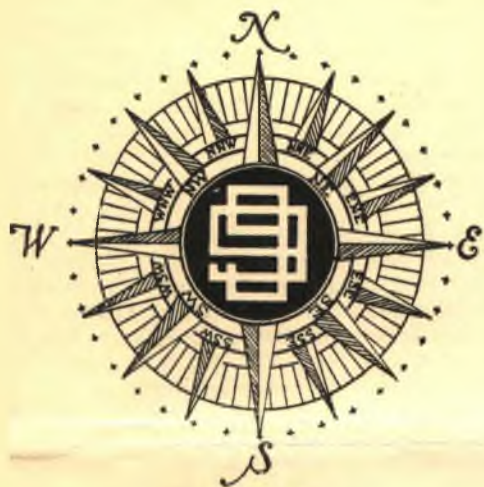


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## MARY NICHOLSON APPOINTED NEWS LETTER EDITOR

Announcement of the appointment of Mary Nicholson as NEWS LETTER Editor for the year 1941-42 is made.

News for the September issue, and thereafter, should be sent directly to her at 333 E. 53rd St., New York City. The deadline will still be the 5th of the month.

With the growing number of chapters, it will be necessary that all contributions not exceed 400 words. Editing may be necessary in order to include all chapters.

## NEW DUES IN EFFECT AUGUST 31

Dues shall be \$4.50 yearly, payable to National Headquarters, with an additional \$1 initiation fee for new members.

It was decided at the National Meeting that new membership applications, on the present \$4 basis, will be accepted by Jeannette Lempke, National Treasurer, only until Midnight, August 31. These memberships will then be paid up to August 31, 1942. After August 31, 1941 all new memberships will be \$5.50.

## ELECTION OF SECTION AND CHAPTER OFFICERS DUE

Election of officers for the year 1941-42 should be held during September.

Names of all new officers for the sections and chapters must be reported to Headquarters not later than October 1, 1941 according to the 99 Constitution.

To expedite the reporting of the newly elected officers and also the total membership of each chapter, a chapter charter application form is going forward to all chapter chairmen. This form must be fully completed and returned before October 1, 1941 to Headquarters.

A specially designed charter, on which the names of the chapter members will be inscribed, will be sent each chapter following receipt of the completed charter application.

### "SONG OF THE NINETY-NINES"

Word comes from Mary Nicholson that the "Song of the Ninety-Nines" is now at the printers and a copy will be included with each Sept. NEWS LETTER.

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## NORTHWESTERN SECTION

### ● WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Irma Wallace

A record-breaking Chapter meeting was held in July on the 29th in Tacoma—eight ships and seventeen girls. Our hostesses were Frances Sherley and Grace Johnson. They met us at the airport at noon and took us out to the Dittmore Inn for a lovely luncheon.

New Chapter officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Grace Johnson, Chairman; Clayton Patterson, Vice Chairman; Reta Sutherland, Secy-Treas. and Newsletter Reporter. We'll stop right here to report that last week Reta received her Weem's Certificate in Celestial Navigation. She was the only woman in the class, and we understand is the only woman in the Northwest to hold such a certificate. Three loud cheers for our Reta.

Those flying were: Helen Gardner, Helen Baster, Emily Knofke, Doris Skinner and Helen Ernsdorff and Gladys Ellis from Yakima; Genevieve Brown and her daughter, Sugar, (three years old and a veteran flyer) from Bremerton; Gladys Buroker and Doris Olson from Olympia; Mildred Merrill and Clayton Patterson, Reta Sutherland and Irma Wallace, and Virginia Andrews, a guest, all from Seattle.

Genevieve Brown is having her membership transferred from the Southern Calif. Chapter. She reported driving to Albuquerque for the National meeting and believes she can write pages on how much trouble you can have when you don't fly.

Clayton Patterson has promoted a lot of enthusiasm by offering a cup for "points attained" on the trip to Olympia for our Section meeting, Sept. 10. We are looking forward to a large turnout. Better get brushed up on your navigation 'n stuff girls! Gladys Buroker will be our hostess for this meeting.

It was a pleasant surprise to learn that Evelyn Burleson of Albany, Oregon, is going to make her home in Tacoma and will affiliate with our Chapter.

Helen Gardner, our delegate, gave us a most interesting report of the Albuquerque meeting. She did a grand job of flying from Yakima to Albuquerque in her Taylorcraft. More power to you Helen. We are very proud of our Yakima girls who report the formation of the EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER of the Northwestern Section, on July 30, 1941. Helen Gardner was elected Chairman; Clara Poulin, Vice Chairman; and Jacky Jones, Secy-Treas. The Chapter started with eleven members.

The Evergreen Empire welcomes the girls from out of state with open arms and wonderful flying weather.

## SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

### ● BAY CITIES

By Rita Gerry

Things of major importance have been happening in the Bay Cities Chapter. First of all, one of our fledglings made her initial cross-country hop. Helen Ashley and her friend, Frances Jones, flew a Taylorcraft from San Francisco to Albuquerque for the National Meeting. It was an ambitious hop for a couple of babes, as each girl had only 75 hours.

Ruth Rueckert went to Albuquerque by United Air Lines. It was her first trip on a transport plane, and she got a tremendous thrill out of it.

Afton Lewis has finally relinquished all rights to her apartment, and has moved out in the back yard with all her chips. She is doing a life sized wood carving (nude?) and that hunk of Philippine mahogany completely fills her wee studio.

Met Pat Seares on the street today. She has just returned from Mexico and is leaving immediately for Tahoe. Also, she has just bought a new Waco.

Adele Chase left Saturday for the east, to take delivery on a Stinson 105. She will ferry the ship to San Francisco.

Marjorie Hook is tops again. She had a bad session for 6 weeks and the doctors literally pulled her back into shape. Golly, golly, she had us worried. Marjorie is our Commander-in-Chief, and when things go wrong with her our whole army is out of step. She planned a trip to Sacramento with the A.O.P.A. just to get the lift she needed, but, worse luck, the whole bay area was fogged in, and she had to call off the flight.

Ruth Wakeman is still in Michigan. We do miss our pretty blond. Ruth, come home. All is forgiven.

Eleanor Turney Verkuyl is in Bakersfield, where the temperature ranges around 120 F. She relaxes in her air-conditioned apartment while 49<sup>ers</sup>, Pete, exterminates the boll weevils, or whatever it is that threatens the cotton. Eleanor has been putting in time on a Waco.

The July winging party to Kings City was one of our jolliest flights. At Mesa Del Rey, the primary training school for the army, we were the guests of Harry White and Jack Nystrom. We were served a delicious luncheon in the canteen, and spent two very enjoyable hours renewing friendships. Our pilots for the flight were Marjorie Hook, Margaret Campbell, Afton Lewis and Helen Ashley.

### ● LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Lt. B. V. Clarke, husband of Adrienne Clark of San Diego, has been reported missing on the Atlantic in line of duty. Adrienne has the deepest sympathy of all of her fellow 99'ers.

The last 99 meeting was held picnic fashion in the garden of Bessie Owen at Santa Barbara. San Francisco members present were; Marjorie Hook, Afton Lewis, and Ruth Rueckert; the guests were; Llewellyn Richards, Glen Sergeant, Wallace Witty, Herbert Burns and Bill Sheehy.

We have two new 49<sup>ers</sup>. Helen Stansbury has become Helen Davis and Irene Anderson has become Mrs. Franklin Slagel.

Bessie Owen's book "Aerial Vagabond" has had very favorable reviews in several national publications. In the opinion of this humble reviewer, it is one of the most fascinating travel books written. Bessie's address is 175 Butterfly Lane, Santa Barbara.

The National Meeting at Albuquerque was a grand success. The local girls outdid themselves in showing us every courtesy and consideration. Mrs. Cutter proved herself a great generalissimo. The Los Angeles Chapter was well represented. Genevieve Brown drove down from Seattle, picking up Eurith Howard at Santa Paula; Ethel Sheehy and Bessie Owen flew in in Ethel's Luscombe; and Gayle Burns made the trip by airline. Pat Thomas Cubbed in from Los Angeles to accept the Amelia Earhart award. She is now teaching at the Gardena Airport and is transferring her Eastern membership to our Chapter.



## NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

### • ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Alice DeWitt

Our reporter, Jerry Truesdell, is in New York. She was sent there by her Aviation Insurance Co. via American Airlines, and we hope anticipation wasn't as great as realization, for Jerry was certainly very enthusiastic about her trip, as she is about her job.

We were very happy to have with us our Section Governor, Belle Hetzel, at a dinner at the Barn, local aviation dining place. Belle gave us a full report on the Annual Meeting, making us regret we couldn't attend this year but resolving to get there next year. We hope we can continue to have sections for some time to come, as it certainly makes us feel closer to our fellow flyers to have our Governor come to Chicago all the way from Avoca to report on the doings of other flyers all over the country.

On July 27 we were invited by the AOPA President to have our 99 meeting at the Lincolnshire Country Club. The polo field was used as a landing field and seven members flew in. Swimming and a chicken dinner were the highlights after the meeting. Helen Budwash and her Porterfield, and Mary Beritich and Kay Stark, prospective members, in the Cub, had to miss out on the fun because they had to get back to Rubinkam Airport. Janet Mayhercy and Alice DeWitt smacked their lips after the delicious dinner and Cubbed back to their airports.

Because we were without a Secretary-Treasurer (Frances Anderson is now in Augusta, Ga.) we had our election of officers a month early. Here it is: Mabel Adelmann, Chairman; Doris Langher, Vice Chairman; Lola Sweetwood, Secy-Treas.; Jerry Truesdell, Reporter and Membership Chairman. We feel that these girls will do a good job because of the enthusiasm they have shown in the past and know that the Illinois Chapter will "go to town" under their leadership.

Mabel Adelmann, "Paddy" to all at the airport, has her own Fairchild. After representing the Ill. Chapter at the National Meeting she went on to the West Coast, then to Galveston, Miami, and Atlanta. We are waiting for a full report at our August meeting. Doris Langher works for United Air Lines and has been flying for a number of years. Lola Sweetwood of Elwood does most of her flying at Joliet which will make it convenient for Mabel (Mabel stores at Joliet). We thought the job of Membership Chairman would work in well with Jerry's present reporting. She should have little trouble reporting the abilities of new members.

Congratulations and good wishes on your new job, Fanny. We hope it will be easier than your job as Editor. You've done such a splendid job as editor that it will be hard to find someone to "fill your shoes".

### • NORTH KENTUCKY CHAPTER

By Betty Ann Millard

The 99'ers in Louisville haven't been standing still just because you haven't heard from us. But the fact is that we're so newly organized that it has kept us busy getting the detail work straightened out, but you can bet your "planes" you'll hear plenty and often from us from now on.

Our first act was to have a breakfast meeting for the 99'ers attending the National Aeronautic Convention here, and we had as guests such distinguished

99'ers as Arlene Davis, Cecile Hamilton, Ruth Nichols, and Florence Boswell. We were thrilled at getting a chance to do something at the Convention for the women and meeting some of the outstanding flyers.

At our last Friday night supper meeting we planned a Dawn Patrol, so we took off from Bowman Field Sunday, July 27 for Lexington. We were met by four "brand new" 99'ers from Lexington who took us to breakfast at the hotel. The girls who made the flight were "Brownie" Luscombe, who of course flew her Luscombe. (I was lucky enough to fly with her.) Gertrude Hendershot and Ann Bradbury went up in a Taylorcraft. Jean Brohman, Marjorie Rae, Jean Jones and June Woenkner flew along in Cubs. This is the first time we have all gotten together on such a flight and I know it won't be the last. It was the first cross-country made by Jean Brohman, June Woenkner and Ann Bradbury since they received their licenses.

Jean Jones and Gertrude Hendershot have gone really air-minded by taking jobs at the Airport. Jean is the only girl meteorologist in the country, and Gertrude is now with the Eastern Air Lines. They also have bought a new Aeronca, so we expect to hear "High" things of them soon. I guess Jean was tired of making forced landings in Cubs.

We would like to hear more about the Flying suits written in the News Letter last time.

If any of you 99'ers get over this way be sure to let us know.

Oh yes, the girl's picture on this month's N A A magazine, who was picked as Miss Aviation of 1941, was from Louisville--cute, wasn't she?

### • OHIO CHAPTER

By Grace P. Birge

The All Ohio Chapter held its last meeting June 9, at the Cleveland Hotel, where a discussion was held regarding holding our next meeting in the southern part of the State, with the result the next ALL OHIO CHAPTER MEETING will be held in Athens, Ohio. Marion Bush Reeder will be hostess and reservations should be mailed to her address, North Hill, Athens. Dates; a get-together Saturday, August 16, and the meeting Sunday, August 17. Members from other chapters will be welcome and we hope to have some drop in.

Our ever roving member, Florence H. Boswell, left Cleveland on June 29 to speak during the American Women's Voluntary Services Institute held in Omaha. From there she flew to Denver, where she had a short visit with Donna Meyers and we were glad to have first hand reports on her activities. Then on to Albuquerque traveled the Cessna and again Florence renewed old acquaintances and brought us back all the national news. Just in Cleveland long enough to re-pack her bags and off on the Sportsman Pilot Cruise to Mackinac Island she flew, returning to Cleveland in time to fly the Executive Secretary of the Junior Chamber of Commerce on the All Ohio Air Tour. Florence and her son Bob had loads of fun on these cruises and took pictures of other 99'ers over which we will have many a good laugh. On the All Ohio Air Tour flew Marion Coddington in her Taylorcraft, Marion Bush Reeder and Gertrude Dickinson and did they strut when the Tour landed in Athens. One of the fine receptions was in Parkersburg, W. Va., where Irene Crum was on hand to greet the girls.

Your reporter has been building up her time at the Chagrin Airport and keeping the Airport records straight. I recommend Dawn Patrols to all who have not had the fun of participating in them.



## • MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Diana Rutherford

Virginia Garst has passed her written exam for Instructor's Rating and will soon take her flight test for the same rating. She acquired her Comm. just a short time ago and has really been working this summer.

Jewel Stanton, who finished Advanced C.P.T. training, has given up her job at T.W.A. to spend full time on getting her Commercial. Helen Hayward is also working for her Comm. and is about ready for her tests.

Helen Hayward with Virginia Garst as passenger in her Silvaire and Marie Page with Betty Cox as passenger in a Culver Cadet were guests of the St. Louis girls at a breakfast given by that Chapter, July 22. Marie and Betty flew as far as Columbia Saturday, stopping for a visit with our new member there, Virginia Young. Then on to St. Louis Sunday.

Virginia Young is one member few of our Kansas City girls have met as yet, and we are hoping her shopping efforts for a plane will soon bear fruit and she will visit us here.

Evelyn Cook invited Helen Hayward to fly down to her family's farm near Tarkio, Mo. for an old-fashioned chicken dinner. So they hopped in Helen's Silvaire and sat down on a field at the farm which allows taxiing practically to the house.

Natalie Nafziger has made two week-end trips lately, flying to Joplin one week-end and to Wichita.

Sue Woodruff of Springfield will leave our Chapter when her marriage to Timothy Patrick Donahue takes place later in August.

In winding up, we would like all 99'ers to know that our Chapter sets Sunday, Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. for an informal assembling for breakfast at the Kansas City Municipal Airport. No preparations will be made beforehand and no further invitations will be issued. Just everyone who will be in the vicinity or would like to make the trip come in at that time. All our K.C. members will be on hand at the field to greet arrivals and we can have immediate accommodations in our new Airport Dining Room. Arrivals the night before or earlier Sunday a.m. than our group is up and about at the field, and those who can, write in advance that they plan to be here. Notify Evelyn Cook, 3724 Broadway, K.C. Mo. Telephone Valentine 1100.

## • MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Eloise Smith

Our July meeting was held on Sunday, the 13th, at Ionia. In spite of the fact that it was the 13th, the weather, the airport, the breakfast, and our meeting were an unqualified success. The Michigan Dawn Patrol also met in Ionia that morning, and at least 75 planes were lined along the North side of the airport by the time we returned from breakfast. The breakfast itself was held in the Elks' Temple and we were accorded the use of their big Lodge room for our meeting. Thirteen members and two guests heard Jeannette Lempke and Alice Hammond, who flew to Albuquerque in Jeannette's new Stinson Voyageur, gave a complete and very enthusiastic account of our recent Meeting.

During the meeting a gift was presented to Olive Jane Brown, who was recently married to Darrell Custer. Announcement was made of the marriage of Betty Mapes to Lawrence Horner, who is in the service, stationed at Arlington; Mo. Best wishes, Betty!

Maxine Stein, who took the C.P.T. course last fall attended the meeting with her sister, Pauline, and thereupon joined the Chapter. She already has a prospective member to take to the next meeting. We

need more like you, Maxine.

Our next meeting will be held at Jackson, Aug. 10, in conjunction with the Dawn Patrol. Breakfast is at 8, and all 99'ers are welcome.

## • EASTERN KENTUCKY CHAPTER

By Florence Boswell

In early September, 1940, I met Mrs. Dixie Morris and Mrs. Greenwood Cocanougher while speaking for the Blue Grass Aviation Club and started them working toward a 99 Chapter and two occasions during the winter again urged Mrs. Morris to continue her efforts with the result that this chapter has been organized with these officers: Elizabeth Hall, Chairman; Mary Edith Engle, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Greenwood Cocanougher, Secretary-Treasurer; and Billy Dyer, Membership Chrm.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hall is the wife of Nat Hall, who is also a flyer. She is a housekeeper and took up flying to be with her husband. Mrs. Hall took her training in the C.P.T.P. class at Transylvania in the spring of 1941, and owns her own plane. She has 50 hrs.

Billy Dyer completed her training in the C.P.T.P. class at the U. of Kentucky this June. She is the only girl student at the U. to take this training.

Mrs. Dixie Morris is the wife of Walter Morris, also a pilot. They have a Cub Coupe and she has been flying a year. Mrs. Morris has a son two years old and is bookkeeper in her father's store, The Paritz Clothes Shop. She has 80 hours flying time. She learned to fly privately--and not in a C.P.T.P. course.

Mrs. Mary Edith Engle is the wife of W. R. Engle also a pilot. They have an Aeronca 1941 Chief. Mrs. Engle is a Graduate Assistant at the U. of Kentucky in the Psychology Dept. She has 104 hours flying time to her credit and is a C.P.T.P. student.

Mrs. Greenwood Cocanougher is the wife of Captain Cocanougher, Morale Officer at Fort Knox, Ky. Mrs. Cocanougher owns her plane--a 1941 Aeronca Chief. She took up flying as the result of a bargain with her son. She promised him that she would learn to fly if he would go to church with her. Later, her son entered the Air Corps. He received his wings at Brooks Field in May 1941. Mrs. Cocanougher was the first woman to have the honor of pinning the wings on a flying cadet when she pinned them on her son. She flew 1115 miles to his graduation and became the nation's first mother to do this. She was also the only woman to land at the army airport of the U. S. Army. Mrs. Cocanougher has 180 solo hours.

## • SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

### • ARKANSAS STATE DOINGS

By Dorothy Wilcox

Since there is no chapter in my state, I will simply report on my own doings in connection with flying. On July 6, the Arkansas Dawn Patrol met at Hot Springs, Ark. I took an Aeronca trainer and flew down with a friend. I was somewhat surprised to see so many flyers from all parts of the state as there were gathered there for the early morning breakfast. Six or seven women flyers attended and that is what interests me most. I spoke to Inspector Berry about getting a list of all women pilots in the state. I would like to see a chapter formed soon and I know we have enough flyers if I can get them rounded up.

Our Dawn Patrol meets again the first Sunday in August and I'm looking forward to the trip. This time we meet in Little Rock.



## ● KANSAS CHAPTER

By Helen Massey

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A meeting of the 99'ers was held in Chanute, July 13, 1941 and I do mean a meeting, with Jane Klingner as hostess, for a luncheon and business meeting. There were 6 full-fledged members and one prospective member. It was decided to go ahead and elect officers rather than try to do it by mail. They are: Sally Duncan, Chairman; Adaline Farrell, Vice Chairman; Helen Massey, Secretary-Treasurer; Fredricka Hutto and Jane Klingner, Membership Committee.

Sally gave us some idea on raising money and creating and keeping the interest of the girls.

Just a line as to some of our ambitions and accomplishments here—Fredricka Hutto is going after her parachute rigger's license; Sally got her Comm. in May at the Mountain State Aviation School in Denver; Opal Ferguson is instructing in the Primary C.P.T. at Coffeyville for the Coffeyville Airways.

We have several new members lined up for our next meeting, which will be held here in Coffeyville on August 3 for a 1:00 luncheon at Hotel Dale, with the local 99'ers as hostesses. We plan to have a nice meeting and program, and will certainly welcome any guests that can meet with us.

## ● MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Dorothy Broadfield

Those attending the National Meeting from our Chapter were Belle Hetzel, Governor of North Central Section, who flew the airline; Bea Mack, Secy-Treas, South Central Section; and Betty Green motored down with some 99'ers from Eastern Iowa, who extended their visit to a trip to the Grand Canyon while Betty stayed in Albuquerque to catch up with some flying at her home port.

Irene Adamson has been pouring the coal on her flying the past month to renew her license. Belle Hetzel has been spending her vacation visiting the various chapters. Betty Green, who has been prospecting in Black Hills for 99'ers, found traces of what may lead to a new chapter. The past week, yours truly dashed to Pittsburgh, Penna., to ferry home a new ship for a local operator. On the return trip was happy to meet Sara Winn from Saginaw, Mich. at Taylorcraft, who was there to pick up a new ship.

Due to vacations and such, our last meeting which was held at the Airport Coffee Shop, shrank to a mere trio...Agnes DeHaven, Bea Mack and Dot Broadfield.

## ● NEW MEXICO CHAPTER

By Harriet C. Nye

The New Mexico Chapter is still intoxicated with the fun of entertaining the Annual Meeting. It is still acting a little dazed, and hasn't taken to the air in quantity yet. Of course, Virginia Cutter has been running errands around the State for her Flying Service as usual, but we almost take that for granted now, even though in months she is still a young pilot; her log book would show her a veteran already. Helen McClendon exercised her Aeronca around the airport, and made a week-end sally to Santa Fe once. Your correspondent took her first excursion with a woman pilot when Virginia Cutter took her to Santa Fe on convention business; these women fly pretty well.

Here are some new names to learn; the presence of our National Treasurer expedited the enrollment of new members: Virginia Bebermeyer, who had just received her private license in Phoenix where she teaches; and Eileen Scanlon, Jeannette MacPherson, and Mary Dunn Jamison, all CAA students.

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## ● CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

A new chapter has been organized in Oklahoma with Mrs. Malcolm Clark as the new Chairman and Marie Vater as the Secretary-Treasurer. Those attending the meeting were Josephine Dyer, Marie Vater, Donna Lea Hammer, Chesnut Vasin, Betty Elliott of Enid; Addie May Porter, Dr. Hope Ross, Eleanor Norman, Hazel Armstrong, Clyde LaBelle Atha, Malcolm Clark, Una Goodwin, Ernize Pope, Oklahoma City; Virginia Costello, Binger; and Vae McKenzie of Chickasha. This is the second Chapter to be organized in Oklahoma this year, following the Eastern Oklahoma Chapter, which was organized a few months ago, and brings to seven the number of Chapters in the South Central Section. Under the leadership of Malcolm Clark we expect a lot of new members from Oklahoma real soon. The next meeting will be held at Enid.

## ● EASTERN OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Betty Whitlow

We have two very attractive new members in our Chapter, Miss Kathleen Patton and Miss Gertrude Quinn, both of Tulsa. The girls hold privates which they earned in the spring C.P.T. program.

We're proud as punch, too, to have Miss Hop Hee Dunne, soft-voiced and charming Chinese girl with us in our Chapter. Hop Hee is a Member at Large from Johannesburg, South Africa. Before arriving in Tulsa she already had more than 200 solo hours to her credit and long experience in organizing women flyers in South Africa for the British government. She is in Tulsa to take the instructor's course at the Spartan School of Aeronautics. She wants that instructor's license so she can go to China and teach the youth of her native country how to drive the invader from their homes.

Mrs. Mabel Johnston just earned her instructor's rating. No grass grows under her feet. She has been a Women Flier of America for some time and that is an honor.

Sunday afternoon, July 3, this chapter broadcasted over Station KTUL on the Wings Over Oklahoma program. The broadcast takes place right at Municipal Airport, so we felt more or less at home. By the time our next meeting rolls around, we expect to hear from some women pilots who are interested in joining our 99 Chapter.

## NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By C. E. Sheridan

Dolly Bernson, despite a badly broken leg, was hostess to the 99'ers at the July meeting, held at her home in Lincoln. Hortense Harris, Miriam Vanderslice, Rose Crowley, Moya Mitchell, Nancy Hiller, Marjorie Davis, Florence Cates and Ruth Granger attended and reported a perfect afternoon. Hortense gave an interesting report of the National Meeting. Marjorie Davis presented a few business matters and "school was out." The girls made a rush for Dolly's pool, "The Ol' Swimmin' Hole" and swam to their hearts content 'til supper.

Nancy Love has delivered 3 Stinsons to Boston, 2 from the factory and 1 from New York.

We're glad to report that Mildred Maury has her Private Certificate!

★ ★	99 gold insignia pins	\$1.00	★ ★
★ ★	99 emblem decals--2 for 15¢	.10	★ ★
★ ★	Membership Booklets	.25	★ ★

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Elise Owen invited the New York-New Jersey Section to join the Connecticut Chapter in a get-together at her home Saturday, July 26. Twelve of the N.Y.-N.J. girls attended, seven of whom flew. We were driven in from the airport, and after everyone became acquainted over again, were invited in to eat the biggest and most luscious lobsters ever caught on the Conn. shore. When everyone was groaning with food, Elise took us on a tour of Linden Hall. From the Cupola, one could see Evelyn Smith's seaplane riding at anchor in the bay amid fishing and sailing boats. After a good chat, on the front lawn, with picture taking, everyone scurried out to the airport and away before thunderstorms broke.

On August 16 Mabel Clemson has invited the N.Y.-N.J. Section and Connecticut Chapter to come up by car or plane to Clemson Park in Middletown, N.Y. for a swim and picnic lunch and fun for the day. 49<sup>ers</sup> and best beaus are also invited. Mabel's private airport is "Star Haven" marked on all the maps, and it is plunk on the Erie Railroad. Get there early and plan to stay all day. Be Seeing you, Mabel.

By Gertrude C. Brown

At the last meeting until Fall, held at the Town Hall Club, Sloan "Cub" Taylor related many educational and amusing anecdotes in his career as an aviation Editor.

Barbara Kibbee is now an instructor for the Aviation Flying Service at the Country Club in Hicksville, L.I.

Mildred Preen, a new member in our Section, has quite an interesting background. She is not only an electrical engineer but is also running for the State Legislature in New Jersey this Fall. Good luck!

Alma Harwood's 49<sup>er</sup> recently received an honorary Doctor of Law at Hamilton College.

Congratulations, Pat Thomas, on winning the Amelia Earhart Scholarship. I see you are up to your old tricks—imagine landing in the desert.

Eileen Bushnell is going to Tulsa for her Comm. Do you like the instructors out there?

Lucille Boudreau has joined the fast growing line of gals receiving their Comm. Licenses.

We are all very proud of Jackie Cochran successfully flying a bomber to England. But to mention that in this News Letter is like carrying coals to Newcastle.

#### ● CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

By Mary Lee Wilkerson

Never before have we had such an interesting and absorbing meeting that no thought was given to the plans for our next gathering. Maybe it will be understood when I say that it all happened with the Metropolitan Tri Section girls at a lobster luncheon party given by Elise Owen at her unique and lovely home, Linden Hall. Commanding a view of all Stonington as well as Long Island Sound, the estate bespeaks of its age-old adventures as told to us by our hostess on a personally conducted tour.

The appetizing feature of the party was the huge delicious lobsters served with a very special kind of Portuguese bread, obtainable in only 3 places in New England, followed by blueberries and cream. Amidst the shouts of Elise to be sure to send her pictures taken with the numerous clicking cameras, we all left

either via land planes, cars, or a seaplane. Our deepest appreciation goes to Connie Gay, a prospect for the 99's and Elise's co-hostess, whom we suspect prepared the lobsters and blueberries.

For the benefit of those not present at Stonington, we should add that due to lack of time, Dorothy Levy has resigned as Secretary-Treasurer and has been replaced by Elise Owen. This was not done according to Parliamentary Rule but sort of "tag you're it" method because some of the work required immediate attention. As for the New York girls, we enjoyed their company so much that plans are already under way for another joint meeting.

#### MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

#### ● EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Bettie Thompson

The last meeting of the Eastern Penn Chapter was held at Bridgville, Dela. Hostess was Mary Hoch. Our former Vice Chairman, Leona McElroy, Reading, Penna., is now Acting Chairman, since our former Chairman Betsy Ross went to work at Roosevelt Field.

Catherine Slocum of Bryn Mawr has really been working and studying lately. She took the Instructor Refresher at Allentown, some Instrument time at Harrisburg on the Link and is teaching at Lansdale.

Incidentally, gals in Eastern Penn Chapter, we want a BIG turnout for our next meeting, which will be at the Boulevard Airport in Phila. on Sunday, August 24. We have invited ALL the Washington, D. C. Chapter up to hold a joint meeting with us on that date. Washington, we are looking forward to this meeting so come on all of you, as we have a swell program planned. Your Secretary, Claire Callaghan has all the information for you on the airport, etc. We hope every girl in each Chapter can bring at least one prospective member with her. We have a private dining room for that date but any males who happen to ride up with you can be parked in another part of the dining room while the meeting is going on.

Note to Florida Chapter; We were much interested in your "Certificate of Doubtful Competance" Pilot's cards for 49<sup>ers</sup>. How about sending us a copy of one so all the gals in our Chapter who have 49<sup>ers</sup> can have some made up?

Calling Washington-Baltimore-Richmond girls and all my own Chapter, remember the JOINT MEETING, August 24, BOULEVARD AIRPORT, PHILADELPHIA, 12 NOON.

#### ● WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

By Sarah Bailey

The first meeting of the West Virginia Chapter was at Charleston last January. Mrs. Beulah Stark is Chairman; Virginia Hardesty, Treasurer; and Sarah Bailey, Secretary. Of the thirteen members already signed up, Virginia Hardesty is the only original 99'er. The members include Marjorie Mays, Huntington; Doris Chisler, and Sarah Bailey, Morgantown; Martha Lawson and Beulah McCown Stark, Charleston; Hester Irene Hedwick, Alderson; Betty Lou Freismuth, Wheeling; Laura Gwinn, and Louise Hael of Beckley; Irene Crumm of Parkersburg; Ruth Tolley Gwinn of Talcott; and Marie Beckett, also of Charleston.

The above members are just the ones who have already joined. We have many prospects who are very interested but who haven't been able to attend any of the meetings so far.



The July meeting of the Washington Chapter was a campfire party at the country home of Mary Benson. A thunderstorm earlier in the day threatened the outdoor plans but did an about face for our benefit and left ideal conditions for the steak fry.

Honor guest for the occasion was Miss Patricia O'Malley of the C A A. We also were glad to have the chance to meet our new member, Elizabeth Hooker, from Baltimore, and hope to see you, Elizabeth, each month hereafter. Bring those other Baltimore members over with you next time, too. And another guest was our good friend, Evelyn Dent.

Our newest members include: Mary Colbert and Mrs. L. V. MacKinnon of the District; Mrs. Martha Hughes of Richmond, Va.; and Mrs. Kathryn Zachry of Bristol, Va. We look forward to meeting these new members at the next get-together, which is to be announced in the next week or so.

#### SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

#### ● TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Ruth Wolfe Thomas

Like the late Will Rogers, I say, "All I know is what I read in the papers." And most of my news this month comes from the daily papers. Last Sunday our Chairman, Pearl Brock and her 49<sup>er</sup> and their Luscombe rated a 4 column picture and lengthy story of their vacation in Florida.

Today I read an A.P. article concerning our newest addition, Lila Burr Chapman of Memphis. Memphis is a long way off, but we welcome very heartily Memphis' only 99'er as yet. Miss Chapman writes an aviation column in the Commercial Appeal. Her column is titled "Flight Talk".

Papers were full of the Chattanooga Air Show which was sponsored by a flyer's club to which our Chattanooga 99'ers belong. Because the air show fell on our regular monthly meeting date we did not have a July meeting. Next meeting date is August 31 and Johnson City is the place.

Jane Gump is making use of her instructor's rating on a C.P.T. program this summer. Louise Carson has invited all of us to picnic down on her farm.

Millie Ownbey was in Knoxville yesterday. We went flying up and down the Tennessee River about 50 feet high, turning every time the river curved.

Ruth Bowler is not flying these days but she keeps constant vigil on the sky for that high flyer with the long legs and neck. Laura, Billie and I threatened to call you long distance last Saturday and reverse the charges. O.K.?

I just have to tell this--Ruth Stanford and Millie Ownbey serenaded the army division that was stationed there and caused much hopping around. It seems that everytime they came over the camp at about 100 feet the boys taking showers in a topless tent had to either hide or--not.

Mrs. Zachery, our flying grandmother, is vacationing in Madison, Ga. Lorraine Buttrey wrote that she certainly enjoyed the fun at the National Meeting.

We haven't heard from Cornelia Fort in ages. How about a line, Cornelia? Next month we hope to announce Mrs. Bert Walker as a new member. She has been here for 6 months but only yesterday I learned she had a private and 90 hours. We are electing officers next meeting.

I am very sorry that the two 99'ers in the Luscombe, who landed in Knoxville on their way home from Albuquerque, didn't notify me in advance of their coming. Don't ever do that again, girls. I don't know your names because the boy who drove you over to lunch lost his "little red book."

More prop wash next time!

#### ● FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Marion Bertram

The Florida girls were pleased no end at being invited to the QB party at the Club House on Morrison Field, and met for a very brief business session at the George Washington Hotel, West Palm Beach, to welcome Georgia Rounds of Tampa, Fay McWhorter of Fort Lauderdale, and Jean Adams of West Palm Beach into the fold. Georgia is at the Tampa Airport, Fay divides her time between flying and nursing, and Jean is secretary to Ike Vermilyea, genial governor of the West Palm Beach Hangar of QB's, and host, on this occasion, to the Florida Chapter, and to the Miami Hangar of QB's, of which your reporter's 49<sup>er</sup> is governor. Ike's barbecue is well known for its excellence, and the evening was punctuated by a series of crash landings as QB's and 99'ers attempted to solo a very tricky hobby horse with flat spin characteristics.

Delegate Evelyn McRae is back from the National Meeting with glowing tales of the hospitality of the New Mexico 99'ers, and her visit to her parents at Ontario, Calif., where she was royally entertained by Ethel Sheehy of Fontana, Myrtle Brown, and their 49<sup>ers</sup>. Back at Kansas City for an aerial vacation with her 49<sup>er</sup>, Evelyn discovered the Rearwin Cloudster hangared beside Irene Hayward's Luscombe--be nice to see the two ships hangared side by side at the next Air Maneuvers--and at St. Louis she ran into Belle Hetzell and a whole crowd of Missouri 99'ers having breakfast and a section meeting at the airport. With the responsibility of the Chairmanship of the National Contest Committee on her shoulders, Evelyn is now hard at work on plans for the 99 program during the next Air Maneuvers at Miami in January.

Katherine Thompson and Irene Haworth are ferrying a couple of Culver Cadets from Wichita to Fort Lauderdale for the Thompson School of Aviation, and we hear that Irene is developing that acquisitive gleam in her eye when she sees a Cadet. Lorna Simpson is teaching ground school and flying at the Hollywood Airport, and Crystal Mowry phones that she is now sole owner of the Great Lakes, Having bought out her partners. Georgia Williams of Jacksonville writes she is about to take off for Calif., and your reporter ran into Hazel Raines, 99'er from Macon, Ga., who is instructing for the Thompson School at Fort Lauderdale, and we hope to have her as a permanent member of our Chapter.

Chairman Vera Self over at Sarasota has a brand new job as librarian for the Sarasota Hospital, and is teaching ground school at night. We are indeed proud that during her term of office, and in the second year of the Chapter's existence, our Chairman has been elected to the National Nominating Committee. Regards to Nell Behr, who can look for visits from the Florida girls any time now.

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Doc and Fanny Leonpacher announce the newest of five models--two-lung power, self-starter, dry weight 7 lbs, to be known as Margaret Christine. A.T.C.'d on July 22, 1941.



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