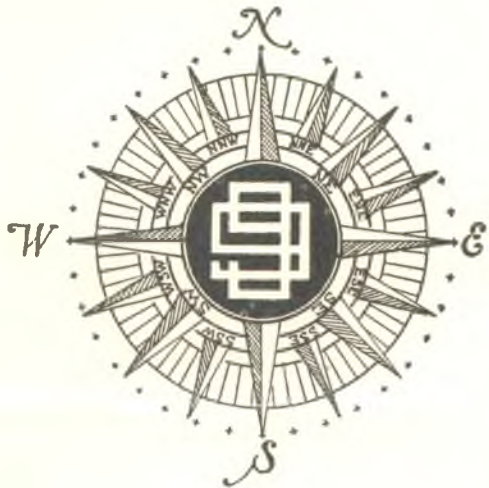


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## LINK TRAINER INSTRUCTORS

Casey Jones, President of the J.V.W. Corporation, distributors of the well-known Link Trainer, has informed us that his company, in conjunction with Link Aviation Devices, manufacturers of the Trainer, is contemplating a plan for training a few women pilots as Link Trainer instructors. Mr. Jones points out that this has been successfully tried in England and that, if conditions become more serious, a decided demand for such instructors may arise. For a number of years the Link factory has offered a free course of instruction to operators of its clients. The course takes a period of three months, and it has been found that even a competent pilot needs this amount of time to master the Trainer sufficiently to become a first class instructor. The first two weeks of the course are devoted to maintenance and care of the Trainer, and then the students are given a complete course in the Trainer and finally each of the students acts as instructors with the rest of the group. In addition, theoretical work is given on instruments, navigation procedures and other pertinent subjects, and occasional check flights are made to familiarize the students with actual air operation.

In order to qualify for such position, applicants should have a commercial pilot's rating--and an instructor's and instrument rating is highly desirable. While the company makes no definite promises, any members with the proper qualifications who might be interested are invited to correspond with Casey Jones, 1100 Raymond Blvd., Newark, N. J.

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## NOTICE TO JUNIOR MEMBERS

At our last Annual Meeting, July 7, 1940, an amendment to the Constitution was made as follows:

"It is hereby proposed that the Constitution be amended by striking out Class E - Junior Members - from Section 2, this amendment to become effective as of May 1, 1941."

This date is not far off, so this is to call your attention to start earning that active pilot certificate so that you may remain a Ninety-Niner.

All members listed as Junior Members on the official list at Headquarters on May 1 will be dropped from membership in the Ninety-Nines. They will be notified accordingly. There will be no extension of time.

If you have already earned a Private Pilot Certificate, please be sure that your records are changed at Headquarters.

Marjorie Ludwigsen  
National Secretary

Have you returned your post card enclosed with the last issue of the 99 News Letter? If you have not, DO SO NOW! If you failed to receive one, write Headquarters, Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C.

## NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By Constance M. Sheridan

About seventeen members attending this months meeting and dinner, had the pleasure of welcoming three new members and a prospective member. Joan Crawford of Honolulu, a student at the Fletcher School of Diplomacy, has her Private certificate. Mrs. Florence Barrett of Providence, R.I., also has a Private and Ruth Ingalls of Boston is well on her way to a Commercial. The prospective member is Charlotte Basset, of Boston, one of the most enthusiastic students imaginable and the very proud owner of the Aeronca in which she has been training.

Now, here is something bound to interest all 99 Sections and Chapters for they can all follow the same interesting constructive plan. Ruth Hamilton and Marjorie Davis offered to the Red Cross Chapter of this Section, the service of the N. E. 99'ers. The Chapter here was enthusiastic, especially since the National Guard which, up to this time, had helped them in every emergency has become federalized. They referred the letter to the National Chapter in Washington, and as a result all of the N. E. Section of the 99's has become identified with the Disaster Relief Section of Red Cross.

On some Saturday in the coming month we are to practice in conjunction with the Sea Scouts (Signal Corps) of the Disaster Relief Section, Red Cross. We are to fly to a designated area and interpret signals in code set out by the Sea Scouts, simulating the rescue procedure in event of any possible emergency.

From Maine, we hear of two more girl instructors busy with the CPT program. At Bangor Airport, Elizabeth Peters is teaching students from Orono College. Cecelia Rather instructs a group from Bates College at the Waterville Airport. In Rhode Island Peggy Lennox is giving the Commercial Refresher Course. Hortense Harris is taking her Refresher Course at the Providence Airport.

Here in Massachusetts Ruth Hamilton who started a new Ground School class at Boston U., on March 10 starts a class for any member of the 99's interested in securing a Ground Instructor's rating.

Gertrude Meserve, instructor at E. Boston Airport, Florence Cates, and Ruth Granger, Private flyers, have completed their First Air Course with the Red Cross and have their certificates. Miriam Vanderslice and Ruth Wyman will have their certificates at the end of the month. Nancy Love is home from her vacation in the Virgin Islands—Six thousand miles of flying in a Ranger Fairchild on floats! Dorothy Monroe has an interesting new job and only wishes that she had her much loved Rearwin in which to cover more territory. Moya Mitchell has been flying the Cessna Air-Master. Jean Adams has had more interesting assignments in aerial photography. Louise Howard has met with great success in her lectures on aviation to boys' clubs and classes in a few grade schools (her own son's among them.) She would be very grateful to any member of the 99's in other sections who could send her interesting pictures of things pertaining to aviation—planes, people, equipment, etc. She specified measurements as 4" by 5".

## NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Helen Lucille Boudreau

Mrs. L. W. Glows, Director of Aviation for Queens County, spoke on "The Problem of Establishing an Airport in Queens" at the monthly meeting at the Women's City Club. Viola Gentry spoke at a meeting of the Women's Service Committee for National Preparedness and Home Defense at the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn. Peggy Remy is away on the Sportsman's Pilot Cruise. Martha Bacon is busy completing her Commercial Certificate and Instructor's rating at Safair. Safair opens a Brooklyn base for the convenience of private, commercial and C.P.T. students at Hangar #7, Floyd Bennett Airport.

Dorothy A. Mackey, Buffalo member, has just received an Air-Traffic Control-Tower Operator's Certificate, with Junior Rating for the Niagara Falls Municipal Airport. It is my understanding that she is the first in ten states comprising the New York Region, and possibly in the whole country, to receive such a certificate. Congrats!

Please send me your news at 303 Manor Rd., Douglas Manor, L.I., so we will be well represented.

## EASTERN PENN CHAPTER--MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

By Bettie Thompson

This is an invitation to all Ninety-Nines and their friends, male and female, to attend an OPEN meeting dedicated to Amelia Earhart and the A.E. Memorial Fund.

Date--Sunday, March 23.

Place--Franklin Institute & Planetarium

20th & Parkway, Philadelphia, Penna.

Time--12 noon sharp until 5 p.m.

Total cost for the day--only 80¢

The Franklin Institute is located near the center of the city, a short 5 minutes or less cab ride from all center city train and bus terminals including the P.R.R.'s Broad St. Station, Reading Terminal at 11th and Market Sts., Bus Terminals at 13th and Filbert Sts., and Greyhound Bus Terminal at Broad St. Station. We advise girls to drive or come by train or bus, rather than fly, if they do not plan to stay overnight, as program runs until 5 o'clock and we know they won't want to miss anything. However, if you do wish to fly in, let us know early and we will try to arrange transportation from one of our fields into town and if you wish to stay over, we will advise you as to hotels, etc.

The luncheon and meeting will be over at 2:30 but the entire program runs until 5 p.m. The program is an unusually interesting one and we are looking forward to entertaining all you 99'ers, so remember March 23. Plan to come.

### The Program

1. Meet at 12 noon in Ninety-Nine room on 3rd floor of Franklin Institute.
2. Luncheon promptly 12:30 in the Franklin Institute's Dairy Dell. Cost 50 cents.
3. Return to 99 room for open meeting from 1:30 to 2:30.



Among the well known speakers at this meeting will be our National President, Betty Gillies, Col. Victor Dallin, Director of Aeronautics for the State of Pennsylvania, Alma Harwood, Chairman of 89 A. E. Memorial Fund.

Among the invited guests are airport managers, airline people, Capt. Gill Robb Wilson, Kern Dodge, C.A.A. Inspectors, aviation school heads.

4. After the meeting, the Director of Aviation and Transportation of the Franklin Institute, Mr. Ralph McClarren, has very kindly arranged for our group to view a Planetarium Show of "starry skies" from 3 to 4 o'clock. The Planetarium shows are always a very novel and interesting experience. This Planetarium is used by the Weems System of Navigation Schools for teaching part of their celestial navigation course.

5. The Hall of Aviation and the rest of the exhibits will be open to groups all afternoon to 5.

Among the displays in the Hall of Aviation is Amelia Earhart's trans-Atlantic Lockheed Vega, a 1911 Wright (still flyable, last flown 1934--its top speed 45 m.p.h.), a collection of autographs of famous flyers, the Gimbel Earhart Medal, an Esso wings trainer, a wind tunnel, and a "push button" display of basic aerodynamic principles.

Tickets for admission both to Franklin Institute and Planetarium are only 30 cents. Ask for combination tickets for Special Groups, purchase at door and be sure to say you have come to attend the Ninety-Nine meeting. Use the Planetarium entrance on the Winter Street (i.e. Parkway) side of the building. Be sure to mention 99 meeting as the general public is not admitted until later in the day.

The entire and total cost for all this is only 80 cents. If you plan to be present, send a penny postcard with your name and address to Miss Bettie Thompson, 724 N. 63rd St., Phila., Pa. This is necessary so we can arrange for lunch and check names of those coming.

Calling all our Section--Western Pa., Dela., Md., Va., W.Va., and D. C., we would like to meet you. Our Chapter extends a personal invitation. See you Sunday, March 23, in Philadelphia.

#### TENNESSEE CHAPTER-SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

By Ruth Wolfe Thomas

The nicest thing we have to report is our last meeting. We all flew down to Chattanooga for a luncheon, Millie Ownby was hostess for the day.

I took along a newspaper reporter--swapped a cross-country for some publicity. Pearl Brock flew down with her 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>er. Ruth Bowler and her hubby drove down. Doctor says for Ruth to stay out of the air for a while. We had invited one of our members in Alabama to join us at this meeting, but she didn't show up, Mrs. J. B. Kennedy, the former Carol Buggeln of New Orleans.

Oh, yes, we have two more new members. They are Cornelia Fort from Nashville and Billie LeVan from Chattanooga. Cornelia had 178 hours when she joined--ought to have about enough for her commercial by now. One of the boys remarked that she was a girl who could put a plane anywhere she pleased.

Billie LeVan owns a Cub and plenty of cross-country experience--that's how she built up her present 415 hours.

Jane Gump and Gladys Lacey from Johnson City didn't get to the meeting. Jane was very busy and somebody had cracked up Gladys' plane. Lorraine Buttrey has her commercial now so that can be added to her record. Congratulations!

Louise Carson is busy with another CPT program. We Knoxville 99'ers saw our pictures all over the paper this a.m. (result of that cross-country for publicity) and Louise's title was "A Lady Bird with an M.A. degree." The reporter, Miss Hixon, said to me on the way home that she thought that when women got together they just plain gossiped no matter what type meeting and for what but instead, quote, an eavesdropping male would regain his faith in womankind if he had heard feminine conversation. Not a bridge party was mentioned for they joined in with "the boys" in discussion of plane technicalities and airplane lore unquote.

Millie Ownby was in Knoxville today. She visited Dr. Grubb for her physical yesterday preparatory to having her license renewed. By the way, I think that this Chapter deserves a medal, or something, don't you? Last August we organized with 5 members. Today, six months later, we have five new members and our hands on another who is transferring her membership here from Arizona. That's a double in half a year.

We all like the new News Letter.

#### ILLINOIS CHAPTER-NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Jerry Truesdell

Well, we have had a few visitors lately. At our last meeting which was held at the Congress Hotel, our guests included Helen Johnston, formerly of Des Moines, Dorothy Berendson from Omaha, and Lola Sweetwood from Joliet. We were more than glad to have them with us and we heard some most interesting comments about what is going on in other parts of the country.

We are all hepped up about the British War Relief work and at the moment we are trying hard to sell pins which are an exact copy of the Royal Air Force insignia. They are really very handsome and proceeds certainly do go to a worthy cause. Jane Ray is in charge of this part of our work. At the last meeting Frances Allen and Marge Dickman told of having done clerical work at B.W.R. Headquarters. Others of us are collecting warm clothing and some are knitting: (knit-in' for Britain, you might say)...

We are planning on doing a lot of flying as a group this year. There will be breakfast flights and probably some competitive events among ourselves. We also expect to work up some regular educational meetings which will include studies of meteorology and navigation and various subjects which will tend to make better pilots of us.

Poor weather has kept most of us from doing very much flying although your Reporter did have a bang-up good trip in a Fairchild to Lake Geneva last week. It really is great sport to land on the ice with one's fingers crossed, hoping the ice is thick enough to hold the airplane (which it did)



## KENTUCKY CHAPTER--NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Florence H. Boswell

Mrs. Thelma LanFord, Chairman, is our senior pilot. She has logged 260 hours and has just passed her written for a Commercial. She will take her flight test soon to become Kentucky's first woman commercial pilot.

Vice-Chairman Margery Roe earned her Private in the local CPT program. She is our youngest, 20 years old and loves to fly, but has never learned to drive a car.

Jean Jones, also a CPT graduate is our Secy-Treas. Her most exciting flight occurred after she had logged only four hours of solo flying. She was caught in a wind-shift, and after being carried over town, managed a safe power-on landing. She is one of our most enthusiastic pilots and is hoping soon to own a ship.

Gertrude Hendershot, who has just renewed her Private, is now vice-president of the Aero Club of Kentucky and has helped sponsor Dawn Patrols for private flyers to outlying communities in order to promote interest in aviation.

Svea Helstrom, CPT graduate, is nicknamed "Stormy" both because of her haircut and volatile disposition. Her most unusual experience was landing in a soy bean field, near Bainbridge, Ind., during her solo cross-country. Unable to find the town on her map, she called home field. At first they were puzzled too--then both realized it was over the fold of the map!

By Adeline B. Gault

Since the above report was sent in, we have two new members--Rosemary Gregg, teacher, and Patricia Ruddy, nurse. We have a local club for "fem flyers" called the N.X.11. The requirements for membership in NX 11 is only to have soloed and to continue flying. Some of the girls were ineligible for membership in the 99's, so we decided to make the NX 11 a junior organization and the 99's the seniors. Now as soon as a Nixie is awarded her Private she becomes a 99'er, and in that way we can still have all our girls together.

As new 99'ers, we hope that whenever a visiting 99'er lands in St. Louis she will not hesitate to look us up, as we are eager to meet members of the various Chapters.

## LOUISIANA CHAPTER--SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Alice Cagle

Our Chairman, Margaret Lamont, has teamed up permanently with George Griener, Weems Instructor for Hobley-Maynard. Congratulations, Margaret, and best wishes for a very happy dual flight.

The meeting held at the Happy Landing Tavern was lots of fun, and hangar flying occupied the biggest portion of the conversation. The next meeting will be at Marion Schorr's house on March 12, and further details of our proposed dinner-dance will be discussed then. We are hoping for a full attendance, so everybody come!

Alice Cagle has received her Comm. and is working on her Instructor's Rating. Good luck, Alice.

## MICHIGAN CHAPTER--NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Reporter pro tem, Alice Hammond

About thirty members and guests of the Michigan Chapter had their education futhered no end by Cass Hough's splendid dissertation on "Weather Hazards as They Affect the Flight of an Airplane" on Sunday afternoon, March 2. On April 6 we'll have our fourth and final meeting on this series, and it promises to be fun for all--Cass and Floyd Pierson, meteorologist at Detroit City Airport will conduct a "quiz" contest covering the material we have had in the series of three lectures. We plan to divide our group into two teams, with suitable prizes for those who stand up longest under the barrage of questions. We'll meet in the Aviation Room of the Detroit LeLand Hotel as usual at 1 p.m. following "brunch" at 11:45 in the coffee shop.

We were so happy to have our President, Betty Gillies, with us for our March meeting, and hope she will come often and stay longer! Lenore Mc Elroy and Lois Coots of Parkersburg, W.Va., popped in with the news that they will be working at Har-tung Aircraft Corp. now; so will be a welcome addition to our Chapter, and they also brought Lonnie Belt, private, a prospective member along. We are happy to welcome Margaret Jean Schumann of Ypsilanti as the newest member of our Chapter, and our congratulations to Helen Ashley who acquired her private ticket recently! We understand that when Mrs. Grohman flew to Miami in January with daughter, Betty, in a Luscombe, it was her first trip by air. How about taking flying up yourself, Mrs. Grohman, so we can have a "mother-and-daughter" team in our Chapter?

## MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER--NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Ivah C. Maxfield

For the February meeting we were guests in the home of Betty Green at a one o'clock luncheon. A beautifully set table seated the girls to a most delicious lunch. A good business meeting took up the afternoon hours. We had an addition to our Chapter at this meeting--may I introduce Mary Beecham as a new 99'er. Welcome to the 99's, Mary.

On February 15 and 16, Bea Mack and Belle Hetzel drove to Kansas City to attend the hangar dance and breakfast given by the Missouri Chapter. They were happy to meet the new members and enjoyed their hospitality at the breakfast. We were sorry that more of our girls could not accept the invite.

Dorothy Broadfield has given up her position at the Telephone Company and is now employed in the office of the Burnham and Miller Flying Service in Omaha. From the way it looks to us, Dorothy intends to make MORE flying her goal. Good luck, Dot.

Next Saturday the girls will meet at the Chamber of Commerce for the March meeting. A guest speaker has been invited to talk to us on Meteorology.

We planned to raise funds for the A.E.M. by assessing the girls 10¢ per meeting, but if the meeting is at the home of a member, the assessment is 50¢. This should mount up to a very nice sum in a short while.



By Florence H. Boswell

I held a meeting with these girls about six weeks ago, and wish to say they are all very active and interested and under the able guidance of Verna Irene Burke, who owns and operates her own flying service, and Adela Riek Scharr, who holds an instructor's rating, also uses it. This Chapter will be a credit to our organization.

A brief history of each member follows:

Mrs. Adela Scharr, Chairman, started flying in April, 1935, holds Commercial and instructor's rating, as well as ground school rating in Meteorology, Navigation and CAR.

Miss Billy Gallagher, Vice-Chairman, has a Private, and started flying on the CPT program, is now on the advanced.

Mrs. Shirley Souttar, Secretary-Treasurer, holds a Private, with 1 rating. Started May 1940.

Mrs. Adeline L. Gault is Secretary to Burke and Downs, a flying service at Lambert Field and holds a Private.

Miss Verna Burke owns a Stinson and a Waco, and conducts Verna Burke Charter Service at Lambert. She has a Commercial with 1 and 2S ratings.

Billie Gallagher is to be interviewed on the radio within the next week on the CPT program in St. Louis, to be followed later with interviews with some of the other girls on different phases of women in aviation. To date four new girls have been put on the CPT program at Lambert Field.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER--NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Emily Cikanek

High Finance was an important subject at our meeting on February 12 when our Chapter decided to hold a rummage sale to raise money so as to be able to safely sponsor a dance, the proceeds from which will be used to get our treasury back "on the beam" after being in a "fade-out" status for the past few months. The rummage sale is to be on March 22 and the date of the dance is May 20, by which time we are quite sure it will have stopped snowing up here in Minnesota and all you 99'ers in the other directions will have good weather for coming in to Minneapolis for the dance. Yes, it's an invitation for all of you.

The weather cleared just long enough last week for Joan Whalen to go a-Cubbing with Harold Thurston for the purpose of dropping free tickets over the U Campus for their Aero Ball at the Nichollet Hotel. As it was they had to put sand in the envelopes so they wouldn't flutter too far.

Greetings to our two new members, Catherine Flemming and Jean Swain who were both CPT students. Catherine was the first CPT student in St. Paul to get her private certificate. But wait a minute! What's this? I stopped writing here a moment to look at this morning's paper and there's a picture of Catherine with her new hubby ready to depart by plane for a honeymoon in Fargo, N.D.! Incidentally, the new 49<sup>er</sup> is Orville Tosch who made a name for himself around these parts by flying 200 miles in adverse weather conditions to deliver serum which saved the life of a wounded deerhunter. Congrats!

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By Florence H. Boswell

Mrs. Melba Beard, commercial pilot is Chairman of the Chapter, having transferred from the Los Angeles Chapter.

Marcia Courtney, Vice-Chairman, has just completed the secondary CAA courses and so holds 1 and 2S ratings. She is a senior at the U. of Wisconsin, and is most frequently seen at the Municipal Airport bundled up in warm togs for flying the open planes.

Mary Ahlstrom learned to fly at her home airport, La Cross, is a senior at the U. of Wisconsin and is another member who has just completed the secondary CAA flying and ground courses, and so holds both the 1 and 2S ratings. Much of Mary's flying in the future will probably be done in the plane that her father is expecting to buy. Mary is Secretary-Treasurer of the new Chapter.

Mrs. Marion Albright, private, has been flying the past year or two at Madison airport, and recently made an extended flight down through Ohio to Kentucky and return, in the family Taylorcraft.

Mrs. Dorothy Bryant, a Junior member, has built up considerable time, and expects to get her Private just as soon as the weather warms up enough to practice for her test.

Jannette Buckley, Junior member from Plano, Ill. is a senior at the U. of Wisconsin. Learned to fly at Four Lakes Airport, Madison, last year. If all goes well, she will have her Private by the time the News Letter is out.

Eleanor Camburn, Private, is in her third year at the University and learned to fly last summer at Burlington, Vt. Departing a little from the usual, it was Eleanor's father who first suggested that she take up flying, which must be an indication that times are getting better.

Dorothy Gretney, Private, learned to fly last year at Milwaukee, and is in her last year at the University. She looks forward to week-ends at home for then she can build up time in her cousin's plane.

Barbara Fisher became eligible for regular membership in the new Chapter just a few hours before the organization meeting, having completed tests for her Private certificate that afternoon, making it an eventful day for all. She is a Junior at the University.

Jean Frantz, Junior, and a busy senior at the U. of Wisconsin, also expects to be a Private by the time this News Letter is read.

Betty Glaettli of Madison, a sophomore at the University, has a Private and learned to fly last year at the local Municipal Airport. She is majoring in Public Health, and when the degrees are awarded, she will also be a nurse, and plans to be an air-hostess.

Carol Kotick of Madison took her training last summer and is now a Private. Carol is an administrative secretary for one of the Federal agencies here, and is also a senior at the University.

Carol Reis, Private, prefers to be known as "Tiny." She is a senior at the U. of Wisconsin and learned to fly last year in Madison. She is busy figuring ways and means of building up her flying time for that important future in aviation.



## NEW MEXICO NEWS--SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Harriet Nye

The big state with small population and lots of landing space reports that the new members for the month are Helen Kinnaird, a University of New Mexico CAA student, and Virginia Cutter, wife of New Mexico's veteran and pioneer pilot, Bill Cutter. Virginia started flying before she was married, but according to the axiom that the cobbler's family goes without shoes, it has taken many years for anyone to pay enough attention to her to give her the necessary instruction in sufficient quantity; in the meantime she has thrilled over every achievement of her husband's students, and always claims the first ride with a new pilot. So we in New Mexico were particularly happy to congratulate Virginia.

Helen McClendon has her Aeronca back in town after leasing it out for some months. We were excited to hear the announcement by Maxine Nordhaus' family of her engagement to Bigelow Chaplain of New York, the wedding will occur on April 15, and will be of great interest to all New Mexico.

### TEXAS CHAPTER--SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Gwynn Banks

Greetings to all you Sister 99'ers! This is one of your very new Reporters from down Texas way. In fact, there are a lot of new things from this part of the country. First, the Texas members of the 99 Club met at the Melrose Hotel, Dallas, on February 8 for the purpose of organizing a Texas Chapter of the 99's, and that's just what we did.

The group elected Abbie Haddaway of Dallas, as Chairman, Jeanna Shepherd, new 99'er from Dallas as Vice-Chairman, and Mary Miller Prince of Longview as Secy-Treas. We were especially glad to have Florence Boswell who dropped by on her way from Cleveland to Mexico; also Fanny Leonpacher the Governor of the South Central Section, who flew in from Lafayette, La., and the very popular Jimmie Kolp from Electra, Texas, who flew to Dallas in her Cessna with Una Goodwin and Gerry Honomichl from Oklahoma.

Thirteen members joined the Texas Chapter and we have several more prospective members, besides seven old ones.

One of our new members from Austin, "Ziggy" Hunter, brought up the subject of Texas House Bills 292 and 319 which would seriously curtail flying and the aviation industry in Texas. The new Chapter went on record as vigorously opposing these bills and in addition each member has promised to contact a Congressman and voice her opposition.

Our new members include Mary Prince who got her certificate in Austin, Dixie Downing and "Ziggy" Hunter who also learned to fly in Austin. Mary Myers learned to fly at Hardin Junior College, Geneva Hall learned at Lou Foote's in Grand Prairie. From Southern Methodist U's Mustang Field came Jeanna Shepherd, Betty Belle Brewer and Birdie Kirven, and Grace Clark came from North Texas State Teachers' College. Josephine Broadbent came all

the way from San Antonio to be with us and extend an invitation for us to hold our next meeting. The meeting will be on Sunday, March 9, and so the Dallas girls are renting 2 or 3 ships, sharing expenses and flying to San Antonio for the meeting.

Other members of the new Texas Chapter include Dorothy L. Glanton, Mary M. Golden, and Mrs. Fred Woodchick.

By Fanny M. Leonpacher

The formation of a Texas Chapter is the biggest news of the month for this Section. And it looks very much as if the next meeting will see the formation of another Texas group. Since Texas is the largest State in the Union, it should have the largest number of Chapters, so we see no reason why we shouldn't begin with two. Chairman Abbie Haddaway of Dallas is doing a good job, we know she will keep up the good work.

New members in the Section this month from Texas and New Mexico include Mary Beecham, Oklahoma, Virginia Nordlund and Betty Whitlow, Tulsa, Patricia Marie Branin, Topeka, and Margaret Anne Hamilton, Tulsa. Welcome to the Section, girls, and we hope you will be well-acquainted with all of us before long.

Donna Tracy Myers, our amiable hostess of the National Convention from Denver, reports the possibility of several new 99'ers there before long. She says "I continue to sneak a Cub away from a student at the airport once in a while, and trust that some day in the not too distant future I will go up for a Commercial."

Ruth Stilson is leaving Kansas and will visit Lexington, Missouri--Missouri Chapter note!

It looks very much as if we will have a South Central Section meeting in Houston, Texas, at the Southwest Aviation Conference, April 24-26. So, make your plans accordingly now, and as soon as something definite is learned, you will be notified.

We have thirty new members so far this year. Keep up the good work, and if you need any information, let me know!

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### NINETY-NINE PINS AVAILABLE AT HEADQUARTERS \$1.00

A new order for 99 pins has just been placed with the manufacturer at considerably lower prices than we have been able to get in the past. By the time you receive this News Letter the pins will be on hand at Ninety-Nine Headquarters, Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C. They are gold filled pins with movable propeller, - and the price is \$1.00

Girls desiring pins will please send check or money order, drawn to the order of the Ninety-Nines to Ninety-Nine Headquarters and their orders will be filled promptly.

The difference between the old price and the new price will be refunded to those girls who sent in the money for their pins but whose orders could not be filled until we had purchased the new supply.

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By Rita Gerry

This month marks the Ninth Anniversary of our birthday as a Chapter. Nine years ago, nine women organized the Bay Cities Chapter of the 99 Club. Our object was merely to establish a friendly landmark in strange territory for other women flyers, and to cement the friendship already existing in our own small group. Evidently the girl scout idea is bearing fruit. Our Chapter is growing. We are proud of the young girls who have come in as new members. Our birthday party will be on March 7. Dorothy Baxter has a new home in Atherton, and she has invited us for a house-warming.

Flying activities have been somewhat dampened by the unusual weather. The rains came to California (Chamber of Commerce, please note.) Palo Alto field was flooded when the dike broke, and the ships that could not be flown out had to be jacked up above the water line. Dorothy Williams' Culver Cadet is still marooned at Mountain View. The Cadet has a new two-way radio, so we expect Dorothy to do some navigating when the weather clears.

Lillian Anderson flew to Stockton and Modesto, and had to hunt for holes in the clouds to get down.

Marjorie Hook, Helen Ashley, Rita Gerry and Jerry Fauth tried to get to Sacramento, but the valley was solidly fogged in. It was like flying over a field of snow, beautiful but deceptive, so they turned tail and fled for home. The following week-end Marj and Rita went to Lodi to visit the honeymooners, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Verkuyl (nee Eleanor Turney).

Ruth Rueckert recently took her butcher for a sightseeing cruise in the Stinson 105. That was diplomacy, Ruth. In the future you can order round steak, and be sure of getting filets. Afton Lewis has been flying the Stinson 105, skating, skiing, and last Saturday she took the first sun bath of the season. Isabel Steiner flew along the coast to Santa Cruz so she could watch the seals playing in the surf. Harriet Isaacson is working hard, and getting results. She says "Thanks" for the orders from the Miami Air Race display.

We miss Ruth Wakeman at our meetings. She was away all winter, and since returning home she has been busy entertaining house guests.

Sunday, Feb. 23, was the day set for the winging party to Salinas, where the girls were entertained at the Salinas airport by Mrs. Bill Swain. Isabel Steiner flew one ship, with Jean and Fred Harvey as passengers. Marjorie Hook took Ruth Rueckert, Helen Ashley, and Adele Chase in her Fairchild. Isabel and her friends went on later to Kings City, while Marjorie returned to Bay Air-drome, running into a healthy storm on the way.

Now for the answer to the little article in the February issue of NATIONAL AERONAUTICS. No, we do not have an unholy alliance with the Chamber of Commerce. Our oracle is the weather bureau man (Mr. Breeze.) He tells us when the sun will shine in California. In 1940 we had eleven months of good flying weather. Statistics quoted on demand. We have grown up in a land of outdoor sports. Aviation, came along in its natural sequence.

By Gayle Burns

Miss Bessie Owen delivered her Beechcraft to the new owner in Wichita and then went on to New York to see her publishers. Her book, AERIAL VAGABOND, will be out in April, she hopes.

Genevieve Brown has moved to Seattle, Wash., where her husband is employed by one of the ship building companies. She is eager to meet the 99'ers from that Section. She can be reached in care of General Delivery.

Catherine Hickey who successfully got her first class of CAA students through 100%, is now working on her advanced instructor's rating.

At the Aviation breakfast club meeting, Nelda Anderson Hulburd and Dorothy Ruether were seen deep in conversation with two Cal Tech instructors who were guests of the Club. A bit of eavesdropping brought to light the information that the girls were seeking technical knowledge in preparation for a refresher course.

Esther Nelson of Ontario has completed her instructor's re-rating.

Suzanne Hickman is still at her home in Bar-berton, O. She attended the Miami races and visited in Pensacola while in the South. Marion Cooper our new member at Riverside, is busily building up time for her Commercial.

Myrtle Brown's Fairchild is out of the shop, very shiny, and all ready to go places when the weather clears. (Florida girls--it's only raining daffodils.)

#### MISCELLANEOUS NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

We quote parts of a letter from Peggy Vining Potter who is at Bahrein Island, in the Persian Gulf. Peggy is a member who formerly resided in California and she wrote to Ethel Ann Sheehy on September 27 as follows:

"Life here is very interesting and I like it more and more. The hot weather is over now and we are all thrilled and ready to start our fall gardening. It really is a lot of fun to try to make things grow with so many odds against us. Some time when you write, I wish you would enclose a couple of real nice grapefruit seeds and tell me how deep they should be planted.

"We are not taking any local leave this year because the world is in such a turmoil and there isn't any place within transportation limits just now that especially appeals to us. Besides, we are so comfortable and happy in our own home and we like to stay right here.

"We hope to see you in a couple of years."

Florence Boswell, 99'er of Cleveland, Ohio, won first prize in a navigation contest during the Sportsman Pilots' Cruise to Mexico. She was awarded a handsome silver punch bowl. Congratulations, Florence, on the ever-increasing number of honors!

Key Kaylor Kennedy, Santa Monica, says she is now working at Douglas Aircraft, learning everything she can cram into her head. Margaret Blair is working with Ted Brown at Mines Field.

## NEW SECTION AND CHAPTER OFFICERS

### MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION:

Governor: Lu Lu Shank  
Vice-Governor: Helen Walker  
Secy-Treas: Bettie Thompson

### KENTUCKY CHAPTER:

Chairman: Mrs. Thelma LanFord  
Vice-Chairman: Margery Roe  
Secy-Treas: Jean Jones

### EAST MISSOURI CHAPTER:

Chairman: Mrs. Adela Scharr  
Vice-Chairman: Billy Gallagher  
Secy-Treas: Mrs. Shirley Souttar

### SOUTHERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER:

Chairman: Mrs. Melba Beard  
Vice-Chairman: Marcia Courtney  
Secy-Treas: Mary Ahlstrom

### TEXAS CHAPTER:

Chairman: Abbie Haddaway  
Vice-Chairman: Jeanna Shepherd  
Secy-Treas: Mary Prince

### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER:

Chairman: Hilda Jarmuth  
Vice-Chairman: Dorothy Kinsman  
Secy-Treas: Marion Mountain

### CAROLINAS CHAPTER:

Secy-Treas: Agnes Pittman

We wish to run a complete and correct listing of all 99 officers next month in the News Letter. If your officers are not on file here at Headquarters, please send them to us for the next News Letter.

### HIGHER LICENSES - NEW RATINGS DEFENSE ITEMS

- \* Dorothy Mackay, Buffalo, has an Air Traffic Control Tower Operator's Certificate with Junior Rating for the Niagara Falls Municipal Airport.
- \* Esther Nelson, Ontario, Calif., has an Instructor's Re-Rating.
- \* Lorraine Buttrey, Tennessee, has her Commercial Certificate.
- \* Alice Cagle, New Orleans, has a Commercial Certificate.
- \* Helen Ashley of Michigan has her Private Certificate.
- \* Ruth Hamilton and Marjorie Davis of New England have passed their Red Cross examinations.
- \* Gertrude Meserve, Florence Cates, and Ruth Granger of New England have their Red Cross First Aid Certificates.

(Please notify Headquarters of all new licenses and ratings for this column each mo.)

## H. Q. CORNER

### PAMPHLETS

Two pamphlets telling about the 99 Club are included with this News Letter. They are designed primarily to give sufficient information about the organization to "sell" prospective members on the Club. A space is provided where the girls may request an application blank. This is sent the girl direct from Washington, and her name is then given to the Membership Committee or the Section Secretary. The girl will not be admitted to membership unless the application has been approved by the membership committee. The Chapters should then bill the new member and send the application and dues to Headquarters or Miss Jeannette Lempke, National Treasurer.

### HISTORY OF NINETY-NINES

Fay Gillis Wells, a charter member of the 99's and one of the girls who helped start the Club, is trying to compile a complete and accurate history of the Ninety-Nines. Fay's files are quite complete but she wants as much additional data as she can get and she would especially like to have a signed copy of the original letter sent out on or about October 9, 1929 to all women pilots, inviting them to a meeting at Valley Stream, Long Island. If you have one of these letters, please send it or a photo-static copy of it to Fay for the "History."

Information on the formation of individual sections would also be much appreciated. But, the letter is needed especially!

### CONSTITUTIONS

Copies of the Constitution are no longer available. If copies are required, they will have to be borrowed from other members who have them, as none are being printed now.

### MEMBERSHIP BOOKLETS

Membership Booklets are now ready and may be obtained from Headquarters for 25¢ each.

New members will be listed each month in the News Letter and members may keep a complete and accurate list if they add the names to their membership booklets.

### NINETY-NINE STATIONERY

Headquarters will not be able to fill future requests for 99 stationery for section and chapter use. We do have, however, three of the 99's cuts here at Headquarters and will be glad to send these to section and chapter secretaries upon request.

### PLEASE SEND IN YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE CARD

### SO OUR FILES MAY BE COMPLETE