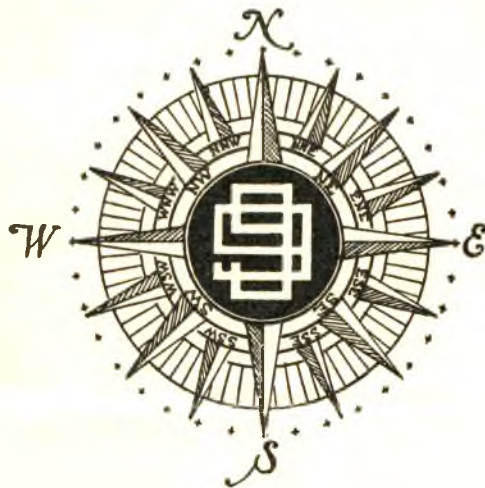


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CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS OPEN

A call has gone out from Civil Service Headquarters for Junior Airway Traffic Controllers, needed by the CAA in connection with the National Defense Program. Examinations for these positions held last year failed to produce an adequate number of eligibles; therefore, the U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced that it will again receive applications for these positions.

Applicants must show recent experience in aircraft operations, such as in the capacity of certificated aircraft dispatcher, airport station manager, or officer directly associated with military or naval aircraft operations. Certified or U. S. Government pilots with instrument rating or cross-country flying experience may also qualify.

Duties of the position involve the maintenance of accurate data on the movement of all aircraft flying within the control area, and the correlation of this information to serve as the basis for giving instructions to pilots of aircraft in order to expedite all flight operations.

Applications will be rated as received (subject to written examination) at the Commission's Washington office until further public notice. The salary of \$2,000 a year is subject to a $3\frac{1}{2}$ percent retirement deduction.

Further information regarding the examination and the proper application forms may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at any first or second class post office, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. (Note: Inquiry reveals that the Commission is definitely considering applications from women)

99'S ELECTIONS

North Central Section: Governor, Belle Hetzel; Vice-Governor, Patricia Dickerson; Secretary-Treasurer, Gladys Hartung.

Illinois Chapter: Chairman, Alice DeWitt; Vice-Chairman, Helen Budwash; Sec.-Treas, Frances Anderson.

KAHN TO DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Roger Wolfe Kahn, Chairman P.F.A. Radio Committee, has been made a member of the Aviation Radio Committee of the Defense Communications Board. National Sportsman's Show at Grand Central Palace, New York, Feb. 15-23, will include a Light Plane Exhibition and booths for accessory display.

AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND

OTHER NATIONAL NEWS ON BACK PAGE.

By Katherine Rawls Thompson

Well, the All-American Air Maneuvers are history now and we Florida 99'ers are relieved to say the least. It was great fun, but at the same time it did keep us hopping. It was nice meeting all the girls from so many different parts of the country, and we do hope we will have the pleasure of seeing you all again many, many times. An orchid to Cecile Hamilton for sending us all those perfectly grand photographs of 99'ers for our booth display. We surely appreciated them and also along this same line, many thanks to all the other girls who cooperated with us in sending their photographs. We were truly proud of "The Gallery", which was the backbone of our booth decorations. We also appreciated the display of Airworthy Styles which Harriet Isaacson sent us.

We were all very much pleased with the success of our cocktail party Saturday night. We just couldn't begin mentioning names of those attending, so may we say that "Everyone" was there and a grand time was had by all? Evelyn McRae, in whose lovely home the party was held and Marion Bertram, deserve a lot of credit. They worked very hard on the arrangements of the party. (And did an excellent job of ground-marking! Ed. Note) Vera Self, our very capable Chairman, took a whole week off from her nursing duties in Sarasota to come over and help.

Evelyn McRae, by the way, had a nice surprise drop in on her during the maneuvers. It was the delivery of her new Rearwin Cloudster painted Eastern Airlines Blue and Red—truly a sight to behold. Lucky gal! She and her husband are having a full instrument panel installed, and then an Instrument Rating for Evelyn (I don't mean installed.)

Your reporter and her 49^{er} took in the Havana Cruise in the Cadet we flew in the Races. We were late starting the morning of the Cruise and had to make the journey over all by ourselves, but you bet your boots we were right there with the rest of the gang coming back. It's a beautiful trip, but none too comforting when you're out there in the middle of the blue by yourselves. We did have a grand time in Havana though. More of you should take in that trip next year.

Lorna Simpson has been up to her neck in work finishing up her Non-College CPTP ground school class here at Ft. Lauderdale. Results of the examination just came in with a perfect record—not one failure and seven 100's.

Crystal Mowry Aeronca'd in the other day on her way back from an XC to Palm Beach. We still think Crystal deserved credit for the way she put that Aeronca down in between the stumps and trees after a recent motor failure, without a scratch to the plane.

Alma Harwood, on the eve of her departure via Stratoliner to the Virgin Isles, invited all those of our Chapter who could attend to a luncheon at the Biltmore Hotel—a beautiful setting, delicious food, and a charming hostess. Need we say more?

Introducing our newest member, Miss Betty Young, who hails from Ardsley-on-the-Hudson, New York and lives in Palm Beach in the winter. She learned to fly a seaplane at Dobbs Ferry last summer and is now getting her land rating. Welcome to our Chapter.

Annette Gipson Magoffin entertained at a cocktail party at her home during the Races. It was a beautiful setting with the moonlight filtering through the trees on the avocados, oranges and grapefruits which lined the garden walks. Our National President, Betty Gillies, was among those present, as was our AEMF Chairman, Alma Harwood, Florence Boswell, who took sick again this year in Miami, and Fanny Leonpacher, Editor of the News Letter.

The Duke of Windsor stopped the show on Saturday when he flew in from the Bahamas for a few hours. We think the presence of 1100 light planes is a high in flier-verse plane interest and performance.

In closing, we extend the deepest sympathies of every member of our Chapter to Annette Gipson Magoffin.

By Ruth Wolfe Thomas

Hello 99'ers. By now we are 8 strong. Lorraine Buttrely of Nashville and Gladys Lacey of Elizabethton are our newest members. Gladys is a new pilot. She won a scholarship at the last state flying school and now has her private and 55 hours. Gladys is secretary to one of the officials of the Bemberg Rayon Plant at Elizabethton. Lorraine won a scholarship at the first state flying school and as she puts it "I pestered Chilli Miller (her instructor) so much to get flying time, he finally gave me a job there at the airport in his flying service." The service has changed hands now and Lorraine is one of the stockholders as well as Sec. and Treas. She has 175 hours and is ambitious for a commercial any time now. Pearl Fancher Brock and her 49^{er} are going to the air show in Miami. They will fly down in their new Luscombe. Louise Carson, the ground school instructor at Maryville College, who made such a high record with her students last year, visited her home in Jonesboro during the Holidays. There is a small matter of one fence to be torn down before Louise starts landing up on the farm. I stopped off to see Millie Ownby at Chattanooga this week to help her work on Billie LeVan, a prospective 99'er. I'll be looking for Jane Gump in Miami in her Fairchild. This 99'er, with her 49^{er} left for Miami yesterday. Today we are weatherbound in Atlanta. Whether or not we stay for the air show has not been settled. My duties as high school librarian begin Monday, the 6th, so—

MICHIGAN CHAPTER—NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Reporter pro tem Alice H. Hammond

Along about this time each year, when winter closes in with all its ice and snow, the members of the Michigan Chapter settle down to the serious business of "Pursuing the academic." Accordingly, on Sunday, January 12, they started off this new year with the first of a series of four lectures on "Meteorology from the Pilot's Practical Viewpoint." Cass S. Hough, nationally known private flyer, and president of the Sportsman Pilots Association, has agreed to come in to Detroit once a month to give the series. The first one covered the rudiments of air masses and their characteristic weather, and the formation of fronts, etc., and was enjoyed by 28 members and their guests.

On Saturday evening, February 1, the Michigan members and their friends are planning a sleigh (or hay!) ride at the Mt. Vernon Country Club at Washington, Mich. at 7:30 p.m. One Dollar will take care of the ride and a hot buffet supper afterward, and all who can come are welcome. Make reservations with Gladys Hartung, 857 Nottingham Road, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 2, following luncheon at 12 sharp in the Coffee Shop in the Detroit Leland Hotel, the meeting and lecture being in the Aviation Room of the Detroit Leland. The general public is invited to participate in these lectures at 25¢ per person.

Sarah Winn is very much occupied these days taking the Commercial Refresher Course at Flint, which is given under the auspices of the CPTP, and your current reporter, who has just completed the same course at Hartung's in Detroit, is waiting for decent weather and a CAA inspector to come on the same day, so she can take her Commercial Flight Test.

MISSOURI CHAPTER—NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Diana Rutherford

The really big news in our Chapter this month is the acquiring of a Commercial Certificate by Leah Shepherd, a charter member. She is the fourth woman in Kansas City to hold this rating and we are very proud of her. Next big news is that due to constant and increasingly flattering reports on our Hangar Dance last November, we are

planning a bigger and better one for the 15th of February, the Saturday following Valentine's Day. We would adore having as many out-of-town visitors as possible from other 99 Chapters, flying clubs or aviation organizations of any city. Any and all who will be in or around Kansas City about that time are more than welcome. Several of our members own their own ships and all of them are actively flying almost every week.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER—SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

By Rita Gerry

Our first and very important news is that our Secretary is married. Eleanor Turney is now Mrs. Peter Verknyl, married at Reno on December 26. She and Pete spent their honeymoon in the desert country, returning home by way of Boulder Dam and Los Angeles. Pete was officially welcomed into the fold as a 49¹/₂er at Harriet Isaacson's supper party on January 10. Such a lovely party. The only flaw in our evening was the knowledge that half of our members were ill with the flu, and were missing the fun. Quite a neat little sum was collected for the supper, and turned over to our Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund. The penny banks sent by the eastern chapter were distributed. By the way, they are not banks at all, they are warehouses. When we get them filled we will have considerably lowered the copper content of the continent. Don't take this seriously—must have our fun.

Marjorie Hook received a letter from Jerry Massinter who is now in Washington, working for the government. During the past year Jerry has lived in five cities—San Francisco, Honolulu, Seattle, Los Angeles and Washington. "Come, come, Jerry, what's a holdin' you back? Quebec, Cheyenne and New Orleans are calling and Spring is just around the corner. Don't stop now."

Marjorie Hook flew her Fairchild to Monterey and Salinas on January 4. It was her first outing since Christmas, which she spent in a hospital, having picked up a flu germ somewhere. Flying gave her the lift she needed, pink cheeks and sparkle in her eyes. Her passengers were Rita Gerry, Jerry Gerry, and Jerry Fauth. Those names sound like aliases, but they really belong to people. At Salinas, Bill Swain presented two of his licensed women pilots. They are charming girls, extra special 99 quality. They have been invited to our next dinner meeting, and have promised to attend.

Afton Lewis received a letter from Marion Trace, a charter member of the 99'ers, who put in many hours of hard work on our Constitution. Marion is now Mrs. Dale Johnson, and lives in Los Angeles. She sends greetings to her friends in the Bay district. Ruth Wakeman is at home once more, after a long holiday in Michigan. She was anticipating some warm California sunshine, and did she get it? NO. She came home to a cloudburst.

The rain spoiled our winging party to Sacramento on January 18. Eight alarm clocks were set for 6:30 Sunday. Eight pilots listened to the hammer of the rain drops, and settled comfortably back in the hay. For the remainder of this week your correspondent will be digging out frying pans, sleeping bags, etc., and come next week-end she will be camping in the rain. (Ker-choo.)

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER—SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

By Gayle Burns

We were pleased to notice that one of the New York 99'ers appeared in print in the December 28 issue of the SATURDAY REVIEW OF LITERATURE. Fay Gillis Wells' name appears on the review of the book, MY NAME IS MILLION. Fay visited here several years ago with her husband, Linton Wells. Both are well-known foreign correspondents and travellers.

Bessie Owen also had a letter published in LIFE. Bessie saw a picture of Athens from the air in the magazine and recognized it as having been taken by the American consul while a passenger in her plane when she visited that city on her world's tour by air several years ago.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC is using the Athen's picture in its January issue. Maurine Brunsvold of San Bernardino is piling up hours on her recently acquired Cub. Dorothy Ruether's husband, Lloyd, is now associated with Dick Arlen at Metropolitan Airport. Dorothy is "flying with the stars" now herself. Bessie Owen has sold her Beechcraft but is not by any means grounded because of it. She continues to fly. Bessie received a letter from Virginia Woodruff, postmarked Cuba. She and her husband attended the Miami meet and then proceeded to Cuba for the air show there. Miss Marion Cooper of Riverside, a CAA graduate, is a new member. We are happy to have her with us and are eager to meet her. Reinette Porter, recently of Ohio, is now making her home in Hemet, and we hope to meet her at the February meeting. Irene Anderson is flying her Red Fairchild up to Taft over the week-end and plans a trip farther north soon.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER—NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Jerry Truesdell

Well, Children, you have a bran' new Reporter. Please bear with us on our first solo in the News Letter. See elsewhere for our new officers. At a recent dinner given at the well-known "BARN" not far from our Municipal Airport, Jane Ray was made an Honorary Member of the Illinois Chapter. She was responsible for the founding of our chapter and we wanted to show our appreciation. News pictures were taken and Jane was presented with a beautiful leather license case with her name imprinted in gold on the cover.

Some very appropriate place cards were made by Frances Allen. Fran Allen, as some of you know, is formerly of Pittsburgh and she has certainly brought new life to our Chapter. Your loss, Pittsburgh! At this dinner meeting, Barbara White of Racine, Wis., was formally initiated as a new member.

Quite a number of our members are now actively engaged in some branch of the aviation industry or something closely related to it. Dorothy Ring, of course, is instructing on the CAA program and "Dusty" Rhoades is working in the office at the same airport—Sky Harbor. Fran Anderson is busy running Elmhurst Airport and Alice DeWitt is making things hum out at Ashburn Airport where she and Bernard (spouse) have their little world wrapped up in General Air Service and their young son. Your Reporter, believe it or not, is in the Aviation Insurance business (and by the way, if you have any questions on that particular subject, we'll be more than glad to answer them.) Doris Langher is still with United Air Lines and Mae Wilson's airport is doing a good business. Adelaide O'Brien, one of our newer members from Springfield, Ill., is a ground school instructor for the CAA. On Friday, January 31, we had a special meeting at which plans were formulated to help the British War Relief Fund. Some girls are going to collect clothing, others are going to knit, and some are going to give their Saturday afternoons to serving in a stenographic capacity at Headquarters. We hope to be the first in Chicago to sell the new pins which will be very similar to the Royal Air Force insignia. A great deal of enthusiasm is being manifested and we hope to do all in our power for the British War Relief.

(Welcome back to the News Letter, Illinois Chapter. We have missed you for the past five months, but hope your new Reporter will keep us hearing from you regularly.)

LOUISIANA CHAPTER—SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Alice Gagle

The regular meeting held at the home of Margaret Lamont was most enthusiastic with nine members of the Chapter present. We welcomed our new members, Marguerite Blair of Lafayette, Marion Schorr, Sarah Scott and Virginia Taylor of New Orleans. We had the pleasure of meeting our transfer from Atlanta, Maxine Bennett, and were delighted with her. Plans for the next meeting consist of a fish supper at the Happy Landings Tavern near

LOUISIANA CHAPTER--SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION
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the airport, Wednesday, February 12. We also have plans afoot for an event to raise money for the AEMF for early May. More of this later.

Congratulations were extended Edna Gardner Kidd who won the Alcazar Race at Miami. Naomi Hicks could not be at the meeting as she was not back from flying to Cuba.

EASTERN PENN CHAPTER--MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

By Bettie Thompson

Our Chapter held its January meeting on Sunday, the 26th, at Philadelphia's Boulevard Airport. We had a good turnout, over 15 of our 22 Chapter members were present. Hostess was Doris Stansbury of Philadelphia, who planned a fine luncheon at the airport restaurant. Two of our guests were CAA Inspectors Procter and Morris. They were presented with the place-card airplanes with the remark that we hoped they would not find them too difficult to solo nor spin them in. We were glad that Mrs. Procter and Mrs. Morris were also able to come with their inspector husbands to our luncheon and meeting. We enjoyed having them with us.

Guest speaker was a man well known in aviation circles all over the country--Kern Dodge, President of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania, former Director of Public Safety for Philadelphia, Governor of the N A A for Pennsylvania, and also the father of one of our charter members of the 99's, Jane Dodge. His speech, more or less "off the record," gave us much interesting information by one whose fingertips are on the country's aeronautical pulse. Thank you, Kern Dodge.

We had three of our members fly to Florida this past month and one prospective 99'er also flew down. The two 99'ers who got down in time for the Air Races were Chairman Betsy Ross and Sec.-Treas. Linda Bick, who flew via Taylorcraft. Your 99 reporter flew down via Aeronca two days after the Races were over and there met Alma Harwood Chairman of the A.E.M. Fund. Alma will be one of our guest speakers at our Chapter's March A.E. Memorial meeting. Prospective 99'er who flew down to the races was Jessie Jones, better known as "Junior," sister of our membership committee chairman, Helen Jones.

To all 99'ers and their friends, male and female! Our Chapter is holding an OPEN meeting to be dedicated to Amelia Earhart and the A.E. Memorial Fund on Sunday, the 23rd of March, at the Franklin Institute & Planetarium, 20th and Parkway, Philadelphia. Full program will be printed in the next issue. In the meantime, for information, write Miss Bettie Thompson, 724 N. 63rd St., Philadelphia. (Ballots for Middle Eastern Section officers are going out immediately.)

FLORIDA CHAPTER--SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

By Chairman Vera Self

CALLING ALL WOMEN PILOTS! for a meet in Sarasota, March 8 and 9. Occasion: Pageant of Sara de Sota. Entertainment: Parades, a Ball, a Luncheon for women pilots, Cocktail Party, a breakfast for the Florida Chapter, after which will be the monthly meeting, and tours of the city. So you see, the Junior Chamber and the Aero Club, as well as myself, promise you a good time. This event sponsored by the Jaycees each year has become quite famous in these parts. The airport program will consist of several contests open to all pilots and prizes will be awarded. To the first five ships arriving from a distance greater than 75 miles, 10 gallons of gas will be given free of charge. The officers of McDill Field have been invited to come over and give us a few demonstrations. There will be a Water Carnival, a Fashion Show and Concert at Lido Beach Casino on Sunday afternoon.

Since all hotels are filled to capacity each year during this event, it will be necessary to make reservations in advance. The Terrace Hotel will be Headquar-

ters. Rates will be \$3.50 single and \$5 double. Those wishing reservations and/or expecting to attend the luncheon, please drop me a card to that effect. I sincerely hope that all 99'ers can be here and bring at least one prospective member. Be sure to bring the 49^{ers} too, and if you think there will be a dull moment bring along the golf clubs. The golf course practically adjoins the airport. Be here before 11 a.m. March 8. Hoping to see you.

ORCHIDS AND BOUQUETS to Marion Bertram who acted as Chief of Women's Liaison. A most complimentary letter has been received from Carl Fromhagen, Chairman of the Contest Committee about the efforts of Mrs. Bertram and her cohorts. Nice going girls!

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Lucile Boudreau

Our group meets the first Monday of each month at the Women's City Club, 20 W. 51st St. The speaker this month was Col. J. Carroll Cone, Manager of the Atlantic Division of Pan American Airways. Dr. Surle also spoke about his plan for a Women's Hospital Unit. Ruth Nichols left on a tour of the United States to raise funds for Relief Wings. She is making this trip in a 450 H.P. Wright Beechcraft. Alma Harwood and Jeannette Eastman flew the Fairchild to Miami to attend the races. Please send your news to me at 303 Manor Rd., Douglas Manor, L.I., N.Y., before the first of the month, as the deadline has been changed to the 5th.

Alma Harwood with her husband, Judge Charles Harwood has flown to the Virgin Isles via PAA Stratoclipper. Judge Harwood is the new Governor there and we expect Alma to "pop-up" with some new members-at-large.

EASTERN IOWA CHAPTER--NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Margaret Swendsen

Our December meeting in Ft. Dodge as guests of Winifred and Bernice Eno was called off because of snow. However, we are all getting some flying done. Bernice and Winifred both have their 2S ratings and Bernice has four ground instructor's ratings. She has been teaching CPTP classes for the past few months. Calling our January meeting in Des Moines brought a snow storm and severe cold wave and consequently only three members, Winifred Eno, Ft. Dodge, Betty Frey and Margaret Swendsen of Des Moines were present for the dinner. Our guests, all prospective 99'ers were June Braun, Charlotte Helm, and Kathryn Moore of Des Moines. The Des Moines members, Betty Frey and Margaret Swendsen, have been busy helping with reorganization of a local flying club known as "The Petticoat Flyers," open to all women who have solos. The present membership is 24 and all of these girls are interested in the 99's. We hope they all get their private licenses soon. The group is sponsoring a ground school study class each Monday night enabling the girls to "brush up" on their rules and regulations, navigation, meteorology

Helen Jeanne Johnston, our Chairman, moved to Chicago January 1. We were all sorry to have her leave us, but hope she will be happy in her new home. When last heard from she was busy decorating her new apartment at 635 E. 23rd Place., Chatham Park, Chicago. Helen also told us that she and her 49^{er} were guests of the "Wings of Destiny" program about a week ago. Our next meeting will be held in Des Moines, Feb. 16, and we're hoping for good weather and a large attendance.

TEXAS CHAPTER--SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Fanny M. Leonpacher

We have several new members in the Dallas Neighborhood, signed up by our energetic Membership Chairman for North Texas, Jimmie Kolp. Welcome to Mary Myers of Electra, Gwynn Banks of Sulphur Springs, Mrs. Mary Miller Prince of Longview, and Grace Clark and Virginia Clair of Wichita Falls. A luncheon meeting is being planned in

Dallas in connection with the Sportsman Pilot's Cruise and it is hoped a North Texas Chapter will be one of the results. Governor Fanny Leonpacher is flying over especially for the luncheon and will be the house-guest of Vice-Gov. Zoe Stephens. The News Letter brought two sorority sisters together when Elizabeth Haywood of Greenville and Frances Hodges of Shreveport, both of the Omega started corresponding. Seawillow Long of Houston is spending some time in the East and will visit the airplane factory in Washington. She is enthusiastic about the ship, so maybe she will own one soon. We hope so! Frances Brown is in the throes of moving their Southern Aircraft Corp. from Houston to Dallas. They will have their own airport adjoining the factory at Garland, 12 miles northeast of Dallas. In San Antonio we have a new member, Stella Rennals and in Odessa, way out in West Texas, Florene Miller,--welcome to the S. Central Section. Frances May Vaughn is a new member in Santa Fe, N.M. From Alabama comes news that Grace Stevenson of Holdenville is instructing a flying class at Casper, Wyoming.

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By Constance M. Sheridan

Despite an unusually cold and snowy month, the 99's of New England have been most active. The winter season started with a very pleasant meeting and supper at Daisy Kirkpatrick's home in Marblehead. About twenty members were able to get there, and as always at Daisy's thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The meeting afforded a good opportunity to check up on the activities of several of the girls. Ruth Hamilton, our Governor, who with her husband manages the Revere Airport, has just completed the training of her second group of CPTP students, boys from Harvard and Tufts. Gertrude Meserve, an instructor at Wiggins' Airways in East Boston, has completed the training of her third group of similar students. Gertrude recently made a most skillful one-wheel landing on the snow-covered field at East Boston. Marjorie Davis is studying Aerodynamics at M.I.T. Incidentally, she is the only girl in the class. Jean Adams has made some interesting photographic flights. Louise Howard is giving a series of lectures on aviation to some local boys' clubs. Nancy Love is on a seaplane cruise to the Virgin Islands. Somehow or other these cold winter mornings are not conducive to early rising, but--Miriam Vanderslice makes a real effort to get in some flying before office hours. She, Ruth Wyman, Rose Crowley and Mary Davis are working hard to get their private certificates. From Providence, R.I. we have word that Peggy Lenox is training a CPTP group, and that Louise Sisson is enjoying her new position as secretary to the Consulting Engineer of State Institutions.

We haven't had any reports of individuals from Maine, but understand that there is a great deal of activity among the women pilots there, and we hope to have news of them for the next issue.

The New England Section of the 99's would like to introduce a new member, Mrs. Catherine Hiller, private pilot from Barry, Massachusetts.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER--SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

By Betty Hamilton

The Air Races are past history now, but happy memories of the 99 cocktail party at the McRaes, the 99 booth out at the field, the Woman's Club luncheon and the Magoffin's party, will long furnish subjects for conversation to Lucille Brockenbrough, Bird Eaton, and Betty Hamilton, the three members of the Carolinas Chapter who were present. By the way, was any Chapter outside of Florida as well represented?

Our next meeting will be held in Charlotte, February 9, at Fenners for luncheon. Jessie Woods will soon leave for Florida and hopes to visit the Georgia, Tennessee and Florida Chapters she helped form when she was Governor.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER--NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Ivah Maxfield

Betty Green, formerly of Albuquerque, is now a member of our local Chapter. Betty is our new Sec.-Treas., having replaced Bea Mack who was recently elected Sec.-Treas. of the South Central Section.

Our most recent bride, Helen Woodson Nestle, was the honored guest at our monthly meeting on January 11. The Chapter presented Helen with bronze airplane bookends upon which was appropriately engraved "99's." Pink and white was the color scheme carried out in the table decorations. Out-of-town members attending the meeting included Gwen Hess of Lincoln, Agnes DeHaven, Maxine Nolt of Sioux City.

Dorothy Broadfield is busy at the present time taking a Primary Instructor's Refresher Course at the Omaha airport. One day last month found Belle Hetzel and her class of high school aviation enthusiasts touring the local airport. We understand their tour included an inspection of the Lode-star. Your correspondent has just completed a ground school course in Aeronautical Knowledge given by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

Evelyn Sharp is instructing a CPTP in Spearfish, S.D.

Odetta Wallace has moved to New Berlin, Ill. Betty Bachman is no longer in Omaha, but has moved to Manhattan, Kans. Margaret Wehling has married and moved to Santa Monica, Calif. Ruth Martin has moved from Nebraska to 235 E. 49th St., New York City, but we don't have her new name as yet.

INDIANA CHAPTER--NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Marjorie Jan Stables

The Indiana Chapter held a regular meeting in the Administration Building of the Indianapolis Municipal Airport on Sunday, January 12. Helen Wetherill of Richmond presided and flew in in a Cub. Lois Hollingsworth and Pat Dickerson also flew over. The rest of us drove. Our "Penny Banks" were distributed and we had one guest, Mrs. Clara McFarland of Mishawaka. We have a new and very charming member, Miss Betty Schiller of Indianapolis, who is a full-fledged private. We're glad to have you! Pat Dickerson of Lafayette is now employed by the CPTP at Purdue Airport and Lois Hollingsworth of Purdue is a senior in college this year. We are sure going to miss her after she graduates and returns to St. Louis. Well, our loss will be Missouri's gain. Hey, gals, you ought to make a hop to Kokomo soon and see Doris Schory's new Cub Cruiser,--it's a wedding anniversary gift. Doris is having a lot of fun flying it around and building up her time. Helen House Aultcelt of Rochester has a cute office built on her airport now. Guess Helen and Wayne are planning some interesting events for this summer's activity on their airport. We'll be down! We are sorry to learn that Betty Folsom of South Bend has been ill with the flu lately. Hope you'll soon be well. Almost forgot to tell you that Mrs. Jerry Greene and her 49^{1/2}er, Dr. George Greene of South Bend, sold their Taylorcraft and now own a new Ercoupe. It's the only one in this section of the country and from what they tell me it's a mighty fine airplane. On Jan. 16 I had the honor and pleasure of being guest speaker at an educational meeting of the Indiana Epsilon Chapter of Delta Theta Chi Sorority, the subject "Women in Aviation." I only hope I delivered the talk well enough so that the sorority members weren't too bored. I tried my best girls.

Well, guess this ends the news of Indiana but, I'll see you again next month from Indianapolis--just think, by that time I'll be a Mrs.

ALL OHIO CHAPTER--NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Reporter pro tem Grace P. Birge

This Chapter felt their loss will be another Chapter's gain, for our very substantial member, Helen G. Curties, has moved to Washington, D.C., having secured

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a senior secretaryship with the Navy Department. With her go the very best wishes of each member.

No sooner had Florence Boswell returned from her trip to Miami and Cuba with her son, Bob, as navigator, than she was hard at work on the various local offices that she holds. This past week, Florence took time enough to give a talk on the importance of Junior Aviation work and present the perpetual trophy awarded in the Gas Model Contest. We hear tell her ship is being shined up for her take-off to Mexico. Guess everyone will realize how little we see of Florence when they read of the new Chapters she has been organizing and stop to think how much that takes her away from us. First and foremost in Florence's vocabulary, always will be heard "99's."

Arlene Davis got a real thrill out of having an Ercoupe available for the flight to Miami and in one of the races. Reports from Marion Jackson's father are most glowing with news of her flying activities in Calif-

ornia. While we haven't seen Mary King in the past few weeks, we know she must have enjoyed her round-trip to New York, and where else, Mary? Frances Morrison has her wings temporarily clipped, due to the engine in the Waco deciding to disturb its normal smoothness on a return trip from New York. Peggy Pierce can talk of nothing else but this and that airplane that she has flown in her search for the "one and only" which she will soon announce as her own.

By Florence H. Boswell
Chairman of Membership Committee

You might be interested to know that during the time I held the Governorship in the North Central Section, 1938-39 and this past year, 1940, as Membership Chairman, I have been able to organize in this Section the following Chapters: (this might be an inspiration to some of the rest of the girls) Minnesota, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, East Missouri, Kentucky, and Wisconsin. (Full reports in the next issue on the new East Missouri, Kentucky and Wisconsin Chapters. Ed. Note.)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINES!

For the past year every effort has been made by this organization to determine the vital statistics of our membership in relation to licenses, correct addresses, solo hours, etc.

Returns from a detailed questionnaire sent out last year were not satisfactory. Post office notices of changes of address have been incomplete. Much confusion has arisen in our membership files due to changes of name by marriage. Department of Commerce files in Washington are no longer available for use by other than government officials due to the defense emergency.

Therefore, a return addressed postcard is included with this issue of the News Letter, containing questions, the answers to which are necessary to the efficient operation of this organization.

Betty H. Gillies
PRESIDENT

EXPIRATION DATE _____
LICENSE # _____
CLASS: Solo, Private, Ltd. Comm., Comm.? _____
RATINGS: 1, 2S, 3S, Instructor, Instrument? _____
TOTAL SOLO HOURS _____
What make airplane do you own, if any? _____
If employed in aviation what occupation? _____
MARRIED NAME _____
MAIDEN NAME _____
Which name shall we use? _____
PRESENT ADDRESS _____
City _____ State _____
Any other address at different time of year? _____
NO. OF CHILDREN _____
NATIONALITY _____
Fill Out Your Postcard Now!

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ENGLAND:

New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts,
Rhode Island, Maine

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY:

New York, New Jersey, Connecticut

EASTERN:

Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware,
Virginia, West Virginia, D. C.

SOUTH EASTERN:

North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama,
Georgia, Florida, Tennessee

MIDWEST CENTRAL:

Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana,
Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa,
Minnesota

WEST CENTRAL:

Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico,
Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana

WESTERN:

Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming,
Idaho, South Dakota, North Dakota

SOUTHWESTERN:

California, Utah, Nevada, Arizona

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Sec.-Treas: Lorna Simpson

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Vice-Chairman: Mrs. Helen Budwash
Sec.-Treas: Mrs. Frances Anderson

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Vice-Chairman: Nell Emery
Sec.-Treas: Helen House Aultcelt

IOWA:

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Vice-Chairman: Harriet Fertig
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Chairman: Pearl Fancher
Vice-Chairman: Louise Carson
Sec.-Treas: Ruth Evans Bowler

WASHINGTON, D.C.:

Chairman: Lu Lu Shank
Vice-Chairman: Marian Hinson
Sec.-Treas: Claire Callaghan



MARY F. BENSON

One from Ninety-Nine

*Is life more truly ours than yours,
Loved friend we toast tonight?
Are you less present here than we
Who share the candlelight?
Must life be certified in years
And memory by authentic tears,
Or may we hail with valiant cheers
The living . . . not in sight?*

*Bright spirit of the blue frontier
Where silver navies ply,
No place on all this rolling sphere
Can claim that there you lie.
Though wind and tide may have your wing
They can not quench that living thing,
That deathless passion which must sing
Its song against the sky.*

—Gill Robb Wilson

AMELIA EARHART

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

APPLICATION BLANKS TO REQUIRE ADDED INFORMATION

New application blanks are almost completed. Because of the change from instrument to advanced training, and also because the winner is to be judged solely on her ability and not on a chance of her number being drawn from a hat, complete information will be needed as to what type of flying each girl has done and what future use they will make of the advanced rating. The salary clause has been changed and also an insertion made that married women who have not their own means of livelihood can compete.

Some girls still do not realize that the award we hope to make every other year, if not every year, depends solely upon the amount of interest which will be derived from the principal trust. Naturally, the award depends upon the growth of this fund and the sooner we get a large and substantial fund in the bank, the sooner the award.

The New York-New Jersey Section sent in a check for \$204 which was made at their dinner dance November 9 at the St. Regent's Roof.

February Slogan

The sound of dropping extra pence,
Will rectify this month's offense.

Extra penny banks may be obtained by writing Miss Lillian Arum, 77 Cortland Street, New York City.

99'S TO BE REPRESENTED BY ALL-OHIO GROUP AT CLEVELAND SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

The All-Ohio Chapter of Ninety-Nines is sponsoring a booth entitled "Women in Aviation" at the American and Canadian Sportsmen's Show, which will be held in Cleveland the week of March 22. We are displaying photos and trophies of various 99 members. We wish that all members of the group would cooperate with us in this undertaking by sending pictures of themselves and any trophies won, in order that we may show thousands of people who usually visit this show the 99's are and what they can accomplish.

We would be most pleased if this display could become the permanent property of the All-Ohio Chapter.

By Grace P. Blinn

MONTHLY LISTING OF HIGHER LICENSES AND NEW RATINGS

Next month we will start a special heading to list all activities in which the girls are engaging for public defense purposes—advanced training, higher ratings, etc. Reporters please note, and let's have them—the deadline is still the 5th. Please, members, notify your Section and Chapter Secretary when you acquire higher licenses and new ratings!