney, our faithful secretary, met us at Lodi airport, and took us to a little vine-covered inn for breakfast. The table was decorated with clusters of Tokay grapes, which we carried home with us later. Our pilots were Ruth Wakeman, Marjorie Hook, and Afton Lewis. Afton had a young man guest, who got a big thrill out of flying with a group of women pilots. We liked him, because he was so obviously enjoying everything, including us. Ruth Wakeman had two honeymooners as passengers. They disappeared and we hunted everywhere for them. Eventually they showed up, and explained. They had hitch-hiked into town, and lost themselves. Ain't love grand? Ruth will not attend any more winging parties until after the holidays. She left a few days ago for Coldwater, Michigan, for her annual visit home. The next issue of Cockpit Chat will be mailed from Ye Olde Family Printing Press in Coldwater.

Marjorie Hook is building up the flying hours. On October 12 and 13 she made a trip with the Flight Club to the Farley Dude Ranch at Reno. The Farley station-wagon met the gang at the airport, took them to camp for cocktails and dinner, then to Reno for some night prowling. Marg won three dollars at roulette. Dancing till three a. m. then back to camp for sleep. Sunday morning after a huge ranch breakfast they started homeward. On October 20, Marg flew one of the ships on a Mystery Flight, popping down into an un-marked airport, which proved to be Belmont. Only one passenger guessed the location correctly, and he was given a bottle of soda-pop as reward for super-intelligence.

Lillian Anderson drove down from Livermore to attend our November meeting. Faithful gal. Lillian and Eleanor Turney ride for hours alone at night every time they come to Bay Cities Chapter. Our special gratitude to those girls for their loyalty. Eleanor and your correspondent, Rita Gerry, drove to Santa Cruz last week-end to stay at Eleanor cottage and heckle the honeymooners who are hiding out there.

Our next winging party will be to Fresno on November 16. It will really be a dawn patrol, as we expect to eat a very early breakfast at Fresno. Signing off now. It's time to go out in the barnyard and feed some Vitamin B1 to that turkey who expects to be the piece de resistance at Thanksgiving.

— Rita Gerry.

A postal card from Ethel Fedders of Buffalo, N. Y., from Los Angeles, "flew out here in the Ranger Fairchild. Grand trip except for riding a gale from Buffalo to St. Louis. Staying at the Ambassador. Next week expect to fly down to San Diego." Hope some of you California 99'ers will meet Ethel.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION. Missouri Chapter. The North Central Section is proud to announce the formation of a new Chapter, namely: "The Missouri Chapter", which had its charter meeting at the Hotel Bellerive in Kansas City, Missouri. Registering as Charter members were ten charter members, holding private ratings or better. At their business meeting, they set the first Tuesday in each month as the date of their regular meeting place, Hotel Bellerive. Officers were elected as listed elsewhere. At the dinner which followed the meeting, Mr. Warren Smith, an inspector for the Civil Aeronautics Authority was the speaker.

Evelyn Cook was first enthused over flying by a flight with Clarence Chamberlain, which was followed by more extensive air tours into the gold mines of Alberta, Canada, into Panama, and the Hawaiian Islands. A private certificate, earned under the Civil Pilot Training Program, was the climax. She now has 33 solo hours, and is the Chairman of the Missouri Chapter Membership Committee.

Virginia Louise Garst is a young business woman and private pilot with 41 hours, who has serious plans that will equip her for commercial aviation. Virginia is Secretary-Treasurer of the new Missouri Chapter.

Helen Hayward's sleek little Luscombe, plus the private license of here and her son, Jack, are the products of alert flying friends who heard her casual remark about wanting to learn, and then relayed them to an equally alert instructor. Mrs. Hayward, who has 30 hours, placed second in a spot-landing contest at the first Kansas City Air Cruise, and First also in the Missouri Chapter spot-landing contest. She is Program Chairman of the Chapter.

Leah Johnson, who was formerly a draftsman for the Civil Aeronautics Authority and is now employed as an aeronautical engineer for Porterfield Aircraft of Kansas City, represents career women in aviation. Mrs. Johnson has ferried planes from Kansas City to Pittsburgh and Los Angeles.

Lee Anz Lynn, winner of third place in the recent Missouri Chapter spot-landing contest, is a modern young bride in that she learned to fly to keep pace with her husband's interests. They bought their own Taylorcraft, flew and studied together for their licenses. Mrs. Lynn, however, won her certificate first, and now has 45 hours. She is Publicity Chairman of the Chapter.

Beatrice Page, Chairman of the Chapter, won second place in the spot-landing contest. A pilot since 1937, Mrs. Page has approximately 300 hours and believes that women pilots can form a valuable reserve of potential flight instructors.

Liana Rutherford, the Chapter's news Reporter, is a dress designer who piled out of bed every morning at 4:30 in order to fly her CAA course and then go to work. "It takes interest to do that," Diana assures. Thus she has logged 46 hours.

Jewel Stanton, who is in the advertising department of TWA was building model airplanes when her playmates were dressing paper dolls. From then on, Miss Stanton consistently prepared herself for both the aviation industry and a pilot's career. She now has 35 hours, and plans to remain in the aviation industry. She is Vice-Chairman of the new Chapter.

Leah Shepherd learned to fly under Bill Ong, and has ferried planes for the Ong Aircraft Corp. Miss Shepherd boasts a limited commercial license and 130 hours, and is logging from 10 to 20 hours a week in preparation for her commercial license.

Sue Woodruff, assistant Membership Chairman, gained her license through the CPT course at Teacher's College, Springfield, Missouri. Sue is talented in dramatics and voice and is active in the Resident Theatre of Springfield. Miss Woodruff, who has 44 hours, is the only Missouri member who lives outside of Kansas City.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I report on the newest Chapter in our Section.

-- Florence H. Boswell

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION. Michigan Chapter. The Michigan Chapter of 99's outdid itself in November. We started our winter program in Detroit by asking many of the women pilots in Michigan to be our guests. As a result there were forty-three persons present at the Women's City Club for a 10:30 breakfast which was attractive and delicious in every detail. Many of the members made a special effort to come from long distances in order to greet our guests and we are specially grateful to Eloise Smith for her long drive and for all the guests she brought with her. Husband Harry came along to make the trip easier.

After breakfast we adjourned to a meeting room for our program and meeting. For once we found a prophet with honor in his own country--for instead of bringing in an outside speaker, we heard our own Helen Montgomery talk on a subject which few Americans know better. Everyone felt far more intelligent about the distinction between gliding and soaring before she finished. She gave a masterly exposition of the art and technique of an important and rapidly growing phase of aviation. After her talk she was bombarded with questions and it is perfectly safe to say that no 99 speaker ever had a more appreciative audience.

Out of courtesy to our guests we made the business meeting short but took time to elect officers. See elsewhere. Committees have not yet been appointed.

Many of our guests and members were so mutually attracted to each other and what the 99's stand for that they joined us on the spot. We were so glad to have Ann Loche who is a CAA graduate now working in the University Health Service in Ann Arbor join us. Then Margaret Crane from Fenton who is a business woman in Flint and has 150 hours to her credit. Marcella Allen from Pontiac is also one of us now; Marcella is waiting delivery on an Ercoupe and started to fly so young that she can't log some of her hours. Jane Wilson from Wayne University thought she had better come in too. She, at least, will represent us on the Florida Cruise this year as she and another CAA student are taking the Club ship down. There were several other girls who joined us but whose membership blanks are not in. We will tell you about them next month.

Of the old guard, Doris Lowery has moved into her own home in Pontiac and is getting settled. Mary Rosso has herself a job at Lindbergh Field in Kalamazoo doing the book work for a CAA course. Dorothy Johnson has a new position and is now in Bay City which makes the Saginaw-Bay City group pretty impressive. Maude Rufus is to deliver the annual address to a woman's Symposium this week in Saginaw. Maude has spent much of her life in the Orient and we know that a number of 99's are going to sneak in to hear her interesting experiences.

-- Sara Winn.

And good luck to Sara Winn and Alice Hammond who are taking a Refresher Course. We wish them luck and are keeping our fingers crossed!

Missouri Valley Chapter. The November meeting was in the form of a luncheon in honor of Sonnce Mae Love, a recent bride. Sonnce was presented with two peices of silver. Flowers formed the centerpiece and place cards were corsages with names attached. Nine members were present in spite of weather which was zero--zero. Speaking of brides a secret is revealed, Helen Woodson is a bride of two months. Helen, who is one of our new members, was the first girl to receive the CAA training at the University of Omaha. She is at present doing the office work at the Burnham and Miller Flying Service.

A most recent addition to our Chapter is Margaret Wheling of Hastings, Nebraska. Margaret is teaching the ground school at the Municipal Airport. Adele Morrison recently packed bag and baby, Joanne, to join her 49ther in Kansas City where he is flying for TWA. Dorothy Berendsen has left Texas and is now located in Chicago. Perhaps some of the Chicago girls have heard from her. Election results elsewhere.

--Ivah Maxfield.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION. It is with regret that we lose our Governor, Harriet Nye. she has done a swell job under great handicaps, such as only we who know can appreciate. A word of thanks to Jimmie Kolp for conducting a whirlwind election, the results of which are given elsewhere.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION. Carolinas Chapter. On November 16th, the Carolinas Chapter held their first monthly meeting at the Andrew Jackson Hotel in Rock Hill, S. C. The meeting was held at night and was of a strictly business nature. A thorough discussion of the Chapter's business took place and the duties of all officers were made clear to all members. Everyone was enthusiastic about joining Alma Harwood's Penny Parade; and since Dixie is heaven and the Carolinas are sure 'nuff Dixie, they figure that Alma designed her theme song with a Southern accent. Watch our pennies roll! A great deal of time was spent in nailing together a lot of solid ideas to form a frame-work upon which our Chapter By-Laws are being built. These By-Laws are being formed with the thought in mind of simplifying the handling of the Chapter to take care of the anticipated enlargement of memberships; also broad enough to be adopted by the other Chapters of the Southeastern Section if they wish to use them. It is the opinion of the seasoned 99'ers of this Section that if a unanimous set of By-Laws were used by all Chapters within the Section we would have a bigger and better Section for the doing. Betty Hamilton has gone to work whole-heartedly on these By-Laws and expects to have them ready to present to the Chapter at the next meeting which will be held some time during the first week in December. Betty Hamilton is leaving in a few days for a week of "flying about" in Richmond, Washington and points North. Lucille Greenwood reports that she has found enough girls around Tuscaloosa way to get an Alabama Chapter started.

"Say, what time does the sun go down around here, anyway," quoted Nell Behr upon arriving at the Rock Hill Airport for the 99 meeting. Nell loves to visit and stopped by Spartanburg to say a few words to her sister--well, one word lead to another and the sun looked mighty red when Nell finally nosed her Stinson toward her point of destination. The sun went down and the light grew dim and there was Nell with her little Stinson; there weren't any beacons and there weren't any stars; and Nell and the Stinson were a 'wondering where they was. "Darn," said the Stinson, and Nell said "Oh, be still, I've got you by the throttle and our next stop is Rock Hill." And then amid the darkness a tiny light appeared, another and another 'till a whole town appeared "Goody", said the Stinson, "I can now rest on my tires", and Nell said "Perhaps, but stick out your flaps and help me clear these wires."

Two new members, and the welcome goes to Cornelia Wolfe, Charlotte, N. C., and Caroline Etheridge, Columbia, S. C. That makes eleven members for the Carolinas, that is if some of you don't forget to pay your dues.

One thing more before we close the hangar door: Nell Behr asked to be relieved of her duty as Chairman. She plans to do a lot of Sectional work as Vice-Governor; and asked that her office in the Chapter be changed to Vice-Chairman. A quorum of members present voted in line with her wishes and voted Jessie Woods to fill Nell's post.

-- Jessie Woods.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION. On Wednesday night, November 6, Radio Station WHN gave us 15 minutes of time on their best spot - 9:30 P. M., when we had a program celebrating the eleventh anniversary of the Ninety-Nine Club and paid tribute to Amelia Earhart. Speakers were Betty Gillies, National President, Jacqueline Cochran, and Mary Nicholson, Governor of the Section. High spot of the program was the presentation of a song written and dedicated to the Ninety-Nines by Dick Ballou, orchestra leader for WHN. here are the words:

In the air, Everywhere
It's the song of the 99's,
Wings in flight
Day and Night
With the song of the 99's.

On the line
Fliers fine
Ships and spirits tuned in rhyme
Keep that formation
Over the nation
With the song of the 99's."

As soon as the copyright is received and the song printed with music, copies will be available to members. Also on the program was a reading of Major Gill Robb Wilson's lovely poem, "One from Ninety-Nine".

On November 8, the annual dinner-dance was held in the St. Regis Hotel, with 219 present. About 10 more dropped in to say hello. Gill Robb Wilson was master of ceremonies, and short impromptu talks were made by Mary Nicholson, Betty Gillies, Jacqueline Cochran, Ruth Nichols and Alma Harwood. The following door prizes were awarded: Jacqueline Cochran Travel Case, two \$5.00 orders from Fred, the Hair Stylist a gabardine blouse made to order by Comet Air Togs, Inc., one of Eric Sloan's cloud-scapes (when Zack Moseley, who draws "Smiling Jack" won it, he claimed it was a frame-up); men's ties; a case of champagne, and one of Gill's "Leaves from an Old Log." Dick Ballou, the flying maestro, played appropriate musical background with the orchestra for all the program, and the boys sounded like they had cotton in their mouths when they played "How Dry I Am" for the awarding of the champagne. Dick, by the way, not only contributed the difference between his fee and the flat union scale for his orchestra, but also dug down in his own pocket and paid for 4 singers and an extra man for his orchestra to play the vibroharp. Incidentally, it was due to Dick that we got the time on WHN. He also arranged Major Seversky's "Over Land and Over Sea" for the orchestra and played it on both the radio program and during the dance. Our invitations and tickets were donated by Heber Sutton, and all our flowers, both for the tables, and carnations for all the men present, came from Max Schling, Buckingham Flower Shop and Hollywood Flower Shop. I. J. Fox took an ad that paid for the program. Everyone seemed to have a grand time.

Those from out of town included Hortense Harris and her husband from Boston, Cecile Hamilton from Washington, and Ann Lincoln from Wellesley College. (Sorry if I missed anybody else - I was very busy.) Probably the most important fact is that we netted slightly over \$200 for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund. I would like to thank personally all the girls of this Section who contributed to the success of the dance - Alma Harwood for getting the flowers and ties and invitations and tickets - Peggy Remy for addressing invitations - Marjorie Ludwigsen for reservations and table arrangements - Fleur de Lys Loesch for selling the ad to I. J. Fox - and Betty Gillies and all the others who succeeded in selling so many tickets.

Happy flying to you all - and a Happy Thanksgiving.

-- Mary Nicholson.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION. Eastern Iowa Chapter. Our Chapter met in Des Moines, September 21st. Since the Des Moines members were acting as hostesses and were registering visiting pilots for a dinner and dance sponsored by the local chapter of AOPA, only a short business meeting was held.

October 19 we met in Des Moines again for a luncheon and afternoon meeting. Commander Pond was our guest and the afternoon was spent in listening to accounts of his experiences in aviation. He has been flying for thirty years and had many interesting stories to tell. Commander Pond knew Amelia Earhart, having given her some instruction prior to her Last Flight. He stated he would not be at all surprised to hear that she was still alive. This fact is of interest to all the 99's, we're sure.

November 17th, we met in Iowa City for "brunch". Our guests were CPT students from the University of Iowa, all of them prospective 99'ers. After eating, we held a short business meeting and then went to the airport to bid "Happy Landings" to those of us who flew in. Winifred and Bernice Eno have invited us to come to Fort Dodge for our next meeting, December 15. Our Chapter is growing steadily, with eleven active members at present. There are many new prospects throughout the State and we hope it won't be long before we can get them as members of our Chapter. We have lost one of our active members, Betty Strieff. Betty is now working for the War Department in Washington. Her new Address is 1426 - 21st St., N. W., Washington, D. C. We all miss Betty, but we know she is having a grand time in our nation's capitol.

-- Margaret Swendsen.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION. Louisiana Chapter. An inspiring meeting of the Louisiana Chapter was held at the home of Margaret Lamont in New Orleans. Margaret gave in detail the harrowing experiences of having an airplane land on top of one, but she seems none the worse for the accident, and we must admire her pluck. Margaret and Alice Cagle flew home a Taylorcraft from Alliance, Ohio, just before the wreck. We bet Margaret is glad that accident didn't happen miles from home! We are losing our winsome Carol Fuggeln. The man who is going to put a ring on her finger insists on taking her to Muscle Shoals where he is employed by Eastern Air Lines.

The next Chapter meeting will be held on December 11 at the home of Alice Cagle. We are inviting to the meeting all girls who are eligible for membership in the 99's and hope they will become so enthused that we may sign them up before the meeting is over'. Here's hoping.

--Alice Cagle.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION. It is with regret that we relinquished Jessie Wood as our Governor of the Southeastern Section. Each and every member joins me, I am sure, in this printed expression of appreciation for what she has done for our Section in the year she served as Governor. She spared no time, money or effort in building up the Section from sixteen members to forty. She also helped to form Chapters for each State of the Southeastern Section which has a very widely scattered membership which had made it impossible for all members to attend the Sectional meetings held several times a year. These newly formed Chapters will give all members much more activity and the opportunity to serve better as Ninety-Nines. Jessie is a very, very busy person on her own home port helping husband Jimmy run a flying school, running a house, a dog kennel and butcher shop, to say nothing of playing hostess continually to their many flying friends. We are giving you a big hand, Jessie, and you bet we intend to continue to keep you busy!

--Nell F. Behr

SOUTHWEST SECTION. Los Angeles Chapter. At the last meeting held at the Lighted Tree, we were happy to welcome Helen Stansbury, late of Sioux City, Iowa. She says that after flying from pastures and dodging cows, she felt like a country girl for sure when she started to fly at Municipal in L.A. and discovered that one had to obey traffic rules, light signals, etc.

Pat and Garland Peed of Douglas Aircraft Company spoke to us at our last meeting. Mr. Peed told us something of the designers' troubles (without giving away any secrets). He received much general information when he allowed us to ask questions.

Pat Peed, a 99'er is head librarian at Douglas. She also conducts classes at night in the only school of its kind in which stenographers are trained for the aviation industry. It was surprising to learn that Douglas employs approximately seven hundred women in various departments of their plant.

Pretta Bell, an ex-99'er, has an interesting and unique position. She is connected with United Air Lines and it is her duty to try and interest women in using the airlines for their business and pleasure trips. She speaks to clubs, schools, and to various other organizations where she can put her message across.

The latest career girl in this Section is Catherine Hickey who is really someone to brag about. In April she received her private certificate and at this point has soloed her first ten CAA students. She is working with Bill Gage at Compton.

Melba Beard who is a faculty wife at Wisconsin University does not confine her time to extra-curricula activities of the school. She has put in many hours recently in cross-country trips in order to renew her commercial certificate. Melba is sorely missed in this Section where she was Governor, local Chairman and Generalissimo at different times.

Dorothy George, after hitting the high spots in New York, is spending a few weeks in Philadelphia.

Evelyn Kilgore recently returned from the East in a new Waco trainer which she is now using for her advanced CAA training course.

--Gayle Burns

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NORTH CENTRAL SECTION. All Ohio Chapter. As the cold weather approaches the thoughts have turned toward the sunny South, many of the Ohio girls will be leaving in the next month or two. At our meeting of November fourth at the Hotel Cleveland, our annual election of officers took place. See elsewhere.

Florence Boswell, our roving aviatrix has been appointed National Chairman of the Women's Aeronautics Promotion Division of the William Allen White Committee for defending America by aiding the Allies. Thru her efforts the Cleveland Chapter was the first of 717 Chapters to have an aeronautical division. She is now planning to establish such a division among the air-minded people thru-out the country. We all congratulate Florence as we know she is capable of such an undertaking and will do her utmost to make it a success.

Jean Gundelfinger is off again this time its Tulsa, Oklahoma. She has been doing a lot of cross-country since she has her new Fairchild. Grace Birge, our new Chairman, has been working on her committees and hopes to have them complete so we may announce the appointments in our next News Letter.

Clara Livingston obtained her instrument rating and has returned to her home in Porto Rico. All the Cleveland girls send their best wishes to Clara and want Clars to know we were pleased to have her among us this summer. Jessie Burack tells us of her exciting trip home after leaving the Section meeting. She and her husband took to the bus for transportation after being forced to land on a small farm with motor trouble. Mary King is leaving this week for a trip South. I am sorry to say I do not know just where to, but hope she has good flying weather. Rennie Porter has started flying again and is building up her time in a hurry as she hopes to get her commercial this summer.

Ann Barille is still at her dramatics while Flora Mather, one of our newest member is leaving on a trip next week. She intends to fly to Florida this winter. Lorraine Sterkel is back at Lake Erie College and does some flying on week-ends. Peg Pierce can be found any day at the airport, she has been doing as much flying as weather permits and intends to have her own ship in the near future. Helen Curtiss is working hard these days. She is hoping to get to Florida this winter as much as I am and here's to meeting the girls who are fortunate enough to get away to the sunny South!

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION. Florida Chapter. The Florida girls are very busy these days with their plans for the coming Air Maneuvers, January 10, 11 and 12, and are looking forward to greeting Ninety-Niners flying in from all Sections for the Races. Details of the program and entertainment to be provided will be found elsewhere in this News Letter. We hope all you other Ninety-Niners will send us an autographed picture for our booth, whether or not you can get down here for the Races.

Our Chapter met for luncheon October 27 at Pan American International Seaplane Base at Dinner Key, in Miami. Out-of-town members present were Kathryn Thompson from Ft. Lauderdale, Dot Lemon and Frances Richardson from West Palm Beach, and Vera Self, and Marion Bertram. Although our Chapter is not yet a year old, we have a brand new set of officers. See elsewhere. Congratulations to our new officers, we expect the Chapter to progress rapidly under their leadership. We missed Lorna Simpson at the last meeting, and understand she is "under the weather" - best wishes for an early recovery, Lorna, and we hope to see you at the next meeting.

Evelyn McRae and your Reporter had the pleasure of meeting and talking with Arlene Davis when she stopped over for a day at Miami Municipal Airport. Arlene took time out from a very full schedule to show us her Spartan which certainly is a honey, and to assure us she would be back to take part in the Air Maneuvers. The day turned out to be a double-header, for we found Clara Livingston getting ready to hop off for Porto Rico in her big Stinson, so we marched over and introduced ourselves. We understand that strong men stood around in open-mouthed wonder when Clara donned coveralls and gave her motor the once-over. We hope that she will be able to take time off from managing her sugar plantations to come back to Miami very soon. It is women pilots like these two that make us all proud to be 99'ers!

-- Marion Bertram.