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### MIAMI AIR MANEUVERS - JANUARY 9-10-11

Arrangements for the special 99 race at the Air Maneuvers are coming along beautifully, and it's going to be a lot of fun. The race is definitely not a high speed event, and the girl who flys a Cub will have an equal chance with the faster ships. The Redlands District Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the race, will send crates of oranges, grapefruit, avocados, etc., to the home of each 99'er to partipate, and each entrant will have five chances to win a cup. Requirement for entry will be your 99 paid up membership card, and for the other women's races a private license, certified logged solo hours equivalent to a commercial and a rating in the ship you wish to fly.

Make your plans to come early because on January 8, right after the pilots meeting, there will be a party for 99'ers and 492 ers at the Fromhagens.

SPECIAL NOTICE: To all girls who plan to go or hope to go to the All American Air Maneuvers in Miami in January - To any 99'er residing in Penna.. N. Y., N. J., Conn., Dela., Md., Wash.D.C., Va., W. Va. If you plan to go to the races and own or plan to rent a plane and have room for and wish to take any other 99'er in these states as navigators or passengers to share part of the expense; or you wish to contact any 99'er with planes and go as a passenger or navigator, a clearing house for such contacts and information has been set up by the Secy-Treas of the Middle Eastern Section for girls in these states. If you have a plane, send in your name, address, type plane, room for how many. If radio, state if receiver only or 2-way. If navigator requested, so state. State approximate expense for each passenger. Those wishing to go as passengers or navigators, state ratings and experience. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. Write now - ALL ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE COMPLETE BY JANUARY 1. Address "Air Races", Bettie Thompson, 724 N. 63rd St., Philadelphia, Penna.

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Final day for renewal of dues is December 1. All members who have not paid renewal dues by that time will be dropped from membership and must after that time renew by regular new membership routine. SEND IN YOUR DUES NOW!

### APPLICATIONS FOR CHAPTER CHARTER

All applications were due at National Headquarters by October 1. To date, fifteen out of thirtysix have been received. Send yours in NOW.

PRICE ON GOLD PINS

The price on the 99 insignia gold pins is raised to \$1.10, because of the jewelry tax. Decals are still priced at 10¢ each or two for 15¢.



By Reta L. Sutherland

On Tuesday night, Sept. 22, the 99'ers gave a dinner at Tacoma in honor of Evelyn Burleson to wish her luck on her contemplated good will flight from Vancouver, B.C. to Tia Juana, Mex. She has a beautiful Taylorcraft, Miss Liberty, with the Statue of Liberty Painted on it and the letters WAD - Women Also Defend. Today we were thrilled at the news that Evelyn had made the flight in 16½ hours, about 4 hours less than she had expected. She carried a 300 pound overlaod. We hope to have her back with us Oct. 8 in Seattle, to tell us about her trip. She's a real 99'er and we're proud of her.

Our Section Meeting was held in Olympia on Sunday Sept. 24. There were 24 members from the Eastern Wash. Chapter, the Western Wash. Chapter and Portland, Ore. Clayton Patterson had offered a cup for the flight, points to be awarded for the proper execution of the projected flight plan. Patti Canada from Portland won and it is to be put back into competition, the first member to win it twice in succession to become the permanent owner. At the business meeting, the following were elected as officers: Governor Irma Wallace; Vice Governor Patti Canada; Secy-Treas Clayton Patterson.

Good news, girls. Our Western Wash. meeting is to be held Oct. 16 at Irma Wallace's home, buffet

supper to precede the meeting.

We are looking forward to our next Section meeting a dinner dance in Portland, which has been tentatively set for the third week-end in January.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

By Laurine Neilsen

Greetings, 99'ers, from a brand new Chapter way out in South Dakota. We answer roll call like this: Nelle Willhite. Chairman; Neva Esmay. Vice Chairman; Clara Schneider. Secy-Treas; Laurine Neilsen. News Reporter: Jeannette Gagnon. Chairman of Committees; June McCreery, Lois Monk, Elaine Redding, Rubye Light, Esther Jonnes, Margaret Abrahamson.

To do this right - we'll start at the beginning. The idea of a South Dak. Chapter is Mrs. Willhite's who, by the way, is one of the original 99'ers and is the only woman commercial pilot in the state. She and Miss Schneider attended the airshow at Sheldon, Iowa during the mid-part of Aug. and there received a short course in "How to organize a 99 chapter" from Belle Hetzel, Governor of the North Central Section. Incidentally, 99'ers were the guests of the Sheldon Aviation Club during the show and are still talking about the swell time accorded them.

We held our charter meeting in Sioux Falls at a downtown eatery on Aug. 30 where we proceeded with election of officers and organization incidentals. It was decided to hold our regular monthly meetings

on every third Sunday.

Huron was chosen for our next meeting spot so on Oct. 12 we'll crank up our putt-and-stutters and head that-a-way. Our biggest trouble to date is the way our 11 members are scattered all over the 77,000 sq. miles of the Sunshine State. One thing, for sure, we'll be getting in some badly needed XC time.

The North Dakota 99'ers have little to report this month. It's back to school for some of us and back to the winter routine of activities for the rest. But we do have some new officers to report - succeeding your news letter correspondent as <a href="Chairman">Chairman</a> is <a href="Betty McKenzie">Betty McKenzie</a>; while <a href="Kathryn McEnroe">Kathryn McEnroe</a> was reelected <a href="Vice Chairman">Vice Chairman</a>; <a href="Mary Betty Punton Secy-Treas">Mary Betty Punton Secy-Treas</a>. The elections were held at the regular Sept. meeting.

There's no special flying news - these prairie winds have kept most civilian flying at a standstill for the past few weeks. Our new Chairman could tell you plenty about the wind - she has to file the accident reports - and so far the wind has kept her busy. It's last trick was to pick up her boss's 4-passenger Stinson and toss it through the hangar roof. That was only a breeze, though - just 75 miles per hour.

Till next month, then.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

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By Rita Gerry

Our Aug. meeting was held at the home of Helen Ashley, who is Vice Governor for the coming year. A delicious buffet supper was served. In Sept. 10 of our members hied themselves to Bakersfield for the Sectional meeting. Kay Van Doozer met us at the airport and arranged for our transportation to the Bakersfield Motel. The Motel is built like a mission with long low adobe buildings, many arches, and set in a lovely tropical garden.

A few weeks ago we had a breakfast flight to Sherman Field and Concord. It was a short flight to get acquainted with the 2 new fields which are taking care of local private flyers. The army and navy have crowded us off the fields in town, so we all take to the neighboring hills. Sherman and Concord are in a little valley near Mt. Diablo with ideal air conditions and only about 30 minutes drive from town. Dolores Guinther Waldorf operates at Concord. Lillian Anderson of Livermore has regained her private license. Margaret Campbell has just returned from Los Angeles where she renewed her friendship begun at Bakersfield with Pat. Thomas. Ruth Rueckert's wings are clipped temporarily as she plays florence Nightingale to her 492er Fred, who carelessly let a car drop on him breaking a shoulder bone. Rita Gerry spent the Labor Day week-end as guest of Eleanor Turney Verkuyl of Lodi. They took in the aviation breakfast, the speed boat races, and the grape festival. Marjorie Hook is once more Chapter Chairman. This Sunday she will ride as guest of Ruth Wakeman to the Yolo Country Club Breakfast, our next winging party.

#### HIGHER LICENSES - NEW RATINGS

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR: Virginia Garst, Mo.; Carolyn Cullen, Mass.

COMMERCIAL: Lorna Simpson, Fla.; Brownie Luscombe, Penna.; Jane Nettleblad, Colo.

GROUND INSTRUCTOR: "Tiny" Reis, Wisc.

RADIO OPERATOR: Bird Eaton and Betty Hamilton, N.C.; Brownie Luscombe, Penna.; Betty Millard, Ky. EASTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Mary Raymon

Oscar Parks, the new manager of Lambert Field has generously offered the use of his beautiful offices in the administration building for our business meetings. At our last meeting on Sept. 15, we laid plans to further our knowledge of navigation and radio by organizing a class to be held weekly under the guiding hand and brain of Adele Scharr.

Due to the ill wind that blew nobody good, the only one of us who was able to attend the breakfast at Kansas City on Sept 14 was Jeannette Geantile, who, with

great foresight, had driven over in a car.

Verna Burke had an exciting trip back from Louisville in a Cub last week. It took her 4 days to fly 260 miles. Her 65 miles a day average was the result of being forced down 8 times by bad weather.

And now, at the end of the letter, like the end of a dinner, we have our dessert. We extend a most cordial invitation to all of you to come to our annual party which is to be held at the DeSoto Hotel on Sat. Nov. 8. It is to be a cabaret style dance, with entertainment, prizes and all the other trimmings. We hope to have as our guests as many members of other 99 Chapters as can attend. Please notify Mrs. Fred Souttar, 7033 Northmoor Dr., University City, Mo., if you intend to be here and we will arrange to have you as week-end house guests as well as party guests.

### MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER By Dorothy Broadfield

A Flight Breakfast to Lincoln, Neb. was planned for our Sept. meeting. Due to <u>unusual weather</u> ships were grounded and pilots motored, except for our Red Oak Iowa member, who flew in with a friend in his Aeronca. A delicious breakfast was arranged at the Cornhusker Hotel by our Chairman Gwen Hess. 15 members were present including some new ones who attended for the first time. Election was held and our new officers for the coming year are: Chairman Betty Green: Vice Chairman Agnes DeHaven: Secy-Treas Ivah Maxfield.

Some fly fast and some f.y slow, but Belle Hetzel

can tell you about speeding low?

We were happy to have Bessie Owen and Ethel Sheehy stop our way, ferry-touring home a couple of Stinson Voyagers to the west coast. A get-together dinner was held at Hotel Fontenelle with a Gabfest after.

#### • ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Jerry Truesdell

Our last meeting was held Sept. 21 at the Chicago Municipal Airport. We had special permission from the CAA to fly in with our little Flitfires without radio and it was great fun. 22 members attended the meeting which was in the form of a breakfast in the Terminal Building.

By the time you read this we will have feted Alice DeWitt at a "Brunch" on Sunday, Oct. 12 at the Palmer House in Chicago's Loop. Alice is leaving us on Oct. 15 to join her 492er in Georgia where he is

teaching Army students to fly.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 26 and we will fly to Springfield. We are all hoping the weather will be better by then than it has been lately - which is for ducks and such.

Midge Meuser of Joliet has a brand new Bellanca.

Our next project (we hope) is to try and get all the towns in Ill. air-marked. We are awaiting instructions from Springfield as to how to proceed and we hope to get many Chambers of Commerce and Jr. Chambers of Ditto to cooperate with us. See you next time.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

By Claudia Smith

On Sunday, Sept. 21, an elderly Hoosier couple at the Indianapolis Airport peered unbelievingly at a news cameraman who sprawled on the concrete photographing a comely group of feminine flyers. "I do believe, Elmer," quavered the voice of the little lady, "them gals must be takin' lessons from Roscoe Turner." "Yep," said Elmer, adjusting his bifocals, "an' by cracky, if I was a mite younger, I'd be a' opening' me a flying' school, too!"

The "gals" being pictured were 99'ers, Indiana's best, who had gathered from various parts of the

state for their monthly meeting.

During the business session, Miss Helen Wetherill was unanimouslyre-elected Chairman. Other officers elected were Vice Chairman Betty Scantland. Secy-Treas Claudia Smith. Mn ner ratront nan Betty Folsom.

Everyone attended as gleft with the feel-

Everyone attention and a gleft with the feeling that this year, the 13th of our organization, is to be a most outstanding one for our Chapter. Big plans are afoot, so don't forget to attend the next meeting, Oct. 19 at Anderson, at which time our plans will begin to take on a real polish. Be there.

#### SOUTHERN WISCONSIN

By Melba Beard

New Officers: Chairman Carol Ann Reis: ViceChairman Melba Beard: Secy-Treas Mary Belle Ahlstrom.

"Tiny" Reis has her ground instructor's rating.
Previously Marian Albright obtained a radio license.
Dorothy Bryant and "Tiny" are also studying for the radio license.

We are all very sorry to have Marcia Courtney, who has been writing our news so ably, and Marian Albright leave Madison. Marcia is working in the statistics department of the Piper Aircraft Co.

Marian Albright, who is also studying for her Commercial has finally moved her Aeronca to Chicago. On Oct. 1 a farewell party was given for Marian at the home of Melba Beard, retiring Chairman.

We welcome to the Chapter Caroline Pandolfi, our newest member, who learned to fly in the last CPTP. A bit of news just received is that Jean Frantz is now in Chicago and working for United Airlines. Dorothy Cretney was a flying reporter and aviation columnist for a Dodgeville paper this summer, and hopes to continue the work after the coming school year at Sturgeon Bay.

"Tiny" Reis had an unusual experience recently while ferrying planes from Cincinnati to Milwaukee. On one trip, on her last takeoff before Milwaukee, a wheel came off. The news was immediately phoned ahead, and she decided she was receiving a nice welcome when she saw crowds below waving madly. She didn't suspect trouble until several men raced up to catch the dropping wing after one of her usual good landings. Everything came out all right.

We were honored by 4 visiting 99'ers from Milwaukee at the Wisconsin Civil Air Corps breakfast

sponsored by Madison last month.

We used to stay awake nights trying to think of ways of getting an airplane - well we did, and now you'll hear the story of the ill-fated 8-Ball. On Aug. 19, Jean Jones and I took off for an overnight trip to Lexington, flying over was smooth sailing all the way. Little did we know that in the morning we would take our seats in it for the last time. We escaped injury when the 8-Ball struck some trees and crashed when the motor cut out and we failed to get enough altitude to clear. Right now we're busy trying to get the plane back in shape so we won't lose

Dave Weller, who is nearly a 49 er and Gertrude Hendershot flew down to Hardin Springs, landed in a hayfield, which is their private airport, cooked lunch, went swimming and flew back.

any of this beautiful flying weather.

I know all Brownie Luscombe's friends would want us to give her three cheers for passing her commercial flight test while at home in Penna. this summer.

Our meeting last month took place at the local hand-out - Harry's. We had breakfast and later discussed plans for the Dawn Patrol. We invited all the student pilots to join us for the breakfast

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The Dawn Patrol was to Glenview Farms Field. The girls carred cars their 600-dollar breakfast since they took along the longerons from the wrecked 8-Ball to cook with.

We're proud to announce that this summer we've stimulated enough interest in our club to have every girl, with a license an official member of the 99's. We're looking forward to a great winter with lots of new ideas forthcoming from the new blood of the club.

While touring the country this summer Brownie Luscombe and your scribe got our radio license.

#### EASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER By Elsie V. Peters

The Sept. meeting was held at the home of Mrs.

ViNetta Schultz, where the annual election was held with the following results: Chairman Caroline Iverson: Vice Chairman Elsie V. Peters; Secy.

Margaret Seip; Treas. Mrs. Edith Lovell, Membership Chairman Mrs. ViNetta Schultz.

Newest member is Dorothy Francis, who received her license Sept. 30 and just 5 days previous a diamond ring for her left hand. Double congratulations!

Edith Lovell and her 492er were stalled above the city of Milwaukee in a 30 mile wind. Deciding quickly they turned the nose of their Coupe north and made a perfect landing in a farmer's field outside the city. Margaret Seip, flying in from Appleton got caught in a Lake Michigan fog and had to sit down in Fondulac. She was an hour and a half late for work, but was not fired. Most adventurous of our group is Caroline Iverson, who has just returned from a 10,000 mile trip to Alaska in a Taylorcraft and without a mishap. We all think she is wonderful and had her talking until she couldn't any more. Pat Hanley, Dorothy Francis, Caroline Iverson and Elsie Peters flew to Madison Sept. 7 on a breakfast flight. Elsie Peters flew her sister to Beloit, where they received a wonderful reception.

At date of writing, our whole chapter is planning to fly to Fondulac Sat. and Sun., Oct. 4 and 5 for a Wisconsin Civil Air Corps Convention. News about this next time. • ALL OHIO CHAPTER

On Sunday morning, Sept. 12, the wind was very high and the dust on the Franklin Airport, Toledo blowing so thick that 9 members and 18 guests or prospective members took refuge in the dining room where a fine Brunch was served. Virginia Gross, a capable hostess for the day will be a grand member.

Florence H. Boswell, our Chairman. flew in on Saturday with Dawn Malson as co-pilot on the Cessna and the day was spent in contacting interested prospects. That evening several pilots and guests assembled in Toledo, for a social hour and dancing.

After Brunch Florence Boswell showed the film "Britannia is a Woman" and our distinguished guests Dr. and Mrs. Young Neal of Toledo University, along with Mr. Dean A. Walters were as thrilled as we for the opportunity of seeing a revue of volunteer services in England. As a result of the stimulating meeting we now boast 36 members.

Rose Wasil has been flying one year and received her license in the Fall CPTP of Akron University.

Leona Golbinec has been flying for 2 years having received her training from Mike Murphy in the CPT.

Attention all 99'ers: There will be a mass flight of 99'ers from Springfield to Hamilton. All wishing to participate be on the Springfield Airport at noon Oct. 11. We will be Aviation Day guests in Hamilton and there will be 2 events for women pilots.

Nov. 9 - 10 a.m. - Canton - Breakfast meeting with Helen Ernst and Sylvia Frantz acting as hostesses. All visiting 99°ers most welcome.

New Committee Chairman: Membership. Marion Coddington; Program. Kay Greshauge; News Reporter. Helen Ernst.

#### WESTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER By Elizabeth Foley

Election of officers was held at the regular meeting of Western Missouri Chapter Sept. 9. Dinner was served at the Donnelly Clubhouse, and the business session followed in the long drawing room before a roaring fireplace. Virginia Garst will head the Chapter as Chairman: ably assisted by Helen Hayward as Vice Chairman: Marguerite Fisher as Secy-Treas. Committee Chairmen are Program. Jewell Stanton; Membership. Florence Winslow; Publicity. Marie Page; Librarian, Lavon Davis; Mews Reporter. Eliz. Foley.

Oct. 25 will mark the first dance of the season with 99's as hostesses at a "Hangar Warming". The event is the opening of the new airport being built by Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Fisher. All flyers in the Kansas City vicinity and their friends are invited. It is hoped that nearby chapters of the 99's will take note and be Kansas City's guests for the even.

During the recent "Defense Week" sponsored by retail stores in Kansas City, the 99 ers were represented by a window in one of the leading downtown stores.

12 members of the chapter have made reservations for breakfast at Columbia Oct. 5 when Mrs. Virginia Young will be hostess to the group at its first "Winging Party."

The chapter is proudly boasting its 2nd member to receive an instructor's rating. Virginia Garst passed her last barrier and took her first student Sept. 28. Leah Shepard is the other instructor in the Chapter. Jewel Stanton is working toward a Commercial rating.

KANSAS CHAPTER

By Helen Massey

A meeting of 99'ers was held in Wichita Sept. 7 with 5 members present. We had lunch at the airport to the tune of 39-50 mile wind.

Sally Duncan informed us that her 49½er is training for the army at Miami, Okla. and that they have moved to that place. However, we think and hope that Sally intends to stay with the Kansas Chapter for a while at least.

Opal Ferguson, who was an instructor in the primary CPTP this summer, is going for her secondary

rating right away.

Even though we missed the news last month we did have a meeting. Sally, Opal and Viginia Kuch were hostesses to eight 99'ers and twelve guests at a luncheon at the Dale Hotel in Coffeyville on Aug. 3. Quite a high-brow affair what with the violin and piano soloes and group singing. Those Coffeyville girls did a grand job playing hostesses and surely showed up the rest of us in the matter of entertaining.

#### NEW MEXICO CHAPTER

By Harriet Nye

New Mexico has sent Austin, Texas one of its new members, Pearl Ragsdale. We understand that the 492er is in charge of a flying school there, and we suppose we'll have to consider that sufficient reason for losing her.

Helen Comstock and Frances May Vaughn have flown down from Santa Fe several times in the last month and Helen has also transacted some business in Clovis, transporting hereelf there and back by air. Virginia Cutter has been working for her flying service; delivered a Cub Cruiser in Raton last week.

We were all glad again that Albuquerque is on a much traveled air route when Bessie Owen and Ethel Sheehy paid us a brief visit while they were ferrying to the Coast two Stinson Voyagers.

#### COLORADO CHAPTER

By Jane Best Nettleblad

Hail to the new Colo. Chapter. We are "strong on the beam" now and getting stronger all the time. 9 of us met in Denver, Sept. 28 for breakfast and

formed our new Chapter.

Officers elected were: Dorothy Johnston. Chairman; Ruth Gouthey. Vice Chairman; Dorothy Jones. Secy-Treas; Donna Myers. Membership Chairman; and Jane

Nettleblad, News Reporter.

Dorothy Johston has just recently moved to Denver and will make a very capable Chairman. Ruth Gouthey is owner of a Cub Cruiser and is working toward a Commercial License. Dorothy Jones is owner of a Fairchild and has had experience in seaplanes (which is the envy of all us "landlubbers") and hopes to have a Commercial soon. Marjory Cramp of Denver owns an Aeronca Chief. Donna Myers has the distinction of being the first Colorado 99'er and makes a young and very attractive "pioneer". Sylvia Powell finished primary and Secondary training under the CPTP and Ruth Woodworth was one of the unlucky girls who happened to be in Secondary training at the time girls were barred from CPTP. Fern Drapela of Grand Junction is the 99'er who is in the most remote part of the state, but we hope she will be able to attend all our meetings. Jane

Nettleblad owns a Kinner Sportster and just recently earned a commercial license.

Goodbye now until Oct. 19 when we hope to meet for a Breakfast flight.

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NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Gertrude C. Brown

At the business meeting on Sept. 16 at Town Hall Club, officers were elected as follows: Governor Mary Sansom; Vice Governor Ruth Streeter: Secv. Marjorie Gray: Treas. Gertrude C. Brown.

Betty Schmidt is starting a ground school at Roosevelt Field and will be glad to furnish full

details to anyone interested.

Ruth Franckling is keeping very busy at the present

time - studying for her Instructor's Rating.

I understand a grand time was had by all who flew to Dorothy Robinson's estate in Ithaca. Marjorie Gray arrived in a Taylorcraft on floats and landed alongside the Cornell crew's practice barge on Lake Cayuga. (any ulterior motives, Marjorie?) She had as her guest Marian Van Auben, a prospective 99'er, who obtained her private license last June. Mabel Clemson came in her Fairchild, Miriam Johnson came in a Cub from Schenectady as did Helen Koethen from Niagara Falls.

We are all looking forward to the luncheon to be given by Frances Hasbrouck at Kingston on Oct. 11. It is convenient to go by plane, car, or train.

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By Constance M. Sheridan

At the fall business meeting and dinner, ballots of the North Eastern Section election were counted and it is a real pleasure to announce that the girls who so excellently filled their offices last year were re-elected: Governor Ruth Hamilton; Vice Governor Marjorie Davis: Secy-Treas Ruth Granger: Entertainment Jean Adams. 15 members were present and among them were several enthusiastic new flyers.

Ruth Cutler got her private certificate in July. Her mother has caught a bit of her enthusiasm and already has had several hours of instruction.

Kathleen Lux, youthful flyer and part owner of a 50-Cub won her private certificate in July and is working along toward her commercial rating.

Charlotte Bassett got her private in Aug.

Marion Tibbets of Hanover has had a wonderful summer. She flew to Ithaca, N.Y. and motored from there to Three Rivers. While at Three Rivers she was invited to try some spins in the Link Trainer used by the RCAF pilots. Very interesting, she reports.

Between training hours Ruth Hamilton is having

some fun in a Waco.

Ruth Granger is part owner of a Cub Coupe and has had a great time in it this summer.

Florence Cates has taken her mother on several flights during the summer and has made her a real flying enthusiast.

Hortense Harris has been flying on Sportsmen pilot cruises and commuting in her Fairchild between her Nantucket Studio and N. Y.

Peggy Lennox is one of the busiest instructors here in New England, but always drives up from Providence to attend meetings whenever possible. WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

By Margaret Dudley Mayes

The W. Va. Chapter held its Sept. meeting in Clarksburg, Sept. 27. The Clarksburg girls entertained us with a delightful steak fry. The chief discussion at the business meeting was arousing interest in aviation among women in W. Va. and ways of getting highway and town markers placed in the state.

Present at the meeting were Mrs. Ruth Tolley Gwinn, Ester Haney, Betty Bailey, Doris Chisler, Marion Davis, VirginiaHardesty, Doris Cunningham, Margaret Mayes, Janet Walker, Ruth Shaffner, Mrs. Hubert Stark, Mrs. Mildred Zimmerman, Jean Brown and Marion Banks.

The next meeting will be held at Beckley on Sunday, November 2.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER By Ruth M. Hurst

The Washington girls rose bright and early on Sun. the 28th of Sept. to fly down to Fredericksburg, Va. for a breakfast meeting. Elizabeth Holladay and her 492er operate Nottingham Field and I know I express the feelings of everyone who made the flight when I say that as host and hostess they are tops. There were about 14 of us and we all ate heartily of scrambled eggs and bacon, beaton biscuits and coffee and worried about exceeding the gross weight for the return trip. Anyhow, we had lots of fun.

Scotty Hoye is transferring her membership to our Chapter. Jane Straughan, Cub owner who flies at Queens Chapel Airport, and Mary Campbell, owner of a Cub Coupe at College Park Airport are going to join our ranks. And the latest newcomer is Elianne Roberge, 99'er from Canada. She is the President of the "Flying 7", the Canadian women's organization comparable to the 99's. We are very anxious to meet Elianne at our next meeting and talk Canadian flying with her. We will be very glad to meet these new members at our next get-together, which we hope will be another breakfast flight - and very soon.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER



By Ruth Wolfe Thomas

99'ers and their planes swarmed the Knoxville Airport Sunday much to the amazement of the crowds who had never seen in one spot so many ladies who could fly. The occasion was the monthly meeting of Tenn.'s 99'ers. New officers took over and 1 new member-Miss Louise Willis, of Chattanooga was signed up. Louise teaches school but flies for fun.

Muti. Thomas will have a change of address before long. Her husband is taking over the Island Airport which is right inside Knoxville. Visiting 99'ers

are more than welcome.

Tenn. 99'ers are taking great interest in an Air Tours Club which is being sponsored by a local

paper.

The first Tour was to Bristol's annual Air Meet Sept. 14. AOPA furnished breakfast and lunch to visiting pilots. 99'ers around Bristol did much for the Air Meet but the climax came when Cora McDonald was refused admittance in the Pants Off Race.

One of the first actions of the Club was to get towns in East Tenn. airmarked. The Aviation Dept. at Nashville is paying for the paint and labor. Our part comes in deciding and getting available space for the lettering on building tops in each town.

At our next meeting we open our penny banks. Louise Preas was married last month. She is not going to live in Tenn. so we lose her. Best wishes from Tennessee's 99'ers.

By Marion Bertram FLORIDA CHAPTER The Sept. meeting was held at Miami Municipal Airport and new chapter officers elected are: Chairman Marion Bertram: Vice Chairman Hazel Raines: Secy-Treas Lorna Simpson; Membership Chairman Vera Self: Executive Council Kathryn Thompson, Evelyn McRae, Irene Hawaorth. New members are private Janine Yeazell and Miriam Polkynen, Miami; Sara Elizabeth Pearce, Quincy; and flight instructor Helen Cavis, who is teaching on the CPT program for the Embry-Riddle School. Barbara Lindner is U. S. weather observer at Ocala. The meeting was followed by luncheon at the San Juan, counting the penny banks at Evelyn's house, then on to the cocktail party given by the 49 ers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fromhagen. It was a delightful party.

Take all the traditions of southern hospitality, roll them into one and the result will be Charlotte Frye's southeastern section meeting at Griffin, Ga.

Congratulations to our Secy Lorna, who has a nice

new shiny commercial ticket.

"Crash" Haworth earned her title when with Kathryn Hazel and myself she blew a front tire, soloed the Ford over a ditch and made a spot landing in an Ala. cornfield on the way to Wichita to bring back 4 Culvers for the Thompson School. On the return trip she made a forced landing at Boca Ratone, Fla.

#### CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Cornelia Wolfe

Greetings and Salutations from the land of Dixie. Now that the "political campaigns" are closed. I would like to give you the returns. Chairman Jessie Woods. Vice Chairman Betty Hamilton: Secy-Treas Bird Eaton. We're proud to say our membership has grown from 5 to 31. Jessie Woods, Betty Dunlap and Kat Lyon invited us to Rock Hill for our Sept. meeting and a delightful chicken dinner with all the trimmings was served by 492er Jimmie Woods. Thanks again for a very good feed, Jim. There were 14 99'ers present. 2 new members welcomed were Kitty Brownlee and Neely McCubbins. Besides being treated to a fine dinner, we were each given a piece of dress material by the Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Co., a can of lighter and cleaning fluid by the Gulf dealer at the airport and the Rock Hill Lumber Co. furnished each airplane with new stakes and rope in case of emergency. Our Chairman presented Louise Smith with a lovely compact for being the one to fly in from the greatest distance.

Jessie Woods has completed instructing 2 ground school classes of CPT students. She has also passed all her written exams for her Commercial. Bird Eaton and Betty Hamilton have their 3rd Class Radio Operator's Licenses. Virginia Yates and Neely Mc-Cubbins have Ground Instructor's Licenses in the CAR. Neely taught a class last spring at Belmont Abbey and hopes to get on the fall program. When Lucille Brockenbrough gets back from Lock Haven with another new Cub Cruiser, we're expecting her to get

a license in Aerial Navigation.

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