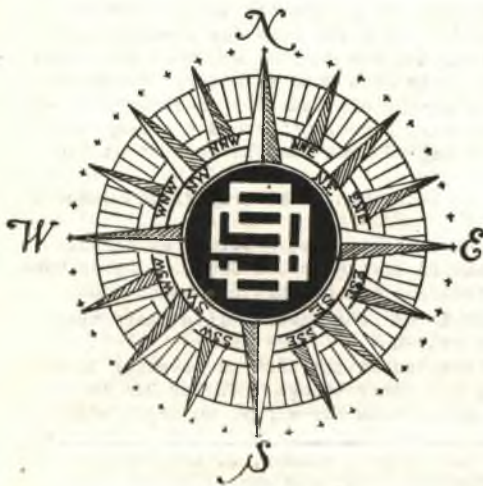


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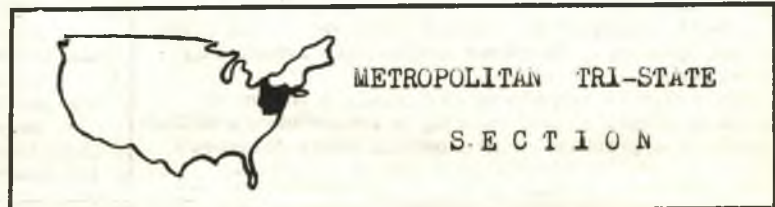
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Greetings for Christmas  
and  
the New Year  
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#### DINNER DANCE PLANNED

By Kay Traulsen

This Section is back in circulation again. We held a meeting recently at Alma Harwood's apartment and it was decided that we would have a dinner dance on Friday, January 28th. Due to the food and service situation in hotels we are limited in number of persons attending, so, if you want to go, write at once for tickets to Lt. Ruth A. Heller, 8 East 10th Street, New York, N.Y.

Although this year's party may not be so big, it definitely will be as great a success as those in the past, since we are going to have for our guests several aces from our own Air Force as well as some from our Allies.

A few up-to-the-minute news flashes: Captain Marjie Ludwigsen was in town for a WAAC staff meeting. She has been all over the United States and had just returned from Spokane, Wash., and March Field, Calif. Her headquarters are in Washington, D. C., where she has two offices - one in the Pentagon Building and one at Bolling Field.

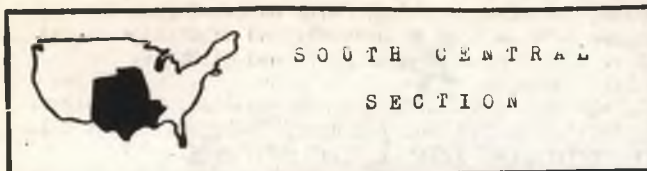
Lt. (jg) Ruth Heller looked very, very snappy in her WAVE uniform, at the meeting the other evening. Jean Oakes' baby daughter, Pamela, looks like a real aviatrix! Papa is a captain on Eastern, so she has practically soloed.

We welcome a new member to our midst - Lois Fairbanks.

Alma and your Reporter spent a day at the New Castle Air Base, visiting Magda Tacke (my sister). We also saw Betty Gillies and Marjie Gray, and met many other girls from different parts of the country while there. We were envious of the big fast ships they fly and their many interesting trips.

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## SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

### SECTION GOVERNOR MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson Wilbur of Shreveport, La., announce the marriage of their daughter Gail Robinson to Mr. Albert Buford Baker, Jr., son of Mrs. A. D. Baker and the late Mr. A. B. Baker of Cruger, Miss.

The ceremony was performed November 21, 1943, at the First Presbyterian Church in Shreveport, Dr. Charles L. Power officiating.

A small reception was held at the home of the bride after the ceremony. The young couple left immediately for a honeymoon.

Mrs. Baker is a graduate of L.S.U., a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, and recently a member of the WASP. Mr. Baker is a graduate of Mississippi State College.

### COLORADO CHAPTER

Dear Ninety-Nine News Letter:

We finally got the Colorado group together for a meeting, so will pass on the news.

Dorothy Jones was at the meeting. She is still working hard at Valley Flying, Colorado Springs, instructing and flying Courier for CAP whenever possible.

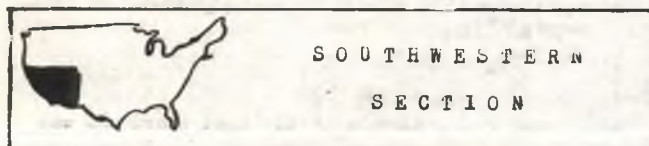
Ruth Gouthey is instructing at Denver Municipal, and Ruth Woodworth is also at Denver Municipal, on ground crew.

At Mountain States Aviation we have quite a 99 Flight Staff. Florence Gordon and Jennie Tschoep at Hayden Field (instructing), and instructing at Combs Field are Mrs. Dorothy Thompson and Mrs. Helen Henry.

Marjorie Cramp is now vacationing and we hope will be among those present before long.

Will send in the complete list of new officers as soon as we have our next meeting, also more news.

Dorothy Thompson,  
Colorado Chairman, 99's  
Mountain States Aviation,  
Denver, Colo.



## SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

### BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Rita Hart

Christmas again, and we have hopes of gathering enough of our clan together for a real Christmas party. It must be the huge red Christmas candle in the window that has lured them homeward.

Dorothy Chamberlin is back in San Francisco. Her list of addresses became too complicated, so she has returned home to her own apartment to wait out the "Duration".

Margaret Gerhardt is in San Francisco, working in her father's office. She is the official "hurry-upper" and keeps things hustling from shop to ship.

Fran and Norm Grant came home unexpectedly. Nora was assigned to permanent duty at the Naval Air Station, much to his surprise and delight. They are staying temporarily with Fran's parents in San Francisco, while they house hunt for something near the Air Station in Alameda. They would like to find a nice modern apartment but would gladly compromise. Anyone having a lean-

to, a loft, or a nice warm tent, please call Fran, collect.

Kay Booth has returned to her home at Orinda. She has been instructing in the East. We haven't had a real chat with her yet, but will take care of that at our next meeting. Her address is 67 Stanton Avenue, Orinda, Calif.

Ruth and Fred Rueckert celebrated their tenth anniversary in November. Fred was home for a whole weekend, time enough to go dinner dancing and make the round of the nite clubs. Note from Ruth's letter: "Fred is out now and I don't expect him back for Thursday's festivities - and, any way, I couldn't crowd a turkey in this small oven. A leg of lamb baas in protest at the squeeze."

Betty Deuser is stationed at Liberty Field, Camp Stewart, Georgia.

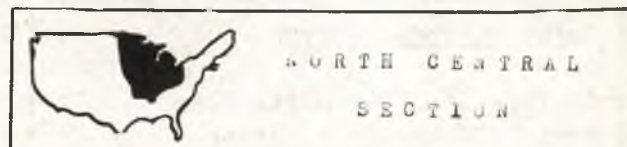
Virginia Crinklaw is still at Romulus, Michigan.

Helen Zimmerman is living in Los Gatos. 492'er Bob has finished his training and has his permanent run.

Louise Coleman is at Long Beach. I've heard that she has the cutest hair-do.

Helen Kelton breezed in the last of November to do Christmas shopping and other things. 492'er Don is being transferred, and no room for wifey, so Helen will stay at the little shack (with lawn and fixins) in Chico till he returns. Now is your chance, 99'ers, to go duck hunting. Helen knows all the choice spots in the rice fields. She is a good spotter, but she gets a bit mixed with her ducks and pheasants. (It's all right, Helen, to shoot the female ducks. It's the pheasants mama mustn't touch.)

Marjorie Fauth dropped in at the Hart manage recently, to ease the ration point situation with a brace of ducks. Stuffed with wild rice, they were something to really yearn over. 492'er Al has a date to express his appreciation "and", says he, "It will be a pleasure."



## NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

### EASTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Helen Thomure

We had our regular meeting, and a nice attendance. We would like to hear from the girls who are out of town. Now don't give us the excuse that all of you cannot write because you had your arms cut off at the elbow so you could take "shorthand".

Del Schaar was transferred from Michigan to Long Beach, Calif. A little bird winged by our meeting place and told us that she "was up in the clouds", because she is now with her own dear 492'er.

We wish each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your "air-minded" reporter will stay awake and do lots of flying around so that next time she will have a lot of scoop to impart to you.

### SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth Craine

For the first time since pre-war days, our Chapter of the 99's has been buzzing away like a beehive. We are meeting every three weeks instead of every four, as we formerly did. No, it is not social meetings. Since our brides have settled down, all of us once more have done the same. Our meetings just now are given over to the study of meteorology. At the last one, Mary Calhoun brought the slides which are used by her 492'er at Marquette University where he teaches ground school subjects. We really "digested" them, too.



But ground work is not all that is being done. Dora Fritzsche is very anxious to use that new private license. She and Mary planned a flight to South Bend, Indiana. Five of us went in the two planes, all 99'ers. Elsie Peters and Dora flew together, and Dorothy Christenson and I flew with Mary. We surely were thrilled to be among the P-51's landing and refueling at South Bend. All went well, so well that another flight was planned, this to take us West and North in Wisconsin, but "Minnie and Stan" were disagreeable and the Calhoun plane was in line for the 100 hour check, so the trip was called off, temporarily.

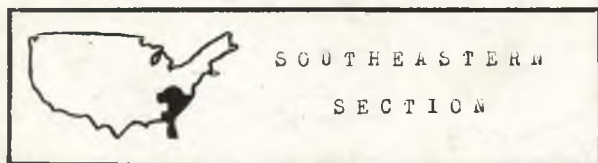
We had a delightfully surprising letter from Dorothy Bryant of Madison, who is now in Pocatello, Idaho, instructing in Naval aviation. She holds not only her flight instructor's rating but also seven ground instructor's ratings. She is surely one inspiration to any one. We were so happy to hear that she contacted us through the NEWS LETTER of the 99's.

Ger Blade, too, is active once more. With Tom "some where" she has accepted a position with American Airlines at La Guardia field, New York.

Caroline Iverson's promotion from reporter in the aviation staff of LIFE Magazine to Associate Editor is still news to us back home. To her it is probably old by now, for she moves at a terrific speed.

Now and then there is time to relax for a very few minutes, and in those few minutes Elsie shows us her pictures of the Atwood-Calhoun wedding at Janesville. Mary gets the far-away look in her eye and we all sigh as we would in any theater, for we know the romantic story that goes with the pictures.

Go and look now if you haven't seen Margaret Bruns' picture in the November issue of NATIONAL AERONAUTICS. We're right proud of our WASP who has a hobby of sewing beautiful things. The picture's on page 19.



#### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Evelyn C. McRae

News is rather scarce from Florida this month, there being no regular meeting to report. However, several interesting letters have come from members: Vera Self writes she is getting along finely and is in love with her new job at Orlando control tower. She has a victory garden which she spends spare time on, and her new mailing address is Box 52, Orlando, Fla.

Evelyn Trammell writes that her new address is 6th Ferrying Group, Long Beach Army Air Field, Long Beach, Calif. Congratulations on a fine job!

Georgia Williams has moved down to Miami from Jacksonville, to be with her 492'er who is now stationed at Opa-Locka Naval Air Station here. Georgia has been busy house-hunting and, at this writing, I do not know her permanent address.

Correction on the report in last month's news, regarding Celeste Dervaes, Tampa, being in Texas for training. Celeste stopped in to see us during her visit here in Miami on November 12th. She is still holding down her job in Tampa and flying some; misses the Tampa girls who have gone. Celeste took over the Penny-Bank chairmanship for Dorothy Ebersach when Doty went to Texas. Address Celeste, 5203 Bayshore, Tampa 6, Fla.

Editor writes that Doris Standbury from Eastern Penn. Chapter is down here, so, gals, look her up--address, 2656 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach 40, Fla.

We'd like to have you come to our meetings, Doris, (if and when)! We'll probably wait until after Christmas, now.

This will be my final report for a while, as I am

moving up to Asheville, N. C., to be with my 492'er who is being transferred there. Will be looking up the Carolina 99's as soon as settled, and am anxious to get back to flying again. Send your news direct to Chairman Irene Haworth, 418 N. E. 12th St., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., who will give it to the new reporter, when chosen. That's all for now, and Merry Christmas to you all.



#### EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Bettie Thompson

#### MEET OUR MEMBERS:

- Mrs. A. B. Salto, % Mrs. Adelbert Chapman, 345 N E 32nd St., Miami, Fla. Please write.
- Mrs. Leona McElroy, formerly Reading, Pa., now 330 S. Denwood St., Dearborn, Mich. Please write.
- Mrs. Dot Leh, 1318 Linden St., Allentown, Pa., 99 Charter Member. Please write.
- Miss Helen Jones, home 819 Ocean Ave., Lancaster, Pa. Now at Grand View Hotel, K and West Sts, Carlisle, Pa., on WTS as flight instructor.
- Mrs. Catherine Slocum, Country Club Road, Bryn Mawr, Pa. Now in control tower, Budd Field, Bustleton, Pa.
- Miss Eleanor E. Groh, 419 Cumberland Ave., Lebanon, Pa. Please write.
- Miss Irene Blasdel, 1728 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa. Now with Air-Mar Navigation Schools, Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Miss Hester S. Martin, 4919 N. 13th, Philadelphia, Pa. Please write. (Are you now in Connecticut?)
- Miss Ruth M. Shafer, home, 6211 Cobbs Creek Parkway, Philadelphia. Now at Sweetwater, Texas.
- Miss Bettie Thompson, 724 N. 63rd St., Philadelphia, Pa. Editor NEWS LETTER.
- Miss Emily Heister, 1501 Mineral Spring Rd., Reading, Pa. Please write.
- Mrs. Augusta Roberts, R D #1, Middletown, Dela. Please write.
- Mrs. Alice du Pont Mills, % Mrs. Chichester du Pont, "Elton". Kennett Pike, Wilmington, Dela. Please write.
- Mrs. Alice O. Robbins, 203 W. 18th St., Wilmington, Dela. Please write.
- Miss Betsy Ross, Richland, Pa. Last heard she was in Chicago. Please write.
- Miss Doris S. Reynolds, 1301 Gilpen Ave., Wilmington, Dela. Please write.
- Mrs. Helen McGilvery, % J. L. Holcombe, 112 The Strand, New Castle, Dela. Please write.
- Miss Bea Hymen, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Now in control tower, Buffalo, N.Y. 945 Humboldt Parkway.
- Miss Doris Stansbury, 2504 N. 34th St., Philadelphia, Pa. Now at 2654 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, Pa. Please write.

#### PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:

- Miss Jessie Jones, Jr., home, 819 Ocean Ave., Lancaster, Pa. Now at Grand View Hotel, K and West Sts., Carlisle, Pa., as flight instructor WTS.
- Mrs. Pauline Powers Markle, 104 N. 25th St., Camp Hill (near Harrisburg), Pa. (Now thought to be in Texas. Please write.)

99'ers of other Chapters, now in our area. We wish they'd drop us a line or phone any of our girls when they are nearby.

- Mrs. Faith Bacon Buchner, WASP, WCAAB, BOQ, Wilmington, Dela.

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Helen Mary Clark, Deputy Commander, WASP, New Castle AAB, Wilmington, Dela.  
 Mrs. Bettie Gillies, WASP, New Castle AAB, Wilmington, Dela.  
 Miss Jill McCormick, 2nd Ferrying Group, New Castle AAB, Wilmington, Dela.  
 Mrs. Mary Jane Stephens Meikle, was 2nd Ferrying Group, New Castle Air Base, Wilmington, Dela.  
 Now, % Mrs. C. U. Stephens, 7728 Wildmere Ave., Detroit 6, Mich.  
 Miss Ruth Grimm Trees, WASP, AAB, Wilmington, Dela.

#### NORTHWEST PENN CHAPTER

By Bettie Thompson

Northwest Penn Chapter is a county long unheard from in the LETTER, so the best we can do is to publish a list of the 99'ers in that area and warn them we're going to start blasting operations if we don't hear from them soon. If we've missed listing any of your members, write and tell us.

#### MEMBERS:

Mrs. Eleanor Magee Smith, 716 Mercer Ave., Kingston, Pa.  
 Ellen G. Douds, Route 6, Mercer, Pa.  
 Miss Elizabeth Warnock, 40% Royal York Apts., 3955 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Mrs. Louise Skelton, E. Market St., Mercer, Pa.  
 Mrs. Reed Zimmerman, % Taylor Aviation, Wilson Field, New Kingston, Pa.  
 Mrs. Rae Trader, Pittsburgh Municipal Airport, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Miss Frances Jeannette Orndorff, 119 W. Church St., Somerset, Pa.  
 Mrs. Betty DeVore, R F D 7, Meadville, Pa.  
 Mrs. Marjorie Smith Cook (Perry D.), 336 Park Ave., Meadville, Pa.  
 Leona O'Shea, 2618 Highland Ave., McKeesport, Pa.  
 Miss Florence G. Shutsy, R D 1, Connellsville, Pa.  
 Mrs. Margaret C. Matuschak Levin, R D 1, Belle Vernon, Pa.

What has happened to these former members of yours? Are they still members? H. Q. has no record of them in your area. Have they moved?

Ruth Barclay, Dorothy Brennen, Harriet Fertig, Anne Pauline Green, Helen Roeder, Virginia Rushlander, Julia Strider, Helen Walker, Beverly Dodge, Teresa James.

Betty DeVore, secretary-treasurer: Will you please set us straight on these girls?

#### PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS, Northwest Penn Chapter:

Miss Marian Jackson Bradley, 110 Woodside Ave., West Lawn, Pa.  
 Kathryn A. Moore, 324 State St., Baden, Pa.

WON'T ALL OF YOU GIRLS SEND YE ED A PENNY POST CARD AND TELL US WHAT YOU ARE DOING?  
 PLEASE!!!!!! NOW!!!!

#### PLEASE NOTE

DO NOT USE our old membership application blanks. These give our annual dues as \$3.00, while our present rate is \$4.50, plus the initiation fee of \$1.00, or a total initial payment of \$5.50.

Kindly destroy all blanks giving the \$3.00 rate and write 99's Headquarters, 1025 Connecticut Avenue, Washington 6, D. C., for a supply of up-to-date forms.

This will prevent misunderstanding and confusion on the part of future applicants, and will be much appreciated by all concerned. Thank you.

#### DINNER DANCE PLANNED

(From page 1)

Alma Harwood was visiting Hortense Harris, of Boston, in Champaign, Ill., not so long ago. She not only put in some time on Hortense's Fairchild but flew and liked (1) a Taylorcraft. Then on to Detroit, where she saw Alice Hammond, our national treasurer, looking very smart in her CAP uniform, who is now back on the job. A month ago Alma was out in Cleveland where she saw Florence Boswell, who, as you all no doubt know, is a grandmother again, and also Grace Birge who is based at Romulus.

We hear that Myrtle Allen is still flying in England and doing a swell job. Virginia Farr was home on a month's leave, but is now back in England again.

As I am the news reporter, I might as well get myself in here, too. For the past few months we have been operating the airport at Stroudsburg, Pa., - the "we" stands for your reporter, her 492'er, and the third instructor, a friend. We are out there every week end doing our little part in the war effort, training future WASPS and others. Come in and see us sometime. Incidentally, I have just been promoted to Flight Officer in the CAP, due to the Flight Training Missions for CAP that we do out there.

If any of our group around the country only knew how much a post card telling what they are doing, means to us who are kept at home due to "old age" or other reasons, they would certainly send in some news occasionally.

Well, I guess this is all there is. Keep that date in mind - January 28th. Roger.

#### HANGAR FLYER

Girl Instructor: The airport with students does abound,  
 And the place looks like a merry-go-round.  
 And all I want is three days of rain  
 So I can stay in bed again.

Future WASP: I think that I shall never see  
 Another student tired as me.  
 Way down deep in the heart of  
 The land I'm now a part of,  
 I guess I'm just a bumblebee.  
 But I'll be a WASP. You wait and see.

One girl, meaning to make a running take-off, instead of asking the control tower for permission for a "touch and go landing", said, "Please, sir, can I make a hit and run T and L?" (99'ers are always in a hurry these days!)

Sweetwater: Who's the instructor who, while his student was beginning her lengthy cockpit procedure, prior to starting, whenever he saw anyone walk past, yelled "Clear" and watched 'em jump, much to his delight?

(Note: Don't those poor gals get enough exercise?)

#### 99's POPULAR ON COAST

Recently Headquarters received two letters from California, requesting application blanks for membership in the Ninety-Nines.

The writers proved to be boys, one but ten years old and the other equally aged.

Headquarters urged them to keep up their interest in aviation, but advised seeking affiliation with some other group. Are these two boys prospective 492'ers?

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