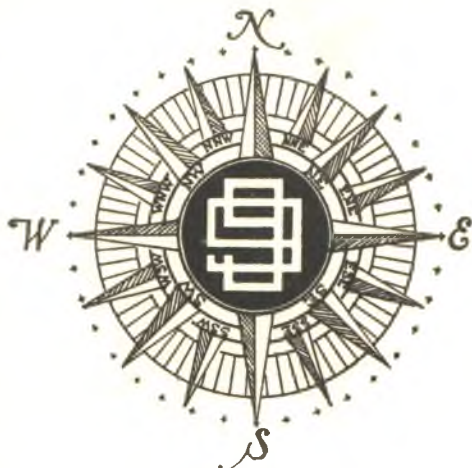


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CAA REGULATIONS REGARDING RENEWAL OF EXPIRED LICENSES

AMENDMENT NO. 88: Special Issuance of Pilot Certificates (effective December 27, 1940.)

Section 20.35 is amended to read as follows:

(a) The holder of a pilot certificate of private grade or higher, which has expired because of failure to secure the necessary flight time, may, upon application to any inspector, have the expired certificate endorsed as conveying the privileges of a student pilot certificate until one year from the date of original expiration. After such endorsement, the holder may exercise all the privileges incident to a student pilot certificate which has been endorsed to permit solo cross-country flight, and may operate aircraft of the type, weight and engine classifications specified in the rating record attached to his expired certificate.

(b) The holder of an expired pilot certificate of private grade or higher, if application is made within the year following its expiration, may secure a new private pilot certificate with the type, weight and engine ratings previously held by showing that, as of the date of application, he has met the requirements (Continued on page 8)

EMPLOYMENT IN AVIATION INDUSTRY OPEN TO WOMEN

Because of the demands of National Defense, it is now possible for girls interested in the aviation industry to secure factory jobs at Piper Aircraft. A special training school for welding is conducted by the Company at a nominal expense.

Flying time is procurable for the cost of gas and oil, in Company owned ships, and private pilots are also able to take a share in the delivery of ships to the distributors.


Information in regard to these openings may be secured by writing to Mr. H. H. Herritt, Employment Manager, Piper Aircraft Corp., Lock Haven, Pa.

NEW MEMBERSHIP RULING

It was voted at the annual meeting to accept new members for a one-half year period, beginning March 1 of each year. This ruling reads as follows: "New members applying for membership on or after March 1 shall pay one-half dues of the total year, plus initiation fee of \$1." Membership in both the Ninety-Nines and National Aeronautic Association would terminate at the beginning of the fiscal year, September 1.

As all unrenewed memberships have been dropped as of December 1, 1941, these members may be reinstated as new members under this ruling. Payment would be one half of the yearly dues or \$2.25, plus initiation fee of \$1.00, making a total of \$3.25.

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LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Hilda Jarmuth

The Las Vegas Air Show on Sunday, December 7th, will be remembered by all those flying in for some time. Martha Lundy and Florence Murphy were grand hosts. In the Spot Landing Contest Florence won 1st prize, putting both wheels and tail skid right in the circle! Ethel Sheehy was second with wheels resting just outside the circle. Shortly after noon when the pilots were getting ready to take off for home ports, they were informed all ships were grounded. Nothing to do but wait for further news. All stayed over night and wanted to take off early Monday morning, but were informed all pilots licenses were revoked as of midnite Sunday. After much ado, all planes were permitted to fly back en masse to Tri City Airport, San Bernardino.

Ethel Sheehy and Maurine Brunsvold thought it would be much waste of time to land at Tri City, flying over and be clocked at March Field, so landed at the home port Shandin Hills. A few minutes later an armed guard was on the spot asking WHY? Anyhoo, the gals were safely "home" and haven't been skylarking since.

Evelyn "Pinky" Kilgore has had a time! She had to take her students off to Needles to finish their Primary and Secondary courses. They not only are getting experience cross-country-ing but also in roughing it! Pinky kept us howling at the January meeting, telling of her housekeeping in a trailer, and a very special Xmas present the students "made" her, or maybe just "gave" her - after all, one gal in the wide open spaces must have SOME privacy! When you see Pinky, ask her what the initials P.P.P. on her Xmas present stand for! !

Dorothy Kinsman and Eileen Evans are putting in 6-hours a stretch three nights a week - after work as Air Raid Warning Service helpers, and Ethel Sheehy is on duty at Fontana early morning shifts listening for and spotting all aircraft flying over, and reporting in to the "information Center". We are proud of our girls!

* BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Rita Hart

Our humble apologies for the editorial lapse during the past two months, but when you know the reason, perhaps all will be forgiven.

On January 17 two 99'ers Marjorie Hook, Chapter Chairman, and Rita Gerry, War Correspondent on the Western Front, initiated two very charming gentlemen, Jerry Fauth and Al Hart into the 49¹/₂'er Club, via the matrimonial route. In a double ceremony at Reno the knots were securely tied by Brewster Adams, the marrying parson of the frontier. Now you know all. May we come back into the fold if we promise there will be no repetition of the offense?

Now Marjorie is doing a Florence Nightingale act this week. Jerry, became suddenly ill, and was taken to a hospital to be diagnosed. Present reports are favorable, and Marjorie is losing that worried look.

Looking backward, we will try to give you a resume of the news. Flying activity has naturally been curtailed, so our energy has been directed into other lines.

Margaret Campbell is doing her fourth month of five nights a week, on celestial navigation. She still has six months of hard study before she obtains that coveted diploma. She has also just received her radio-telephone operator's license.

Helen Ashley is working on motor installation in the Defense Training School of our new 49¹/₂'er, Al Hart. During recess Helen industriously polishes the brand new wings, reminiscent of one Lt. Don Kelton, who learned to fly because Helen kept him waiting too long at the airports. Now he wears a uniform and shoulder bars.

Ruth Rueckert devotes two nights a week to First Aid and three nights to CAP. Ruth Wakeman is also working hard for CAP, but found time to give our chapter its annual Christmas party at her lovely home in Burlingame.

Our January meeting was held at the Western Women's Club in San Francisco. We had seventeen for dinner, which is an unusually large group for our scattered area.

Members are vitally concerned over any new developments these days, and at the first call to arms every gal responds. The present interest is centered around the radio-telephone operator's licenses. Several have already obtained their licenses, and the rest are busily brushing up on rules and regulations.



INDIANA CHAPTER

By Bertha Topping

Our January 18th meeting in Terre Haute was a huge success. Every one was so interested in hearing our Wing Commander, Walker Winslow, explain several points they wanted cleared up. The Indiana Chapter is 100% in support of C A P.

Betty Scantland, Vice Chairman of the Indiana Chapter who works every day at Curtis Propellers in Indianapolis finds time to be helpful in the C A P office working with Mr. Winslow. At-a girl Betty!

There were about 20 members present at the meeting and several guests enjoyed "Brunch" with us at the Student Union Building at Indiana State Teachers College. Mayor Joseph P. Duffy welcomed the 99's to Terre Haute.

We are so glad to have some of the 49¹/₂'ers with us at the airport. Mel Smith flew their Aeronca Chief over on Saturday night from Anderson to be here for the get-together on Saturday night before the meeting Sunday. All the local 99's husbands came out to the airport to visit with the girls.

Madge Rutherford from Indianapolis is the only girl on CPT to finish secondary training in Indiana. Mary Ellen Ellsworth another new comer has taken her flying so seriously she and her Instructor are getting married next month and will move from Huntingsburg to Evansville to make their new home. Best of every-thing, Mary Ellen!

★ MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Alice Hammond

Snow and icy roads did not deter a small band of Michigan 99'ers from seeking higher knowledge of the internal combustion engine, January the 11th. Prof. Hirsch of the Aeronautical Engineering faculty of the University of Michigan gave the first of his series of four or five monthly lectures on Engines that morning on the University campus in Ann Arbor. Our meeting followed a cafeteria luncheon in the Russian Room of the Women's League Building.

We were happy to welcome as prospective members Catherine Butman, Jean Pearson, and Lonnie Belt, whose applications came in that day. To Prof. Rufus, our Chairman's 49½'er, who was ill in the University Hospital went a message of cheer from the meeting.

Jeannette Lempke airlined it to New York for the 99 Ball, January 23rd.

Eloise Smith and husband, Harry, have just bought shares in an Aeronca along with five other women and two men. This is one club where the women do the work.

★ IOWA CHAPTER

By Barbara Hudson

Greetings from I-O-way to all you 99'ers scattered hither and yon! Our thoughts and eyes are really lifted skyward these days and we may all be having a happy reunion in the air - who knows? So until then—let's keep flying.

Our 99 Chapter had a happy get together here in Iowa City, and it was fun just seeing the local folks. Seemingly Iowa is the land of snow, ice and wind when we have a 99 meeting. Win Eno started down our way and then retreated back to Fort Dodge on account of ice. We missed you, Win. Adela Schaefer made it from Cedar Rapids and Marg Swendsen from Ames and we were glad to have them with us.

The social headline for the month is the wedding of Marjorie Smith, which we 99's attended en masse. Marge was a beautiful bride and is now the wife of Dr. Perry D. Cook, Jr. way out there in Pa. We are sorry to lose you, Marge, and we certainly feel that the Pa. Chapter is lucky.

As for the report on the 99 action front in Iowa We are all equipped with our new penny banks; We are getting those "gosh-awful" photos attached to our revised licenses, and contributing our bit to C.A.P. That's all for now!

★ SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER By Elsie V. Peters

Greetings from Wisconsin. Even though your reporter has missed the last two issues, this chapter has been active.

On December 7, three planes flew to Beaver Dam to have a joint breakfast with Madison 99'ers.

During Xmas vacation Caroline Iverson and Maggie Seip flew to Janesville to visit Mary Elaine Atwood.

At our last meeting the Chapter unanimously voted to join the Civil Air Patrol. Most of us are reinstated and the ones who are not, will be in a few days. We are all going to do our best.

★ SOUTHERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER By Dorothy Evans Bryant

No last month's news? In the excitement of my own 10 day 66 flying hour trip west from Madison to Washington, Utah, California, and back via Texas, I just was too excited and busy to get them in on time. I hope every one of you can have as grand a trip as my faithful Taylorcraft gave me this Christmas vacation. And do come over and see my collection of sectional charts some time.

Now to go back to when the last news was sent in. Two breakfasts at the Municipal Airport here in Madison. A planned flight to Beaver Dam (where we were to meet the other Wisconsin Chapter for a joint breakfast and to which they went and then came on to Madison to find us despite the high wind. Thanks kids!) — a Sunday evening get-together to study for the restricted radio operators exam we sometime hope to take, and a help-get-it breakfast at the home of Mrs. Beard, our organizer, touches on the meetings during this past period.

Add to this as much flying as we could get in, getting licenses re-indorsed, identification cards, etc., and you can see we have been busy. Three of us have sent in CAP applications. Last week I went to Milwaukee and dropped in on Carol (Tiny) Reiss for a chat. She is probably our busiest member, what with her office work and ground school classes.

Lastly and most important of all is the news that we had another election as Tiny felt Milwaukee too far away to act as Chairman this year. We elected Mary Belle Ahlstrom Chairman, Mrs. Melba Beard, Vice Chairman and Caroline Pandolfi, Secretary-Treasurer.

P.S. Greetings to all the 99 members I met on my trip and thank you again for helping add to its pleasure.

★ EASTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Mary Raymon

Like the rest of our nation's pilots we have been ever so busy rounding up birth certificates, marriage licenses and getting finger printing ink under our long rosy claws. In spite of all this activity we had time for a party, our program calling for fun as well as work. It was a wonderful rathskeller party at Jesse Herzog's house.

Under our Squadron Commander, Del Scharr, we have a complete and effective program. We have had registration of 130 volunteers for ground work, clerical and so forth and every girl has been assigned to her own job. On Sundays we have airplane maintenance, line service and map reading classes. On Monday, the First Aid class and Physical Education class under the direction of Billie Gallagher and Dee Boeckman; On Wednesday, Radio and Morse Code; on Thursday a class in Navigation, and on Saturday, Target Practice. These classes are available to all volunteers. This has all been sung to the tune of much publicity with the newspapers handing us the hated name "Powderpuff Squadron" which we are good naturedly trying to live down. It is hard to do with practically every issue of the press plastered with pictures of our pretty little pans.

Cupid is still brushing up on his target practice in the St. Louis Area. Beryl Edwards, our vice-chair-

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man, has announced her engagement to Darrow Smith, a flight instructor for St. Louis Flying Service. The wedding will be in June. Verna Burke and her Naval Lieutenant "dood it" on New Year's Day in Kansas City and she is now Mrs. Bill Kraft.

Pat Rudy is leaving us on the first of March for parts unknown. Pat has volunteered for the expeditionary force in the nursing department. We are very proud of her and wish her luck.

★ ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Jerry Truesdell

On that memorable "Jap Sunday", December 7, we had a breakfast meeting at the home of Paddy Adelmann in Joliet. She served ham and eggs and homemade rolls and coffee and we barely stopped eating long enough to hold our business meeting.

On Friday, January 16th, the regular meeting was held at the home of your reporter and of course one of the main topics of discussion was the Civil Air Patrol. Great enthusiasm was shown and we are all anxious to get going. To date, Florence Hall, Marion Albright and your Reporter have been accepted and sworn in by the Illinois Wing Commander.

On January 5, Midge Meuser of Joliet and Bill Wagner, Instructor at the Lewis School of Aeronautics slipped into double harness. The wedding was in Joliet and was especially lovely....

Chairman Paddy Adelmann, former R.N. is now taking a "nursing refresher course" and will probably re-name her Fairchild "The Flying First Aid Kit"...

Recently we were honored by a quick visit from Ethel Fedders of Buffalo and several of our members had the pleasure of meeting her....

Your Reporter crammed enough to obtain her Restricted Radio-Telephone Permit, Marion Albright already has hers and a last minute flash says that Doris Langher has taken the exam and is awaiting the results...

We are all pretty steamed, Stanley, about Jackie Cochran's wire and letter regarding the possibility of service in England. It's like waiting for Christmas...

★ ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Helen Ernst

As I was unable to attend the January meeting of our chapter, I am quoting a letter from Marion Coddington in telling about the meeting. The girls met in Akron at the home of Marion, where all donned helmets and goggles of crepe paper in pastel shades. They then progressed to Kistler's, where the chickens in helmets were served chicken-in-a-basket. After satisfying their hunger they returned to Marion's home for the business meeting. Hostesses were Roe Wasil, Barbara Selby, Dorothy West (in absentia) and Marion Coddington.

Grace Birge and Ruth Stoneman, from Chagrin Falls, were the only girls to fly in as the weather was not too good - (better luck next time, you southern-Ohio 99'ers.)

We are glad to welcome Judy Streiter, who was at the meeting as our newest member. Judy is now living in Cleveland and transferred from Meadville, Pa.

Margie Hauser of Canton is leaving us for the Southwest Aeronautical Institute, Dallas, Texas. Good luck, Margie!

We plan a Saturday night dinner meeting for Feb. in Cleveland, the date to be announced in the future.

★ WESTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Elizabeth Foley

Twelve members of the Western Missouri Chapter have completed the standard First Aid Course sponsored by the American Red Cross, and eleven have received certificates for the advanced course.

The group has voted to join the Civil Air Patrol, and applications have been filed by all the members. It is hoped that a women's squadron can be organized to fly from the Kansas City Municipal Airport. Plans are being perfected for this work. The entire group of 99's expect to attend a ground school being held in conjunction with the local organization of Civil Air Patrol.

At the regular dinner meeting held this month, the members planned to try to increase the membership of this chapter by giving a dinner honoring all local women flyers who are eligible for membership.

Two members have raised their ratings: Jewell Stanton recently passed her flight test for an instructor's rating, and started work as an instructor at a local hangar; Iris Heillman successfully passed the examination for third class radio telephone. Several others plan to take this examination in the near future.



TEXAS CHAPTER

By Abbie Haddaway

The Texas Chapter of the 99's has been in existence just one year on February 8th. On that day there will be a big anniversary meeting at the Texas State Hotel in Houston. This Chapter was started last year in Dallas with 14 members. It now has 50.

At the last state-wide meeting in Austin the early part of January, there were twenty girls present and two new members were signed up. All members were furnished with their applications in the Civil Air Patrol and were urged to get them in as soon as possible. Several of the members have gotten their First Aid certificates and some are ready to take their 3rd Class Radio tests.

For the girls who are finding it difficult to keep up their time and for the ones who want to learn to fly, but have not had the money, Mrs. Abbie Haddaway has formed a group called the Texas Wing of Women Fliers. This organization offers a time-payment plan for the purchase of flying time. Twenty hours or fifty hours can be bought in a block with a very nominal sum down and a year to pay the balance. The student or pilot, as the case may be, can

fly the entire time up in a month if she is able, and then buy more and refinance the balance over a longer period.

The Texas Wing also gives a ground school course with these flying courses at a very nominal cost.

This training plan is designed to fit every potential woman pilot for some phase of aerial defense participation as quickly as possible. All members of the Texas Wing are required to register in the Civil Air Patrol and as they get more training and experience they are of course capable of a greater service to this defense organization.

Several of the 99's in Texas have already put in a number of hours on this basis and are glad they can better prepare themselves to be of service if called on.

First Aid courses and Third Class Radio are also being taught these girls and we hope to have them all 100% prepared within a very few months. In just one month of organization, the Texas Wing in Dallas has soloed four girls and helped to get a commercial for one.

★ OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Wendy Farmer

We 99'ers in Oklahoma are starting the new year out right by making plans and preparations for the coming spring months as a unit.

At our February meeting on the first, at the El Charia Cafe in Oklahoma City, we discussed the questions and answers we all had ordered for a radio-telephone operator's permit. We're all going to try for it.

Dolly Sauter and her friend Mrs. von Meacham from Clinton were present and immediately Dolly was appointed Vice-Chairman for our group. This came about because of Addie May Porter's succeeding Malcolm Clarke as Chairman. Malcolm's 49½'er was sent to Miami Florida and naturally Malcolm went right along. Even though we'll miss her we hope the Florida Chapter will take her under their wing and treat her royally.

Margaret Tolsted joined us from Chicago and eagerly undertook the duties of Secretary to replace Marie Voter of Enid who withdrew because of her new duties as Secretary at the new Enid air base. Margaret then attached a 49½'er by name of Mark Hanna and moved to Edmond.

Paula Ruth Loop returned recently from her expedition to New Jersey to bring back a brand new Luscomb for her boss.

We plan to have Moss Patterson, State Wing Commander of the CAP, speak to us at our next meeting. Hellon Gandy, Addie May Porter, and Wendy Farmer have sent in their applications for the CAP and are still asking detailed questions about what they can do.

Paula Ruth is also inviting a couple of trainees to our meeting from the Ponca City School for the R.A.F.

Hellon has been getting additional hours in on a Luscomb out at the new private airport of Clyde Nuckols.

We are planning a regional convention for April and want to make a whole week-end of it. No, I don't think, even if we don't have a large number, that we in Oklahoma are letting anything slip by us.

★ SOUTHERN LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Marion Schorr

At our last meeting we checked on First Aid certificates and Radio Licenses and by now at least half the members of our chapter should have acquired both.

That last meeting was surely a "dandy" - as are all the others held at the home of President Maxine Bennett. And you can be sure that we were glad to see Fanny Leonpacher, Jean MacRae and Yvonne Stafford who drove over from Lafayette. By the way, Yvonne is one of our "brand new" members along with Verne Hibbard. A big welcome to you both.

Although I know she is rather disappointed having to give up that stay in Nassau, we are happy to learn that Virginia Taylor is remaining with us in the U.S.A.

I know there will be some real news after that February meeting - especially since our out-of-town members are planning to "Stay for Breakfast".

★ NORTHERN LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Frances Hodges

All of us are ready to fly again now that we have our identification cards. Most of the Civil Air Defense Applications have been sent in.

At our meeting at Shirley Simmons' January 14 Annie Claire Young gave a very interesting review of the book "Soaring Wings" by George Putnam. Annie Claire also presented the chapter with a scrap book. On the first page of it her brother has drawn a compass rose.

We are glad that Irene Beene's son is a few months old now and she is able to be with us again.

For our meeting in March we are looking forward to having Fanny Leonpacher with us.

★ COLORADO CHAPTER

By Sylvia Powell

At our last meeting held in Denver, we missed the 99'ers from Pueblo, but we are looking forward to seeing them again at our next meeting to be held in Colorado Springs.

Ruth Woodsworth and Sylvia Powell are teaching Navigation under the American Women's Volunteer Service as part of our plan to aid National Defense. Alice Spann has obtained her Ground Instructor's rating. Several of the members have already received their Red Cross First Aid Certificates, and others are planning to take the course.

We have truly lost Jane Nettleblad who has joined her 49½'er in Oklahoma, but as the saying goes "one's loss is another's gain", and Jane is certainly a welcome gain.

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★ ARKANSAS CHAPTER

By Virginia Rayburn

We welcomed a new member at our meeting of Jan. 18 (at my place in Little Rock) - Mary Hables, a transfer from the Bay Cities, California Chapter. She has just about all the ground instructors ratings possible and we feel she's a wonderful addition to our group. Her 49½'er, Leslie, is Assistant CAA Inspector for Arkansas. Also, Lucile Critz, a prospective member, was present.

Dorothy Wilcox, our Chairman, was utilizing Mid-term vacation by going to Fort Sill (AH! how our boys are scattered!) and left for that encampment immediately after the meeting. Emma Lou Walden was unable to attend because of a strained back--hope she'll be flying with us next time.

All of us have sent in our applications for CAP and are planning to take, in a group, the 3rd Class Radio Telephone Operator's test at our next meeting, which will be held in the new Administration Building, at Adams Field, February 15.

Again we want to extend an invitation to all 99'ers to attend our meetings when in Arkansas. We have one the third Sunday of every month.



NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

Gertrude C. Brown

The dinner dance was a huge success. 221 were present, and when the net profits were counted there was a total of \$209.18 left over. This will be used as some national project in the name of Amelia Earhart. Johnny Walker, Assistant to the President of United Air Lines, was Master of Ceremonies. Jacqueline Cochran presented Captain Norman Edgar, second in command of the Air Transport Auxiliary in England. Many notables were present, including: Lowell Thomas, Vincent Bendix, Assan Jordanoff, Major Seversky, Zack Mosley, who draws "Smiling Jack", Eric Sloane and of course our notable 99'ers.

Dick Ballou featured the "Song of the Ninety-Nines", and provided a perfect background for the program. "Dome" Harwood won as a doorprize a copy of Dr. Ray's new book "Are You Fit To Be A Pilot". And Eric Sloane gave Dick Ballou an autographed copy of his new book "Clouds, Wind and Air" with a picture of the Cub he soloed, because he could not figure how he got his 6'2", 225 pounds doubled into it. Dancing was until 2:30, and everyone seemed to be happy.

Alma Harwood returned from the Virgin Islands in time for the dance. Jeannette Lempke, our National Treasurer came in for the dance, as did Lulu Shank, Elizabeth McKinley and Jean Howard from Washington. Bettie Thompson and Augusta Roberts came in from Philadelphia.

A call meeting was held January 29 at the Town Hall Club. Over sixty women pilots came to hear Jacqueline Cochran tell of the Organization plans for the American Unit of the Air Transport Auxiliary.

Jeannette Eastman has gone to Albany to work on her instrument rating.

★ CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

By Mary Lee Wilkerson

St. Nicholas - vacation - no news letter report. So belatedly may I say that we spent a most interesting evening December 12th., at Trinity College studying the mysteries of the weather with Earnest J. Christie, Chief Meteorologist of the Hartford Weather Bureau. Many questions relating to cold fronts, icing conditions, ground fogs and temperature inversion were answered by our speaker, better known to most of us as Johnnie Weatherbee. Then too we learned of the upper air analyses being made all over the country to determine what influence the stratosphere has on the weather. At the conclusion of the discussion, we felt much wiser and in sympathy with all meteorologists.

Because of the ever increasing number of pilots, a membership committee consisting of Barbara Parker, Marian Farrell and Bella Heineman was appointed to comb Connecticut for new members. Speaking of new members, may we introduce Stephanie Pollati and Joan Fenderson.

Before adjourning, Nancy Tier - with all her bubbling enthusiasm-- impressed us with the importance of immediately starting an Air Branch to work with the Red Cross.

For January 9th we chose our speaker from the pages of the American Magazine. Yes, J. Floyd Smith, Vice President of the Pioneer Parachute Co. and inventor of the modern rip-cord parachute, conversed with us on the broad subject of "What We Don't know About Parachutes". In his own informal, friendly manner he told us of his early experiences and added interesting phrases to explain the moving pictures showing the packing and testing of parachutes. A specially timed moving-picture camera attached to the whirling test rig showed exactly how the different types and makes of parachutes open. After innumerable questions, the subject of a cocktail party at Edith Descomb's home was introduced.

We are proud to announce that Elise Owen, Alice Shutts and Lois Hollingsworth have their Third Class Operators' License.

Members of the Connecticut Chapter and their friends set aside Friday, February 13th to delve into the secrets of the airplane and engine designers. They were assisted by John G. Lee, Assistant Director of Research at United Aircraft Corp.



NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By Constance M. Sheridan

Daisy Kirkpatrick invited members of the 99's to her home in Marblehead for supper and a January business meeting. Daisy is devoting her entire time to defense work and has interested several of the girls in giving up some of their free time on Saturday and Sunday for the same cause.

Ruth Hamilton and Gertrude Meserve are about ready to take on a new CPTP group. Ruth Ingalls, possessor of a Commercial license and Instructor's rating, was married in January to Mr. Frederick Carl

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Castendyk. They were married aloft in one of the Northeast Airlines planes!

One of the inspectors on duty at the Commonwealth Airport (erstwhile East Boston Municipal) gave an entire evening to the task of reinstating pilots who otherwise would have been unable to get over there for the necessary process before closing time. Miriam Vanderslice contacted dozens of us by phone to tell us the good news and as a result we are enjoying a bit of flying in the areas assigned by GAA.



WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

By Ruth Corinne Vinson

The West Virginia 99'ers were honored January 18, when Lulu Shank, Governor of the Middle Eastern Section, was present at a luncheon given by Mrs. Beulah Stark, President, at her attractive Tyler Mountain home.

Casualty of the evening occurred when Lulu, forgetting that time marches on, missed her plane home. Consequently, a 99'er had to substitute a puffing old choo choo in the place of a graceful bird of the airways. A sad blow for Miss Shank, but the extra time received by the 99'ers was a welcome treat.

After the luncheon Lu presented to the group, Major Hubert Stark, whom we officially recognized as our 49½'er. We are grateful for his splendid cooperation and help.

"Help Defend America," is our motto at the present time, and the adding of two new members, Marion Poe, Parkersburg, and Martha Swearingen, Huntington, will further strengthen this pledge.

The meeting of the Civil Air Patrol, headed by Col. Evans, organizer of the CAP in this area, Jan. 27, was well attended by 99'ers.

We are devoting our efforts in cooperation with Mr. Giltinan, State Wing Commander of the CAP in the formation and organizing of civilian flyers for National Defense.

The next meeting of West Virginia 99'ers will be held at Parkersburg, Sunday, March 15th.

* EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER By Doris Stansbury

Our January meeting was held on Sunday, January 25 at the Lancaster Airport, Lancaster, Pa., with Helen Jones playing hostess to eight of us. After comparing notes we found—that Bea Hymen was the first in our chapter to get a third class radio operator's license.

Bettie Thompson and Augusta Roberts renewed old acquaintances at the St. Regis Hotel Dinner-Dance of the New York, New Jersey Section—That Helen Jones besides flight instructing CPT students, also finds time to participate in home air defense.—That all of us expect to do our bit for the C.A.P.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 15 at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, at which time Bea Hymen will entertain us with motion pictures and candid shots she has been taking of us for the past year.



FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Evelyn McRae

Your reporter is hanging her head in shame over her failure to send in the news last month, only excuse being these hectic days of war. Blame the Japs! And the month before went begging as our report had to be delayed, it being entirely about the Air Maneuvers, which were unhappily cancelled. Again blame the Japs! But Florida carries on, and we are all very busy down here on defense work, working for higher ratings - spending much time standing in line for finger prints, etc.

Marion Bertram, our Chairman, is flying the Culver several hours every day, in preparation for her commercial. Lorna Simpson should be the holder of that Instructor's rating as this goes to press. Yours truly is under the hood every day now but it's a long hard road to the Instrument rating.

A letter from Vera Self states she is teaching a class of First Aid to 41 women over in Sarasota, besides holding down her job at the hospital, and being very active in the Aerial Nurses Corps, and flying between times. How she ever finds time to write letters too, is a mystery.

We were honored by visits from Alma Harwood on her way North from the Virgin Islands, Bettie Thompson of Philadelphia, who came down to see if we did have barbed wire on our beaches! (Didn't see any, did you Bettie?) Ursula Parrott was down, and Clare Livingston is still here waiting for permission to fly the Stinson across to her island.

Alma, Clare and yours truly, enjoyed a chat over luncheon at the Chateau, near the Airport one day. We saw Arlene Davis's Spartan parked out here at Municipal and are hoping to see her to say Hello.

Our January meeting was held at the Shell Room of the Miami Colonial Hotel, January 25. After luncheon we got down to serious business. Member Dr. Margaret Williams is organizing a First Aid Course for Chapter members. Two nights a week at her office. Florida is proud of the enthusiasm and whole-hearted participation of all its members in the Civil Air Patrol which is going ahead fast down here. 99'ers hold high offices in all the squadrons formed.

CAA REGULATIONS REGARDING PREGNANCY

Section 20.37 of the Civil Air Regulations is amended to read as follows:

OPERATION DURING PHYSICAL DEFICIENCY.

"A certificated pilot shall not operate any aircraft during the period of any known physical deficiency which would render him during that period unable to meet the physical requirements with which he complied in order to secure his certificate: Provided, however, that holder of at least a private pilot certificate may operate an aircraft otherwise than for hire during the period of a temporary phy-

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sical deficiency if the aircraft is equipped with fully functioning dual controls and the other control seat is occupied by another pilot who holds at least a private pilot certificate. The time during which the aircraft is so operated may be included in the time necessary for renewal of the certificate of the pilot having the temporary physical deficiency."

A pregnant woman may continue to pilot aircraft under the above conditions and to log her time so long as her pilot certificate is effective. If her pilot certificate should expire during the period of her pregnancy, it may not be renewed until after the pregnancy is terminated.

(Signed) W. R. Stovall, M. D.

Chief, Aviation Medical Division

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(as set forth in ss. 20.34 (c)) for periodic endorsement of a private pilot certificate with such ratings.

(c) The holder of an expired limited-commercial or commercial pilot certificate may secure a new certificate of the same grade, and with the ratings previously held.

(1) If application is made within 90 days after the expiration of his certificate, by showing that, as of the date of application, he has met the requirements (as set forth in ss. 20.34 (d) or (e)) for periodic endorsement of the certificate with such ratings;

(2) If the application is made within one year after the expiration of his certificate, by meeting the requirements specified in paragraph (1) and, in addition, passing the flight test prescribed for such a certificate and ratings.

Provided, however, that no new limited-commercial pilot certificate issued under this subsection shall be or remain effective beyond May 1, 1942.

(d) No endorsement shall be made under subsection (s) of this section and no new certificate shall be issued under subsections (b) or (c) of this section if the pilot certificate expired while it was the subject of a revocation or suspension proceeding or expired because of the refusal of an inspector to endorse.

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