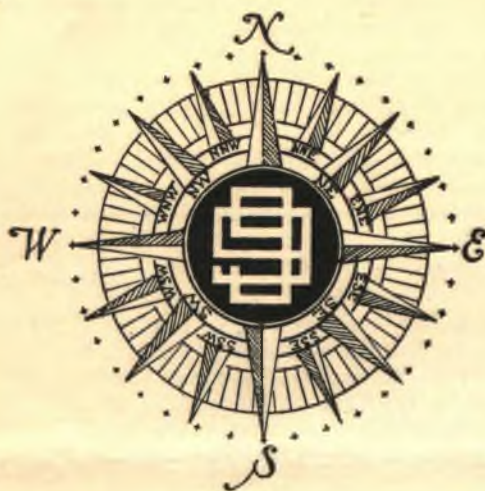


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PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 4, 5, 6.

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

- FRIDAY - JULY 4
Registration, Alvarado Hotel--all day
10:00 a.m. Executive Meeting
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Cocktail Party, Alvarado Hotel,
by the Texas Company, honoring the 99's.
During the day trips will be made to Isleta Indian
pueblo, where a dance and rodeo will be
in progress.
- SATURDAY - JULY 5
9:30 a.m. General Session, Alvarado Hotel
1:00 p.m. Informal Luncheon, Hilton Hotel
2:00 p.m. Unfinished business
3:00 p.m. Demonstration, 19th Bombardment Squad-
ron Air Base
7:00 p.m. Banquet, Alvarado Hotel, formal
- SUNDAY - JULY 6
Unfinished business
Informal sightseeing trips to various points desig-
nated by visitors: Santa Fe, Acoma, Gran Quivira,
Sandia Drive, Ice Caves, Inscription Rock, etc.

NOTES ON THE MEETING:

Headquarters: Alvarado Hotel - Rates: Single
Rooms, \$2.50 and up; Double rooms, \$3.50 and up.

Free hangar rent at both the Municipal Airport
east of the river, operated by TWA, and at the West
Mesa Airport operated by Cutter-Carr Flying Service.

Those planning to visit the Carlsbad Caverns
before coming to the Meeting, may find the Fiesta
and Devil Dance at the Mescalero Apache Indian Re-
servation of interest; the fiesta and dances occur
July 1,2,3,4. Carlsbad has an excellent airport,
and Alamogordo, 30 miles from Mescalero and 15 from
the famous White Sands Nat'l Monument, has a field
which offers refueling service, but no hangar or
mechanical service.

Remember that Albuquerque is a mile high. Ex-
pect a longer glide, a lengthier takeoff, and a
hotter landing than is usual at lower altitudes.
Lightplane pilots will find the hours from dawn til
noon best for flying in the plains and desert coun-
tries; also, frequent stops for gasoline are recom-
mended because high winds in this country sometimes
upset the best calculations. When these precautions
are borne in mind, we have the best flying country
there is, so bring in your ships, 99'ers, for happy
landings in Albuquerque.

PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL

TO: Harriet Nye, 915 Los Arboles, Albuquerque, N.M.
I plan to attend the Annual Meeting of 99'ers
July 4, 5, 6. Name:.....
Address:.....

NORTHWEST SECTION

By Anabel M. Turner

We overlooked mentioning in our last issue that our Section officers are: Governor, Irma Wallace; Secy-Treas, Leah Hing; and Vice-Gov, Frances Sherley.

The Washington Chapter was host to the Northwest Section at Seattle recently. They met us at Boeing Field where arrangements had been made for a group picture against a background of a Northwest ship. After the picture they brought us, in Lincoln Zephyrs, to Irma Wallace's home--literally sitting in beautiful Lake Washington. Since then things have happened fast and furiously.

First we held a Section meeting and elected Helen Gardner from Washington and Bessie Halladay from Ore. as our delegates to the July National Convention. After the meeting we were invited outside to one of the grandest lakeside garden hot dog feeds I ever hope to attend, prepared by Bill, Irma's 49^{er}. After lots of fun we were taken to Clayton Patterson's lovely home in her boat. Clayton's home is simply beautiful, and as a hostess she is equalled in charm and poise by Irma only.

A cocktail party and scrumptious lawn dinner at Clayton's was topped by some very entertaining aviation movies, ending a most exciting and fast-moving day--one which I shall never forget, nor will any of the other favored guests.

Words don't describe the grand time we have had at this Section Meeting which is intensified by the knowledge that we, as a Section, have attained a really beneficial capacity and are ready to pour on the steam in the aviation world.

The girls who attended this meeting are: Jane Othus, Bessie Halladay, Edith Foltz-Stearns, Leah Hing and Anabel Turner from Portland; Evelyn Burleson from Albany; Clara Paulin, Dora D. Skinner, Helen Baxter from Yakima; Grace Johnson, Francis Sherley, from Tacoma; Ruth Justin from Spokane; and our hostesses Clayton Patterson and Governor Irma Wallace from Seattle and Alyce Pashburg and Reta Sutherland.

We hope a lot of us will be able to attend the National Meeting and meet so many of you 99'ers, of whom we hear so much.

● NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

By Laura May Brunton

The North Dakota girls certainly deserve a big hand. They don't believe in doing things half way. After all these years, they have finally gotten together five girls who are interested (and how!) in flying. Quick as a mouse they wanted to have a 99 chapter of their own, and -- no sooner said than done! The five of them got together on Tuesday evening, May 6, and formed their chapter. The officers are: Lois Kirk, Chairman; Kathryn McEnroe, Vice-Chairman; Mary Betty Punton, Secretary; Betty McKenzie, Treasurer; Lorraine Nelson, Publicity Chairman.

Lois Kirk's own words can tell you much better than mine what a happy group it is. I quote: "The group is very congenial, and, as our airport manager says, 'A credit to the field.' If first appearances mean much, we are going to be a cooperative group. We had such a grand time raving about our flying experiences. I think our 'lay' friends will be glad of our opportunity to get it out of our systems so they may relax for a while. May Betty Punton and I took last summer's CPT program and got our licenses in Sept. Betty McKenzie earned hers as a non-college scholarship offered by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Lorraine Nelson got her license during the winter

college class. And Kathryn McEnroe became a pilot in January, 1940. She is a certificated parachute packer. (The only girl 'chute-packer I know of in the N. W.) We have other women pilots who will join us a little later. Thank you for the help, advice, and encouragement. We hope to hear from you soon. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13."

They sound like a bunch of live wires, eh? It is a real pleasure to welcome them into the 99's. And we certainly wish them the best of luck, the greatest of success, and the mostest of fun in their chapter in years to come.

SOUTHWEST SECTION

● BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Rita Gerry

News of the month from Bay Cities Chapter. The winging party to Marysville on Sunday, May 25, was a jolly affair. Four ships, well groomed and smart-looking taxied up to the line in Marysville at 10 a.m., after an interesting flight over the newly irrigated rice fields of the Sacramento Valley. When eight 99'ers climbed out of the ships, we faced what seemed to be the entire coast defense. The army had taken over. Pup tents, soup kitchens, and husky young draftees surrounded us. Apparently the 99'ers stand in well with the army, if one can judge from the very favorable comments made concerning the way our girls handled their ships. Margaret Campbell and Helen Ashley looked so darned cute in their white helmets, just barely able to peer over the edge of the cockpit of Margaret's new dark blue Kinner Sporturing. Marjorie Hook and Mary Bowles both flew blue Fairchilds, and Ruth Rueckert flew a Blue Stinson 105, so the blues had it that day. Dud Cunningham drove us in to town for breakfast at Tiny's, then back to the airport for an interview with the local reporter. Marjorie Hook and Mary Bowles had to hurry home, but Ruth Rueckert and Margaret Campbell rounded out the day by taking in the air show at Sacramento.

Helen Ashley took her heavy date, Don Kelton, for his first cross-country hop to Sacramento. They could not land, because there was an air show going on, so they turned tail and fled for home, dropping into Concord on the way to re-fuel and get acquainted. Don is also learning to fly. He got tired of having Helen break dates, and decided to find out for himself just what there was about flying that could make a girl forget everything but airplanes. Now he has 10 hours and a look in his eyes that portends ill to anyone who tries to bring him out of his trance.

Mary Bowles is working hard for her instructor's rating. She made a recent hop to Willows, and another to Los Angeles. She will fly to L. A. again this week-end.

Marjorie Hook has been cloud-hopping around the bay area. She loves those big white fluffy tantalizers. She is a lucky person who gets a chance to go with Marjorie when she is in the mood.

Adele Chase is in Los Angeles with Dorothy Bardon, our exhibition parachute jumper. Afton Lewis made a Chinese landing at the ice rink and barked her shins. Better stay in the air where you belong, Afton.

We haven't heard a word from Ruth Wakeman, Dorothy Williams, or Isabel Steiner. How come? Dorothy is moving to Seattle this month. 49^{er} Bill has a new job with Boeing.

That is all the news I can think of at the moment, except that I have a new address for about 2 months--366 W. Broadmoor Blvd., San Leandro, Calif.

The May meeting was held above the city but below the clouds in a United Airliner. Breakfast was served by a charming hostess and questions were answered by two courteous pilots. Two or three of our intrepid flyers looked as if they might be longing for a good old-fashioned rail over which to lean, as the air was a bit choppy. The next meeting which will be history by the time this is published, is to be held picnic fashion in the spacious garden of Bessie Owen, in Santa Barbara.

Kay Van Doozer has recently attained her commercial rating. Eileen Evans is working hard on her ground school rating. Maurine Brunsvold is co-owner of a new Taylorcraft. Details of the partnership, if any, are undisclosed.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

● MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Eloise Smith

Since I have been doing bookkeeping for the C.P.T. here in Kalamazoo and getting in that 25 hours of commercial refresher training, I have completely lost track of the doings of Michigan 99'ers. (Here's hoping Alice Hammond is still pinch-hitting for me on the news.) At least I can report that the commercial refresher course is over and the ticket safely in my pocket. Now to add a seaplane rating to it, this week, I hope!

By Alice H. Hammond

Our last "fixed base" meeting of the season was held at the Detroit Leland Hotel on May 11, before embarking on our customary Sunday morning breakfast flights during the summer months. The May meeting was a small one, but we covered a lot of ground going over the proposed changes in the Constitution. Faye Kirk and Jeannette Lempke gave a glowing account of the grand Sectional meeting in Des Moines the week before.

Tid-bits: Maud Rufus is on the west coast in her Cub Coupe. At Blythe, Calif., a pebble hit her prop while the engine was being started, damaging one blade to such an extent that she was held up at Blythe until a new one could be sent down to her from Los Angeles. Mabel and Harry Britton have been off to New York, visiting in their Fairchild. Sara Winn was in Detroit recently on a charter trip. Betty Gillies stopped briefly in Detroit not long ago to pick up a Stinson Voyageur to ferry to New York. Jeannette Lempke has taken delivery on her new Stinson Voyageur. Incidentally, this is the first time in Jeannette's eleven years of flying that she has abandoned the open cockpit. Helen Montgomery has accepted a post as nurse in the First Aid Department of the Hudson Motor Car Company. And this reporter now has her Commercial certificate!

● SOUTHERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER By Marcia Courtney

Although the present active membership of our Chapter is only 12, there were 21 present at our dinner meeting on May 18. Most of the guests were girls now working on their private licenses, whom we hope will soon be eligible to join our group. The "fliars" contest held after dinner certainly proves that fishermen have nothing on flying ladies when it comes to tall tales.

Plans are being made here for a Dodo Club for those girls formerly eligible for the Junior Membership which was abolished May 1. If any of you have ideas or clubs, which may help, drop us a line.

Marion Albright won the prize at the Kenosha flight breakfast, for the first woman landing at the airport. Marion incidentally, will soon receive her commercial license.

Being largely a group of students, the pressure of exams keeps us from anything more exciting than occasional landing practice hops at the present. In fact, the most exciting thing that's happened was the mad scramble of your Reporter, aided by half the chapter, to renew her license.

Madison was recently startled by a mysterious announcement that the citizens of this county would be given a real chance to aid in the defense program. Dan County would be one of two guinea pigs for the nation. The cooperation of all was asked. 99 officers conferred eagerly--here was a chance to prove that women pilots could be valuable in defense. While awaiting news of what the mysterious cooperation would be, ways and means of being valuable were discussed. Finally the announcement was made. The slogan "Not Money But Metal" introduced the scrap aluminum drive. I didn't hear of anyone scrapping a Luscombe!

● ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Jerry Truesdell

Taxi right into our hanger, gals, because this month we have some tales to tell...

Have you all seen Dot Ring's picture on the Cornflake ad? We are right proud of our member whose good looks, good health and real flying ability put her on the billboards. Dot, you will recall, is instructing CPT students at Sky Harbor Airport near Chicago and doing a fine job of it. It was a long, hard climb up and we all wish her the best of continued luck and success. So, on the highways, look for Dot as you "watch the boards go by."

Now for a tear or two--Fran Anderson is leaving our midst to go with her 49ther to Augusta, Georgia where Andy, is Civilian Instructor in charge of the Army basic training school. Fran has been our Secy-Treas and we will miss her efficiency as well as her good old self. Good luck to a good pilot.

Helen Budwash was grounded for a while by illness but we are happy to report that she has now recovered and is back to flying the little Porterfield with a vengeance at Rubinkam Airport. (Rubinkam recently had its face lifted by a young cyclone which literally crushed two hangars and completely destroyed thirty airplanes.)

Your Reporter recently had the pleasure and privilege of flying the Luscombe demonstrator equipped with the new Everel automatic variable pitch propeller and it was more than amazing to climb right up to a stall or dive to 140 m.p.m. without having the r.p.m.'s fall off or increase by a hair. Rate of climb from take-off is extremely rapid and an amazingly flat glide seemed to invite a spin, but nothing happens.

On Thursday, June 5, as many of our 99'ers as possible are going to fly over Chicago's Loop in honor of Unity Day which will be on Friday, the 6th. There will be photographers and much ballyhoo and maybe we will even get in the "moom pichers." Well, anyway, for the National Defense Program, we are all more than willing to do whatever we can to help, and that is what Unity Day will be about.

Well, the news sponge is wrung about dry for this time and besides, if we don't hurry we won't be able to get in to see "I Wanted Wings" for 55¢. (and don't ask us where you can get wings for 55¢!).

● ALL OHIO CHAPTER

By Grace P. Birge

In the absence of our news reporter, Jean Gundelfinger, I am pleased to report that the Ohio 99's have been flying here and there so much during our beautiful spring weather that it's hard to catch them long enough to glean the news. We've caught glimpses though of Mary King, our temporary "defense" widow, between flights southward to visit her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er.

When Florence Boswell flew her Cessna to the North Central Section meeting at Des Moines, Arlene Davis and Grace Birge went with her. Arlene flew on to Tulsa to pick up her Spartan Executive. Florence flew her Cessna back to Cleveland with a badly cracked crankcase. Although the oil was spattered over the belly of the ship, she made a good landing.

While in Des Moines over May 3-4, Florence was featured on a college sports broadcast. Up-to-date news on Florence finds her in charge of the Women's Division of the Bluegrass Air Cavalcade to the N A A Convention at Louisville. Florence is the delegate from the Cleveland Women's Chapter of N A A.

Jean Gundelfinger, who recently returned from a long visit down South, also flew her plane to the Convention at Louisville. Frances Morrison has been in and out of town on business trips, while Anne Barille has been acquainting herself with a fine new secretarial position.

From Lillian M. Smith, Hamilton, Ohio, we learn, "You might be interested in my activities during the winter. Thus far I have not met any other 99'ers although I know there are some in Cincinnati. There hasn't been much time for actual flying, but this summer I hope to make up for it. Last Fall I attended the advanced CPT ground school class at Miami U., Oxford. That completed, I started taking the exams for my Ground Instructor Rating and to date have the following: CAR, Navigation, Meteorology, Aircraft and Aircraft Instruments. This spring as soon as school is out (I'm school librarian) I go to the airport where I'm trying to be bookkeeper and also keep their CPT records in shape. There is, I hope, a possibility that I'll have the opportunity to teach in their summer session (fingers crossed.)"

● EAST MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Adeline B. Gault

Well, sister 99'ers, we are all set for the annual meeting of the 99's at Albuquerque. Billie Gallagher was named as delegate and Sally Souttar as the alternate to represent the East Missouri Chapter, and several of the other members are busy trying to figure out a way to attend, including your reporter, who has just made a connection with the ALL METAL SALES CORPORATION, handling Luscombe Airplanes, who has high hopes of coming down the Luscombe way. Time will tell.

The East Missouri Chapter of the 99's will play hostess at a breakfast on July 20, at 11 a.m. to all visiting female flyers, so spread the news among your friends, and let us know how many we may expect. For those who can come in to St. Louis the afternoon or evening before we will have entertainment, transportation, and sleeping quarters provided. Just let us know a week in advance. Incidentally, it is not only the 99'ers of this Chapter, but also the NXII (our local junior organization) who is extending this invitation. We hope to see a lot of our friends. How about it? Let us know how many eggs to fry for our July breakfast. Don't forget the date.

● MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Emily Cikanek

Dancing was a very popular pastime on the night of May 20 if we are to judge by the nice crowd present at our 99 dance that evening at the Air-O Inn. And the next day we had all kinds of inquiries as to when the next dance would be.

Ruth Jorgensen had the good fortune to attend the Sectional Meeting at Des Moines and from her enthusiastic report a good time was had by all.

Word comes our way that an Aeronca Chief from down Mankato way has been crossing the country hereabouts quite a bit of late, and so that must be our Helen Murphy building up time for her commercial.

Virginia Shaw, another cross-country-ite, has been making so many trips to the factory to bring back Taylorcrafts for her hubby's air service that she has the railway ticket agents wondering about all those one-way train fares she buys, and just how in the world does she come back! They know the trains don't run that fast.

Chicago 99'ers please take notice: Clara Woodward, one of our new members, will become Mrs. William Burgess, on June 21 and is coming to your city to live.

We have been making our monthly meetings more interesting by having guest speakers and at our last meeting we had a particularly interesting one, Stan Ketchum, Jr. Control-Tower Operator. Stan explained about the various traffic rules and problems about the airport and then took us up into the tower to show us how it is done. The most fun was "bringing in" the airliners.

● INDIANA CHAPTER

By Helen Wetherill

Since Marjie Stables disappeared completely on her wedding day, our Chapter is without a news correspondent. Come back, Marjie, and all will be forgiven. Helen House of Rochester was to pinch-hit, but this is the beginning of her busy season as instructor and she wasn't able to make the last meeting.

Pat Dickerson and Lois Hollingsworth were hostesses May 11 at the Purdue Airport at LaFayette. Betty Folsom and Nell Emery flew in from South Bend, Jane Templeton flew from Indianapolis, as did Ruth Caldwell and her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er, and Doris Schory flew down from Kokomo in her cruiser. Breakfast was at the Union Building, and as it was Lois' last Chapter meeting with us, all the girls brought her something to remember us by. Lois graduates from Purdue in June (the only girl in the Aeronautical Engineering class) and is taking a job with United Aircraft in Hartford, Conn. She has had so many grand offers we are all sorry we didn't take the same course when we were young. Part of her job will be editing technical articles for magazines and analyzing aerodynamic reports. We are very proud of her but hate to see her go.

Betty Folsom and Nell Emery are taking commercial refresher courses and we suppose they will have instructor's ratings added to their licenses soon.

Edith Graft of Winchester is a very bright girl too. She manages her father's grain elevator and this spring she promoted an aeronautical advertising campaign for a company from whom she buys seeds. She dropped advertising and an invitation to a party at the elevator, to the farmers in the fields. We understand it was a great success.

The June 8 meeting will be in Richmond at 9 in the morning. We can take care of lots of visitors.

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SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

From Dorothy McBirney Hardy, formerly of Tulsa, we have an interesting letter, and quote parts of it:

"I am now in Yakima, Washington, and have had a most interesting flying year since I left Tulsa last June. My 49^{er} is also a flyer as well as a Director of the Northwest Air Lines.

"We fly all the time. We have been to New York and Washington, D. C., by air via Tulsa. To Colorado Springs and Shreveport, La. To Reno via Sacramento and just have returned from a flight to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

"But the most thrilling trip of all was all over Alaska. We flew from Fairbanks to Anchorage, thence to Dordova over Columbia Glacier, returning to Seward by 6 one evening; about 9 p.m. the chap whose plane we were flying in called and asked if we would like to go fishing. Of course my husband said "Yes," and away we flew to the Russian River and fished until 11 p.m. and then returned to Seward.

"The following morning we took off very early and flew 250 miles across very beautiful mountainous country through fog bank after fog bank and landed in the New Helen River where we spent four days fishing, for Rainbow trout. This spot is 250 miles past Cook Inlet due West of Anchorage. All our flying was on pontoons. Four days later we returned with 20 some odd fish--all over 25 inches long and all rainbows.

"When we landed in Juneau a few days later via boat we left there at 9 p.m., broad daylight, and flew across Sakee Glacier into Atlin Northern British Columbia, Canada. We spent four days there. The day we returned to Juneau we came in flying just above the sea and 10 ships--2 were Pan-American--started out and all cancelled out and returned. That was really an experience.

"Now I have renewed my license and find it very fascinating flying in this country. We make our spins and power turns come out using Mount Rainier as a spotter rather than the tall buildings of the town. It is a real honest-to-goodness thrill to see the sun rise on Mount Adams and Mount Ranier on early morning flights."

● TEXAS CHAPTER

By Gwynn Banks

Hello, all you 99'ers. The Texas Chapter didn't have a meeting last month because of the Wichita meeting. However, we are planning to have a meeting very soon and Chairman Abbie Haddaway is busy making plans for it. Now that fair weather has finally arrived, we Texas 99'ers expect to get in plenty of flying time.

Abbie is planning to renew her license next month and keep her 1 and 2S ratings. She is flying an Aeronca Chief and a Culver Cadet at Love Field in Dallas. Speaking of Dallas, your Reporter was there only last week to renew her license. She saw Bette Brewer, one of our new members, working in the Braniff office at Love Field.

Zoe Stephens is busy flying there too. Mildred Woodchick from San Antonio took advantage of the fine weather and flew up to Austin and then to San Marcos. Jimmie Kolp, Electra, flew to Stamford for a visit with Jean LaRene Foote and also to attend the opening of Lou Foote's new Army Flying School.

One of the 99'ers from Austin, Mary Waurine Hunter, has just written a very interesting article

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entitled "Randolph Gets Its First Woman Recruit" and it was published in the May issue of TEXAS PARADE. This article tells all about Mary taking the entrance exams for Randolph Field. It is an excellent article and has a number of pictures of the author actually taking several of the tests. Mary says she passed o.k., but the Army isn't going sissy and so she came out again.

Well, I guess that is 30 for now. Hope to be seeing you all in Albuquerque, July 4-6.

● NEW MEXICO CHAPTER

By Harriet Nye

The New Mexico Chapter has been in a state of excitement in anticipation of the coming of the annual meeting in July. As busy as we have been, Virginia Cutter has managed to run out to Calif. and back, besides giving valuable help towards entertaining the meeting. Fearing that her two boys would grow to manhood without the experience of riding a train, she took them by that mode of transportation to San Francisco where they all joined husband and father Bill for the trip home in the Fairchild 45. So the Cutter boys now know how people used to travel.

From Santa Fe we hear that Helen Comstock and Frances May Vaughn have been appointed by the Governor's wife to serve on a Women's Aviation Defense Committee for the State, and expect more news anon.

And we have several new, young members whom we will introduce to you at the Convention. They are CPT students now struggling with their final examinations, and you'll agree that the government knows what it is doing when such girls are chosen.

We are so anxious to show you our "enchanted land" that it is hard to decide what to put on our tourist schedule, but do come and see what we have down here. We're expecting you!

● EAST OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Betty Whitlow

Immediately following our meeting Wednesday afternoon, May 28, we were hostesses at a tea for which we issued invitations to all women flyers in Okla. We thought the coffee shop of the brand new restaurant at Spartan School of Aeronautics would be the ideal place for our tea, and it really was. It is conveniently situated at the Tulsa Municipal Airport and all our out-of-town guests had to do to get in on the refreshments was to walk straight across the street from the administration building. Threatening clouds and strong winds kept many of the girls from flying in, but the Tulsa group were johnny-on-the-spot.

An old 99'er, Hellon Gandy, has been welcomed into our chapter. While not playing tag with the clouds, she is an anesthetist at an Oklahoma City clinic. We are proud of our brand new 99'er too, Vida Lee Mauk.

Virginia Nordlund recently took respite from practicing for her commercial and whipped off to Bartlesville. Margaret Ann Hamilton and Betty Whitlow can hardly wait for the next few days 'til they fly together to Enid to see Margaret Ann's family. These two learned to fly at the same time and from the same instructor, and they're still at it. Betty attended the national convention of the Women's National Aeronautical Association at Albuquerque, the first of May and knows what a first rate place Albuquerque is for an air convention. So she urges you all to pull all the strings you can to get there for our 99 convention.

We seem to be losing members faster than we can sign them up--our Chairman, Margaret Lamont Greiner has moved to Atlanta where husband George is now employed by Eastern Air Lines. Good luck, Margaret, we hated to see you go!

And Maxine Bennett is headed California way--we hope it's only for a visit.

Marguerite Blair of Lafayette, now has a 49^{year}er, having become Mrs. W. M. Mouton recently. Hope you can make a flying convert out of that new husband!

Our next meeting is planned for Shreveport to see if we can't interest those girls in coming to New Orleans once in a while for our meetings. Still 300 miles is a "fur piece" any way you travel it.

● KANSAS CHAPTER

By Jennie Joan Tschoep

There were 8 present for the May 8 meeting...the 2 girls from Eldorado, 1 girl from Winfield, and 4 girls from here and myself. We hope these 4 Wichita girls will sign up within the next week or two.

We didn't elect officers because the girls felt they would like to get better acquainted, so will probably elect officers at the next meeting, which will be on June 8, at Eldorado, Kansas. Adaline Farrell wants us to come over there for the next meeting. We are to meet at the airport at noon. We hope some of the Coffeyville girls will come to that meeting. Opal Ferguson said she was sorry she couldn't be here but was sure gonna try to be at our next meeting and bring us a prospect or two. We think we can get quite a chapter here if we really work on it. Each one of us at the meeting last week has picked out a town, and will contact all the girls in that town, either by mail or personally calling on them.

If the weather is nice and some of us can, we plan to fly to the next meeting. That same morning I'm to fly to Salina, Kansas for a breakfast.

● MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Ivah C. Maxfield

Since our Chapter was a guest of the North Central group last month in Des Moines, we did not hold a regular May meeting. Most of our girls who attended the meeting were mentioned in the last News Letter, but your Reporter found some more of them upon reaching Des Moines. Agnes DeHaven flew to Sioux Falls, S.D., to pick up Maxine Nolt, flew back to Sioux City and from there they continued on to Des Moines by auto. Uncertain weather kept them from completing the trip by air. Margaret Long was also there and we were happy to see her since some of us had never met her.

Your Reporter has just been informed that a flight to Sioux City, Iowa, is being planned for the June meeting. Irene Adamson is expected home from Wyo. where she has been teaching the past year. Better be home, Irene, so you can get in on the June flight.

Mrs. Audrey Justice flew into Omaha, from Blair, Nebr., on a short business trip. Agnes DeHaven came into Omaha in her Cub Coupe on Decoration Day to visit with relatives.

- * BALLOTS for election of Ninety-Nine officers *
- * were mailed to all members on May 29, and *
- * since then to each new member when her mem- *
- * bership is received. If for any reason YOURS *
- * has not been received, write to Headquarters *
- * and we will try to trace it. They must all *
- * be returned to the Secretary by end of June. *

Kay Traulsen and Marjorie Ludwigsen have their Commercial certificates. Jackie Cochran has received her 4M rating. Congratulations!

Pat Thomas is now instructing at Gardenna Valley Airport in Calif. How's the weather out there, Pat?

Beverly Dodge is now writing a column on women in aviation. If you make a pancake landing; get lost between here and there--tell Beverly about it.

Jackie Cochran gave us a cocktail party last month and a grand time was had by all.

At the last meeting in the Women's City Club, we appointed delegates for the forthcoming National meeting; and greeted a new member--Hazel Rutherford. We were also shown several films which covered the Pan American Airways route. From the number of sighs heard everyone is looking forward to vacations.

Magda Tisza has joined the Orange Blossom Brigade and by this time will be Mrs. George Tacke. We all wish you both lots of luck and happiness.

Your new reporter, Gertrude C. Brown, better known around the airport as "Brownie", now signs off.

Editor's Note: Regarding Beverly Dodge's column, in "Manhattan Chronicle." She will be glad to receive contributions--amusing or interesting experiences, news or editorials. Address her c/o Hotel Tudor, 304 E. 42nd St., New York City.

● CONNECTICUT CHAPTER By Barbara Southgate Parker

On Saturday, May 31, a meeting was called of members of the 99's in Conn. to organize a state chapter. Expectations in attendance were pleasantly exceeded when 15 women flyers attended. We were fortunate to have with us Betty Gillies, our Pres., and Teddy Kenyon, as guests. Also present were several non-members as guests.

We had lunch at the Priscilla Tea Room, Stratford, and adjourned to Dorothy Levy's house for a business meeting. At this meeting the following officers were elected: Edith Descomb, Chairman; Barbara S. Parker, Vice Chairman; Dorothy Riley Levy, Secy-Treas.

A number of suggestions for a club program were made which included speakers for meetings, breakfast flights, a scholarship fund, advanced training for members utilizing other qualified members as instructors, to have a digest of current events and trends in aviation given at meetings.

A breakfast meeting has been called at Hartford June 28, 9:30 a.m. Edith Descomb will be our hostess and she and Elise Owen will work out a program.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

● EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Bettie Thompson

The May meeting of our Chapter was held at Allentown. Hostess for the meeting was Dot Leh. Dot arranged a grand party at her cabin and we had a wonderful time sitting around a big fire in the woods back of the cabin. Our hostess was one of the past Governors of the Middle Eastern Section (1934). At the same time we held a surprise shower for Dot Carpenter who is also a past Governor (1938). Dot Carpenter's new name will be Mrs. A. B. Salto, and her new address Casilla 122, Lima, Peru. She hopes all of you will write to her at that address. She invited us to fly down and hold one of our next Chapter meetings in Lima! So Mil gracias, Dot, and we'll point our props southward; next stop, Peru!

Also present at the meeting was our National Pres., Betty Gillies, who flew over from L. I.

Rosa Laird of Wilmington, Del., on June 7 will become Mrs. Nathan Hayward of Wayne, Pa. If any of the girls in either Wash., D.C. Chapter or Northwest Penn Chapter are going to the National Meeting in Albuquerque, please write to me at 724 N. 63rd St., Philadelphia, Penna, at once?

WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Betty Strieff

Drat the weather! Washington 99'ers are tapping their feet impatiently while the weather man completely ignores them and continues to predict (and correctly, too) showers, thunderstorms and advancing low pressure areas. Before the rainy season set in, a spell of terrific heat wilted all soaring spirits and was reported to have melted one Cub to a grease spot. It is with fear and trepidation we dare hope for clear weather Sunday, June 8, for the first Spring breakfast hop.

Out of West Virginia comes the very good news that a 99 Chapter is being organized there under the guiding hand of Virginia Hardesty. There are almost 25 girls in the group qualified for membership in the 99's. To them we say "Welcome" and hope a get-acquainted meeting can be arranged soon.

Elizabeth Holladay, who is becoming renowned for her very prompt replies to all letters and inquiries, reports from Los Angeles that flying out there is wonderful although air traffic was a problem at first. "It's difficult to even find a place to teach a student 8's," she writes. "Usually someone has arrived at the practice area ahead of you, or two or three ships chase you out after you've started." We were happy to note in her letter that, "There are quite a few women instructors here and they are respected and looked up to, which pleased us no end." After a flight to Mexico City, Elizabeth will be at the home field in Fredericksburg, Va. welcoming all visitors.

If the weather man permits the control tower operator to give us the green light, we'll be flying in with more news next month.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

• FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Marion Bertram

The May 31 meeting at Jacksonville turned out to be Navy Day for the Florida Chapter--Georgia Williams, whose 49¹/₂er is stationed at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, was hostess for luncheon at her home and had arranged for a specially conducted tour of the Station, which is no small feat in these troublesome times. We were pleased to meet some members of the Jacksonville WNAA, and after lunch we all took off in a big Navy bus with our escort. The tour was most interesting and impressive, and the Chapter wishes to express appreciation and thanks to Comm. Junius Cotton, Capt. C. P. Mason, Lt. M. A. Grant and Ensigns Harrington, Barlow, Gilman, Swanitz, and Chief G. F. Ocskay. Your reporter, being more or less a Cub pilot, was particularly impressed with the size of the big flying boats, one float of which would just about measure up to a Cub fuselage. Highlight of the tour was the demonstration of the Link trainers, during which we were inducted into the honorable fraternity of "Fly-Via-Link" and awarded degrees of "Bachelor of Beams, A.N.", with presentation of appropriate certificates which shall be duly framed and cherished.

On behalf of the Florida Chapter, Chairman Vera Self is pleased to announce definitely that there will be a special 99 event on the official program of the All American Air Maneuvers at Miami next Jan. This race will be open to 99 members only, and Delegate Evelyn McRae will carry letters from Governor Spessard Holland, Mayor Reeder of Miami, and Mayor Harris of Homestead, to the National Convention at Albuquerque. The race is sponsored by the Redlands District Chamber of Commerce, and from all reports its going to be a lot of fun.

As they were leaving Jacksonville for Miami, Evelyn, Lorna and Marion were treated to a bit of precision flying par excellence by a Navy ship that escorted them a few miles---so in closing we would like to say 'Hurray for the Navy!' Thanks, Georgia.

• TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Ruth Wolfe Thomas

Tennessee's 99'ers turned out to the banquet held here in Knoxville, Saturday, May 31. Gladys Lacey and Gene Slack flew down from Johnson City with Jane Gump in her Fairchild. Billie LeVan and guest flew up from Chattanooga in her new Culver Cadet. It is baby blue and plenty feminine looking--at least some mischievous pilot thought so because Billie rolled her Culver out of the hangar one morning to find lace scotch tape all over it. Millie Ownby and Ruth Stanford drove. Millie's Aeronca is in the process of being repaired but airplane parts are hard to get these days. Laura Perrit drove up and told tales of Billie's wild zooms over Florence on the way home from Wichita where she got her Culver.

Knoxville turned out "en masse". Notables were Louise Carson, Pearl Brock and 49¹/₂er. Ruth Bowler and her 49¹/₂er and your Reporter and her 49¹/₂er.

Mr. C. B. Moore, airport manager, and Mr. James Henry of P.C.A. spoke to us on the part women can and will play in aviation during our national emergency. Miss Elizabeth Rupert, chief hostess of P.C.A., Southern Division, made all 99'ers present honorary hostesses of P.C.A. and emphasized that we demand our rights when riding P.C.A. Jane Gump has her instructor's rating. "I haven't found a student yet", she says when we ask her how it feels. She'll instruct the next C.P.T. program in Johnson City.

Tennessee 99'ers are plenty proud of their chairman for being the first to fill her penny bank. Pearl had 817 pennies in it.

A prospective member, Mrs. Alfred Zachary of Bristol holds a private now and we are anxious to get her into our club. She was on Robert Ripley's Believe it or Not program about a month ago. He dubbed her "Flying Grandmother." She has 4 grandchildren--loves to go fast--got her private in 10 months--and looks 16. Her work as hostess of the Recreational Center of Sullins College prevented her attending our banquet.

Cornelia Fort is instructing a C.P.T. program at Fort Collins, Colo. She will come back here when the program is over.

Our next meeting is in Chattanooga, the last week-end of June. All 99'ers are welcome.

Billie LeVan needs a pat on the back. There are several girls around Atlanta with licenses but no 99'ers...Billie is working on it. They have enough to form a separate chapter but we are working through our chapter to get them a start.

Have you ever had anyone ask you what your heart beat cruised at?

NEW AND RENEWAL MEMBERSHIPS •

• MEMBERSHIP TOTAL - - 592

Beck, Frances-203 S. Mercer, Greenville, Pa. (P 17264)
 Booth, Hermine-548 Baldwin, Meadville, Pa. (P 16728)
 Davies, Patricia-1215 N. 2nd, Independence, Kans. (P)
 Drapela, Mrs. Fern-Airport, Gr. Junction, Colo. (P 49856)
 Farrell, Mrs. A. B.-122 N. Wash., El Dorado, Kans. (P 4162)
 Fulton, Mrs. A.M.-2703 21st, Lubbock, Texas (P 39903)
 Holloway, Mrs. Jean-1936 Chatburn, Ft. Worth, Tex. (P 94221)
 Hutto, Fredrica-0420 McCabe, Winfield, Kans. (P 42793)
 Johnson, Miriam-1101 Oxford, Schenectady, N.Y. (P 23946)
 Kinnaird, Helen-100 S. Arno, Albuquerque, N.M. (P 66511)
 Kirk, Mary-344 S. 6th, Fargo, N.C. (Private 40801)
 Lehman, Jeanette-535 State, Meadville, Penna. (Private)
 Luscombe, Mrs. D.-Friends Rd., Gwynned Va., Pa. (Pri)
 McEnroe, Kathryn-307 14th, Fargo, N.C. (Private 76236)
 McKenzie, Betty-614 9th, Fargo, N.D. (Private 61370)
 Massey, Helen-309 N. High, El Dorado, Kans. (P 4086)
 Mauk, Mrs. Veda-Mun. Airport, Blackwell, Okla. (P 76206)
 Murray, Betty-320 Barrett, San Antonio, Texas (P 65737)
 Nelson, Lorraine-812 Broadway, Fargo, N.D. (P 61379)
 Perritt, Laura-601 Poplar, Florence, Ala. (P 83559)
 Peterson, Ruth-621 S. Santa Fe, Salina, Kans. (P 72097)
 Preen, Mildred-Oldwick, N. J. (Private 7862)
 Punton, Mary-1133 N. 9th, Fargo, N.D. (Private 27652)
 Roche, Patricia-211 Terrell, San Antonio, Tex. (P 67899)
 Rutherford, Mrs. Hazel-1134 N. Broad, Hillside, N.J. (P 17621)
 Scarborough, Mrs. D.F.-2410 Vernon, Charlotte, N.C. (P 92832)
 Shepherd, Jeanne-4420 Livingston, Dallas, Tex. (P 66720)
 Shutts, Alice-16 Lexington, W. Hartford, Conn. (P 96885)
 Slack, Gene-138 E. Grand, Johnson City, Tenn. (P 50975)
 Stanford, Ruth-1810 Oak, Chattanooga, Tenn. (P 69176)
 Sternbergh, Mary-339 Spring, Reading, Penna. (Private)
 Trafford, Mrs. W.B.-679 Lexington, New York, (P 96735)

AMELIA EARHART

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

By Alma H. Harwood

The A. E. application blanks number nineteen--- a nice number, with many localities represented. The job now is to arrange them for the judges and Mable Britton and Bettie Gillies came over and spent many hours with me determining the proper points for the varied answers to the questionnaire and the outline of instructions for the Judges. They left at 1 a.m. to drive back to Syosset so Mable could take off at daybreak for home.

Pearl Fancher Brock handed her bank in to her Treasurer and the sum total of pennies was \$8.17. Nice going, I think, and Pearl had a nice write-up in her local paper to help along our cause.

Fay Wells gave me her bank and asked for another. On counting we find hers tallied \$6.43, so Pearl is still in the lead... Reminding one of the Tortoise and Hare Fable... Don't be in too much of a rush to hand in banks. They may seem heavy but wait till you just can't cram another penny in, then they're really full.

June banks, if heavy be,
 Can be given to your local treasury!

HIGHER LICENSES - NEW RATINGS

PRIVATE LICENSE: Jean Frantz, Wisconsin
 COMMERCIAL LICENSES: Kay Van Doozer, Calif.;
 Carolyn Cullen, Mass.; Alice Hammond, Mich.;
 Eloise Smith, Mich.; Kay Traulson, New York.
 GROUND INSTRUCTOR: Lillian M. Smith, Ohio. ✓
 INSTRUCTOR: Jane Gump, Tennessee.
 AM RATING: Jacqueline Cochran, New York.

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CONNECTICUT CHAPTER:

Chairman: Edith Descomb
 Vice Chairman: Barbara S. Parker
 Secy-Treas: Dorothy Riley Levy

NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER:

Chairman: Lois Kirk
 Vice Chairman: Kathryn McEnroe
 Secretary: Mary Betty Punton
 Treasurer: Betty McKenzie
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POSTCARD QUESTIONNAIRES
 LONG OVERDUE

The February issue of the News Letter contained a Postcard Questionnaire, which was to be returned to Headquarters. At present only 398 of the 592 members have returned their Postcards. To be of use in a national emergency this file must be complete, so if for any reason you have not completed and sent in one of these cards, PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO HEADQUARTERS, Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., THE ATTACHED FACSIMILE IMMEDIATELY.

LICENSE NO. _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____
 CLASS: Solo, Pri, Ltd. Comm., Comm.? _____
 RATINGS: 1, 2S, 3S, Instructor, Instrument? _____
 Additional Training _____ TOTAL SOLO HOURS _____
 What make airplane do you own, if any? _____
 If employed in aviation, what occupation? with what concern? _____
 MAIDEN NAME _____ AGE _____ NATIONALITY _____
 MARRIED NAME _____ NO OF CHILDREN _____
 FULL ADDRESS _____
 To what 99 chapter do you belong, or section? _____
 REMARKS _____