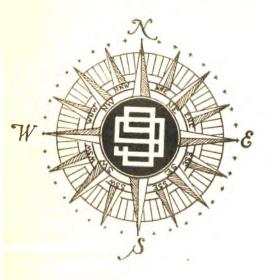
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NORTHWESTERN SECTION

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Helen Gardner, Chairman

We elected our officers for the 1942-43 year on December 3, 1942, at the home of Helen Gardner. The result: Chairman, Helen Gardner; Vice Chairman, Clara Poulin, and Secretary-Treasurer, Dora Skinner.

It was decided that we would hold our meetings regularly the first Thursday of each month and that they should be luncheon meetings held down town because of gas rationing. We will try this and see how it works out. All members are so busy it is difficult to get the girls together.

We have two brides in our Chapter - Jacklyn Jones who was recently married to Sgt. Keith Benner and who has moved away from Yakima, and Peggy Schreiner who was married Dec. 12th to Ronald Kissling, an instructor at Central Aircraft here in Yakima, where, by the way, Peggy is also instructing.

Helen Ernsdorff is continuing to pile up ground instructor's ratings and is teaching CPT students day after day, as well as keeping books for Schweitzer Aircraft, Inc.

Helen Baxter is now enrolled in the new Instructor Course offered by CPT to women, and hard at work in Pendleton, Ore. She has already obtained her ground instructor's rating in CAR.

Dorothy Robinson, our newest member, joined the WAAC's but is being honorably discharged in order to transfer to the WAFS. She, by the way, has composed a Civil Air Patrol song which has been adopted by the "powers that be" as the National CAP ditty. Watch for its appearance over the radio soon.

Dorothy McBirney Hardy attended our last meeting and we were all very happy to have her with us again. Because of ill health she hadn't been able to be very active for the past several months. Her 99's background and activity make her a valuable addition to our Chapter, to say nothing of her charming company.

Dora Skinner is doing her "bit" in many ways, having donated blood to the bank on three occasions and keeping busy with the Red Cross.

Gladys Ellis has undertaken the mastery of Morse Code, as well as keeping up her flying through CAP and attending night school classes in bookkeeping.

Two of our out-of-town members have not been heard from for some weeks, but we hope to have their activities to report before another month. One of them, Florence Massouras, was stationed at Bremerton last year and was very active in Airplane Modeling classes in the schools.

Helen Gardner obtained her instructor's rating in August and has been instructing in her own plane ever since. Just now, because of winter weather keeping things pretty much grounded, she is trying to master the Instrument Course and will be equipped to teach Link Trainer by the time our men instructors are not available.

Speaking of the Link, Pan American has a trainer here and two girls from Seattle are employed by them to teach it. We hope they will soon be members of our local chapter. One of the girls has a Commercial certificate, and the other is working on hers. Certainly there is no end to the opportunities offered us during this war, and it is wonderful to see the way the girls are taking advantage of them. When this war is ended and our flying is for pleasure once more, our 99's organization should be one grand group of girlst!! May we all have the opportunity again for the good old "breakfast flights", and appreciate them!



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

LEXINGTON KENTUCKY CHAPTER

By Mary Edith Engle

We are sorry not to have been heard from more often but we've been scattered in so many directions since the war started that there has been little to report.

All our members have been active in CAP, taking part in recruiting missions.

drills, etc.

Elizabeth Hall taught the gas warfare classes, and has almost completed the Instructor Course given by the Tenn. Bureau of Aeronautics, under the direction of Phoebe Omlie. We just wonder if the boys are going to be able to keep their minds on their work with Elizabeth as instructor. Her 492'er is taking instructor training in Lexington.

Greenwood Cocanougher is another of our "gals" who is really doing her bit. "Cokie" is instructor of one of the Navy CPT groups in Lexington and, with a son in the Air Corps, and a husband who's a major in the Army, "Cokie's" share in

the war effort is something to be proud of.

Mary Edith Engle will start ferry training in Houston on February 15, and she can hardly wait. In the meantime she hops back and forth to Athens, Ga., where her 492'er is taking instructor's training in the Navy. Mary Edith is the very proud possessor of a Commercial, obtained this summer.

Dixie Morris is planning to enter ferry training if she can pass the physical. Right now she's in San Antonio with her $49\frac{1}{2}$ 'er, who is taking instructor

training at Kelly Field.

Jane Haselden keeping so busy with her job as Assistant Dean of Women at the University of Kentucky that she finds little time to fly, but rarely misses a meeting.

Mary Ford Kelly is still in Berkeley, Calif., and is very unhappy because she can't fly there, but she's General Electric's mainstay so may be that's some consolation.

Bill Dyer is one of the few women members of the Geological Survey in Washington, and we are quite proud of her.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Bertha A. Topping

November 14 and 15, the Indiana 99'ers were guests of the Terre Haute 99'ers. Doris Schory, Lois Purdy, Helen Wetherill, Jane Templeton, and Jean Hascall arrived on Saturday, and that made ten of us to go out to dinner and catch up on all the flying news.

On Sunday everyone met at the airport and we had our business meeting. Then we had luncheon at the Deming Hotel where Lillian White holds forth - what a feed! Ruth Coleman came in for the luncheon. Why don't some of the rest of you Indiana

99'ers get to the meetings? We really miss you, and need you.

Our past Chairman and our sectional Governor. Helen Wetherill, informed us that she is moving back to Detroit from Richmond. She has accepted a very fine position there with the Visual Training Corporation for Army and Navy Training Program. We all hope she will have the best of luck, and we're all looking forward to a meeting in Detroit.

Everyone remembers Pat Dickerson from Lafayette. She was Vice-Governor for the past two years. Pat moved to California, and you all will be pleased and thrilled to hear she is with the WAFS in California. Nice going, Patty.

Your reporter has a very heavy heart - her first love of a ship was sold "on the block" on Friday, November 27, and if any of you all ever had that happen, you know what she is going through. Poor little "Tipsy" in strange hands, etc. If any of you see NC 28231 cruising around, give her a loving caress for your reporter.

Three of the Terre Haute 99'ers, Helen Davis, Violet Harlow, and Bertha Topping, have passed their commercial writtens—now for the flight test. Hold on to your hats! That will be something. Violet Harlow got her Ground Instructions in Navigation. Verona Ruzicka at Kokomo passed her commercial written, also.

We have the pleasure to announce the arrival of a new 99 prospect, Miss Mary von Leer, daughter of Hunter and Jessie von Leer of Terre Haute. That new arrival makes the von Leers two daughters, Jessie Jo and Mary.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Betty Grohman

November meeting date came before completion of Flint's new runways - no runways - no meeting.

Carolyn Coffman missed the last five meetings . . . was in Louisiana July -Sept.; Fla. in October; married Lt. Wm. A. Quinn of the Air Corps there Nov. 7th, and spent Dec. looking for a Christmas tree in Calif. What next? Texas?

Thelma Lindzay, Becky Thatcher and Margaret Napierala participated in the CAP Squadron maneuvers Nov. 7 and 8, at Cadillac.

Congratulations to Doris Buzzard who landed Nov. 25 with her Commercial license in tow, and an instructor's rating for her next target.

Grey dawn of Dec. 11 found six 99'ers and three other Mich. girl flyers at Selfridge Field's Flight Surgeons Headquarters for a long day never to be forgotten. Mary Jane Stevens, Jean Pearson, Margaret Crane, Lonnie Belt, Evelyn Laesch, and Betty Grohman - applicants for the Women's Flying Training program in Texas. Houston here we come!

Alice Hammond was holiday hostess in her home for the Dec. 12 evening meeting. There were thirteen 99'ers, chicken pie, gifts exchanged, banks opened and pennies counted to the tune of \$58.00, tales told by those who went to Selfridge, reports read, and decision made for the next meeting to be in March or April. Out-of-towners were Mabel Britton, Muriel Rumsey, Maude Rufus and Jeannette Lempke. Mary Jane Stevens was Santa Claus - everyone though left Alice with gifts for children from the Mich. Children's Aid Society.

No Jan. meeting, - so let's have a Service Roster. Each member send her status, military or civilian, to 136 N. Jefferson, Saginaw, by Jan. 20th.

EASTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Jane Champlin

The girls of the St. Louis Chapter of 99's are gradually going their various ways, as are the girl flyers from other sections of the country.

Adela Scharr has been with Nancy Love's Squadron in Wilmington, Del., for several months, and Jacqueline Cochran's division at Houston, Texas, will laim several more by February 15th.

The "Flying Jackass", our own very special award, is, at present unclaimed. All of the girls are being particularly careful not to pull some stunt which will give the dubious honor of possessing him for three months.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Ann Barille

At long last, we were able to shelve our CAP duties for a 99 meeting, which took place at the home of Florence Boswell, chairman, Saturday, Nov. 28, 1942. We felt fortunate to have as many members present as were for it seems that a large number of the girls have either taken jobs in the active service or followed their $49\frac{1}{2}$ ers who were called.

Our newly elected officers for 1942-43 are:

Chairman - Florence Boswell Vice Chairman - Marion Bush Reeder Sec'y-Treas. - Annabelle Kekic.

Newly appointed committee chairmen are: Constitution and By-Laws, Grace Birge; Membership, Peg Pierce; Bank, Ruth Stoneman; Social, Suzette Jones; Program, Flora Heckerman; Publicity and News Letter, Kay Greshauge and Ann Barille, assistant.

New names appearing on our list are of pilots who have recently acquired their licenses or who have been performing CAP duties excellently.

Chit-Chat tours with members who attended the meeting: - Barbara Selby, now reporting on the Martins Ferry Daily Times, flies a Taylorcraft from the Glendale, W. Va., airport these days, and knits when grounded. Rose Wasil is a resident of Washington, D. C. Her husband, Nicholas, is in the Air Transport Command. Peg Pierce is happy to have her plane back again after undergoing minor repairs. Grace Birge waiting to hear word as to her acceptance in the "Ferry Command". Marion Coddington is now a member of Akron's Nurses Aid group, and will remain so for the duration.

We were honored to have with us Clara Livingston who is teaching the "Link Instructor's Course" to CPT students at the airport. She told us of the various experiences she encountered on her flying trip to Puerto Rico. Air Waves bring news of Dorothy West who is stationed at the Weather Bureau in Akron. Bette Pratt is now flying from the Bowling Green Airport. Judy Strider was assigned to the Columbus Tower and Dawn Malsom to the Cleveland Tower upon completion of their training. Bernice Deutschman now is training at Great Lakes. Arlene Davis accompanying her husband on a super de luxe train trip to Arizona.

Air Waves bring back Best Wishes to Kay Greshauge, who has been very ill.

EASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth Craine

Our chairman, Elsie Peters, surely keeps up in the air. Recently she flew to Chicago to see Mary Elaine Atwood, our 99'er working in the ATC tower at Municipal Airport. Mary very enthusiastically described her work to Elsie and her companion. Again, Elsie flew to Kohler, Wis., with Dora Fritske, a student pilot observer in the CAP. Their problem was one of time, distance, and speed. They proudly announced making it on the minute of their calculations.

Dorothy Christenson returned from West Bend, from a CAP training mission, with Lieutenant Bassett of Squadron 621-1 as observer.

Willett Harkins, a student pilot, has made her cross-country trip to Janesville and Madison. She says she didn't lose her way but did manage to lose four pounds of weight somewhere on the trip.

Genevieve Blade, another student, is teaching meterology to the CAP pilots at Squadron 621-2.

Caroline Feiling is now engrossed in student medical technician courses at Milwaukee Hospital.

By Marie Page

The Western Missouri Chapter extends "Season's Greetings" to you all. May all your winds be tail winds, and your weather CAVU!

Six prospective members were guests at a "Pot luck" supper held at Helen Hayward's lovely home, and we decided on a dance to be held at the Bellerive Hotel on January 16th. We extend an invitation to all. Please come.

Our members have practically taken over ATC, and Florence Winslow is working in the Tower.

Helen Hayward has passed the written for her Instructor's rating, and is hard at work on her Flight.

Betty Cox is the proud owner of an interest in a Cub Cruiser.

We have two new members - Doris Sueltman and Helen Barrich.

A number of our girls were very much in evidence at Staff breakfast, Officers' luncheon and general meeting held in conjunction with the state-wide inspection of the CAP by Wing Commander Maj. W. D. Robertson and his staff.



NEW ENGLAND SECTION

NEW ENGLAND ACTIVITIES

By C. M. Sheridan

Ruth Hamilton called a meeting of the 99's for November, designating The Brittany Coffee Shop for dinner. Ruth came down from Athol after the usual busy day with her aviation cadets.

Mildred Maury came in from Springfield. She is now Headquarters Pilot and Deputy Staff Officer of Training and Operations for the Springfield CAP.

Marjorie Davis read messages from Carolyn Cullen, training cadets in Schenectady, N.Y., and Lillian Putnam, teaching Army and Navy programs at Keene, N.H. Gertrude Meserve has been on her first assignment as one of the WAFS.

Sally Todd Connell came down from Concord, N.H., where she is at present busy at White River Junction, having taken over every branch of the Ground School there - Meteorology, Navigation, CAA rules, Aircraft and Engines, and Parachute Packing! Good for you. Sally!

Members were delighted to see Moya Mitchell Cannon back in Boston. Her husband is with the Ferry Command and Moya has become a defense worker at Bendix. She has managed to track down and fly a Fairchild at Claremont, N.H.

Lyda Dunham, product of an earlier CPT program in flying, at Athol on weekends, her eyes on an assignment with WAFS.

Lydia Rotch attended her first meeting as a member of 99's. She has her private license, 0-135 H.P., her radio license, and is a very active member of the Norwood branch of the CAP.

Have you seen "Heroines of the Sky" by Jean Adams and Margaret Kimball? Mighty attractive and good reading!

Such a dearth of news for January! The girls are doing all they can in the line of CAP activities. Many are trying hard to build up time in order to qualify for Jacqueline Cochran's program, notably Lyda Dunham, former pupil of Ruth Hamilton

Ruth is as busy as ever training pilots for Army and Navy at Concord, N.H. From New England: Best wishes to all for the New Year.



SOUTHEASTERN

SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Dot Scarborough

The Carolinas Chapter had an enjoyable quarterly meeting at Rock Hill, S.C., Dec. 5th. As Rock Hill is in the Defense Zone, our members drove to the meeting. Five came from Charlotte, and student pilot Sara Copley, a guest. Barbara Vaughn Moore came from Orangeburg. Gwen Clinksdale. of Rock Hill, also was a guest.

Before settling down to serious business, Betty Dunlap and her 492'er Joe entertained us with a delightful cocktail party at their lovely home. After a Dutch lunch at the hotel, we adjourned to Barbara's room and held our

business meeting.

Two new members were added. Katherine Kneische, instructor at Asheville, N.C., is one, and all reports indicate she is a mighty good pilot. Maisie Mehaffey, doing a grand job of running the Lancaster (S.C.) Airport, and with over 200 hours, is the other.

Ruth Trees has just returned from Washington, D.C., where she interviewed Jacqueline Cochran. She told us of the wonderful opportunities for us to become ferry pilots or instructors for Uncle Sam, if we have the qualifications. Ruth passed her physical with flying colors and is in Houston, Tex., for training. Agnes Pittman, of Florence, S.C., is taking the same training. Good luck to you both

We are very proud of our members in the services. Besides those at home and active in the CAP, we have Katherine Lyons, an officer in the WAACS, and Miriam Shelden in the WAVES.



SOUTHWESTERN

SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Rita Hart

The last 1942 meeting was in Burlingame, at Ruth Wakeman's home. We thought it might be our last for the duration, our girls having scattered nation wide with their various war jobs. However, the old guard remains and we'll carry on until the "gals" come home again.

Ruth Rueckert, Betty Eames, Virginia Crinklaw, and Louise Coleman have gone to Texas for training. Ruth stopped en route to spend Christmas with her 49½ er Fred in southern California. Adele Chase expected to be in this first group of trainees, but an unfortunate auto accident cancelled her plans for months to come. She and 49½ er Jules were on their way to Reno for a second honeymoon and some flying time, before going to their separate branches of the service. Instead Adele ended in the hospital with broken vertebrae and ribs, and will be in a cast for three months. Drop her a card occasionally and keep her up to date on the news. Address: Mrs. Jules Chase, Berkeley Hospital, Berkeley, Calif.

Dorothy Chamberlain will be blessed eventing about April and hopes for twins. 492'er Chet passed his flight tests and is training at Mather Field.

Ruth Wakeman is teaching a Girl Scout class and putting in watchful hours in the Aircraft Warning Service.

Margaret Gerhardt followed her 49½'er John to the water line, via California, Tennessee and New York.
Now she's home, driving a truck for her father and official expeditor for Alvin Campbell Co., her father's concern.

Frances Grant is in Corpus Christi. Thanks for the cards, Fran.

Olive Bledsoe has been broadcasting over NBC, giving pep talks about women flyers and CAP.

We had a Christmas card from Phyllis Burchfield, former Bay Cities member, and now in the WAFS, flying from an eastern base. She learned to fly at San Francisco Municipal Airport, and got all the bad breaks. But she wanted to fly and hung on, finally proving she had the brains and fortitude. Now she's tops.

Afton Lewis, who helped organize this chapter, is coming back after a year's vacation. We need her. She will ride the camel again at the January meeting.

Helen Kelton is still at Chico and in school once more, taking meteorology, geology and math.

Lillian Anderson is having a hectic time, keeping up her end of the job in an under-staffed T.B. hospital.

Marian Trace, a charter member, reported via a Christmas card that 492'er Dare is dropping testing chutes for the Army. She stays home, digs in her victory garden, and fries out grease to make glycerine for explosives.

The rest of us - Marjorie Hook, Helen Zimmerman, Vilma Johnston, Eleanor Verkuyl, Evelyn Esser and Rita Hart - are staying home, keeping the candles trimmed and burning, and, at rare interludes, washing, ironing and mending our husbands.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Ethel Sheehy

Some of our girls very active in CAP are: Dorothy Kinsman "somewhere on the Gulf"; Ruth Kilgour, Irene Slagel, Helen Benger, Dorothy Dranse, Sheila D'Nelly, Marion Mountain, and Eileen Evans, Personnell Officer for Squadron 918-2. We have completed Basic Training, Meteorology, Navigation, Celestial Navigation, Radio, Morse Code, etc., and have our Restricted Radio-telephone Operator's License, First Aid Certificates, etc. CAP has kept us all busy but as there is no flying on the coast and women are not accepted for gulf or border patrol, we feel we can render more valuable service to our country as pilots in the WAFS and are bending all our efforts in that direction.

Betty Jo King is busy as an efficient Assistant Dispatcher with Pan American Airways at Grand Central Airport, Glendale. Maurine Brunsvold is working at the new San Bernardino Air Base; Marion Cooper is being trained by the Government as a mechanic, at March Field, Riverside. Keep your eyes on our "gals" - they're really going places!

Our enthusiastic new Chairman, Eileen Evens, is trying to match jobs and girls for best results in the War Effort. Two files are being set up: (1) aviation jobs for girls; (2) abilities and interests of 99'ers.

November 3rd Jacqueline Cochran, at a special meeting told us the wonderful news about training for WAFS. The next week some of us took physicals at Santa Ana Air Base. Incidentally, the ride in the Army station wagon was a "thriller". These girls soon will be ferrying to help "Keep 'Em Flying".

In line with this, our Chairman is organizing review classes identical to those for prospective Air Corps Cadets. These will be handled through the War Department, in the public night schools, at no cost. Navigation and Meteorology also will be taught by Army instructors. Jackie agrees that these classes will help those joining the WAFS to do a "super" job in their ground school.

★ THE HANGAR FLYER ★

The Gremlins certainly were riding one of the ships in a CPT December program. First, a student put it thru a fence. The mechanics repaired the ship and put it back on the line. Four days later it was back in the shop. Again it was repaired and put into service. Two days later a Finfinella sneaked a ride with another student, jumped on the stick on the takeoff, and the student clipt a wing on a tree. Back went the ship to the shop. The disgusted mechanics repaired it again and pushed it out on the line. On the side of the plane was a Christmas sticker reading "DO NOT TEAR OPEN UNTIL DEC. 25."

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> Wickford, Rhode Island Dec. 26th, 1942

Dear Miss Thompson:

The 99'ers may be interested to know that the U. S. Navy officially accepted my Stinson Voyager on Nov. 11th. I flew it to the Naval Air Station at Quonset Point, R. I., where it was formally accepted by the Acting Captain, Commander Colton.

It has since been painted the blue and gray of the Navy, and is so popular that the first two days it was flown ten hours. Its official number is now GQI, meaning general utility, Stinson, 1st identification (type).

It was hard to part with it, but I am happy to have it at Quonset as my husband, Lt. Douglas, is stationed there, and I also am in the A.R.C. Motor Corps and drive the ambulance and crash truck on the base and naturally see the ship often. (Not in the line of work!) Also I really believe it gets almost the best care of any plane there.

Sincerely Josephine H. Douglas (Mrs. Barclay Douglas)

CALIFORNIA GLEANINGS By Bessie Owen

Kay Van Doozer, flying for the ATA in England, has been raised in rank. Now eats in the Officers Mess, entitling her to "coffee". Bad weather gives opportunities to visit historic places and enjoy the countrysidesometimes, the Shakespearian country; others, the highlands of Scotland.

Ethel Sheehy is touring the country getting recruits for the Women's Ferry Service under Jacqueline Cochran. Who could do a better job than our Ethel?

Helen W. Menefee keeping up her license in Nicaragua. This past semester I have taught navigation at Sunta Barbara State College; aerodynamics and meteorology have been added for the coming one. All pupils are young men enlisted in the Air Corps. I feel it is a great responsibility, but I love i.t.