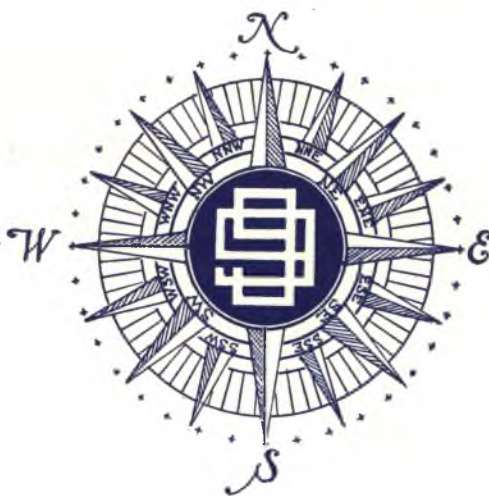


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ELECTIONS: New England Section: Governor, Ruth Hamilton; Vice-Governor, Marjorie Davis; Secretary, Ruth Granger.

Middle Eastern Section, Washington Chapter: Chairman, LuLu Shank; Vice-Chairman, Marian Hinson; Secretary-Treasurer, Claire Callaghan.

✓ North Central Section, Indiana Chapter: Chairman, Helen Wetherill; Vice-Chairman, Nell Emery; Secretary-Treasurer, Helen House.

✓ Minnesota Chapter: Chairman, Virginia Marter Shaw; Vice-Chairman, Joan Whelan; Secretary-Treasurer, Ruth Jorgensen.

Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter: Chairman, Ellen Smith; Vice-Chairman, Harriet Fertig; Secretary-Treasurer, Betty DeVore.

✓ Missouri Valley Chapter: Change Secretary-Treasurer to Elizabeth B. Green.

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL FUND. So far only three letters with suggestions for the awarding of the AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP have been received. These three girls, though widely separated, strange as it may seem, have sent in ideas along similar lines. None of them, however, have thus far indicated whether or not they were competing for the scholarship. This shows a keen interest on their part, especially if they have no direct personal interest in the award itself.

Any section not having received their banks as yet need not worry as the job of sending them out has not been fully completed due to the Christmas rush. Letters have been sent to all girls to whom I have sent banks, notifying them that same have been shipped. If they have not received the banks within a reasonable length of time after receipt of the letter, please let me know so that a second shipment can be made. Fay Wells and I now feel we are qualified to get jobs as packers and shippers in any large shipping concern, as we packed and shipped over 25 individual parcels, or a total of 275 individual banks. Many of those who received them have written and asked for more banks. It has not only given me a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction to have heard from them, but also to know that the banks pleased them so much. What might have looked like an unexpected Xmas gift from Santa Claus turned out to be only penny savings banks, and it was a fine feeling to know they were not disappointed.

JANUARY SLOGAN:

Beginning January 1st, a penny dropped each day,
Will amount to \$1.20 in your bank by the 1st of May.

--Alma H. Harwood

Alma reports that in Orlando she saw Betty Phillips and was told about the interesting club they have in the school. They pool their dues at each meeting and when there is enough money they draw lots to see who gets to fly over Orlando!

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE: Executive Secretary, Cecile Hamilton, has resigned from the N A A and Ninety Nine office as of January 1, 1941 to take a position with Captain Gill Robb Wilson. She will be touring the country from time to time lecturing on aviation and defense activities and when in Washington will assist Captain Wilson in his office at the National Press Building. There will be no change in the routine at the Ninety Nine office. Evelyn Dent, an N A A secretary experienced in handling headquarters business for such organization affiliates as the National Intercollegiate Flying Clubs, the Air Reserve Association, etc., will carry on the Ninety Nine routine business. Cecile Hamilton will continue her promotional and organization work for the Ninety Nines and her tours will provide an opportunity to broaden the scope of the headquarters efforts. Whenever and wherever possible she will call on members and discuss with them their various chapter and section activities. In this way it is expected that we can secure even better cooperation in our national business and in the promotion and publicity of our work. Any mail or communications for Cecile should be sent as usual to Ninety Nine Headquarters as she will be keeping a constant check on all correspondence.

TO CLARA LIVINGSTON: Any 99er who wants to see a real pilot do her stuff in difficult everyday flying, should visit Clara Livingston on her plantation in Puerto Rico. Recently Clara stayed in Cleveland while she took her instrument rating tests at the airport. She invited me to fly back home with her. So after Clara had returned to her permanent residence in Jamestown, N. Y., to vote, and I had voted here in Ohio, we both flew to Miami, she in her Stinson and I in my Spartan. Taking off again in our two planes, we headed for Cuba, and from there across to Haiti and on to Puerto Rico.

You really need to know your way around in flying over the West Indies. There are long stretches of ocean when you are entirely on your own, and the islands themselves are more mountainous than I had imagined. Airports are few and far between. From aloft the sugar cane fields look as though they'd make fine emergency landing fields. But on the ground Clara took me over her plantation and showed how the surface, hidden by the cane, was cut up by deep irrigation furrows. I'm glad I didn't come down on one. Clara takes flying every day over those islands very much for granted. I take my hat off to her!

---Arlene Davis

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION. A large group of pilots and guests met at the Women's City Club, International Building, Radio City. Mrs. Arthur Turner of the Woman's Voluntary Service spoke on "Women's Place in National Defense" and showed a very interesting film, "Britannia is a Woman."

Viola Gentry is Director of Publicity at the Inn at Roosevelt Field Hotel and finds the position a very interesting one. During the past few weeks she has managed a number of special functions. Alma Harwood and Jeannette Eastman flew Alma's Fairchild to Florida and stopped off at all points of interest and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Jessie Burack has moved back to Westchester from Columbus, Ohio, and her many friends were delighted to see her at the meeting.

---Helen Lucille Boudreau

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION. Hello, Ninety-Nines! This is the new "Air reporter" reporting on the Middle Eastern Section meeting which was held at the Harrisburger Hotel, Harrisburg, Pa. Among those present were our national president, Betty Gillies, and Cecile Hamilton. Saturday evening we had our banquet at the hotel. Guest speaker was Capt. Gill Robb Wilson of the N A A, the only man we know of who is privileged to wear a 99 pin upside down! Our thanks to Capt. Wilson for attending and for his interesting speech comparing the car and airplane as a means of transportation both for passengers and cargo. Capt. Wilson pointed out that in every car ad four out of five of the figures are women and they are just as frequently drivers as passengers. Another guest was Col. Albert Stackpole, owner and publisher of the Harrisburg Telegraph and owner of radio station WHP. Sunday morning we went over to WHP and made a radio

transcription which was broadcast the following Wednesday. After we left the radio station we returned to the hotel for our business meeting.

At the meeting the following things were discussed:

1. A nominating committee for our very late election of Section officers.
2. Airmarking. All chapters in our Middle Eastern Section, get behind that and do your best to promote it in your town and state. Nothing much can be done nationally on it at the present time due to defense legislation so it is up to us to do all we can in our towns and states. Turn over one of your Chapter meetings to airmarking and get behind it and shove! Keep on shoving until you get somewhere! Airmarking may save a life.
3. Ground School Plan. A plan will be submitted to the Executive Committee at their meeting for one ground school to a Chapter. It was hoped that the plan would enable Ninety-Nines to make some extra money for their flying by teaching a couple of evenings a week and also enable us to set up another Scholarship Fund for 99's themselves. More details on this in a later News Letter. (Here we are sending up a trial balloon. What do you think of a system of nationwide 99 ground schools. We want to hear from all of you all over the country. Send a penny postcard to Miss Bettie Thompson, 724 N. 63rd Street, Philadelphia, and let us know if you are yes or no on the subject.)
4. There was a strong feeling at the meeting that the Middle Eastern Section should cooperate and work together more closely - so, Chapters in this Section, let's hear from you.

Many thanks to Betsy Ross, Richland, for all arrangements at Harrisburg.

---Bettie Thompson

Eastern Pa. Chapter. Our last Chapter meeting was held at Lancaster Municipal Airport, Hostess was Helen Jones, head of our Chapter membership committee, and now possessor of a commercial certificate. Our guest speaker was Chief Inspector Harry L. Dulin of the CAA from Philadelphia Municipal Airport. Inspector Dulin spoke on the past, present, and future of the skyways and the ever-increasing speed, range and altitudes of man-made flight.

Plans were made to hold our January meeting at Boulevard Airport in Philadelphia, to sponsor a skating party in Reading in February, and to hold our March meeting in Philadelphia's Franklin Institute. The March meeting will be an open meeting. All Chapters in the Middle Eastern Section and all 99's elsewhere are invited to attend this meeting. Watch your next News Letter for a further announcement about the date, time, speakers, etc. This meeting will be dedicated to Amelia Earhart and the A.E. Memorial Fund. Her plane resides in the Franklin Institute's Hall of Aviation.

Therefore, remember March, remember our open meeting, remember to plan to come.

Your "Airporter". "Carries the news to all of you." Bettie Thompson

Northwestern Pa. Chapter. Well, here we are after a long absence from your News Letter. A brand new Chapter of 11 active members with brand new officers. Not bad for a start! Formerly the Western Pennsylvania Chapter, we are now the Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter, which takes in a 75-mile radius starting from Erie. We met in Meadville recently. Those attending were Helen Walker and Pauline Greene of Warren, Ruth Barclay, Betty DeVore, Ellen Smith, Julia Strider, Virginia Rushlander, all of Meadville. Afterwards, a very important business meeting was called to order by our Chairman, Helen Walker. Plans for the new chapter were discussed and the election was held. See results elsewhere. Harriet Fertig who did such a swell job of raising money for the AEMF is now a private. Nice work, Harriet. Our CPTP instructor, Helen Walker, who is doing a fine piece of work with her students, drove down and brought a new member, Pauline Green. We understand that Pauline recently received her private. Julia Strider, a CPTP student graduating with high honors in her class, was also welcomed into the royal order of the Ninety-Nines. Congratulations to both new members!

Our next meeting is so planned as to encourage prospective members to join.

---Virginia Rushlander

Washington-Baltimore-Richmond Chapter. Pinch Hitting for our new News Reporter who hasn't as yet caught on to the idea that the deadline is on the 5th of the month this time. (Hope she reads this.)

It was suggested that the chapter concentrate on providing lecturers for meetings who would be instructive as well as entertaining and since the Washington, D. C. group has such a wealth of notables to draw from it is expected that the year's program will provide many an interesting evening. Every effort will be made throughout the year to contact our members in Baltimore and Richmond. We seem to be having the same trouble which is indicated in other chapters of finding difficulty in getting our "out-lying" members to meetings. One solution of course will be in holding a few meetings in Baltimore and some in Richmond rather than concentrating on Washington all the time! Members of the chapter expressed willingness to cooperate with Headquarters whenever needed and also to assist in keeping a check on the business being handled there. The Chapter is also actively engaged in checking on its defense usefulness. Each member will start some form of training this month, whether it is advancing a rating, studying meteorology or instruments or traffic control or radio or first aid. In any event, our reporter should have some real material to report come the FIFTH of February.

---Cecile Hamilton

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION. Carolinas Chapter. The Carolinas Chapter held its monthly meeting in Charlotte, N.C. Those present included Peggy Greene Pate, Laurinburg, N. C., Mildred Drum, Conover, N.C., Jessie Woods, Rock Hill, S.C., Betty Hamilton, Bird Eaton, Lucille Brockenbrough, Cornelia Wolfe, and Betty Baker, all of Charlotte. Jessie Woods presented the members with beautiful silver spoon pins as Christmas gifts. Betty Hamilton read the by-laws she had prepared for approval and the members voted to accept them.

Hazel Meeks has just received her license and become a new member. The Carolinas Chapter now has 12 members. Lucille Brockenbrough has recovered from severe burns which put her in the hospital and is ready to make the trip to the Air Races. Betty Hamilton and Bird Eaton also are planning to make the trip in their new Cub Coupes.

---Betty Baker

Florida Chapter. Before this reaches you, the Miami All-American Air Maneuvers will be history and the Florida Chapter will, we think, have made history. For one thing, the Florida Chapter will have for the first time contributed directly to the entertainment of the visiting Ninety-Niners. Responsible for this is Evelyn McRae, who by her splendid efforts as Chairman of our entertainment and exhibit committee, has made possible the cocktail party by generously opening her home for our use. Indispensable too, were the successful efforts of Marion Bertram who devoted days to planning and working for the occasion. She is directly responsible for securing an exhibit booth for the Ninety-Niners at the big meet. Enough cannot be said for Marion's enthusiastic and conscientious work. Others who should be commended for their faithful and diligent service to the cause of making the Miami meet a milestone in the history of the Ninety-Nines are Katherine Rawls Thompson, Lorna Simpson and Crystal Mowry, and the Miami and Ft. Lauderdale girls.

Distinctive was the honor accorded Marion Bertram who was appointed Woman's Liaison Chief on the air race Contest Committee. She is the first woman to serve on this important committee in Miami.

---Vera Self

AIR RACE NEWS. The Florida Chapter will have its first birthday during the coming Air Maneuvers, and Chairman Vera Self will be on hand to greet visiting members several days before the races open. We wish to thank all those who so graciously responded to our request for pictures. Our Vice-Chairman, Katherine Rawls Thompson, will be a contestant this year, as will Crystal Mowry. Arlene Davis will fly her Dream Ship in the Macfadden Race from New York to Miami, stay here for the races, and then on to Havana for the Miami-Havana Cruise. Edith Descomb, who was here last year, will be back again to compete in the women's events, as will Edna Gardner Kidd, who

already has two legs on the Culver Trophy. Annette Gipson Magoffin expects to race her Monocoupe this year.

Harriet Isaacson has sent a darling flying outfit for display in our 99 booth also some aviation greeting cards, which are very appropriate. Just received a lovely picture of our National President, Betty Gillies, and wish to thank Marjorie Ludwigsen and Cecile Hamilton for their kind help.

Crystal Mowry had a forced landing in a grove of trees and came out with no damage to the ship. Evelyn McRae has just returned from California, where she spent the holidays with her parents, and is busy preparing for our 99 party. Lorna Simpson, our secretary, has her nose to the grindstone teaching ground school at Thompson Flying School. Annette Gipson Magoffin who spends the winter at her beautiful Coconut Grove estate, always entertains during the air races, and the fame of her annual Air Maneuvers party has spread to the far corners. Although a New York member, she has been very generous and helpful to the Florida Chapter. —Marion Bertram

Tennessee Chapter. We're the Tennessee Chapter that was organized recently and we are proud of our six members. Jessie Woods came to Knoxville in August and in two days had all of East Tennessee 99 conscious. Our five charter members are Pearl Brock, Chairman, Louise Carson, Vice-Chairman, Ruth Bowler, Secy-Treas., Ruth Wolfe Thomas and Millie Ownbey. Our latest addition was Jane Gump of Johnson City.

Flying in Tennessee is just booming right now and the women are not backing away from it. One of the women who won a scholarship in the first ground school sponsored by the state was Louise Carson, our Vice-Chairman. Louise is Professor of Chemistry at Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn. She has her ground school rating and is instructing the college CPT course. Pearl Brock, our Chairman, can keep up with her important dates easily. She got her private on St. Valentine's Day and bought a new Luscombe on July 4th. Since then she has been everywhere. Ruth Bowler, our Secretary, is helping build airplanes but indirectly. She works in the office of the big Alcoa Aluminum plant. Millie Ownbey is one of Chattanooga's two women pilots, and usually flies an Aerona. Jane Gump has an L.C. As secretary-treasurer of the Appalachian Flying Service she is in the middle of flying from dawn to dusk. She has more hours than any of us. Last and not least, your reporter is only 4'10½". She lands with 5 pillows to her back and 3 under her. This has been the most eventful year of her life. She married July 21st, got her private August 8th, and was invited to become a 99er August 9th. We are about to add to our membership two girls from Johnson City and one from Nashville. Wish us luck!

The Tennessee Chapter promises to be good 99ers and thanks for inviting us in.

—Ruth Wolfe Thomas

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION. Indiana Chapter. Happy New Year. Well, since my last writing our Chapter has acquired some new officers. See elsewhere. The Indiana Chapter is certainly keeping Dan Cupid busy--our Ruth Slough, South Bend, is now Mrs. George Fethers, Jr., Helen House is now Mrs. Wayne Autclett. Our best wishes to both couples and are we proud of our new 49½'ers! George and Wayne are both fine pilots. Your reporter is planning to take off into matrimony too. February 15th is the day and while he isn't a pilot yet, he will be. He's with the Allison Aircraft Engine Division of General Motors. Mrs. Doris Schory wrote the other day telling me of her new job at the Kokomo Airport. Doris is going to be sort of a hostess for visiting pilots, and assistant manager. Now perhaps I can find her when I buzz down to Kokomo. While in Indianapolis recently I saw Jane Templeton and Mrs. Ruth Clowell. The weather isn't so good for flying up here so our cross-country hops have ceased for a while. Nell Emery passed her written for commercial certificate. That's grand, Nell! Jerry Greene and Betty Folsom both of South Bend are busy flying around the airport. Incidentally, your reporter has been down to West Virginia in the past month and thinks the State is lovely, but, not being used to high hills and mountains, how do you girls down there manage to fly in such hilly country? Parkersburg and Huntington are fine airports. Guess I've given you all the news, so until February, I'll be seeing you at the airports. Happy landings!

—Marjorie Jan Stables

LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Marion Schorr

In spite of a downpouring rain, we had a nice attendance at the meeting of the Louisiana Chapter. We elected Maxine Bennett, Vice-Chairman, and replaced Alice Cagle, who had to resign, with Marion Schorr, as Secy-Treas. Fanny Leonpacher brought in some prospects from L.S. University, Mary Nell Peters and Anna Lee Hopkins, and member Marguerite Blair of Lafayette. We have a new member at L.S.U., Harriet Lancaster. Welcome, Harriet, and hope you can soon get to one of our meetings.

Plans are going apace for the dinner-dance in May, and hope to have more to tell you about it by next month. Naomi Hicks failed to show up at the meeting, because she was "snowed in" in Lock Haven, where she had gone in a group to ferry in ten Cubs.

NEW MEXICO CHAPTER

By Harriet Nye

A Chapter has been organized here with Virginia Cutter as Chairman; Helen McClendon, Secy-Treas. Other members include Helen Comstock, Frances May Vaughn, Helen Kinnaird, Maxine Nordhaus, Harriet Nye and Mary Elizabeth Parker. Those of us who have watched the aviation picture change almost overnight felt in a peculiar sense the significance of such a group of women pilots in a Western city which was, before the days of air transport, a long way from anywhere. The new Chapter plans a flight to El Paso in April, and also plans to escort by air pilot-visitors attending the convention of the W.N.A.A. to a tea in Santa Fe at the Governor's Mansion.

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Gwynn Banks

A very special greeting to all you 99'ers from the Texas Chapter. Well, the second meeting is past now but fond memories still linger. The meeting was held at a brunch at San Antonio (The Venice of Texas) in the Plaza Hotel's Sky Room on Sunday, March 9. The special speaker was Lt. Bruce Pendelton of Randolph Field. He gave a very good discussion of "Army Air Training at Randolph Field and How It Works."

The State was well represented but the weather did not permit any members to fly. Those attending included Governor Fanny Leonpacher from Lafayette, La., accompanied by Seawillow Long of Houston, Vice-Governor Zoe Stephens of Dallas, Chairman Abbie Hadaway of Dallas, Secy-Treas. Mary Prince of Longview, and "Ziggy" Hunter and Hazel Richter of Austin, Dorothy Glanton, Ft. Worth, Cornelia Hanson, Mathis, Mary Conner, Dallas, and Una Goodwin, Josephine Broadbent, Lorraine Stutsman, Stella Rannals, Mildred Woodchick, Jo Cook, Dot Green, Betty Murray, and Loretta Cunningham of San Antonio, and your reporter.

After the meeting Lt. Pendelton escorted the girls around Randolph Field, aviation center of the U. S. The 99'ers have been opposed to the Texas Legislature's House Bill #292. At present this bill is in the hands of the Committee on State Affairs and we hope it is "killed" there. We are prepared to fight if we have to.

MESSAGE FROM EDNA GARDNER KIDD

The New Orleans Air College, Inc. of New Orleans, La. will soon have a "Grand Opening Day" event, to which Edna Gardner Kidd cordially invites every reader of the News Letter. The date will be announced in a future issue of the Letter.

NORTHWEST SECTIONOREGON CHAPTER

By Anabel M. Turner

The Oregon Chapter of the 99's is proud and happy to be able to write to our News Letter of recent extensive activities.

Two months ago, five of us: Bessie H. Halladay, Edith Holtz-Stearns, Leah Hing, Evelyn Burleson and your Reporter--met at the Aero Club of Oregon with a grim determination to re-organize our little Chapter and make it an active and worthwhile Club.

At that meeting we elected Bessie as Chairman, Edith Membership Chairman, Evelyn Vice-Chairman, Leah Secretary, and Anabel Publicity Manager. Outside of elections we did little except launch a membership drive and plan a meeting for the second Monday of February at Evelyn Burleson's at Albany, Ore.

We met at Evelyn's and found her to be a very charming hostess with plans for a lot of fun. We had a lovely dinner at the Hotel and broadcast over Evelyn's "Wings over Willamette" program over KWIL. We numbered 12 with more applications being considered.

March 10 we again met at the Aero Club at a dinner, sponsored by us, for local flight operators. We then had a membership of 18 private pilots, a marked growth, we considered.

Future activities are being furiously planned. We expect to have a Sectional meeting here in the near future; plans are being made to improve Oregon's airports and markings; a reception is being instigated for Jacqueline Cochran, who is to be here the first of April, and other activities are being planned for the coming summer. We hope to have a lot more news for the Letter, and we wish "Happy Landings" to each and every 99'er.

HIGHER LICENSES - NEW RATINGS
DEFENSE ITEMS

- ★ PRIVATE LICENSES: Elise Owen, Conn. #19421; Betty Baker, N.C. #68533; Marion Bertram, Fla.; Reta Sutherland, Calif. #47325; Reine C. Porter, Calif. #76143.
- ★ COMMERCIAL LICENSES: Sara Winn, Mich.; Jane Gump, Tenn.; Mary Bowles, Calif.; Betsy Ross, Pa.; Catherine Slocum, Pa.
- ★ INSTRUMENT RATING: Mary Ann Wadsworth, N. Y.
- ★ INSTRUCTOR'S RATINGS: Catherine Hickey, Calif. Advanced; Helen Jones, Pa.; Cornelia Fort, Tenn.; Sara Winn, Mich.; Jane G. Plant, Md.; Elizabeth Holladay, Va.
- ★ Betty Thompson teaches at Weems Sys. of Naviga. Catherine Hickey, Calif. teaches under CPT. Sara Winn, Mich. is first woman in that state to have Instructor's Rating.

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SOUTHWEST SECTION
BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Rita Gerry

The birthday party in Dorothy Baxter's "Hanger" was a milestone to be remembered in our Chapter career...A gathering of the clan around the big fireplace, to greet old friends, and warm our innards with alluring cocktails. Supper was served at small tables. More hangar flying, a short business session, and one more birthday was a memory.

Flying is in full swing. Marjorie Hook had an interesting trip on March 9. She took three generations of one family to Monterey and Salinas--Tom Winter, Poppa Winter and Grandma Winter, enjoyed a nice long Winter trip. She is 77 years old.

Lillian Anderson is flying at Stockton; she likes the valley airport. Friendly atmosphere, and no waiting line for ships! Just renewed her license

Dorothy Williams has been waiting for weeks for the mud to dry at Progressive Field. The first day the field was dry enough for a take-off Dorothy hurried out only to find that the ship was getting a 20-hour check, so, no flying.

Betty Eames flew a Luscombe to Fresno last week. Her own airport, Belmont, is still swampy enough to grow cranberries.

Mary Bowles is flying her Warner Fairchild between Los Angeles and Palm Springs. She has just received her Commercial. Congratulations to Mary. Margaret Campbell has been alternately flying and skiing during her week-ends. She is now away on vacation and will not return home until Easter.

The winging party to Monterey on March 19 brought out the largest group we have had in weeks. There were four ships carrying eleven club members. Ruth Rueckert, Ruth Wakeman, Marjorie Hook, and Afton Lewis were pilots. Perfect flying weather. Some of us flew directly across the bay, while others took the long way round by Salinas. We had a glimpse of Fort Ord. If one must be a draftee, pick Monterey for encampment.

Heck, it's raining again; but this time only a spring shower. Happy Easter, 99'ers.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Gayle Burns

Our March meeting was held at Lockheed Terminal, formerly Union Terminal. An unusually large group of members and guests assembled for breakfast. Our enterprising Chairman, Hilda Jarmuth, had made arrangements for us to inspect the large TWA ships, including the Stratoliner, and to visit the control tower and weather men at their post. The whole program was fascinating and enlightening. Ethel Sheehy, a recent flu victim, picked up Myrtle Brown at Pomona and flew in, in her Luscombe.

Pat Peed was recently the only woman speaker on a Defense for America program on N.B.C.

Jane Tullock of Santa Monica, whose father is factory manager at Douglas, is a new member.

Gertrude Marcus, a Los Angeles high school teacher, is another interesting new member. She is flying every spare moment in order to get her two hundred hours in for her commercial. At the rate she is going, it won't be long!

Clementina de Forest Griffin, who was formerly principal of one of the larger Los Angeles Senior High Schools, has been chosen by the Board of Education to do a very special piece of work in connection with the National Youth Administration. This job keeps her so busy she had to forego the pleasure of a trip back to Vassar, her Alma Mater, at which she was invited to speak on Aviation.

The Los Angeles 99'ers feel like proud mamas when they pick up a magazine and see drawings by "Frit" who is none other than our own Wilma Fritschy, pursuing her career in New York. The February SCRIPT had two of her super-clever cartoons.

Catherine Hickey is such a speed demon at getting things done that the press can't keep up with her. We naively reported last month that she was working on her advanced instructor's rating, but before it was printed she had earned it and had started another group of young hopefuls through their CMA paces at Compton Airport.

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

By Alma H. Harwood

For information about the Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund read your previous News Letters. Only necessary qualification: At least 200 hours and an active pilot's certificate. Application blanks are now being mailed to all active members.

The revenue or interest from the capital fund this year is not large enough to make the award entirely from that, but, a number of 99'ers feeling the necessity of awarding it this year, have generously given money for this purpose. The money will be used to augment the interest, to enable us to award the scholarship at our National Meeting (the early part of July?). Therefore, the closing date is May 14, so the Awarding Board will have ample time to look over the Application blanks and get whatever additional data is necessary.

Miss Arum, my husband's secretary, has sent out many banks in my absence and also taken care of our correspondence. I think we owe her a vote of thanks. (Ed. Note: Here it is!) Incidentally, through this work, she has become air-minded and I am taking her on her first flight when weather and time permit.

The banks are filling rapidly and many girls have asked for their second banks. The banks should be returned to Section or Chapter Treasurers by June 1. If your bank is filled before that date you may have a second one at once and keep it until it is filled. Who will be first to hand in her bank and get her name on our Penny Bank Honor Roll? ? ? ? ?

The meeting in Philadelphia at the Franklin Institute was an outstanding example of what efficient 99'ers can do. It was well worth the long trip back from the Virgin Islands.

▶ SINCE JANUARY 1 THE NATIONAL TREASURY HAS RECEIVED:
Mary Calcano, Venezuela \$ 10.00
South Central Section, Dorothy Morgan 10.00
New York-New Jersey Section 204.57
Margery Brown, Puerto Rico Charter Member 50.00

▶ APRIL SLOGAN

April weather is never dependable!

But a filled-up bank would be commendable!

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this energetic young woman. Alice Cagle is a native of Mississippi but has been flying in New Orleans for some time. She recently gave up her position as publicity director for Paramount Pictures to devote all her time to flying. She has passed the written part of her commercial certificate, and will probably be instructing in the very near future. As a former business woman, we believe Alice has what it takes to make a good Secretary-Treasurer for our Louisiana Chapter. Carol Buggeln is now Mrs. J. B. Kennedy, Sheffield, Ala., where her husband is working for Eastern Air Lines. She got interested in flying when she was five because two of her uncles flew. Actually started flying at 16, earning flying time by running errands, washing airplanes, pecking at a typewriter. She has been Secretary to State Director of Aviation for Louisiana for past two years, after teaching herself shorthand and typing. Her hobby is carpentry work. Frances Reynolds Hodges learned to fly in Boulder, Colo., when they offered the CAA course at the University of Colorado, where she received her B.A. and is a member of Chi Omega Sorority. A native Louisianian, she went to Colorado to be near her brother at Colorado School of Mines. Katherine Sigler learned to fly in New Orleans, but is a native of Natchez, Miss. For six years she has been Traffic Representative for Eastern Air Lines. Her private flying covers a period of about three years. For two years owned Aerona K. Her younger brother is a student pilot and her boy friend has held a private pilot's certificate for approximately ten years. Annie Clair Young is a native of Shreveport and went to school in Lafayette. Became interested in flying through her cousin, Elwood Williams, the youngest instructor in the State at that time. Her hubby owns and operates Bossier Airport and Flying School, just across the river from Shreveport Municipal, with two Aerona's and a Cessna. In addition to 1 and 2S ratings, she holds a ground instructor rating in CAR and is working towards her ground instructor ratings in Meteorology and Navigation. Gail R. Wilbur is a graduate of Louisiana State University where she learned to fly, and is a native of Shreveport. She is an architectural designer for a large construction company, and states that it has been her desire to join the 99 Club for a long time. Welcome to our Louisiana Chapter!

SOUTHEAST SECTION. Bay Cities Chapter. We celebrated Christmas with a dinner and a party. Santa made very sure that we would all be clean, sweet smelling and amused during the holidays. Ruth Wakeman sent us a gorgeous box of candy from Michigan. (Thank you, Ruth. That touched a very tender spot. We all love chocolates.)

Now for flying news: Dorothy Williams has a new Culver Cadet 75, which she uses to cruise around California. She and Isabel Steiner have made several trips to Los Angeles. They expect to fly to Pasadena to the Rose Bowl Game. The little Culver is painted the same color as the navy planes, which provides an occasional thrill. Dorothy goes up, just for a hop around, and suddenly finds herself doing formation flying!

The flight to Fresno for brunch was a success in spite of the muggy weather. There were three ships--pilots Ruth Rueckert, Afton Lewis, and Marjorie Hook. Eleanor Turney, Pat Seares, and Ces Partelow were passengers. Dorothy Williams' pet spaniel, Pete, also went along. Pete loves flying, and has a cruising range of about three hours. Helen Ashley and Adele Chase, our baby Wampus pilots, are flying Fleets at Oakland Airport, and hopefully praying for some of that advanced government training.

Marjorie Hook flew to Modesto to a picnic and to Lodi a week later. The Lodi trip was supposed to be business, but it was also grand fun. Marg took Rita Gerry and Jerry Fauth along with her, and they browsed lazily around in the warm haze-covered valley all day, landing in country airports, visiting farmers and talking crops. What fun to have a whole day in a lovely ship! No time clock, no students waiting, no one to say "Hurry, Hurry."

Only one ship braved the storm for the winging party to Palo Alto. Marjorie Hook flew down from Bay Aerodrome in her Fairchild 24, taking Eleanor Turney, Rita Gerry, and Helen Ashley as passengers. Dorothy Williams, Isabel Steiner and Mary Bowles met them at Palo Alto Airport and whisked them away for lunch. After a hasty lunch and business meeting they scrambled back to the cold, wet airport and home across the bay before the rains came.

Our next meeting, in January, will be held at the home of Harriet Isaacson in Oakland. Harriet will serve a buffet supper and the amount of money which we usually pay to a hotel for our dinner on club nights will be turned in to our Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund. A delightful way of combining business and pleasure. In Miami during the time of the Air Races Harriet will give a fashion display of her Cockpit Clothes and Dual Fashions, also jewelry accessories featuring airplane motif. Make a memo for the future in case you missed this in Miami.

Best wishes for the New Year to all 99'ers, from the Bay Cities Chapter and your Reporter,

---Rita Gerry

Los Angeles Chapter. Santa Claus was in his gayest mood the night of our Chapter's Christmas party. It was a reunion of all former Chapter members and present members. Learned what they'd been doing the past few years. There are several prospective 99'ers in the offing, and 49½'ers too. You should have heard the proud mamas tell their stories! There was a small lighted tree, and lots of presents for the members. Also there was a box filled with toys for children in the Orphan's Home. Hilda Jarmuth and Estelle Sherman will distribute them.

Many interesting guests made the evening a success. Col. and Mrs. Joseph Marriott (Col. Marriott is head of the CAA in this area), former president of the Aviation Breakfast Club Jack West and wife Carolyn, and our "adopted" 49½'er Waldo Waterman were with us. Also had the pleasure of Mae Haizlip's charming presence. She entertained us with hilarious details of the days when she was a Camp Fire Girl, and never did quite get caught up with her "bead work." We are most happy to have Mae out with us. She is busily instructing at the Ted Morton Flying Service, of which our Rosa Stafford is Chief.

Leah Z. Johnson, formerly of the mid-west, is now one of our Chapter members. Haven't had a chance to get a look-see yet, but hope to at our January meeting. So, Leah, please be on deck! A brand new member is with us--Miss Irene Anderson. She soloed in April, has her Private certificate and already 75 solo hours to her credit. We are happy to have you with us, Irene.

Another delightful guest at the party was Miss Hope Cohn, a pilot from Holland. She told us interesting stories of Aviation Club life "over there", and hopes to make California her home.

---Hilda Jarmuth

STOP PRESS NEWS: FLORIDA RACES: As we go to press the following results of the Miami races are available. The Alcazar Trophy Race for women showed three out of four entrants to be Ninety-Niners. They were in the order of their winnings: Edna Kidd of New Orleans, La., 1st place with a speed of 119.05 in her Culver Cadet; Catherine Rawls Thompson of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with 118.58 in the Thompson School of Aviation's Culver Cadet, came in second; third place was won by non-Ninety-Niner Virginia Snodgrass of Waterloo, Iowa (hey out there in Iowa - here's good material) with a Taylorcraft at 112.87; and Arlene Davis, well known Ninety-Niner of Detroit, Michigan (thought it was Cleveland) came in fourth with her Ercoupe at 102.76. The Race, which was for C-licensed ships of 200 cu.in. displacement or under and 1 lap over a 25 mile course, paid as follows: 1st - \$100; 2nd - \$50; 3rd - \$30; 4th - \$20. The K. K. Culver Trophy handicap race had to be postponed because of lack of entries! News from Florida has not arrived as yet anent the Ninety-Nine booth and parties. Have the story for you in the next issue.