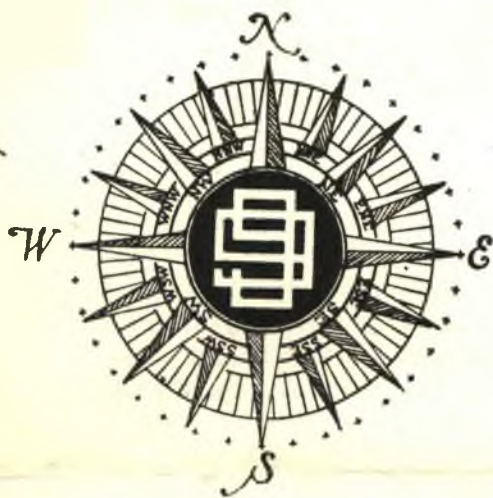


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PRORATED DUES FOR NEW MEMBERS

Of interest in securing new members whose applications come in after March first of each year is the following extract from the minutes of the 1941 Convention of the Ninety-Nines, held in July at Albuquerque.

"Motion made by Nell Behr that, dues of new members be prorated semi-annually the fiscal year to begin September first. This motion was withdrawn in favor of motion made by Bessie Owen that, new members applying for membership on or after March 1st pay one-half dues of the total year, plus initiation fee of \$1.00; effective on new members after July 5th, 1941. Motion seconded and carried."

Kindly bear this motion in mind when sending in new applications for the last half of the fiscal year, March 1 to September 1, and so prevent the necessity of sending rebates.

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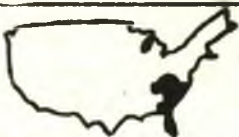
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Treasurer Alice Hammond is now in Pascagoula, Mississippi, with the Civil Air Patrol.

WHEN YOU WANT INFORMATION ON WOMEN IN AVIATION, ASK A NINETY-NINE.



SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Dot Scarborough

Now that spring is here, the Ninety-Nines in Charlotte are sprouting wings again. Our CAP Squadron has headquarters and a hangar at Morris Field, where our courier service is based. On Sunday afternoons we drill at the field and fly practice missions. But it isn't all work. Our Squadron Commander gave the CAP a fish fry a few weeks ago, after telling us to assemble for drill, and, needless to say, we enjoyed it much more.

Another courtesy extended to us by Morris Field is the use of their Link trainers as part of our training. Every day we go out and try to coordinate in rough weather, or use the radio to find our way home on them.

Two members of the Carolinas Chapter are about to leave us for Sweetwater, Texas. We are going to have to open a branch office there if this habit keeps growing. Gwendolyn Scales, from Charlotte, is building up her time so that she can go when her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er goes into the Army, and Aline Wash, from Greenwood, S. C., has decided to go, too.

We are so glad to welcome a new member in our Chapter - Mary Foley, holder of a commercial license, has transferred from Washington, D. C.

Anne Cole, another of our members who holds a commercial license, flew friends down to Charlotte recently, from Danville, Virginia. They attended a barbecue given at the Delta Air Base.



SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Gwen Hess

The Missouri Valley Chapter held its meeting in Omaha on April eleventh, but several of the Sioux City members were unable to attend because of the flood region between the two cities.

Ivah Maxfield, our secretary, came from Sioux City, although we understand she would have found pontoons more appropriate than wheels for use on her trip to Omaha.

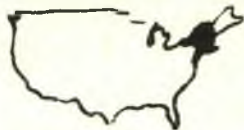
Our Vice Chairman, Madelyn Taylor, came over from Red Oak, Iowa, to be with us for the meeting.

A group of girls who are taking pilot training at Crete, Nebraska, were with us as guests.

Mrs. Erma Osterhout, of Crete, has just come into the Chapter as one of our members. Several of the other girls will soon have their licenses, when we hope to sign them up.

The next meeting of our Chapter will be held in June.

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METROPOLITAN TRI-STATE SECTION

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

By Kay Traulsen

Although we do not appear in the NEWS LETTER as frequently as we should, we manage to break into print occasionally and feel that when we do, our news is of some interest.

At the meeting on April 12th, held at our usual place - the Town Hall Club - we announced election of our new officers. The ballots had to be mailed to members due to so many from this section being away in some branch of the various Services.

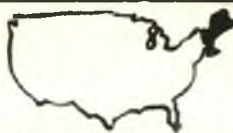
The following were elected to office: Governor, Margie White; Vice Governor, Gay Ganagan; Secretary, Jeanne Oakes, and Treasurer, Mary Reifschneider.

We missed Margie White who was in the hospital for an operation, but are happy to learn she is well on the road to recovery, and we are looking forward to our new Governor being with us at the next meeting.

After the business meeting, we all had dinner with two outstanding speakers - thanks to the one and only Alma Harwood. Commander Thomas Saxl, who had just returned from the Pacific, gave an eye-witness account of December 7th at Pearl Harbor. He is in the medical branch of the Navy and told of many interesting episodes, tragic as well as humorous, which occurred there.

Mrs. Nadine Bandler, originator and director of the radio program "Women Can Take It", spoke of the various women who have appeared on her broadcasts and who are contributing their services in many ways in the war. Incidentally, some of our members are scheduled to appear on this program soon.

Right now we are planning a cocktail party for our furloughing Fifirellas, who have just arrived in New York after completing their flight training in Houston. These girls from our Section - Magda Tacke, Marjorie Gray, Gertrude Brown and Eyrd Howell Granger - were in the first class to graduate there.



NEW ENGLAND SECTION

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By C. M. Sheridan

Jane Baldwin has been working for Air Traffic Control here in Boston and is now with Interceptor Command at Albany.

Jean Adams Cook has had a letter from Moya Mitchell in Texas. Moya, Marion Tibbetts and Marjorie Taylor have started work on the new program at Jacqueline Cochran's school there, and are thrilled with it.

Charlotte Bassett has left for government work in Washington.

Civil Air Patrol classes go on here. but so far no girl pilot has been given a flight assignment.

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No reports - no NEWSLETTER. You'll send something next month? Thank you.

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NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

EASTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Ruth Barclay

We were pleased and surprised to have Verna Burke Kraft in town for a couple of weeks. The poor girl was trying to get her instrument test taken, having passed the written, but she couldn't arrange to get an airplane. At last she was advised to go on to Jackson, Mississippi, and told that they would fix her up with one there. We hope she found one and has her rating by this time.

Mary Raymon received her instructor's rating several weeks ago and now is working as instructor for Brayton Flying Service in St. Louis.

We are happy also to welcome a new member into our chapter, Mrs. Pauline Reece. She received her license last spring, and we have just caught up with her. Having a couple more members in our fold practically gives us a new lease on life.

Paramount was good enough to invite all the local 99'ers to a screening of "Flight for Freedom", and had the press there to give us a little write-up in the local paper, which made all of us who haven't gone into one of the services a little important. Then Mary gets to be interviewed over the radio on the importance of women in aviation. As a result we all feel proud of our local Chapter.

EASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth Craine

One more of our group has left for Sweetwater, Texas, namely, Willette Markins, a junior member of our Chapter. Willette reported on Easter Sunday and has been kept very busy every moment since. That leaves just three of our 99'ers here in Milwaukee: Elsie Peters, our chairman; Caroline Feiling, our treasurer, and Ruth Craine, the secretary.

However we continue to have meetings and compare notes on our famous 99'ers who are so active in many fields. Just a day or so ago the Milwaukee Journal featured an article written by Margaret Seip, now in Sweetwater. Margaret had been Link Trainer instructor for Lange Flying School here before she left for Texas. Her article "When Fog is Thick Pilots Thank the Link Trainer" attracted much interested comment in Milwaukee.

Sundays find us busy cleaning up and guarding the Brown Deer Airport, a haven for flyers, taken over by the CAP. There we, as members, may still fly. Elsie and Dora Fritzke have just completed a concentrated course in navigation given in their CAP squadron.

Dorothy Christenson's letter from Houston was read at our last meeting. Along with it she sent two copies of The Finfinella Gazette which we all enjoyed seeing.

Later we set aside a period for letter writing to our members spread over the states from New York to Texas.



Sorry, but nothing more this month. How about next?



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