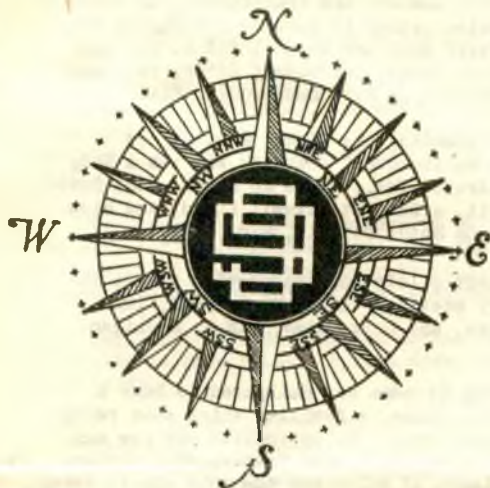


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NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Helen Budwash, 14306 Normal Ave.,
Riverdale P.O., Evanston, Ill.

A meeting of the Illinois Chapter of 99'ers was held at the Palmer House on Friday, January 12th, at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was very informal as there were only three active members present - Chairman Marian Albright, Dora Dougherty, a former Wasp, and myself.

Notices were sent out by our Secretary, Doris Langher, asking us to meet in the lobby, also requesting us to bring prospective members.

When I arrived with my guests, Air WAC Sgt. Berry, former Wasp, Jennie Hill, of Harvey, Ill., and Helen Ramer, of Chicago, it looked like the WASP had landed for Dora had invited the following girls, most of them living in Chicago or the suburbs: Gwen Hess, Marjorie Mock, Faith Buchner, Mary Clifford Lyman, Jeanne Wagner, Janice Christensen, Lorraine Zillner, Mary McDonald, Leotta Cook, Esther Reinholdts and Mary Beritich, also Marjorie Logan, of Billings, Mont.

For a time it looked like Old Home Week for the girls, as this was their first meeting since the WASP disbanded.

Dinner was in the American Room, and after dinner we went to the mezzanine and found a quiet corner where we dispensed with all business and told the girls about the Ninety-Nines. They all expressed their desire to join our Chapter, which made us very happy.

We visited with the girls after the meeting, some telling about their experiences flying B-17s, PS-1s and A-20s. We also enjoyed hearing the story from Dora Dougherty about flying a B-29, the Superfortress.

Arrangements were made for our next meeting to be held at the Chicago Municipal Airport, Thursday, February 8, at 7 P.M.

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

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

WISN, one of our most important radio stations, featured Elsie Peters on the "Feminine Viewpoint" hour recently. Leave it to Elsie to put in a word for the 99's. While she was in the studio, so many of the personnel became interested in her flying stories that Mitchell Field will have a good many new students as a result.

Peg Fiebrantz is leaving this winter session to go to Mexico with her mother for the next month. I'll wager she goes to the Mexican airports before she looks up any movies.

Dorothy Christanson was home from Washington, D.C., for a few days recently. We had pleasant chats with her. She is mighty fond of the way the Government handles its work in the big city.

Dora Fritzke, now with the WAC, is very happy in her new branch of living. We miss her flying activities here, however.

The last meeting of our Chapter was an unusual one, for our Chairman of Membership, Caroline Felling, had made the rounds and rounded up some prospective members. Mertice Baumgartner and Marie Liebenenthal were two of her finds. Both are student pilots at Mitchell Field, about to take their flight tests as soon as the weather is "just right". Mertice is anxious to go on for her commercial. Marian Beard and Jean Reimer, both formerly with the WASP, were also at the meeting.

The evening was very full and intensely interesting, for both girls had many tales to tell and were most eager to tell them. Both Marian and Jean are looking up and following leads to flying jobs, so I suspect they will not be with us too long. We did enjoy their presence.

Beatrice Gehrung, a private pilot since April, told us of her most interesting experiences in her 70 hours. It seemed to be standing on her nose. But she did it most gracefully.

The latest news of Margaret Bruns, also of the WASP, is that she will be married very, very soon to a "George" from Liberty Field, where she has been stationed. They will honeymoon in Niagara, New York, before returning to Savannah, Georgia. Good Luck to you both, Margaret.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

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

We are all looking forward to the new year with enthusiasm with our charming Chairman, Thelma Lindsay, to direct our activities. Of course Old Man Winter puts in his say as to how many can dig their planes and cars out of the snow banks of Michigan, to get to the 99's meetings. We look forward to the time when we can dust off our planes and wing away without using the snow shovel.

On December 27, Mrs. Thelma Lindsay, 1213 N. Michigan, Saginaw, entertained fourteen girl flyers at a delightful dinner at her home. The guest of honor was Miss Betty Grohman who has just returned to Saginaw after having completed her assignment with the WASP's pursuit school at Brownsville, Texas. Since graduation she has been stationed at New Castle Base, Wilmington,

Dela., from which she has been ferrying Mustangs P51), Airacobra (P39) and Thunderbolt (47) fighters.

On January 14th, eighteen girls attended the meeting at Lapeer, with Margaret Crane as hostess. Our Michigan Chapter has several new members, but we regret that some of our old members are transferring to other chapters. Miss Helen Ashley is leaving for Big Rapids, Mich., where she will make her home at 515 S. Michigan Avenue. Miss Claire Suhan, our newest 99'er, is spending the next two months in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

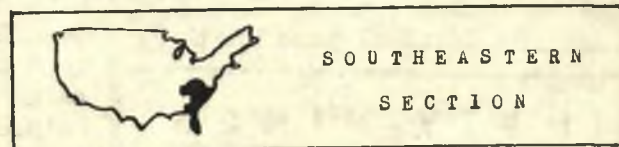
New members attending the Lapeer meeting are Joanne Blair, 766 Marlborough, Detroit, who was a Wasp stationed at Childress, Tex.; Clara Jo March, 3504 Courville Road, Detroit, a Wasp at Maxwell Field; and Miss Helen Pelto, 8180 De Soto, Detroit, Mich.

Two new student pilots and prospective 99'ers attended the January meeting - Daisy M. Crippen, 1211 Lapeer St., Saginaw, and Lola Cates, 515 N. Michigan, Saginaw, Mich.

The Old Flying Grandma was delighted to hear a voice come over the phone, a familiar voice soon recognized as Helen Montgomery. We appreciate our new members but cannot forget our former enthusiastic workers. It was grand to learn of Helen and the work she is doing. She is stationed at Auburn, Ind., as instructor in promotional work at the airport. Helen spent a few days in Ann Arbor, visiting an aunt during the Xmas holidays.

Other new members during the month are: Jean Prins, Mary Clark, Barbara Le Juene and Barbara Credit, all of Jackson; also Mrs. Audrey Fontana, Iron Mountain, and Barbara Walsh, Grand Rapids, both Private License holders.

Remember, Ninety-Nines, February is to be a recruiting month. Michigan already has made a good start.



CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Jessie Woods, P. O. Box 629,
Rock Hill, S. C.

The February meeting will be held in Charlotte, N. C., Sunday, the 18th. Come one, come all.

Louise Smith has just returned from a pleasant voyage at Hollywood, Florida.

Not to be outdone by either Louise or Bird, Anna Cole and her father have been catching some Florida sun at Fort Lauderdale.

For the benefit of Vera Self's many friends in our Chapter, I wish to report that Vera is taking a Link course in Orlando.

Our Chapter has another new member: Mrs. Marion D. McNeely, High Point, N. C. Don't miss the February meeting, Marion. We will want to meet you.

There seems to have developed a misunderstanding concerning the 4½ membership cards that were so cleverly designed and originated by the Florida Chapter.

Contrary to the belief of some that the cards made the holders thereof an actual auxiliary to our own

Ninety-Nines and therefore certainly not in accord with our national policy, it is strictly a social gesture with a meaning neither serious or binding and does not in any way give the holder privilege, power or what-have-you to our Club.

The thought behind these cards was generated from the fact that most of us today would not be flying if it was not for the financial or moral support of a husband, brother, or father. It was the thought that this card would be a small token of appreciation to these men whose efforts have helped us realize our flying ambitions.

We have many social meetings to which we invite 49²'ers, and these little cards give the men who are possessors of them a more concrete feeling of their presence instead of a "pink tea" attitude.

Here is a word description of the card. It bears a 99 compass rose printed upside down, and the caption copy reads:

"Certificate of Doubtful Competency, Ratings With Limitations, 49²er. This is to certify that _____ is a member of the Cone of Silence in the Mystic Realm of 0° to 360° so long as he furnishes L, NC, & 2S."

This card must be signed by the Chapter Chairman. Any Chapter desiring these cards should write to Bettie Thompson, 724 North 63rd St., Philadelphia 31, Penna.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Lucile Greenwood for the loss of her brother who was fatally injured when his plane, containing a student, struck a mountain in a dense fog.

Be seeing all of you on February 18th. Don't forget the date.

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FLORIDA CHAPTER

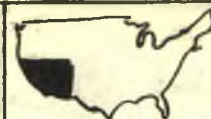
By Irene Haworth, 418 N. E. 12th Ave.,
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Sunday, January 28th, was sort of a "Red Letter" day for the Florida Chapter. Hazel Raines and "Sissy" Sieber, a new 99'er, flew all the way from Oklahoma City, in their Culver, for the meeting. We were all glad to see Hazel again, and to meet Sissy, but sorry they had to go back. This was Sissy's first trip to the Land of Sunshine, but Hazel couldn't get her out of her coat until they landed in Lantana. They are both ex-Wasps. They have a great deal on the fire in Oklahoma City, which will be unique if it goes through. They are trying to get the Municipal Airport and staff it solely with women. That would be sumthin. Lots of luck to the gals!

They stopped in Orlando and had a visit with Vera Self who is in the control tower at the Army Base. Poor Vera, she works such chopped-up hours that she couldn't attend the meeting.

After lunch at the Hotel Pennsylvania in West Palm Beach, we were taken on a tour, via jeep and staff car, of Morrison Field. I finally got a chance to see a B-29 at close range, and I made the most of it. They also put on an exhibition with their K-9 Corps. It is amazing how they trained those dogs. If ever I am around that field at night, and am challenged by a sentry, I sure will stop, having seen the dogs go through their paces.

I wish all the Florida members who can't get to the meetings, would send me some word of themselves, as to what they are doing, etc. News is scarce down here.



SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

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

Our deepest sympathy to Marjorie Fauth, whose husband, Jerry, recently passed away. In our Chapter there has been a close bond of friendship between the 99'ers and the 49²'ers. This is the first break in that friendship. Jerry was our good pal and our most enthusiastic booster. We shall miss him keenly.

Ruth Rueckert has returned to her home in San Francisco, bringing with her our potential member, Marsha Ann. Ruth has been living in a "What Not" in Long Beach for two years, just to be near 49²'er Fred's embarkation point. It must seem wonderful to be back in her own lovely home once more.

In January, Louise Coleman held a Chapter meeting at her home. It was our first "get together" in a long time, and we certainly did a lot of hangar flying. Louise has a complete record, with pictures, of her activities in the WASP, from her application for enrollment to her deactivation in December, 1944. It is a record that should go to the Smithsonian Institution one of these days, as part of the historical data on women's participation in this war.

Greetings to Secretary Belle Hetzel. I have never forgotten your warm hospitality in Omaha. When the war is over and my pin feathers begin to itch, I'll be back in my super duper, all purpose, Hart Special "Aircoplane."

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LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

A card from Eileen B. Evans brings the good news that she is "trying to reorganize our chapter as little or nothing has been done since I left here two years ago. Mrs. Slagel and Mrs. Burns, also Miss Jarmuth have tried to keep the shreds together but the rest of the girls have been gone or inactive.

"Evalyn Kilgore (Brier) has not been in San Bernardino for some time and I am trying to locate her through other friends, but have had no luck so far.

"Will you please change my address for me - 1011 S. Arlington Ave., Los Angeles 6, Calif.

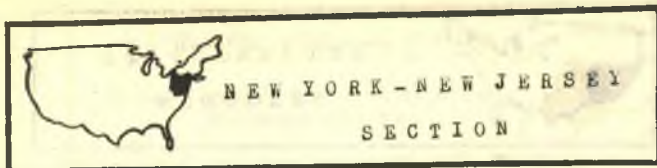
"We are having a big meeting February 16th and hope to organize and find a way to get the ex-Wasps into flying jobs - which is most difficult on the coast."

Some 100 notices are being sent out for this meeting, all by the Chairman. Headquarters wishes them a most successful get-together and hopes to be able to have a fine report on the meeting for the next NEWS LETTER.

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Indiana 99'ers, please note:

If you girls around Muncie, Indiana, will look up a Mrs. Hoffman at the Muncie airport - I believe her husband is an operator at Muncie - you will find a new member for your Chapter. She holds a private license.
Editor.



NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

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

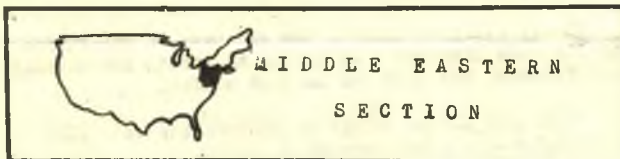
The first meeting of the New Year was held at the Town Hall in New York on January 8th. It was a "Welcome home" for five members of the WASP, and we were very glad to have them back with us. They were Betty Gillies, Marjorie Gray, Magda T. Tacke, Gertrude Brown, and Mary Rance.

Our guest speaker was Miss Anita Pollitzer of the National Woman's Party who presented us with the facts facing women in the fight for the passing of the amendment to the Constitution for equal rights for women. Miss Pollitzer is a South Carolinian and has worked with Congress and various state legislatures in behalf of this amendment. She was actively engaged in the women's suffrage campaign. In 1929 she represented her state at the International Feminist Conference at the Sorbonne. At present she is National Vice-Chairman of the Congressional Committee of the National Woman's Party. She urgently asked for our support of this movement and told of the interest and cooperation exhibited by our founder, Amelia Earhart, in this cause. I would not hesitate to say that many of our members were convinced and will start writing to their congressmen for its promotion and adoption.

Among our other guests were Marjorie Davis who is the New England Chapter Chairman, Lt. Hayes of the WAC, Kathlyn Bernheim, Rita J. Maynahan, Esther D. Poole and Mr. Remy. Gill Robb Wilson dropped in to say "Hello". Mr. Remy was very brave to withstand the earnestness of the speech made by Miss Pollitzer in behalf of women.

Madeline Wood has a new blue-eyed future 99'er and Jeanne Oakes, our secretary, has a New Year's Eve boy.

Lt. Ruth Heller sent us a lovely letter for which we send our thanks. We are glad to hear that Washington, D.C., has an active chapter and, if any of us drop in on that big town, we will contact them.



VIRGINIA - WEST VIRGINIA

A delayed letter dated October 25, 1944, reached me February second. It was from Marie Beckett and said she and Beulah Stark were making plans for a Virginia-West Virginia Chapter.

Marie's address is 50 Riverside Drive, South Charleston, West Virginia.

99'ers in these two states please send Marie your names and addresses, also names and addresses of prospective members.

Congratulations to these two 99'ers for making some plans towards getting this Chapter back on the beam. Keep up the good work!

(Headquarters note: Virginia 99'ers practically all belong to Washington, D.C., Chapter. West Virginia 99'ers are:

Betty Mae Roth, 2316 E. Washington St., Charleston.
Ruth Schaffner, 1425 $\frac{1}{2}$ Quarrier St., Charleston.
Mrs. Beulah E. Stark, Route 3, Box 350, Charleston..
Manila Davis Talley, Box 218, Flatwoods, W. Va.
Mrs. Ruth Tolley Gwinn, 720 Highland Ave., Princeton.
Regina V. Cosgrove, 275 Maple Ave., Welch.
Mrs. Estaire M. Berkeley, 109 Main St., Beckley.
Mrs. L. Louise Hall, Box 1027, Beckley.)

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WESTERN PENN CHAPTER

Leona O'Shea writes that interest is stirring up in Western Penn. Notices have been sent out for a Chapter meeting on Sunday, February 11th, at the Pittsburgh apartment of Elizabeth Warnock. Members and prospective members were invited.

Leona wrote Governor Bettie Thompson for some 99 membership blanks. M-m-m sounds like Western Penn is homing on the station. Keep it up, girls.

Helen Porter, ex-Wasp, now with All American, County Airport, Pittsburgh, is a new member. Sponsor, Polly Markle of Camp Hill, Penna.

Mary Martin, ex-Wasp, 168 East 5th St., Bloomsburg, recently received an application. Sponsor: Bettie Thompson, Philadelphia, Penna.

Former Western Penn 99'er Roberta Sabbato did not renew due to "Lack of meetings and lack of activity in Western Penn." We hope Western Penn girls will soon be back on the beam, having regular meetings, and out after qualified new members in their area.

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EASTERN PENN CHAPTER.

In January Ruth Shafer and Bettie Thompson took an exciting trip to Allentown, where Ruth took her CAA written for an instructor's rating.

Bettie also improved this opportunity for a little telephone visit with Dot Leh.

On the return trip they met a former Allentown WASP, Julia Lamm, a prospective member of Eastern Penn, and invited her to attend the February meeting.

99'er Marian J. Bradley Edwards has been working with 99'er Frances Nolde at Reading, Penna., on CAP Courier Service. She left recently for a job with the Army Air Forces - ground work connected with the Office of Flying Safety, at Winston-Salem, N. C.

99'er Ellen Gery recently returned to Reading.

We extend a hearty welcome to another new 99'er, Pat Disston of Chestnut Hill, Penna.

Mrs. Jeanne Adams Kelley, a member of the New York-New Jersey Chapter, who has been listed at 8212 Cedar road, Elkins Park, Philadelphia, Penna., is now at 889 Pope St., Memphis, Tenn., where her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er, Captain Richard Carlyle Kelley, Jr., is stationed. Both she and he husband hold private licenses. Jeanne received hers in 1941 at West Palm Beach, Fla., although until her marriage last fall her home was at Westfield, N.J.

A Lament to Operators

Two hours in a trolley, and then we take a bus.
All the while we muse "Is this flying game for us?"

Airports make us hungry, and we sure do like to eat.
Sister, are you kidding? What airport's food a treat?
Or is there any food at all, where you park your feet?

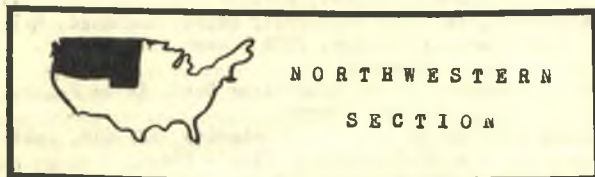
Winter we huddle by the stove and try to keep us warm.
Summer we hunt a bit of shade, a chair, and look forlorn.

Airport brothers, listen if you run a field.
Flyers want more comfort than your airports now do yield.
A little more attention, please; a little less cold
shoulder.
Come, aviation's growing older.

So then when we climb a trolley, and then climb on a bus,
We'll not sit and muse "Is this flying game for us?"

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Congratulations to 99'er Winifred Eno and her husband. NATIONAL AERONAUTICS, February issue, tells of the splendid accommodations and service they provide for those landing at Eno Airport, Fort Dodge, Iowa.



The following inquiry has been received from Bettie Thompson, regarding the above Section:

"What's happened to you 99'ers out there? We miss the news from the states of Washington and Oregon. The last items we saw in the NEWS LETTER from you-all was in 1945 when Irma Wallace, Seattle, Wash., was listed as Governor.

Will someone there break the silence and send us some news?"

JOKE COLUMN

Ground School Instruction.

Instructor: "I am going to speak on liars today.
How many of you students have read the twenty-fifth text?
Nearly every student raises his hand.

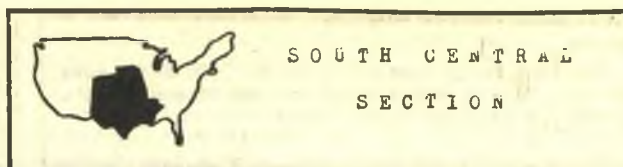
Instructor: "Good. You are the very group I wish to speak to. There is no twenty-fifth chapter."

Somewhere in the Air.

Pilot to navigator: "My son is two years old and has been walking ever since he was only ten months old."
Navigator: "He must be awful tired."

Good to the Last Drop.

An aviation lecturer concluded a lecture on parachutes by saying: "If it doesn't open -- well, that is what is known as jumping to a conclusion."



Lack of news from this Section and especially from Texas where many members are located, even after the deactivation of the WASP, brings this comment from Bettie Thompson, Governor of the Middle Eastern Section:

Texas, for a big state you're mighty quiet. Chapter officers and members, send in some news. Let us have this at once, for our next Letter.

SOUTHERN LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Although no detailed report of the gathering has as yet been received, Headquarters is glad to announce that on Saturday, February 10th, the Southern Louisiana group held a dinner meeting in La Louisiane restaurant, New Orleans, to take steps for the reorganization of that chapter. Both old and new members attended.

Barbara Selby, now with The New Orleans Item, and a former All-Ohio member, is to be commended for her interest and enthusiasm in helping revive activity in that portion of the state.

GLEANINGS FROM 99'ERS LETTERS.

Stella H. Priest, P. O. Box 708, Harlingen, Texas -
"We sure have missed reading the NEWS LETTER the last few months. And we hope every one will contribute some news for it in the future. 'The Post War Planning' has struck a responsive chord in my 49'er and I. We have our money up for a 60-acre tract of fine irrigated valley land, where we hope to build an X-shaped runway, come September, when the present lease expires. Provided the CAA will grant us permission, and we hope! We want to meet the flyers all, when the war is over."

Ivah C. Maxfield, secretary-treasurer, Missouri Vallet Chapter, writes:

"We are to hold a 99 meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, at the Fontenelle Hotel on Sunday, February 18, at which time we hope to straighten up all old business. I will send a report of officers just as soon as I return from Omaha."

Camilla Canfield, formerly of Fort Worth, Texas, now of Carmel, Calif., reports:

"Still no flying in this part of California. My husband, Major Robert W. Canfield, was reported killed in action over Germany just before my last baby was born. In the past few months, with one exception, it seems to me that the only thing I fly is a washing machine!"

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Here's a query from Malba Beard, 1530 South Ross, Santa Ana, Calif., which we trust some Wisconsin 99'er will take in hand and send a reply:

"Incidentally did the 'Southern Wisconsin Chapter' of the 99's go out of existence for lack of members about one and a half years ago, or was it 'lost' in the confusion?"

"Thirteen of us established the first Wisconsin Chapter in January, 1941. This was given the title of 'Southern Wisconsin Chapter' because another group was forming in Eastern Wisconsin and late bore that name. For the past year or two, I've seen only references to the 'Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter'. So, was there a consolidation (for lack of members in the 'Southern Wisconsin Chapter') or was our Chapter just plain lost? I believe the members are pretty well scattered, many having been active in aviation over the U. S.

"For the record, I came to California two and a half years ago, and am looking forward to the return of active flying on the coast. Meanwhile childred Wayne and Arlene keep me busy, and in any time off I do volunteer Red Cross Nurse's Aide work at local hospitals and the Santa Ana Army Air Base."

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From our former Vice President Bessie Owen, written from Mexico on December 10, 1944:

"It is with sincere regret that I hereby present my resignation to the 99 Club.

"I enjoyed my association with the 99'ers for many years but due to the fact that I am no longer connected with aviation, I feel my inactivity does not warrant my continuing as a member.

"With all good wishes to the Club."

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FLYING COSTS

Joan M. Fenderson, 120 Tunis Road, West Hartford, Conn., reports as follows on flying time rates in her area:

On Cubs and Aeroncas, \$13.00 dual and \$11.00 solo. One instructor charges \$11.00 dual and \$9.00 solo. The instructor rate has remained at \$2.00 per hour.

Michigan reports rates for instructors at from \$5.00 to \$5.00 per hour. On 65 and 75 hp, solo \$7.00 per hour, and dual \$11.00. Around the Detroit area prices are a little higher. Most schools give a guarantee of \$200.00 per month and \$4.00 an hour for instructors.

Buffalo, N. Y., rates are quoted at \$7.00 solo and \$10.00 dual on Cub trainer with receiver; \$9.00 solo and \$12.00 dual on Cub Coupe with 2-way radio; Cub, no radio, \$6.00 solo and \$8.00 dual.

Philadelphia, Penna., area rates are: Cubs and Aeroncas, no radio, solo \$8.00; dual \$10.00. Cub Coupe, no radio, solo \$10.00; dual \$13.00. Hangar rent (private) \$25.00 per month.

To 99'ers in various sections: Please send a penny postal card giving information on solo and dual flying rates, instructor pay, and hangar rents to The Editor. Thank you.

M.J.W.

NEW (*) and RENEWAL MEMBERS

1944-1945

Myrtle R. Allen, Air Inspector's Office, Rm. 1002 Texas & Pacific Bldg., Fort Worth 2, Texas.

* Miss A. Ann Atkison, Munday, Texas.

* Kathryn L. Bernheim, 536 Oak Drive, Hewlett, L.I., N.Y. Maurine Brunsvold, 1826 Maple St., Burbank, California

* Miss Ruthmary Buckley, 600 E. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mrs. Camilla Canfield, P. O. Box 1172, Carmel, Calif.

Mrs. Dorothy F. Christenson, Georgia Hall F-107, Arlington Farms, Arlington, Virginia.

Mrs. Irene Covington, Eli Whitney High School, Route 2, Graham, N. C.

* Mrs. Audrey Fontana, 505 Thistle Ave., Iron Mountain, Mich.

* Mrs. Mary Taliaferro Gilmore, 112 W. Hollywood, San Antonio 1, Texas.

* Mrs. Christine W. Grayson, 46 Flood Circle, Menlo Park, Calif.

* Mrs. Edna M. Hammerman, Hammerman & Gainer, Brown Bldg., Austin, Texas.

* Mrs. Florence Elaine Danforth Harmon, 655 East 54th St., Baltimore 18, Md.

* Mrs. Beth Henning, 2815 Dahlia St., Denver, Colorado Elizabeth Houghton Hooker, % Grumman Aircraft Eng. Corp., Bethpage, L.I., N.Y.

Mrs. Martha Hughes, 7205 University Drive, Richmond, Va.

* Mrs. Naomi Kennedy Jackson, 2575 Locust St., Denver, Colorado

Mrs. George Sargent Janes, Rensselaer Road, Essex Fells, New Jersey.

Mrs. Nancy Kinsley, % Capt. E. W. Kinsley, APO 676, Unit 1, % Postmaster, Miami, Fla.

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* Mrs. Mary Houck Oetzel, 256 W. Main St., Norwalk, Ohio.

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* Mrs. Genevieve Rawie, 2815 Dahlia St., Denver, Colo.

* Mrs. Alice L. Riss, 3424 McKinley, Omaha, Nebraska.

* Miss Dorothea Grace Shultz, 2021 Scott St., Davenport, Iowa.

Mrs. Eleanor Magee Smith, 716 Mercer Ave., Kingston, Pa.

* Mrs. Evelyn M. Stewart, P. O. Box 1361 Globe, Ariz.

* Mrs. Jane E. Straughan, 1905 Lansdown Way, Silver Spring, Maryland.

* Miss Peggy Ann Taylor, 1041 Parkway Road, Salinas, Calif.

* Miss Suzette Van Daell, Orchard Farm, Amenia, N.Y.

* Dorothea M. B. Vermorel, 690 Summit Ave., Hackensack, N. J.

Mrs. Dorothy Carpenter Waggy, 5703 - 30th Ave., Hyattsville, Md.

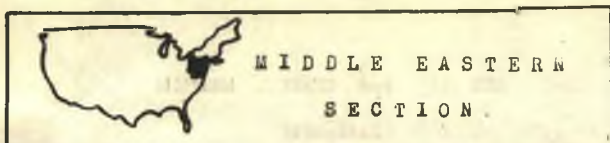
* Miss Barbara Ann Walsh, 22 Baylis St., S.W., Grand Rapids 7, Mich.

Miss Nella Mae (Bill) Ward, Hope, New Mexico.

* Mrs. June Wolfe, 181 Winthrop Road, Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Virginia I. Wood, 2415 Shawnee Drive, Great Bend, Kansas.





WASHINGTON, D. C., CHAPTER

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

Wednesday evening, February 7th, nearly thirty members and friends of our Chapter gathered at the Blackstone Hotel for a dinner meeting and social visit.

After an enjoyable dinner in a private diningroom, Chairman Ruth Heller called a business meeting. Reports were made on invitations sent out and visiting members contacted, and the filing of an application for the renewal of the Chapter's charter. It was voted to separate the duties of secretary and treasurer, Catherine Booth, who is busy instructing at Congressional Airport, Rockville, Maryland, remaining as secretary, while Dorothy L. Young became treasurer.

The Chapter also voted to hold future meetings at the Blackstone Hotel on the first Wednesday of each month, time 6 P.M., instead of its former date. After a short discussion of other matters, the group enjoyed talks by our special guests.

First speaker introduced by Vice Chairman Jan Warren was our own President, Ethel Sheehy, still kept in Washington in connection with the completion of details arising from the deactivation of the WASP. She told of the renewed interest among 99'ers throughout the country, the large number of Wasps who are joining the 99's and the excellent material they are bringing to us. She called attention to the meetings of 99'ers being called in all parts of the U.S., giving credit to Bettie Thompson for her part in proposing February as a time for these get-togethers for the purpose, now that so many girls are home, of reviving our local chapter groups.

Well-known Blanche Noyes, a 99'er for over fifteen years and one of the charter members of our organization, told us something of her work in connection with the air marking project of CAA, which was interrupted by the war. Again actively at work on this important aid to aviators, she spoke most encouragingly of what is now being done and of plans to be carried out in the near future. Not only cities and towns but some large corporations are keenly interested in the establishment of satisfactory air markers.

Last introduced was Miss Blanca Palacios, secretary of the Inter-American Escadrille. She reviewed the history of the Escadrille since its foundation in New York by Mr. Alfredo de los Rios in 1937, to the time of its consolidation with the National Aeronautic Association last September. She mentioned the original objectives of the Escadrille, which were: 1 - Creation of the inter-American skyway; 2 - Creation and enlargement of facilities for pilot and ground school training; 3 - Organization of international flights by wing members; 4 - Organization of air model building and primary aeronautical education for youth.

Of these objectives only the last one has taken roots, since with the beginning of the war other plans were necessarily interrupted. Air model building, however, has proved of great interest among the youth and fine progress has been shown in this activity.

Miss Palacios also spoke of the great enthusiasm for the development of aviation which is latent in the

Latin American countries and which will no doubt result in stronger Wings of the Inter-American Escadrille when private flying is resumed.

Officers present were Lt. Ruth Heller, chairman; Jan Warren, vice chairman and reporter; Catherine Booth, secretary, and Dorothy L. Young, treasurer. In addition to our speakers and officers, girls from various states who are now living in or near Washington, included: Catherine Booth, Lt. Elizabeth Hayward, USNR, and Margaret Clayton of California; Dorothy Young and Jan Warren, Colorado; Rose Wasil, Ohio; Dorothy F. Christenson, Wisconsin; Margaret Taylor and Charlotte Bassett, Massachusetts; Grace Hess, Kansas; Paulette d'Avril Frontenac, New York. Other guests present were: Lillian Leach, Doris Jones, Cy Luecke, Joan Richardson, Peg Harris, and May Arnold. Jane Straughan was back home again and we were happy to welcome her.

Applications were received from two new members, and every one declared the evening a most enjoyable success.

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Headquarters, 1025 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington 6, D. C., is the source from which to obtain your supplies, as follows:

Membership application blanks (No charge)
99's gold pins, \$1.40 each, including tax.
Decals, two (2) for fifteen (15) cents.
99's History, \$1.00
99's rose compass cuts, \$2.00 each.

Remittance for all supplies except application blanks should accompany order to prevent delay in shipment.

AIRPORT FENCE

Bettie Thompson bumped into a windfall of old aviation pictures recently. Among them were photos of the original Stipa-Caproni jet ship, British Westland Hill Pterodactyl Mark 4, launching of an old Vickers bomber from a land catapult, photos of pilots Dean and Art Smith who flew the first westbound transcontinental mail, the French Bessier helicopter, and an early Egyptian lightplane. All photos were 8 x 10" and very clean.

Betty is in the market for early aviation photos before 1930, of special interest, odd types that actually flew and early helicopters. If you have any write to her at 724 North 63rd Street, Philadelphia 31, Penna.

Recently at one of the airports a visiting plane, an old Curtiss pusher type with a 35 hp engine, prepared to take off. It was a flat calm day and, as the little ship staggered manfully off, one of the instructors, in a "March of Time" voice, said, "Man conquers the air --- I think."

Our very best wishes for "Happy landings" go to Christine Fernald of Boston, Mass., who writes:

"I have joined the Overseas Red Cross, so I should like to cancel my membership until my return."

THE 49^{ERS} COLUMN

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Note: Florida Chapter: Send me a list of your 49^{ers}. We don't have their names.

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Major Philip Burack, MC, 185 General Hospital,	Jessie Burack 245 Beechmont Drive New Rochelle, N. Y.
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R E M I N D E R

Since the last half of our fiscal year begins on March first, \$3.25 is the amount of the remittance which should accompany all new applications covering membership for the period to September 1, 1945. This amount is made up of the initiation fee of \$1.00 and \$2.25 for dues for the half year.

Kindly bear this amount, \$3.25, in mind when sending in new applications and so avoid the necessity of having rebate checks sent to incoming members.

The above is in accordance with our by-laws as revised at the 1941 Convention.

"THE 59 CLUB"

Many favorable comments are being received on the dainty blue and silver volume containing the history of our Club as prepared by Fay Gillies Walls.

The delayed shipment finally reached Headquarters and now orders are filled as soon as received. The book has much of interest for both old and new members, and as any profits received from the sale of the books will be given to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund, a steady demand is anticipated. Price \$1.00.

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