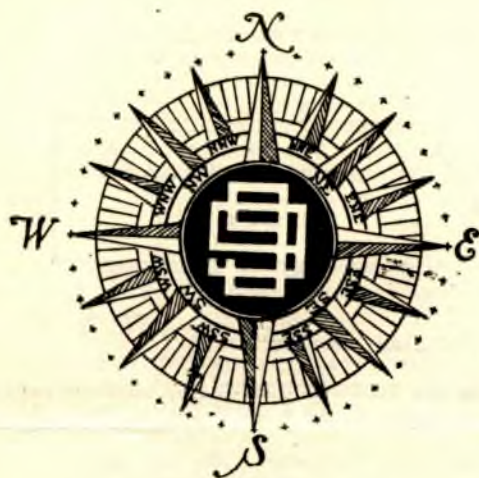


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WOMEN FLYERS IN TEXAS TO MEET

610 East Texas
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July 29, 1944

Miss Bettie Thompson
724 North 63rd Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Bettie:

You will probably be interested to learn that we are planning a meeting of 99's here in Sweetwater August 18, 19 and 20. We are meeting for the purpose of drawing a resolution asking Congress to continue the WASP Program. The meeting is not confined to Texas 99's and we would like a representation of women flyers from as many states as possible. This is a vital issue and should command an ardent response from every Ninety-Niner, whether she has a personal interest in the program or not.

Wish you would insert a notice of this meeting in the August NEWS LETTER. If the NEWS LETTER will not reach the members by the 18th, would appreciate your following up any opportunity you have to circulate this bit of news.

I believe that if every member of the 99 Club over the country would contact her congressional representatives by telegram urging them to vote for continuation of the WASP Program, we would have to worry no longer about women's place in aviation.

We will hold election of new State officers at the final session of the August meeting.

Best regards,

Ziggy Hunter
M. W. "Ziggy" Hunter
Chairman Texas Chapter of 99's.



EDITOR'S LETTER

Greetings to all 99's:

Due to pressure of other work, I have found it difficult to give the proper amount of time to the NEWS LETTER, and I am, therefore, turning over the helm to your new Editor, Miss Marion Weyant, R F D #4, Box 326, Airport Road, Lansing, Michigan.

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NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

NOTICE to ALL North Central Section Members:

There will be a Sectional meeting in Detroit, on Saturday and Sunday, September 23rd and 24th, for election of Sectional Officers and a visit.

Plans have not been completed at this time but I am taking this means to notify all members and any 99's who might be stationed near enough to be with us. So many addresses are incomplete that some of you may not have received your notice by the time this NEWS LETTER reaches you, so please KEEP THIS DATE OPEN, plan to be here, and let us know if and when you are coming.

You will be met at either Hartung Airport at Roseville, Michigan, or at City Airport. The Book-Cadillac Hotel will be headquarters and will take care of you in case you drive or come by train. Get in touch with me at 226 East Hancock, Detroit 1, as soon as possible.

Everyone please try to come.

Helen Wetherill, Governor
North Central Section.



SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth Craine,
2445 N. 37th Street, Milwaukee 10, Wis.

The most recent meeting of our Chapter was the most delightful in the way of surprises that we have had for some time, for WASP Margaret Bruns was present at it. She had come home on a short leave from Camp Stewart, Ga., where she has been towing targets for the boys. Her stories of the night flights and interesting work and recreation kept us entranced all the evening.

Perhaps best of all for the feminine heart, even a flyer's heart, was the first hand view and modeling of the smart WASP uniforms. The uniforms are lovely by themselves, but with Margaret in them, oh, my!

Margaret had returned primarily for the wedding of her sister, but she couldn't stay away from her favorite haunts - the airports. She visited all three, and of course flew a little Cub at the smallest airport - just for fun! Now Margaret is off to the South for a brief change before she returns to duty at Camp Stewart.

Dora Fritzke had much to tell about her most recent vacation, a flying trip to Denver, and on to Cheyenne to the Rodeo. Two planes went. All we can get out of her is that she never had so much fun in her life. She certainly recommends a small plane flight from Milwaukee to Denver, to all.

Peg Fiebrantz is now home from Cornell University. She left a special "someone" there in the Navy V-12 program. He wasn't a flyer, but he is an ardent enthusiast now. Peg is doing her flying at Mitchell Field.

Elsie Peters is doing right well at her summer job at Mitchell Field, keeping track of where all that gas goes and answering phone calls to tell inquiring enthusiasts what plane just flew over.

We had one delightful letter from Jo Pitz, also a WASP, located at Wilmington, Del. She has a class III rating in the Ferry Command, and has received her instrument rating. Flying a DC3 gave little Jo a big thrill. Why wouldn't it? She is, by the way, engaged to marry an army pilot - she co-piloted with him in the DC3. No wonder she kind of likes that ship!

Dorothy Christenson likes her war job in Washington, D. C.; she wrote and told us so. Guess they keep her too busy for flying.



SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Bird Eaton, 1208 Johnston Bldg.,
Charlotte 2, N. C.

Elaborate, practically completed plans for North Carolina's first Aviation Week, set for August 14-20, have been cancelled completely by Lt. Col. Frank Dawson, Commander of N. C. State Wing of CAP, in response to a suggestion by Governor Broughton and Dr. Reynolds, State Health Officer.

Dr. Reynolds expressed fear that such a large gathering of people attracted by the Aviation Program might aggravate the infantile paralysis epidemic now being experienced over this section of our state.

The Aviation industry, the Federal, State and local governments, several national organizations devoted to promotion of civilian aviation, and many individual citizens, as well as the Army Air Forces, cooperated in planning for Aviation Week.

More than 50 manufacturers of aircraft and aviation supplies and equipment had arranged to display their products.

August 19 and 20 were set for the annual meeting of the Southeastern Section of 99's. A full two-day program had been planned, but in cooperating with the State Health Officers, we regret that this meeting had to be postponed until our Executive Officers can meet and decide upon the safest plan. An announcement will be made in the September NEWS LETTER as to whether or not a Section meeting will be held this year.

September first is the beginning of our fiscal year. Will every member of our Section please send her dues promptly to National Headquarters, so you will receive your NEWS LETTER and keep up with the activities of the 99's. The dues are \$4.50 for 1943-44 members, and \$5.50 for delinquent members.



FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Vera Self, Box 52,
Orlando, Florida

Know you thought I would never get the 492'er cards and so did I. It wasn't because I didn't try, but just couldn't get the man who made the first ones to even answer my four letters. Finally got him to send me back the sample and took it to another printer. The 492'er cards have been sent to Bettie Thompson, also a few place cards which I had printed some time ago; thought some one might like them for a chapter meeting. I have

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about 100 more. If anyone would like same, will be glad to send some if they will write me at the above address. They are welcome to them as long as they last.

These 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er cards were a rush job and later we plan a reprint that will be sharper. When the second printing is made we'll let you know and a new card may be obtained by returning the old one.

I do not know the address of our News Reporter for this Chapter, so if you ever get any more news from the Florida Chapter, please add to it that Georgia Williams, whose new address is The Merwyn Hotel, Astoria, Oregon, now is the proud possessor of Commercial, Instructor, and Instrument rating 0 to 250, both land and sea, with 1000 hours, about 700 of which she has gotten in the last year. With times like these, she is to be highly commended.

Telephone calls to the homes of Betty Sloan, Orlando, and Ruth Clifford, Lakeland, reveal that they both are in Sweetwater.

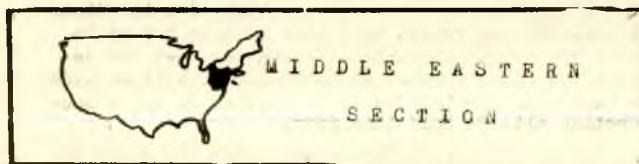
Saw Dorothy Ebersbach, Tampa, walking in Orlando Army Air Base, but being on duty in the tower prevented my running down to catch her. Dorothy, where did you go from there?

Hazel Raines surprised me very much by showing up in Orlando and came all the way up to see me. She seems to think there is a difference in "Flying High" and "Climbing High". Feature Hazel as she went back down the tower steps, head back, eyes closed, holding to the rail as if she meant to yell before blacking out.

Bird Eaton and the Carolinas Chapter have gone to trouble no end to arrange the Section meeting, and we are all sorry that it had to be cancelled. We do appreciate their efforts!

All the girls in the WASP, especially, read every line of the NEWS LETTER and it is about the only way they have of knowing about each other, so I think it is nice to mention when we hear from any of them.

A picture from Evelyn McRae (Note: She's the Florida News Reporter), still in Asheville, indicates that mountain air is agreeing with her, but we miss her and think it is high time she came home to Florida Chapter.



EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

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

CAP recently staged a big get-together at Reading (Pa.) Airport.

Helen Jones is now operating at a seaplane base across the river from Harrisburg, Pa.

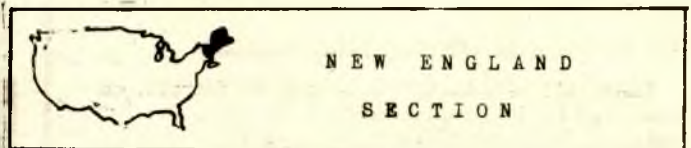
Bea Hymen recently took time off from Buffalo tower to vacation at Atlantic City, N. J.

Betty Montgomery (N.Y.-N.J. Section), of Merchantville, N. J., phoned in and invited us over to New Jersey.

Jessie Jones, Jr., was instructing at Lancaster, Pa., when last heard from.

We have several WASPs in our Chapter, namely, Ruth Shafer, Philadelphia; Marian Bradley, West Lawn (near Reading); Sophie Reineberg, York; Pauline Markle, Camp Hill (near Harrisburg). (Hope we haven't missed any.)

Hello and congratulations from our Chapter to the new NEWS LETTER Editor "Babe" Weyant, 99'er from Michigan.



NEW ENGLAND SECTION

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

We cancelled our last meeting due to so many of the girls being out of town: nearly all are in defense work of one kind or another. News, therefore, is rather scanty, but here are a few items of interest.

Gertrude Meserve reports that she just missed seeing Marion Tibbetts, who was on a ferry trip to Newark - also that she saw Marjorie Taylor at Officers Training School at Orlando.

Lyda Dunham is married to Lt. John Keefe Anniston, which I believe is the culmination of a romance started at Boston University, where they were together.

Marion McIntyre has joined the Marines, and is in training at a camp in North Carolina.

Why don't some more of you girls write me at the Boston Metropolitan Airport, at Norwood?

49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er CARDS READY!!!

Thanks to Vera Self, Florida Chapter, we now have 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er cards! Remember, only husbands of 99'ers are entitled to these cards. There is no charge for them.

Send us your 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er's first, middle and last name, and we will mail you his card. NEWS LETTER will print names of 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'ers who receive cards.

Send us also the name of the Chapter to which you belong, and your address, plus your 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er's occupation and present business (or APO).

For 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er cards write:

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

OH, BOY! Department.

We see by the mags, that someone has dreamed up for Florida a "Five Room Home on the Runway with garage and private hangar."

Just what we've been longing for. Now why can't somebody do that at Wildwood, N. J., there by Bill Jones old hangar on the beach? Why don't the city fathers down there and some smart real estate man develop that section as an airport haven? Houses sold to plane owners and pilots only!

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EDITOR'S LETTER
(From page 1)

Please send your news to her, starting with the next issue, and REMEMBER the deadline is the 5TH of every month. And, please, every Chapter and Section, including those long unheard from, send in some news so that your new Editor will have at least one item from every one of us.

Send in some jokes for "The Hangar Flyer", and let us all help to make a nice, big, bouncing next issue.

More girls are writing us; chapters are becoming much more active; more flying is going on; the 99's are getting many new members. So get on the ball; give our new Editor a big send-off, and everyone send her a bit of news!

My deep thanks to all of you who have helped to make and keep the NEWS LETTER a success.

Sincerely

Bettie Thompson.

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JOB COLUMN

Please add my name to the Job Column:

Mrs. Neely Seyfferle
210 N. State Street
Lexington, North Carolina

WANTED: Position as Primary Navigation Instructor or Link Instructor.

- Ratings: 1 - Private Pilot
2 - Ground School Instructor - CAR and Navigation.
Taught in four CPT Programs at Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N.C.
3 - Link Instructor. Nine (9) months at U. S. Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas.

"THE HANGAR FLYER"

A student recently wrote on an accident report: "While taxiing cautiously, I ran into a concrete marker."

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S'help us, it's true: An Irish aircraft mechanic at one of our large plane factories, was extremely annoyed one day to find that someone had made off with his lunch.

When he came in the next day, he borrowed a pencil from one of the pilots and proceeded to scribble furiously on the paper bag that held his lunch.

Later we ambled over to see what he'd written. On the bag were these words, "If the so-and-so who walked off with my lunch yesterday, walks off with it again today, be gorrah, he'll die without benefit of the priest."

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Don't remember where we heard this one, but here it is: "Cute, that lil' ol' pilot's so cute, I'm wandering 'round as if I'd lost my compass."

COSTELLO BILL

To clear up any question regarding the vote in the House of Representatives on the Costello Bill (H.R. 4219), reported in last month's NEWS LETTER.

The Bill was for the cancellation of the WASP program. Therefore those who voted "Yea" opposed the continuation of that program, while those voting "Nay" favored the retention of the WASP.

WASP COLUMN

To ALL WASPs:

You are the center of many activities of interest not only to other WASPs but all 99'ers, many of whom are on the WASP roll.

This is an invitation to you, individually, to use our NEWS LETTER to tell each other and all 99'ers, where you are, what you are doing, and any thing you feel will interest a woman flyer.

We gladly offer you space in our LETTER as a WASP COLUMN just as long as you send us items for it.

Your contributions to this space will be especially valued by those in your home locality who are interested in you and your new activities. Just as you like to hear from your friends, they like to hear from you, and this is a way to reach many by just one letter.

Address your news to our Editor, Miss Marion Weyant, R F D #4, Box 326, Airport Road, Lansing, Michigan.

OUR COOPERATION ASKED

"Dear Mrs. Sheeky.

We are anxious to publish more news and pictures concerning women's flying activities. We hope you will be able to provide us with some desirable material very soon.

If you have any "beefs" of national interest, we can consider them for our popular FORUM department. News, features and pictures may also fit well into our editorial pages. We are particularly interested in action pictures with airplane or airport backgrounds. If you have something to say about getting the coastal airports opened up or on any other aviation subject, we want to know about it.

Looking forward to hearing from you and the other girls who are flying, I am -

Very truly yours
AIR PILOT AND TECHNICIAN
RUSS BRINKLEY, Editor.

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