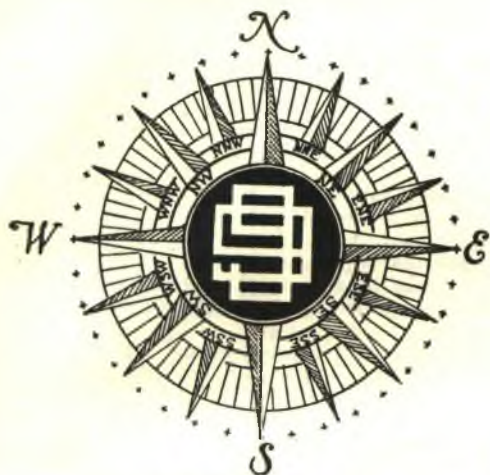


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This last named airport, Lansing, Mich., has seven ex-Wasps ferrying airplanes. These girls are: Patricia A. Dickerson, 1901 Charles St., Lafayette, Ind.; Barbara Donohue, 660 Park Ave., New York, N.Y.; Lenore L. McElroy, 1220 Sherman, Ypsilanti, Mich.; Margaret Jane Ray, 909 Illsley Drive, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Janet J. Zuchowski, 179 First St., Newburgh, N. Y.; Bert Collins, Belleville, Mich., and Grace Clark, Wichita Falls, Texas.

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FLYING COSTS

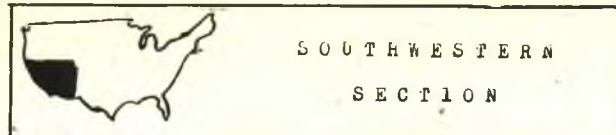
Our only report on flying costs, received for this issue, was sent in by Kathryn Moore, Baden, Penna., a Western Penn 99'er.

The rates quoted by her are: Cub Trainer, \$7.00 solo, \$10.00 dual; Cub Coupe and T-Craft (de luxe), \$8.00 solo, \$11.00 dual.

Instructor rates \$3.00 per hour.

Hangar rent \$12.00 per month for one owner; \$2.00 more for each additional owner.

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SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Carolyn J. West, 5237 Alta Canyon Road,
La Canada, California

Los Angeles' Nikabob Restaurant was the rendezvous for our meeting on March 23. New appointments made by ex-Wasp Eileen Evans, chairman, included: Gayle Burns, secretary; Irene Slagel, membership, and Carolyn West, publicity.

Ethel Sheehy, our national president, was welcomed, as were Ruth Kilgour and Evelyn Kilgore Brier, who drove in together from San Bernardino. Evelyn is back at Tri-City Airport, operating a flight school there.

Distinguished members of the Women's International Aeronautic Association were guests of the evening, and they kindly offered to render any services possible to the returning Wasps of this area. Six Wasps were present at the dinner: Eileen Evans, Evelyn Brier, Dolores Lamb, Mildred Ferree, Elizabeth Watson, and Ethel Sheehy who was Assistant to the Director and has only recently returned to the Coast.

Plans are now under way for a Service Club for pilots, operating along the lines of the Automobile Club of America. The purpose of this club would be to establish a nucleus for pilots and members of the aviation industry ... a clearing house for employment in the field and a rendezvous for those with interests in common. Future news letters from Los Angeles will outline our progress in this venture.

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BAY CITIES CHAPTER

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

We celebrated our fourteenth anniversary Saturday night March 31, by attending a party at the home of Ruth Wakeman in Burlingame. It was a double celebration because we haven't seen Ruth for three years. The gas situation and the mileage involved prevented our meeting. March found us with fresh gas coupons, and an unusually large number of girls at home in the Bay Area, so we pooled our gas and went to the party. For one evening we turned the calendar back about five years..

It was a warm spring evening. The hills were green, and Ruth's garden was a bower of yellow jasmine. Windows were banked with Easter lilies. Ruth, herself, looked as pretty as a flower from her own garden. Her family has grown. Jill is a small edition of her mother, and promises to be as pretty. Tommy is a young man of seven, interested in the coming base ball season.

Now to get back to the party. I'll give you a list of the girls who attended: Marjorie Fauth, Ruth Rueckert, Kay Midick, Vilma Johnston, Olive Bledsoe, Evelyn Esser, Flora Ferris, Frances Grant, Helen Thomure, Margaret Gerhardt, Jerry Williamson, Helen Harkness, Adrienne Clark, Pat Kendall, Christine Grayson and Rita Hart.

Flora Ferris came as a guest and potential member. She is a CAP and has just received her private license. She is a charming girl, and it is our pleasure to welcome her into the W's.

Ruth served a buffet supper, under soft candle light, in her pretty dining room. Baked ham, hot biscuits, baked yams with marshmallow dressing, green salad, relishes, chocolate pie, and coffee. Yum, yum, yum! Plates went back for doubles and triples. We all would like to know the secret of those fluffy biscuits.

After supper we did some hangar flying until 11 o'clock; then left for our drive home in the moonlight. I think we all went home with the same warm feeling, that the friendship of our chapter has become a pleasant, enduring part of our lives.

Our first meeting was held in a small hotel bedroom in San Francisco, where nine strange women gathered to look one another over and see what could be done about it. How little we guessed that we were tying a knot that would hold us together permanently, for better or for worse, cone hell or high water.

Louise Coleman has returned to Oakland after a business trip to San Diego, and a short vacation in Yosemite Valley.

Margaret Gerhardt spent several week ends in the Sierras, polishing her skis.

We received a letter last week from Helen Kelton. Her new address is General Delivery, Warren, Arizona. Helen and Don are having housing and laundry problems. Better come home, Helen. We don't want baby Bobby growing up as a "luriner".

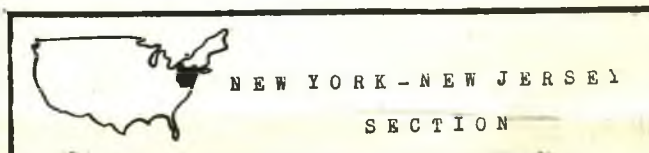
Frances Grant's father bought a five acre tract in the mountains, for summer homes for the clan. On her first week end at the new place, Frances got a dose of poison oak that kept her out of circulation for a month. If anyone knows how to destroy poison oak shrubs without injury to the operator, please communicate with Mrs. Norman Grant, Alameda Hotel, Alameda, Calif. Reward.

Has any one heard from Helen Zimmerman, Lillian Anderson, or Kay Booth? Addresses, please.

This is all O.K. for release. This is your reporter.

note: Kay Booth's address is Care Congressional Airport, Rockville, Maryland. 99's Headquarters.

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NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

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

Any old cargo or troop planes for sale cheap? Something that will nest a nomadic chapter? Yes, it's Spring in New York. And in addition to the usual feeling of wanderlust that comes with the first warm spring days, we've just been invited to make a trip to some paradise islands. Hence the need of a large plane to harbor us all.

At our March 12th meeting, we were addressed by Dr. A. C. Schottman of the Dutch Indies (to be called Indonesia after the war, to help confuse our already muddled geography). Dr. Schottman is a native Hol-

lander who found his way to the Islands in the early part of the 1900's, first as a college professor, then as a mayor, and from this into the work in the cause of labor. Dr. Schottman was attending a labor conference on the West Coast just before the outbreak of the war and made an effort to return to his home. He flew over in a Catalina, arrived at Honolulu on December 6th, proceeded to Midway, after having been warned away from Wake Island because of the disaster there and at Pearl Harbor. He has never been able to return to his home in the Islands, and his family has been widely scattered as a result of the invasion.

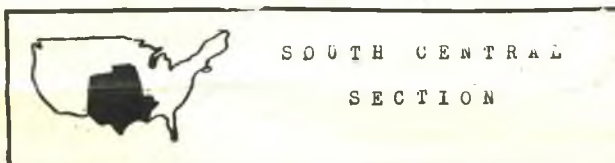
Dr. Schottman has not lost his courage, but rather has turned his knowledge and his lecturing ability over to the government of our country. He has conducted lecture tours throughout army camps and universities, especially those engaged in training boys for the South Pacific area. We must admit, however, that Dr. Schottman's story of the Islands is rather a different one than that we hear from the boys out New Guinea way. But then, he did tell of the beautiful and glamorous Island of Bali.

He told us much of the culture and development of the Islands, and the life of the natives. He particularly stressed the part the airplane had played in the progress of the Islands and told the delightful story of a pilot who flew in from Holland, 10,000 miles away, and who gave to a returning pilot his collars to be washed, ironed and packed by his wife in Amsterdam. These were given to the next pilot returning to the Islands and within one week this aviator had clean collars. Dr. Schottman was a little amazed that in this great big, modern city of New York he was unable to get clean collars within a week from a laundry that was just around the corner.

Dr. Schottman told of his visit with Amelia Earhart just before she was lost. She landed at Batavia and was his over-night guest, visiting all of the interesting spots of the land.

Dr. Schottman also gave us a brief insight into the Malayan tongue which is the official government language. It seemed mighty simple in the little lesson we had, but it wouldn't surprise any of us to find that it could easily become a tongue twister.

We all wish Dr. Schottman a speedy and safe return to his native Islands and ask that he have a landing strip ready for our visit.



NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Beth Smith
406 Albany St., Shreveport, La.

This Chapter held its March meeting and dinner in the Zephyr Room of the Washington-Youree Hotel on March 27th. The main feature was "One Meat Ball". Those present were Mildred Carney, Irene Beene, Margaret Chamberlain, Sue Wilson, Hazel Morton, and Beth Smith.

Our regular dinner meetings are being held on the last Tuesday in each month and we cordially invite any Ninety-Niners in or about Shreveport to dine with us at that time.

The April meeting will be devoted to plans for the entertainment and joint session in Shreveport with the South Louisiana Chapter. An effort will be made to provide an evening as enjoyable as the one spent in New Orleans in February.

For the special benefit of the Ninety-Nines many transient members who find it impossible to attend their own chapter meetings, and to promote acquaintance and fellowship, it would be most helpful to have a certain day of each month observed throughout the United States for the "Ninety-Nines dinner meetings." Should the first Thursday or last Tuesday, or some other day be selected, it would simplify the time element, and each chapter could select and publish its place and hour. With every member urged to attend a monthly meeting somewhere, this would tend to promote considerable "visiting" between the chapters, and provide interest. If other members think this idea could be worked out, perhaps the National Officers will consider it.

ARKANSAS CHAPTER

By Virginia Rayburn Hudgins,
U.S. Marine Corps, Women's Reserve,
AWRS-4, MCAD, Miramar, San Diego 45, California

This is the long-lost Arkansas Chapter reporting in as not dead, exactly, just somewhat dormant. Since I've been away from there most of the time for the past three years, I haven't been able to keep my finger on the members -- most of whom, also, are scattered to the four winds. This is really an appeal for the 99'ers who are in Arkansas to gather a round and get something doing in the Wonder State. I know that some members from other states are there, and if they'll only write me and let me know WHO and WHERE, I'll see if I can't start some gatherings--and some fun. I was there on leave in March but though I looked high and low, was unable to find even one 99'er.

Mr. Paul W. Leming, airport manager at Little Rock, has promised to help me any way he can. He does take a great interest in women in aviation, and if all you 99'ers in Arkansas would like to have a get-together--and would rather keep it closer to home--I'm sure that if you'll get in touch with him, he'll arrange a meeting place (and one, I'm sure, where you can find some good food)

This is really in the manner of a plea. I can't come to you myself--Uncle Sam needs me here--but for after the war, it's one of my dearest dreams to see good airports and airstrips and lots of airplanes in every city, town, village and hamlet in Arkansas. And it can be done.

Some time past I saw the name of one 99'er in the NEWS LETTER, from Clarksville, but I've lost that NEWS LETTER, and I know there must be a lot of you. Please do let's have an active Chapter there -- NOW.

My trip to Arkansas was quite interesting -- flew (as passenger) in an R5C (C46 to most of you) from here to Chicago (Marine transport that had been used to haul congressmen around). Spent two days there, then took Chicago & Southern to Memphis -- spent several days with my sister (and seeing that old town was still as good as ever), then drove to Little Rock. Did a little flying while there, in an Aeronca--changed my sis from being non-air-minded to quite an advocate of the airplane--then caught a hop in an ATC C-47 straight to Palm Springs. I couldn't get out of there that night, so I went back to Oper-

ations bright and early next morning--a couple of fly-boys on a training hop dropped me off at Long Beach--and I was practically back to the base!

Right now I'm much more familiar with military (Marine) flying than with civilian flying--all Marine Aviation personnel returning from overseas check through my office--consequently I do get a lot of first hand information straight from the SOPas area.

Even if you shouldn't exactly feel that you can go to Little Rock (or some other place) right at this time for 99 meetings, please do write me--let me know how many 99'ers there are, and where you are.

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SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Barbara Selby, The ITEM,
New Orleans 4, La.

A dawn patrol flight to Lafitte for breakfast has been planned for the next meeting of the South Louisiana Chapter, Sunday, June 2.

Members will meet at New Orleans Airport at 10 A. M. that day, to fly down in seaplane or landplane, weather permitting. Mrs. George Myers' plantation, which has both land and water landing facilities, is the place. She has promised to furnish real butter, eggs and chicken.

If the weather is bad, the members will meet at 10 A.M., at the home of Mrs. Patricia May, 1424 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans, to go by auto.

Blond, British-born Pat May is the new acting chairman of the chapter. She was elected at a meeting held Thursday, April 5, in Georgia Myers' New Orleans residence, 4501 Elba St. Barbara Selby was named membership chairman.

Chapter chairman Edna M. Gardner is now a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. If her request for duty in New Orleans is granted, the chapter will ask her to continue as chairman; if not, the acting chairman will become permanent.

Pat May, who did "a bit of ambulance driving" in the war before she came to the U.S. in 1941, leaned to fly, she says, because her husband bought a Beechcraft and she didn't want to be left out of the conversation. She had her first lesson in 1942 from Edna Gardner at Wedell Williams Airport. Besides the Beech, Mr. May has two seaplanes. He uses all three in his lumber business.

Douglas Langstaff, aviation director for the city of New Orleans, spoke at the meeting. What private flying needs today is salesmen, not pilots, he declared.

Because private flying has lacked men who could go out and sell voters on its value, everything has been done for airlines and private flying has been neglected, he said. Airlines have done a good selling job, he explained.

He criticized the flight operators who sit around waiting for business to come to them, instead of trying to sell people the idea that it doesn't take a superman to fly. Before he left, he had Mary Dickey and Peggy Peck, instructors at New Orleans Airport, convinced that they should meet people in the administration building and sell them lessons.

"Private flyers are not organized, and they are woefully lacking in responsibility. They are not in-

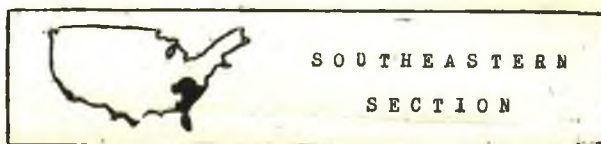
terested in anything but flying an airplane," said Mr. Langstaff, who is a flyer himself.

Two prospective members, both working for private licenses, were guests at the meeting. They are Lydia Caffery, Newcomb College student, and Winnie Booksh of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft.

Virginia Garst, a former Kansas City, Mo., Ninety-Niner, is now a New Orleans resident and has expressed her desire to become active in the chapter. One of the first 25 American girls recruited by Jacqueline Cochran to fly for the British Air Transport Auxiliary, she served with it for a year. She's now in the coffee importing business.

Beatrice Carroll of Lafayette has applied for the position of aircraft communicator trainee, and may leave for Texas soon.

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CAROLINAS CHAPTER

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

Our quarterly meeting was held in Charlotte, N. C., February 18th. The meeting was certainly the nicest we have had for some time. Our most gracious hostess was Betty Hamilton who entertained us in her lovely home. Betty served a buffet luncheon which, if described as "super" would still be an understatement. If any one wants to know how to make the finest hot rolls this side of Jordan, Betty knows the answer.

A very satisfactory business meeting was held after the luncheon. Our Chairman made a definite statement as to the members composing the Membership Committee, as follows: Maisie Mahaffey, chairman; Lucile Greenwood, Irene Covington, Kathleen O'Brien. A list of prospective members was read and it sounds like a good "crop".

A vote was taken on whether monthly meetings should be held instead of by the quarter - quarterly meetings held on the FOURTH Sunday of the month instead of the THIRD Sunday was voted IN for the duration of the fiscal year. A hope was expressed that by that time the gasoline situation would be less severe.

Our next meeting will be held in Wadesboro, N.C., May 27th, and Lucile Greenwood will be our hostess. All 49'ers are invited. More details will be published later.

The Chapter voted to assist the Carolinas Aero Club with its Air Marking Program and each member was urged to do her part in pushing the issue in her home town.

The advanced cost of flying time was discussed and no one knew of any unreasonable prices charged in the Carolinas. Most airports have raised their rates from one to two dollars an hour above pre-war prices. When the advancement in the cost of pilot, mechanic, and personnel wages and the war time price of aircraft and engine parts, plus the increase of airport rent and aircraft replacement is considered, it is not difficult to understand why the operator has had to "add a little on" to take care of this extra overhead.

The members unfortunate enough to have missed this meeting can honestly give vent to regret. Those present were: Louise Smith, chairman; Bird Eaton, governor; Betty Hamilton, hostess; Irene Covington, Betty Dunlap, Lucile Greenwood, Jessie Woods; Mrs. Mildred Marshall and Miss Betty Calvin, both new members, and Miss Martha Crawford, Guest.

We would call the attention of all members to the matter of transferring from one chapter to another. The correct procedure is as follows: The member desiring a transfer must contact her Chapter Chairman by mail, express her desire to transfer and name the Chapter to which she wishes to be transferred. Her Chairman will then transmit her request, and introduction, and any other pertinent data to the Chairman of the receiving Chapter, and copies of this transfer will be mailed to the Section Governor and National Headquarters. If any one wishes to transfer, it will be greatly appreciated if they will comply with this procedure.

REINSTATEMENT - Former members wishing to be reinstated must contact the Chapter Chairman. The cost of reinstatement from March to September will be a total of \$3.25.

Louise Williams, our secretary-treasurer, and her 13-month old son arrived in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, February 2, to spend a few months with her 49²'er, a First Lieutenant stationed at the Fort.

Spare Parts for Sale: 2 new tires and tubes for Fairchild, size 22 x 6.50 -10, price \$60.00; also Reading Battery for Fairchild, price \$20.00. Any one interested can contact Betty Hamilton, 224 Hillside Ave., Charlotte, N. C.

Esther Goodwin is now in Miami, Florida, with her family. Esther was a Link instructor for Eastern Air Lines in Atlanta, Ga., for two years. She is now just taking it easy and doing a little fun flying occasionally.

Bird Eaton has received a promotion in the Charlotte CAP Squadron. She is now a 2nd Lieutenant and Assistant Intelligence Officer in charge of all newspaper publicity.

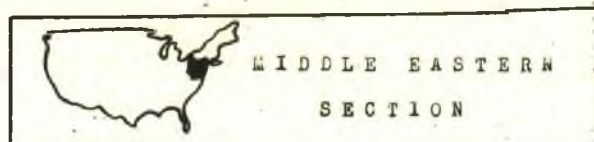
Neely McCubbins Sayfferle joined the Red Cross in December, as a recreational director, and is now on her way overseas where she will be assigned to a post somewhere in the war theatre.

A most interesting letter from Virginia Yates, ex-Wasp, from an Army camp in Alabama where she is temporarily serving as librarian while awaiting orders to go to Central Pacific Base Command, reads: "... and if my Hawaii plans materialize as soon as expected I suppose I shall be denied the privilege of attending Chapter meetings for several years to come. Joining you again will be one of the luxuries of prewar normalcy I am looking forward to with keen anticipation." Good luck, Virginia, and send us your new address.

Kathryn Kniesche has retracted her wheels and lowered her floats. She has been giving instruction on seaplanes in Miami this past year, and she says she has lost her heart to floats.

Army Nurse Isabelle Mafette's new address now has an APO number. "Wouldn't it be nice if some of us here in good safe old U.S.A. would take a few minutes 'time out' and write a note to our members who are serving our boys and our Country in strange far-away lands beyond the seas. Isabelle's address is: 1st Lt. Isabelle Maffette, ASN N-789986, 831st MAES, Hq. ATC, Pac. Div., APO 953, Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

NEXT MEETING - MAY 27th, WADESBORO, N. C.
49²'ers ARE INVITED.
MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!



MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C., CHAPTER

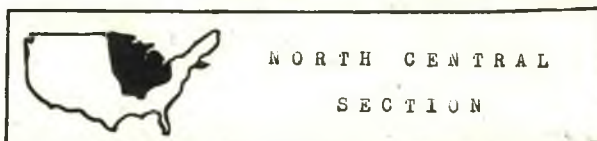
By Jan Warren, 1900 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

The Washington Chapter of the Ninety-Nines held its regular dinner meeting April 4th at the Blackstone Hotel.

Featured speaker of the evening was Fred E. Weick, Aeronautical Engineer of the Engineering and Research Corporation. Designer of the Ercoupe, Mr. Weick explained the reasons for and results of this design. After a very interesting talk, the meeting was thrown open to question.

Special guests who attended in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Weick, were Miss May Arnold, Mrs. Alma Harwood, and Captain Ed Wynn. Captain Wynn, formerly with the RAF and Ferrying Service, made a few remarks covering some of his experiences with the Ferrying Service.

The following members attended the meeting: Dorothy Waggy, Jane Straughan, Jan Warren, Margery Taylor, Grace Hess, Rose Wasil, Paulette d'Avril Frontenac, Clydia "Cy" Luecke, Catherine Booth, Ruth Heller, Jean Pearson.



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

EASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

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

The telephone rang recently. It was long distance from Chicago. A very pleasant voice called a most enjoyable greeting. It was that of our North Central Section Governor, Helen Wetherill, who, with Maude Rufus, was making a delightful flight trip. Milwaukee was not on their itinerary, but still Helen managed to contact us. She gave us advance information concerning our proposed sectional meeting to be held in Springfield, Illinois, in June. So!! Begin now to make those necessary plans. We surely intend to have a good representation there this time!

Our monthly meeting found a goodly group assembled even though Ruth Reilly is in Alaska, Marianna Beard in the Marines, and Peg Fiebrantz still in Mexico.

Trixie Gehrung took a B-17 pilot for a ride in a Cub the other day at Mitchell Field. He said that it was "Great stuff". We can imagine, after B-17! Before Marianne left, Trixie went up with her in a PT 17. She did a chandelle, and was surprised to find it handled so easily.

Caroline Feiling's brother, Brunow, is now a Lt. Colonel and is stationed in England, in the air force.

Jean Reimer flew a light plane for the first time since she left those "big ones" in the WASP. She said she was "scared" at first, but soon got used to it. Her 49²'er husband is due to arrive home shortly after almost three years overseas. Jean is a bit excited!

Elsie's party at the College Women's Club was a

huge success. Leave it to Elsie V. Peters to do things the nice way. Mrs. C. Fiebrantz was there and told us the news we were so anxious to hear about Peg. The next meeting will be at Elsie's apartment, 2735 N. Murray A ve., Apt. 4, Zone 11, telephone LA 4592. We shall be happy to see any visiting 99'ers there.

Marianne Beard and Jean Reimer were featured on the radio program of WTMJ, "Those Who Serve", on the half hour dedicated to the WASP girls.

A letter from Dora Fritzke tells of her transfer to Paine Field, near Everett, Washington. She is most happy as a WAC and about her location. Her letters are a wonder, filled with the details we long to hear.

Another letter from Margaret Bruns, now Mrs. Harold Sliker, tells us that she is very happy as "Mrs." She and Harold are anxious to have the war end so they may settle on their little farm near Niagara, New York.

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MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Dorothy Wing, Detroit, and
B. Mae Blake, Saginaw, for
Michigan's roving reporter Maude Rufus, Ann Arbor.

Our monthly meeting was held March 11, 1945, at the home of Mrs. Mabel Britton in Ypsilanti, with 41 present - 32 members and nine guests. There were seven ex-Wasps present, including Mrs. Lenore McElroy who was executive officer at Romulus. Due to poor visibility most of the members came by car. After a perfectly swell breakfast, our meeting was called to order by Thelma Lindzey, Saginaw, chairman. After adjournment, the girls got together to welcome our new members and renew old friendships. Your reporters, pro tem, picked up the following bits of news.

Betty Small, Detroit, our state secretary, sat at the speaker's table when Lee Ya Ching was entertained recently in Detroit. Lee Ya Ching, a 99'er, is a member of the Bay Cities Chapter, California.

Sue Wagner, Detroit, state treasurer, has gone to be with her husband who is stationed at Uvalde Army Air Base, Texas. Margaret Huff will take over for Sue.

Mary Jane Stephens Meikle will go to New York to be with her husband.

Ensign Jean Pearson, WAVES, who was with the Detroit Free Press before the war, is now working in the Bureau of Aeronautics, Washington, D. C. She has an article in the recent issue of SKYWAYS magazine.

Muriel Rumsey, Ypsilanti, recently flew out a Fairchild PT 19 from the partly flooded field at Cincinnati.

By grape vine, we hear Aleta Grill, Jackson, ex-Wasp, has just been married. Our April meeting will be held in Jackson, and perhaps we then can get her new name.

Betty Small, who did some skiing this past winter up near Montreal, reports that skiing is more hazardous than flying.

Becky Thatcher, Saginaw, on several occasions this past winter has flown out and landed on Saginaw Bay to engage in ice fishing.

Maude Rufus, Ann Arbor, and Helen Wetherill, Detroit, have just returned from their trip west. They

made stops at Denver, Colorado Springs and Houston, visiting several 99'ers including Belle Hetzel of Omaha, Nebraska, our national secretary.

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INDIANA CHAPTER

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

After a lengthy absence from the NEWS LETTER, Indiana reports once more. We have been very inactive, but with the spring days comes high interest in flying.

A letter from Betty Cull, Indianapolis, now in Florida, says she is looking forward to getting an instrument rating and a higher H.P. - 270 looks good to me - and Betty has that already along with her instructor's certificate. We are looking for you home before May, Betty.

Marie Thompson writes from Terre Haute that she is off to Florida again, and means to master her Ryan when she returns.

Ruth Colwell, Indianapolis, tells me that ex-Wasp Ann Morgan is now married to Capt. George M. Staples, AAF, of Sherman, Texas, a veteran of Pearl Harbor. He was in the air when the Japs struck. They are now at home at Riverside, California, Box 2436.

Pat Dickerson, Lafayette, is back home from the WASP, also Betty Scantland, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Ruth Trees has recently moved to Indianapolis from North Carolina. We are glad to have her with us.

Here at Anderson, Fern Rinker has moved into her newhome. Fern's house burned last year, and she has had to neglect her flying as building is a headache these days.

Petticoat Evelyn Dow has soloed a Fairchild PT-19, and we hear she is wearing a sparkler.

We have several girls interested in becoming members and lots of girls are flying, so come to the meeting on MAY 20 and bring some one with you. Be at Municipal Airport, Indianapolis, at 11 o'clock. Let's all be there!

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FROM MEMBERS' LETTERS

Virginia (Ginger) Sweet, 1083 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, N.-Y., generously send us this "small bit of news":

"After returning home in December, with two years service in the WASP behind me, I got a brand new commercial ticket of which I'm very proud. It reads 'Airplane Single and Multi-engine Land O-3300 H.P.'"

"Now I'm ferrying surplus army airplanes for a civilian contractor. It seems just like old times.

"I've been meeting ex-Wasps all over the country. At Jackson, Tennessee, Anne Noggle of Chicago, who was ferrying a PT19; at Nashville Virginia Harris Mullins who was on her way to Oklahoma for the same purpose; at Syracuse, Pat Hopkins, who is working for her instructor's rating.

"Here, where I work, are also Louise Bowden, Alice Jean May, Betty Haas, and Ruth Groves. Marjorie Ketcham is in the local control tower."

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"My husband and I are now living in Bogota, Colombia, and we like it very much. Bogota is a lovely city, 8600 feet high in the Andes. Not long ago we visited a finca down country, and our host showered us with beautiful orchids. He has between 30,000 and 40,000 plants on his five acres. I thought of all you gals and wished I could share my dozens and dozens of orchids with you.

"If any of you come to Bogota, we should like to see you. We live at the Edificio San Diego (Apt. 201) and our Bogota telephone number is 9497.

"Recuerdos a todos!

Peggy Vining Potter."

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Audrey Fontana, a new member in Iron Mountain, Mich., writes:

"I'm quite thrilled over having become a 99'er. I know that Milo would like to be a 49^{er}, so I am writing for an application for him.

"I enjoy reading the NEWS LETTER. It's certainly nice to read what other girls pilots are flying, and other personal items."

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"My flying activities have been very limited this month. However last month was much more fun. Milo and I would fly up to Deer Skin Lake, which is about 25 miles north of Iron Mountain. We did quite a lot of ice fishing.

"The weather has been beautiful here. Spring came with a rush this year. Our airplanes are back on wheels again and the airport has dried up in fine shape."

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KALAMAZOO'S AVIATRIX CLUB

The Aviatrix Club of Kalamazoo was formed in November, 1938, with seven charter members. Since that time the club has been very active with one business and one social meeting a month, and a membership varying from 15 to 20. Girls are invited to join as soon as they start to fly and as they obtain their private certificates, they are urged to join the 99's.

The Club is very proud of the part some of the girls have played in the war. Of those in the WASP, Mary Rosso ferried P 47's, 51's; Ruthmary Buckley was based at Romulus, Mich.; Dorothy Dodd transported personnel in C 47's; Bertha Link towed target up and down the coast of Maine; Ann Lother was at Sweetwater; Sue DeLano was taking advanced instrument training (blind landings); and Mabel Rawlinson lost her life in a night flight while taking advanced training. In a related field, we have Pauline and Maxine Stain, Meteorological technicians as well as pilots. Because of old age and short stature, I have been on the home front, instructing WTS students.

It has been our aim to make Kalamazoo air-minded so, once a year, we have had an open house. Among the speakers at this open house have been Ma Rufus, Helen Montgomery, and Louise Thaden. Every member belongs to CAP and everyone helped teach a group of Wing Scouts last fall. Nevertheless, we have plenty of fun. Just drop in at a house party, a sleigh ride, or a steak roast (prewar).

We have made no special effort to raise money but we do have \$150.00 in bonds towards a mythical club house. As soon as the war is over we will begin in earnest to make that myth a reality. So if any of you have a club like ours and a club house, will you let us know how you did it? Please, we want ideas.

Really a plea for information is the above story from 99'er Eloise Smith, Austin Lake Airport, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Details she would like are: (1) Are there any other clubs like it; (2) Are there any as old; (3) Do any have a meeting place they can call their own; and (4) if so, how did they do it?

Ideas from others are what she wishes. On the other hand, if any of you wish to start a club like theirs, they will be glad to help out with their experience.

The club believes it has done a lot to make Kalamazoo air-minded, at least femininely air-minded, and would like to see similar clubs in other places.

Girls, please write to Eloise if you have any of the desired information or want information she has.

M.J.W.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Helen Budwash, 14306 Normal Ave.,
Riverdale Sta., Chicago, Ill.

The regular business meeting of the Illinois Chapter of 99's was held Thursday, April 5th, at 8 p.m., at the Hotel Del Prado.

Meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Helen Budwash. Dorothy Evans read the minutes of the March meeting and also took roll call. There were 17 members present.

Helen appointed Dora Dougherty as chairman of the Membership Committee, and Dora selected five girls who fly from the various airports to act as her sub-committee. Before the meeting was adjourned, Dora had five new applications all signed and delivered.

Plans are being made for a joint meeting with the members of the Chicago Girls' Flying Club, on Thursday, May 3, at 8 p.m., in the Blue Room at the Hotel Del Prado. Guest speaker for the evening will be a man from the CAA.

Also plans under way for an early morning flight to the Washington Park Airport, Homewood, Ill., May 20th, at 10 a.m. The purpose of the flight and meeting is to get together with the girls from Springfield, who are going to form their own chapter, and also to formulate plans for the Sectional Meeting which will be held about the first week in June.

P.S. Girls, if you fly into Washington Park on May 20th, you should know there will be a Spot Landing Contest. You will be judged by your landing as you arrive.

PLEASE COME!!!

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49's'ER COLUMN

Here are some more 49's'ers; 99'er's name in parenthesis.

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