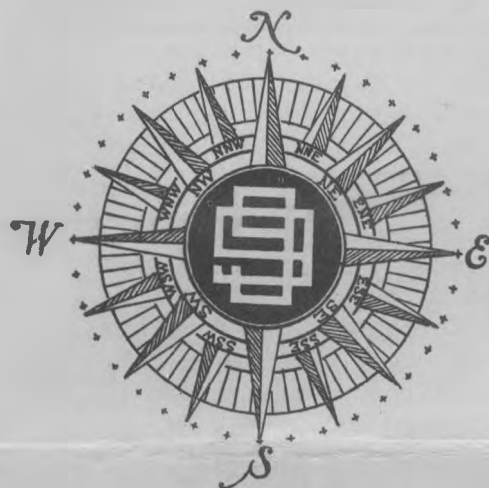


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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I want to thank all the 99'ers who have written to me the past month. If any of you have suggestions as to what else you think the News Letter should include or add, in the way of news items or columns, I wish you would write me. I also would like to thank former Editor Mary Nicholson and 99 H.Q. Secretary Miss May Arnold for "soloing" your new Editor in her duties. If the first landing is a bit "bumpy" please bear with me for another "check flight".

Bettie Thompson, Editor

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AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Is this the information you are seeking?

1. All funds are to be sent to the Treasurer, Jeannette Lempke, 1111 E. Genesee Ave., Saginaw, Michigan.
2. Banks have been sent out to Chapter Chairmen.
3. Chapter Chairmen have been requested to appoint a captain to distribute the banks, collect same, keep a list of all members having banks, amount collected by each, etc.
4. Application blanks have been sent to Governors and Chapter Chairmen. Girls should not make application unless they need assistance and have over 200 hours of solo flying.

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DO YOU HAVE A 99 PIN FROM HEADQUARTERS?

If you haven't yet ordered a 99 gold pin we would like to see you sporting one soon. It makes it easy to locate a member when we buzz into a strange field and also makes us feel at home in a hurry. They cost only \$1.10 but they give \$50. worth of pleasure seen pinned on someone's jacket when we're 300 miles from home. CHAPTER CHAIRMEN, how many of your members have pins? Which Chairman will be the first to notify the Editor that ALL of the members of her Chapter have 99 pins?





NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

WESTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Elizabeth Foley

99'ers in this section are taking a leading role in the CAP activities. They have completed 12 hours of drilling under the direction of Army Air Corps officers who have been devoting two hours each week to this work. All the girls are in uniform and present a trim appearance in formations. A code test will be taken on May 9. These girls have had a part in every mission of CAP.

At a breakfast meeting held Apr. 20, several new officers were elected. Grace Harris became Vice Chairman, succeeding Helen Hayward who is the new Chairman. Marie Page was elected Membership Chairman replacing Florence Winslow, and La Von Davis became Publicity Chairman, replacing Mrs. Page. Plans were completed for a picnic on May 23 for 99'ers, 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'ers and their friends. At the same time several money raising schemes were discussed.

Doris Freeman, our newest 99'er, has been transferred to the U. S. Engineers Office in Omaha. Omaha members please take notice.

Verna Burke has transferred from St. Louis to Kansas City and is taking an active part in the Kansas City Airport activities.

Recent 99'ers visiting at this airport were: Ruth Nichols, May 3; Virginia Young of Columbia, Mo., May 5; Mildred Herth of St. Louis, Apr. 20.

Several local 99'ers plan to attend the Section Meeting in Chicago on May 17.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Bertha Topping

Considering the fact that the Navy Day Booster Meeting was held in Fort Wayne, Apr. 19, our meeting at Indianapolis turned out to be very successful. Madge Rutherford and Patty Shea were the hostesses. Madge was kind enough to have us at her beautiful home, where we had a wonderful lunch. Patty met us at the Sky Harbor Airport and piloted us to Madge's abode. Betty Folsom and her guest flew to the meeting in her Fairchild. Marie Thompson and Helen Daniels came in Marie's Stinson. Your reporter flew her trusty old Cub Coupe.

It has been decided that the Indiana Chapter of 99'ers will choose the pattern of the CAP uniforms which are to consist of slacks, skirt and shirt; in that way all will be alike.

At the last meeting we decided that Helen Daniels would sponsor the "Petticoats" and Margaret Libby will be Chairman of the Ind. group of "Petticoats". We hope that each "Petticoat" will eventually become a 99'er.

Since our Section Meeting is scheduled for May 16 and 17, we decided not to have a Chapter meeting in May. The June meeting will be held in South Bend at Bendix Airport. We hope everyone who possibly can will show up at South Bend.

Everyone is busy on CAP drilling, flights, First Aid and Third Class Radio work.

Hope to see you all at South Bend in June.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Jerry Truesdale

Last month your Reporter failed (in more ways than one) hence there was no article. However we hope to redeem ourselves(?) at the meeting on May 6 by showing up with all the necessary accoutrements.

The CAP has us all going strong. We don't know of a member who isn't giving at least one night a week, usually 2, or 3, or 4, to CAP. Several of our members have flown on missions and enjoyed them tremendously.

Our next Section meeting will be held at Joliet, May 23 and 24, and we hope that lots of you 99'ers will be there. Our Joliet members have promised to set the town on fire, if necessary, to show all visiting 99'ers a fine time, so be there by all means.

Lola Sweetwood Smith, formerly of Joliet, is back in the fold, and we certainly are glad to have her. She is at present working hard in the CAP office at Joliet.

Guess that's all for now. The rest's a "military secret".

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Helen A. Montgomery

To wind up our series of lectures on engines, on Apr. 12 Prof. Hirsch of the Univ. of Mich., gave us all an opportunity to disassemble a small aircraft engine. There was quite a gathering for this meeting, and everyone lent a hand and demonstrated her mechanical ability.

Following dinner and a business meeting at the Mich. League, our 99'ers gathered around a portable radio and listened to a quiz program in which two of our members, Alice Hammond and Mabel Britton, were contestants.

Doris Buzzard and her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er, Dr. Buzzard, gave an interesting account of a recent trip to Fla. in their Taylorcraft.

Eloise Smith was absent from the meeting, but for a good cause. She was helping to re-cover the Aeronca she flies.

For the first time we laid eyes on that interesting little bit of prose, "Flying Grandma or Going Like Sixty", which is an account of Mrs. Rufus' flying experiences and her autobiography. Needless to say, we are especially proud of our Chairman for authoring that book.

Next month we are looking forward to flying to Lansing for our meeting, at the invitation of Babe Weyant.

ALL OHIO CHAPTER

By Helen Coates

Because we had no news in the Mar. issue I want to report the grand Mar. meeting held at the home of Mrs. Jean Gundelfinger, Cleveland. We welcomed two new members at this meeting - Barbara Ann Sarles and Kay Kirkman. After the business meeting was completed a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

We have been so busy with CAP that we decided not to hold an Apr. meeting. CAP members of the Cleveland area have been flying for one of the defense committees of the City of Cleveland. Many of the same 99'ers of CAP flew during the War Bond Parade there on May 1.

Our Chairman, Florence Boswell, during her travels over the state in the interest of Civilian Defense, met Barbara Selby at Martins Ferry, O. Barbara is there on her new job with the Daily Times.

Mary King finally got her plane back from overhaul and is in the air again.

Thelma Kennedy, who has been working for Taylorcraft in Alliance, O., has left us to go with her new 49½'er to Indiana, where they will live.

Your Reporter also added a 49½'er to our group in Mar. His name is Don Coates.

Marian Coddington is getting over those operations and convalescing nicely.

Our next meeting will probably be held the latter part of June. We hope by that time our CAP classes and meeting will have abated somewhat.



SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

ARKANSAS CHAPTER

By Virginia Rayburn

Arkansas reporting again. All but one of our members have taken restricted radio permit exams. Our Apr. meeting was held a few days early because the FCC man was here. We had the largest attendance in our history.

Also several of us are working on Morse Code now. At the rate we're going we'll be up to at least 12 words a minute, in less than two more weeks.

Our Chairman, Dorothy Wilcox, is Honorary Major for the ROTC unit at Ark. State, and she brought her 49½'er-to-be, a 1st Lt. from Ft. Sill. Guess she showed him who ranks, with those maple leaves on her shoulders.

We'll have 100 per cent membership in uniforms before the next meeting — we've already been fitted for our CAP uniforms. Lucille Brown is the only one to rate "pinks". She's Group Adjutant down in the S.E. corner of the Wonder State.

The 15th Annual Ark. Air Tour will start May 22 and extend through May 24. Pilots from surrounding states are cordially invited to participate.

Election of officers for the Ark. Dawn Patrol Assn. was held Apr. 26 in Texarkana, and we now have a 99'er as Sec. (and I just have to brag a bit because I'm so proud of being the first woman to hold an office in said Patrol). CAA Inspector Bill Berry (Ark. and La.) is President.

Mary Hables is teaching CAP Little Rock Squadron No. 2 class in map reading, nav. and meteor., and doing a bang-up job, I know. I'm one of her students.

Several of the Ark. girls would like to get jobs as Traffic Control Operators, some have passed the Civil Service exam. for "Trainee", but we've heard nothing further. If any 99'er knows how it's done, or know of any women doing it, please let us know. We're not only curious; we're downright worrying about it. Let's Keep 'Em (Japs) Frying!

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The South Central Section Meeting will be held
at Lubbock, Texas, May 31.

Governor Beatrice J. Mack.

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NEW ENGLAND SECTION

NEW ENGLAND REPORTS

By C. M. Sheridan

In Apr. Hortense Harris was hostess to the New England Section of the 99's at her charming home in Quincy. About 15 99'ers were able to accept her cordial invitation. They enjoyed a grand buffet supper and a most pleasant visit with A. E. Fund Chairman, Alma Harwood, and Alma Heflin, Cub test pilot and guest of Mildred Maury, a pilot from Wilbraham.

Everyone was having such a good time it was difficult to get down to the regular business which was mainly the discussion of CAP activities, also the affiliation of 99'ers here with the Disaster Relief Section of the Red Cross. Regarding that, you remember that last year Marjorie Davis, our Vice Gov., was instrumental in having the New England Section affiliate with them. Have any other Chapters tried it? If you are in doubt as to how to go about it, write to Marjorie Davis, 25 Deaconess Road, Brookline, Mass. She'll give you all the necessary information.

Moya Mitchell, Charlotte Bassett and Anne Cutler are active members of CAP's Beverly section. They've had some flying problems and are going to classes in radio and First Aid. Majorie Taylor is in CAP's Norwood group and they are now interested in 'chute packing procedure. Florence Gates and Marjorie Davis are with CAP's Revere Airport group.

All 99'ers here miss Nancy Love. She is working with the Ferry Command in Wash.

Jean Adams Cook was in Boston the other day making plans for re-opening Nantucket Airport which she will manage. She has also been at the Listening Post on the Island, standing her turn.

Mildred Maury will direct the working of the field at Martha's Vineyard.

Miriam Vanderslice is considering a position in Ark., at E. W. Wiggins military field. She has been busy closing their base at Providence and opening one at New Bedford. 'Til next month!



MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Doris Stansbury

The 99'ers in this Chapter flew or drove in from various parts of Pa. and Del. for a well attended and lively meeting at the Boulevard Airport, Philadelphia, Pa., on Sun., Apr. 26.

We were happy to welcome the following prospective members: Alice Robbins, J. Ford, Eliz. Sheldon, Irene Gregory, Pat Reynolds, Ruth Shafer, and Eleanor Groh. Also welcomed were the following guests: Lucile Donovan, Marge Jordan, Madeline Smith, L. Mucci, Dot LaFitte, and N.Y. Section member Alice du Pont Mills. Hats off to Augusta Roberts of Del., who brought up six new girls.

Highlights of the meeting were the "Sight Unseen" Auction held for raising money for the A.E. Fund. Our 99'ers had a wonderful time bidding for the attractively wrapped packages, which were the idea and handiwork of Chairman-Hostess Bettie Thompson. The gross returns, amounting to \$17.50, were turned over at once to Fund Chairman Alma Harwood. Since the idea worked so successfully for us, other Chapters might try it for the A.E. Fund. It's an absolutely painless way of extracting money. We also expect to do even better with our penny banks.

All 99'ers in our Chapter are enrolled in CAP although activities have not yet begun for us on a large scale in this sector.

Bea Hymen, Acting Sec.-Treas., is learning the ins and outs of radio, and she also will soon be trying for her commercial ticket.

Congratulations to Bettie Thompson on assuming the News Letter Editorship. There's no stopping the gal. Also this Chapter is exhibiting understandable pride in the fact that Helen Jones, Lancaster, and Vice Chairman Cath. Slocum, and Betsy Ross (now N.Y.) are among the famed in "Women With Wings".



SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Bird Eaton

Due to circumstances beyond her control, Cornelia Wolfe, our Reporter cannot continue through this year, so yours truly will put forth her best efforts to pinch hit for Cornelia.

The Chapter had regular meetings prior to Dec. 7. Since then, due to flying restrictions, tires, etc., our meetings have not been so regular. However this does not mean that Car. 99'ers have been idle. A majority of our 30 members have radio licenses, and although "cramped" in the air, we have run the gamut of instructions from pressure points in First Aid, magneto points in Motor Corps mechanics, to 3-point landings in CAP flight missions.

Space prohibits mentioning all members who deserve recognition, so we'll begin with Nell Behr, S.E. Sec. Gov., who recently returned from 5 weeks in Fla., where she took the 3 Behr cubs to see Popper Behr with the Ferry Command. She reports much activity among the girls in Fla. Chap., especially in CAP and Red Cross. Nell got back in time to attend our Apr. meeting in Charlotte. She has things going at Behr Port. With 49½'er Howard away, she's not only Deputy Sheriff but also in charge of sales of parts and planes from "puddle jumpers" to Wacos and Stinsons.

Jessie Woods, our Chairman, is helping her 49½'er operate ground schools at Rock Hill and Laurens, S.C., assisting in CAP and practising for comm. flight test. Orchids to Jessie. More about other members later.

We were invited to meet the Car. Aero Club of Apr. 18 at Cannon Airport, Charlotte. We had a splendid meeting. Jessie presided. It was decided to have sectional meetings through N. and S. Car. on the third Sun. of each month and have fewer Chap. meetings thruout the year. A Chairman of each section will be appointed to call meetings.

Dot Scarborough was appointed Penny Bank Captain. Nell Behr suggested 99'ers here help Boy Scouts collect rags, paper, tin cans. Bessie Stover of Lancaster, S.C., and Miriam Sheldon, Greensboro, N.C., are our two newest members.

Louise Smith flew her Stinson in from Greensboro. After the meeting the Char-

lotte and other state CAP Squadrons drilled in uniform before Col. Harry H. Blee of Wash., D.C., Maj. George Nolan, and Wing Commander J. P. Horner of Asheville. Four 99'ers from Charlotte took part: Lucille Brokenbough, Betty Hamilton, Dot Scarborough and yours truly. After the drill, Joe Cunningham and J. Cannon served a barbecue followed by an "apron dance".

Four members have transferred: Marie Conner to Ga., Virginia Sweet to N.Y., Ann Hoyer to Va., and Virginia Yates is now Army Librarian in Puerto Rico. Mail to her should be sent: Care Miss Agnes Crawford, Chief Librarian, Puerto Rican Dept., San Juan, P.R.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Evalyn McRae

Fla. Chapter welcomes Gov. Nell Behr who is staying at W. Palm Beach while her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er is stationed there with the Ferry Command. All the girls have met Nell and fallen in love with her immediately. Our Apr. 11th and 12th meeting at Sarasota, was in her honor, and Vera Self, as always, leaned over backwards to provide a wonderful weekend for us. Vera's sister had turned over her lovely home to us as our H.Q., but we spent most of the time on the go, from airport to radio station, where we were on the air for half an hour; then to dinner at the Lido Casino Club on the white sands of the Gulf. Vera had engaged a private dining room for us. We danced till late and enjoyed the company of the Air Corps and RAF pilot officers whom Vera had invited as our escorts. Sun. morn (late) all assembled at the Lido again for our business meeting and lunch. As Miriam Bertram, our Chairman, could not attend, Celeste Dervaes conducted the meeting very efficiently.

Nell urged that we swallow our great disappointment over not being allowed on coastal patrol flying, and that we accept with good grace any jobs our superiors give us, and make ourselves as useful as possible so that, later on, a change in policy may hinge on the fact that we can obey without grumbling. But it is indeed a bitter pill to do ground duty, typing, or clerical work when you know you have the ability to do this vital patrol work, and the time available.

After the meeting we adjourned to the cabana Vera had thoughtfully provided, and got into our bathing suits. A lovely sunburn was had by all!

Near eve we headed towards the airport, Ruth and Mary Clifford leaving first for Lakeland, in their Cub. Celeste, Jeannette Atkinson, Dorothy Ebersbach, in their CAP uniforms, hopped off for Tampa in Dot's Cruiser, followed by your reporter in the Rearwin, flying up to St. Petersburg to pick up a passenger who came across the state for a ride, namely, her mother. Elsie Moore took Jean Phylfe and Gene Reed back to Tampa with her.

Elsie invited us to St. Petersburg for our May meeting.



NORTHWESTERN SECTION

SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

By Laurine Nielson

Will start out by mentioning a new 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er in our 99 midst. He is Larry Abbey whose marriage to Jeannette Gagnon, our member from Huron, took place last month. Abbey is co-pilot for N.W. Airlines. Another member left to join

her 49½'er in Tex. Mrs. Hal Wilcox is now at Coleman where Hal is teaching in an Army contract school.

We had a swell Apr. meeting at Clara Schneider's home in Sioux Falls. Maurine Abrahamson and Willa Wells flew up from Vermillion in a Cub Cruiser. Mrs. Wells, or "Willie", isn't a 99'er yet but will be soon, we hope. Maurine invited S. Dak. 99'ers down to Vermillion for a picnic meeting on May 10. Sounds like fun and we plan to be there.

We're still going strong on CAP work. The Sioux Falls group has finished standard First Aid course and now are awaiting a new course of instruction.

HANGAR LAUGHS

THE HANGAR FLYER

One student on being told not to use houses or livestock barns, chicken houses, etc., as pylons for eights, thought it over and then got in the ship for an hour of solo eights. One hour later he came back with a "swell" grin and announced that he'd done some "swell" eights around some "swell" pylons, but the only thing he couldn't figure was why he had so much drift as he'd wound up five miles from where he'd started. We found out that his "swell" eights around some "swell" pylons had run into difficulty when he'd kept in mind the remark about not using houses, etc., and had picked as "swell" pylons two boats going down the river!

One day a student pilot with three hours solo walked into the airport and announced that he had \$300 to spend for an old airplane. He knew a little about flying but nothing about the plane he wanted to buy. One of the pilots got out the underpowered 12-year old "flying brick" in question, put the would be owner in beside him, and took off. The old plane took up the whole field, wished its way over the wires, scraped up an acquaintance with an oak tree, went around the field once and came in for a landing. The would be owner made a beeline for his car and drove away. We asked what he'd said to our pilot. "Well", replied our pilot who never wasted any words, "I took him up and he said, 'TAKE ME DOWN!'".

We've been told about a plane owner whose ship has such a pronounced "tail flutter" near a stall that said owner has just bought it a membership in that well publicized club "The Tail Waggers Association".

SEND IN THOSE TRUE AIRPORT JOKES

Each month the above column will contain some of those true airport jokes, student "boners", funny experiences, etc., that so often happen at different fields. Send in yours. Mail to the Editor.

Notice - Do NOT send in any jokes from other magazines.



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The Editor

- 1 Type all Chapter news not more than 51 spaces wide, including the blank space between words.
- 2 Underline all Chapter officers' names.
- 3 a - Use 99's where the Club is indicated.
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" reporter's name directly underneath, leaving one blank line between.
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REPORTERS ATTENTION!

In order that the News Letter may be mailed out on time (the 15th of every month) from 99 Wash. H.Q., my copy must be mailed to them on the 9th. This means that all my retyping and rewrite on each column of Chapter news must be completed in FOUR days; from the 5th to the evening of the 8th, in order to get the first mail on the morning of the 9th. Please help me get the News Letter to you on time by seeing that your news reaches me BY THE FIFTH.

Bettie Thompson, Editor