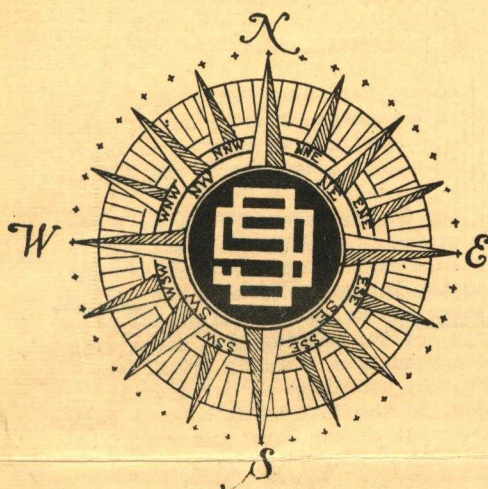


okio Pg 22

NINETY NINE



NEWS LETTER

August - September, 1943.

NEWS LETTER EDITOR

Bettie Thompson, 724 North 63rd
Street, Philadelphia, Penna.

Deadline - 5th of Each Month

NINETY-NINES

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS
Affiliated with the National Aeronautic Association

1025 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.



NATIONAL OFFICERS

Jacqueline Cochran . . . President
630 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

Ethel S. Sheehy . . . V. President
Arrow & Linden Sts.
Fontana, Calif.

Fanny M. Leonpacher . . Secretary
P.O. Box 432, Lafayette, La.

Alice H. Hammond . . . Treasurer
70 Cambridge Road
Grasse Pointe Farms, Mich.

REPORTERS, OFFICERS, MEMBERS -- ATTENTION!

We hope you have enjoyed receiving the NEWS LETTER. In order to keep it interesting may we remind you and ask your help in the following:

- 1 - In order to have a NEWS LETTER WE MUST HAVE NEWS. You like to read other Chapter's news and they want to read yours. SEND US NEWS, not only you Reporters but also Officers and Members, even if it only gives a listing of your members and their addresses, or, if missing, a request for information on the missing member. Chapters and Sections which have so long been missing, somebody in your outfit, GET THAT NEWS IN. We are wondering if you went under sealed orders to Mars or the Moon. We do miss you and we need your help to keep the NEWS LETTER going. Will you please help your Editor out before she starts cutting paper dolls? NEWS, NEWS, NEWS. Every missing Chapter - Send It In.
- 2 - Please, in order to get the NEWS LETTER out on time, your News Deadline is the 5TH OF EVERY MONTH. It must reach the Editor by that date; so, to make sure, mail it on the FIRST of the month.
- 3 - To keep special columns going, send special aviation news, jobs open, etc., and MORE JOKES for the Hangar Flyer.

SEND YOUR NEWS IN NOW. We want EVERY Chapter in the next NEWS LETTER. Come on, 99'ers, help me out.

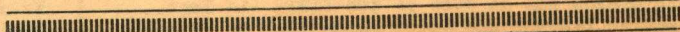


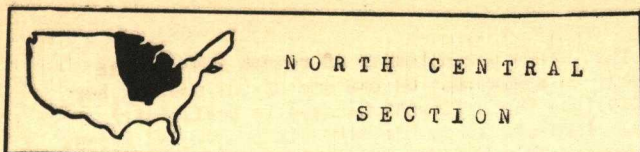
NOTICE -- ELECTIONS

All Chapters and Sections should mail out their ballots to members at once.

All names and addresses of officers should be in 99's HEADQUARTERS by November 1, 1943. If you are retaining your officers for duration, please send their names and addresses with a note to that effect, whether you have so notified us or not previously. Such notice should be sent in by Section Governors or by Chapter Chairmen.

Please help us get things done on time. We know you're busy. So are we. But through organization we remain strong and keep our voice respected in aviation.





NORTH CENTRAL
SECTION

EASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth Craine

(August)

The usual note of beauty which accompanies our 99 girls was just a bit questionable at the last meeting, for burning red faces and distinct white "V"s on foreheads were the brand on each 99'er who is also a CAP'er. That day had been field mobilization day for over 300 CAP members in our locality. Six of the ten 99'ers present were thus branded.

Vera Howe, who is home on furlough, lent interest to the meeting in letting us hear some of the details of the army life she has been living under since her enlistment to teach at Scott Field. She told us of the wonderful training she had been given in Navigation at Hondo, Texas. Vera leaves again shortly for orders yet unknown to her.

We "poured" over LIFE Magazine and the article about Sweetwater which Caroline Iverson wrote up so beautifully. We found Margaret Seip's picture as she with others rounded the bend of the sidewalk. We gloated over our famous absentees.

Latest reports from Margaret Bruns are that she has only seven more days before she will wear the coveted "Silver Wings" from Texas. She is then scheduled to return here for ten days. We're waiting for her with bated breath.

Mary Edna Severson, another busy absentee member, has become the proud mother of a baby girl, Barbara Lynn. I guess that makes us all automatically 99'er Aunts. We're happy to welcome "our niece".

(September)

Margaret Seip's passing on has paralyzed our thoughts and feelings. Peg meant so very much to each of us that it is impossible to fathom our loss. Her name appears on the Charter for Southeastern Wisconsin 99's just as it appears in so many places where aviation pioneering had to be done. Peg was our "trail-blazer" -- "was" is the wrong word to use, for she is our leader still, only leader now on a flight mission we all have to take. But, true to form, Maggie is the first of us to "take-off" on this the greatest of all flights.

So, you see, we don't have much spirit to tell you about the activities we've had this month. We shall just list them for you this time:

Margaret Bruns received her "Silver Wings" at Sweetwater, Texas; returned for a visit here, and is now in Washington, D. C., awaiting further orders.

Pat Hanley also received her wings and is now on duty in Michigan.

Caroline Iverson returned for a vacation from New York where she is aviation editor on LIFE Magazine.

Peg Fiebrantz became a real Aunt.

CAP members were official guests of the Army at the Truax Field base in Madison for a week-end. 99'ers were there a plenty and were on active duty:

Dora Fritzke and Elsie Peters acted as clearance officers.

Mary Atwood, Caroline Iverson, and Peg Fiebrantz assisted in the tower.

Ruth Yeko was the recording secretary for the Wing Officers.

Caroline Feiling drilled in the exhibition section.

Ruth Craine was on duty in the First Aid Tent.

Caroline Iverson and Ruth Craine flew to Truax Field in a Cub, each sharing the piloting. Your report-

er was particularly thrilled in this flight, because Caroline was the beginning influence in her interest in flying.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Jeannette Lempke

Keep the date open! September 12th - Ann Arbor - regular meeting for the Michigan Chapter unless OPA, COD, PDQ or EVD says otherwise. It will be an important meeting for there will undoubtedly be the election of Chapter officers.

Nowadays with the Chapter meetings spread three months apart, each meeting is really an event and an opportunity to exchange news of who is where and why.

Our Chapter is the lucky one to have our Section Governor, Helen Wetherill, bring us news direct of the Section at large, at our meeting last March with Margaret Crane who served us a luscious breakfast at her home near Fenton, and again at our meeting last June in Saginaw, in the delightful home of Thelma Lindzey after a breakfast at the Hotel Bancroft.

September 12th - That's the date
Come for breakfast - Don't be late
Maude will greet you when you land
Get there early - Much is planned.

Note: We've been looking for a report on this meeting, but it hasn't appeared.

ALL - OHIO CHAPTER

By Kay Semrau

(August)

It is odd to write All-Ohio news from Arkansas, but war has changed many things. Among them, your reporter has changed her name to Mrs. Louis R. Semrau, and has moved to 307 Flint Street, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Now down to the news! Annabelle Kekic, who was our Secretary-Treasurer, has been home on furlough from Sweetwater, Texas, and Grace Birge is expected soon. Both girls have made excellent records at Avenger Field.

Since obtaining a used Aeronca, Peg Pierce is flying again and is her old happy self. Peg is like a little girl without her candy when she is denied her flying.

Meetings were almost impossible to hold with the Chapter members all over the country, and that goes for Lady B who has been East to see Helen Curtiss. Florence's son, Louis, Jr., is in the army and is stationed at Tyler, Texas, and her daughter Louise was a bride back in December. Florence herself writes, "I am like a bride with a new iceless and stove. The stove has a grill and a barbecue oven which will do a 24 lb. turkey."

Kin we have a meeting when I come home in October, please ma'am?

By Ann Barille

(September)

Because of various activities that the "Gals" are engaged in these days, our meetings have been spaced far and wide between. However, we managed to get enough girls together for a meeting on Monday, August 31, the main purpose of this being to elect officers for the coming year. They are as follows: Florence Boswell remains as chairman, and Marion Bush Reeder also retains her post as vice chairman. Dawn Malson will replace Frances Morrison as secretary-treasurer.

Aug/Sept 1943

Particular mention must be made of the attendance of two of our Akron members, Dorothy West and Jean Greenham. We were so glad to have them with us.

Sessions of "Hangar Talk" bring these tidbits: Rose Wasil became the mother of a lovely baby girl on July 10th. The Stork also visited the "Boswell Hangar", thus making Florence a Grandmother for the first time. It is a chubby baby boy, born to her daughter Louise, who adds another first to the long list of "Firsts" in Mrs. Boswell's varied career.

Quite a surprise was the marriage of Bernice Deutschman, who became Mrs. James Ottney. Her husband is a Lieutenant in the Army Air Force. After her marriage in Texas, she has returned home to take over a job of "Engineerette" at one of our local radio stations, WGAR.

"Pag" (accident) Pierce is the proud possessor of a brand-new Super-Chief Aeronca, equipped with a two-way radio and a complete instrument panel. The "accident" is for the many mishaps she has had of late. The latest has been an injury to her left shoulder and arm. As she says, "The safest thing to do is FLY!"

Mary King, long time no see, has purchased a ship, also. Hers is an Air Coupe.

Dawn Malson has become Assistant Controller at the Airway Traffic Control Tower. We hear that Barbara Selby is doing exceptionally well as a member of the Houston POST staff, in Texas. Our petite Suzette Jones has been in New York taking the "Antoine Hair Stylist" course and has brought back some "chic" ideas.

Our congratulations this month are going to two graduates of the Ferry Command Training at Sweetwater, Texas. They are Grace Birge and Marge Houser. Grace just recently wrote us from Romulus Field, Michigan, where she is stationed. Many Happy Landings and Luck to both of you from all of Us.

Before "Switch Off" I would like to make an appeal to Kay, your former reporter, to come back!



NEW ENGLAND SECTION

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Constance M. Sheridan

Marjorie Davis held monthly meeting and dinner at the Boston Art Club.

Miriam Vanderslice, Mary Davis, Louise Howard, Hortense Harris, and Dorothy Munro attended.

Miriam told us that more and more interesting things were going on at Wiggins in Norwood.

Louise Howard was just back from a week end spent with Jean Cook at Nantucket.

Hortense Harris, who has been flying quite a bit, had an interesting experience the other day. She was taking two passengers from Chicago to Detroit and was told that at a certain altitude she would find a tail wind of 75 mph. She found it and in one hour and 35 minutes was in Detroit. Her passengers, planning on a three hour flight, thought she had landed at South Bend, Ind.

Hortense also has helped organize a Wing Scout Program here in Massachusetts.

Marjorie read letters from Ann Cutler reporting 230 hours of flying time now;

Charlotte Bassett, enthusiastic about her work in Washington;

Carolyn Cullen, teaching in the Navy's W.T.S. program at Haven Flying School, Schenectady.

Then there was a letter of regret from Louise Sisson. It seems that on the day of the meeting her son Jonathan was taking his Annapolis preliminary exams. Jonathan is in the Navy via program at Brown. Louise is now a member of the Providence Art Club.

Marjorie Taylor wrote one of the most interesting and comprehensive letters from Sweetwater, describing the life of the girls there. Oh, how much they're to be envied! Among other things she mentioned that Nancy Love had visited the field and had given the girls a stimulating talk, making them keener than ever to do the best job possible.

Another favorite member of the N. E. Chapter, Gertrude Meserve, flew in recently in a PT-19.

Vida Grant sent her regrets from Maine. She is active in the CAP there.

Much to everyone's regret, Ruth Hamilton couldn't get away from her XC and night flying program at Concord, N.H.

Rodney Cook, an officer in the Merchant Marine and husband of Jean Adams Cook, has just arrived in U. S. after several months of active duty. You can imagine Jean's joy!

Now we would like to introduce a new member, Marie Maguire, who recently earned her Private license at Concord, N. H.

(Ed. note: This is August report.)



SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Dot Scarborough

(August)

The Carolinas 99's followed up the successful party in June with refreshments for the Charlotte Squadron of CAP in July. Beer and pretzels were served to a thirsty squadron which had drilled for an hour. Everyone had a wonderful time and they deserved our token of appreciation for the grand work they did to make the June Fish Fry a success.

Louise Smith, who patriotically relinquished her Stinson to Uncle Sam, has acquired a Luscombe and we are glad that she can continue flying. She flew a friend to Charlotte from High Point recently, and we hope she will do that often.

Lucille Brokenbrough also has a good looking new Cub Coupe.

We have a new 49½'er in our chapter. Neely McCubbins, who was teaching Link Trainer for the Navy at Corpus Christi, Texas, married Ensign Seyffert in Florida. Bring him up to see us, Neely!

We have lost another valuable member to Texas. Jessie Woods is now flight instructor at Lou Foote Flying Service at Lancaster, Texas. Jessie was our chairman for two years and was always active in the chapter. We will miss her very much.

In Jessie's absence, Betty Baker has been named chairman of the nominating committee which will meet with the executive committee at a meeting called by the Chairman, Bird Eaton, for the last of August. They will make plans for the regular meeting which will be held on the third Sunday in September at Charlotte.

By Bird Eaton

(September)

I have just returned from Jacksonville, Florida, where I attended the annual meeting of the Southeastern Section of 99's. Vera Self, the outgoing Governor, was

Aug / Sept. 1943

a most charming hostess to the members present.

On Saturday night, September 4th, we were guests of the city of Jacksonville for a dinner and dance at the Roosevelt Hotel, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

After the banquet, Vera called a business meeting. Evelyn McRae read the Section by-laws. The writer gave a report from the Carolinas Chapter. Hazel Raines gave a most interesting talk, telling us as much as she could, without divulging military secrets, of her experiences in England where she has been ferrying planes.

More details of the meeting and the names of the new officers for the Southeastern Section will be included in the NEWS LETTER, from the Florida Chapter.

(Ed. note: Sorry, but this news has failed to reach us to date. However we heard from a most reliable source that the new Governor is Bird Eaton. Congratulations to Carolinas Chapter!)

We are glad to have Jessie Woods back in Rock Hill, after having spent several months in Texas.

A meeting of the executive officers and nominating committee will be held in Charlotte on the last Sunday of September, at which time officers for the coming year will be elected.



SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Rita Hart

Sorry! No report for the NEWS LETTER last month. The Harts had a vacation, the first in two years, so we just hung the "Gone fishing" sign on the door and walked out. We found that the housing shortage even into Vacation Land. Arriving at our destination at midnight, with our last teaspoonful of gas, we could find no place to lay our weary heads.

At ten the next morning we solved the problem by renting half of a half of a cabin without doors. Our co-tenant was a kindly old man weighing 250 lbs., who slept in his long woollen undies and, "Holy Smoke!" a pot of "money" under his bed. We thought that was an old Spanish custom which went out of California when the gringos moved in. We learned that Pop Coe came from Titusville, Pennsylvania, and knew Dr. Burchfield, father of one of our own 99'ers, Phyllis Burchfield, now a pilot in the ATC. That made us chimney corner relations.

Frances Grant, with 49½'er Norm, came home to San Francisco for a week's vacation. We called a hasty meeting and gathered together all available 99'ers and 49½'ers for a grand visit. Such fun. We sat on the floor, ate crackers, cheese and salami, and drank beer, while Frances and Norm gave interesting side-lights on life in Texas. They have become practically third generation Southerners, Suh.

When they returned to Corpus Christi, Margaret Gerhardt went with them. They had a delightful trip, via Denver, taking in some of the scenic Rocky Mountain country. Margaret is now enrolled in the training program at Sweetwater. We had a card from her this morning, saying all is well, and she is settling down to the routine grind.

Another girl who will soon leave for Sweetwater is Frances Opavsky, from the Naval Air Station at Alameda. She is not yet a 99'er but if you girls in Texas do your stuff, she will be. She is a nice gal, and has had some fine training at the Base, also flying with reliable Gus.

We had a letter from Doris Arnett, at Abilene, Texas. She sent greetings to all Bay City 99'ers. We met her at Evelyn Esser's home last winter. She was

ferrying ships at that time. She has given up flying temporarily to care for her newly adopted baby, Elizabeth. When Doris and her husband moved to Abilene, they left their new home in Tucson, Arizona, in the care of Doris' mother, Mrs. Rich.

Our own Dorothy Chamberlin is now living with Mrs. Rich, to be near 49½'er Chat. He is training in Tucson. Address Dorothy care of Mrs. Rich, 3020 East Second St., Tucson, Arizona.

Helen Zimmerman has moved to Seattle, where 49½'er Bill is doing some intensive training with Boeing. Helen, get in touch with Dorothy Williams. Her 49½'er Bob is also at Boeing.

Ruth Ruechert was in San Francisco for a few days to settle up business affairs and rent the family home. When she returned to Long Beach she took her mother, Mrs. Schonhoff, with her for a short vacation.

Helen Kelton has a new home with lots of lawn for Don to cut. The new address is Route 4, Box 145, Chico, California.

Evelyn Esser has moved to her new home near Olive Bledsoe. Her address is 2 Amito Drive, Oakland, California.

Eleanor Verkuyl and 49½'er Pete are vacationing at Pacific Grove. They will spend a week and in the Bay Cities on their way home.

Marjorie Fauth and 49½'er Jerry celebrated an anniversary with the Harts, dining, dancing and making whoopee at the Athens Club in Oakland. Marjorie's brother stopped over for a short visit while en route to a convalescent hospital in Los Angeles. He was wounded during a naval battle in the South Pacific.

Helen Harkness, of Burlingame, was at our last meeting. She is a new member and we have had little opportunity to get acquainted. Our meetings have been so irregular. Can't something be done about it? We can't have attractive girls like Helen roaming around, chapter homeless.

This is the most interesting time of our lives as women pilots. Come on, you gals, stir up something. Get the gang together again.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS should be mailed to
99's Headquarters
1025 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Notes on Members

"Becky" McSheehy has obtained a discharge from the WAAC (instead of commission as 1st Lieutenant in WAC component, Army of the United States) so as to participate in the Women's Flying Training Program, AAFTTC. She will take 22½ weeks of training as a ferry pilot at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas.

Dorothy Berendsen, 2nd Lieutenant, ANC, is at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., after 15 months spent in the Panama Canal Zone. Not able to fly while there, she started taking work in radio code. She has done some flying here and hopes to continue radio work at night school, starting in October. She would like to get in touch with the Washington, D. C., Ninety-Nines.

Wear your 99 pin (gold); cost \$1.10. Buy from Headquarters.

★ ★ ★

WHEN YOU WANT INFORMATION ON WOMEN IN AVIATION,

ASK A NINETY-NINE

Aug-Sept 1943