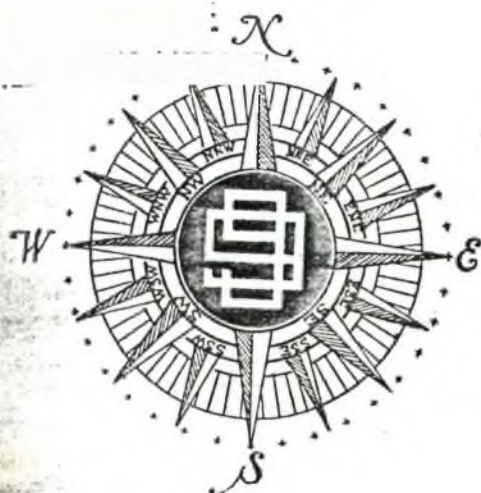


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GREETINGS TO ALL NINETY-NINES -

I deeply appreciate the honor of being chosen President for the 1943-44 year and hope I will be able to carry on in a way to justify your choice. However a successful year cannot be achieved by any one person. Chapters have disintegrated because members have scattered over the United States to do whatever they are best fitted for in the war effort, and it will take all of us working together to bring our organization through these difficult times. It is essential we come through with as large a membership and as strong an organization as possible, in order that we, the only organization of licensed women pilots, may take our place when the times comes for post-war aviation planning.

It is fortunate that the other newly elected officers and members of the Executive Board are experienced in 99 work, as I shall need their advice and assistance.

A meeting of a majority of the Executive Board has already been held, and under the clause in the constitution which gives us authority to act in an emergency, it was decided after deliberation to open the membership of Ninety-Nines to the graduates of the 318th AAFSTD at Avenger Field, Texas, they to be eligible for the duration of the war and one year thereafter, feeling one year after the close of the war will be sufficient time in which to obtain a CAA license. I am confident this will meet with the approval of our members. We will welcome any graduate of Avenger Field who may wish to become a Ninety-Niner.

The volume of work in the Treasurer's office has increased to proportions too great to be handled on a voluntary basis, especially during these busy times - this accounts for delays in handling membership dues and getting out credentials. The Executive Board therefore decided to extend the agreement with the National Aeronautic Association to cover the routine operations of the Treasurer's office, and the entire NAA agreement to hold good for the duration and to the end of the year in which the war closes. For this new service the NAA will receive an additional 50¢ per member. As bills for 1943-44 dues were already in the mail, it was found necessary to take 25¢ from the amounts due each the Chapter and the Section, which results in the following division:

\$ 3.75	to National Aeronautic Assn.
.25	to Section
.25	to Chapter
.25	to National Treasury.

We realize this is a drastic reduction in revenue of Chapters and Sections but it seemed the only possible solution for this year. An additional 25¢ will be paid from the initiation fee to the Chapter

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SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Rita Hart

News becomes scarcer and scarcer. If you girls don't give me something to work on, I'll be forced to fulfill that threat I've made, to write entirely fictitious news about all of you. Sitting comfortably by my warm fireside membership list close at hand, I'll put you in the funniest and most impossible predicaments, and leave you to extricate yourselves. (Or get a new reporter.) Now that I've put a fine edge on that threat, I'll give you the small fragments of news I've been able to collect during the past two months.

First, a letter from Helen Kelton. She finds life at an army post most exciting. 49^{er} Don has been promoted to Flight Commander. I wonder if he ever thinks of the hours he waited for Helen at the airports, getting more and more curious about that aviation bug. Well, the bug bit him. Now he is the pilot, and Helen sits, and waits and ponders.

Lillian Anderson has just returned from a two weeks vacation in the Santa Cruz Mts. She spent part of her time making some tricky slack suits in velveteen, with tams to match. One is dull yellow; one, Kelly green, and one, black. Then, for good measure, she made a long white moire skirt and a bolero, for evening wear. A profitable vacation and, for Lillian, a delightful change from the eternal menus and rationing for four hundred people.

Olive Bledsoe has worked faithfully for two years, trying to keep up the morale of the CAP. We were all beginning to feel that it was a lost cause. Now, with the new regime, and the relaxation of local restrictions, there is some hope that, may be, someday, we will fly again in this forgotten area. Hang on a little longer, Olive. We need your hand on the stick, just in case.

Ruth Rueckert was in San Francisco for a few days to buy back a car that 49^{er} Fred sold two years ago. They hadn't seen the car since then, so it was really a blind date. Apparently it turned out all right, because Ruth drove it to Long Beach, and there was no SOS en route.

We tried to get the gang together while Ruth was in San Francisco. Unfortunately we had our first heavy storm, we still had dim out restrictions, and, to top it off, we had just been cut on our gas rations. All together, it broke up the party. A few girls did get a chance to see Ruth, but most of us had to do our visiting by phone.

Marjorie Fauth drops in occasionally for a snack with your reporter. She has clients in Alameda, and when she has to see them about affairs of state, she jungles the Hart door bell in passing. We have a scup scoff, and a few minutes to swap yarns. It's fun.

Now off the the air mail, to beat that deadline. Remember, you 99'ers, NEWS, or else.



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

ALL - OHIO CHAPTER

By Kay Semrau

It's a bit of change from Will Rogers' favorite remark, "All I know I read in the papers" to "All I know I heard from Florence Boswell". But since I have just returned from Arkansas, Lady B was my best bet to get some news of the All-Ohio Chapter.

Florence, herself, is still busy with AWVS and with the Sportsman Pilots Association of which she is one of the governors-at-large. She was chairman of arrangements for the last meeting of the Association, held in Cleveland on October 16-17. During that time she lunched with Alma Harwood, who was returning to the Virgin Islands, and Grace Birge, in town from Romulus, Michigan, where she is stationed with the WASP.

The Chapter mourns the passing of Margaret Bartholomew of Cincinnati, in a crash while on a Courier Service mission on Monday, October 18. Margie was one of our nicest and most dependable members and she always bolstered the high standards set by the 99's.

We are also extending our sympathy to Gretchen Grable whose father, a private pilot, recently passed away.

Our officers for the coming year are: Florence Boswell, chairman; Marion Bush Reeder of Athens, vice chairman; Dawn Malson, secretary-treasurer; Peg Pierce, membership chairman; and Kay Semrau, news reporter and publicity.

People from whom we'd like to hear: Jean Gundelfinger, Marion Coddington, Sylvia Frantz, Leone Golbines, Betty Thompson and Jeannette Whitman. Perhaps knowing that we miss you and others too numerous to print at one time, we can look for you at our next meeting which will be held early in December, the date to be announced later.

ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Helen Thomure and Marceline Price

The election of officers brings new authors to this epistle — yes, it takes two of us now.

The laurels of Chairman and Vice Chairman go to Shirley Souttar and Helen Thomure respectively. Pauline Reese is holding down the combination of Secretary and Treasurer. The job of news reporting is holding down both Helen Thomure and Marceline Price.

Looks like some of our 99'ers have landed. Verna Burke is doing a good job instructing, in Miami. Mary Klugen, having marked up a neat score instructing in a secondary WTS Program at Moberly, Mo., is now a member of the Stephens College faculty, starting a new flight program for women. Keep 'em flying, Mary!

Marceline Price (MP), who is trying to keep 'em separated at airway traffic control (CLS), reports that Adela Scharr keeps CLS busy acting as her guardian angel all over the country. There is a woman who is going places — in everything from an L2 and a PT-19 to a P-59 and B-17's, B-26's, etc. (pausing for lack of vocabulary only). Aren't we all just green with envy?

The latter above-mentioned are, namely, those affected by the suspension of civilian flying.

Helen Thomure "slipped" neatly through a train window while trying to powder a nose. Yours truly (MP) made a "one point" landing from second floor of Industrial Building via marble step and iron rail.

No doubt there are numerous other ill results that should be chalked up to the same cause. Something ought to be done about it!

We are happy to welcome back the two members who have been away — Laura Sellinger and Ruth Barclay.

SOUTH EASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth Craine
(October)

This is my last NEWS LETTER before the new bride Mrs. William B. Calhoun, Jr. (Mary Elaine Atwood) takes over. But what a month to write up! The 99's have been more than busy attending weddings. Ruth Yeko became Mrs. Paul Sass. Those who know Ruth do not need to be told she was a beautiful bride. Elsie Peters, Peg Flebrantz and your news writer attended the ceremony.

October 2, four of the 99's went to the wedding of Mary Elaine at Janesville, Wis. They weathered a three hour bus ride each way. What wouldn't a 99'er do for another 99'er? Elsie Peters, Willette Harkins, Dora Fritzke and Ruth Craine saw the lovely affair.

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Dora Fritzsche has received her private license. We are so very proud of her, for now she is a real member. Dora has been with Eastern Wisconsin 99's as a guest since it was organized, so it is with the greatest of happiness that we accept her as our newest member. It is just a matter of days now before little Peg Fiebrantz (she is our youngest guest) becomes an eligible member, too.

Even with all these distracting activities going on we have had business meetings and have elected our slate of officers for the coming year. Guess the old officers did not do too badly, for the 99's voted to keep us all in again this year. The line-up is as follows: Chairman, Elsie Peters; vice chairman, Dorothy Christenson; secretary, Ruth Craine; treasurer, Caroline Feiling; program chairman and reporter, Mary Elaine Calhoun.

Margaret Bruns is at Camp Davis at the Anti-Aircraft School there. She flies day and night, but loves her schedule and her assignments. Vera Howe is at Champaign, Ill., working with the army. She likes her work immensely and has already logged several hours in the Link Trainer there.

I leave you then, up-to-the-minute with our 99's. It has been a great deal of fun being the NEWS LETTER Writer this past year.

(November)

At the October meeting of our Chapter each of us sat entranced listening to Mary Elaine Atwood Calhoun as she described her honeymoon flight with 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er Bill. Their trip was a perfect dream which took them way down South into North Carolina, where Mary saw her brother before he left the country for parts unknown to him.

They went on into the Gulf States and had only the nicest things to say about that famous Southern hospitality. Each of them logged 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. They are even more pleased with their little Cub Cruiser now. We find them up more often than down, now that they have returned.

Dora Fritzsche was formally voted into the Chapter, unanimously, of course. Since she received her certificate, she has been diligently giving each of us one grand ride in her Aeronca Chief. She is one excellent pilot.

Mary is to be too busy planning meteorology meetings to do the NEWS LETTER writing, so here I am again for the coming year. But those extra meteorology study periods should be fascinating.

Letters from Vera Howe and Margaret Bruns were interesting.

Elsie took movies of the two brides and all the rest of us.

Ruth Yeko Sass will soon leave to go to Washington, D.C.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Paddy Adelmann

A breakfast meeting of the Illinois Chapter of the 99's was held at the Chicago Municipal Airport, October 10, 1943.

Election of officers for the ensuing year was held, in which Marion Albright was elected chairman; Adelaide O'Brien, vice chairman; Doris Langher, temporary secretary-treasurer; and the outgoing chairman, Paddy Adelmann, reporter, to dispense the local chapter news.

Martha H. Bevans of Chicago, now serving in the 3rd Ferrying Group, WASP, based at Romulus, Michigan, Michigan, was having breakfast in the Municipal Airport dining room and, as she was a personal acquaintance, Helen Budwash influenced her to tell the girls at the meeting of her flying activities. This talk was especially interesting to several of our prospective members. To hope to see Martha at some of our meetings.

Mildred Van Schorick, of Chicago, surgical nurse of Billings Hospital and affiliate Chicago University Medical School, attended the gathering as a prospective member, as did Helen Marie Wagner of Plainfield, Phoebe Angus and Lucille Carey of Joliet, all Illinois girls.

Belle Hetzel of Omaha, Nebraska, spent a few days in Chicago, in the interest of the Women's CAP of Omaha. The trip concerned a Howard Nightingale Ambulance Ship. Florence Moll entertained several of the girls with a lovely dinner at the South Shore Country Club, Belle being the guest of honor.

Tyi Barnes Cassidy is instructing at Ashburn Field, Chicago. Mary Hammel, a WAVE and based at Baton Rouge, is expected in the Chicago area around Thanksgiving.

A regular meeting of the Illinois Chapter will be held the second Sunday of every month.

Place: Chicago Municipal Airport Dining Room.
Time: 10 A.M.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Bertha Topping.

Our September 12th meeting was held at Municipal Airport, Indianapolis, Indiana, and we enjoyed a very nice lunch at Roscoe Turner's Cafeteria.

Betty Cull, Madison, is taking flight and ground instruction at Roscoe Turner's Indianapolis school, and hopes to get a flight instructor's rating soon.

We are happy to learn that Dot Hendricks will still be with us. Her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er having been deferred from the Army, Dot has decided against WASP training in Texas for the present.

Virginia Reed, Indianapolis, a prospective member, and Fern Rinker from Anderson, a new member, were both at our meeting.

Doris Schory, chairman of our chapter for the past year, has spent several months in the west, returning recently with a Parachute Technician's certificate obtained at a rigger's school in Nevada. Doris will soon return to the west to take up her work there.

Our new officers elected are: Ruth Colwell, chairman; Dorothea Hendricks, vice chairman; Marie Thompson, secretary-treasurer, and Bertha Topping, reporter.

Now, for the October 31 meeting held in Terre Haute. Ruth Colwell came Saturday night, had dinner, and visited with local 99's until all were ready to turn in. Marie Thompson, who lives at Clinton, about 20 miles from Terre Haute, took Ruth home with her.

November 1, at 10:00 A.M., every one met at Paul Cox Field. 99'ers present were: Ruth Colwell, Marie Thompson, Jessie Von Leer, Lillian White, and Bert Topping. We also had several petticoats — Jennie Terrell, Clarice La Forge, and Florence Davis, Indianapolis, who will soon have her private license. There was a beautiful breakfast at the Denning Hotel where Lillian White holds forth. Afterwards there was hangar flying from about 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. We were invited to Jessie Von Leer's for refreshments and a visit with her two daughters. Then eight o'clock dinner at the Dinner Hall with our 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'ers and guests. What a weekend! Why don't the rest of you 99's come to our meetings? Everyone would enjoy themselves, and it would be so nice to get together again everyone who is in the State.

Helen Daniels has had to take a little time out to get her new daughter on the beam, so to speak. This little girl makes three daughters for the Daniels.

By the way, Claudia Smith is back now, fairly close. Her address is Russellville, Kentucky; nearest airport, Danville, Kentucky. You Kentucky girls should write to her and get her to become active again. She was on Coastal Patrol work until the first of September.

Helen House Outcalt, we really expected you to come to Terre Haute. Remember you promised something last summer when we were up to see you.

We want to hear from you girls in Texas, and also those who have finished their training there. Where are you? What are you doing?

BACK THE ATTACK

BUY BONDS!

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Letter From Michigan

By Ruth Wolfe Thomas

This is Ruth Wolfe Thomas calling. I do enjoy the NEWS LETTER and I hope the Chapter Reporters get their news in frequently and on time. I realize they can't do so if the members don't loosen up and talk, so this letter to you.

I have been away from my home chapter for nearly two years now and have been all over, following my Ferry Command Captain husband. I am a charter member of the Tennessee Chapter but have been here in Michigan for a year now.

To get you up to date - I have been an assistant Airways Traffic Controller for over a year, stationed in the Detroit Center located on Romulus Air Base, Romulus, Mich.

I note, from the NEWS LETTER and from the NAA magazine that several 99'ers are doing ATC work, and would like to write them and compare notes. From what I can hear, Detroit ATC was the first to let girls work the A board (the flight progress boards) and some of the centers still do not allow their girls there. We had a couple of girls visiting us from the Toronto ATC Center recently, and they were quite amazed to find us doing the work with only one man behind doing the supervising.

For me the work is satisfactory and when I have worked an A position for eight hours during instrument weather and been allowed to do my own thinking and working out of problems, I go home feeling like a girl scout - feeling as though I have really accomplished something that day. Those days are beginning to come thick and fast in Michigan now with winter here.

Every so often we are required to make familiarization tours to the towers, flight operations offices and communications stations with which we have interphone drops. October 17th was my turn to go to Windsor, Canada. One of the fellows and I went over for the afternoon and visited with the tower, the range station, American and Trans-Canada airlines operations offices. The fellows all had so much to talk about in the tower that they turned the mike over to me. Luckily there was no local flying on account of high winds which were from P Peter leaning a little toward K King that day. You know there are so many girls working in towers and radio stations these days that fellows are not even surprised any more.

I had a luncheon for a former co-worker in ATC, who graduated from Sweetwater October 9th. Jane Wilson was once a 99'er but let her membership drop when she moved to Cuba, and never joined up again.

Ran into Grace Birge of the All-Ohio Chapter recently. She has been quite busy since being based here. We decided that we would try to get all the WASPS who were 99'ers together before long for a gossip session. I have met quite a few of the girls. Grace recognized my name I had typed on my interphone set and introduced herself as a fellow 99'er.

I was back home recently but my leave was so short and the girls so scattered that I saw only Pearl Brock of Knoxville. We had quite a gab fest at the airport one afternoon, recalling old flying days. Pearl is leaving her job and joining her Coast Guard husband in Missouri.

May be Grace Birge and I will be able to get the 99'ers here on the base together before time for the next NEWS LETTER to come out and, if so, I'll send you a list of the names and an item or two on each one.

(Later)

I found a spare minute on this 4 to 12 watch tonight and decided to make a phone call. One led to three others and before I was through I had talked to a 99'er I didn't know was around here, and got an invitation to a Hallowe'en party Saturday night.

It started like this: I called Barbara Donahue, WASP squadron commander, for a list of the WASPS based here who are 99'ers. She didn't have a list but prom-

ised to put a notice on the bulletin board, asking all 99'ers to place their names at the bottom. She figured it would take about two weeks for all the girls to see the notice since so many are away at all times.

In our conversation she asked if I knew Capt. Hinson's wife who is a 99'er. I had never met Mrs. Hinson. In fact I didn't think there were any officers on the field who had 99'er wives. You know when I first came up here I asked for 99'ers all over the place but got so many negative answers I finally gave up.

Well, I called Mrs. Hanson, introduced myself, and made a date with her for the latter part of the week. Capt. Hinson is a pilot in the 3rd Ferry Group based on Romulus, and Mrs. Hinson was a member of the 99's in Baltimore and flew under the name of Marion Vail Hinson. Their address is 31944 Woodbrook, Wayne, Mich., phone Wayne 1748M.

Having found a member new to Michigan I had to call Alice Hammond with Hinson's address and phone number. Alice told me about the party to be at Olive Jane Custer's and suggested I call Olive Jane so she could ask the Hinsons to come along, too.

So I'm still making phone calls.

By the way, I've started taking Link here. It is open to ATC personnel and are we lapping it up?

(Ed. note: Leona McElroy get in touch with

Ruth at 640 N. Brady, Apt. 207, Dearborn, Mich.)

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Hallowe'en Party

The door was opened on me while I was still trying to fit my note of directions with this house, and a solemn faced Chinese (our host) bade me enter with a friendly greeting and bowing low over folded arms. Inside the house I was introduced to Mr. and Mrs. Ling of Korea (Ann Locker and Mrs. Maude Rufus of Ann Arbor) and further welcomed by our hostess (Olive Jane) who was wearing a hoop skirt.

I was barely seated (Oh, yes, they all knew who I was because when the Chinese opened the door on me, I was so astonished my mask fell off), when in walked a shower complete with curtain, on its bare feet, (Helen Wetherill, section governor). Hot on the shower's bare heels came Pistol Packing Mama and the sound effects (Jeannette Lempe who flew down from Saginaw).

Others present were Alice Hammond with covers from LIFE sewed all over; Gladys Hartung in gypsy costume; Leah Ann Higgins in peasant dress; Olive Jane's sister in grass skirt and fixings; the host's mother as a ghost, and the hostess' mother as a gypsy fortune teller.

Mrs. Rufus told us about her recent CAP Courier trip to Boulder Dam and you will find it all written up in a late issue of CONTACT, CAP bulletin.

Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund banks were to be opened at this meeting and the fund had a slight boost when the gypsy fortune teller left her cove to bring to the fund all the silver that had crossed her palms that night.

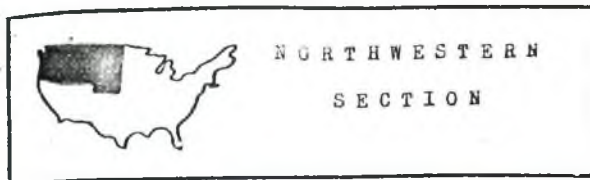
Helen Wetherill had a letter from Mary Belle Ahlstrom, WASO, based on Romulus Air Base. Mary Belle wanted to meet Detroit 99'ers. I took Helen Wetherill's phone numbers down and called for M. B. the next day, but she was out on a trip. There's a message in her mail box to call me at ATC when she returns.

My Link is progressing - got 100 on Lesson One (sounds of crowing, back patting, etc.). By the way, Lesson One is how to get in and out of a Link.

Mrs. Rufus quoted her husband with this original (in its own way) clause, "I regret I have only one wife to give to my country."

Ruth W. Thomas.

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By Irma Wallace

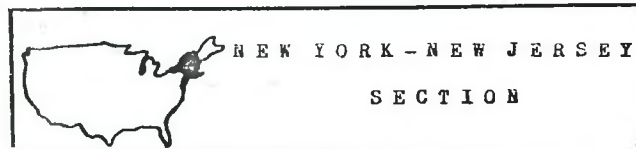
We read with interest in the last NEWS LETTER that Helen Zimmerman had moved from California to Seattle. Our "Investigating Committee" (that one-man team in the person of Clayton Patterson) immediately got busy and a few days ago gave me the following report: Boeing has listed in its personnel, including all branches in Seattle, a total of some 35 "Zimmermans". Each one was checked, but none was named "Bill", and none had a wife named "Helen". Helen, if you are in Seattle, we surely would like to meet you.

Dorothy Williams and her husband, whom we certainly didn't want to lose, left Seattle in July and are now at 1779 Goodyear St., Altadena, Calif.

Lucille and Hart de Mers, with their precious little baby Daphne, have returned to Seattle from Anchorage, Alaska. The trip down by air, at the age of six weeks, gives Daphne the distinction of traveling by air before using any other means of travel. Lucille reports she liked living in Alaska and tells of many interesting experiences there.

Edith Foltz-Stearns has returned to Portland, Ore., from England, for a brief stay, but we could get no details. This would make some interesting NEWS LETTER reading, Oregon Chapter. Won't you let us in on it?

Please, won't some of the girls from other Chapters in this Northwestern Section send some news in to our Editor? If nothing more than to write in where you are and what you are doing. You know what is keeping you busy every minute these days, but we don't and, darn it, we're sincerely interested!



NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

By Helen Nestell

This chapter has had outstanding speakers with a wide range of subjects for the past months.

J. Bertram Purnell, Curtiss-Wright test pilot, entertained us with his experiences at crop dusting and as an Army Flight Instructor.

Dean Smith, Director of Transportation at Curtiss-Wright, described his trip to the Antarctic with Commander Byrd in 1928-30, as a member of that first expedition.

Colonel Goldsborough, Flight Test Coordinator at Curtiss-Wright, just back from a trip to India with a group of C-46's, gave us a "bird's eye view" of the countries over which he travelled. He is enthusiastic about women in aviation and feels there is a definite place for the in the, so far, untried field of navigation.

Robert Stanley, Chief Test Pilot for Bell Aircraft, has won several trophies at the International Soaring Contests at Elmira, N.Y. He has a wealth of stories connected with this sport and took many of us on our initial flight—figuratively speaking.

Western New York seems to have a fluctuating membership. Barbara Manchester is with the AAFSTD at Sweetwater, Texas, and Elizabeth Mills, who has earned

her Commercial and Instructor's tickets, is in the WAC at Daytona Beach, Fla. Elizabeth Wright is in the WAVES and training as Link Instructor at Atlanta, Ga.

Harriet Louise Urban graduated from Avenger Field in September, and expects to be stationed near Detroit for the present. She managed to attend our September meeting, before going on to Detroit. It was good to see her.

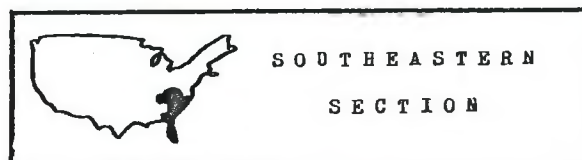
Betty Olmsted has completed her special training in eye surgery at the Eye and Ear Infirmary, Chicago, and is back in Buffalo.

Dottie Mackay left Atlanta to accept a position at Curtiss-Wright, as Link instructor, so will become an active member in Buffalo. Dottie was the first woman in the U. S. to be licensed as a Link instructor. She has lots of flying time and a good many tickets to her credit.

At last we have a 24'er. A daughter, Virginia, born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Woolams. Mary Margaret and Virginia are both fine.

Helen "Maisie" Koethen has added to her already busy schedule by working on the Air Cadet recruitment drive recently. She also is radio operator for the Niagara Falls police.

Dot Forkel and Mary Ellen Morrow, both of Rochester, N.Y., Evelyn Banta, East Aurora, N.Y., and Joy Schall, Niagara Falls, N.Y., are new members. Dot and Mary Ellen fly with the CAP at Rochester and are kept busy on both day and night missions. Evelyn and her pilot husband have just moved here from Delaware. Joy comes here from Denver, to work in the control tower at Niagara Falls.



SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Bird Eaton

The annual business meeting of the Carolinas Chapter was held in Charlotte on September 26. The following members were present: Betty Dunlap, Jessie Woods, Martha Munroe, Betty Baker, Dot Scarborough, Louise Smith, Lucille Brockenbrough, and Bird Eaton.

After a delightful dinner, a business meeting was held, the Chairman presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported a balance of 34.11 in the treasury.

The Chairman gave a report of her enjoyable trip to Jacksonville, Florida, for the Southeastern Section meeting held on September 4, 1943. She also spoke of her recent trip to Washington, D. C., and visit at National Headquarters of 99's.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Jessie Woods, and two members were appointed to count the ballots. The following officers were elected for 1943-1944: Chairman, Betty Dunlap; vice chairman, Louise Smith; secretary-treasurer, Betty Baker; chairman, Nominating Committee, Lucille Greenwood; chairman, Membership Committee, Martha Munroe, and reporter, Bird Eaton.

The members were urged to pay their dues promptly when notified by National Headquarters.

Louise flew her Luscombe down from High Point.

The 99'ers of the CAP Squadron did a most worthwhile job in assisting in the "Back the Attack", 3rd War Bond Drive.

Our next quarterly meeting will be held in January, in Charlotte.

(November items)

I was certainly glad to have a visit with Lucille Greenwood who dropped into Charlotte one day late in October. She is from way down in Bennettsville, S.C., and we don't see her very often, but she is a loyal 99'er.

Betty Hamilton has our sympathy since she broke her

foot. She will be dragging that plaster cast for some time yet. I know her pretty blue Cub Coupe misses her.

Kathleen O'Brien, from way down The Bluff Plantation, Moncks Corner, S.C., writes in that she has several prospective members. We appreciate your interest.

In spite of the fact that Dot Scarborough lost her old stand-by Julia (her maid), she finds time to fly her Aeronca Chief.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Evalyn McRae

Although you haven't heard much of us in the NEWS LETTER during the past year, Florida Chapter still Florida Chapter still struggles along despite our thinning ranks caused by members departing for Sweetwater, Texas, for flying training for Ferry Command, transferring to other states to be with 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'ers, or to war jobs elsewhere.

We have had three meetings so far this year, and the year is not over yet; so keep hoping - we may manage a fourth. Our September meeting was held in conjunction with the Section meeting at Jacksonville, Florida, September 4th, Evalyn McRae, chairman, presiding.

The nominating committee submitted a panel for the Chapter election, and the ballots were counted at the October 23 meeting held at Irene Haworth's home, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. A shame that more girls could not manage to attend, as they missed a lovely party.

Fay McWhorter Mayes entertained us with a very vivid description of the activities at Avenger Field.

Jean Cridlebaugh and yours truly bowed to "wartime travel" conditions (gas rationing) and embarked for Fort Lauderdale by bus. Jean and I have both sold our planes, and where we once used to fly up to see Irene and the girls in 10 or 15 minutes, we put in "hours", and the excruciating return trip was endured standing in the aisle. We arrived in Miami way after midnight, much in the condition of the well-known sardine. We decided that perhaps it was too much to try to get about to meetings, when the girls who actually live in the towns where gatherings are held, do not make the effort to show up, or even call on the phone to say "Hello" or "Sorry we cannot come", etc. Of course we know everyone is terribly busy and we've all been going at top speed for so long. Still it was nice to relax for a few hours in Irene's charming home and renew old friendships. You gals missed some delightful refreshments and later, at famous Tuna Gardens, a steak dinner which was out of this world.

Our election resulted as follows: Irene Haworth, past secretary, Ft. Lauderdale, chairman; Katherine Thompson, WAFS, presently at Belle Glade, Florida, vice chairman; Nancy Colyer, Jacksonville, Florida, secretary-treasurer.

Irene appointed Jean Cridlebaugh as chairman of the nominating committee, and Fay McWhorter Mayes chairman of membership. Evalyn McRae takes on the job of reporter again (and please help me out, you girls, by dropping me a card or a letter from time to time so I'll have something to send in each month. My address - Box 308, Miami Springs, Florida, and many thanks!).

Here's what some of our Florida girls are doing, and are we proud of them! Vera Self, ex-governor of S.E. Section, now tower operator at Orlando, one of the busiest airports in the state. Mary Clifford has graduated at Avenger Field, Texas, and is an Army Air Force Pilot. Her sister Ruth is instructing at Bartow, Fla.

Dorothy Ebersach of Tampa, is at Sweetwater, and I hear by roundabout that so is Celeste Dervaes, also of Tampa. Jean Cridlebaugh has been instructing classes of 300 (and more) Army men at a time, on maintenance and inspection of bombers, at Embury-Riddle here in Miami. Marion Bertram is instructing at Hart Field, Jacksonville. Her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er recently returned from Guadalcanal; was there from the very first with the Marines. "Doc" is a commander, USNR.

Ginny Roach, so long with the Miami Weather Bureau, recently a bride, has moved to Washington, D.C. Ginny, write and give us your address (and your new name).

Irene Haworth and your reporter have been working steadily for CAP since Coastal Patrol started, Irene on plotting board, and yours truly as radio operator. (Roger!) Unable to fly on Patrol because of Army regulations (don't believe the advertisements you see in current magazines), we fly every chance we get on local hops, radio checks, etc. Irene commuted to Chapman Field Base from Fort Lauderdale every day in her Cub until she finally sold it.

Our newest members, Dotty Colburn and Katie Loft, received their wings at Avenger Field this summer.

A letter from Nell Behr says she is not well and may need an operation. We are terribly sorry and hope she is better soon. We looked for Nell at the Section meeting in Jacksonville, but she couldn't make it. The Carolina girls who attended were disappointed not to see her.

We had a grand time at Jax. Vera Self, the outgoing governor arranged a fine party. There was a pretty fair turnout, too, considering present difficulties of travel.

Ruth Clifford flew over from Lakeland, and Irene Haworth and your reporter took the Streamliner. Hazel Raines came down from Macon, Ga., where she has been resting and visiting with her parents after a year and a half of flying in England for ATA. We hear Hazel is now on her way to Sweetwater for a refresher course required before entering WAFS for the Good Old USA.

Faithful Georgia Williams attended the meeting and with her husband helped Vera to entertain the visiting '99's. We were glad to see Bird Eaton again after two years, and congratulations to her as our new governor.

Southeastern election results are: Bird Eaton (Carolinan Chapter), governor; Evalyn McRae (Florida Chapter), vice governor; Louise Smith (Carolinan Chapter), secretary-treasurer; Vera Self (Florida Chapter), chairman, nominating committee, and Cora McDonald (Tennessee Chapter), chairman, membership committee.

That's all for now, girls. PAY YOUR DUES. Don't let your membership drop! The Ninety-Nines cannot be as active as we once were, but the war CAN'T last forever. You can't afford to lose the contacts nor the friendships. Remember, the organization is only what you make it. —Just a little effort to get together once in a while. —Some items for the NEWS LETTER. —Keep on plugging. —Be proud you're a 99'er!

ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN MEETING

September 4, 1943

The annual Southeastern Section meeting of the 99's was held in Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday, September 4, at the Roosevelt Hotel. Those present were: Governor Vera Self, Jacksonville; Ruth Clifford, Lakeland; Irene Haworth, Ft. Lauderdale; Evalyn McRae, Miami; Georgia Williams, Jacksonville, all from Florida; Hazel Raines, Macon, Ga.; Neely Seyfferle, Lexington, and Bird Eaton, Charlotte, both N. C.

The members and their guests were entertained by the City of Jacksonville, at the Roosevelt Hotel, Saturday night, at a banquet and dance. The guests included two student pilots and the 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'ers of Georgia Williams and Bird Eaton.

After the dance a business meeting was called to order by the Governor, Vera Self, who read letter from the National President, Jacqueline Cochran, stating the ballots for National Officers would be mailed out in September. An open discussion was held on maintaining interest in local chapters. Bird Eaton reported on activities of Carolinas Chapter. Part of the By-Laws and standard Constitution of Sections was read.

The Governor appointed Irene Haworth, Ruth Clifford and Georgia Williams to count the ballots for Section officers. Irene Haworth reported officers elected for 1943-1944 as follows: Governor, Bird Eaton, N. C.; vice gov-

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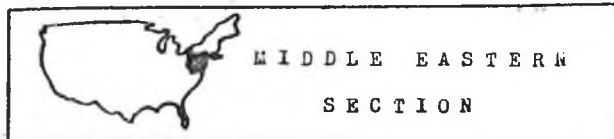
arnor, Evelyn McRae, Fla.; secretary-treasurer, Louise Smith, N.C.; nomination chairman, Vera Self, Fla., and membership chairman, Cora McDonald, Tenn.

The new Governor invited the Southeastern Section to hold next year's annual meeting in Charlotte, N.C.

At the close of the business meeting, Hazel Raines, a former flight instructor who recently returned from England where she was with the British Air Transport Command, gave a most interesting report of her activities there. She was home on two months leave of absence after having a very narrow escape in a Spitfire accident. She emphasized the importance of having items in every NEWS LETTER, as the 99's away from home look forward to having news from their respective chapters each month.

When the meeting adjourned, Evelyn McRae, chairman of the Florida Chapter, called a meeting of their members present.

Bird Eaton, Governor
Secretary pro tem.



EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Bettie Thompson

Helen Jones, Lancaster, Pa., is teaching on WTS at Carlisle, Pa., as is her sister Jessie, Jr. Jr. has her 99 application in and will soon be one of us! Their address is - Grand View Hotel, K and West Sts., Carlisle, Pa.

Catherine Slocum is in control tower at Budd Field, Eustleton, Philadelphia, Pa. She just got her rate. Took the exam at La Guardia Field, N.Y.

Bea Hymen, Wilkes-Barre, is in control tower at Buffalo, N.Y. Her address is - 945 Humboldt St., Buffalo 8, N.Y.

Doris Stansbury, Philadelphia, is working in Florida. Her address - 2656 Collins Ave., Miami Beach 40, Fla.

Peggy Hoopes is at CAP Headquarters, Philadelphia.

Ruth Shafer, Philadelphia, is at Sweetwater, Tex.

Bettie Thompson has announced her engagement to George W. Townson, Statistics Division. He's a Q.B., test pilot, A and E, and licensed 'chute rigger, now working on WTS at Gettysburg, Pa. Soloed Ye Ed. on her first solo flight back in '37.

Leona McElroy, Reading, is living at 330 S. Denwood, Dearborn, Mich., with her hubby and two young sons.

Dot Carpenter, when last heard from, was married to an engineer and living in Lima, Peru. New name: Mrs. A. B. Salto.

Dot Leh, Allentown, let's hear from you!

Augusta Roberts, when last heard from, was still living in Middletown, Del. (R. D. #1).

Elizabeth Hooker, Baltimore, Md. The "Rapid Rabbit" says he thinks she is with Grumman, Bethpage, L. I., N.Y. Is that correct? On Link work.

Lee Hazen, Maryland. Onheard from. We have heard that all Maryland is now a part of Washington, D.C., Chapter rather than Eastern Penn????

Jane Shaw, Maryland. Is she still a member?

Whom have we left out from Delaware? 99'ers from Delaware please send us your names and addresses. Alice du Pont Mills, can you help us out here? And you, Augusta Roberts? Who's who down thar?

Betty Ross, Richland, Pa., when last heard of, was in Chicago, Ill., at American Airport????

Middle Eastern Section's Treasurer reports "In City National Bank, 60th and Lansdowne Avenues, Philadelphia, a thrifty checking account listed under 'Bettie Thompson-Ninety-Nines', showing the sum of \$145.21."



NEW ENGLAND

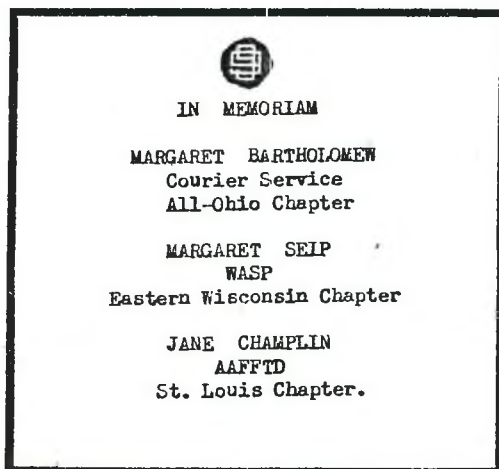
SECTION

Calling New England 99'ers!!!

There's a prospective 99'er (we think) roaming your territory. Her name: Pat Dilworth, of Pennsylvania. We don't know her or where she is flying, but the "Rapid Rabbit" says she is from in or near Philadelphia; is likely 99 material, and is in New England, learning to fly.

Which one of you 99'ers up thar knows her? Get busy!

Signed: Rapid Rabbit.



AIRPORT FENCE

From and about 99'ers.

Ruth Craine: 'It was one year ago that I became eligible for membership in the organization. I have spent one very happy year in it. It has been everything I dreamed it would be. I look forward with pleasure to the renewal of my membership in so fine an organization.'

Camilla Canfield, originally Fort Worth, Texas, writes that her husband, Major Robert W., is missing over Germany. She is now located in Carmel, California, and would like to get in touch with some 99'ers and also learn of CAP activities in that section. Can you help her? Her address is P. O. Box 1172, Carmel, Calif.

Irene C. Blasdel, Director, Air-Mar Navigation Schools, The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pa., writes: "Doubtless you will be glad to know that the Navigation School is still doing a big job in training men and women for service with all branches of the Armed Forces. We now have 144 energetic students, and graduates all over the world are doing their best to bring us victory."

Carolyn J. Dingman: Syracuse, N.Y., 99'er, reports "Last month I received my instrument rating while working for ATC as a Link instructor. Was I

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ever happy to get that! Now I'm looking for some way to make use of it.

Dorothy Maurine Noll is working at Lockheed, helping turn out the P-38's and reports it is very interesting. Address, 634 E. Orange Grove Ave., Glendale, Calif.

Edna M. Gardner, R.N., holds 24 aviation records; has over 7000 hours as commercial instructor. Is from New Orleans; now teaching at Spartan, Tulsa, Okla. Started flying in 1926 at Renton Field, Seattle, in OX5 Jenny. Since 1931 has soloed over 230 students. Only woman licensed for sky writing. Did banner towing in 330 HP Laird. Only woman to carry a chute jumper at 1931 Cleveland Air Races. Awarded medal of good fellowship by Governor of Rhode Island. Entertained at White House. Present address: 2515 N. Garrison Ave., Tulsa, Okla.

Ruth M. Shafer, Philadelphia, Pa., recently on active duty with CAP on Long Island, N.Y., now at Sweetwater, Texas, in WAAFTD.

DALLAS 99'ERS NOTE!

Texas 99'ers near Love Field, Dallas;— WASP Margery Taylor wants to meet you gals. Phone or write her at 5th Ferrying Group, Love Field, Dallas, Texas.

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obtaining the new member. This new arrangement will result in a more speedy handling of membership dues and return of credentials, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

I would urge that more news items be sent in to our NEWS LETTER which is most important in keeping us in contact with each other. Drop a line to National Headquarters telling us where your members are and what they are doing - give us news of any 99'er or 99 activity of which you may know.

Thanks again for the compliment paid me - Please help to make 1943-44 a good year for the 99s.

Ethel A. Sheehy
President.

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