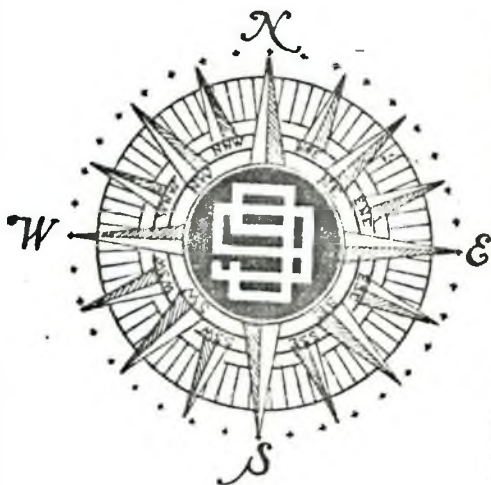


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INTERESTING NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The Executive Committee of the 99 Club has agreed that due to war conditions the annual meeting of the 99's should not be held this year. In reaching this decision we had before us the precedent set by the National Aeronautic Association, the American Legion and numerous other national organizations. Transportation difficulties by private plane, or other substitute means, and the fact that most of the members are busily engaged, directly or indirectly, in the war effort, convinced the Committee of the soundness of this conclusion.

In due course arrangements will be made for the annual election of officers and for the transaction of such formal business as should be brought before the members for decision. The Nominating Committee is already preparing for the election.

About 275 new members have been added during the present fiscal year to date. The Club's membership is now about 925.

Since last July I have been almost continually engaged in working on the problem of the woman pilot's proper and most effective place in the war program,—first working with our War Department and since the latter part of 1941 with the British authorities.

In January I was able to announce that with the consent of the various authorities I was organizing a contingent of American women pilots to go to Great Britain and serve as a part of the Air Transport Auxiliary. This work has been carried through on schedule but until the last few days no facts concerning the work or the girls could be divulged, due to military restrictions. Now, however, I am free to give you some pertinent information.

In answer to my request for volunteers, I received within a few days close to 200 applications. Not more than 25 were to form the first contingent, and for purposes of flying and physical tests to be given by the British authorities, I chose from among the first applicants approximately 40 who had the necessary number of hours of flying. These selected applicants receive their tests in groups and already a substantial part of them are in Great Britain and at work.

I have been in Great Britain for the last three months, getting these women pilots "into harness", and organizational problems worked out. In addition I have been taking with the others the various transition courses which led up to actual ferrying work. It is my great pleasure to tell you that these girls are doing very well. I'm proud of them.

Some of the girls who were initially selected failed to pass the rigid physical tests. In one or two cases they did not measure up to the minimum

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NORTH WESTERN SECTION

NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

By Lois Kirk

We N.Dak. 99'ers haven't been heard from in some time -- largely because we are now so scattered that it is hard for us to get together. But at Easter, when your News Letter correspondent was home for the holidays, we all got together long enough to check up on the doings of our fellow 99'ers.

Kathryn McEnroe is taking advanced work in aviation ground and air, out in Calif. She has been there since last Sept. Our Chairman, Betty MacKenzie, has been holding the fort at Fargo Airport, getting flying time in here and there, and helping keep books for one of the flying schools located in Fargo. So far, she is the only one of our N. Dak. Chapter to enlist in CAP.

Lois Kirk has been away at school and has been unable to do any flying because her license has not been re-instated since the war began - she has met all the requirements but one - she hasn't had a picture taken with her ears showing!

Lorraine Nelson has not been doing any flying for some time because she was awaiting the arrival of N. Dak.'s first "24 and 1/4". Howard Frederick Nelson arrived on Apr. 7, 1942.

That's all the news from windy N. Dak. prairie-land until summer gets here and we can all get together again to map out bigger and better plans for our Chapter for the summer months.



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

IOWA CHAPTER

By Barbara Hudson

Iowa reporting. Though we have been absent from the News Letter, I hope we are not forgotten. We have been busy just the same. In fact, almost too busy to give you the tip-off. Your Iowa reporter is participating in the speeded-up war program by going straight through the summer at the University of Iowa. I have taken time off, however, to cross-country home to Fort Dodge. I felt like quite a fledgling but it was fun. I wanted to try my wings up to Minneapolis but the weather didn't cooperate.

May 24th saw the Chapter gathering at the Grace Ransom Tearoom in Des Moines. The decision was made to have monthly meetings during the summer, to take advantage of the flying weather. The third Sunday in June will see us in Des Moines again. So all out, Iowa 99'ers, for the June meeting.

Everyone is now busy in CAP, - first aid, radio, military, and what have you. Margaret Swendsen, prexy, and Lavina Lippincott are in positions at the Des Moines weather bureau as observers. Congratulations! Margaret, also, has six more parachutes to pack before she can get her parachute rigger's license. That's the way, Marg. Several of the girls are expecting to get their restricted operator's licenses. It's all out for action.

Guests at the Des Moines meeting were: Mrs. Barclay, wife of a CAA inspector, hailing from the Pennsylvania Chapter. Welcome! Helen Johnston came home for a visit, from the Army Air Base at Birmingham, Ala.,

where she is stationed with her captain. Lucille Bryson and Ada Kolb from Boone, prospective members, flew in for the meeting. Celia O'Neil, from Iowa City, flew in with her 49 1/2'er. Other guests were Charlotte Helm and June Braun of Des Moines. All were prospective members.

So there's the up-to-the-minute news from Iowa. Keep 'em flying!

EASTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Mary Raymon

Our last meeting was held at Shirley Souttar's pretty new house, where we welcomed new members Mildred Hirth and Marcelline Price. We planned a meeting and swimming party to be held at Billie Gallagher's home and pool on July 1.

Everybody still working like little old beavers on the CAP. We have finished and passed 100% our First Aid and are over half way through the required drill hours. In the general inspection of last Sunday, our Squadron won the big silver cup.

Helen Hayward and her 49 1/2'er flew her Silveraire in on Sunday and visited with us for a short time, and got us all caught up on the K.C. gossip. Come again and stay longer, Helen.

As it is customary for the wife to go where the husband goeth, and she went and got married last week, Beryl Edwards has moved to Burbank, Calif. She is now Mrs. Darnow Smith. Her 49 1/2'er is a new co-pilot for TWA.

Odette Rasch has been appointed Membership Chairman to fill the vacancy left by Verna Burke when she moved to K.C. Mygolly! If our gals continue to get married and move away I don't know what we will do. Why don't some of you from other chapters marry St. Louis men and move here? After all, turn about is fair play. Jeannette Bratton has also moved to K.C. with her 49 1/2'er, who is a pilot with TWA. We miss her very much.

Adele Scharr has been appointed flight instructor for Private Fliers of America, and is based at their airport in St. Charles.

Laura Sellinger flew to Kaskaskia with her beau a short time ago and had an experience making what she considered a medium turn in sudden unexpected instrument weather. She was a busy young lady for a few minutes until the ground again came in sight. She's all for an instrument rating now.

WESTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Elizabeth Foley

Western Missouri Chapter has subjugated its activities to the Civil Air Patrol this month in order that members might devote more time to CAP work. Nearly all have passed the seven word per minute code test and are working toward twelve. In every CAP mission the 99'ers pilot several planes, and are out in front in all the ground work. Night landings are the next goal, already achieved by a few members.

This Chapter has sent members into several important positions previously, and this month we give you word that Adele Delaney recently started work in the Kansas City office of Airway Traffic Control, the first woman to achieve this position. Four other members of this Chapter will join her in this work within the next few days.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Jerry Truesdall

We are recovering from one of the best Sectional meetings ever. The turnout at our meeting in Joliet on May 16 and 17 was gratifying, to say the least. They came from all directions, by plane, train, bus, etc. At 4 P.M. there was a tour of the State Prison at Stateville, and at 6:30 a cocktail party at the

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Hotel Louis Joliet, given by the Texas Company. Dinner was at 8 o'clock, and the business meeting followed, presided over by Governor Belle Helzel.

Civil Air Patrol was one of the most discussed subjects and members from the various states told what had been accomplished in their Squadrons. Some seemed to progress more rapidly than others, but the general trend seems to be toward completion of the various Training Directives. Uniforms provided an interesting bone on which to gnaw.

It was interesting, too, to learn at dinner, how many hours the different members have, type of license, etc. Maude Rufus, from Michigan, had everyone in a dither over her book, "Flying Grandma, or Going Like Sixty", and there just weren't enough to go around.

After breakfast Sunday morning, most of us drove to Chicago Municipal for a Link Trainer demonstration at American Airlines, then we disbanded for the next six months. In all 42 99'ers attended the meeting and we want to thank each one of them again for coming. We were delighted to have you all. And thanks to Paddy Adelmann for being such a super Chairman.

Several of our members took part in Memorial Day parades in and near Chicago and now feel slightly better prepared for the "Big Parade" on United Nations Day, June 15th, in Chicago. Some of us have "tracked" for gunners at a certain middle west Army post, and two participated in a simulated air raid on a nearby town. Others are having formation practice, message pickup, bombing, etc., along with the regular drill and classroom subjects in the evening.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Dorothy Evans Bryant and Elsie Peters

The most important announcement we have to make is a new member of our family. Arlene Beard reports she has selected air-minded parents Melba and William, with a birthday of Apr. 29, 1942.

One of our former members, Dorothy Cretney, is the new manager of the Cherryland Airport at Sturgeon Bay. We are all very happy and certain she will be most successful.

Graduating from the Univ. of Wis. this year is our Chapter Chairman, Mary Belle Ahlstrom. She has accepted the position of research chemist with a fellowship at the Univ. of Wis. Mary Belle also has the use of an Aeronca Chief which she used to go back and forth from her home in La Crosse. She is taking advantage of it to help with the CAP scrap salvage survey in Dane County.

The Sectional meeting at Joliet came just at the time of final exams so the only one to make the trip was yours truly. Even though I arrived too late for the meeting, I enjoyed seeing the girls and chatting with those I knew. My own flying is to include a trip to Boston about the middle of the month.

Barbara Fisher is another lucky member as she is leaving for Washington, D.C., to work in the War Department. Barbara also graduates from the Univ. of Wis. this year. With all members out of town we are bound to have a quiet summer for the Chapter. Caroline Pandolfi, Treas., and Jenna Crawford have both gone home for the summer vacation. However, those of us who are still here in Madison will keep on with our CAP activities and do as much as we can.

We missed sending in our news last month. Caroline Iverson has resigned from the Chapter as she has taken a position as aviation researcher with Life, Time, and Fortune. She is making her H.Q. in New York and hopes to meet some of the 99'ers there. She says she will be lonesome, so look her up, N.Y.

Dorothy Christenson's 49ther is in the army, and life just hasn't been the same for her since.

We have two new members in our Chapter - Caroline Felling from Madison, Wis., and Margaret Burns, formerly of Miami, Fla. We are glad to have them with us.

Mary Ellen Atwood, who has just graduated from Milwaukee Downer College, is taking a training course in Chicago as a control tower operator. We are planning to fly down to see her often.

Margaret Seip and Elsie Peters flew to Joliet, Ill., to the N. Central Section meeting. Had a grand time and were so happy to visit with 99'ers from nine different states. On the way home we flew to Chicago and saw a Link Trainer demonstration. Right now we are competing with the Army in taking-off and landing at the Gen. Mitchell Field. Lots of activity.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Alice H. Hammond

The Michigan 99'ers emerged from "winter quarters" 14 strong early Sunday morning, May 10th, to fly to Lansing for a delicious breakfast with Babe Weyant as hostess. Babe presented each girl with a gold airplane pin with a "Keep 'em Flying" guard. The three ships from the All-Women's CAP Squadron from Detroit combined business with pleasure by performing 3 CAP practice missions on the way to Lansing that morning!

May 16-17, Gladys Hartung, Faye Kirk, Helen Montgomery and Chairman Maude Rufus journeyed to Joliet, Ill., for the Sectional meeting, while Mabel Britton, Mary Jane Stephens, Jean Pearson, Eileen Wood, Suzanne Hickman, and Alice Hammond stayed home to take part in the CAP Wing maneuvers, that same week end.

On the 27th of May, 25 99'ers, husbands and beaux gathered at Alice Hammond's for a farewell party for Helen and Monty Montgomery. The versatile Helen has accepted an appointment as instructor at the new U.S. Army gliding school at Lamesa, Tex., while Monty will be in charge of the ground crew there. Climaxing an evening of hilarious aeronautical charades devised by erstwhile 99'er Leora Stroup, Helen was presented with a silver identification bracelet, accompanied by bits of "poetry" composed by all those present, a small token of the high esteem felt by this Chapter for one of the finest girls we have known!

Congratulations to Eloise Smith, who annexed an instructor's rating recently, and gave over two hours of instruction the very next day. . . speaking of instructing, Sara Winn is giving the instructors' refresher course at Flint. . . Jeannette Lampke flew to Cincinnati as Saginaw's delegate to the Zonta Club District Conference in May. . . Helen Curtiss dropped in on us during a stopover in Detroit in connection with her Navy job. . . Hortense Harris had time to say "Hello" on her way back to Boston from a visit with her father in Port Huron. . . Caroline Iverson from Milwaukee was another stopover, en route from New York, to take up her new job in aviation research for Life Magazine.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Bertha A. Topping

Instead of a regular Chapter meeting for May, we decided to meet with the Sectional in Joliet, Ill. Everyone there seemed to enjoy meeting all their old friends and making new acquaintances. Your reporter was fortunate in that she was able to get one of Maude Rufus' books, "Flying Grandma or Going Like Sixty", with the author's autograph inscribed on the fly-leaf.

It was gratifying to have so many Ind. girls at the meeting; next to Ill., we had the largest representation.

Everyone here now knows about Patti. She's going to Cincinnati as a control tower operator. The best of luck, Patti, - we're all for you!

At the meeting in Joliet there was much discussion about the CAP uniforms, but no decision was reached. It was thought best to let each state adopt its own pattern. This will undoubtedly remain the case as long as CAP remains a voluntary organization.

We expect to have a big meeting at Bendix Airport this month, so will see you all in South Bend then.

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SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTIONAL MEETING.

By Ziggy Hunter

Plugging for definite assignment in the U.S. war effort, 99'ers and some 50 other women pilots in session at the annual Section meeting at Lubbock, May 30, attacked the problem of getting women flyers an organized place in the country's armed forces.

The group adopted a resolution, pointing out the eagerness of women flyers to serve their country, listing the various services for which their training and experience fits them and attesting to the dead seriousness of their intentions in aviation. The resolution will be sent to authorities in Washington with an appeal that immediate steps be taken to organize airwomen under a setup similar to the WAAC, under the Army Air Corps. Copies of the resolution will be mailed to National Headquarters of the 99's and to other aviation organizations whose cooperation in the movement will be enlisted.

Specifically listed in the resolution as positions in which women can efficiently serve are (1) instructors in ground and flight training, (2) because of training on light planes, as instructors in the Government's new glider program, (3) instructors on Link Trainers, (4) border patrol and observation service, (5) ambulance service, (6) air dispatch and cargo transport, (7) aerial photography, (8) lightplane ferrying. Specialized training for these positions, of course, would be conducted under supervised government instruction. Volunteers for duty would be strictly under military discipline and subject to service anywhere.

If anything comes of this movement, 99'ers will have to get in and pitch and start crusading among their own groups. It'll mean work, work and WORK. No personal glory, just a chance to serve our country. But if that's how you want it, send for a copy of the resolution and instructions on where you can start. Address your communication to Yvonne Fowler, President, Lubbock Femin-Airs, Lubbock, Texas. And send a list of ALL the women flyers of your acquaintance, with their addresses.

GIVE 'ER THE GUN, GIRLS!

The Lubbock Femin-Airs played host to the convention and staged a fish fry, dinner dance, and conducted tour of the Twin-Motor Flying School where a Link Trainer demonstration further convinced the girls there is a place for them in Link instruction.

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Abbie Haddaway

Last week end, May 29-31, 35 airplanes from all parts of the South Central Section, flew into Lubbock, Tex., for a Sectional meeting. Elsewhere in this paper is a story about this meeting, so we, the members of the Texas Chapter, want to take our hats off to our hosts on May 29, 30 and 31. The Ninety-Nines and the Femin-Airs in Lubbock entertained us in a way that will long be remembered as the finest example of "Southern Hospitality" that this writer has ever seen.

On Friday evening there was a fine fish fry at the lake, followed by dancing at the hotel. On Saturday, while still more women flew their crafts into this beautiful Plains country, a delicious, hot, spicy Mexican luncheon was served at the Mexican Inn. Promptly upon completion of this flavorful repast, the girls, 53 strong, were loaded into cars and taken to the Army Advanced Bi-Motored Training Base there. After a very interesting trip around the base (we saw over 50 women mechanics working there, too) every member who wished to do so was given at least 15 minutes on the Link

Trainer with one of the Army Sergeants giving directions by radio to the girl under the hood. For many of us it was the first time, and it sure was fun.

Then followed a brief but well planned and equipped cocktail party. We were all then herded into the ballroom for the banquet of all banquets. After considerable fine food, many speeches, by Lubbock's Mayor, Rea Mack, our Governor, and CAA's Art Hlongren (all very short and to the point but interesting), and a little fun by the Toastmaster, Doc Fontaine of Humble Oil, many of the girls received prizes for various things, such as most timely arrival, longest distance traveled, etc. TWA presented us with a \$25 War bond, which we gave to the Amelia Earhart Fund, and among the many other fine gifts were some luggage, a make-up kit, a crash bracelet, a white leather purse, a vanity, and I can't remember what else. Of course the banquet was followed by a lovely dance, with the officers from the Air Base as the escorts.

After a very successful business meeting of the Section on Sunday, which of course was followed by a grand breakfast given us by Gulf Oil, the girls went their separate ways taking with them a beautiful memory of a wonderful time, leaving behind only their profound thanks and appreciation to the Lubbock girls - both Ninety-Nines and Femin-Airs.

To Mrs. Yvonne Fowler, head of the Femin-Airs, and Mrs. Margaret Fulton, newly elected Secretary of the South Central Section, we all extend our most heartfelt thanks.

The next meeting of the Texas Chapter will be held during Texas Aviation Week, June 20 to 28, at College Station, the home of the Texas Aggies of A. & M. We will probably have our business meeting on the 29th, as the Texas Private Flyers are having their big meet on the 28th. Once again, we invite you all to come see how things should be done, here in Texas. Our July meeting will be under the able guidance of Jimmie Kolp of Electra, during the Texas Private Flyers meeting on July 25 and 26. You are all invited to this, also, and from one Yankee to the rest of the women flyers in the United States, Texas surely knows how to do it right.

ARKANSAS CHAPTER

By Virginia Rayburn

Our May meeting was rather put in a flat spin by the Dawn Patrol -- since there are just about 50 times as many members -- and we had a joint meeting -- 'twas the best of the D.P.'s to date. We visited the "Flying Mayor" (Ernest Bailey of Cabot) at his home -- about 60-odd planes landed in his backyard and were royally welcomed -- and treated to a "sumptuous" breakfast -- starting off with fresh (Cabot) strawberries and cream -- and sugar!

Ark.'s 15th Annual Air Tour (cut to one day's flying because of the War) was dedicated to those of our men in Service--and several telegrams expressing our faith and confidence in and gratitude to those men were sent them. The Tour ended in Hot Springs and several of the 99'ers (and 492'ers) stayed over Sunday for speed-boating on Lake Hamilton -- The Bathtub of the South. (Note to C. of C.: Do I get paid for this?).

Chairman Dorothy Wilcox went to the meeting in Lubbock (is there at present writing, in fact) and we are all on tenterhooks to hear her report--our next meeting will be in Jonesboro, June 21--some time before noon. Here's wishing some of you will drop down out of the skies to join us then.

We're all anxious to have some "NAAC'y" Airwomen--if we can gain enough weight to go. On the lighter side, we Ark. 99's are acquiring the name of "Amazon-aire".

BUY WAR BONDS REGULARLY

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MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Dorothy Broadfield

Honors for a perfect score in CAP's 20 hours of I.D.R., go to Bea Mack, with Belle Hetzel a close second.

Our Chairman, Betty Green, has resigned to be with her Captain 49ther who was called to duty. We miss you, Betty. However, capable Agnes De Haven, our Vice Chairman, is now at the helm to pilot us thro.

Belle Hetzel journeyed to Chicago for North Central meeting, reported a grand time, and that a special attraction for the girls was Link.

Irene Adamson's illness has had her grounded for the past few months.

In spite of headwinds, storms and priorities, Bea Mack, Governor, flew to Lubbock, Tex., and arrived in time to preside at the South Central Section meeting. Reports those people down Texas way out-did themselves for the 99's.

Yours truly, with future 99'er Alice Riss as observer, participated in CAP maneuvers in cooperation with the Nebraska State Guard. Mission was dropping bombs on defenders and doing observation work for invaders; all of which was exciting. P.S. Our side won.

NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Gail Wilbur

I'm pinch hitting for our regular news reporter, Frances Hodges, as she is in Florida, basking in their well known sunshine (or should I say "sonshine", the flying cadet variety?).

Our Apr. meeting was held in the rain (you know Apr. showers bring ---?) at Irene Beene's home across the Red River. All 99'ers of the Chapter were present, and Hazel Morton visited with us.

CAP classes are keeping us fairly busy. We do not like the idea of culottes for CAP uniforms as they are as impracticable as skirts. Slacks are easier to don, give room for plenty of action without those embarrassing moments such as trying to climb in and out of small planes while keeping your skirts down, and we can probably purchase the men's slacks cheaper (regulation army slacks), and we would save the clothing manufacturers the added expense and time of making a special uniform (culottes). I would like to hear your opinion on this "uniform matter", 99'ers. Can't we all get together and save Uncle Sam a little time and material while both are so valuable? ? ?

Irene Beene has been chosen as one of the flight leaders in CAP and we are very proud. All 99'ers in our Chapter are in her group and we hope to be able to do a "little more" with Irene pitching for us.

Several of our group applied for the Link Trainer Instructor's Course offered by the Navy, only to discover that women are not acceptable at the present time. (Heart-broken Shirley Simmons is back teaching school). However, all applicants are put on file for future reference.

Tinfoil for the Shrine Hospital, empty bottles for the Charity Medical Unit, and comic books and cut-outs for the Children's Ward, Charity Hospital, have been turned in by the Chapter.

Iva Blanche Butler gave an interesting review on "Soaring Wings" by George Putnam. Our monthly reports are educational.

Annie Claire Young is studying for her commercial. Smooth flying Anni Margaret Chamberlain keeps us roaring at hangar flying time with the antics of "her" students (she's Sec. for a flying school).

(The above arrived just too late for the May News Letter, but we feel it merits space in this one. Ed.)

NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Shirley Simmons

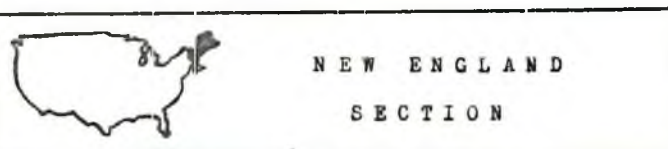
Our regular reporter, Frances Hodges, is still basking in the Miami sun, but will be back with us next month.

After the May business meeting, at the home of Margaret Chamberlain, our chapter devoted itself to a seminar on the subject of "Women in the Field of Aviation during the National Emergency". Several interesting facts were gleaned as to how women flyers are taking part as Flight Instructors, as Ferry Pilots in CAP work, etc.

Irene Beene, Hazel Morton, and Margaret Chamberlain are making plans to fly to the South Central meeting of 99's in Lubbock, Tex., May 29-31. And two of our 99'ers are considering driving over, if their jobs permit getting away in time.

All are still very active in CAP classes. Gail Wilbur and Annie Claire Young have been made Deputy Flight Leaders; Shirley Simmons, an Observer. We hope to be 100% in uniform by our next meeting.

Hangar flying consisted of a Round Table discussion on "The Art of Being Air-sick", with each girl giving her own amusing experience (which at the time it occurred, was not so amusing).



NEW ENGLAND REPORTS

By C. M. Sheridan

The May meeting and dinner of 99's was held again at Fox & Hounds Club. It was a small gathering, about nine members attending. So many of the girls are taking courses in defense work that it is almost impossible to pit upon a night convenient for all. Ruth Hamilton, just about finishing with another CPTP group, managed to be present.

Jean Adams Cook came up from Nantucket Island. Jane Baldwin, a member of the CAP in Revere, is taking a course in Traffic Control. Ann Cutler, a member of CAP in Norwood, has won her O-330 HP certificate and Radio Telephone license. She had a thrilling trip to Jacksonville, Fla., recently, with Daisy and Harry Kirkpatrick. Ann chalked up 12 hours of C.C. experience on that flight.

Marjorie Davis is still waiting to hear from the girls anxious to sign up with the Red Cross Disaster Relief Commission. It's a fine thing, girls!

HANGAR LAUGHS

THE HANGAR FLYER

One of the program students, in a recent ground school class, was asked to write down the names of the four basic types of clouds. The "ground hugger's" answer to the question was neatly printed out: "Stratus, cumulus, nimbus and cypress." The instructor sent the paper back with the notation, "Kind of in the woods with the last answer, aren't you?"

And then there was the pilot whose knowledge (?) of engines caused him to announce a broken rocker arm in this manner: "The knocker arm is broken!"

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METROPOLITAN TRI-STATE

SECTION

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Mary Nicholson and Gertrude Brown

Kingston Airport, N.Y., wishes to report itself all set and hopeful of soon becoming a Designated Airport.

Ruth Franckling piloted two planes back to home base from Fla. No, it wasn't a case of tow-line - but of flying the Cruiser north first, and then ferrying herself back by rail to get the Trainer. The railroad jaunt was the worst phase of the whole business, according to "Francking".

Inspector Davis was scheduled to visit Kingston on Friday, May 8, for re-designation of the airport. Granted his approval, Kingston will resume its place as an active port of the Hudson Valley. We hope to make it a mecca for those private flyers who are finding the metropolitan areas too restricted and overcrowded, and are looking for a weekend in the mountains, with a bit of flying available. All such fellow flyers can depend upon finding a hearty welcome awaiting them at Kingston Airport.

(Special notice: A letter had just been received from Frances Hasbrouck stating that Doremus-Hasbrouck Airport was made a Designated airport on May 19th. Frances says, "We are happy to declare ourselves to be once again very actively back upon the air map and definitely in full flight operations, and ready with hospitality for all those flyers who may want a weekend in the mountains with flying facilities within range. Here at Kingston we are open airport and open house!")

About 35 members and guests attended the monthly meeting at the Town Hall Club, the evening of May 18. After dinner Alma Harwood gave a short resume of the A.E. Fund, and announced that applications were open for an award.

Governor Mary Sansom then introduced the guest speakers. They were: Mrs. Cora Rodgers, associate director of the Women's Division of the Deleahanty Institute, and Mr. W. T. Piper, president of Piper Aircraft. Mr. Piper told of his interesting and humorous experiments with various phases of defense work for the government branches. He is using lots of girls as welders in his plants.

Girls in this Section are busy with all sorts of courses, many in connection with the CAP. Some of the Manhattan 99'ers belong to Group 1, 5th Squadron, ably commanded by Helen's 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er, James Boudreau.

Dr. Clara Gross, flight medical examiner (one of the few women ever to be appointed), has just completed for the group the First Aid Course of the Red Cross.



CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS FOR JR. METEOROLOGISTS

Position pays \$2000 a year, some subprofessional positions will be filled from list resulting from this examination; these will pay from \$1800 to \$1620 per year. WOMEN are particularly desired for these positions. CLOSING DATE: "exams extended until the needs of the service are filled." FILE APPLICATION WITH: Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C.

REQUIREMENTS: 4 years of college leading to a bachelor's degree, including as a minimum: (a) 6 semester hours in college math., (b) 8 semester hours in college physics, (c) 6 semester hours in meteorology. For further information write U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.



MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Doris Stansbury

Penna. CAP's meeting at Black Moshannon, Pa., proved exciting for at least two of our 99'ers. Bea Hymen "dead-sticked" it at Danville, Pa. Ruth Shafer was forced down by an electrical storm. Ruth is a new member who teaches four ground school subjects, and will shortly commence teaching for CAP.

Helen Jones reports that she has her 3rd class radio operator's license, has graduated another Primary CPT class, and is actively engaged in CAP. Yours truly has a First Aid Certificate. Betty Williams is an air hostess in Canada.

Editor Bettie Thompson is now on the "night owl" (12 midnight to 8 A.M.) shift at Phila. Naval Aircraft Factory in the engine shop.

The Chapter welcomes new member Agnes Weiskopf, of Bethlehem, Pa.



SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Bird Eaton

Sunday, May 24th, five of Charlotte's seven 99'ers planned to fly to Greensboro, N.C., for a section meeting and fly off another CAP mission, too. Betty Hamilton in her Cub Coupe, Lucille Brockenbrough in her Cub Cruiser, your Reporter in her Cub Coupe, Dot Scarborough in an Aeronca, and Gwyn Scales in a Cub Trainer. When we met at the airport to file our flight plans, there were some characteristic cold front clouds frowning down on us. In a very short time a 50-mile wind blew us into a huddle. A down-pour of rain automatically cancelled our plans. Up in Greensboro, with perfect weather, Anne Cole, Louise Smith, and Irene Hook, held the meeting. Now we are glad the cold front kept us at home, as Louise has invited us to her home in High Point to spend the day and have lunch, for our June meeting. Louise is a charming hostess and we are looking forward to that meeting.

Anne Cole is assistant manager of the Rufus Flying Service and the Greensboro-High Point airport. From what we hear, Anne keeps things "flying" up there.

Now that school is out for Irene Hook at Elon, N. C., where her physical education classes and her High School band ended the year with flying colors, she plans to "dive" into CAP work.

Neely McCubbins, over in Gastonia, not only teaches in public school but instructs in CAR and Air Navigation at Belmont Abbey on CPT Program and has two Flight Units in the Air Youth Division of N A A. We are proud of our Neely.

Just as soon as Betty Hamilton, of Charlotte, and Betty Dunlap of Rock Hill, S.C., finished their Red Cross Instructors Course, they were handed large classes and, because of their success, they are very much in demand.

Lucille Brockenbrough has a Victory garden with a double V. When her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er was called to Atlanta, she bought for herself a tractor to cultivate her four-acre farm. Practically all her vegetables are coming up, sprouting a "V". Lucille also runs Brocks Air-

plane and parts business, has four children, and takes an active part in CAP.

Two of our members listened to Cupid. Martha Matthews of Charlotte is now Mrs. Stokes N. Munroe, Jr., of Fort Bragg, N.C. Kittie Brownlee of Gastonia is now Mrs. Albert G. Myers, of Gastonia, N.C.

SLACKS, SKIRTS, OR CULOTTIS FOR CAP?

Many of you 99'ers in various sections seem to be discussing the relative merits of plain skirts, culottes and slacks as official CAP uniforms for the women.

Included in this News Letter is a ballot for voting as to your preference on CAP uniforms. FILL OUT BALLOT AND MAIL WITHIN 5 DAYS TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEWS LETTER, Miss Bettie Thompson, 724 North 85th St., Philadelphia, Penna.

The number of votes mailed in and the votes for each type of uniform will be listed and reported to the Civil Air Patrol Headquarters. This ballot is unofficial and will merely be a means of informing the CAP H.Q. of the majority opinion of our women pilots.

The CAP has chosen culottes as the official uniform for women. However, it may be that if a majority appears to favor slacks, CAP may consider the vote worth consideration.

A SMALL VOTE IS AN INDICATION OF LACK OF INTEREST, SO LET EVERY 99'ER CAST HER VOTE IF SHE WISHES TO EXPRESS HER OPINION.

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The Editor

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AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP

The ingenuity of the members in that territory near and about the Pennsylvania Dutch is astounding. An auction in packages "eight unseen" brings in \$17.50. Bettie Thompson, the promoter and donor of the packages, is now our News Letter Editor.

New proof has come of the highheartedness of those who live in the wide open spaces. The South Central Section was given \$25.00 which, instead of keeping for its own needs, generously turned it into a War bond for the A. E. Scholarship Fund.

And our New York-New Jersey Governor, Mary Sanson, sends us a check for \$10.00.

Keep it up, gals, and our goal will soon be reached! The application blanks are all in. I hope every one who felt she was entitled to try for it, secured one. The work now starts on getting the judges - one by one, or two by two - and it takes time. So please do not become impatient for results.

Alma Harwood, Chairman
A. E. Scholarship

INTERESTING NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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required weight. A very few were unsuccessful in their flying tests but even in these cases it was not due to lack of ability but rather to lack of sufficient time in the particular class of ship, fully to acquaint them with the flying characteristics and the gadgets. I'm convinced that there would have been no flying test failures if the girls had had the opportunity of a few more hours in heavier ships than those to which they had been accustomed. That, I believe, can be corrected in any future development of the program. The experience gained to date has been invaluable should the women pilots as a whole be given opportunity to serve on any broad organized basis. And you may be sure that I have been keeping my attention focused on the possibility of such an enlarged program. In the meantime, many of our members are finding outlets for their particular air training in teaching jobs and in other constructive ways.

It is my hope to be back in America for a period prior to September 1st and perhaps then I will be able to give you further information as to what our American Women's Contingent has been doing as a part of the A.T.A., and what we all may hope for in the future. I do believe that before too long we, as a class, can hope to have our particular talents and training in the air put to work. In the meantime naturally we should fit in wherever we believe we can be most useful.

Jacqueline Cochran
President.



NEW LICENSES - HIGHER RATINGS

- COMMERCIAL - Elise Owen, Hartford, Conn.
Ruth Cheney Streeter and
Marjorie M. Gray, both of N.Y.-
N.J. Section
- INSTRUCTOR - Elise Owen, Hartford, Conn.
Mrs. Greenwood Cocksnoough, Ky.
Mary Waurine Hunter, Texas.

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VOTE: BALLOT FOR CAP UNIFORMS

CHECK ONLY ONE
BELOW

I favor:

- 1 Plain skirts purchased through CAP H.Q.
- 2 Culottes purchased through CAP H.Q.
- 3 Regulation army slacks purchased at Army-Navy stores.
- 4 Slacks of regulation army cloth material, cut to standard sizes for women's slacks, side zipper; lot made up for and purchased through CAP H.Q.
- 5 Coveralls.

CHECK ONE HERE ALSO

I believe:

- 1 Each unit should pick its own uniforms.
- 2 All girls' uniforms should be purchased directly through CAP H.Q. or at Army-Navy stores, as decided by CAP, in order that all uniforms be exactly the same all over the country.

LIST YOUR STATE HERE. YOUR NAME IS NOT NECESSARY.

My state is: _____

MAIL IMMEDIATELY TO:

Editor, 724 N. 65rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

WESTERN NEW YORK ORGANIZES

Just received at Headquarters is an application for a new chapter to be known as "Western New York Chapter."

Officers of this group, who are also the signers of the application, are

Chairman - Harriet Louise Urban
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Membership Chairman - Dr. E. C. Olmstead
News Reporter - Mrs. Elizabeth Fedders

Our greetings and best wishes to these members. They have a splendid field for their activities and can do much for aviation in that section.

We congratulate them upon organizing and thus increasing their value and usefulness in their region and shall look forward to interesting accounts from this group.

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