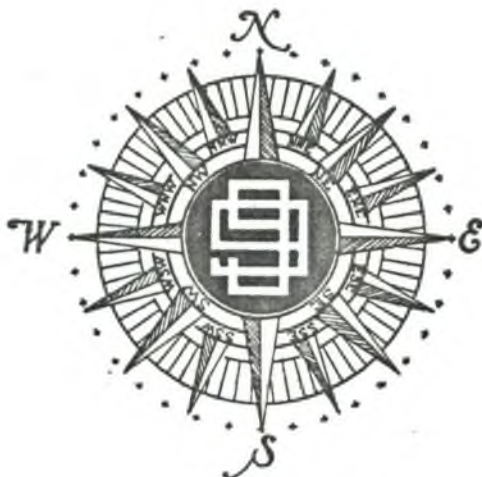


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OUR 13TH YEAR OF SERVICE

The "99 Club" is entering upon the 13th year of its existence.

At the beginning there were 128 licensed women pilots of whom 99 associated themselves together. Hence the name. Today there are over 2300 licensed women pilots in this country; and more than 800, including most of them with the longer hours of experience — are members.

The "99 Club" was organized, among other purposes, to provide a close relationship among women pilots; also to further any other interest that will be for the benefit of aviation in general; but also to serve through the air in times of emergency arising from war. We are now facing a national emergency arising through war. War itself may be just ahead. And if it comes, the women pilots of our country will surely be found useful just as they are proving useful in England in non-combat flying duty. It will be well for us to be organized in advance so far as possible in order to be most effective with least loss of time. It will be an opportunity to serve but also a great responsibility. Our status for the future may depend on the extent to which we efficiently, effectively but modestly fill our place in the months before us.

President Roosevelt, as far back as 1935, said "aviation is a science which cannot be limited to men only". This is true, but in my opinion women pilots should not replace men and will only harm themselves as a group by so trying. They should release men in times of emergency for more important and more active duties. And in the lesser and auxiliary fields there is plenty to do.

I am conscious of the responsibility that rests upon me as your President during the coming year and will do my best to serve your interests. 13 is the racing number I chose for myself years ago. I am sufficiently superstitious to believe that the 13th year of our life will be a lucky one. But luck means little unless coupled with consistent and well directed efforts — by all of us.

The greater the percentage of licensed women pilots we have enrolled as members of our organization the more effective we can be as an organization. Some of the more experienced pilots and many of the younger ones are not members. I urge every 99'er to obtain promptly as many new members as possible. Please send in to your local club officers the names of applicants and also a report as to the reasons given by any others you have spoken to for not joining at this time.

Jacqueline Cochran

RENEWAL PAYMENTS

All renewal payments should be made out to "Ninety-Nines" and sent to National Headquarters, Willard Hotel, Wash., D. C. with the completed statements.



NORTHWESTERN SECTION

By Irma B. Wallace

The first part of August the writer visited the girls in Billings, Montana, and in Fargo, N. D. Dorothy Schindele, our present member in Billings, got all of the girls together and we had a lovely dinner. I believe we succeeded in "converting" all of them and that we can expect a Montana Chapter to be formed within the next month! Dot accompanied me on to Fargo where we were shown a wonderful time by the new Fargo Chapter. All of the girls there are very enthusiastic and I am sure will accomplish a lot. Their green slack suits are most appropriate and attractive. If any of you girls ever go thru Fargo, make it a point to visit "Barney's Private Airport," on the Minnesota side of the Red River. Many thanks to the girls in the North Central Section for their cooperation in rounding up members in S. D! Several new members are joining from Idaho, and I understand a new Chapter will be formed there very soon.

No doubt most of you have read news accounts of Dorothy Schindele (our new Billings member) being forced down August 25 in the bad lands of N. D. by bad weather. Before too long, "Dot" will be up and around and in the air again. Her broken leg, however, may make the convalescence seem quite long. I feel sure she would more than appreciate receiving cards or notes from 99'ers in various parts of the country. How about it girls? Her address is 1131 N. 29th St., Billings, Montana. She is well on her way toward her Commercial and Instructors ratings, and we mustn't let her get discouraged.

A last minute "flash" has just reached me by 'phone that one of our newest members, Mildred Filz Merrill, accompanied by her girl friend, Ruth Anderson, recently returned from a round-trip via Aeronca to Los Angeles from Seattle. Nice going and a grand time. What more could we ask for a vacation?

● NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

By Lorraine Nelson

The North Dakota Chapter was very proud and happy to have as its guest-for-a-day Irma Wallace, Governor of the Northwestern Section. Her visit with us was brief, but most interesting. She discussed several projects toward which we might work and gave us many helpful suggestions pertaining to our local chapter. Mrs. Wallace was accompanied by Dot Schindele, member-at-large from Billings, Montana. Needless to say, we felt honored to entertain representative 99'ers from two states, Montana and Washington.

Betty McKenzie has given up her former business position to become secretary to the manager of Hector Airport. With three flying schools and private flyers to serve, Kathryn McEnroe is busier than ever packing the parachutes.

The major Pilot's Association Flight of the month was a 300 mile round-trip flight to Devils Lake, N. D. Your reporter represented this chapter of the 99's by piloting an Aeronca, with her 49²er as passenger. Pilots from three cities converged at Devils Lake where they were royally entertained by the D. L. Chamber of Commerce. The only unhappy incident of the trip was my forced landing on the

return flight due to engine trouble.

Our Chairman, Lois Kirk, is leaving us in a few weeks to attend the University at Grand Forks. At the present time, Lois and Mary Betty Punton are flying high to renew their licenses.

In answer to questions regarding our "flying suits", we have this to say--Since we wanted them to look different from other slack suits, we made them ourselves or had them made to order. We chose as our basic pattern McCall pattern 4041, and altered it to suit our individual tastes. For summer wear, we selected a cool green, non-wrinkable material and trimmed the suits with only a small white embroidered "99" emblem. Down the fronts of the shirts we used small two-toned wooden buttons. These suits have withstood hard wear and are very comfortable while flying.

In closing, the North Dakota Chapter wishes to extend best wishes to Dot Schindele, who encountered a bit of hard luck on her flight from Minneapolis to Billings.



SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Gayle Burns

Wilma Fritschy is now in the land of Scarlett O'Hara pursuing her career. Her address is 82 Huntington Rd., Atlanta, Ga. Ethel Sheehy and Bessie Owen made an unexpected business trip to San Francisco the week-end of August 16. The Northern girls must have been vacationing (in the South) for efforts to locate them came to naught.

Bessie Owen sent in a clipping from a 1937 Airwoman featuring Patricia Thomas. It seems that even in those days Pat could do a spot landing in such a manner that the inspector said "It's a doggone miracle."

Katherine Hickey has graduated another primary class and will start an advanced class at once. Ethel Sheehy left the first of the month for Detroit to ferry out a Voyager. Grace Prescott has returned.

Ethel Sheehy has done some noble work in the membership department and here are new members from out her way and points west and south: Martha M. Lundy of Los Vegas, Private...She owns a Taylorcraft; Isabelle Garrett McCrae, San Diego, Private; Ruth Kilgour, San Bernardino, Private, who learned to fly at Evelyn Kilgore's Tri City Airport.

Evelyn Kilgore is back in the fold. She is now a Flight Examiner, primary and advanced and has a radio license.

SPECIAL EDITION OF "CLOUDS, AIR, WIND"

Artist 49²er Eric Sloane has just sent to the printers his new book, "Clouds, Air, Wind", composed mostly of his cloudscapes and pictures of military planes. In the regular cover it sells for \$2.50. He has offered to make up a deluxe edition of 100 copies for 99'ers with a special cover, and an original drawing of any type plane requested by the purchaser the size of the book - 9" x 12". This will make a wonderful addition to the member's library, or for Christmas presents. These can be obtained through National Headquarters after November 1 and half of the \$5 goes to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund as Eric's contribution. Get in your order in time for Christmas giving, as he makes up your picture after he receives the order.

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NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Helen Wetherill

IMPORTANT! Election of Chapter Officers at Indianapolis, September 21, Municipal Airport.

Vacations, business, etc., interfered with getting announcements out for the August meeting in South Bend. Two new members, Jean Garvin and Ann Von Gunten, flew over from Ft. Wayne to be welcomed by Betty Folsom and Nell Emery. Jane Templeton flew in from Lafayette but could not stay for the meeting. Jerry Green returned from a breakfast hop in Michigan before the meeting broke up. Helen House and Pat Dickerson were busy at their respective airports and couldn't make it. We have another new member to welcome into our chapter, Claudia Smith of Anderson, who flies in an Aeronca Chief. We are also looking forward to seeing Dorothy Shideler of Greensburg, a recent member, at the meetings. We are expecting a 100% turnout at Indianapolis.

● ALL OHIO CHAPTER

By Florence H. Boswell

The All Ohio Chapter held its last meeting August 17, in Athens with Marion Bush Reeder acting as hostess, and 15 members attending. The preceding evening was spent in the Reeder home with other aviation guests from Athens and flying stories kept the group in a state of continuous laughter. While the breakfast was being served, Florence H. Boswell gave a resume of the Annual Meeting and we were all sorry not to have been in Albuquerque. As the first order of business 5 new members' applications were approved, and we thus added to our roster: Betty Bechtold, Helen Ernst, Catherine M. Houser, Sylvia Frantz, Betty Peters. This brought our number to 29.

Election of officers: Florence H. Boswell, Chairman; Marion Bush Reeder, Vice Chairman; Frances Morrison, Secy-Treas; Marion Coddington, Membership Chairman.

Peggy Pierce has been getting in cross country hours by flying her husband (also a pilot) to his business engagements and returning home. Another plane has joined our ranks as Frances D. Morrison and fond husband "Red" are the proud owners of a Luscombe 65 equipped with a Loop and primary Blind-Flight Instruments, so Frances will be flying to our next meeting in Toledo, Sept. 14, Ten O'clock Breakfast at Franklin Field, northwest of the city. The Morrisons have been gadding most of the summer and are now on a Canoe trip up the LaBelle River in the Hudson Bay district.

Our Chapter assisted Florence Boswell, President of the Cleveland Women's Chapter of N A A, in the Scripps Howard Junior National Air Races, thus Bernice Deutschman and Dawn Malson had an opportunity to meet several members. We all enjoyed the Banquet and Major Al Williams speech. Our October meeting will be held in Hamilton over the week-end of Oct. 11 and 12, during the Sesquicentennial. We will have a 99 exhibit at the Fair grounds and would be pleased to use pictures of members and trophies from any other chapter. Send them to Florence Boswell, 1334 Inglewood Drive, Cleveland, Ohio.

I'm pinch hitting for Jean Gundelfinger, who is all thrilled over flying from her own Airport in Michigan, which her husband gave her to facilitate her summer activities.

● EASTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Mary Raymon

We were pleased beyond words by the number of girls who attended our breakfast in July. The first arrival was Miriam Johnston who came all the way from New York by train. The next was Belle Hetzel, our Section Governor, who flew a Culver Cadet. Then, from Kansas City, came Marie Page and Betty Cox, also in a Culver, and Helen Hayward and Virginia Garst in Helen's Luscombe. We also had the unexpected pleasure of meeting Evelyn McRae as she stopped over on her way back to Florida from the National Meeting. Copies of the pictures taken that day will be sent to all the girls who visited us.

Verna Burke has passed the flight test for her instructor's rating and already has several students. Among them is Juliette Lurie, from N. Y., who earned her private at Floyd Bennett Field via CPTP.

Adeline Gault is bringing a new 49^{er} into our midst. She has announced her engagement to Jack Teagarden, the orchestra leader and motion picture star. We will miss Addie when she leaves us, but as she and Jack fly about the country she intends to contact as many 99 chapters as possible, which makes our loss your gain, gals.' Romance seems to be in the air around St. Louis these days. Two more victims of Danny Cupid's darts are, Helen Hartman, who will marry Dudley Thomure in the fall, and Verna Burke, whose marriage to Lt. William Kraft, of the U. S. Naval Reserve Air Corps, will take place in January.

Adele Scharr has been appointed ground and flight instructor for the Robertson Aviation School at Lambert Field. Dell recently made a private pilot out of her 49^{er}, Harold, who was her first student to complete his course.

A meeting was held at Sally Souttar's house on the evening of September 3, for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Adele Scharr is Chairman; Billy Gallagher, Vice Chairman; Sally Souttar, Secy-Treas; Verna Burke, Membership Chairman; and Mary Raymon, Reporter.

● ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Jerry Truesdell

Hi! Back from New York and taking a modest bow for them kind words of Alice's in the last NEWS LETTER. Many thanks. We missed the boat with our news time before last so will try to squeeze it in here.

On Sunday, June 29, we had a Breakfast flight to Joliet Municipal Airport where a spot-landing contest was won by our much-publicized Alice DeWitt and her reward was a very attractive trophy donated by the Illinois Air Pilots Association.

Our delegates to the National Meeting were Paddy Adelman and Loris Langher. Paddy gave an interesting report of the Meeting at our last meeting which was held at Sky Harbor Airport on Sunday, August 24.

We have a few new members again. Tyi Barnes of Cicero, who flies Porterfield, Cub and whatnot; Gretchen Gorman who flies at Rubinkam Airport and Mary Beritich also of Rubinkam. Beatrice Kramer owns and flies a Cub Coupe at Harlem Airport and Margaret Tolsted, who teaches dancing at a school in Okla. has recently become one of us.

OF ALL THINGS DEPARTMENT: Dorothy Ring, our CPT instructress at Sky Harbor, is now Mrs. Charles Jenkins, the new 49^{er} being a Secondary Instructor at the same field. You will remember Dot as the face on the Cornflake ad not so long ago.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER NEWS (Continued)

Oh, yes, the new and enlarged Chicago Municipal Airport was dedicated on Sunday, June 29 and was attended by about 100,000 souls, including the Army, Navy, Boy Scouts and 99's. Among the speakers of the day, which included the Army and Navy Chiefs, was a 99 representative who gave a thumbnail description of the organization, how it was formed, etc. We would blush to tell you who the rep. was. Alice DeWitt flew in in a Cub, escorted by two others and was introduced as one of the first licensed women pilots in this part of the country...All in all it was a great day for us.

Tentative place for our next meeting is the Municipal Airport on Sept. 21. More later about this.

On Sunday, Sept. 7, there is to be an Aerial Golf Game staged by the Chicago Girls Flying Club and several of our 99 members will fly in it. We will drop various colored golf balls to team members with matching arm-bands on the golf course and of course the ball that is popped into the hole in the fewest strokes after it parachutes to the green (we hope) is the winner. The game will be at Olympia Fields Golf Club.

● MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Eloise Smith

Members who attended the Jackson meeting on August 10 were rewarded with an excellent breakfast and a very entertaining floor show, gleaned in part from the Cascades Festival, then in progress. Also, we were glad that we had the chance to watch the Good-year dirigible making takeoffs and landings.

99'ers were few in number but 100% in possession of airplanes for this Dawn Patrol. Helen Montgomery who has been sticking to gliders since the Aeronca was sold, borrowed a Taylorcraft and on the way overtook (Sorry, Cub owners) a Cub containing Alice and John Hammond. Gladys and Howard Hartung took time off from a busy airport to fly over. Marion Jane Weyant and Jeannette Lempke came in their own ships and Mrs. Rufus and hubby in the trusty steed that carried her to the West Coast and back. Maxine Stein and your reporter enjoyed the trip in an Aeronca Chief.

We missed our Secretary, Sara Winn, who is busy training a group of CPT students. Vacations deprived us of other members. Mabel Britton and the Dr. are in the East—a card from Alice Hammond said Nantucket. Pauline Stein is four-wheeling it to California.

We were pleased to have as a guest Aleta Grill, of Jackson, who has her private license. Welcome to another new member from Kalamazoo, Mabel Rawlinson, CPT graduate of last fall. The membership meeting last year brought in so many new members that plans were made for another one in October and all members are asked to bring lists of eligible women to the next meeting. Marion Weyant has lost track of some copies of Air Facts. Will all those holding this magazine please notify her.

● MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Emily Cikanek

The Navy played host to our chapter the evening of August 27 after a dinner meeting at the Minneapolis Municipal Airport. Lt. Barker of the Naval Air Reserve at Minneapolis escorted us through the Base and we all had admiration for the efficiency and neatness displayed everywhere. Our Charlotte Teschen went off very quiet-like and got herself a 49'er. Does he fly too, Charlotte? Rose Dale is just back from a tour

of the west and has interesting tales to tell about things she saw, one of the most important of which was the B-19. Virginia Shaw is off to the factory again to bring back one of the new tandem Taylorcrafts. Mary Jane Leasman, one of our 99'ers at Hector, was on hand on a recent bright Sunday morning to greet breakfast fliers from the surrounding country-side and several of the girls from Minneapolis were there to partake of the bacon and eggs. We are glad to welcome into our chapter two new members: Mary Hines and Betty Romaine, and guess what: Betty's 49'er is a CAA Inspector at Minneapolis! Virginia Shaw, Janet Wakefield and Joan Whalen have all taken and passed their flight instructor's written exams. Nice goin' gals!

● WESTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Diana Rutherford

We are sorry to lose one of our newest members. India Webb, who married Raymond Adrian McCause this month and moved to permanent residence in Washington, D. C. (Washington Chapter take note.)

Also, we have heard from our former member, Sue Woodruff, who is now at home with her husband, Lt. Timothy Patrick Donohue of Kelly Field in San Antonio, Texas. Her address is 2814 Broadway, Madrid Apts., San Antonio, so look her up, Texas 99'ers. Helen Hayward has her Commercial rating, Three Cheers. Evelyn Cook is vacationing via Airlines in Calif. Marie Page and Betty Clos flew the Culver to St. Louis, spending the evening with the 99'ers there last Saturday. Flew on to spend Sunday in Chicago and back home Mon. Virginia Garst flew the Fleet to Hamburg, Iowa last week to attend a reunion. Virginia Garst and Florence Winslow flew to Fort Scott, Kans. on a business trip for Florence. At our August meeting we were Betty Bloom's guests for a wonderful dinner served on the lawn of her charming home. Open forum with anonymous written suggestions for our chapter's second year and plans for the election of new chapter officers on 9/9.

● MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Dorothy Broadfield

New members welcomed into the fold this month were, Mary Ruth Rance, Jane Bomgardner, and Helen Turner. We are happy to say our former Junior member Ivah Maxfield, has acquired a brand new Private.

Audrey Justice has moved to Coleman, Texas, where her 49'er is instructing in an Army School. Maxine Nolt, our Sioux Falls member, is working at Spears School in Calif. Bea Mack has been building up her time by taking her relatives for rides this summer. Irene Adamson and your reporter flew to Crete, Nebraska, to attend the dedication of the field and met Gwen Hess who flew down from Lincoln.

The August meeting was held on a Saturday night at the Jack and Jill in the Hill Hotel preceding a flight to the Sheldon Airshow the following day by Belle Hetzel, Governor; Betty Green, Irene Adamson and Dorothy Broadfield. They were surprised to find they were the only 99'ers to fly in due to bad weather. Two new members from Sioux Falls were present. The 99'ers were royally entertained by the committee at a breakfast in the morning and a banquet in the evening. The Airshow was held in spite of the weather, which was just bad enough to keep 99'ers from returning home. Agnes DeHaven drove up in the p.m. from Sioux City and was a superb hostess to the Omaha group.



SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION NEW MEXICO CHAPTER

By Harriet Nye

Introducing two more New Mexican 99'ers: Mrs. W. Le. Godeke, of Ft. Sumner, whose husband and brother preceded her in the flying game and inspired her; we hear that she has a real interest in the art, and expect to hear more of her.

and Mrs. Pearle Ragsdale of Socorro; hers is the story of flying for years with her 49ther, and flunking about his flying service, until the CPTP gave her a chance to get enough instruction in one batch to win her private license. Now she is ambitious for an instructor's rating, and is already studying for the Meteorology and Navigation examinations, and is steadily building up her time. And, also, she has gone to bat for the 99's in taking care of new prospects. Of some of them we hope to give an account next month.

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By Constance M. Sheridan



99'ers, you should all have been in N. E. for the August meeting at Nantucket. Jean Adams and Hortense Harris decided that it would be good fun for N. E. 99'ers to visit them for a week-end and incidentally enjoy Nantucket atmosphere. Well, they couldn't have made things more enjoyable. The flight from Boston to Nantucket is a pleasant one. The smallest plane did it in an hour and thirty-five minutes, and that wasn't flying the shortest course.

Katherine Haller flew down in her Ballanca Cruiser with Rose Crowley as her passenger. Ruth Granger and Marjorie Davis came in a cub coupe. Miriam Vanderslice's Fleet was on a cross-country trip and she had to be content with the train and boat approach which, she said, was first-rate. The girls had a swim and then went to Hortense's studio for a cocktail party. It was pleasant to meet there Roberta Phinney of Sarasota, Fla, a student pilot and "Berry" Smith licensed flyer from N. J. From the studio to Jean's "shack" for a quohang chowder and ham supper. (Girls, if you ever want a real Nantucket quohang chowder, write Helen Wyeth at Nantucket. She's not a 99'er, not even a flyer yet, but she devoted the whole day to preparing this never-to-be-forgotten supper, topping off culinary efforts with those literary—a "poem" that was something. Marjorie Davis conducted the business meeting in the absence of Ruth Hamilton. Ruth was so busy with her CPT program that she couldn't get away 'til Sunday afternoon, but she did fly down then. Sunday morning found the girls surf-bathing at Wauwanet, and in the early afternoon they most reluctantly took off.

Three girls have won their private certificates this month. They are Miriam Vanderslice (of "Dawn Patrol" fame), Rose Crowley and Lillian Holmes. We're proud of them!

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CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS OPEN

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces open examinations for JUNIOR METEOROLOGISTS needed in national defense, LINK TRAINER OPERATOR INSTRUCTOR, and LINK TRAINER OPERATOR. See your local C.S.C.

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NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Gertrude C. Brown

Mabel Clemson's picnic lunch on August 16 was a huge success. We were driven around her estate and many ah's and oh's could be heard. Later, when walking around, we viewed her Japanese Gardens and their beauty is indescribable. Only a few of the gals braved the swimming pool (well water is verra verra cold!) but no one missed out on the delicious lunch. Another grand time was had at Alma Harwood's on August 25. All 99'ers who turned in their penny banks weighing \$5—received dinner and drinks free. Those who brought no banks were fined; and guests were charged a small fee. All in all Alma took in approximately Fifty Dollars. Unfortunately, the weather did not permit Alma's carrying out her ideas to hang Japanese lanterns; but we had plenty of fun indoors.

Jeannette Eastman has received her Commercial License after only a year's flying. Incidentally, "Jinkie" makes model airplanes—correct to the last detail—and is at present working on a Grummond. Mabel Britton was in town recently and informs us she has now received her instrument rating. Evelyn Smith is planning a three weeks trip to New Orleans in her Aeronca Chief Seaplane. Happy Landings!

Many of us have been under the impression that Kingston N. Y. airport was closed, but are delighted to learn that it is not only open but is being operated by Frances Hasbrouck. Your reporter was particularly interested in hearing this news as Kingston Airport was the scene of her first forced landing several years ago. What a comfortable feeling to have an airport directly beneath you when your motor conks. Sorry to hear Pat Thomas is transferring her membership.

● CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

By Elise Owen

The New Haven group, hosts to the Connecticut Chapter at Pine Orchard shone gloriously in the reflected light of magnificent steak broiling over charcoal fires. Good Connecticut corn on the cob in piles under steaming napkins - salad in a huge bowl - but to cap the climax, and to the complete consternation of your scribe, who had successfully and happily consumed three large helpings of steak - what should appear but blue-berry pie and ice cream. A truly perfect feast! Several guests were present, all prospective 99'ers, we hope. In all we totaled 13.

But the crowning achievement, and one which we feel may put the Connecticut Chapter on the 99 map, was the introduction of what we suspect is the first twin 99'ers, Rebecca B. Pope, who is the twin of Elise Bryant Jack, and who has her Private License. We are delighted to receive her and acclaim her membership.

After a very short and impromptu meeting, when it was decided to have the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secy-Treas prepare a tentative plan for the year 1941-42 to be mailed to each member for deliberation during September—and the Sept. meeting omitted, we were taken aboard a 25 foot Criscraft Cruiser and piloted through the Thimble Island. Bobby Farrell was our hostess and able skipper and as she eased her craft through a choppy sea in southwest breeze. The trip was memorable for sheer beauty thrill and for proving air legs are as good as sea legs.

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CONNECTICUT CHAPTER NEWS (Continued)

Nancy Hopkins Tier invited us to foregather at her home in Cheshire in October, at which time we hope every chapter member will come bursting with ideas of what the chapter can do individually and collectively.

Elise Bryant Jack is in cahoots with Dr. George Smith, who is forming a sample ambulance unit, complete even to airplanes and pilots -and may be spread across the country. We hope Dr. Smith may be prevailed upon to come to Cheshire in October and tell us in detail what he is doing and how we can help.



MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

by Bettie Thompson

The August meeting of our chapter was held at the Boulevard Airport, on Sunday the 24th. It was an Election meeting and the new chapter officers are: Chairman, Bettie Thompson; Vice Chairman, Mary Hoch; Secy-Treas, Leona McElroy; Reporter, Doris Stansbury; Membership Chairman, Helen Jones.

Ten 99'ers were present and four guests. Present from our chapter were Bea Hyman, Helen Jones, Doris Stansbury, Betsy Ross (who has transferred to the N.Y. Chapter) Augusta Roberts (who transferred to our Chapter from N.Y.) (We seem to be swapping members, N.Y.) Kitty Leiming, who is a new member and was one of Pat Thomas' CPT students in Calif., and Bettie Thompson. Present from the Washington Chapter were Mary Benson, Mary Lou Colbert, Jeanne McSheehy. We were certainly glad to have some of our neighboring 99'ers up from Washington. It was swell meeting them. Come up more often gals. Guests were Marjorie Jordan, Linda Bick, Jeanne Beroud, Jessie Jones, Jr., all gals who are going to have a flight test date with an Inspector shortly. So Inspector, Keep 'Em Flying!

Several of the girls also brought their \$4.50 dues with them and turned it over to your Section Secy-Treas who was properly grateful for such promptness. After the meeting, Leona McElroy brought out a full penny bank and dumped it on the desk and enlisted our aid in counting, the grand total from one bank was \$7.81! A real pile of pennies!

And while we are on arithmetic our chapter treasury tunes to the amount of \$20.65. The treasury of the Middle Eastern Sec. has the grand total of \$122.40.

Guess I'll head toward the station and the cone of silence with our own way of saying "Keep 'Em Flying"; in other words "Let's go buzzin' Cousin."

● WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Ruth Hurst

The election of new officers for the Washington Chapter took place at the last meeting, which was held in the Senate Building in the office of Lu Shank, retiring Chairman. Those elected were Ruth Hurst, Chairman; Claire Callaghan, Vice Chairman; Jerry Masinter, Secy-Treas; Mary Benson, Chairman of Membership Committee; and Pauline Cain, News Reporter.

Una Goodwin, from Oklahoma, was our guest and is transferring her membership to the Washington Chapter. Awfully glad to have you with us Una. Hope to see you and the rest of the girls at the next meeting, which will be a breakfast flight - the date and destination to be announced very soon.

Lu Shank has been invited to give a speech on aviation at the University of Nevada in Reno, which will be a stopping point on her forthcoming vacation. Incidentally, I hope you all saw the fine interview and picture of Lu in the Star a few days ago. Mary Lou Colbert and I were given a fine welcome at the first meeting of the new W. Va. Chapter at Morgantown and maybe we weren't glad to see Morgantown's fine new airport through the soup over the W. Va. hills. We were royally entertained by the 99'ers and the N A A and we were mighty proud of the grand start the girls have made out there under the competent leadership of Beulah Stark.

Becky McSheehy, Mary Lou Colbert and Mary Benson flew to the Section meeting in Philadelphia a few weeks ago and enjoyed meeting the girls up there.

Lu Shank went to the Aero Rendezvous in Augusta, Maine that same week-end and could add some choice paragraphs about that - but won't. Be seeing you soon!



SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

By Ann Johnson

The annual meeting of the Southeastern Section was held at the home of the retiring Governor, Charlotte Frye. Seventeen members were present, representing all chapters. Election of officers resulted in the election of Nell Behr for Governor; Vera Self, Vice Governor; Ann Johnson, Secy-Treas; Jessie Woods, Chairman of Membership Committee; Betty Hamilton, Chairman of Nominating Committee.

Following the Section meeting, the GEORGIA CHAPTER was organized with Nell Winship, Chairman; Ann Johnson, Vice Chairman; and Elizabeth Fowler, Secy-Treas.

Section membership now totals eighty.

● FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Marion Bertram

The August meeting at Tampa was a busy one and certainly well attended--Ellis Dunsford, and Georgia Williams from Jacksonville, Dorothy Julian, Lorna Simpson and Hazel Raines in the Club ship from Ft. Lauderdale, Evelyn McRae, Jean Cridlebaugh and Marion Bertram from Miami in Evelyn's Rearwin Cloudster, Vera Self up from Sarasota, Celeste Dervaes, Georgia Rounds and a brand new member--Jeannette Atkinson, all of Tampa, and Betty Phillips of Orlando. Betty, by the way, is the only girl in the Home Defense Air Squadron over at Orlando. After the luncheon and meeting, the girls staying overnight indulged in some thoroughly enjoyable hangar flying and trekked over the Ybor City for a late Spanish dinner.

The Greater Miami Airport Association invited the local 99'ers to present the program at their annual Ladies' Day Luncheon, August 20. Theme of the day was "Women in Aviation" and a number of women's clubs were represented. Speakers were Kathryn Rawls Thompson, 99 history, Hazel Raines, CPT program, Evelyn McRae, 99 Convention and Air Races, and Lorna Simpson read her lovely poem, "I Want My Wings." The program was most enthusiastically received, and a great deal of interest was displayed in the 99 organization. Several prospective 99'ers were guests of the Chapter--Virginia Sheffield, Elaine Devery, Kay Schoonmaker and Helen Cavis, instructress for Embry-Riddle Company, also Mrs. Froscher of Homestead, Chairman of the Committee sponsoring the special 99 event of the next

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Air Maneuvers here in Miami. Your reporter made introductions, in spite of wandering around in a pink haze of delight—having been presented with a new Culver as an anniversary present by the 49ther.

Labor Day holidays furnished an excuse for some cross country—so with Kathryn Thompson and myself in the new Culver, the 49thers in another new Culver, we hopped off for Wichita, Kansas, for an overnight stay, and back home again by way of Parris Island, S. C. Which, incidentally, is enough concentrated cross country for the most gluttonous.

Virginia Roach is writing a daily column "Prop Wash" for the Ft. Lauderdale papers. Dorothy Julian had a lucky landing when the stick came out on a take-off. The girls are getting ready to take off for Charlotte Frye's home town, Griffin, Ga., for the Section Meeting Sept. 6, and next meeting for the Chapter will be here in Miami, about September 28.

● TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Ruth Wolfe Thomas

New officers for the Tennessee Chapter have been elected and installed. They are: Pearl Fancher Brock, Chairman; Jane Gump, Vice Chairman; Billie Levan, Secy-Treas; Lorraine Buttrey, Chairman of Membership Committee; Ruth Wolfe Thomas, News Letter Reporter.

A visitor to Knoxville this month was Mrs. Bundy of Santa Barbara, Calif. She and Mr. Bundy flew through in a Bellanca. Ruth Bowler's constant vigil on the sky has paid dividends. Patrick Earl arrived the 20th of August. Cornelia Fort wrote that she had finished 2 CPT programs and is now on her way to Calif. to "see the rest of the country."

This month's new members are Cora McDonald and Louise Preas. Cora has 70 hours - stretched her ribs far enough apart to get up to the 5' 2" requirement of the CPT - has a BS in Aeronautical Engineering - is engineering secretary of Monocoupe plant in Bristol. Louise was CPT-er. Has BS in Home Economics - teaches Home Ec - wears a large diamond on her left hand, third finger - will be Mrs. 20th of Sept. - whether or not she will join HIM in McDill field is as yet 50-50.

Billie LeVan, having passed the written to her Commercial, was so elated she tried a Non-stop to the East Coast in her Culver but didn't quite make it. Her phrasing was "I did an inverted landing in a pea patch." Ruth Thomas did the same thing on the way back from ferrying a new airplane. She hit a fence and went over on her back. The ONLY personal injury was made when she released her safety belt and fell to the ceiling. Millie Ownby and Billie LeVan were at the Charleston, S. C. Beach over Labor Day week-end. Ruth Crozier house-party-ed last week-end in Bristol and drove over to our meeting. Gladys Lacey flew over in her Taylorcraft with new member Cora McDonald. Gene Slack, aviation columnist of a Johnson City Paper, gave us 99'ers a cute write-up with illustrations. Our regional inspector said some very nice things about Lila Burr Chapman of Nashville. All of you want to come to the next meeting if you possibly can. We will meet here in Knoxville the 28th of Sept. and go on a big picnic. Mrs. Kathryn Zachry was at National Headquarters this month. Ruth Stanford missed the monthly meeting what with crackup, overhauls and such.

◆ The C A A has licensed fourteen women parachute riggers — three of whom are Ninety-Niners. ◆

● CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Betty Hamilton

The Carolinas Chapter met August 10 for lunch at Tenners in Charlotte. Fourteen members were present. What our place in aviation will be in national defense was the topic presented for discussion. These were the main points stressed to make us capable of serving our country: 1. Build up time. 2. Obtain higher ratings when possible. 3. Fly cross country whenever you can. 4. Get radio license. 5. Take first aid courses given by Red Cross. We now have 22 members. Betty Hamilton has obtained her radio license and Bird Eaton expects to get hers this month. Our next meeting will be the last week in September, when officers for year 1941-42 will be elected.

A.E.M.S. BANK HOLIDAY

By Alma Harwood

Now is the time to start planning for a Bank Holiday Meeting so all the banks will be opened and pennies counted by November 1.

As an experiment, I held a Bank Holiday at my house and it was most successful. Nine girls brought in banks and received free dinner and drinks. Girls whose banks weighed less than \$5 were fined a small amount or paid \$1 for their dinner, as did their guests, all of which went into the fund. After the supper we had a hectic contest rolling the pennies into 50¢ rolls. It's quite a knack to roll fifty pennies neatly into a roll, but doesn't take long when you get onto it. I felt like a bank robber the next day when I took the pennies in to the bank. The following 99'ers banks were opened: Teddy Kenyon, Margaret Cooper, Fay Wells handed in her second bank, Jeannette Eastman, Betty Gillies, Marjorie Gray, Alma Harwood and Mary Nicholson, who received a prize for having the heaviest bank. The total of the pennies counted was \$39.60. Fines for dinner and guest tickets, \$15; Mabel Clemson gave \$5; Pansy Town sent in a check for \$5 because she couldn't be present. I had a nice letter from Miriam Blagden Crocker telling me how sorry she was to be away, and sent a check for \$5.

The following table will give you approximately the amount you have in your bank: \$10 weighs six pounds and seven-eighths; \$5 weighs three and seven-tenths; \$3 weighs two pounds.

You may get the papers to roll the pennies in from the bank and also a bag to carry them back. Your chapter or section treasurer should mail a check or money order to Jeannette Lempke with the name of each girl and the approximate amount of each individual bank.

HIGHER LICENSES - NEW RATINGS

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