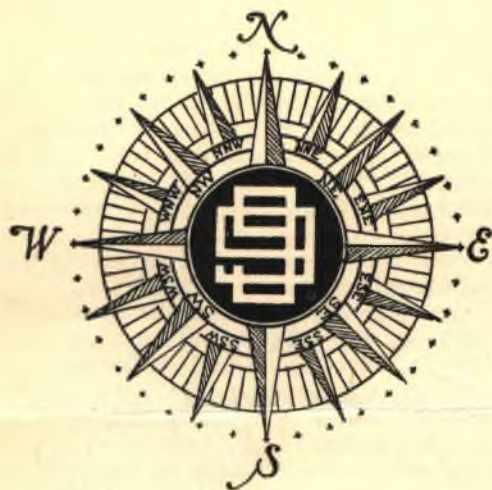


# NINETY NINE



## NEWS LETTER

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## NINETY-NINE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Section Governors and Chapter Chairmen have received copies of the proposed new Ninety-Nine Constitution and By-Laws.

High-lights may be stated briefly as elimination of Sections and establishment of Chapters with a minimum of ten members; increase of dues to \$4 annually; dues to be paid direct to National Headquarters, which may be located anywhere the President desires. These points are to be taken up at the various Section and Chapter meetings to be held between now and the National meeting, which will probably be early in July, so that every delegate will be properly instructed how to vote.

Whether or not to continue the affiliation with the N A A will also be voted on at the next National meeting.

Nominations for National officers and nominating committee are now being received by Mary Nicholson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, 435 E. 52nd Street, New York City.

## WOMEN'S NATIONAL AERONAUTICAL CONVENTION

The Women's National Aeronautical Convention will meet in Albuquerque April 30 - May 2. Visiting 99'ers will be entertained by the New Mexico Chapter at breakfast at the Hilton Hotel on Friday, May 2, 8:30 a.m. Those who land on the West Mesa Airport will find Virginia Cutter, Chairman, in command of the Cutter-Carr Flying Service, there to meet you; those arriving at other fields can contact her by calling 2-3136. On Saturday afternoon, May 3, visitors will be escorted to Santa Fe to attend a tea given by Mrs. John Miles, wife of the Governor of New Mexico.

The following information has been compiled from the 317 Postcard Questionnaires received:

122 have over 200 hours solo
28 have Flight Instructor's Ratings
78 work in some branch of aviation industry
100 either own a plane or have one in the family
Private Licenses 233      Limited Commercial 11
Commercial 64      Solo 7      Inactive 2


MEMBERSHIP IN NINETY-NINES NOW TOTALS.....566

**Last chance for JUNIOR MEMBERS!** If you don't have your Private by May first, you will be dropped from the Ninety-Nines. Be sure to advise Headquarters, Willard Hotel, if you get your Private before then.



## NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By Constance M. Sheridan



Spring! Cleared fields and cleared skies for New England!

Just after we had sent our news items last month, we received the following comprehensive report from the 99'ers in Maine.

Madeline Suttie has married and gone to Canada with her 49<sup>year</sup>, who is instructing there.

Vida Watson has been seriously ill but is able to be up and flying again. Betty Peters is instructing at Waterville and Bangor. Celia Rather married her flight instructor, Ned Hutchinson, and has gone to Oklahoma to live. Ned is instructing at Spartan School of Aeronautics. Mary Goodwin received her Private and plans to join the 99's. Another prospective member is Mrs. Dorothy Dennett of Augusta. Dorothy has passed her written test and is nearly ready for Private flight test. Ann Wood of Waldboro completed her primary CPTP at Brunswick and an advanced course at the Waterville Airport. Betty Romaine of Bowdoinham and Fort Kent has a Private. She is the wife of Lindy Romaine and they have a baby daughter, Linda. Beatrice Jackson of Maheux's Airport, Auburn has a Private and does a great deal of flying. And that's Maine!

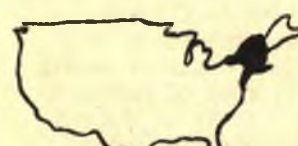
Edith Descomb of Wethersfield, Conn. has a Commercial #18157 and is instructing for Descomb Flying Service. Nancy T. Hopkins also has a Comm.

Berenice Perry flew down from Concord, N.H. in her Aeronca the other day--a luncheon date! Jean Adams, who works at East Boston Airport, says that Miriam Vanderelice is flying the Dawn Patrol these mornings. She is flying in her own Fleet between breakfast and the 9 o'clock office deadline. Jean "Bluebird" Adams flew a Stinson on floats during a recent vacation in Guatemala. Mary Ann Wadsworth of Auburn and Syracuse has her Instrument Rating from Moreheart Airlines at East Boston. She has a fine Fairchild and is rated "tops" as a pilot. Daisy Kirkpatrick, with her 49<sup>year</sup>, Harry, recently returned from the Sportsman Pilot Cruise to Mexico.

Ruth Hamilton, Nancy Love, Jean Adams, Ruth Granger and Marjorie Davis are to be in charge of the flying done by the 99's in connection with the Red Cross emergency flying. How did you other 99'ers like that plan? We're interested to know if any other Sections have adopted it.

## NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Helen Lucille Boudreau



Monthly meeting was held April 14, Women's City Club, 20 W. 51st St. Nominations for National Officers and general business meeting. Mr. Clifford Umbemcamp of American Airlines will show an interesting film on Air Transportation, "Flagships of the Air."


Augusta Roberts is the proud possessor of a new Cub Coupe on display at the new Safair Club Rooms at 30 Rockefeller Plaza during the opening this week.

Visitors from this Section at the recent meeting in Philadelphia included Betty Gillies, Marjorie Ludwigen, Alma Harwood, and Teddy Kenyon.

## MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

## WESTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Virginia Rushlander



For the past two months we have been snowed under and have had no news or meetings. We met for the March meeting at the home of Ruth Barclay for a super-duper tureen dinner. Those attending were, Louise Skelton and Frances Beck of Greenville, Dorothy Brennan and Betty Phillips, a guest, of Erie; Betty DeVore, Julia Strider, Ruth Barclay, Jeannette Lehman, Hermione Booth, and your reporter.

After all our strenuous hangar flying we settled back in our easy chairs and discussed the business of the day. By the way, we had four new members present--Dorothy Brennan, Hermione Booth, Jeannette Lehman and Frances Beck, a junior at Thiel College, all CPTP students. We are very happy to have these new members and congratulations to all of you! The super-colossal idea of building up our treasury for the purpose of financing flying expenses of girls desiring to attend other Chapter meetings was carried by a majority vote. This will mean broadening our contacts with other 99'ers and loads of fun, what with this super spring weather (ahem, for today anyway) after the ceiling zero seige.

Most of our members are either vacationing in Florida or just returning from Florida (can't say that I blame them.) Ruth Barclay just returned North after spending a wonderful vacation under the tropical skies of Cuba. Ellen Smith, now living in Florida for the remainder of the winter is the proud owner of a Stinson 105. Louise Skelton, private, took time on a seaplane in Florida and soloed it! Nice going, Louise. She is a very busy gal lately, ferrying ships from Lock Haven for her 49<sup>year</sup>, owner of the Greenville Airport. Pauline Green is taking her Ground Instructor's rating at Graham Aviation in Meadville. We wish you the best of luck! Helen Walker, who planned to attend our meeting, was unable to come due to an urgent flight on business. We hear she is doing a swell job of running the Warren Airport in the absence of its owner!

The conclusion of the meeting was our listening to the all appropriate program "Wings of Destiny." Better luck, next time, Judy!

## WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Lu Lu Shank

This really belongs in Ripley's Believe It Or Not, because it is our first contact with the outside world for Lo! these many months. For some reason Washington 99'ers are allergic to news writing--so the Chapter Chairman swears and sweats over a typewriter on a beautiful Sunday while the others flit over the Cherry Blossoms. Oh, well, no one made me wait till the deadline.

Since last heard from, many things have been happening: In February Congressman Melvin Maas, Col. in the Marine Air Corps Reserve, attended an informal meeting and gave some very interesting highlights on the international situation as well as aviation news of the Services.



The March meeting was attended by Mrs. Alice Rogers Hager, Director of Publicity for the CAA, a 99 mother, and real friend of women flyers. Bessie Owen dropped in the day of the meeting, and favored us with a showing of her own movies. It was grand.

In April we splurged. Had a fancy dinner at the Raleigh Hotel graced by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Weick. Mr. Weick, the designer of Encoupe, talked at some length about the airplane, and gave some very interesting pointers on aerodynamics. Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Lederer were guests.

This Chapter has expanded considerably during the past year...with many new members and several transfers. Names in next News Letter we hope.

Planes are buzzing around over the office, and I'm not going to spend any more time here. See you at the airport!

#### EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Bettie Thompson

At our February Roller Skating Party in Reading, we made about \$15 for our Chapter Treasury. The party was ably run by Vice-Chairman Leona McElroy. Leona's 49er is manager of Reading Municipal Airport. Our Reporter was absent; she had to broadcast from the Philadelphia Sportsman's Show, and certainly regretted missing the party.

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Meeting on March 23 at Phila's Franklin Institute was a great success. About 55 members and guests were present. Helen Jones, Acting Secy-Treas. of the Chapter introduced our speakers: National President Betty Gillies; Col. Victor Dallin, Director of Aviation for Penna.; Alma Harwood, Chairman of the A. E. Fund; and Trans-Atlantic Flyer Col. Clarence Chamberlin, who offered to show to the public an aviation film for the benefit of the A. E. Fund.

99'ers from other Chapters: Fay Wells, Teddy Kenyon, National Secretary Marjorie Ludwigsen, Florence Boswell; and quite a few others. Guests included: Mr. Fred Vilmeier, President, Rising Sun School of Aviation; CAA Inspectors Dulin and Procter; H. Alkire of the Weather Bureau and Weems Instructor; Messrs. Walsh and Leeds, Station WPEN; and others.

Also present at our meeting was Elizabeth Hooker, 1016 St. George's Road, Baltimore. Members of Washington-Baltimore-Richmond Chapter--get in touch with her for your meetings!

Betsy Ross, Richland, now has her Commercial; Helen Jones an Instructor's rating; Eleanor Magee is now Mrs. K. Russell Smith, 109 N. Wells Rd., Kingston; Catherine Slocum, Bryn Mawr, is back from a trip to Calif.; Brownie Luscombe, Ambler, spends much time in Louisville, at 222 Mt. Holly Ave. You girls there--get in touch with her. Notice to Mrs. Estelle Stark of Scranton, please get out some note paper and drop us a line, and let us know if the News Letter and our notices reach you. Would appreciate hearing from you very much. Your reporter is pretty busy teaching for Weems System of Navigation, and has a new 15 minute radio program over WPEN on Fridays on aviation subjects. If any of you have an urge to talk about aviation over the air waves, please let me know.



#### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Ruth Wolfe Thomas

Cornelia Fort was the first of our Chapter to get her instructor's rating. She was "refreshing" for her commercial and instructor's rating when we held our 99 meeting in Chattanooga. "No extra-curricula flying" was her excuse for not being there.

Jane Gump has her commercial and anticipates an instructor's rating. She will take her refresher course right there on the field where she works. Lorraine Buttrey passed the written part of her instructor's test; comes up for flight exam next week.

Last Sunday Lorraine Buttrey, Louise Carson and Ruth Bowler flew up to Johnson City for a meeting. Jane Gump and Gladys Lacey, members up there, took us over to the Elizabethton Country Club for lunch. The table was arranged with flowers to make the figures "99." Billie LeVan and Millie Ownby of Chattanooga got as far as Knoxville and no farther. They failed to leave soon enough. We received our penny banks. Pearl Fancher, our Chairman, brought them to us Knoxville girls while we were at the airport. My 49er dropped a penny in mine for a good start and I rattled it around all day. As a result, I must have had a dollar when I got home that night.

The Hedgehoppers Club of Johnson City is planning a week-end affair for 99'ers and their 49ers in the touchable future.

We had a prospective member, a guest at Johnson City, Gene Slack. Gene has a very clever column "Heard above the Prop" in a Johnson City newspaper every Sunday. Our next meeting will be in Nashville. You Alabama girls close by are welcome to our meetings. Notify Lorraine Buttrey at the airport.

#### CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Betty Hamilton

The Carolinas Chapter, 99's, held their March meeting in Columbia, S.C., at the Carolina Hotel, Sunday, the 16th. Caroline H. Etheridge who attends U. of South Carolina was our luncheon hostess.

Low ceiling and rain made flying out of the question, however, five drove down from Charlotte and we had three guests, one from Asheville, N.C., one from Duke U., and one from Columbia.

Our Chairman, Jessie Woods, was in Florida, visiting the Florida Chapter. From the names that were voted on, we should have a membership of twenty by our next meeting. We are very proud of Caroline Etheridge as she is one of the six girls in the U.S. who is taking secondary training under the CPTP. Nell Behr writes of an interesting trip through Ga. and Florida with her Cubs, and her latest stunt is flying them up to Greenville to Sunday School.

Sorry I didn't get to send a February News Letter item, but I went on the S.P.A. Mexico winter cruise with my 49er, came back by way of Roswell to see our son at M.M.M.I., got weather-bound for two weeks and just got home in time to attend the Columbia meeting. Spring is in the Carolinas, so we should soon be able to do a lot of flying.

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## NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

### ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Jerry Truesdell

We are in the doghouse for two reasons. Last month we told you that Lola Sweetwood was a visitor at our meeting, and all the time she was a full-fledged member of our Chapter! She lives in Joliet and is a private secretary and comes in to Chicago for each meeting. Public apologies, Lola. The other reason for the doghouse is that we failed to mention another distinguished visitor (who really was a visitor,) namely Dorothy Pressler Morgan of Tulsa and more recently Washington, D. C. Dorothy gave us some very fine and helpful suggestions for our year's activities.

Doris Langer took a winter vacation in Oregon and, being a licensed private pilot, thought that of course she could solo on skis. She did. On Mt. Hood. Results: good take-off; amazing flight; power stall; tail spin. Net gain: one broken ankle. Next time, Doris will try a smaller mountain.

Our meetings are now held regularly at the Congress Hotel on Michigan Ave. After the last meeting Alice DeWitt treated all the bird-women to "sodies" at the Congress Drug Store--and a fine party it was.

On Sunday, April 20, we are going to have a Dawn Patrol Breakfast Flight and we must all land at Ashburn Airport before 7:30 a.m. (Oof!) There will be spot landings, bomb-dropping, and one or two other competitive events, followed by a delicious hot breakfast. (Gosh, what if it rains?) We will tell you all about it next time. Cheerio!

### WESTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Diana Rutherford

Our Valentine's dance was another success and we did have fun--all the cronies old and new gathered together. Tables were arranged night-club fashion to accomodate small or large parties and many a fine yarn was spun as the evening went along. Belle Hetzel came down from Omaha for the occasion and we were so happy to meet our Governor, after hearing so much about her. She was honored at breakfast at the Municipal Airport Terminal Restaurant the following morning, before her return to Omaha so the girls would have a better chance to talk with her. Yours truly and sister, Kay, gave a joint talk on "Women in Aviation" before a group of 100 women, "The Co-Operettes" at the Hotel President's Aztec Room at a luncheon. Several months in the group who had refused to let their daughters fly said they were converted by our talk and I got in a nice plug for 99's and read the News Letter on what we hoped to do, constructively, toward our part in National Defense.

Marie Page, Helen Hayward, Evelyn Cook, Kay Rutherford and Virginia Garst are taking advanced ground school work, giving up four nights a week to this enterprise. Would like to announce our regular monthly meeting place is the Hotel Phillips, Kansas City, in case any out-of-towners want to look us up.

I'm en route to Brownsville to catch Pan-American for Mexico City!

## OHIO CHAPTER

By Grace P. Birge

Cleveland's American-Canadian Sportsman Show, held the last week in March, saw the Cleveland 99's helping to convince a large public that flying is a practicable for women. By assisting in the demonstration of a Piper Coupe, we were able to make many fine contacts. We feel that many additional enthusiasts were gained for the cause of sportsman flying.

Several of our members, including Jean Gundel, finger, Mary King, and Marian Jackson are still winging away on far horizons. We hope to have them all back with us for tulip time at Arlene's, where we have been invited to hold our May meeting.

We are proud to announce the arrival of another airplane in our Chapter. The "one and only" for Peg Pierce finally turned out to be a Warner Fairchild. Peg is as happy as a child with a new toy.

While in New York attending the Institute of the American Women's Voluntary Services, Florence Boswell wrote and presented the program for laywomen in the aeronautical field, and was appointed chairman for the State of Ohio. So Florence and her airplane become the first flying delegates of the American Women's Voluntary Services, Inc.

### EASTERN IOWA CHAPTER

By Margaret Swendsen

Our March meeting, which was to have been held the 9th, but was postponed because of bad weather, was held Saturday the 29th in Des Moines. Six members and six guests were present. Marjorie Smith, June De Nio, Natalie Ellis, Jean Sidwell, Etha Piper and Evelyn Weise flew in from Iowa City. Evelyn Weise of Iowa City and Eunice Gibson of Des Moines recently finished their CPT course and no doubt will be 99'ers by the time the next News Letter comes out.

Adele Schaeffer of Cedar Rapids gave us some of the high lights of her trip to Miami. Sounds fun--maybe we can all go down next year. Our A.E. Memorial Fund banks were distributed and our share of the fund was started right there at the meeting.

At present Berniece Eno is our Acting Chairman and Winifred Eno is our Secy-Treas. It was decided to hold a special nomination of officers at our April meeting, with a special election at our May meeting, which will be held in Fort Dodge.

Our next meeting will be held in Waterloo at the Livingston Airport, April 20. By that time we should have some good flying weather and should see lots of our flying friends there. How about it?

### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Eloise Smith

Sara Winn, Saginaw, received her Commercial Certificate and Instructor's rating in March. Sara has been flying about 2½ years. As ground instructor she has put nearly 100 students through their paces in the last year. She started flight instruction before the ink was dry on her ticket and to quote her, "on a J-2 Cub, of all things!"



By Adeline Gault

At this time we are all busy selling tickets for the "99-NX11" dance to be given April 12 at the DeSoto Hotel here in St. Louis. Judging from the advance sale of tickets, it is going to be successful. We would be very happy to have any visiting 99'ers attend. We promise a good time.

As soon as our dance is over we are starting a guide service on Lambert Field for the benefit of visitors. After all the improvements have been completed, we will really have a wonderful airport.

We have had the pleasure of having a very interesting visitor (who is becoming a 99'er) in the person of Miriam Johnson. She has been flying the British-American Ambulance Corps Waco over the country to raise funds to buy Ambulances for Britain. She is doing a swell job, too. We have all been so busy flying and studying that we have had little time to do anything newsworthy, so I'll sign off here hoping to have more for the next time.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Helen House Outcalt

Since our Reporter, Margie Jan Stables (Mrs. Clarence Smith) took over domestic duties she seems to have neglected the rest of us, so will pinch-hit for her until she gets down to earth again.

Our February meeting was held in Rochester, Ind., at the home of our hostess, Helen House Outcalt. The feature of the meeting was our shower for Margie and the delightful two-course "brunch." Everyone turned out in full force with Betty Folsom and Rose Ewing of South Bend flying in with a Taylorcraft (bet Betty will be glad when the Fairchild is again in flying condition); Nell Emery and Jerry Green came in flying Nell's Cub; Mrs. Schory came in with her Cub Cruiser; Pat Dickerson and Lois Hollingsworth came in with one of Cap's Cubs from Lafayette. Helen Wetherill drove through on Saturday because of weather conditions. Our honored member was so excited she couldn't trust herself to a plane, so she drove. Mrs. Wharton, Rose Ewing of South Bend were guests, as were Martha Bright and Mrs. House of Rochester.

Our March meeting was called together in South Bend (mud and all), Betty Folsom and Nell Emery acting as hostesses. Doris Schory is getting her cross-country by attending our meetings as she again came in with her Cruiser, Ruth Colwell and her 49½ came in from Indianapolis flying their Cub. Helen House Outcalt came in from Rochester with "Susabella" with Martha Bright, one of her students, and her mommie as guests. Mrs. Wharton and Rose Ewing and Bobby Myers were also guests. (The Club has taken in Mrs. Wharton, Rose and Mrs. House as mascots.)

So sorry to hear that the mother of our Chairman, Helen Wetherill, is seriously ill. Hope she is well and at home when we come to see you in May. (We accept your invitation, Helen.)

Doris Schory of Kokomo, is our hostess next month. We are having a picnic breakfast sooo everybody bring your 25¢ and join us. We ought to have a pretty good breakfast (the airport is next-door to a farm house.)

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By Fanny M. Leonpacher

A postal from Dorothy Pressler Morgan tells us that she is now in Fargo, N.D. Address c/o CAA. Her life for the past few months has read like a Cook's Tour of the U.S.A. Una Goodwin is commuting back and forth between Oklahoma City and San Antonio more or less regularly. Gayle Horrall of Oklahoma is just back from California.

Jimmie Kolp of Texas flew to Amarillo recently to bring Ruth Chatterton, movie actress to Wichita Falls where she played an engagement in a new comedy, "Treat Her Gently." The two have been friends for some years, dating back to the time when Ruth Chatterton and Jimmie were in Hot Springs to attend an air meet. The next day Jimmie flew some friends to Oklahoma City to attend a meeting and luncheon of the W.N.A.A. How that Jimmie and her Cessna do get around! She met two 99'ers from the new East Oklahoma Chapter--Mabel Sherman and Virginia Nordlund.

EASTERN OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Virginia Nordlund

We're the new Eastern Oklahoma Chapter that was just organized. More and more Oklahoma is taking to the air. In Tulsa alone there are four girls with privates and twenty more working toward that goal.

At a meeting held at the Mayo Hotel, Tulsa, the group elected Mrs. Gayle Horrall, Broken Arrow, Chairman of the Chapter. The Horralls recently took delivery on a new Erco Coupe, and Gayle is one of the older 99'ers here.

The other new officers are Margaret Ann Hamilton, Vice-Chairman. She is a graduate of the U. of Okla. and has just completed the local primary CPT course and received her Private. Virginia Nordlund, Secy-Treas. learned to fly under the first CPT program in Tulsa and is now working for a Commercial. Other members include, Gerry Honomichl, also one of the older 99'ers, flying in Tulsa; Mabel Sherman, a transfer from the Illinois Chapter now taking the Commercial Refresher Course and expects to follow with the Instructor's Course; Mrs. Janet Harris, a Junior member transfer from New Orleans hopes to get her Private within the month; and Betty Whitlow, a student at the U. of Tulsa, who learned to fly in the fall CPT program and won first Private in class.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETING

The date and time of the meeting has finally been set. We cannot have it on Saturday, as planned, because of a conflict, but are having it on FRIDAY, APRIL 25 at 2:30 p.m. at the Allis Hotel in Wichita, during the Southwest Aviation Conference. Jennie Joan Tschoep, 331 N. Spruce, Wichita, is in charge of arrangements. Be sure to come! ! !

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## 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 Pendleton 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. Pendleton 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

OREGON

By Anabel

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

Two months ago, five of us: Bessie H. Felt, Edith Foltz-Stearns, Leah King, 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; Reinette 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.





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 Jermuth, 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!

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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 CAA 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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