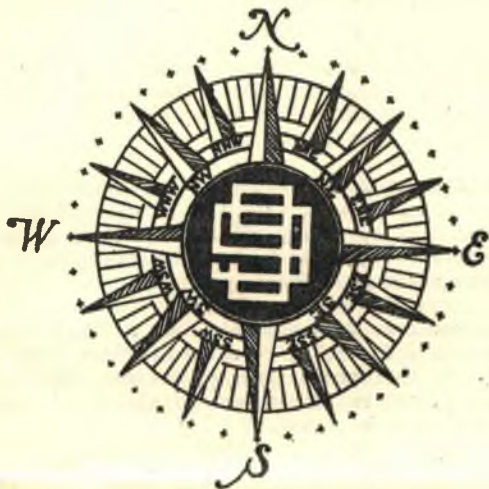


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EDITOR'S GREETINGS

To the Ninety-Nines:

As this is my first attempt as NEWS LETTER Editor, I feel that I should introduce myself a little. Before I learned to fly I met Alice Hammond, whom I remember very well because she was always the most active woman pilot in Michigan. I was only fifteen at the time and was thrilled to death that Alice so kindly let me take her picture when she was at the Lansing Airport on a Michigan Air Tour.

When I was sixteen I started taking flying instructions from the Lansing Aviation Club. That year Detroit had an air show and I again met Alice and several other 99's. I wasn't eligible for membership yet, but I still had hopes.

After I received my private license, I received an invitation from Jeannette Lempke to attend a 99 meeting. I received an application from the secretary, and another ambition had been recognized.

In 1941 I got my commercial and that same year Casey Jones announced that any woman pilot with 200 hours could make application for the free course as a Link Instructor. Luck was with me again, as I was one of the four 99's selected.

My job as a Link Instructor took me to Chicago with CPTP, down to Memphis with the Military Transport Division of ATC working with Chicago and Southern Air Lines; then to Parkersburg, West Virginia, with WTS. Now I am home to roost, as a flight instructor and Link instructor with the Hughes Flying Service.

Babe Weyant.

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OVERSEAS NEWS

In August, Lt. Dorothy Berendsen, with an Air Evacuation Squadron, wrote:

"Every thing is fine here. We haven't done a thing for the past week. The girls were to go on a mission this morning, but it is foggy and weather doesn't permit. We had several very interesting trips to France so I can't complain. We've seen a good portion of the area that has been taken. The French people flock around as though we were freaks or something. They are kind and most of them, although poorly dressed, are clean. They have been
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NEW ENGLAND SECTION

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

I quote from an interesting letter received from Ann Cutler:

"Last March 9 I graduated from Link Instrument Trainer Instructor School in Atlanta, Georgia, to become a Link Instructor. On March 16th I reported aboard at Quonset Point, R. I., and proceeded to go to work. We were busy one day and twiddled our thumbs all day the next day. However I enjoyed the work.

"I decided to go to Celestial Link School, which is at Quonset, so June 19 till August 23 I went to school again. It was a hard course but fascinating to me. I was sent down here and arrived Sunday, August 29th. The trainers here are still being set up. We have done little besides sweep, scrub, sweep, clean and more sweeping. Soon, however, I hope to get all that done with and start operating. The job here is what you make it, because if you use your own initiative there is usually (not always) something interesting to do. If not actually doing something yourself, then watching and learning.

"Texas is a hot state, but it has a lot of beautiful skies. Every hour or less brings a complete change of sky coverage if not weather. I really like it here very much. The base is huge and holds many interesting things to do."

Ann's address is Sp(T)2/C, LCNT Ground School, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Lydia Rotch called at the Morwood Base here today. She has just returned from Oklahoma with her Commercial License received at the Spartan School, and is planning on taking her test for her Instructor's rating right away.

Florence Cates still enjoying her work with the WACS. Hopes to attend 99 meeting here early in October, so be on hand when you receive your notice.



SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

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

Louise Smith and I planned to fly to Atlanta on August 13, to visit the 99's there, but "soup" changed our plans. We went by land and thoroughly enjoyed meeting the girls. Jerry Cunningham and Dorothy Fisher, one of the originators of the All-Ohio Chapter, are in charge of reorganizing the Georgia Chapter. There are sufficient 99's in and around Atlanta to form a good Chapter. More news from them later.

Our deepest sympathy to Neely McCubbins Seyfferle. The group which "Sy", her 49½'er, flew with in the Pacific area, returned to California recently and reported "Sy" is missing. We sincerely hope he

will be rescued and reported safe. Neely started east, to her home, became ill with appendicitis and was operated upon in a hospital in Cincinnati. She hopes to be home soon. We notice her name in the "Job Column" in the August NEWS LETTER. She is very efficient and will be a great asset in any position she holds. Good luck, Neely.

Anne Cole is Manager and Flight Instructor at Martinsville, Virginia, airport. Jessie and Jimmie Woods were in Charlotte recently. They have great plans for their new airport at Chester, S. C.

Betty Hamilton and her daughter, "Pat", spent July and August in Salina, Kansas, with Jim. They will be home soon as Pat will be taking off for college. Evelyn writes that Katherine Kniesche is back in Asheville, which makes four 99'ers now there.

A long letter from Cora McDonald, who is instructing private students for Tulsa Aviation Service, Tulsa, Okla. Cora has to her credit, besides several hundred hours, a ground school rating, aeronautical engineering training and instructors rating.

It has been decided that there will be no 1944 meeting of the Southeastern Section. The Governor has advised Vera Self, chairman of the Nominating Committee, to call a meeting of three members, according to our Constitution, to count the ballots, and send the names of the 1944-45 officers to Louise Smith, secretary-treasurer. These officers will be announced in the next NEWS LETTER.

Betty Dunlap, chairman of the Carolinas Chapter, announces that a Chapter meeting will be held in Charlotte on the third Sunday in October. The election of officers will be a part of the business meeting. We hope all members who are at home will attend, as Betty states that the Carolina Aero Club has invited us to have a joint meeting with them. More details later.

Maisie Mahaffey has been appointed acting secretary-treasurer for our chapter since Betty Baker left for Chapel Hill. Betty writes that her pre-med course keeps her burning the old midnight oil, in order to keep up with early and late classes and laboratory.

(More September items)

Vera Self, chairman of the Section Nominating Committee, reports the following as the 1944-45 officers: Governor, Bird Eaton; Vice Governor, Evelyn McRae; Secretary-Treasurer, Irene B. Haworth; Nominating Chairman, Marion Bertram; Membership Chairman, Lucille Greenwood.

On Sunday, October 22, the annual business meeting of the Carolinas Chapter will be held at Tennen's, in Charlotte, at 12 o'clock. All members are urged to plan to attend this meeting as the election of new officers for our chapter will take place.

Saturday, October 21, the Carolina Aero Club will hold its annual business meeting in Charlotte. Election of new officers will take place after a banquet held Saturday evening. All 99's are invited to attend this meeting and those who wish to spend that Saturday night in Charlotte will please notify Bird Eaton. Cards will be mailed shortly including details.

Lieut. Isabelle M. Maffette, N-785986, sends in her new address which is, 831st Air Evac. Sqdn., Sch. Avn. Med. Hqrs., Randolph Field, Texas. She was at Lake Charles, Louisiana. Thank you, Isabelle, for this information. I wish more of our members would be as considerate. Good luck to you.

Neely Seyfferle is at her home in Lexington, N.C. Louise Smith is certainly making use of her Commercial License. She is kept busy flying charter trips.

Betty Baker left her guinea pigs and rabbits over at Chapel Hill long enough to spend one week end at home. I was very glad to have a visit with her. Betty Dunlap and Maisie Mahaffey were in town for a visit the other day.

As this is the last report I will make for our Chapter, I wish to thank all of the members who have furnished me with news and have been of such great help to me during the past year while serving as your reporter.

October, 1944.

The Carolinas Chapter had a most delightful luncheon meeting in Charlotte on October 22, with nine members present. And the delightful part about it was having a most outstanding 99'er with us. Evelyn McRae from Florida, who was visiting Bird and Paul Eaton. Evelyn, we have enjoyed having you in North Carolina and are certainly sorry to hear that you are going back. In the last NEWS LETTER was a little item from Florida: "It is high time that Evelyn came back home to Florida Chapter", so we will have to let Evelyn go.

Agnes Pittman from Lancaster, S. C., was at the meeting, the first one she has attended for a long time. She flew in with Beverly Howard who came to Charlotte for the Carolina Aero meeting. Our Chairman, Betty Dunlap, and her 49²'er, the Doctor, also flew their Stinson from Rock Hill, S.C.

And here are the Carolina Chapter officers for 1944-45: Chairman, Louise Smith, High Point, N.C.; Vice Chairman, Anne Cole, Greensboro, N.C.; Sec'y-Treas., Louise Williams, Lancaster, S.C.; Membership Chairman, Maisie Mahaffey, Lancaster, S.C.; Nominating Chairman, Bird Eaton, Charlotte, N.C.; Reporter, Jessie Woods, Rock Hill, S.C.

May I say a word through the NEWS LETTER to our members in Active Service? The Carolinas Chapter is proud of you and want to hear from you more often. Miriam, Aliene, Virginia, Kathryn, Margaret, Gwendolyn, Ruyh, Eleanor; and I bet there are others. It's hard to keep up with you, so please write.

Jessie Woods, Reporter.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Sarah Coston, 6409 Garden Avenue,
West Palm Beach, Florida

The Florida Chapter held a meeting at the home of Jean Cridlebaugh in Miami, Sunday, September 24. Nell Behr and I had made elaborate plans for the care of our six children (three for her and three for me), but unfortunately illness prevented our attending.

Thanks to Irene Haworth for sending me the minutes. We elected our officers for the year. Fay McWhorter Mayes is our new chairman; Imogene Gross, vice chairman, Dorothy Julian, secretary-treasurer.

Marion Bertram donated \$5.00 for chapter expenses and \$5.00 to the Amelia Earhart fund, with the explanation that due to the fact she had been so busy the last two years and missed so many of the meetings, she felt she owed the Chapter something. Orchids to Marion!

Fay Mayes is having the next meeting on October 29, at her home in Fort Lauderdale. We really want every one to be there if possible because we are going to make plans for the Air Maneuvers to be held in Miami in January, and hope to have lots more information on the maneuvers for the next NEWS LETTER.

Nell had a nice long letter from Georgia Williams, who has migrated to Astoria, Oregon, with her 49²'er.

Not a few of us envy her accomplishments during the past year. These include a Miami to California solo cross-country and return, five CAA flight tests, instrument, land and seaplane, commercial and instructors rating.

October, 1944.

By Irene B. Haworth,
418 N.E. 12th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

We have emerged from the doldrums, and had two meetings in two months.

We met at Fay Mayes house (she is our new chairman) on Sunday, October 29, had a delicious luncheon at The Beachcomber, a conducted tour of the Naval Air Station here in Fort Lauderdale - where Nell Behr tried per prowess as a tail gunner and didn't do badly - then back to Fay's house for our business meeting.

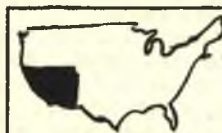
We welcome a new member, Selma Alexander, from Miami, whose husband is a flight surgeon in the Army, somewhere in the Pacific.

Fay appointed Marion Bertram chairman of Nominating Committee, and Jean Cridlebaugh, chairman of Membership Committee.

We of the Florida Chapter have been wondering why the 99's page has been missing from the NAA magazine for so long.

Carl Fromhagen of Miami was supposed to have been present, to give a talk on the Aero Show tentatively set for January, but he will be unable to tell us anything until after November second.

The next meeting will be in Miami, November 26th, where it will be convenient for Carl to attend. We hope by next month to have something to say concerning the Aero Show, which will be in the nature of an exhibit and not the used-to-be maneuvers.



SOUTHWESTERN
SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Rita Hart, 2110 Santa Clara Ave.,
Alameda, California

Hello, everybody! Happy Indian Summer to you! Remember me? I'm your reporter. The last time we met it was early spring. So you see I have six months news to cover in one short letter.

First, and most important, is the announcement of new babies in our official family. On May 18, William Gary Zimmerman arrived at the home of Helen and Bill Zimmerman. On July 1, Robert James Kelton landed by parachute at Chico where Helen and Don Kelton were waiting to welcome him. On July 18, your reporter became (s-s-s-h) a grandmother. Today the Navy equivalent of the stork is hovering over the home of Frances and Norman Grant, expecting to land momentarily..

Now, for other news. Kay Booth is instructing at Congressional Airport, Rockville, Maryland.

Peggy Vining Potter is living in San Francisco, 85 Eureka Street, while Charles roams the globe, looking for new oil wells.

Lillian Anderson has resigned as dietetician at Arroyo Sanitarium, and will return to her home in Minnesota. She has added a trailer to her car, to carry the accumulated

luggage of seven years, and will make the cross-country trip by easy stages, with time out to build up flying hours. She will report for a new assignment about January first.

Marjorie and Jerry Fauth have just returned from a vacation at Russian River, where they soaked up sunshine as semi-nudists.

Adele and Jules Chase put in occasional flying time at Reno.

Jerry Williamson of Marysville was in San Francisco recently to visit Margaret Gerhardt.

Ruth Rueckert is still living in Long Beach. She and Fred were in San Francisco in August. Fred had a minor operation, necessary before his return to flying in the South Pacific.

Indirect news of Louise Coleman and Mary Bowles Nelson. They have completed a special training course in the East. Mary is now living at Santa Ana. No address for Louise. Please report in, Louise.

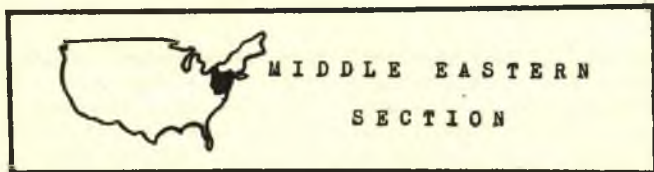
Helen Kelton has moved to 1130 North Second St., Tucson, Arizona. She stayed in Chico until baby was old enough to travel; then joined Don at his new station.

We have two new members — Mardo Crane and Anabel Earp, both stationed at Minter Field, Bakersfield.

Helen Thomure, formerly news reporter of the East Missouri Chapter, is now living in Oakland, 1616 - 35th Avenue.

We have had only three meetings in the past six months. In March, Margaret Gerhardt had a lovely party at her home in San Francisco. In midsummer, Olive Bledsoe and Evelyn Esser joined in a buffet supper at both homes. They live in the same block at the very top of the Berkeley hills, so it was an easy progressive arrangement. Our latest party was at Dorothy Chamberlin's home in Livermore. She escorted us through the huge Air Station to the Officers' Club for cocktails; then back to her home for a buffet supper. It was a very warm night and the stars looked most inviting, so we carried our plates and cool drinks to the garden. It was a lovely party. Our men folks left us to our own pleasure and held a stag affair at another home, with venison steaks and much whoopee. We rounded them up later, when we were ready to go home, and discovered we had a flat tire. 49's are really very handy. They, and about sixteen young Ensigns, had that tire off and fixed in five minutes. Nothing to it!

How come no 99 news in "National Aeronautics"? Civil Air Patrol and Private Flying, but for months there has been no mention of the 99's. Are we in the dog house or just not news?



EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

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

September, 1944

Georgiana Sees of Upper Darby, Philadelphia, Pa., is one of our new chapter members. She has a Private, and is working for an Instrument-Commercial.

Bettie Thompson and G. Sees went up to Harrisburg recently to see another chapter member, Helen Jones, who is

instructing in a seaplane across the river from HX. Helen is working for Pat and Rus Crow (Rus used to fly for Triple A), and believe you me, they have the nicest lil' seaplane base we've seen since the year Two. So if any of you 99'ers get into HX, take a ride across the bridge to Wormleysburg, at the other end of the bridge, and go up for a lil' seaplane time. Thanks to Rus and Pat for putting us up for the night, and bless "Dilbert" (Helen's car) and his smooth tires for the ride down "5-mile road". (In Dilbert it felt like 50 - no offense to Dilbert. We love every noisy inch of him.)

We wish chapter members whom we haven't heard from lately would write and tell us what they're doing.

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October, 1944

Notice to all Chapter Members:

Eastern Penn Chapter has big plans afoot for a big meeting in Philadelphia, Penna., for some time in February. All chapter members, wherever you may be now, plan on attending this meeting. We want every member present to form plans for a regular meeting every month thereafter, and to make other important plans.

By February we expect to have our WASP and other members in their home area.

This meeting will be a regular business meeting and a closed meeting, - 99's and prospective members only. It will probably be held on a Sunday about noon. The place, time and date in February will be announced in a later issue of the NEWS LETTER.

New members of the chapter, who have not yet been able to attend, are requested to be present.

All members will also receive written notice of the meeting and return post cards. It is important that these return post cards be checked and mailed back. When members fail to return these cards, it makes it difficult for the 99'er who is hostess for a meeting to make luncheon plans. So please help her by returning your card promptly. Remember, you may be the next meeting hostess and wish for the same prompt reply.

Remember the date - February - and a bang-up, old-fashioned, every member present, pre-war meeting! See you then!!!

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Sorry last month we missed these names of Chapter members in the WASP: Emily Hiester, Reading, Penna., and Ellen Gery, Reading, Penna., both pursuit pilots.

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Section Treasurer's Report.

The Section now has \$191.71 total. \$ 46.50 of this amount was just received from the National Treasurer for the fiscal year 1942-1943. The Section money is in the City National Bank, Lansdowne Ave., Philadelphia, Penna. October 7, 1944.

WASHINGTON, D.C., CHAPTER

By Jan Warren, 1900 F Street, N.W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Thursday night, October 27, a group of ten 99'ers met at the home of Lt. Ruth Heller to consider the organization of a new Washington Chapter or the reactivation of the original one. It was agreed by those present that the former chapter should be maintained if possible.

With Johanna Busse as temporary chairman, election of officers was held, resulting as follows: Chairman, Lt. Ruth Heller; Vice Chairman, Jan Warren; Secretary-Treasurer, Katherine Booth.

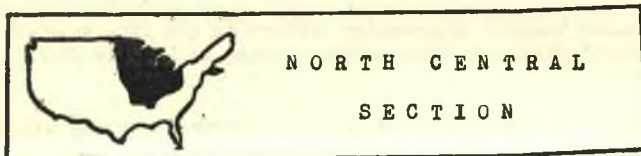
A brief resume of their aeronautical interest and activities from the following members in attendance showed varied backgrounds in aviation activities reaching from coast to coast: Margaret Clayton, Dorothy Chapman, Johanna Busse, Charlotte Bassett, Grace Hess, Pauline d'Avril Frontenac, Katherine Booth, Ruth Schaffer, Lt. Ruth Heller, Jan Warren.

Various projects for chapter activity were considered including making available to aviation industry executives the names and qualifications of 99'ers seeking employment in any phase of aviation; acting as hostess to transient 99'ers in Washington, well-known figures in aviation, or feminine foreign visitors. In connection with the latter, it was suggested that Lt. Heller investigate and report on the Pan American Liaison Committee of Women's Organizations now being formed for the purpose of meeting and getting to know South American representatives who come to Washington.

This group feels that an active chapter can and should be maintained in Washington, especially with National Headquarters located here. They believe that the chapter can function through the efforts of permanent or semi-permanent members, as a meeting place for transient 99'ers from all over the country. Any and all 99'ers are invited to attend and may contact Headquarters at any time to inquire the date and place of future meetings of the Washington Chapter.

It was agreed that future meetings be held on the first Tuesday of every month, beginning with December, and a preference was expressed for dinner meetings.

All 99'ers whose addresses were available were contacted relative to the organizational meeting held. However we know there must be many more living in this vicinity who have not yet notified Headquarters of a change of address. We wish to emphasize that all 99'ers are welcome at our meetings and hope that some ex-99'ers who may have let their membership lapse due to wartime conditions will now find time to renew and help us make this the leading chapter in the nation.



EASTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Helen Thomure, El Donn Apts. #34,
1616 - 35th Avenue, Oakland 1, California

Since I pulled up my victory garden, packed my little black bag and followed my 49²'er to California, I have not seen one letter from good ole St. Louis Chapter in the "99 NEWS". This is an SOS to the girls in St. Louis for news; or rather it is a plea through the "99 NEWS" for NEWS.

I have sent cards and letters - but all in vain. Do hope my plea for news will be answered very soon. What has happened to everyone? What are you doing? Is everyone well? Please, oh PLEASE, I beg of you listen and heed this plea of mine. Remember I have tears in my eyes when I ask you to let me hear from you.

The "99" chapter in California has welcomed me with open arms. The girls have been just grand to me. They have made me feel that I am not a "solo" in their state.

They do not have the opportunity or privilege in California of flying that the St. Louis chapter has, because of the strict rules of a defense area. Hope the girls in St. Louis are taking full advantage of their good fortune.

May I say again, Let me hear from you! Take thine pen in hand and let your letters fly as fast as they can to me out here on the Coast!

(Ed. note. This letter has been waiting a long time. By now you St. Louis 99's must have lots of news, and we trust this plea will meet with a generous response.)

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Kay Greshauge Semrau,
18405 Melville Road, Cleveland 10, Ohio.

First letter.

News is slim from the All-Ohio Chapter, but here are some pickings to pass on.

Florence H. Boswell and Helen Curtiss Albaugh reported a grand time at the North Central Section meeting in Detroit, September 23 and 24. Florence has just been notified of another honor, - her election as Governor of the Ohio Chapter of Sportsman Pilots.

Cupid has caught up with two of our members. Judy Strider was married on September 2 to Walter Myers, and Gretchen Grable and Joseph Greiner's marriage license application appeared in the Cleveland papers on September 26. Let's have a 49²'er party with "Pop" Boswell as host.

Peg Pierce in resuming her career on the concert stage has spent most of her time recently in New York. There have been frequent cards from Grace Birge still WASP-ing around the country.

My big news problem is you girls out of Cleveland. Won't you please let me or "Lady B" know what you're doing so I can give a better report in the NEWS LETTER? Florence's home address is 1334 Inglewood Drive, Cleveland Heights, and mine is 18405 Melville Road, Cleveland 10, Ohio.

Second letter.

The note on my desk read, "Call Mrs. Boswell", and I dialed Yellowstone 1313. A familiar voice answered the 'phone and it was none other than Grace Birge, our WASP gal friend, who had stopped over at Lady B's on her way to the new base, Second Ferrying Group, Newcastle Army Air Base, Wilmington, Delaware. That evening, October 6, members who could be notified hurriedly had dinner with Grace at Hotel Cleveland. They included Annabelle Kekic, Helen Curtiss Albaugh, Alice Lake and Florence Boswell.

In the travel department, Mary King and Marian Pease, a former All-Ohio member, flew to Richmond, Virginia, in Mrs. King's Ercoupe. Florence Boswell, in New York for the week of October 22 on business, stayed with Peg Pierce at The Biltmore, and Jean Gundelfinger and her 49²'er Bill have gone to their camp in Michigan to hunt deer. And I have just experienced being bumped off airlines, returning from Memphis, Tenn., where I was matron of honor for a very dear friend at her wedding to an Air Transport Command pilot.

Cleveland members of the All-Ohio group have been invited to attend the 25th anniversary celebration of the Cleveland Aviation Club, November 9, at the Hotel Carter. Reservations for the following have been received: Helen and Gayle Albaugh, Frances and Bill Morrison, Florence Boswell, Louise Boswell Schnittger, Annabelle Kekic, Jean Greenham, Dawn Malson Reynolds, Mary King, Helen Laughlin,

Key Greshauge Semrau, and Suzette Jones.

Look, gals, I'm desperate for news of your doings. For instance, Marian Bush Reeder, down Athens way, what have you been doing?

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

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

Our first real letter has come from Ensign Harkins. Willette is stationed at the Corpus Christi Air Base. To quote from her letter, she says, "Any one of you would love it because it involves a lot of free and enjoyable flying time." She has been up in an N25, SNJ-SNB and Beechcraft. From this we know, then, that our "Little Ensign" is happy in her new station.

A card from Elsie Peters tells us that she jumped a train just as soon as her job at Mitchel Field ended. That train took her to New Jersey and New York where she saw our 99'er Caroline Iverson. So that was a fitting close to Elsie's summer vacation.

WASP Margaret Bruns has returned to her base at Camp Stewart, Georgia, now, but she had a wonderful three days at Sea Island before her return. There she picked up a good tan, enjoyed the music at dinner time, and got the rest she wanted for.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Dorothea E. Hendricks,
2020 Pearl St., Anderson, Indiana

Our last meeting was held on August 19 and 20 at Rochester, Ind., with Helen House Outcalt as hostess. After enjoying a delicious meal, we sat around with open mouths, listening to Helen's early flying experiences. We girls who started flying in the last five years missed all the fun.

We found out later in the evening that dancing is quite nice at the open air floor at Lake Manitou - also that the Naval Cadets from Bunker Hill Naval Air Station enjoy it, too. Ask Ruth Colwell about the rhumba. We were awakened early Sunday morning by Helen flying her newly-acquired Waco over the lake. We thank Helen for a lovely week end.

I heard Lt. Edith Graft, Winchester, Ind., on the "Your Sons at War" program on August 19. She was interviewed while on bivouac at Bowman Field, Louisville, Kentucky, where she is training for air evacuation duty. I haven't met Edith, but I know she was an active 99'er before joining the Army.

Petticoat Evelyn Dow has shown her Monocoupe who is boss, and she can be seen flying almost any morning - if you want to get up that early.

Hope to see you girls at Detroit for the Sectional meeting on September 23 and 24.

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October, 1944

The first thing I want to do is to offer my apology to our Governor, Helan Wetherill, for not attending the Sectional meeting in Detroit. I know all the girls enjoyed their visit together.

I was in Indianapolis over the week end and gave Ruth Colwell a ring. She tells me that she couldn't make the Sectional, either. Ruth had a letter from Doris Schory who was working in Nevada as a Parachute Rigger Instructor. Doris is now the proud owner of the school where she received her Certificate, and it is known as the Schory

School. So, if any of you 99'ers are in Reno, drop in and see her.

Marie Thompson writes that she has some Chapter stationery. It is two (2) cents for one sheet and one envelope, or forty (40) cents for twenty-five (25) sheets and envelopes. If any of you girls want to purchase some, write to Marie at Clinton, Ind., Box 232.

It seems that the only way all the members can be reached is through the NEWS LETTER. The subject of electing Chapter officers has been brought up. Our Chairman, Ruth Colwell, has tried to get us together at two different times but without success, so, if the members want an election, it will have to be done by mail. Will each of you write a card as soon as you read this, and express your opinion about keeping the present officers, or suggest a name for a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer??? Let's try to keep our Chapter together, so we can have those grand meetings again like we used to have. Remember, write a card today to Ruth Colwell, 3221 Kenwood Ave., Indianapolis, 8, Ind.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Seen at the Lansing Airport recently were, Maude Rufus, Ann Arbor, and lady passenger, in the faithful Cub Coupe.

Margaret Crane, wearing a Flight Instructor pin. She is reported instructing and doing ferry work at Lapeer Airport.

Muriel Rumsey who, since WTS closed, is instructing for Eddie McEnnan, Ypsilanti, was with a student up for a license.

Ruth Mary Buckley, Kalamazoo WASP, stationed at Romulus Air Base, flying a Norseman with another WASP and an Air Corps officer.

Margaret Huff, Detroit, flying an Aeronca Chief.

Mabel Britton, Ypsilanti, and husband, Dr. Harry Britton, were seen looking at Army surplus airplanes at Lansing. Mabel was interested in a PT-19. Muriel Rumsey was seen looking at same PT-19.

Alice Hammond instructing CAP'ers in the fine arts of instrument flying on CAP Stinson Voyager at Detroit City Airport.

Eloise Smith also possesses an instrument rating and is instructing private students at Kalamazoo.

Mary Rosso, Kalamazoo WASP, has been assigned to ferry fighter planes for the army.

Leora Stroup, Detroit, is now a Captain at Bowman Field Air Evacuation Training Unit.

To the Michigan Chapter News Reporter: What has become of the news? How about the election report and sectional meeting?

Babe Wayant.

INFORMATION

Write to Headquarters for:

Membership applications.

99's gold pins, \$1.40 each, including tax.

Decals, two (2) for 15 cents.

And send in any change in your address.

through a lot and most of them dislike the Germans intensely. I had a load of German prisoners last time and the French all left when the Germans came."

Congratulations on your promotion to a First Lieutenant, Dorothy.

In spite of all the work, Lt. Berendsen can still find opportunities to fly a Cub and take time on an Army Link Trainer.

Let's have more reports from 99'ers in the service.

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