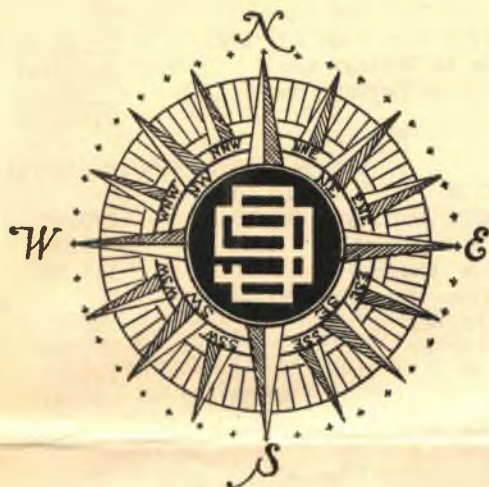


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99 OFFICERS ELECTED FOR NEXT YEAR

From the National Meeting at Albuquerque we learn the following were elected:

President: Jacqueline Cochran
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Nominating Committee:

Teddy Kenyon, Chairman
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CHAPTERS! CHAPTERS! CHAPTERS!

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER:

Chairman: Malcolm Clark
Secy-Treas: Marie Vater

EAST WISCONSIN CHAPTER:

Chairman: Caroline Iverson
Secretary: Pat Henley

We are setting some sort of record. In February 1941 there were sixteen 99 chapters in the United States....today there are THIRTY!!! and a request from a group in Ottawa, Canada for a 99 charter!!

Membership total, February 1, 1941 . . .	464
Membership total, July 15, 1941 . . .	594

PATRICIA THOMAS FIRST WINNER AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

By Alma H. Harwood

Announcement was made in Albuquerque of the winner of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund, and Patricia Thomas, formerly of New Jersey but now in California, was announced the winner. (Continued on next page.)

99's CONTINUE AFFILIATION WITH N A A

Continued affiliation of the 99's with the N A A has been approved and 99 HEADQUARTERS will remain, therefore, at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C.

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (Cont'd)

This was made possible only by a contribution from Betty Gillies and your Chairman. We thought it advisable to do this as the principal has not yet reached a point where the interest amounts to a substantial sum, and, in order to stimulate more interest in our membership, we thought it best not to allow too long a time to elapse before making the first award. We have such firm faith in the success of the plan that we felt it worth while to advance the balance necessary for the award, and that, given time, the fund would soon grow like a small seed into a strong, sturdy plant and bear blossoms and fruit on its own. But, like a plant it needs care and nurturing. You girls who are filling the banks are supplying the food for the fund, and, like a plant, it will need varied chemicals and minerals in order to thrive. Those varied elements, in the case of our fund, consist of the memberships in the different localities, sections or chapters. Too much of one type of food is not healthy, and for one section to do, in comparison, much more than another is not healthy. Read this year's and last year's contributions and see whether each and every group has done its part. It is understandable that some localities have not the same opportunities as others and therefore cannot contribute as much, but it is the relative amount of their contributions which should be considered.

The lax sections should be awakened to their responsibilities. If this is not done, in the future your scholarship fund will tend to lean too heavily for its financial aid on one or two localities. This will lead to a dangerous and unhealthy condition. The localities raising larger funds might come to feel that it was their scholarship or in time become sour and not care to continue to bear the heaviest part of the burden. On the other hand, those who have not been doing their full part will become more slack, like the man who gets so much help in supporting himself that he begins to feel the world owes him a living. No one admires this type of individual--no one respects him. You would not have pride in your chapter or section if others felt you were not meeting your obligation. Look over your treasurer's report and judge your chapter's contribution fairly. Do not criticize your neighboring chapter or sister section--just keep your own end up. The fund will grow strong enough to stand on its own two feet in a very short time if everyone does her small bit.

The Judges of this first award commended the 99's highly. Each felt that we were doing a very worthwhile thing; something constructive and something to be proud of. Thanks should be given to these Judges who were, Robert H. Hinckley, Assistant Secretary of Commerce; Captain Gill Robb Wilson, President, N A A; Major Leslie Gardner and Frank M. Tichenor. They are busy and important men, but were glad to contribute their services.

Extreme care was taken in the selection of the winner. Every name in the application blanks, letters, and outlines was blocked out and a number given to each applicant. I do not think a fairer method of determining the winner could have been devised. Major Gardner, one of the judges, helped in setting up the scale of points, and after considerable deliberation by the Judges, Patricia Thomas was unanimously selected the winner.

AMELIA EARHART FUNDRECEIPTS

August 5, 1939 thru June 23, 1941 2,510.89

DISBURSEMENTS

August 5, 1939 thru June 23, 1941 16.40

Balance in Savings a/c 2,494.49

Estimated interest on Savings due 7/1/41 19.55

2,514.04

BREAKDOWN

	8/5/39-8/5/40	8/5/40-6/23/41
NEW ENGLAND SECTION	110.10	
NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION	1,415.97	239.57
MIDDLE EASTERN, E.Pa.Chapter		70.00
SOUTHEAST, Florida Chapter		115.25
NORTH CENTRAL, Minn. Chapter	50.00	
Michigan Chapter		96.75
Illinois Chapter		25.00
Ohio Chapter		129.16
SOUTH CENTRAL	50.00	10.00
SOUTHWEST, Bay Cities		50.00
MISCELLANEOUS		
Sale of special pins	24.10	
Mrs. G. Shaw Green	10.00	
Elsie B. Sander		50.00
Mary Calcano		10.00
Margery Brown		50.00
Interest on Savings		24.54

1660.17 870.27

1660.17

2530.44

DISBURSEMENTS

16.40

TOTAL

2514.04

RESIGNATION OF EDITOR

On June 5, Fanny Leonpacher wrote Betty Gillies as follows:

"I have served as Editor of the 99 News for practically two years. I understand you are not eligible for reelection and feel it is only fair to a new president that I resign so she may feel free to institute her own policies."

Until the new President takes office September first, send your news as usual to Fanny Leonpacher, but watch the next issue for announcement of name and address of the new Editor.

RELIEF WINGS

Application blanks for pilots, flight surgeons, flight nurses and amateur radio operators, together with a statement of necessary qualifications, may be obtained by writing to Relief Wings Headquarters, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathy to the family and friends of 99'er Betty Strieff, formerly of Iowa, recently of Washington, D. C., who lost her life under such tragic circumstances.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NATIONAL MEETING

By Beatrice J. Mack

The most scenic of playgrounds, Albuquerque, N.M. made the National Meeting one long to be remembered. Due to the enthusiasm, careful planning, and tireless energy of the New Mexico Chapter, not a moment dragged.

The usual excitement of ships coming in, the arrival of old friends, and the scrutiny of new faces, made things hum for some time. Sixteen ships, carrying many of the 50 99'ers, made an excellent showing. Betty's Grumman, Jeannette's Stinson, Ethel Sheehy's Luscombe, Florence's Cessna, Jimmie Kolp's Cessna, were some of the many.

Before long trips were being scheduled for the interims between business meetings, luncheons, the banquet and cocktail parties. Such a wealth of possibilities made it difficult to come to any decision. Should I go to Santa Fe today? Maybe I had better save that trip for Sunday and go to Isleta, Indian Pueblo now. Acoma, the 400 year old Indian pueblo, can be enjoyed only if I am in trim for a good climb. Then, too, I must save time for the trip to the U.S. Army Air Base, for I wouldn't miss seeing the 19th Bombardment Squadron for anything. These were some of the problems facing us. The striking panorama that spread before our eyes from the Sandia mountains and other points of vantage later made our little personal decisions seem so trivial after all.

Cocktail parties? Oh, yes, the Texas Company was host to a lovely party in La Cocina Cantina at the Alvarado; Mrs. Mack Beam, immediate past president of the WNAA, entertained some of the early cokers in her home besides a luncheon at the Municipal Airport; and Jackie Cochran made all forget the long hours of the business meeting with her party at the Franciscan.

The luncheon on Saturday and the banquet Saturday night were important parts of the enjoyable whole. The Mexican luncheon at the Hilton had just the proper Mexican background. Could it be possible that we had been talking business a few minutes before this and would continue on through the afternoon to be prosaic. The banquet at the Alvarado was a most fitting climax with distinguished guests present, such as Governor and Mrs. John E. Miles. This occasion was chosen as the one most fitting at which to present to Patricia Thomas, flying instructor, the Amelia Earhart award.

Now we have a song adopted by the 99's. Are we proud! "Song of the Ninety-Nines" it is called, and was written by Dick Ballou, friend of Mary Nicholson.

The one and only drawback to these good times was that the rest of the 600 99'ers could not be present.

NORTHWESTERN SECTION

• NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

By Lorraine Nelson

This marks our initial contribution to the News Letter, and as our Chapter is still "young", we will endeavor to report only what we have accomplished in the way of getting organized. Let me tell you first what a wonderful flying country this is. With almost perfect flying weather the year round, and with level prairie land stretching as far as the eye can see, North Dakota is veritably one vast flying field. Three of us have fully appreciated this fact when faced with actual forced landings!

Shortly after organizing our Chapter, Lois Kirk and Kathryn McEnroe gave a 15-minute interview on your reporter's 49ther radio program "Meet Your Neighbor." Lois is our Chairman; Kathryn, our Vice-Chairman, is our prize parachute-packer. They told the listening audience all about "Women in Aviation."

Betty McKenzie has just bought a new car for herself. She tells us that she needed it for commuting between her home and Hector Airport. We wouldn't be surprised if she bought a Piper Cub next.

The Fargo Pilot's Association has taken regular breakfast flights to outlying towns and cities. On each flight the 99'ers have been represented, and we are especially proud of Mary Betty Punton, who has flown in every Breakfast Flight this season. This gives us an excellent opportunity to contact other women flyers throughout the State, and by this means we hope to increase our membership before long.

Our new, identical "flying suits" have just been completed. They are Prairie Green in color and their only decoration is a white 99 emblem. We chose to wear these suits on the field because of their practicability and also because of the subtle way in which just wearing them would create interest in the 99's. At the present time we're eagerly anticipating a visit from our Section Governor, Irma Wallace. (H.Q. note: Will the North Dakota Chapter please send further particulars about these suits to H.Q.—other chapters may also be interested and we will then have the info to give out from here.)

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

• BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Rita Gerry

Bay Cities Chapter news will be very short this month. Our members are having personal worries, and club activities have been practically nil.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Mary Bowles for the loss of her mother. Mary is now in Los Angeles.

Marjorie Hook has been ill for a month. She has been kneaded, baked, steamed in hot mud, and finally landed in a hospital, where they put her on a rack and stretched her. And she still has a misery in her bones.

Ruth Wakeman will leave for Michigan in a few days. 49ther Bill is convalescent after an operation and the baby is ill, so Ruth decided to take the whole family to Michigan for a month's rest at the lake.

Ruth Rueckert will go to Albuquerque by transport. It's her first air line trip and she's scared silly.

Helen Ashley will fly a Taylorcraft to Albuquerque, her first long cross country hop. Good luck.

Margaret Campbell is trying to find a flying partner for the Albuquerque trip. Too slow on the reflexes Margaret. Speak up sooner, next time. You and Helen would make the perfect team, with your ducky little white helmets.

Bessie Owen was in San Francisco a few days ago. Her new book "Aerial Vagabond" will be reviewed in next Sunday's Chronicle.

Afton Lewis is flying an open Kinner again and very happy about it. She is tired of cabin ships.

The last two numbers of 99 News were exceptionally interesting...Brimful of zip and activity. Congratulations to Dorothy Ring for those attractive pictures in the magazines. They bring out all of her sparkle and the coloring is lovely.

(Our sympathy to Rita Gerry on the death of her father recently.)

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NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

• EAST WISCONSIN CHAPTER By Florence H. Boswell

First officially a chapter in July 1941, the E. Wisconsin 99's had their very unofficial beginnings back in the fall of 1940 when a newly graduated private pilot of the summer CPT course applied at the army air corps recruiting station in Milwaukee to see if there was anything women could do. Two handsomely-garbed lieutenants referred this pilot to their friend, Teddy Kenyon, of New York, who would know all about women's activities in flying and could inform the newly-winged about the 99's, national women's flying organization.

Mrs. Teddy Kenyon not only wrote a very cordial letter back to Milwaukee, but communicated with Mrs. Florence Boswell, who sent through a masterpiece on the purpose, origin, and standing of the 99's, and the requirements of organizing a chapter.

The would-be organizer underwent a slump in activity until spring brought word from Madison, Wis. that a chapter had been organized there and an invitation to Milwaukeeans to attend a meeting. Attending that meeting was Chairman Melba Beard, an enthusiastic 99'er who had been transplanted from her home chapter in Calif. and who was a real inspiration to the East Wisconsin eligibles. On Feb. 21 the first meeting was held in Milwaukee.

Though there are just 5 fully qualified members who have been accepted by the national 99 organization, there are several non-voting local members who will soon have private licenses and be eligible for full membership. Also, a number of out-of-town women have expressed interest in the group and will probably affiliate when good summer weather permits flying.

As a local flying club, before becoming an official 99 chapter, we decided to invite all women working toward licenses to the program section of our meetings, thus encouraging further training.

Among its local and national members, the East Wisconsin Chapter has representatives from 7 airports, each of the 4 in the Milwaukee area, including a seaplane base, and the airports of Racine, Kenosha, and West Bend. Its activities include social and educational meetings, both alone and in conjunction with the Madison Chapter, and flight breakfasts in cooperation with the Wisconsin Civil Air Corps, a very active state group that sponsors such flights and over-night hops regularly all through the summer.

Here's news of the members:

Ruth Harmon, successful manager of the Kenosha Airport and Commercial Pilot with a re-rated instructors endorsement, keeps her airport humming with the activity of CPT students on college and non-college programs and private flyers, too. Recently, her airport was the scene of the biggest Wisconsin Civil Air Corps rally ever held, a flight breakfast, for which Mayor Carl Zeidler of Milwaukee was the guest speaker. 350 guests were served breakfast and 79 planes of every sort flew in for the morning rally. Though Ruth has flown many different planes in her couple thousand hours of logged time, she has been partial to the Taylorcraft for flight instruction ever since she took a ride in the first Craft that Taylor built.

Edith Phillips professionally,—Mrs. Frank Lovell, wife of the managing editor of the Racine Journal-Times in private life,—has had her flying experience with her husband in their Cub Coupe. In Milwaukee, she is editor of the Boston Store's publication, "The Bostonian"; she

was the first to photograph the East Wisconsin 99'ers at a luncheon which they attended in honor of Jacqueline Cochran. The Lovell's airport headquarters are at Racine Municipal.

Graduates of the CPTP at U. of Wisconsin Extension Division, Marquette University, and the Milwaukee School of Engineering are Caroline Iverson, Patricia Hanley, and Margaret Seip.

Chairman of the East Wisconsin 99'ers, Caroline has completed the primary, secondary, and apprentice instructor courses sponsored by the CAA, and has logged 120 hours including 40 in the Waco PTL4 trainer (aerobatics). She is publicity director of the U. W. extension division in Milwaukee, a CAA ground instructor at Carroll College in Waukesha, and at a suburban night school, and has just become secretary to the manager of the Curtiss-Wright Airport, where all of her flight training has been taken.

Pat Henley also has had her flight training at the Curtiss-Wright Airport and was just well along in the CAA secondary course when women were eliminated from the programs. 20 year old Pat is secretary of the East Wisconsin 99's, and also to her father.

Margaret Seip had the unique experience of learning her flying in a seaplane at Tony Lange's Seadrome on Lake Michigan. At present, she's more at home on floats than on wheels, but she'll soon have the landplane endorsement on her private pilot's license, too.

• SOUTHERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER By Marcia Courtney

On Sunday, June 22, the Southern Wisconsin Chapter held a breakfast flight from Madison Municipal Airport. The flight was a navigation course over 7 nearby cities locating landmarks. 4 planes flew the course, but because our Chairman, Melba Beard, and your reporter made up the course, only 2 participated in the contest.

The trophy went to Dorothy Bryant, who, despite her lack of cross-country experience, did a swell job. First prize for observers went to Caryl Jones and the booby prize went to Agnes Moquin, a guest at the flight. After the flight we gathered at the airport restaurant for breakfast and some hangar flying.

Although attendance at the flight was small because most of our members have left town for the summer, we had a swell time and hope to have more flights during the summer.

Marion Albright cracked up her 40 Taylorcraft in a forced landing, and is now flying a 65 Aeronca Super-Chief.

Tiny Reis has been following the old maxim "See Wisconsin First" and spent a week-end flying over northern Wisconsin. Tiny also attended the Kenosha breakfast flight a short time ago, which your reporter neglected to mention in her last bulletin. My apologies, Tiny.

Mary Belle Ahlstrom has returned to her home at La Crosse for the summer and is once more buzzing around in a Piper Cub. Quite a come-down after the Waco, isn't it, Mary?

For the information of any of you, who like myself, find meteorology one of the complicated sciences, I should like to submit a discovery. Associated Aviation Underwriters puts out a greatly simplified pamphlet called "Keeping Ahead of the Weather," which is obtainable from their Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles offices at 15¢ a copy.

Well, until next month, Good Flying and Happy Landings.

● INDIANA CHAPTER

By Helen House

The Indiana Chapter has again added another charming hostess to our list. Our June meeting was held in Richmond, Indiana, with Helen Wetherill, our Chairman, acting as hostess at the delightful breakfast which she gave. (It just didn't come soon enough to suit some of us.)

Our special guests were Belle Hetzel of Avoca, Iowa and Beatrice Mack of Omaha, Nebr. who gave us all a big thrill by just being there. Helen invited some prospective members (which I have heard since are really joining) from Muncie and Richmond. Edith Graft from Winchester was very gracious in helping Helen with her guests and seeing everyone was comfortable. With a mad week of rushing around getting her students soloed and able to take care of themselves for a while Helen House was able to make the meeting flying in with Martha Bright and another student.

Doris Schory of Kokomo is now the proud owner of a Private Certificate, so we expect you at all the meetings Doris. The South Bend girls are working hard on ratings, so we haven't heard much from them.

Expect to hear from all 99'ers in Indiana and guests at our July meeting--July 12-13 at Rochester. All 99'ers are to be guests of Helen House and Martha Bright. We are planning a big time of flying, swimming, dancing and boating.

● EAST IOWA CHAPTER

By June De Nio

Our April meeting was held in Waterloo and we want to thank Verna Mae Prochaska for the swell time we had. Our guests were: Jean Faris, Hampton, Iowa, just returned from Hawaii; Mary Stark, Jane Labon, and Marge Warner of Waterloo; Le Ila Anderson of Fort Dodge; Charlotte Helm, June Braun and Kathryn Moore of Des Moines.

Nominations for special election of officers was held. The new officers elected are: Chairman, Margaret Swendsen; Vice Chairman, Marjorie Smith; Secy-Treas, Winifred Eno. Etha Piper and June De Nio are the new reporters.

The North Central Sectional Convention was held in Des Moines May 3 and 4. With the help of the Petticoat Flyers of Des Moines, the East Iowa Chapter was hostess to the North Central Section. We were glad to meet the girls from other states who are as interested in flying as we are. On Saturday afternoon we spent the time meeting our guests and getting acquainted, with a dinner-dance at the Hotel Ft. Des Moines in the evening. Sunday morning there were about 40 at the breakfast and business meeting.

Our May meeting was held at the home of Natalie Ellis in Iowa City, May 18. Guests were Marjorie Holmquist of Ft. Dodge, Charlotte Helm and Kathryn Moore of Des Moines. By our next meeting we will have a new CPT member, Eunice Gibson of Des Moines. Helen Jeanne Johnston, who moved to Chicago the 1st of the year, is back in Des Moines. Welcome back!

Our next meeting, which will be the first anniversary meeting of the E. Iowa Chapter, will be held in Dodge, June 22. Let's see you all there.

EAST IOWA CHAPTER

By Florence H. Boswell

Ann Malson took her first lesson October 19, also her first flight. She is a senior at Springfield College in Springfield and completed the license February 11, 1941. She now holds a Private License and is trying to build up her cross country time by taking short trips on Sunday.

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● MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Dorothy Broadfield

June 15 marked the first breakfast flight for our chapter this year. Destination Sioux City. Hostess Agnes DeHaven.

At 5 a.m. all pilots and ships were ready and rearing to go. Ceiling unlimited, field closed by radiation fog which blanketed the valley from Omaha to Sioux City. Pilots waited with spirits drooping, A mere 90 airline miles from breakfast. Finally (2 hours later) contact was given. Everyone jumped for their ships and headed for destination (and breakfast) a trifle beyond cruising speed. Three ships from Omaha attended. One Luscombe containing Betty Green, Odett Wallace; two cubs with Irene Adamson, Mary Beecham, Helen Nestle, Dorothy Broadfield, were met at the field in Sioux City by Hostess Agnes DeHaven, Maxine Nolt, Ivah Maxfield and also Bernie and Win Eno who had flown in early from Ft. Dodge in their Stinson Voyager. 49'er's Francis Maxfield acted as ground crew and Mr. DeHaven as photographer. Anne Rosskey, a new member from Vermillion, also attended. A grand time was had by all.

Belle Hetzel, Governor of North Central Section and Bea Mack, Secy-Treas of the South Central Section motored to Indiana to attend a breakfast with the Indiana Chapter.

Betty Green flew a Luscombe to the recent Des Moines Airshow.

Agnes DeHaven, who commutes quite often from Sioux City to Omaha in her Cub Coupe, was returning home with her 49'er when intercepted by a storm and in trying to avoid it was forced to land, with some damage to plane but fortunately not to the crew.

A special meeting and picnic was held at the Greenhouse to decide plans for those attending the National Meeting at Albuquerque. Three CPT guests and potential members attended. Bill Milner, Supt. of Airport, took the group on a conducted tour of the new project on the airport.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

This Section hasn't recovered from the National Meeting yet, besides sweltering in 90-95° weather. From Denver we learn that Jane Best is now Mrs. Gust Nettleblad. 99'er Dorothy Young of Roosevelt Field, a former resident of Denver, visited with Donna Tracy Myers. She has been living in New York for about a year and is a member of that Section.

● EAST OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Betty Whitlow

The East Oklahoma Chapter is indeed sorry that Gayle Horrall has had to resign as Chairman of the group because she has not had the opportunity to renew her license. Margaret Ann Hamilton, former Vice Chairman, will take over where Gayle left off.

Virginia Nordlund has gone to Calif. for the remainder of the summer and will, no doubt, find out first hand about that marvelous west coast flying we hear so much about.

After hard work and perseverance, Mabel Johnston earned her Commercial license three weeks ago. Soon, she'll have her Instructor's rating.

Margaret Ann Hamilton and Betty Whitlow had fun taking aerial views of town and country with their cameras when they flew from Tulsa to Bartlesville and back the other day.

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NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By Constance Sheridan

Greetings 99'ers! We were absent from the May issue and are sorry!

Ruth Ingalls invited the N.E. 99'ers to her home for the May meeting. Everyone had an awfully good time and after enjoying a delicious supper served by Mrs. Ingalls, general business matters were taken up. Just at that time the 99'ers here were very much concerned about the plight of several of the original 99'ers in N.E. who for one reason or another have had to give up flying, and so, their 99 memberships. These girls gave so unstintingly of their thoughts, time and energies to help establish the club and build it up to standards it enjoys today, that it is strongly felt here that they must be retained as active members....Ruth Hamilton, our Governor, sent a recommendation to that effect to the national officers.

On Sunday, June 8, Marjorie Davis sat at Norwood Airport and checked the girls' interpretation of signals that had been laid out by the Sea Scouts in a field in Framingham. This was the simulated disaster devised by the Red Cross disaster committee here in Boston with an eye to seeing just how much help the 99's would afford in event of an actual emergency. Despite miserable flying conditions, the girls did a perfect job. Among those reporting to Marjorie at Norwood were Jean Adams with Edith Jenny as observer, Hortense Harris with Marion Tibbets, Ruth Ingalls with Ruth Wyman, Florence Cates with Virginia Glover. The Authorities were more than pleased with results and have arranged for 2 more practice flights this summer.

Here we are at the June meeting with Louise Howard hostess to the 99's at her home in Norwood. The girls attending enjoyed it immensely. Nancy Kin-sley flew in from Worcester in her Taylorcraft 65. Ruth Hamilton has started a new CPTP Ground School course at Boston University. Marjorie Davis, who has attended Ruth Hamilton's G. S. this winter at Riverside has received her Ground Instructor's rating in Meteorology.

Jean Adams has long had an excellent reputation as a pilot and photographer and has now been signally honored by the townspeople of N.E.'s famous island, Nantucket. They have chosen Jean to operate their airport this summer and fall. If any of you come this way, be sure to fly over and taste Nantucket hospitality a la Adams. Elizabeth Horton, holder of a private certificate for a good long time, has been doing a great deal of flying this Spring and has plans for many cross-country trips during the summer. Mildred Maury, wife of David Maury, well-known teacher and football coach, has moved down temporarily from her home in Wilbraham to Winthrop, a town bordering East Boston Airport, and is taking intensive training for her private flight test.

Florence Cates has started a course in aerobatics and is enthusiastic about it.

Peggy Lennox is finishing her course in secondary flight training. Hortense Harris flew to Chicago on the Airlines and from there will fly herself to Albuquerque for the 99 Meeting. Gertrude Meserve is back from a vacation to Niagara Falls (!) and is all ready for her next CPTP group.

Before closing we'd like to mention that Veda Watson of Maine is one of the most active members here. If she can't fly down to a meeting, she drives a good 200 miles! We hope to see many of you enjoying a New England vacation! And that's all for now.

● CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

By Mary Lee Wilkerson

It was only our second meeting but, like the 4th of July, we are starting off with a bang. The warm agreeable weather experienced at Brainard Field attracted most of our members to our breakfast meeting—nothing less than the proverbial bacon and eggs.

Our food for thought was furnished by Mr. Lockhart, Conn. Commissioner, who spoke to us on the opportunities open to the group regarding the National Defense Program. Further investigations are to be made into this matter. Then too, we are desirous of cooperating in some manner with the Relief Wings organization and have requested that Elise Jack make the necessary inquiries. As last minute notices are not so satisfactory, it was necessary to appoint some one outside our chapter to represent us at the National Meeting. It was decided that Alma Harwood of the Metro Tri State Section more than filled the bill.

Not only were we happy to welcome Bessie Wilson as a new member to our Chapter, but also Lois Hollingsworth, a transfer from Indiana,—your loss our gain.

Since Dorothy Levy was unable to attend our meeting, we now wish to take this opportunity to extend to her our sincere congratulations for having received her Commercial and Instructor's Rating.

What could be better to look forward to than a swim in the ocean followed by a lobster lunch at Elise Owen's home in Stonington on Saturday, July 26. We are inviting the Metro Tri State Section to join us for this meeting and to help catch the lobsters.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

By Bettie Thompson

Report from Secy-Treas of this Section states that there is in the Treasury (as of June 9) \$122.63.

● WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Jerry Masinter

The June meeting of the Washington Chapter was a breakfast hop to the Logan Airport in Baltimore, Md. Your reporter was in charge of arrangements. "First to arrive" honors go to Evelyn Wyatt and guest Betty Plummer, in a Luscombe. Dubious "Second to arrive" honors go to Jeanne McSheehy and your reporter, who because of a crackup to the ship they were to fly drove up in a Ford. Johanna Busse and Dorothy Waggy flew in in an Ercoupe (Dorothy recently resigned from a secretarial position in the Ercoupe factory to try her hand at housekeeping.) Mary Benson came by her lonesome in a Cub and Claire Callaghan (our newest instructor) arrived in a Taylorcraft. Jane Plant, a resident of Baltimore, obviously did not need to fly in but also did not drive in—seems she has never learned to handle anything with more than 3 wheels. Jane is an instructor at Curtiss Wright Airport.

Just received a card from Marion Hinson, Woodlawn, Md., announcing a new 99 fledgling in her family. He has been named John Frederick and was born July 6.

The next meeting is to be held at Briarwood, (Chigger Center to you), the home of Mary Benson, Sunday, July 13. Broiled steaks and watermelon will be served by the open fireplace.

Patricia O'Malley, in the Press Section of CMA, is at present contacting all Washington members requesting our help in the Aluminum Drive. More particulars about this next month.

The Washington Chapter deeply regrets the death of Betty Strieff, one of our most active and promising younger members.

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SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

● CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Betty Hamilton

The Carolinas Chapter was specially invited guest of the B. W. Richardsons for the barbecue and dance they had in Laurens, S.C. for the pilots of S.C. All those who got to the meeting reported a grand time. Our membership as of June 1 is 20 and we expect to have 24 by August the 1st. Nell Behr will be our representative in Albuquerque. The literature sent out by the girls in Albuquerque made us all wish we could go.

● FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Lorna Simpson

Here's wagglin' our wings at you! Irene Hawthorth and 49^{er}, Jack, have just come back from a month's jaunt via Cub Coupe. They joined the Florida Air Tour to N A A's Louisville Convention at Jacksonville, when 99'ers at their monthly meeting saw them off. Dorothy Ebersbach had flown her Cub Cruiser over from Tampa, with Chairman Vera Self as passenger. Evelyn McRae had flown her Rearwin Cloudster up from Miami with Marian Bertram and Secretary Lorna Simpson as passengers. Nancy Collyer and Ellis Dunsford, both of Jacksonville, were welcomed as new members at that time.

The Hawthorths are home feeling like seasoned avigators. Irene says she studied about weather in ground school, but now she knows what it's really like, as well as most of the airports between Louisville, Indianapolis, Erie, Rochester, and Atlanta.

At Atlanta, homeward bound, the Hawthorths ran across Marian Bertram and Delegate Evelyn McRae, flying the Cloudster to the 99 Convention at Albuquerque trying to conjure up mountain-crossing weather for their westward hop.

Big news of the moment is that Katherine Rawls Thompson has passed her commercial written, within the week, and will be taking the flight test shortly. Ye Scribe was up with her the other day in a Culver Cadet. Beautifully, is hardly an adequate word to describe the way she handles it, but if the dictionary holds none better.....!

Feature item of the month is the fact that initial steps have been taken by Florida Chapter officially to recognize its loyal and chivalrous band of 49^{ers}. Just received in the mail is one of the membership cards, being a Certificate of Doubtful Competency, Ratings with Limitations, certifying that _____ is a member in the Cone of Silence in the vicinity of 2^o E. Variation so long as he furnishes L, NC and 2S. Vera Self is responsible.

To ye who solo with benefit of such card, greetings and Happy Landings!

Hazel Raines, of Macon Georgia, one of us who has achieved her Instructor Ratings, is instructing on the Fort Lauderdale CPT Program.

By way of acknowledgement, tardy but due, be it said that Lakeland, Florida's pilots are royal good fellows and that the FAA doings over there, attended by your scribe via Cub Coupe, were tops.

If you would like 99 stationery for personal use, write to National Headquarters, Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C. If enough requests are received, prices, etc. will be worked out.

● TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Ruth Wolfe Thomas

A new member of the Tennessee Chapter is Ruth Crozier of Knoxville. Ruth completed the last CPT Program and got her private the last time the inspector was through here. Already interested in the club, she handed in her application at the last meeting and was accepted. Mrs. Zachry phoned her regrets to us in Chattanooga. She was not able to attend the meetings. The Aeronca people have asked her to pose for some advertising and she is making a deal with them so she will be able to attend future meetings.

We had 4 guests at our Chattanooga meeting. They were: Jean McCown, 1940's Queen of the Great Smoky Mountain Wildflower Festival, (Jean has just soloed and is buying a Luscombe), Fred Brock, our Chairman's 49^{er}, Mark Chapman, who just wanted to come along to see how we ticked, and Tom Kesterson, senior pilot of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Lorraine Buttrey drove over but detours caused her to be late for the luncheon. She left Tuesday for Albuquerque and the annual meeting.

Ruth Crozier flew down with your reporter in a 2 place Luscombe but on the way back we had a third companion, -we picked up this companion just out of Chattanooga and kept it up to Athens which is about half way. Our companion was a rainbow - my first hitchhiker.

Table decorations were done by Ruth Stanford. These 99'ers can do MORE things.

If you saw a June issue of the Dixie Air News you saw and read an article by Gene Slack, Tenn. 99'er and member of the Aviation Writers Assn. She featured Tenn's Flying Grandmother, Mrs. Alfred Zachry, and "Grasshoppers" Jane Gump, Gladys Lacy, and Gene Slack. The "Grasshoppers" are the feminine side of the "Hedgehoppers", Johnson City's flying club. Pictures of the following members appeared also: Pearl Fancher Brock, Louise Carson, Ruth Bowler, Millie Ownby, Laura Perritt, and Ruth W. Thomas, along with an article on the history of the Tennessee Chapter. The caption under Louise's picture reads, "Pretty little Maryville College student" and Louise is on the faculty. Laura Perritt and Ann Johnson's pictures and captions were vice versa-ed. As were Ruth Nichols and Jackie Cochran's.

Billie LeVan is having a new house built. It will be ready to move in this week.

The Chattanooga Air Show is July 26 and 27. In case you 99'ers come over, or up or down, ask for Ruth Stanford, Millie Ownby or Billie LeVan and introduce yourselves. We won't have a registration booth for 99'ers but we do want to meet those who come.

● VISITORS TO HEADQUARTERS ●

Jacqueline Cochran -- our next President, stopping in for a visit to Headquarters.

Jean Stanberry Jones -- from Louisville, Ky., stopped in to buy a supply of gold 99 pins.

Virginia Sweet -- on her way from college in North Carolina to her home in New York.

Miriam Johnson -- from Schenectady, N.Y., on the hunt for info about jobs for women in aviation.

Una Goodwin -- just arrived from Oklahoma for a permanent stay in Washington.

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