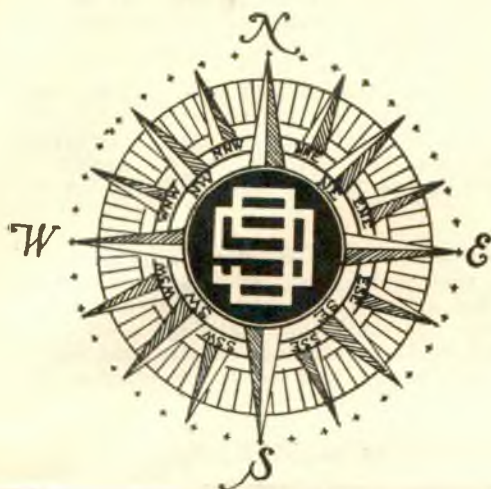


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EDITORIAL

There has been some question recently as to why the Ninety-Nines page has not been appearing in the NAA magazine.

Responsibility for the discontinuance of this page lies at my door. For some time after I arrived in Washington, frantic telephone calls came each month just before the deadline on the NAA magazine, saying they had no material for our page and asking for something to print. You will remember the page languished and eventually, after a conference with the NAA, it was decided that the page should be discontinued, with the understanding that any news about activities of the Ninety-Nines would be printed when sent in.

If you remember the difficulty in getting items for the Ninety-Nines NEWS LETTER, you will perhaps have a better understanding of the situation in which the Editor of the NAA page found herself. I felt then, and still feel, that the Ninety-Nines personal gossip which is so vital in holding us together, has its place in the NEWS LETTER only, and could not possibly be of interest to the general NAA reader.

In view of the recent interest in this NAA page, I have been seeking an editor, but so far with no results. While I continue the search, if you have any items of general interest, please send them to me at my home address, Fontana, California.

Also, let us nurse our NEWS LETTER back to good health - how about some news from those chapters which have been missing so long from our columns? Has nothing happened? Judging by the activity already shown, I am sure 1945 is going to be a good year for the Ninety-Nines.

Ethel A. Sheehy
President.

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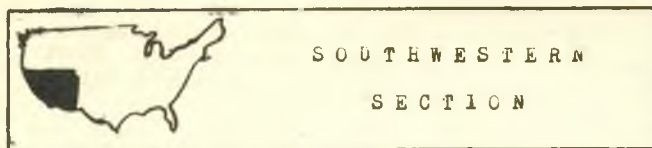
Our most hearty congratulations to Jacqueline Cochran, 99's president, 1941-1943, on the War Department's award to her of the Distinguished Service Medal.

First woman civilian to receive the DSM for services in this war, the citation reads:

"For exceptionally meritorious services to the Government in a duty of great responsibility from June 1943 to December 1944 as Director of Women Pilots, Headquarters Army Air Forces. She directed the planning, programming and administration of all women pilot activities of the Army Air Forces, including the organization, training, and operations of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). Under her leadership the WASP performed, with the utmost loyalty and efficiency, multiple flying services in direct and effective support of the Army Air Forces which were of the greatest assistance and importance to the war effort of the nation. Further, her achievements in this respect and the conclusions she has carefully and wisely drawn from this undertaking represent a contribution which is of permanent and far-reaching significance to the future of aviation. Her vision, skill and initiative have resulted in services of exceptional value and importance to the country."

Announcement of the award was made March first. The date for the presentation of the medal is to be set later.

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SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Hilda Jarmuth, 103 S. Edgemont St.,
Los Angeles 4, Calif.

Now that the Wasps have come back home after completing a period of wonderful training and performing their flying duties in the highest style, we couldn't wait any longer to have a grand meeting and get-together.

Our Chairman, Eileen Evans, is back again, and took charge of the meeting on February 16th. After a grand chicken dinner at Eaton's, we listened to the experiences of our intrepid gals, and met a number of these little Wasps who were very modest about their exploits. We had a number of former 99's with us also, who still feel a definite yearning for the "family circle". Old timers present were: Esther Johnson, Mabel Bull, Elliott Roberts, Wilma Fritschy, Hettie Glenn, and Esther Jones.

Eileen Evans, chairman, had some nice plans up her sleeve for spring and summer 99 activities and promised to let us in on them at the next meeting, scheduled for Friday, March 23rd, 6:30 P.M., at the NIKABOB, 875 S. Western Avenue. So, 99's, make this a MUST on your calendar. We also have promises of possible flying activities again, if we come to the April meeting, scheduled at an airport, so come on the 23rd and hear all about it.

Wilma Fritschy, after having traveled nearly all over the country, is busy again doing her clever art work. Melba Beard is still at Santa Ana with hubby Bill, and her two young aviators keep her occupied. Hettie Glenn is keeping on in an aviation job at Santa Ana Headquarters, Western Flying Command (We envy her). Helen Davis is the proud mama of little Kathie, a prospective 99'er. Irene Slagle has been doing quite a bit of flying with CAP. Helen Bengier did some flying instructing until recently. Betty Glaser has been flying around the country side on official business. Hilda Jarmuth is still secretarial, supplying the Armed Forces with their transportation needs.

A welcome to the following new members: Elizabeth Watson, Leah Johnson, Claire McMillen, Mary Abbie Quinlan, Jeanne Rice, Mildred Toner, and Helen Calhoun.

WASP visitors who, at the end of the meeting, became full-fledged 99's were: Marthe Halbach, Pat Velut, Dolly Sexten, Shirley Haugan. Congratulations, girls, and welcome into Los Angeles Chapter.

Other Wasps (we hope they'll soon come into the 99's) who gave us some interesting highlights of their ferrying jobs, were: Alma Jacomini and Virginia McPike Cokeley (recently married to Lt. Cokeley, USNR — Mmm!). Another visitor was Thelma Gibson, pilot and prospective member.

We missed very much our old standby, Gayle Burns, who was bitten by the flu bug, and Pat Kelly whose doctor wouldn't let her get up for the meeting. Here's wishing for a quick recovery for you both. Jan Wood, ex-Wasp and prospective member, was left high and dry when her car refused to budge another inch out in the middle of nowhere. Motto: Next time try a planet!

Regrets were received from Pat Thomas, now in Phoenix; Jessie Ostrander of San Diego, and Claire McMillen grounded in Columbus, Ga. (rather than argue with a tornado!)

HASTA LA VISTA!

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Congratulations and our very best wishes to Isabelle McCrae, ex-Wasp, who reports as a 2nd Lt. in the Nurses Air Evacuation Corps to Love Field, Dallas, Texas, on February 28th. We'll miss you, Isabelle, and we are proud of the service you will continue to give your country in your new work. Please write and keep us posted on your whereabouts.

Eileen Evans, Chairman.

(Headquarters has just received Lt. McCrae's address, until May first, as School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas.)



NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

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

A "get-together" meeting was held on February 5th at the Town Hall Club. This meeting was set aside to welcome back all our Wasps - new and old members - and other new members who have joined with us.

We had a good old-fashioned gab session and managed to wangle some fine flying stories from a number of the girls. Brownie gave us a report on "radio control" flying, and Marjorie Gray told us about her ferrying work.

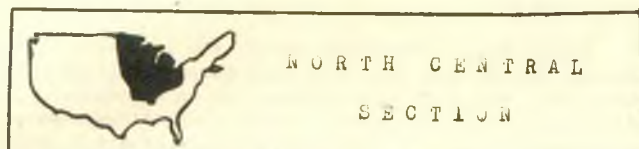
We did take a few minutes from our social chatter to adopt the following resolution.

"Whereas: the following amendment is now before Congress - Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex;

"Whereas: women shall have equal rights under the law:

"Be it resolved, that we endorse this amendment and urge its passage."

You've seen this amendment mentioned before in our column and you'll see it again and again. We, as a chapter, are behind its passage and urge you to join with us. Miss Anna Politzer of the National Women's Party is most anxious to serve other chapters with speakers and literature. Please write her or any of us so that this may be brought more fully to your attention.



SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

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

Peg Fiebrantz is still in Mexico City. Her mother has returned to the states, leaving Peg there, where she is now living with a Mexican family, learning Spanish the real way, and absorbing the beauties Mexico has to offer. As Mexico is a very air-minded country, we are certain Peg is in for a grand time.

Letters from Dora Fritzke, who is with the WAC, now come to us from Sheppard Field, Texas. She is a most faithful correspondent and sees to it that we have several letters from her to read at each of our 99 meetings. Apparently Sheppard Field is quite the place to be, for Dora is not anxious to leave it. No wonder, either, for her barrack is only about 300 feet from the flight area. She left Des Moines with the rating of Control Tower Operator.

Marianne Beard, one of the newest girls interested in our chapter, has just joined the Marines. Good luck, Mariannel!

Elsie Peters is entertaining at a luncheon at the College Women's Club where she will be hostess on March 17th, Good Old St. Pat's Day! They are keeping Elsie so busy at school that she has had to take temporary leave of absence from CAP. But she never misses a 99 meeting.

Your Reporter received a letter from Helen Wetherill, our North Central Section governor, stating she is flying to Chicago in the very near future. We may have a chance to talk with her and that is a pleasure I am certainly awaiting eagerly.

Caroline Feiling was in the air recently with her first instructor whom she met quite by accident when in Madison a few weeks ago. She said it felt so grand to be up in a plane again. On skis she made many landings and take-offs on the ice-covered lake.

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ALL - OHIO CHAPTER

By Kay Greshauge Samrau, 18405 Malville Road,
Cleveland 10, Ohio

Mrs. Florence H. Boswell, our famous "Lady B", is still the busiest lady in Cleveland with all of her volunteer activities and particularly with her work as the Ohio State Chairman of the American Women's Voluntary Services. She and Grace Birge, who has been visiting the Boswell hangar since the inactivation of

the WASP, attended the Aviation Institute at Lake Erie College in Painesville, on Friday, February 23. Cecile Hamilton was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Boswell plans to attend the Sportsman Pilots Association meeting, March 24 and 25, at Westchester Country Club, Rye, N. Y. She is governor of the Ohio chapter. Both Boswell boys, Bob and Louis, have been in the front lines in Germany. Bob was wounded in February, and Louis was last heard from near Cologne.

Betty Shea, an ex-Wasp from Kenmore, N.Y., has also been a house guest of the Boswells and I spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening recently listening to Grace and Betty relate their many experiences.

Peg Pierce has been at Sea Island, Ga., for a brief vacation and is now back in New York continuing with her work in voice.

Bernie Deutschman Ottney is filling a number of engagements speaking on aeronautics and radio techniques which she teaches in the Cleveland schools. She addressed the American Association of University Women on March 7, at Hotel Cleveland.

It has been a long time since the chapter has heard from either Rose Wasil or Kay Kirkman. Won't you please drop me a line and bring me up-to-date with your activities.

The All-Ohio chapter is proud to welcome into its membership Mrs. Mary H. Oetzel of Norwalk, Ohio. It has also received and voted favorably on the petitions of Mrs. T. Sue Griffing, 1330 Fifth Street, Sandusky Mrs. Ann C. Heisler, R D #3, Willard, and Mrs. Sally J. Pest, Sand Road, Post Clinton, all of Ohio.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

From Chairman Marian Albright comes word that their Guest Speaker scheduled for the April 5th meeting will not be able to appear because of other meetings pertaining to the subject which they were to discuss. However he has promised definitely to be with them at the May 3rd meeting.

The April 5th meeting will be held at the Del Prado Hotel on the Mezzanine floor, same as the last meeting, and the May 3rd meeting will be in the Blue Room of the Del Prado Hotel, when their Guest Speaker will be present.

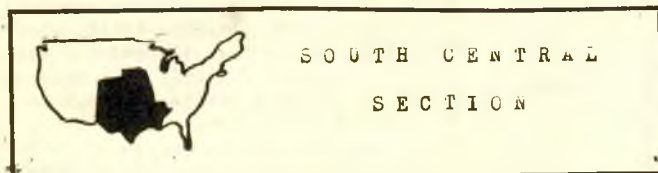
Dorothy Evans was appointed Acting Secretary at the last meeting, to help out Doris Langher, and we know she will do a fine job of it. Doris is most busy at United Air Lines where she is an instructor on the Link Trainer.

Illinois' meeting on May 20th will be at Washington Park Airport instead of Municipal as originally planned, as some of the girls might get confused in landing at Municipal. We have all of us at one time or another been implicated, so we thought Washington Park would be much better. The time is still 10 A.M.

Dorothy Evans and I had a very nice meeting with Helen Wetherill and Maude Rufus when they came to Chicago, March 6th. This was their first stop on a trip through the middle west. We met them at the Stevens Hotel and had dinner with them, and we are hoping to have the Sectional meeting at Springfield, Ill. The girls down there want to form their own chapter and, with transportation as it is, we don't blame them. So Helen thought with the meeting down there we could start them off with their own chapter.

You know Springfield is close to two hundred miles from Chicago

(To Illinois' Reporter: If you mailed a report on the February meeting - and we hear you had a good turnout - it failed to reach Headquarters. Sorry not to hear from you, and we'll will look for regular letters in the future.)



NEW SECTION OFFICERS

Mrs. Dorothy B. Thompson, 2233 Kearney St., Denver 6, Colo., is the new governor of the South Central Section.

Other officers announced this month by Gail W. Baker, retiring governor, are Pvt. Virginia Hudgins, San Diego, Calif., a member of the Arkansas Chapter, vice governor; Mildred C. Carney, North Louisiana Chapter, secretary-treasurer, Shreveport, La., and Fanny M. Leonpacher, South Louisiana Chapter, chairman of nominating committee, Lafayette, La.

The Section has on hand \$91.45, according to the financial statement.

NORTH AND SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTERS

By Mildred Castle Carney, 3011 Lake Shore Drive, Shreveport, La.,
and
Barbara Selby, The Item, New Orleans 4, La.

Planning to visit each other every four months and to have separate meetings in between times, North and South Louisiana Chapters are revving up after being grounded for about a year.

South Louisiana held a dinner meeting in New Orleans February 10th, attended by many of the North Louisianians. The Northerners held a meeting of their own in Shreveport February 27th, deciding to remain as a separate chapter.

Edna Gardner, 2860 Law St., New Orleans, was named chairman of the reorganized South Louisiana group. A graduate nurse, she has been a pilot for 19 years, ever since she took an airplane ride with a convalescent patient. For the last two years she has taught instrument and cross-country flying to Army and Navy flyers on War Training Service, but that folded up and now she's awaiting word on her application for the Army Nurse Corps.

A former school teacher, good-looking Mary Dickey, 726 City Park Ave., New Orleans, is vice chairman. She is chief pilot and instructor for Hobley-Waynard Air Service at New Orleans Municipal Airport. She and Georgia Jacob Meyers, 4301 Elba St., New Orleans, are making arrangements for the next South Louisiana meeting, to be held the first Thursday in April, the 5th.

And then there's Fanny Leonpacher of Lafayette, who has held so many 99's offices she has lost count. She is secretary-treasurer for South Louisiana, besides be-

ing nominating chairman for the South Central Section and on the national board of directors. She flies a Cub Coupe all over the country and keeps house for her veterinarian husband and their five children, aged 17 to 3.

Mrs. Patricia May, who before the dinner gave a cocktail party in her home, 1424 Louisiana Ave., was named membership chairman, and Barbara Selby, reporter for "Louisiana's largest afternoon daily newspaper", was elected reporter.

Meetings will be held the first Thursday of each even month. The chapter invited itself to be entertained by the North Louisiana Chapter the first Thursday in August.

Peggy Peck, a brand-new member who instructs at New Orleans Airport and once taught at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., was appointed chairman of an educational committee to create interest in flying. Committee members are Beatrice Carroll, dark-haired young Lafayette music teacher, and Mary Dickey.

Some former 99'ers who rejoined at the meeting include Georgia Myers, who has a plantation at Lafitte with both land and water landing facilities; Alice Cagle, flight instructor and artist who is a control tower operator at New Orleans Airport; and North Louisiana member Hazel Morton, instructor at Shreveport, who recently flew a Cessna to New York and back.

New members who signed at the dinner are Sue Wilson, instructor at Stovall Airport, Shreveport; Helen Ricketts of Hammond, just out of the WASP, who is hoping to start a flying school in Hammond, Peggy Peck and Beatrice Carroll.

A guest was Cora McDonald of the East Tennessee Chapter, who has been conducting her own school at Patterson, La. Since then she has sold her plane and is now instructing at New Iberia Municipal Airport.

Mary Nell Lindsey of Lacassine sent her regrets.

The dinner, which started off with oysters Rockefeller and ended with dessert concocted of brandy, cherries and ice cream, was held in a private room at Antoine's, old French Quarter restaurant. Pat May pulled strings to get the room and robbed her camellia bushes to decorate the table. Aeronautical place cards were made by Edna Gardner. Members toured the Vieux Carre afterward, and one member who shall remain nameless did a good business selling camellias salvaged from the table decorations.

News of the members gleaned at the meetings:

Lois Petrowsky, who had her picture in The Saturday Evening Post with some flying students last year, is managing her own school at New Orleans Airport.

Margaret Chamberlain has returned to Shreveport from the WASP and is full of tales about the planes she flew. She has received her commercial and a BIG rating.

Irene Beene of Bossier, near Shreveport, is selling her Monocoupe. Beth Smith, from South Louisiana, is now living at Shreveport and flying from Municipal Airport. She does a lot of cross-country flying in her Cub Cruiser.

Shirley Brewer has returned to Shreveport. Her husband is over seas with the Air Transport Command.

Annie Claire Adger has a new baby boy. Gail Baker, former South Central Section governor, is now in Shreveport after an absence of more than a year.

Mildred Carney, who works for the Civil Aeronautics Administration in Shreveport, has received another

ground instructor rating - meteorology - and is preparing for a flight instructor flight test. She is secretary-treasurer of the South Central Section.

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

By Ruth Vinson Austin, 1110 W. Washington St.,
Charleston, West Virginia.

Hello, 99'ers! West Virginia is "back on the beam". The first meeting of our 99 Chapter since 1942 was held February 24th at the Daniel Boone Hotel, Charleston. Among order of business was an election of officers. Those elected were: Beulah E. Stark, chairman; Ruth V. Austin, vice chairman; Marie B. Beckett, secretary; Marian P. Davis, treasurer.

Plans were made to continue aerial markings in the state and to organize an NAA chapter in West Virginia.

One new member's application was approved and we thus added Kathleen Older to our Chapter.

A banquet climaxing the meeting was attended by 13 prospective members, who had been invited in line with our recruiting program. Guest of honor was "49^{1/2}'er" Lt. Col. Hubert H. Stark, a good pal and a most enthusiastic booster. The first speaker on our program was Treasurer Marian Davis, who gave a short talk on the history of the Ninety-Nines for the benefit of the prospective members. Another guest was Capt. Cramer G. Bollinger, Intelligence Officer of the West Virginia Wing of Civil Air Patrol.

We wish to thank the "Parkersburg Girls" for their kind invitation to hold our next meeting on April 15th at the Parkersburg Hangar.

We are looking forward to the new year with enthusiasm and hope to have all members present at the Parkersburg meeting.

EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

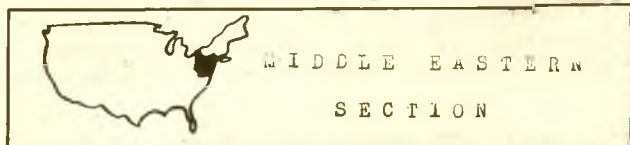
By Bettie Thompson, 724 N. 63rd St.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Our chapter held a big meeting Sunday, February 18, at the Homestead Restaurant in Philadelphia. Attending were about 40 99'ers and WASP guests. It was a grand turnout and looked like old times.

After introduction by Section Governor Bettie Thompson, Chairman Helen Jones, of Lancaster, took charge of the meeting and presented Vice Chairman Hester Martin, and Membership Chairman Irene Blasdel, both of Philadelphia, also your reporter. Bea Hymen, our secretary-treasurer, was tied up in Buffalo tower and could not come.

Guest speaker was ex-President Betty Gillies, an ex-Wasp, who gave some good advice to out-of-work Wasps, namely, (1) get a toe-hold in the job closest to aviation you can, and sometimes you can ease into a flying job from there; (2) learn more about the business end of aviation - traffic, engineering, management; you have to be more than just a pilot these days; (3) women pilots as a group are in their present position because men control the handing out of jobs, so they should try to get positions, whether at a small field or large business, where they are the ones to do the hiring and so be able to hire the women. Good advice, we say, and hats off to Betty for putting it so aptly.

Second to the job discussion came that on high prices for flying time in the Philadelphia area. Members felt that operators who combined and set these prices should consider the fact that Philadelphia flyers are paying than those in all other areas on which the girls have reported. The conclusion was



Governor Bettie Thompson of the Middle Eastern Section has compiled the following lists of ex-Wasps according to the chapter areas in which they reside, and urges each Membership Chairman to send application forms to all girls named under her own Chapter heading. (Application blanks may be obtained from Headquarters.)

WESTERN PENN CHAPTER

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Nancy Burnside, 6920 McPherson Blvd., Pittsburgh.
Hulda Chilcoat, R F D 3, Bellefonte, Penna.
Emma Coulter, Harksworth St., Greensburg, Penna.
Twila Edwards, 964 Philadelphia St., Indiana, Penna.
Ruth Kinkle, Box 81, Harrison City, Penna.
Elizabeth McGeorge, Mt. Crest Orchards, Ortanno, Pa.
Jane Morrison, 817 Savannah Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.
Helen Richey, McKeesport, Penna.
F. G. Shutsy, Route 1, Connellsville, Penna.
Virginia Grant, Christiana, Penna.
Roberta Sabbato, Clearfield, Penna.
Teresa D. James, 130 Church St., Turtle Creek, Pa.
Margaret Shaffer, Loganton, Penna.

VIRGINIA - WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

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Martha Lawson, 1310 Bridge Road, Charleston, W. Va.
Margery Moore, 311 Avenham Ave., Roanoke, Va.
Irene Crum, 2780 Elmwood Ave., Huntington 2, W.Va.
Captola Whittaker, Lillybrook, West Virginia.
Jane Wiswell, Box 184, Charleston, W. Virginia.

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Ola Rexroat, % Tony Paurier, 2722 Terrace Rd., Apt.
A596, Washington, D. C.
Dorothy Smith, 2800 Connecticut Ave., Apt. 203, Wash-
ington, D. C.

that pocketbooks stretch just so far; result, we fly less, and operators are losing the good will of those who feel they are being overcharged. This feeling is summed up by the following verse:

"Guess you heard the story
Of the guy who killed the goose?
Well, papa aviation has his hatchet on
the loose.
Hangar rent is up, and flying time and ships.
Papa dear, take warning,
'Cause your flying public kicks!"

Hostesses for the meeting were: Rita Davoly, Upper Darby, Irene Blasdel and Bettie Thompson, Philadelphia. Many thanks to those who helped make meeting arrangements.

Members and guests who rode the beam in and made a landing at the meeting included: Ex-President Betty Gillies; Helen Richey, Rita Davoly, Dot Leh, Polly Markle, Helen Porter, Sylvia Nelson, Hester Martin, Georgiana Sees, Pat Disston, Catherine Slocum, Augusta Roberts, Peggy Hoopes, Audrey Witmer, Helen Jones, Jessie Jones, Irene Blasdel, Bettie Thompson, Nancy Burnside, L. Allison Hoyt, Alice Middleton; Penelope Pierce, Mrs. D. Pierce, Ruth Valentine, Irene Gregory, Mary Paula MacLeod, Carolyn Jones, Kay Busrichter, Mary Keating, Georgiana Young and Genevieve Lee.

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ATTENTION, ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS:

The next meeting of the Eastern Penn Chapter will be held Sunday, April 22, at Allentown, Penna. Time: 12 noon. (Hershey, Penna., meeting will be in June.)

All 99'ers who enjoyed Dot Leh's stories of Amelia Earhart at our February meeting, will be glad to know she is Meeting Hostess. Those who have enjoyed Dot's wonderful outdoor cooking will start planning now, for the meeting will be held at her cabin in the woods. Food will be cooked over open fires of wood and charcoal. We're hungry already, and if we know our members, they sure love to eat.

Dot's instructions are: Anyone who wants a ride from the center of Allentown to the cabin, be at Hotel Traylor, 15th and Hamilton Streets, between 12 noon and 12:25 sharp, as Dot will leave there with her car promptly at 12:30. First come, first served. Others will have to take a cab. When you reach Hotel Traylor, phone Dot at 5008 of your arrival. For those taking a cab direct from airport or station, the cabin address is, Mrs. Dot (John) Leh, Sherwood Forest, Lehigh Parkway.

Dot says the eats are on her, no charge; liquid refreshments ditto. IMPORTANT! Bring or wear your slacks, as we'll eat outdoors around the fire, and the garden-minded can help plow or weed the garden.

Philadelphia and Delaware 99'ers may find it most convenient to go to Allentown by high speed trolley from 69th Street. There is a car, the Liberty Bell Limited, about 10:20 A.M. Phone for information and check the time. In Allentown leave car at 8th and Hamilton Streets, asking for a transfer. Cross to the opposite side of the street and take trolley to Hotel Traylor, 15th and Hamilton Streets. (AND ALL YOU GIRLS PLEASE keep this copy of directions so we won't be writing last minute notes on how to get there.)

You will receive regular notices about April 1st, and please send the enclosed return card to Dot by re-

turn mail, so she'll know in plenty of time about providing refreshments. Promptness in returning cards and being on time for meetings is something you will really appreciate when it comes your turn to be hostess, so kindly be prompt.

99'ers from other chapters who wish to attend should write at once to Mrs. Dot Leh, 1318 Linden Street, Allentown, Penna., so letters may reach her by April first.

Well, it's off to Sherwood Forest - that's the name of the place, romantic as it may sound - we'll be, come April 22. Dot's little Swiss cabin in the woods looks like something out of a movie, and with delicious food and a place to please the eye, what more can we ask? See you all then.

WESTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Leona O'Shea, 2618 Highland Ave., McKeesport, Penna.

I did manage to attend the meeting in Pittsburgh last Wednesday evening, February 21st, at Stauffer's Restaurant.

Those members present were Helen Porter, Betty Warnock, Margaret Levin, Rae Trader and myself, also two prospective members. Of course we didn't have a quorum and couldn't vote.

We are going to try again, after the weather breaks. The girls from the Meadville district did not dare to travel. You know this side of the Allegheny Mts. does get rugged.

We are not discouraged - really rather hopeful. Think we have some new members lined up, too.

FLYING COSTS

Three reports on flying costs have been received, from South Carolina, Texas and Indiana, respectively.

Carol Hooper, Greenville, S. C.; quotes their local rates as, Cub Trainers and Coupe, per hour, \$7.00 solo and \$10.00 dual. Cub Cruisers, also per hour, \$8.00 solo and \$11.00 dual.

Mary Fearey, Odessa, Texas, reports hourly rate on Cub Trainer as \$7.50 solo, and \$9.00 dual; Cub Coupe as \$10.50 solo, and \$12.00 dual.

Veronica Ruzicka, Ruzicka Flying Service, Kokomo, Ind., gives hourly rates of \$6.00 solo and \$8.00 dual on Cubs, T-craft, and Aeronca. Instructor \$2.00 per hour dual, guarantee \$200.00 per month. Hangar rent \$10.00 per month for one owner; \$1.00 more for each additional partner.

From Tampa, Florida, comes a report of the lowest rates yet quoted, namely, 65 hp Cubs, per hour, \$5.00 solo and \$8.00 dual; PT-19 and PT-22, \$10.00 solo, and \$13.00 dual.

Our Tampa 99'er says there is a rate war in progress. The "little guy" is always glad for such benefits to his pocketbook.

Philadelphia, Penna., area still has the highest rates so far reported. Other areas please write and tell us rates near you.

OVERSEAS NEWS

Congratulations to Dorothy Berendsen on her promotion to Captain. She is with air evacuation.

Bits from a letter dated "25 Feb, 1945". (She is picking up a bit of the European way of dating letters.)

"The most interesting parts of our trips is talking to the patients and hearing details of the fighting, how they were hurt, etc. One patient said he was carried for two miles over rocky country on an improvised stretcher. Then they had to cross a stream, so the medics tied him on a log and forded him across. Then he was tied to a tank that could take him only a mile; from there, on the hood of a jeep to a hospital. He insisted the plane ride was tops and he had ridden everything but a mule since he was injured.

"Almost all of our American soldiers are wonderful sports and good humored. They can see the funny side to a good many things and a laugh always bolsters them up.

"On one trip I had a patient who was irrational. I couldn't give him a sedative because he had a bad head injury and I spent over an hour sitting on the floor, holding him and talking to him.

"On most of our trips we start out early in the morning and fly to our destination, which takes from 30 minutes to two hours. Then we have to wait for our planes to be loaded. We are usually in flight with patients at noon. And there is the big problem of feeding. We carry 'D' ration bars, which are a concentrated vitaminized chocolate. Sometimes we carry 'K' rations. If the air is rough, we find it best to hide the rations and tell them they will get coffee and sandwiches when we arrive. Fortunately the casualty rate hasn't been high."

Dorothy is also learning French.

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NOTES ON SOME MEMBERS.

Martha Hutcheson, Carolinas Chapter, now at Y.W.C.A., 116 West 5th St., Tulsa, Okla. Martha is doing some flying out there, looking towards an instrument rating.

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Mary Ethel Fearay, Midland, Texas, writes:

"I've been a member of the 99's for five years and have not yet been able to attend a meeting. Having been a Link instructor, then in the WASP, and now following my 492'er from one AAF field to another, not knowing what section I really belong to is slightly frustrating. I've recently completed all the written and flight tests for a commercial, and am now working on an Instructor's rating. It's hard to catch up with an inspector in this part of the country. The last time he was due to arrive, there was an 80 mph wind blowing. So it goes in West Texas."

Proving her keen interest in the 99's, Mary Fearay has sent membership applications to the following ex-Wasps:

Miss Maxine Edmondson, c/o Knulla Flying Service, Alice, Texas.

Miss Irene Kinne, Encinitas, Calif.

Miss Geneva French, 1967 Fifth Ave., Sacramento, Calif.

Miss Jana Harris, 2034 Thornwood, Wilmette, Ill.

Mrs. George Cochrane, 6241 Niagara Ave., Chicago, Ill.

It is suggested that 99'ers living in the above areas get in touch with these prospective members.

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From Mary Houck Getzel (Mrs. Fred J.), Norwalk, Ohio, comes the following:

"It might be of some interest to our members (especially in the South) to know that we have rigged up several of our planes with skids and flown almost daily despite our big snow. It's real sport and the closest to St. Moritz and the winter sports as many of us will ever get!

"My husband is a laundry operator and in addition has a commercial rating. He is just about ready for his flight test for an Instructor's rating. Quite a feather in the cap of a busy laundry operator these days, n'est ce pas?"

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Abigail A. Cutler, Sp(T)2/c, LCMT, Rodd Field, Corpus Christi, Texas, writes:

"If you should see either Charlotte Bassett or Gail Branham, please say "Hello" to them for me.

"I wish I had a chance to get my Commercial license but I'm too busy with the Navy to go after it now. It will have to wait till the War is over. Some day though I do hope to get one.

"The work I'm doing is very interesting and we are fairly busy here. It's farther away from home, that's true, but that makes my leave so much more important.

"My Voyager - NC 36762 - is heading for Norwood, Mass., this month. It has been on active duty with the CAP since 1942, September, mostly in Maryland. It will be such fun to fly it when I get home in June or July."

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Editor Marian Weyant reports that she is very busy taking the American Red Cross Nurse Aide class work at the local hospital.

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Your Editor also says: Thanks, girls, for the swell cooperation on news items.

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OKLAHOMA

Calling Hazel Raines and "Sissy" Sieber of Oklahoma City: We read with interest in Florida Chapter news that you are trying to get Municipal Airport in Oklahoma City and staff it with girls. Please write NEWS LETTER and let us know how you make out.

More of you 99'ers and ex-Wasps want to get into a position in aviation where you can do the hiring.

Suggestion: In large cities and some smaller ones, why don't you girls get together and start a ground school. Prices for same in Philadelphia area are \$10 to \$19 a subject, and \$4.00 per hour for private tutoring. Profit from this, plus a little more capital or a backer might help you get an airport.

We've heard Goodyear or Goodrich (I forget which) plans an aviation parts business after the war. Flying salesman's jobs here, perhaps. Why not investigate?

Bettie Thompson.

1944-1945

About thirty members, guests, ex-Wasps and other potential 99'ers gathered at the Hotel Blackstone on March 7th for the chapter's monthly dinner meeting.

Lt. Ruth Heller, U.S.N.R., chapter chairman, presided at a short business meeting, after which all enjoyed learning of experiences of some of their number.

Col. Ruth C. Streeter, head of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and long a member of the 99's, was the speaker of the evening, telling of various activities of members of her group. She called special attention to the number of aviation jobs other than actual flying, open to girls in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Ex-Wasp Dorothy Aspell, with over 1100 flying hours, gave some of her experiences while connected with the WASP, and told of the new flying job she is undertaking.

A surprise guest was Mary Calcano Keeler, former N.Y.-N.J. 99'er, who has been living in Caracas, Venezuela for several years. She commented on conditions regarding flying in Latin American countries and particularly the difficulties encountered by women. At present there is but one other woman flyer in Venezuela. Much of Mrs. Keeler's work has been flying in demonstrating for Piper.

An interested visitor was Lucile M. Wright of Jamestown, N.Y., who told of their fine airport and the air-mindedness of the people. Active in CAP work in Jamestown, Mrs. Wright is planning the formation of a new chapter in her section of the state.

We were glad to have President Ethel Sheehy with us, especially as it was probably her last meeting with us before her return to California. She hopes to be there for the next Los Angeles meeting.

April 4th we will gather again at the Hotel Blackstone for a dinner meeting, and we extend a most cordial invitation to all 99'ers in or near Washington to join with us. Reservations may be telephoned to Headquarters, phone District 2808.

NINETY-NINES SUPPLIES

Available at Headquarters, 1025 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D. C., are the following Ninety-Nines supplies:

Membership application blanks (No charge)
99's gold pins, \$1.40 each, including tax.
Decals, two (2) for fifteen (15) cents.
99's History, bound in blue and silver, \$1.00
99's rose compass cuts, for use on letterheads, invitations, etc., \$2.00 each.

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

"There's a great future in Aviation", the young pilot cried.

"Sometimes that's all there is to it", the old pilot sighed.

- * Mrs. Ruth Vinson Austin, 1110 West Washington St., Charleston, West Virginia
- * Miss Jewell F. Bailey, 48 Peachtree St., Charleston, South Carolina
- * Mrs. Marie Bales Beckett, 50 Riverside Drive, South Charleston, West Virginia.
- * Miss Alice Cagle, 1529 Amelia St., New Orleans, Louisiana
- * Mrs. Betty Taylor Calvin, 827 Berkeley Ave., Charlotte, North Carolina
- * Miss Beatrice Carroll, 430 Buchanan St., Lafayette, Louisiana
- * Mrs. Mary Creason (William M.), 711 Packard, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- * Miss Marian Davis, 5 Woodside Drive, Fairmont, West Virginia
- * Miss Mary Dickey, 736 City Park Ave., Apt. D, New Orleans, La.
- * Miss Hazel Anne Drake, 1211 Staunton Ave., Parkersburg, West Virginia
- * Miss Anne Waring Fishburne, 73 East Battery, Charleston, South Carolina.
- * Mrs. T. Sue Griffing, 1330 Fifth St., Sandusky, Ohio
- * Miss Mary M. Hagner, 4036 - 7th St., N.E., Washington, D. C.
- * Mrs. Ann C. Heisler, R. D. 3, Willard, Ohio.
- * Miss Lucy Kalla, 2433 Dakin St., Chicago 18, Ill.
- * Miss Virginia Krumm, 13262 Lauder Ave., Detroit, Michigan
- * Miss Lillian Lorraine, 175 Second St., Hicksville, L.I., N.Y.
- * Mrs. Clydia M. Luecke, 1831 P St., S.E., Washington, D. C.
- * Mrs. Lenore L. McElroy, 1220 Sherman, Ypsilanti, Michigan
- Mrs. Mildred E. Morey, Box 296, Oak Bluffs, Mass.
- * Mrs. Georgia J. Myers (E. L.), 4301 Elba St., New Orleans, Louisiana.
- * Mrs. Hazel Morton, P. O. Box 674, Shreveport, Louisiana
- * Miss Kathleen Bernice Older, 2306 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, West Virginia
- * Miss Elizabeth Peck, New Orleans Flying Club, New Orleans, Louisiana
- * Miss Helen Pelto, 8180 De Soto, Detroit 21, Mich.
- * Mrs. Rosemary Wathen Ransbottom, 10329 Lanark Ave., Detroit 24, Michigan
- * Miss Helen L. Ricketts, 507 S. Orange, Hammond, Louisiana
- * Miss Elaine B. Shively, 7314 South Langley Ave., Chicago 19, Ill.
- * Mrs. Sally J. Test, Sand Road, Port Clinton, Ohio.
- * Miss Mary Ann Wetherby, Box 1, Route 1, Princeton, West Virginia
- * Mrs. Sue Wilson, 3912 Fairfield Ave., Shreveport, Louisiana

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HANGAR JOKES

A Ferry Command pilot told his Arkansas landlady that he would be leaving for India soon and wouldn't be able to return to the States until he had flown 700 hours.

"Oh, pshaw," she replied, airplanes fly so fast now-a-days, that it won't take so long. Why I hear they go over 300 mph."
