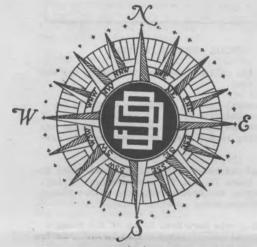
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SECTION

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

By Lois Fairbank, 6298 Saunders St., Rego Park, L.I., N. Y.

The Fifteenth Anniversary of the founding of the Ninety-Nines, November 2, 1944, was the occasion of a testimonial dinner to the charter members given by the New York-New Jersey Chapter, which was held in the Garden Room of the Ambassador Hotel, New York. Eleven of the original members were able to be with us and were presented by our Governor, Marjorie White. They were Margaret Cooper, Viola Gentry, Betty Gillies, Teddy Kenyon, Eleanor Lay, Dorothy Leh, Marjorie Lesser, Ruth Nichols, Blanche Noyes, Peggy Remey, Nancy Tiers, and a last minute cancellation from Louise Thaden.

Casey Jones was our Master of Ceremonies and introduced several of our guests among whom were General Haines, U.S.A., Captain Weems, U.S.N., Sherman Fairchild, Carrol Cone of Pan American Airways, Roger Wolfe Kahn, John Heinmuller, Nancy Love, Helen Ritchie, Governor Harwood of the Virgin Islands, several Wasps from Newark Airport and many, many others. We were sorry that Jackie Cochran could not be with us but she was represented by Mr. Floyd Odlum and his party.

We had no formal speech making except to present Dome Harwood with a large pair of white wings, which sat high upon his shoulders, to thank him for the guidance he has offered to so many of our girls. Sid Nesbit, of Lear Radio, sang a song written for women pilots "Jenny Is a High Flyer Now" which was so well received Mr. Nesbit continued singing and accompanied himself on his guitar. He brought the house down. We also had a quiz program called "Cross Control, Please" in which Mr. Nesbit as M.C., tried to stump the board of aviation experts composed of Blanche Noyes, Harry Bruno, Casey Jones and Franklin Kurt. Rhoda Hall and Sid Nesbit did some dual piano numbers which were, needless to say, better than any by our well known concert teams.

Each of the charter members was presented with a gift and a copy of a book recording the founding and history of the Ninety-Nines, specially printed for the evening.

The big disappointment of the evening was that we had so many guests that those who tried to buy tickets at the door were, much to our mortification, turned away as we could not accommodate more than 210. The moral to this story - next year get your tickets early.

All who came are looking forward to another anniversary party, and we hope that many of you will be able to join with us.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Again let me say how much I appreciate the honor of being chosen President of the Ninety-Nines for the second time. Looking back on the past year I am sorry we can not count more accomplishments, - this, I believe is largely due to the stress under which everyone is working in these troubled times. With the assistance and support of the Committees and numerous "senior members", we managed to hold our own, even though we did not show progress. My thanks to you all.

It has been suggested that February be designated the month in which ALL Chapters hold a meeting, no matter how long since the last, and at that time attempt to set up a schedule for regular meetings. We have been too long without our get-togethers, so let us start to work on this. If your former officers are scattered and far from home, some of the older members can take the matter in hand. AND THEN, equally important, send a report of the meeting to the NEWS LETTER. The credit for this excellent idea belongs to Bettie Thompson - my thanks to her for passing it on to me.

The Editor of the NEWS LETTER is now Marion Weyant, of Lansing, Mich. After long and faithful service, Bettle Thompson's many other duties left her no time to continue this work. Let's remember that Marion cannot get out a NEWS LETTER without news, - so give her your support.

As you all know, the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) will be deactivated as of 20 December, 1944, after two years service. We have many new members among the WASPs, and I hope many more will join us. As for me, some time after the first of the year I shall be at home at Fontana (California), sitting in a chair on the porch and just rocking.

This letter sould not be closed without mention of Miss May Arnold, who works with the Ninety-Nines under our agreement with the National Aeronautic Association. No one could be more interested in the Ninety-Nines and she has cooperated in every way, - thank you, Miss Arnold.

Any ideas or suggestions for the coming year will be most gratefully received, and perhaps with the return of many of us to our homes, and with a lessening of the demands on our time, we may be able to make 1944-1945 a much better year than the last for the Ninety-Nines. Shall we try?

Ethel A. Sheehy.

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YOUR NEWS LETTER

Yes, you should have a NEWS LETTER each month but no one 99'er, Editor or otherwise, can supply copy for even a four-page issue. Remember, it's your LETTER.

Won't you, by the fifth of each month, see that your Editor or Headquarters has an item about your section, chapter or a 99'er? If copy comes, the LETTER will.



NORTH CENTRAI

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETING

Helen Wetherill called from Detroit, giving all the Michigan Chapter news.

The North Central Section meeting was held in Detroit, at the Book-Cadillac Hotel. A grand time was had by all those fortunate members who attended. Dinner was served in the dining room and speeches were made by several guests.

Alice Hammond and Helen Wetherill had suites and the 99's congregated there for all the summer hangar flying. During the day a trip was made through the Edison Museum at Greenfield Village.

A few of the guests were Mrs. Roush of the Women's National Aeronautical Association; Walter Brennan, editor and publisher of Aviation & Yachting; Hortense Harris, Boston, Mass.; Belle Hetzel, Omaha, Nebr.; Agnes J. De Haven, Sioux City, Iowa; Florence Boswell and Helen Albaugh, Cleveland; Marion Hoyt, Dayton. All in all, 42 anjoyed the meeting.

Sunday morning all had a good breakfast and proceeded to the Willow Run Bomber plant. What they saw is a military secret. After Willow Run, a visit was made to Stinson Aircraft, where Margaret Çook is a test pilot. It seems that Stinson was holding open house for all relatives of Stinson employees. Can you imagine Margaret having 42 relatives showingup at oncel Believe it or not, that's what happened. The relatives watched her test an L-5 ambulance plane.

Jeannette Lempke claims Saginaw holds the record for having seven members present.

The new officers of the North Central Section are: Governor, Helen Wetherill; Vice Governor, Ruth Craine; Secretary-Treasurer, Leah Higgins.

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MICHIGAN CHAPTER

The October meeting was held in Saginaw with Thelma Lindzay as hostess.

A new member is Gloria Lynch who is a small gal, only 4' ll", and a member of the CAP Parachuts Squadron.

Swe Wagner was present, as was Agnes De Haven. Agnes is searching for a Bellanca. She's also former section secretary. While in search for a Bellanca she was hospitalized in Chicago with strep-throat. Glad to hear she's okay now. Margaret Crane was also seen after hibernating all summer.

Officers of the Michigan Chapter are: Chairman, Thelma Lindzay; Vice Chairman, Mabel Bulton; Secretary-Treasurer, Elizabeth W. Small.

The November meeting is at Austin Lake airport, with Eloise Smith as Hostess, November 12th.

HANGAR GOSSIP

From Helen Wetherill -- Betty Scantland, WASP, flying a P-47 from Evansville, Indiana. Between trips writing to Helen from Atlanta.

Alice Hammond possesses an Instrument Rating; Fay. Kirk, an Instructor's rating.

Dorothy Nagle, Lucile Grisier and Helem Wetherill are learning to be Link Trainer Instructors. 'Every Saturday and Sunday the three girls trak to Selfridge Field to receive that choice bit of instrument training instruction from the Link Instructor at the Army Base. The girls are receiving this through CAP.

(Editor's Note: Thanks again to Helen Wetherell for all this news.)

Babe Weyant.

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NINETY-NINE CLOB

By Maude S. Rufus, 215 Angell Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Six planes wended their way to Austin Lake Airport, Kalamazoo, bringing thirteen members to the chapter meeting Sunday, November 12th.

The hostess, Eloise Smith, served a delicious breakfast in her charming cottage on the lake adjoining the airport. Her assistant hostess was Barbara Jo Larch of Kalamazoo.

Eloise did a wonderful work in training in the Navy Program. She is now teaching private students at the Austin Lake Airport. She acquired her instrument rating last February. Her lawyer husband is in the service, teaching advanced navigation at a naval base in Florida.

Dorothy Lunker has her Commercial Certificate, her flight test taking just 35 minutes.

Becky Thatcher, of Saginaw, our vice chairman, led a courier mission in flying clothes to Cleveland, for people who were left destitute after the explosion.

Alice Hammond has obtained her instrument rating and is giving instrument instruction for CAP.

Clara Jo Marsh, of 3504 Courville Road, Detroit, is stationed at Maxwell Field, Alabama, as WASP Staff Executive. Clara has handed in her application for membership in our Michigan Chapter.

Committee chairmen appointed for the current year are: News Letter, Maude S. Rufus, Ann Arbor; Membership, Gladys Hartung, Detroit; Library, Lucile Grisier, Detroit; Scrapbook, Dorothy Lunken, Detroit.

Our new Chairman, Thelma Lindzay, and her husband flew, in their Fairchild, to Gulfport, Miss., and New Orleans, La., November 5th, returning to their home in Saginaw on November 12th. Only one day was lost on the trip by bad weather. Very good for light plane flying.

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas party which will be held at the lovely home of Alice Hammond.

PLEASE NOTE:

Write to Headquarters, 1025 Connecticut Ave., Washington 6, D. C., for

> Membership application blanks. 99's gold pins, \$1.40 each, including tax. Decals, two (2) for fifteen (15) cents. 99's History (See page 4) \$1.00

Also send Headquarters any change in your address.



MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

(Consists of: Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Washington, D. C., Virginia and West Virginia.)

GOVERNOR'S NOTICE

ATTENTION: All Chapter officers in Middle Eastern Section -- All chapter members:

The Section Governor requests that all Chapters in this Section hold a business meeting of their chapter some time in February. Most of you wandering members should be home by then and it is imperative that chapters organize and get into running shape. Many new members have never had a chance to attend a meeting. It shall be the responsibility of last elected chapter officers to get together and arrange this February meeting for their respective chapters. It shall be the responsibility of every chapter member to see that this is done. Chapters which have not held election for 1944-1945 officers shall do so at this meeting.

For the benefit of new members, Middle Eastern Section consists of the following chapters: Eastern Penn, which includes Delaware members); Western Penn, Washington, D. C., (It is suggested that Maryland members meet with Washington, D. C., Chapter until they can organize a regular Maryland Chapter, which they should do at the earliest possible moment.); West Virginia Chapter. Virginia 99'ers, meet with West Virginia until your chapter has been obtained.

The 99 Constitution states: "Local chapter may be formed at the desire of members, not less than five active members being necessary for the formation of a chapter." In practise it has been found that it is better to start with ten or more members.

At the last listing in 1943-1944, Maryland had approximately six members residing in that area. Some Maryland members are working outside that area. Virginia and Delaware at present do not have enough permanent residentt 99'ers to make it advisable to start a chapter.

Total of Section members is now approximately 77. divided as follows:

Elected Chapter Reporters shall send in to the NEWS LETTER a report of their respective chapters February meeting, together with a list of their Chapter officers for September, 1944, to September, 1945

All Chapters shall arrange to hold meetings once a month beginning with February.

It is further suggested that all South Jersey members of the New York-New Jersey Section, who find it difficult to get to New York City meetings, may attend as guest members the meetings of Eastern Penn, though they vote and retain active membership in their own Section. 99'er Betty Montgomery, Merchantville, N. J., is asked to bring prospective South Jersey 99'ers to our Eastern Penn meetings. She will receive our regular meeting notices.

All Chapters in this Section are advised to start plans for their February business meeting at once.

The following 99'ers in each Chapter are appointed to see that meeting arrangements are made. They should help and aid Chapter officers.

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Copies of "The 99 Club", prepared by Fay Gillies Wells and approved by a committee consisting of Louise Thaden, Margaret Cooper and Ruth Nichols, which was appointed by 1940-41 President Betty Huyler Gillies, can now be obtained from Headquarters for One (1) dollar each.

Bound in blue and silver, the book offers a most interesting account of the formation of the Club, a chronology of national and international records made by 99'ers, names of charter members, and other details.

Here is an excellent opportunity to obtain this ttractive book, the edition having been prepared as souvenir of the 15th Anniversary celebration for the charter members.

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