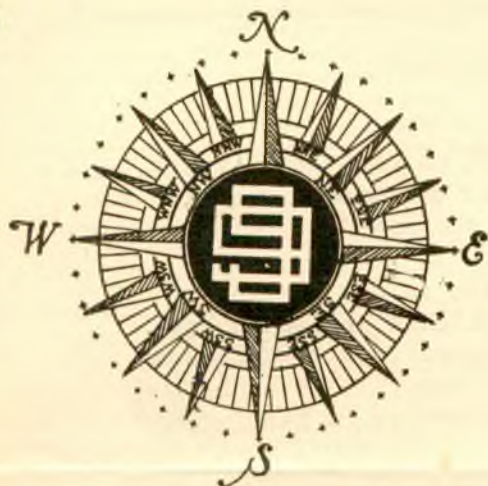


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EDITOR'S DESK

99'ers, don't forget to keep filling those
A. E. Penny Banks, to help support and build up
the A. E. Fund.

"Put away a penny a day."

Editor.

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AMELIA EARHART

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

There have been various and sundry inquiries about what has happened to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship, which, of course, is natural as so little has been done about it in the past year or more, due primarily to war activities and the scattered membership of the 99's.

It does seem, though, that it should be self-evident, with the many openings for women in the field of aviation and the marvelous training those qualified are being given at the expense of the Government, with pay while they are training, there is no need for giving a scholarship this year.

We should conserve our fund and allow it to accumulate until the need for help returns. The interest as well as the principal are not sufficient to warrant any unnecessary expenditure and the fact that two awards were made, notwithstanding this, was due to the generosity of our former president and myself, our purpose being to stimulate and keep alive the interest of our members. We do not want this interest to lag or the scholarship to be forgotten, or have our members feel that we have been neglectful in the discharge of our obligations. It is for this reason that I am writing this for the NEWS LETTER.

There have been suggestions that an award for some outstanding deed or performance in flying should be made, and other suggestions have come forward but, in the final analysis, it seems advisable to wait and see what the future holds. If, however, you have ideas, do send them in. All suggestions and recommendations are helpful.

When the scholarship originally was organized, there was a definite need for it but, with changed conditions, this need has passed for the present. What the future holds, we cannot say. We think it wise to mark time for the present and see how best we can serve those who are serving so well now and making a real place for women of the future in Aviation.

Alma H. Harwood
National Chairman.



NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By Miriam Vanderslice, 525 Chapman Street,
Canton, Mass.

We held our monthly meeting at the Boston Art Club on May third, where we find we can enjoy good food and have lots of time to sit around and listen - with envy - to news of what the girls are doing who are not forced by circumstances to stay "put" in one spot.

We had as a guest Beth Arnold from Minneapolis, who is now working at the Boston Airport in Traffic Control. She and Jane Baldwin seemed to have a good time swapping yarns, as Jane only recently resigned from Traffic Control. Before our next NEWS LETTER goes in we believe Jane will be on her way to Sweetwater, as she has just returned from an interview in Washington, and seemed quite optimistic of the result.

Our Governor, Marjorie Davis, reported her appointment as Regional Consultant of the U. S. Public Health Service. She is very busy with budgets and arranging the Induction Ceremony of the Massachusetts Nursing Council for War Services, to be held at the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common, on May 13th.

Marjorie enjoyed a visit from our National President, Ethel Sheehy, last week, acting as cicerone on seeing historic Boston. (I had to look this word up once in the dictionary.) Marjorie hopes Mrs. Sheehy enjoyed her visit as well.

Florence Cates is at Ellington Field, Texas, where she is studying for a job in Traffic Control. As you probably know, Florence is now a WAC. She reports the field as very beautiful, and says there are very few Wacs around there.

Nancy Kinsley has moved to Rio - her husband is a Captain on Pan American, and she recently had the pleasure of flying from Florida to Worcester, Mass.

Gertrude Meserve is now Mrs. (Major) Charles Tubbs. Hope they had time for a nice honeymoon.

Wish we may have word from more of the girls before the next meeting.



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth Craine, 2445 North 37th Street,
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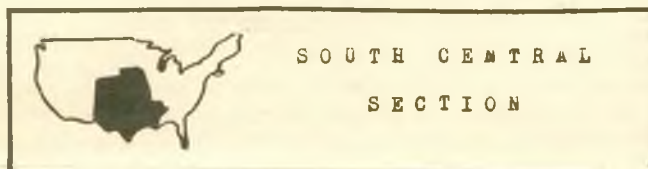
We have lost one more member! This time the WAVES profit by our loss, for Willette Harkins joins the WAVES as an ensign on May third. She is particularly happy for she will be training in navigation. Willette has always been very fond of navigation and now finds a real place for her intense in-

terest. Willette will be located at Smith College for her "Boot" training. Our last meeting, then, was a farewell to her.

We have changed our meetings a bit. Instead of meeting somewhere near eight o'clock or later and staying so very late (Do you have that trouble too? We find so much to discuss and enjoy each other's company so well that we stay literally until the next day.), we have decided to have a dessert supper each time and serve about 6:30 on Sunday evenings. Then we are able to force ourselves to break up about 9:30, getting home early enough to arise and get to our respective jobs and, incidentally, keep the new 49^{er} happy.

Dora Fritzke still holds all honors for the number of flying hours she is putting in.

Elsie, Dora, and Mary Elaine are busy teaching CAP cadets their fundamentals before the Army gets them.



COLORADO CHAPTER

By Helen H. P. Henry, 3958 Haddon Road,
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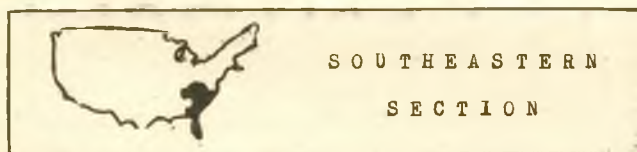
Us Denver lady-birds had a wondrous thing happen last meeting. Ruth Fitzsimons was in town, interviewing for Woman's Flight Training. This is the first time Denver has been so honored, and 99^{ers} made haste to gather Miss Ruth to their respective bosoms.

Most of us would give just about our all to be a Sweetwater eligible, and so made the most of Ruth's own experiences. She was flying B-26's when a medical dis-qualified her for further Army flying. No person could be better suited, therefore, to the job of interviewing women for our future Ferry Command. Imagine the thrill of making a landing at "xxx" mph! (Sorry, landing speed censored.)

The Colorado Springs flyers did not join our meeting. They've been saddened by the loss of a fine pilot, fiancée of Dorothy Jones. Leo was killed during a CAP maneuver, and Valley Springs is still stunned with that shock.

However those flyers from Denver to welcome Ruth Fitzsimons were our President, Dorothy Thompson, and Helen Henry, Marjorie Cramp, Ann Conant, Peggy Nohr, Ruth Hackson, Pat Myers and Florence McMahan.

Cheerio till next time!



FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Sally Coston, 6409 Garden Avenue,
West Palm Beach, Florida.

After many months of no meetings, we finally gathered a few members for a chapter meeting on April 16th, at the home of Nell Behr, West Palm Beach. We expected Ethel Sheehy, who was in Miami, and were quite disappointed when previous appointments from out of town prevented her coming.

We took in three new members. Helen Hildreth who has been staying in Palm Beach while getting some flying time in at Lantana. Ann Russell Hull who is working out at Morrison Field. Julie Ledbetter who was among the first 15 WASPS picked to fly the B-17s. She is stationed at Ft. Myers Gunnery School.

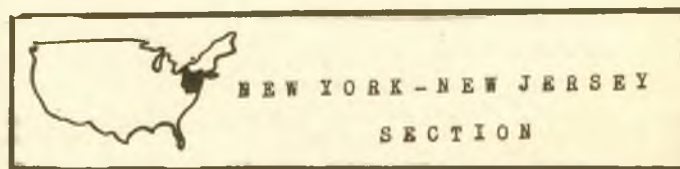
Irene Haworth read a letter from Vera Sell, suggesting that we change the portion of the 49^{er} membership card which reads "2 degrees East variation" to "Mystic Realm of Zero to 360 degrees." This was voted upon favorably, and also to give National permission to use the card as was suggested in the NEWS LETTER of March 15.

After the meeting Nell, who is assisting in the training of the girl C.A.P. cadets, took us all down to the Lantana Airport and introduced us to the cadets. Julie flew an AT-6 down and gave a short talk to the girls who were full of questions about the WASPS.

The writing of the news is all new to me and I will certainly appreciate any help from the members of the Florida Chapter from whom we haven't heard for a spell.

Members present: Irene Haworth, Nell Behr, Fay Mayes, Georgia Williams and Sally Coston.

Guests present: Helen Hildreth, Julie Ledbetter, and Mrs. Guyon.



By Kay Traulsen, 445 West 23rd Street
New York 11, N. Y.

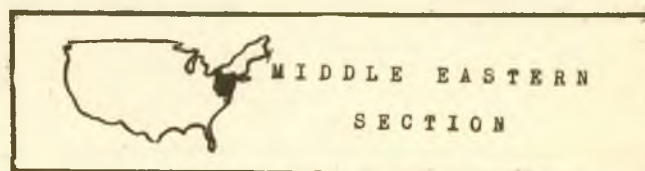
So that we get into this issue of the NEWS LETTER also - a few lines about the grand meeting we had May first.

It was a guest meeting and we had the pleasure of hearing Sue Humphrey Ford, just returned from England for a visit, tell us all about ferrying for the ATA over there.

Other guests were Lt. Cunningham, aide to the Governor of the Virgin Islands, and Heber Sutton and Sid Held.

We all enjoyed seeing the movies released by the Navy - "Action in the Pacific" and "Battle of Britain" - through the courtesy of Grumman Aircraft and Gay Gahagan. And our thanks to Sid for operating the projector.

We have taken membership in the Town Hall Club, located at 123 West 23rd Street, New York City, so that we may hold our meetings regularly the first Monday of each month, and we extend an invitation to any visiting 99^{ers} who may be in town at that time.



EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Bettie Thompson, 724 North 63rd St.,
Philadelphia 31, Penna.

Our Chapter will hold a meeting on Sunday, May 21, at 12, noon, at the home of Mrs. Linda Bick McElhone, former 99^{er}, 641 S. 52nd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Marian Bradley, West Lawn (near Reading) is with WASPS in California.

Helen Jones has finished her WTS students at Carlisle and took time off to buzz down to Texas via Cessna.

Irene Gregory, WASP, was married recently in New Castle, Delaware.

Augusta Roberts, Middletown, Dela., wrote us that she has acquired part interest in a Taylorcraft.

Saw Catherine Slocum's picture in the Budd Field newspaper.

Captain Peggy Hoopes, CAP, is now attached to Pennsylvania Wing Staff.

Doris Stansbury wrote that she expects to stay in Miami Beach all summer.

Certainly looking forward to a big hangar flying session at our first meeting in over a year.

May 1944

Vera Self has a 99 cut and has offered to have the 49*er cards printed for us.

They will be available in a month or so.

When they are ready, we will let you know where you may write for them.

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JOB COLUMN

"In reply to your ad in the National Aeronautics magazine, we are interested in getting in touch with prospective women employees as flight instructors.

"Will appreciate hearing from you regarding this at your earliest convenience.

"Sincerely,
Carl Lang
Central Aviation Corporation
Box 3 - Omaha Municipal Airport
Omaha, Nebraska"

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NOMINATIONS 1944-1945

As our election should be completed so the new officers may take over their duties by September first, the beginning of our fiscal year, our Nominating Committee will soon ask Section Governors to submit names from their respective groups.

Our by-laws provide "... the Nominating Committee shall request each section to submit a list of one name for each of the elective officers...." Since it is now necessary to include names of nominees for the Executive Committee in the ballot, six names should be submitted by each section - four for the officers, and one each for the nominating and executive committees.

May I rely upon each of our Section Governors to have this matter in mind and cooperate with the Nominating Committee to the best of their ability. Realizing the difficulties presented by existing conditions, I shall be especially appreciative of their work in having names ready to send to the Nominating Committee when they are requested.

My sincere thanks for your cooperation.

Ethel A. Sheehy
President.

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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN WTS FOLDS?

Babe Weyant, Mich., went back to private instruction and says: "Most of my students are girls. They do a pretty good job of flying."

Edna Gardner, La., is pilot for a lumber corporation and, also, she and Mary Dickey have opened an airport in Patterson, La. Edna says: "Lots of good jobs for girls now. I have had several good jobs offered to me and have more than I can do at present. Mary and I started a little school and it is working out better than we expected. Many of the girls can do that on their own."

Ed. note: Edna and Mary have some good airport ads. They sent Ye Ed one, and we bet their banner line makes the locals stop and think. It says, "Instructors who have taught Army and Navy pilots." That, gals, is good advertising. May we suggest it to other members.

NEW (*) and RENEWAL MEMBERS

Helen F. Ashley, 1823 W. Michigan, Saginaw, Mich.
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Mabel G. Clemson, Clemson Park, Middletown, N. Y.
*Miss Margaret S. Gudzin, 412 Morewood Ave., Pittsburgh 13, Penna.
*Mrs. Bertha E. Hare, 431 Nelda Ave., Kirkwood, Missouri.
Mrs. Neoma Nickel Hill, 1305 Plass Ave., Topeka, Kans.
Mrs. Mary S. Hoopes, Beech Road, Rosemont, Penna.
Mary Waurine (Ziggy) Hunter, Flight Instructor, Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas.
*Miss Ruth Jorgensen, Wayne Park, Wayne, Michigan.
*Miss Julie Ledbetter, WASP, 1st Gunnery Sqdn., Buckingham AAF, Ft. Myers, Florida.
Lt. (j.g.) Margaret E. Long, Box 397, Gainesville, Ga.
Miss Dorothy Mackay, 315 North Drive, Buffalo, N.Y.
*Miss Louise E. Magoon, 23118 Beech St., W. Dearborn, Mich.
Mrs. Fay McWhorter Mayes, Box 1773, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
*Miss Kathryn A. Moore, 324 State St., Baden, Penna.
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*Mrs. Anne B. Williams, 44-W-6, 318th AAFSTD, Sweetwater, Texas. (Home: Reed, W. Va.)
Betty Jane Williams, 44-W-6, 318th AAFSTD, Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas.
Mrs. Georgia A. Williams, P. O. Box 489, Hollywood, Fla.
Louise B. Williams, Heath Springs, South Carolina.
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Mrs. Mabel R. Wilson, Box 182, Wilson Airport, Schiller Park, Ill.
Mrs. Harley Davis Wood, 1136 Garden St., Hoboken, N.J.
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Mrs. Jessie Schulz Woods, P.O. Box 629, Rock Hill, S.C.
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*Mrs. Virginia D. Wulff, 44-W-6, Bks K-8, 318th AAFSTD, Sweetwater, Texas. (Home: Box 590, Bartow, Fla.)



BACK THE ATTACK
WITH WAR BONDS

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