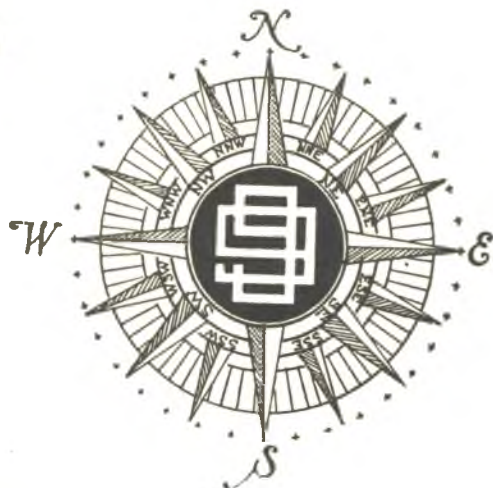


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HONORS 1942 WINNER

Omaha, the weekend of October 3, paid tribute to the winner of the 1942 award of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship, Dorothy Broadfield. Second to win this award, we feel she will continue the high standard set by Pat Thomas, winner in 1941.

Features of the celebration were a luncheon in honor of Dorothy, given by Mr. R. C. Mueller; a visit to the interesting home of Mr. Gould Dietz, and a dinner at the Hotel Fontenelle, given by the NAA Chapter, which took an active part in the social events.

Outstanding persons in aviation, pilots, Powder Puffs, CAP members and 99'ers, many from other cities and states, were guests and spoke highly of Dorothy's fine qualities and standing in the regard of her home town. Mrs. Broadfield, a quiet, dignified, poised lady, seemed greatly pleased with Dorothy's friends and the splendid tributes paid her.

Dorothy received her certificate of the award from Alma Harwood, Fund chairman, who expressed the pleasure of herself and other 99'ers at Dorothy's success, also regret that all 99'ers, especially their President, Jacqueline Cochran, could not be present.

Omaha has given Dorothy its homage, for which we would say our sincere thanks.

TENNESSEE'S PROGRAM

Writing from Nashville, Tenn., Cora McDonald says:

"I thought you might like to know about our program.

"Three of the girls are already 99'ers -- Helen Johnston of Birmingham, Ala., (and formerly a Chicago group), Elizabeth Hall of Lexington, Ky., and me, formerly with the East Tennessee Chapter.

"There are ten girls enrolled in a Women's Aviation Instructor program being given by the Tennessee Bureau of Aeronautics and under the direction of Mrs. Phoebe Omlie. As you will recall, Tennessee pioneered in competitive training prior to the CPTP. Now Tennessee is doing it again, proving to a lot of people (mainly the Army and CAA) that women can fly and do so under conditions similar to those the Air Corps Cadet flies under. The requirements were set at 120 hours and a private certificate. We are getting sufficient training and time to get commercial, ground instructor and flight instructor ratings. We are supposed to 'Win our wings' in twelve weeks, or about Christmas. Our success will guarantee future classes and perhaps re-open CPTP for the girls. The State will do everything in its power to place us in instructor jobs to release men for more important war flying.

"We think it's a lot of fun, but it is strictly work! Every minute of the day is crowded."



NEW ENGLAND SECTION

NEW ENGLAND REPORTS

By C. M. Sheridan

Members of the 99 Section in New England take real pride in the appointment of Nancy Love as Director of the WAFS.

Unfortunately transportation difficulties make it impossible for many of the most loyal members to attend monthly meetings. In September the girls met at The Brittany Coffee Shop and Marjorie Davis read messages of regret from Vida Watson Grant in Maine, Mildred Maury in Wilbraham, Mass., and Jean Adams Cook in Nantucket.

It was pleasant to meet for the first time Christine Fernald, private pilot and former CPTP student at Manchester, N. H.

The girls discussed their various war activities and decided that Dorothy Monro's work was really tops! Dorothy read that the Signal Corps was going to experiment in the training of a group of civilians in Radio Repair. Thirteen women were to be included in that group. First came civil service exams. Dorothy passed, and now reports daily for classes that begin at 8:30 A.M., ending at 4:30 P.M. The classes include shop work, repairing and testing. Six months are required to complete the course, and after that the class members are at the service of the Army "for the duration".

Charlotte Bassett is assisting the airport manager at Claremont, N.H. Ann Cutler is working for operations of CAP off-shore patrol. Marjorie Taylor is a member of the Norwood CAP group taking second prize in formation flying and drill in a recent CAP rendezvous at Groton.

Every one misses Ruth Granger who has transferred from Boston Airport to La Guardia Field where she works in A.A. Flight Control and Dispatch office.



METROPOLITAN TRI-STATE SECTION

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

By H. Nestell

At our August meeting Commander Stuart C. Welch of CAP Group 216, outlined some of the work accomplished by the CAP and explained how we, as women interested in aviation, will be able to aid in their future plans. Most of the Western New York 99'ers are members of CAP, although in different squadrons.

"Doc" Marsden of Buffalo Aeronautical was our speaker at the September meeting when he compared the training given him and others in his class during World War I, with the vastly expanded air program for this war.

Our weekly engine class is progressing nicely, already having reached the half-way mark in our manuals. We find that frequent trips to the shop to inspect such parts as crankshafts, bearings, zero lash valve lifters, etc., in the flesh, so to speak, clarify and add to our understanding of the text.

Betty Olmstead left us October first to spend a year at the Illinois Ear and Eye Infirmary at Chicago, to round out her experience and training as an eye and ear specialist. We hope you 99'ers there will look her up and say "Hello". The address is Peoria and North Adams Streets.

Ruth Palmer has been elected Membership Chairman, adding to her already full program of teaching home economics and working on the "Air Youth Program" at Buffalo State Teachers College, helping her brother harvest a crop of apples, and acting in an official capacity for many organizations. She is fast becoming our "star" pupil in engines and we've discovered she personally does all the mechanical work on her Chev. Arlene Parks is our new Secretary-Treasurer.

Geraldine Gray, our new member, has had her ticket and been flying for eleven years. Harriet Louise Urban is now with Buffalo Aeronautical and is their first woman instructor. (Make a date well in advance if you want to fly with her.) Betty Shea also has her Commercial and Instructor tickets. We're proud of our two instructors.

Most welcome at our last two meetings was Ethel Fedders, our "ambassador without portfolio". Ruth Church has a new diamond (third finger, left hand). Looks as though our 49½'er membership is also growing.



MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Doris Stansbury

Our August meeting was held at Lancaster Municipal Airport with Eleanor Groh as hostess. Attendance at meetings is decreasing as so many of our members are leaving to engage in war work or one kind or another.

Betty Thompson is taking the Link Trainer course at Binghamton, N.Y. Ruth Shafer is on active duty with the CAP in New York, on the plotting board. Leona McElroy left to join her husband who is in the Ferry Command. Catherine Slocum was one of the first to join the WAFS. The three Jones sisters - Helen, Jessie, Jr., and Carol - broadcasted on "We People" several weeks ago.

Eleanor Groh is our new Reporter, taking the place of Helen Jones who is very busy these days. Eleanor will take over this column next month.



SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Neely Mc Cubbins

We had our September meeting in Charlotte, N.C. First we were royally entertained at the Eaton Farm by Bird Eaton and her 49½'er Paul. Special guests for our social hour were 49½'ers Herman Smith, Vernon Scarborough and Edward Brockenbrough, and student pilots Sara Copely and Emily La Bouisse.

After greeting our members and guests, we met at Thacker's for lunch and a business meeting. The following officers were elected:

Chairman: Bird Eaton
 V. Chairman: Betty Dunlap
 Sec'y-Treas.: Louise Smith
 Nominating Chairman: Jessie Woods
 Membership Chairman: Dorothy Scarborough
 Penny Bank Chairman: Aileen Walsh
 Reporter: Neely Mc Cubbins.

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Louise Smith and Anne Cole have just returned from a trip to New Orleans, made in Louise's Stinson. While in that city they enjoyed the charming hospitality of Flight Instructor Alice Cagle. Alire, we appreciate your looking after our girls.

We are certainly proud of our 99'ers for doing their part in the great war effort. Jessie Woods, our retiring chairman, and Dorothy Rogers have received their Flight Instructor ratings. Catherine Lyon is a First Lieutenant in the WAACS. Miriam Sheldon is attending Officers Training School for the WAVES. Ruth Trees has completed the Secondary Ground School Course and will soon be ready for her Commercial Flight test. Lucille Brokenbrough is not only looking after her home and family, and running her 49½'er's business as he is in the Army, but is attending Secondary Ground School at Cannon Airport, Charlotte, N.C. We challenge any other 99'er to beat her record!



NORTHWESTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Clayton Patterson

Reta Sutherland, our Chapter reporter, has joined the ranks of the WAACS, and asked me to report our activities this month.

All of us feel the pressure of war activities and are standing by to fit, to the best of our abilities, into this closely woven pattern for the defense of our country.

Irma Wallace, our Governor, whose bestest Willy (Capt. William Wallace to you) is flying under the U. S. Army Air Transport Division on the Northern Division Airlines, accompanied him to St. Paul, Minn., his home during July and August. While there she completed a Celestial Navigation course under the fine tutelage of Capt. Gaither Stevens. In her quiet and sincere way, Irma came through this difficult subject with flying colors and a high average in her final marks.

Mildred Merrill, whose 49½'er Elliott is chief high altitude pilot for the Flight and Aerodynamics Division of Boeing Aircraft Company, is one of our few members here who enjoyed a Labor Day holiday flying the skyways for pleasure. She broke the monotony of her active duties on the War Production Transport Commission by flying over Wenatchee, Wash., for four heavenly hours in a Washington Aircraft Stinson Voyager.

A wee 24-3/4'er landed safely at the home of Genevieve Brown at Bremerton, Wash., in September, and another 24-3/4'er made his debut in Seattle on September 16 - Christopher Ross King. The young lad's mother Dorothy is doing a bit of ground flying these days, entertaining Master King, while Daddy Don is working at Boeing Aircraft.

Dot Williams, whose 49½'er is out testing Boeing Flying Fortresses, divides her time between keeping the home fires burning and working on the Draft Board.

Lucille Fischer (Mrs. Hart DeMers) has been living in Fairbanks, Alaska, since last May. Recently they have been transferred to Juneau, where Hart is in charge of Pan American operations in that city. Lucille was such an efficient and sweet chairman of our Chapter, we all miss her.

Marjorie Logan is working at the Airport Engineer's Office of the CAA in Seattle.

Our Chapter members in Seattle have kept in close contact by social gath-

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erings, enjoying each others hospitality to the fullest. A delicious buffet supper at Irma's included the 49½'ers. Alyce Pashburg also had a lovely evening party at their new home in Viewridge. A full evening of entertainment and a late supper was enjoyed in their rumpus room which had been decorated by Rob, who is very artistic and skillful in the fine art of wood finishing. Dot Williams had us over for a luncheon. Her table carrying out the 99 motif was so pretty and the food was perfectly delicious. Clayton and Dot Schindele gave a buffet supper in August, 49½'ers included, and Dorothy was presented with a gift for the expected newcomer.

Our last meeting was a short business session held in the lounge of the Washington Athletic Club, and was followed by a swell dinner at The Vienne with Rob Pashburg as our genial host.

SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

By Nelle Z. Willhite

Somewhere a little bird is chirping that more wedding bells may ring this fall, foretelling a gain for the bride but our possible loss of her membership. We sincerely hope we won't lose her as she is one of the most popular girls in the Club. Name: June McCreery, now stationed in Sturgis where she is reported employed at an Army Post.

Nice news is that Neva Esmay received a Commercial rating recently and also one as a parachute rigger. We can now watch that gal sailing into fame. At the same time comes the news that she is an expert big game hunter, having recently brought down a moose, an elk, and a deer during a hunt in another state. The moose and elk were shot the same day and it is just too bad we all don't live near enough to help her feast on them. She is known to be the best 99'er huntress. Now, let's hear from another member, for this is a challenge as well as a fact. Congratulations, Neva, and be sure to tell us about your experiences.

Elaine Redding, who taught at Vale last year, is now employed at the Beechcraft factory.

A future 99'er, Patsye Mae Remschell of Spearfish, has taken her test for private, while Violet Thurn, another member-to-be, is reported teaching in Sioux Falls. We shall be happy to have these girls join us soon.

No report on the election of officers will be available until the next issue of the NEWS LETTER.



SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Rita Hart

If the present migrating habit gets a firm hold on our girls, this chapter will soon have to change its name to "Bay Cities Transit System", or some other equally appropriate. We should be getting special rates from the railroads. Martha Gerhardt hopped the east-bound "Challenger" in September to meet 49½'er John somewhere in Virginia. Frances Grant will be leaving soon for an indefinite stay in Texas. Ruth Rueckert maintains a weekend commuting schedule to Sacramento. Peggy Calhoun is in Seattle. Mary Bowles is somewhere along the east coast, and we hope building up flying time.

Adele Chase returned recently from Reno where she was fortunate enough to do a little time building. Helen Kelton is still in the hot Sacramento Val-

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ley, struggling with the intricacies of cooling systems and army laundries. Marjorie Fauth has a vacation coming up, but she is going to upset schedule by staying home and planting bulbs in her garden. We trust she will reap a glorious harvest of flowers to pay her for her labors. Ruth Wakeman returned from Michigan, and then went to La Hacienda, the old Hearst Ranch at Pleasanton, Calif., for a week's outing with her children.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Helen Zimmerman in Redwood City. We plan to make one last long trek before gas rationing starts. It may prove a longer trek than we anticipate if our navigation fails. Helen has plotted the course to her house and sent each of us a copy. Wonder how many will get there! Helen's home is in one of those amazing circular residential districts.

In September this reporter invited the Chapter members to a clam chowder feed at her apartment, absolutely forgetting that, here on the West Coast, clams are out for the duration. She leisurely sauntered down to the shopping district, expecting to hail said clam and gently lead it home. Not a clam. Then started a frantic search. About five o'clock in the afternoon, after thoroughly combing the city's markets, and wearing her feet off to the ankles, three cans of clams were found at a "drug store", one block from her home. The 99'ers had clam chowder!

The weekend of October 11th is the date set for our sectional meeting, to be held in Santa Barbara. Bessie Owen is sponsoring the gathering and has offered the hospitality of her own lovely home.

Our Sectional Governor, Kay Van Doozer, is flying in England, so the cloak of responsibility has fallen on the shoulders of our Vice Governor, Helen Kelton. When she lightly accepted the office, little did she think that she would be called upon to carry the flag for the western girls. About a month ago she suddenly woke up, dusted off the brain, threw it into gear, and, oh boy!, did she start to hum. All indications are for a lively meeting.

SECTIONAL NOTES

By Ethel Sheehy
Los Angeles Chapter

After much deliberation the Southwestern Section decided to hold its Section Meeting in spite of rubber shortage and gasoline rationing. Santa Barbara was chosen as the location and Bessie Owen was in charge of the gathering. The thought of that beautiful city plus a visit with Bessie, was sufficient to bring out a number of members for the weekend of October 10th - despite the necessity of transportation by train or bus. Drat the Japs! Hotel Miramar was headquarters and visiting 99'ers were enthusiastically received.

Clema Granger of Palm Springs, one of the early women flyers and well known to 99'ers of an early vintage, has three sons, and all are instructors in flying. James is with the Glider School at Twenty-Nine Palms, Harry on Basic Training for Cal Aero at Lancaster, and Norman with CPTP at Lone Pine, all in California.

Thanks to Lauretta Schimmoler, the members of the Los Angeles Chapter, 99's, were guests at a preview of "Wings for Women" on the thirtieth of September. This picture stars Anna Neagle as Amu Mollison.

Ethel Sheehy spent a few hours at Reno Sky Ranch, Reno, Nev., doing a little flying, - and did it seem good to get a hand on the throttle again! Incidentally, 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er Bill is instructing Army Air Corps Cadets for Cal Aero at Ontario, Calif.

Maurine Brunsvold, of San Bernardino, has a position with the large new Air Base in that city, where she can at least watch the ships fly. Maurine's ship is stored at Albuquerque.

And Melba Beard, with Bill and the babies, is back at Santa Ana, where Bill is instructing ground school for the Air Corps.



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

ALL - OHIO CHAPTER

By Ann Barille

We wish to make a correction regarding Clara Livingston's status, whom we have been very happy to have with us. She is an Instrument Flight Instructor instead of a Ground Instructor, as stated in our last month's news. Forgive us, Clara. It was just an over-sight on our part.

Helen Curtiss, who is now in Washington, breezed into the "ole home town" and our members who saw her and had a chat with her were greatly pleased.

Arlene Davis went down to get some Link Trainer instructions at the Gordon Naval Base in Atlanta, Ga., but because of home obligations could not sign up to continue for the duration.

News winging our way this month comes from Mary Wilson of Springfield, who is logging up flying time fast and furious; from Marion Bush Reeder of Athens, who is quite the active lady in the CAP down that-a-way. (Guess this is true of all the girls belonging to the CAP!) And Dawn Malson, Julia Strider and Bernice Deutschman are anxiously looking forward to their Airway Traffic Control duties.

Congratulations go to Annabelle Ruth Kekic who received her license recently and immediately became a 99'er. Also, she's an active CAP member.

Florence Boswell, the busiest woman in town, is awaiting news from the North Central Section regarding their election meeting, before she can proceed with plans for this Chapter's meeting.

WESTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Marie Page

Our September meeting and the annual election were held at the home of Helen Hayward, and the following are the officers for 1942-43:

Chairman: Iris Heillman

V. Chairman: Elizabeth Foley

Sec'y-Treas.: Betty Cox.

Having recovered from two very unpleasant ordeals, - the sale of her Stinson and an operation - Verna Burke has resumed instructing.

We are very happy to have 99'ers Katherine Delaney, Washington, D.C., and Irene Adamson, Omaha, Nebr., with us now. Katherine is with the Farm Credit Bureau, and Irene is attending meteorology school. Grace Hess, Lawrence, Kans., who was with us while attending AYC school, has been assigned to the Wichita Control Tower. We are also pleased to welcome a new member, Jane Elizabeth Loban, who is employed at the local Weather Bureau.

Some of the girls attended the presentation of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship to Dorothy Broadfield the weekend of October third.

Iris Heillman has successfully hurdled the Commercial written test, and Marie Page has been commissioned a lieutenant in the CAP.



SOUTH CENTRAL
SECTION

KANSAS CHAPTER

By Vynetta (Kuchie) Kuch

As our Chapter has been virtually unheard from, we have decided to take matters in hand and see what can be done. "We" being Adaline Farrell, Neoma Hill, and the writer.

We started out by calling a meeting on Sunday, Sept. 27, at El Dorado. "We" got there. Adaline Farrell is now instructing CPT in El Dorado, having started recently with the new class. From all reports around the airport she is doing one swell job. Mrs Hill and her 49½'er, Dr. Hill, flew down from Topeka. And yours truly flew in from Coffeyville. We mostly discussed the problem of getting our members into the spirit of the thing again. If any of you have any sure fire remedies for slow reaction, send them pul--lease!

I guess this covers all for this time, and mayour members read this and feel guilty. Next time, you all get there.

HANGAR BOOKSHELF

One of the 99'ers from Michigan has made an excellent suggestion which other chapters might like to copy. Babe Weyant advises that her Chapter has an Aviation Library and a "Keeper of the Books".

Each member has a list of all the books in the library and when she wants one she mails a penny post card giving the name of the book. The "Keeper of the Books" brings the book along to the next meeting.

If any member keeps a book for more than the time between meetings, a charge of 2 cents a day is made. A chapter can start a "kitty" to buy a library, or donate or have others donate books. A certain amount from over-time charges may be allotted to buying new books; other money may be given to the A.E. Fund.

Suggested Book List

- 1 All CAA Manuals
- 2 Listen to the Wind - A. Lindbergh
- 3 Victory through Air Power - Seversky
- 4 Last Flight - Earhart
- 5 We - Chas. Lindbergh
- 6 West to Ireland - Corrigan
- 7 Radio and Instrument Flying - Zweng
- 8 Brimm & Bogess book for A & E Mechanics
- 9 Loopey - Hardie Gramatky
- 10 Air Babies - Elvy Kalep
- 11 High, Wide and Frightened - Thaden
- 12 Once to Every Pilot - Hawks
- 13 Jordanoff's Flying and How To Do It;
Your Wings, and Through the Overcast.
- 14 Complete Flying Manual - Hartney
- 15 Aeronautics Simplified - Vetter
- 16 Women With Wings - Planck
- 17 Adventure Was the Compass
- 18 Flying Grandma or Going Like Sixty - Rufus.

If you've got any pet books we've missed, mail us their names for the "Bookshelf."

The instructors at one municipal airport send their new students to the hangar to get a bucket of prop wash!

LINK TRAINER CHAPTER

Binghamton, N. Y.

The 99'ers here taking the Operator-Instructor course are now busily engaged in flying the trainer. Maggie Seip, Wis., Babe Weyant, Mich., Liz Hooker, Md., and Bettie Thompson, Pa., take turns acting as student, instructor or observers for each other. Ninety-Niner Cornelia Fort, Tenn., left us to go with the Ferry Service. We miss her and wish her and all other 99'ers with her the best of luck.

Flying the Trainer is a lot of fun, but it's hard work, too, and the proverbial beaver has nothing on us. Problems and exercises are worked with the rough and both on and off, and "keeping the little airplane right on the bar", plus watching all the other instruments sometimes makes us wish we had two more pairs of hands and eyes.

Coming in late for school, raising the hood before we're told, forgetting to punch the clock, cost us a round for everyone in the class. The money goes into the "kitty" for a party later. Calling instrument flying by that forbidden word "blind" sets the unhappy person back one quart. Various members of the "Are you honest" tribe have offered to take us into the membership of the "Short Snorters", but so far we've saved our dollars.

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Instructor Material Wanted

From Weedon Airport, Eufala, Ala., Mrs. Mary Jones writes:

I am a member of the Florida Chapter of Ninety-Nines and have been in Eufala for six months.

Would you please contact the various chapters and let them know that any woman with 150 hours, or more, and private license, who would make good instructor material, should get in touch with R. H. Collins, Chief Instructor, Foster Field, Tuscaloosa, Ala. They are anxious to get good women instructors, and if you should know of any have them write at once. I believe they will work out some plan so the girls can get their ratings and have work when they complete the course. This is a beautiful operations, one of the best in the country, and looks like a fine opportunity. I do not know their plans regarding training the girls, but that information can be secured by writing.

A T T E N T I O N !

ALL REPORTERS AND CHAPTERS

Please send in news of your Chapter this month if you have been absent from NEWS LETTER for more than two months. If your meetings are irregular, send members a penny post card asking for news. We know you're busy; so are we. But you get the news in, and we'll get it out! How about it? To have a NEWS LETTER we've got to have news.

Reporters, Chapter Chairmen, Members, cooperate; get that news in. Deadline, fifth of every month. Mail news to: NEWS LETTER, 99 H.Q., 1025 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., c/o National Aeronautic Association.

Reporters: Tell us what each Chapter member is doing and, if moved from Chapter, where she is and her address. Who's teaching Army students? Who's teaching Navy? CPT? Ground School? Link Trainers? Who's with Ferry Command? Who's with CAP? ATC? Tell us where your wandering members are so other 99'ers can look them up. Send in the News. Your own Chapter members are writing and asking for their Chapter news in the NEWS LETTER.

Help us out and sent it in!