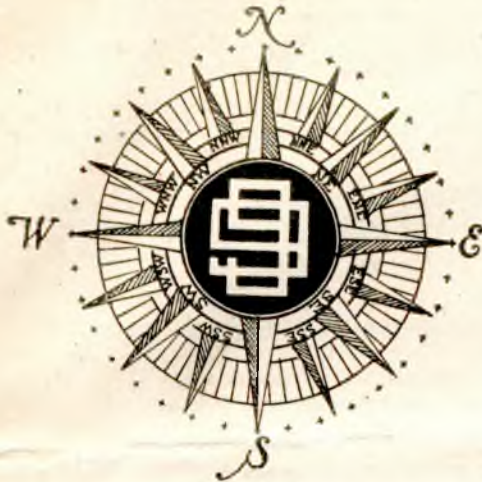


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## MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

### NOTICE

#### ALL MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION CHAPTERS

Attention, Western Penn, Eastern Penn, Washing-  
ton, D. C., and West Virginia Chapters:

Please make plans now to submit, for use on the  
Section election ballot, one name for each of the  
following offices:

Governor  
Vice Governor  
Secretary-Treasurer.

You may pick the name of any member of the 99's  
in your Section. She does not necessarily have to  
be, but preferably should be a member of your own  
Chapter.

Choose these names by ballot at your June or  
July meeting, so that nominations may be received  
and ballots mailed by August first to all Section  
members.

Chapter Chairmen will mail the names chosen  
by their respective Chapters to

Governor Bettie Thompson  
724 North 63rd Street  
Philadelphia 31, Penna.,

as soon as a selection has been made.

(NOTE: Since Governor and Acting Secretary-  
Treasurer Bettie Thompson has held these offices  
for two years, she is not eligible for them again  
at this election. Therefore kindly do not enter  
her name for any Section office.)

Please make plans for your June or July meet-  
ing at once.

Bettie Thompson,

Bettie Thompson, Governor,  
Middle Eastern Section.

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WESTERN PENN CHAPTER

Attention, All Members:

Please be present at the next meeting to vote for Chapter officers and names for Section election ballot, for Governor, Vice Governor, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Place: Allegheny County Municipal Airport,  
The Restaurant.

Time: Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Date: June 9, 1945.

It is of the utmost importance that every member be present. THIS MEANS YOU.

Bettie Thompson.

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EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

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

Our last meeting was held Sunday, April 22, in Allentown, at Dot Leh's lovely little cottage in the woods, and we'd like to inform members who were not present that they really missed something!

Dot's cottage is the guest house for the home they plan to build after the war. It features the "open plan" - a long living room complete with fireplace, dining area and kitchen area. Three day-beds, end to end, form a 19-foot couch which faces the fireplace. Awning type windows with a hand crank like the one for your auto windows, exposed rafters painted a soft deep strawberry pink, a "Romeo and Juliet" balcony window which looks down on the living room from the one upstairs bed room, the beautifully planned informality, all lend the place an air of charm. Outside the cottage, paths made with three-foot circles, of slate, lead back to an out-of doors fireplace.

The best way to describe our meeting is to say we literally "ate our way through it"! And what food!!! First, some liquid refreshment with home-grown onions, carrots, celery and, in between, potato chips, olives and radishes, followed by a whole roast pig, browned potatoes, tomato aspic, chili con carne, some delicious home-made custard meringue cracker crumb pies! (You can tell we all love to eat.) Coffee and more liquid refreshment followed, and by this time we were so full of fine food, no one even wiggled a finger for an hour.

We finally got up enough steam to hold a short business meeting, discuss some membership applications, and decide on the place and time of our next meeting. (See end of Chapter news.)

After the meeting Dot took us to the garage where we admired her tractor, some fine old sampler quilts, old dolls, and a music box named "Stella" which walked off with our hearts. (So did her two nice dogs whose permanent curls we envied.)

Present at the meeting were: Chairman Helen Jones, Vice Chairman Hester Martin, Secretary-Treasurer Bea Hymen, Membership Chairman Irene Blasdel, your Reporter, members Georgiana Sees, Millie Zimmerman and Emily Hiesler, and prospective members Agnes Weiskopf, Sally Conley and Grey Allison Hoyt whom we've nicknamed "Al".

We wish to thank Dot Leh and her 49er and J.B. John Leh for a wonderful time. We will feel as if we wanted to put down roots and stay at this enchanted little cottage in the woods. It seemed as though someone had waved a very magic wand to create the cottage, and that only its very firm foundations held it down. We wouldn't have been

the least bit surprized to see it dissolve before our eyes, or pick up its skirts and float merrily through the woods. We never met a house with such a definite personality or such a merry one.

Chapter members will be glad to know that Leona McElroy has moved closer to home. She is now living at 250 State Street, Hamburg, Penna., having located there upon her return from Dearborn, Michigan.

Pvt. Betsy Ross, WAC, writes she's with ATC in Fairbanks, Alaska. She reports having met Bernadine King who is there working for CAA.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 10, at Harrisburg-New Cumberland Airport, 12 o'clock, noon.

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WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

By Ruth Vinson Austin,  
1110 West Washington Street,  
Charleston 2, W. Va.

The regular meeting of the West Virginia Chapter of the Ninety-Nines was held Sunday, April 15th at 11 a.m., at the Barracks of the Parkersburg Airport.

Connie Armstrong, Helen Drake and Mary Jackson were hostesses at the luncheon served in the Barracks as a courtesy to the Chapter members. The Ninety-Nines colors were carried out in blue and white place cards and decorations. Especially novel were the small plastic "Defiant" airplane models used as place cards.

Featured speakers on the program were E. A. Goff of Pittsburgh, Civil Aeronautics Inspector, who spoke on proposed changes in flight regulations, and Lt. Col. H. H. Stark of Charleston, Director of the State Board of Aeronautics and Wing Commander of the Civil Air Patrol. Other guests present were Lois Cochran Rogers of Parkersburg, and Mary Alice LeVelle of Fairmont.

Business meeting was called to order by Chairman Beulah Stark. Marie Beckett read the minutes of the February meeting, and Treasurer Marie Davis gave her report.

Information was provided by Chairman Beulah Stark for carrying on our airmarking project throughout the state. Plans were discussed for the organization of local chapters of the NAA. Beulah Stark, Ruth Austin, Marie Beckett and Frances Wilson were appointed members of a committee to contact industrial plants, urging the marking of all wires hazardous to private flying.

The Chapter will be the guests of Marian Davis, treasurer, at luncheon on June 10th at the Fairmont Country Club.

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WASHINGTON (D. C.) CHAPTER

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

Our chapter of the Ninety-Nines held a special dinner meeting, Wednesday, May 2, at the Blackstone Hotel. Lt. Ruth Heller, U.S.N.R., chairman, presided, and U. S. Representative Jennings Randolph acted as toastmaster.

One of the speakers to address the group was Wm. T. Piper, president of Piper Aircraft Corporation, who emphasized the fact that American women who exert such a tremendous influence in the design of practically all American products through their great purchasing power, will play a dominant part in the design and equipment of



personal aircraft. He pointed out, for example, that automobile and motor boat manufacturers long since have learned to cater to the wishes of American women, as can be witnessed in present day models and interior decoration of both cars and boats. Aircraft manufacturers have learned this lesson, and postwar models can be expected to have great eye appeal as well as increased basic utility, he said.

Blanche Noyes, a charter member of the 99's and a member of our own Washington Chapter, now Air Marking Specialist of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, stressed the importance of air markers in the future and emphasized the difficulties of air navigation in comparison with that on land and sea. She said that non-flyers cannot imagine how unfamiliar familiar country can look from the air and urged that all 99'ers help to sell towns the custom approved by the CAA, or putting names on roofs, nearby road intersections, mountainsides or lawns.

Miss Noyes had a good start in the nation-wide air marking program before the war and now has had to start all over again since all identification markers were discontinued during the emergency. She predicts that progressive communities leading the way in air marking will be more than repaid for the minor work and expense involved, by gaining a reputation for courtesy and thoughtfulness.

Charles Planck, author of "Women With Wings", now in the Information Section of CAA, talked about the need for practical personal planes for the flying public after the war, indicating the expected general interest in aviation after the great part it has played in the winning of the war.

Some fifty members and guests were present at the dinner.

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#### WESTERN PENN CHAPTER

From Leona O'Shea,  
2618 Highland, McKeesport, Penna.

ALL 99 Members and Licensed Pilots eligible for membership in Western Pennsylvania:

If you are interested in getting your area active again,

Meet at: Allegheny County Municipal Airport,  
Pittsburgh -- The Restaurant;

On - Saturday afternoon, June 9th, at  
2 o'clock;

To - Elect officers and suggest plans.

This is the third time a meeting has been planned in 1945. If YOU want some activity, how about coming to the meetings?

Leona O'Shea.

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#### CLUB HOUSE AND AIRPORT PLANS

99'ers and 49'ers who are thinking of improving airport club houses or opening airports would do well to write to HOUSE BEAUTIFUL magazine, New York City, for the airport and club house plans which were shown in its March, 1945, issue. Blue prints will be sent free of charge. Give your connection with aviation.

Bettie Thompson.



## SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

#### SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

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

Prayers for good weather on Sunday, June 3, are wafting heavenward from South Louisiana Chapter. June 3 is the date for the Chapter's dawn patrol flight to Lafayette for breakfast.

Visiting Ninety-Niners are welcome to join the flight, which will leave New Orleans Airport at 10 a.m.

In case of rain, automobiles will leave the home of Mrs. Patricia May, 1424 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans, at 10 a. m.

The flight will end at the plantation home of Mrs. Georgia Myers.

Lt. Edna M. Gardner, Army Nurse Corps, is back in New Orleans on duty at LaGarde General Hospital. She doesn't know for how long, but she's hoping to attend the June meeting.

Acting Chairman Pat May has returned after a 6000-mile trip to California and back in the family Beechcraft. She and her husband bought a twin-engine Cessna on the way, in Wichita, Kans. The plane is one of those Defense Plant Corp. surplus aircraft.

Mrs. Mary Nell Lindsey is visiting her husband's family in Minden, La.

A new member is Virginia Garst, one of the first 23 girls recruited by Jacqueline Cochran to fly for the British Air Transport Auxiliary.

Mrs. Irene Abitz Van Dyke, who recently obtained a commercial license, is a prospective member.

Barbara Selby is now writing a weekly aviation column for the ITEM, called "Wings Over New Orleans".

Ninety-Niners are interested in the news that Peter J. Miller, pilot and insurance man, is attempting to re-establish the New Orleans Chapter of the National Aeronautic Association. He is a national councilor for NAA.

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#### COLORADO CHAPTER

Rosemary Regan, 1328 North El Paso St., Colorado Springs, Colorado, reports activities in that group.

News about our end of the country is noticeably lacking in the NEWS LETTER, and since I am one of the "noose-getters" for Denver, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, etc., I have set about remedying the situation.

For the first thing, flying costs around here are: Dual time \$9.60; solo time \$6.60 - all in Aeroncas and T-Crafts. Instructor time, \$3.00 per hour.

Dottie Jones, who has been secretary-treasurer for the Colorado Chapter of 99's for so long, said "Yes" to a man named Smith and now is Mrs. C. L. Smith, Box 1625, Nogales, Arizona, where she and her husband are doing a nifty job running the Nogales International Airport.



4 Bernice Dannifer, another C.S. 99'er, is in Denver now, so the Denver group ought to be able to give you the latest about her. She was a Wasp and did a fine job.

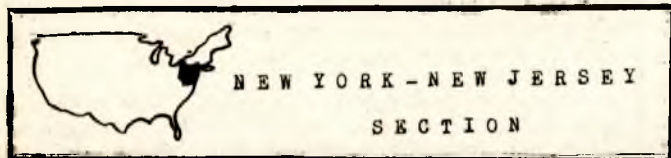
Bertie Barringer and myself both soloed the PT19 this last week, and neither she nor I have hit ground yet! We're both working for Commercial tickets, so when we're together we do little else but hangar fly---

Bertie and I thought that what we need is a flying club around these parts, so last November the LOOPS -- Loyal Order of Odd Pilots -- came into being. The main function of the organization is to further good will among flyers, so naturally we had to let some of the fellows in, and it's a great success. Inside LOOPS are pilots, and Outside LOOPS are non-flyers, and the first requisite is that the prospective LOOP is a "Good Guy". By now, on account of the LOOPS that are over seas, etc., we are an international organization. I will send you a photostat of the charter, but I wasn't sure whether you'd be interested if the club wasn't entirely "gals".

If any 99'ers, from any where, come to Colorado Springs, I know they will get a regal welcome from us "hyar" 99'ers if they will just make their presence known.

I hope we can see some news of the Colorado Chapter in the next NEWS LETTER.

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#### NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

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

At our April 9th meeting, Elaine Harder of the Wing Scouts, which is part of the Girl Scouts Aviation Program, addressed our group and told us of the work of this organization.

This is a program for girls from 15 to 18 years of age who are given pre-flight training to aid them in careers in aviation and to help them socially by giving them training in the language of the Air Corps boys. There are about 5000 members with flights throughout the United States. There is an urgent need for more flight leaders and Miss Harder expressed a wish that some of us might possibly give some time to this work.

We, as individual members of the 99's, offered our services to speak at some of the meetings and those who possess those hard-to-get ground instructor ratings, offered to teach some of the subjects to these girls. These teen age girls are future 99's and we want to help them in any way we may. None of us is an orator, but given a chance to talk about our flying, there is no doubt but that we will chat on for hours.

If any of you readers are anxious or willing to give a little time to the Wing Scouts, please send us your names and we will forward them to Elaine Harder. We wish this organization good luck and trust that we may contribute something of value to its progress.

Alma Harwood was back with us after a visit down the Virgin Islands' way. It was good to have her with us again. Alma attended the Washington, D. C., chapter meeting and reported that the girls were going "full steam ahead".

#### JAMESTOWN CHAPTER

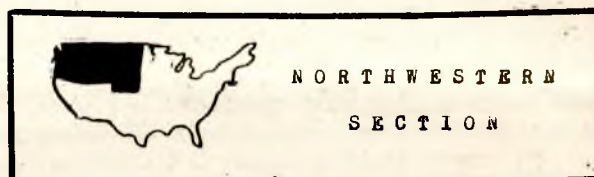
While no News Reporter has functioned for this group as yet, Headquarters has received the following items.

On March 21, 1945, under the leadership of Lucile Miller Wright and the sponsorship of National President Ethel Sheehy, the baby chapter of the Ninety-Nines arrived in the organization family.

Chapter officers are: Chairman, Ruth G. Olson; Vice Chairman, Florae H. Andeer; Secretary, Jeanne Weakley, and Treasurer, Mildred Sherman Constantine.

Jamestown and the surrounding country is a particularly fertile field for aviation projects and the "Baby Chapter" expects to grow rapidly. A membership drive is on for the month of May, and we hope to have news of the Chapter's meetings for future LETTERS.

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Irma Wallace, Governor of the Northwest Section, sends us this letter:

The NORTHWEST SECTION has not appeared in the "news" for a long time. I see and hear from some of the members occasionally, but it has seemed almost impossible to have a meeting. However before the month of May has passed we hope to get at least all of the Seattle and vicinity members together, and invite all ex-Wasps and other potential members to meet with us.

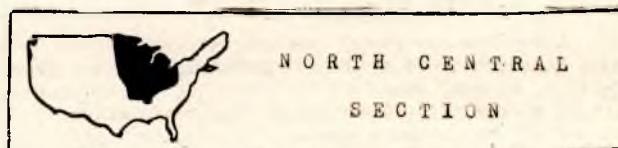
Clayton Patterson and "Pat" recently returned from a short vacation at Palm Springs.

Mildred Merrill's husband, Elliot, has just come back from an extended South Pacific tour in a specially equipped B-29.

Emma Leavenworth has sold her home and taken up residence in an apartment.

Hope to have more news next time.

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#### INDIANA CHAPTER

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

Hope to see every one at our meeting this month.

Verona Ruzicka, Kokomo, has been a busy little bee. She is bringing three new members to the meeting.

I have heard from three Indiana ex-Wasps. We are looking forward to hearing their experiences. Bettie Scantland, Indianapolis, writes that she will be at the



meeting. Florence Acher, Pendleton, Indiana, says she was a 99'er in pre-WASP days.

A letter from Sectional Governor Helen Wetherill, Detroit, Mich., brings good news. Helen will meet with us this month.

After an inactive winter, I am back in the air and enjoying every minute of it.

How about some news, Girls??

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#### Rates at Anderson Airport.

Cub trainer, 65 H.P., Dual, \$9.00; Solo, \$7.00.

Instructor on privately owned craft, \$4.00 per hour.

Hangar rent, \$14.00 monthly.

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#### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Margaret L. Smith,  
1420 East Wood St., Decatur, Illinois.

The Central Illinois Chapter of the 99's was organized at Springfield, Illinois, on Sunday, April 8.

Marian Albright and Dorothy Evans flew in from Chicago to help us organize this chapter. Helen Greinke flew in from Bloomington, and the other girls present were Helen Peifer, Helen Rohrer, Adelaide O'Brien, Esther Gillock, and Florence O'Connor from Springfield, and myself from Decatur.

After luncheon at the Hotel Leland, we went to the airport and held our business meeting. Adelaide O'Brien and Florence O'Connor were elected chairman and co-chairman, respectively; Helen Rohrer, secretary-treasurer; Helen Peifer, membership chairman, and myself; publicity chairman. Adelaide told us about the history of the 99's and also told us of their activities, etc.

There were several prospective members who sent in applications but were unable to attend this meeting. We hope to have them at our next meeting to be held in Decatur on Sunday, May 6.

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#### SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

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

News from our absent members has brought much excitement to those of us at home. Ruth Reilly writes from College, Alaska, where she is attending the University of Alaska to complete an Education degree and starting work on a Civil Engineering Degree. She is also working on aircraft overhaul at Alaska Airlines, getting more time towards an A and E license. Ruth has her Commercial 110-825 single-engine land rating, and is working towards an instructor's.

Alaska, according to the description in her letter, is the place for all of us; at least that is the way we felt after reading her enthusiastic letter. She is anxious to hear from other ex-Wasps. Her address: Box 62, University of Alaska, College, Alaska.

Dorothy Christenson has been attending the Washington, D.C., 99 meetings and likes the setup very much. Their meetings are social as well as educational.

Dora Fritzsche, private in the WAC, is still entranced with her control tower work at Paine, Washington. Dora

holds all honors among our absent 99 members for writing humorous, informative, frequent letters. How she finds the time is a mystery to us, but we shall not worry so long as they keep coming.

Pvt. Marianne Beard of the Marines, stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, writes that all is well except that it is so hard to stand at attention when P-47's and Corsairs fly over head.

Margaret Bruns Sliker can hardly wait for the end of the war so that she and Harold may settle on their "farm" in Niagara, N. Y., and raise chickens. That was Margaret's ambition even before she joined the WASP. It hasn't changed. Mrs. Sliker, the elder, says she will be Margaret and Harold's first customer.

Elsie Peters is planning the next meeting as an airport meeting at Mitchell Field, to see the latest changes in the air set-up there.

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#### ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Dora J. Dougherty,  
425 Chestnut St., Winnetka, Ill.

Wish you all could have been at our last meeting for we had a wonderful time. There was a turn-out of about sixty members and friends to hear Mr. W. W. Jarrell, Jr., Chief, General Inspection Branch of CAA. He told us about some proposed changes in CAR.

And then, and then ... happy surprise! Captain (get that) Opal Anderson, one of the original members of our chapter, told us of some of her interesting experiences and, believe me, she has had them. She is back in the States on leave from the A.T.A. in England where for the past three years she has been flying everything from a Spitfire (she just loves them) to the Lancaster bombers. She looked wonderful in her uniform, cute little overseas cap, service stripes on her sleeve, service ribbons, etc. Wish all of you could meet her and talk with her for she is a wonderful person.

There was another of our original members out for this meeting...namely one Marguerite Greene of CAA. Ty Barnes, whom we hadn't seen since before the war and who is doing a swell job of flying around Chicago, appeared looking right pretty...oh, oh, beg pardon, it's now Mrs. Cassidy. Helen Budwash, our acting chairman, was having a wonderful time greeting new friends and old. We have a new member, Esther E. Noffke, an ex-Wasp, who had just got her Flight Instructor Rating.

Hope to see every one at our Sectional meeting at Springfield, Ill., on June 2 and 3. We hear that it promises to be a very interesting meeting.

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#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Bay Maude S. Rufus,  
215 Angell Hall, Ann Arbor, Mich.

A Question: After flying nearly sixty hours, Helen Wetherill and Maude Rufus were asked, "Were you scared on the trip?" "Yes", was the answer. "Tell us about it."

At Colorado Springs, Commander Walker of the CAP asked us if we would like to visit his ranch, and, of course, we were delighted. At four in the afternoon we started up the Rockies, 36 miles to his ranch,--a beautiful ride. At the shack we found some coffee. We asked, "Where do we get the water?" "Out in the brook"



was the answer. We looked rather dubiously at that water, but decided if he used it we could. The polliwogs were sent skimming down the stream and after many dips with the cup, enough was in the coffee pot for the brew. My, did it taste good! At dark we started down the mountain. Snow came down until we could not see. 36 miles to go! We could not stop or we might freeze, and so we crawled along. It was a regular Rocky Mountain blizzard. We were white and trembling when we got down to the snow line, and a beautiful moonlight night in the valley. That was the answer to the question "were we scared".

The April Ninety-Nines meeting was held in Jackson, Michigan, at the Hayes Corporation's clubhouse, with Jackson girls as our hostesses. The turnout was very good with forty present, including nine guests: Toni Baerman, Iris Welsh, and Dorothy Woodhams from Kalamazoo; Violet Wierzbicki, ex-Wasp, and Loujane Haystek, instructor, from Flint; Frances Johnson from Saginaw; and Gwen Thayer, Doris Gramer, and Elinor Van Atta from Jackson.

#### News of Our Members.

Mabel Britton, Ypsilanti, flew an official of the Weather Bureau to Birmingham, New York, and Harrisburg, Penna., on a charter trip.

Faye Wolfe received her instrument rating in Grand Rapids and then flew to New York as co-pilot on a twin-engine Beech. Faye is now instructing at Detroit City Airport for the Prince Aviation Company.

Betty Small and Dottie Wing flew an old Fleet to Kansas City. Perhaps some of you old-timers remember it — NC 45LK.

Helen Wetherill is busy increasing her horsepower rating to 220.

Muriel Rumsey is seen flitting about Michigan in a red PT-19.

We are looking forward to our next 99 meeting on May sixth, at Dearborn Inn. We will land at the CAA Airport—so, girls, watch out.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT

The North Central Section meeting is to be held on June 2 and 3, 1945, in Springfield, Illinois.

A new chapter has been formed, called the Central Illinois Chapter. All girls in that area who have not been notified, please contact Adelaide O'Brien, 1611 South Seventh St., Springfield, Ill., on both the new chapter and the sectional meeting.

O. K., 99's, let's get those little putt-putts warmed up and chart a course to Springfield on one second and third. See you all at Springfield.

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#### Notes from Correspondence.

Bay Cities' Secretary, Marjorie Fauth, writes:

"Am happy to enclose completed application and money order covering dues for another new member for our Chapter. This little lady is about the most active CAPer among the women members of the local unit — she has had over 100 hours Civil Air Patrol flying in the past three years. This may not sound like much to the gals where flying has not been restricted, but to some

of us who haven't been off the ground since Pearl Harbor, it is nothing short of miraculous. We are very happy to have her (Mrs. Flora G. Ferris) in our Chapter.

"We have been obliged to skip our Chapter meeting for April, but since we had a get-together on March 31st and plan another for May 19th, that isn't too bad — after the long dry spell when we went six months or more without a meeting. Rita will provide the details in her usual inimitable manner, in time for the June NEWS LETTER, no doubt."

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On April-15, 1945, from "Somewhere over Europe", Capt. Dorothy M. Berendsen writes:.

The first part of March I was sent on temporary duty to an air evacuation unit that is attached to A7C; they fly patients across the Atlantic. It was difficult to write on these trips. I made two trips to the Azores and one all the way to New York. Each trip is from nine to eleven hours and it's like working in a hospital ward. The patients need care along the way. On the return trip one tries to sleep, but it's either on freight or sitting up in a passenger plane, and it doesn't work too well. I was not able to get a leave in the States, so couldn't get home, but did get to Dayton to see my sister, arriving there Easter, and went to church. The return trip wasn't too good. I had trouble getting transportation out of Dayton. Finally took a bomber to Washington, D.C., and a train to New York, arriving nearly 24 hours late.

I arrived back in Paris Friday A.M. Sunday I returned to my home station and am now evacuating patients from Germany. They have no trains across the Rhine as yet and all litter cases have to go by plane. We take most of the ambulatories, too. We have taken so much territory in Germany now that our local flights are quite long. Occasionally we have a load that has to go to England. Those are usually British officers, ex-prisoners, or patients that need special treatment, such as plastic surgery after burns.

Monday I flew nine hours and was in four countries—France, Belgium, Germany and England. Tuesday I flew ten hours and was over Luxembourg besides the other four. On our trip Tuesday I had a slight scare. The two planes directly in front of ours were shot down by German fighters, just as we were landing to deliver our supplies. I had been sitting on a load of gas cans watching the scenery. I moved off those in a hurry. It makes one realize how fast the status changes between living and dead, and also makes me realize that one does a very little rational thinking at a time like that. I felt very small, unimportant and helpless. The ack-ack was going on all around us and there wasn't a thing I could do. Next time I'll at least have sense enough to don my parachute.

The weather has been beautiful lately. The cherry blossoms are gone, and the apple blossoms are at their best. Lilacs are beautiful. In fact every thing is beautiful. Even stubborn Germany is beautiful in spots. In the northern part most of the roofs and buildings are red, and they make a very pretty picture against the green background. The farm land looks very nice. Of course the area along the Rhine is full of bomb holes. All the bridges and railroads are a mass of twisted steel and the buildings are quite pulverized. In the industrial section there is a lot of damage, too.

Well, must close now as we are almost to the German border and the hilly country makes the air too rough to write more."

Editor's note: Captain Berendsen has received the Air Medal for completing fifty missions.



Jack Woolams (Mary), test pilot, Bell Aircraft Corp.,  
8300 Laughlin Drive, Niagara Falls, N.Y.  
George C. Watson (Florence), petroleum engineer, Phillips  
Petroleum Co., Box 456, Billings, Okla.  
Mario Fontana (Audrey), operator, Fontana School of  
Aeronautics, Ford Airport, Iron Mountain, Mich.  
William Jacobs (Bernice), manager, Rubinkam Airport,  
167 California Ave., Harvey, Ill.  
Arthur Schweer (Emma), manager, Washington Park Airport,  
Homewood, Ill.  
Capt. Gary Porter (Helen), pilot, All American Aviation,  
County Airport, Pittsburgh, Penna.

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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 letter-  
heads, invitations, etc., \$2.00 each.

All the above may be obtained from Headquarters,  
1025 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington 6, D. C., the  
only source of supply.

Remittance should accompany order for all supplies  
except membership blanks, to avoid delay in shipment.  
All checks should be made payable to The Ninety-Nines.

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More about Rates.

Stella H. Priest, Harlingen, Texas, reports on lo-  
cal flying rates, as follows:

J-3 Cub -- \$6.50 solo; \$8.50 dual.

J-5 Cub -- \$7.00 solo; \$9.00 dual.

Hangar rent \$15.00 per month, one or more  
owners.

Instructor, \$3.00 per hour.

She also reports that at Mauldin Airport, Browns-  
ville, Texas, ten (10) per cent off their regular rates  
is the discount given to Army people, but does not quote  
these rates.

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99'er to Red Cross.

Jeanne McSheehy, a member of the Washington, D. C.,  
Chapter and an ex-Wasp, visited Headquarters recently.

After a stay at her home in California she has  
joined the American Red Cross and was in Washington pre-  
paring for work overseas. She spoke of how much she en-  
joyed the NEWS LETTER items concerning activities of other  
99'ers, especially since she is not able to contact them  
personally.

Let us hear from you, if not too busy, and our best  
wishes go with you, Jeanne.

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Now Army Nurse

Lt. Edna M. Gardner, N-780163, Commercial pilot, in-  
structor, instrument, seaplane, O-600 HP ratings, now has  
been commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps based at Brooks

General Hospital, Fort Sam-Houston, Texas. She is going  
through officers' basic training at Fort Sam Houston, San  
Antonio, Texas, but is finding plenty of time to catch up  
on her flying, at the local airports.

Lt. Gardner has been teaching CPT and WTS, Instrument  
and Stage B XC, but, now that these programs are discon-  
tinued and General Arnold states he has enough pilots, she  
feels she can be of most service in the Army Nurse Corps.  
She will not be surprised to receive overseas orders in  
the near future.

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IS THIS FOR YOU?

Can you give us any information as to who now has  
the carved mahogany plaque presented by Lt. Comdr. Albert  
B. Giles, U.S.N.R., to the Ninety-Nines at a meeting held  
in Mary Nicholson's home?

The subject of the plaque is Amelia Earhart's last  
flight, and Commander Giles is very anxious to learn who  
is now caring for it.

Inquiries made of several members of the New York -  
New Jersey group have been unproductive of any clues, and  
we believe that a general appeal through the NEWS LETTER,  
reaching all our members, may bring the desired informa-  
tion.

If YOU can tell us anything about who has the plaque,  
kindly write to Headquarters at once, so that your informa-  
tion may be passed on to Commander Giles.

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REPORT ON OKLAHOMA

Many thanks to Caryl Jones, of Billings, Montana,  
for the fine work she has done in interesting Oklahoma  
girls in becoming members of the Ninety-Nines.

As a result of her activity during a short stay  
there, we have five new members from Oklahoma and are  
looking to the organization of a chapter in the near  
future. With over a dozen former members now in the  
state, the outlook for a strong chapter is fine.

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MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

Ivah Maxfield, secretary-treasurer of this chapter,  
writes Headquarters, in part:

"I returned last night from Omaha, Nebraska, where  
we held a most delightful meeting and really accomplished  
a lot of business. Our girls are slowly but surely trek-  
ing back to their homes and picking up where they left  
off. It was so good to get together on a good jam session  
again." Meeting was on Sunday, May 13th.

Six applications for membership accompanied the let-  
ter, and she reports several good prospects in view and  
hopes to report more new members soon.

Officers for the Chapter are: Chairman, Mrs. Agnes J  
DeHaven, 4201 Perry Way, Sioux City, Iowa; Vice Chairman,  
Mrs. Ruth E. Johnson, 1013 Boswell Ave., Crete, Nebraska;  
Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ivah C. Maxfield, 2212 West  
Fourth St., Sioux City 17, Iowa, and Miss Mary Beecham,  
7502 Maple St., Omaha, Nebraska, an ex-Wasp who has re-  
cently renewed her membership is Reporter for the NEWS  
LETTER.

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## NEW (\*) and RENEWAL MEMBERS

1944 - 1945

Miss Amy Ahrens, Rockland Heights Road, Monsey, N.Y.  
 \* Mrs. Dorothy Abken, 624 West 16th St., Grand Island, Nebraska.  
 \* Miss Dorothy M. Beaghan, 526 Dechman Ave., Peoria, Illinois.  
 \* Miss Mary Beecham, 3618 North 67th Ave., Omaha 4, Nebraska.  
 \* Norma A. Boston, Rural Route 1, Carthage, Ill.  
 \* Miss Faith F. Buchner, 2543 N. Central Park Ave., Chicago, Illinois.  
 \* Miss Margaret Jane Case, 209 Main St., Little Valley, N. Y.  
 \* Mrs. Broneta Davis, Minco, Oklahoma.  
 \* Miss Regina I. Devine, 5426 Quincy St., Chicago, Ill.  
 \* Miss Dora J. Dougherty, 425 Chestnut St., Winnetka, Illinois.  
 \* Miss Marguerite C. Durbin, 403 East 3rd St., North Platte, Nebraska.  
 \* Miss Mary Maxine Edmondson, % Knolle Flying Service, Alice Texas.  
 \* Mrs. Flora G. Ferris, 1370 - 16th Ave., San Francisco, California.  
 \* Mrs. Geraldine Finch, Route 1, Mattawan, Michigan.  
 \* Miss Virginia Edith Fisher, 1775 N. W. 3rd St., Miami, Florida.  
 \* Miss Mary Francis, 312 Fidelity Bldg., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.  
 \* Mrs. Joann B. Garrett (Malcolm), P. O. Box 841, El Reno, Oklahoma.  
 \* Miss Virginia Louise Garst, 307 Natchez Bldg., New Orleans, Louisiana.  
 \* Miss Esther L. Gillock, 928 East North Grand Ave., Springfield, Ill.  
 \* Miss Helen Greinke, Hotel Rogers, Bloomington, Ill.  
 \* Mrs. Abbie Dill Haddaway, 3236 Ryan Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.  
 \* Miss Ava Marie Hamm, 1416 Grand Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.  
 \* Miss Norma Heinze, 515 East 12th St., North Platte, Nebraska.  
 \* Miss Margaret Eleanor Hillis, 1737 W. Mulberry, Kokomo, Indiana.  
 \* Mrs. Grey Allison Hoyt, 2020 N. Third St., Harrisburg, Penna.  
 \* Mrs. Bernice Jacobs, 167 California Ave., Harvey, Ill.  
 \* Miss Frances T. Johnson, 215 So. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, Michigan.  
 \* Miss Jerry Kelso, 519 South Williams, El Reno, Okla.  
 \* Miss Rosina Lewis, 1512 Binney St., Omaha, Nebr.  
 (Home: 1607 Mayfair Circle, Salt Lake City, Utah.)  
 \* Miss Marjorie M. McBride, 2724 N. 65th St., Omaha, Nebraska.  
 \* Miss Elizabeth M. Magnuson, 2026 East First St., Duluth, Minnesota.  
 \* Miss Lillian B. Mohr, 2903 Valentine Ave., New York 58, N. Y.  
 \* Miss Dorothy M. Moon, 4 Southmont Drive, Montgomery, Alabama.  
 \* Miss Mary Louise Musselman, 1656 Main St., Quincy, Ill.  
 \* Miss Esther E. Noffke, Pal-waukee Airport, Buckingham, Illinois.  
 \* Mrs. Beatrice Crompton Potts, 870 N. Broad St., Galesburg, Illinois.  
 \* Mrs. Juanita Pritchard, 634 Miller Ave., Clairton, Pa.  
 \* Miss Ruth A. Pollock, 8216 St., Lawrence Ave., Chicago.  
 \* Miss Margaret Jane Ray, 909 Illsley Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana.  
 \* Mrs. Dela A. Schleger, 58 East 79th St., New York, N.Y.  
 \* Miss Elizabeth Shea, Sand Hill Road, Akron, N.Y.  
 \* Miss Janet Marie Sisson, 801 South Wright St., Champaign, Ill.

\* Mrs. Margaret Louise Smith (Maurice H.), 1420 East Wood St., Decatur, Ill.  
 \* Miss Leta Toll, 1630 Aberdeen St., Chicago Hts. Ill.  
 \* Miss Helen May Torge, Torge Hotel, Salamanca, N.Y.  
 \* Miss Elizabeth B. Wall, 1614 W. Division St., Grand Island, Nebraska.  
 \* Miss Agnes Weiskopf, 709 North New Street, Bethlehem, Penna.  
 \* Mrs. Velma Hummel Woodward, 4301 Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.  
 \* Miss Ann Kathryn Woolner, Peoria Municipal Airport, Peoria, Ill.  
 \* Mrs. Dorothy A. Woodhams, Austin Lake Airport, Kalamazoo, Mich.  
 \* Mrs. Darlene Young, 841 Logan, Denver, Colo.  
 \* Miss Marian E. Young, 844 West Lovell St., Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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COLORADO CHAPTER

From Dorothy Thompson, governor of the South Central Section, comes word that the Colorado Chapter has moved its headquarters from Hayden Field to Combs Field, 3800 Dahlia St., Denver.

She reports that they have quite a few new members but difficulty in finding a permanent meeting place has been a handicap to holding meetings.

In changing the location of their headquarters, they will be able to have a fixed place for their meetings at Combs Field and believe the future will show much more activity among Colorado 99'ers.

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CONGRATULATIONS

An orchid to Helen Budwash for the wonderful work she has done in the re-organization of the Illinois Chapter.

Chairman Marian Albright was ill and appointed Helen as Acting Chairman, and Helen carried on like a veteran.

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