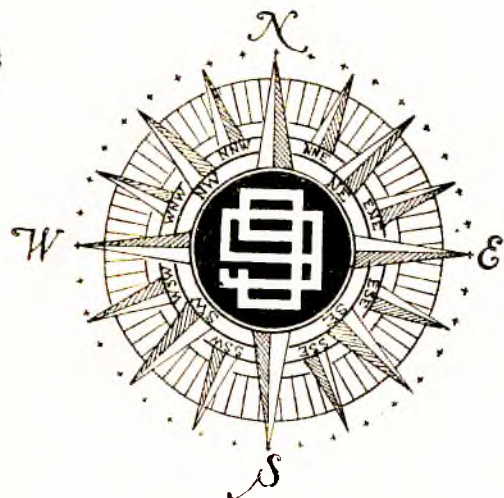


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MAUDE SQUIRE RUFUS

(1880-1945)

by Alice H. Hammond.

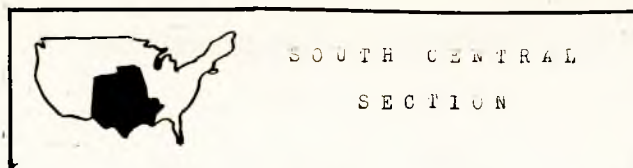
Maude Squire Rufus, Michigan Chapter's beloved first "Flying Grandmother", was fatally injured when her plane crashed at Washington, Pennsylvania, on June 19th. She hit a down-draft, taking off from a farmer's field, and her wing caught on a tree, when her motor failed to develop its horsepower from the low octane gasoline she had just had put in as an emergency measure.

Though best known to us as our enthusiastic flying colleague, her loss will be felt, not only by all Ninety-Nines, but by her many friends throughout the world. Traveler, lecturer, missionary, musician, flyer, her innumerable areas of interest took her three times around the world, to fifty foreign countries, and to live in the Orient for ten years. Wherever she went, she always attracted a circle of devoted friends.

After receiving her pilot's license in 1940, at the age of sixty, she proceeded to fly all over the country in her bright red little Cub Coupe. Her infectious enthusiasm, and boundless vitality, as well as her skill as a pilot were the inspiration to many, young and old, who doubtless never would have learned to fly had it not been for her splendid example at her age.

She was Chairman of the Michigan Chapter in 1941-42 and served as our Chapter Reporter this year. On Sunday afternoon, July 8th, a memorial service was arranged at the First Methodist Church in Ann Arbor, to which a number of the Ninety-Nines journeyed to pay tribute to our beloved Maude. Helen Wetherill, governor of the North Central Section, who in March had flown to Colorado with her on a special CAP liaison mission, participated in these services, giving a flyer's remembrance of Maude's numerous activities in the Ninety-Nines and the Civil Air Patrol.

Her abundant life as well as her lovable personality are well portrayed in her book "Flying Grandma, or Going Like Sixty". A friend was once remonstrating with her about her flying, and Maude replied, "I'd rather go like sixty in my ship and end in a crash, than give up my plane!" And I believe we, as pilots, know just what she meant.



SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Velma H. Woodward,
4301 Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Oklahoma Chapter of The Ninety-Nines held its initial meeting in Oklahoma City, at the Oklahoma Club, July 6, 1945.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Joann B. Garrett, El Reno; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Jerry Kelso, El Reno, and Reporter, Mrs. Velma H. Woodward, Oklahoma City.

Others present were Mrs. Broneta Davis, Minco; Miss Mary Fox, Norman, and Miss Mary Francis, Oklahoma City. Numerous members and prospects over the state wrote indicating their interest in the revived chapter, but were unable to attend this particular meeting.

On July 15th a meeting will be held in Tulsa, with the new Chairman, Mrs. Garrett in charge, so that a Vice Chairman may be elected from the Tulsa district.

Plans will be made for regular monthly meetings to be held in different parts of the state on the second Sunday of each month.

The August meeting is tentatively planned as a picnic at Minco, where members may land across the highway from the picnic grounds.

Four of those present - Jerry Kelso, Broneta Davis, Velma Woodward and Mary Francis - returned from a two Luscombe trip to Chicago and Milwaukee, just in time for the meeting.

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NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

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

August 25th is the date set for the big meeting of the South and North Louisiana Chapters in Shreveport, with an open invitation to all Ninety-Nines in the vicinity to meet with us.

Roll call will be taken at 8 P. M. on Saturday, August 25th, in the Cocktail Lounge at the Washington-Youree Hotel, Shreveport, with dinner and meeting at 9 P. M. A Brunch will be held Sunday morn. Special entertainment has been planned.

Ninety-Nines members will be on hand at both Stovall Airport and Municipal Airport in Shreveport, to meet planes and provide transportation.

As it will be necessary to make dinner and hotel reservations early, please notify Beth Smith, 406 Albany Street, Shreveport, by mail, at once, if you plan to attend.

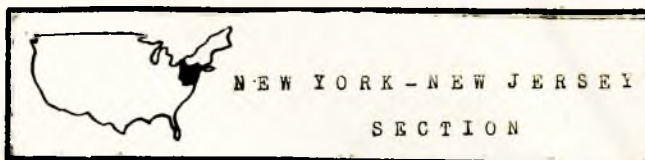
Hazel Morton's son is making a satisfactory recovery. We are glad to report, after a very serious illness.

The Cyril Smiths plan to fly to Omaha, their old home town, about August 5th, for a two weeks' trip.

Mildred Carney has been rushed with CAA duties and has been getting up long before breakfast to polish up her air work for that Instructor's rating.

Sue Wilson keeps busy with her students at the Stovall airport.

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NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

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

At our May 7th meeting we were feted with a double feature - a guest speaker and movies. Our guest was Commander John Isemen, retired, who told us of his early flying days. He was in the Naval Air Service for fifteen years and has the honor of having flown the first air mail from the United States into Cuba. His only regret on this score is that he never kept one of the cachets of this trip, which are now worth between \$700 and \$800 each. The flight was made in a plane of a gross weight of 14,000 pounds, and had the tremendous pull of a 700 h.p. engine.

Commander Isemen, in addition to his flying, writes children's books and invents mechanical toys for the little ones. He told us of one invention, not for children. It was a mouse trap which he and his partner carried around in a suitcase. This proved to be very valuable to them in getting special favors. He is particularly proud of the fact that this mouse trap was photographed and appeared in the roto-gravure section of the Herald-Tribune. This fact was especially addressed to Mrs. May Knoess, secretary to Mrs. Ogden Reid, also a guest.

After Commander Isemen's address, Alma Harwood showed us movies of the Virgin Islands. They are "a spot of heaven" and are a "must" for a trip in the future.

On June 4th, we had a "welcome home" cocktail party for Fay Gillies Wells who has been in Africa for the past three years. Fay is one of the charter members of The Ninety-Nines and the writer of our history. This was the first opportunity for our new members to meet Fay, and we all hope that during the winter, she may find time to tell us a little more of her life in the "Dark Continent".

Our party was held at the Ambassador Hotel and among our guests were Jackie Cochran, Jack Smithowski and Frank Coffyn of the Q. B's, Commander Isemen, Casey Jones, Harry Bruno, and Ed Wynn, author of Bombers Across.

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JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK, CHAPTER

Our June meeting was a dinner held at the Snack Shop at the airport. At this meeting we entertained seven student pilots, prospective Ninety-Niners. Each of these girls expects to have her ticket this summer, and when that feat is accomplished, will we be proud!

After dinner the guests and members assembled on the apron and engaged in some tall hangar flying. We members

gave the girls a short history of the Ninety-Nines, its origin and purpose, and at the end of the meeting we had seven eager little beavers who vowed they would have their private tickets before the next meeting. (They don't want to miss our steak roast).

Our airport is doing a thriving business. Here are some of our rates:

L-5 and T. Crafts . . . Solo	\$ 7.00	Dual	\$ 9.00
Stinson Voy. " "	12.00	" "	15.00.

And how about a Water Rating? ? ? ?

Come to Jamestown, enjoy Lake Cahutauqua and fly a

Seaplane . . . Solo \$ 9.00 Dual \$12.00.

And have a bang-up vacation!

Jamestown Ninety-Niners will welcome you!!!

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CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

By Gadget Gajdowski,
17 Cottage St., South Norwalk, Conn.

I may not have a "clearance" for this but, gee whiz, I just can't stand by and see Connecticut sit back on its Yankee empenage while 99'ers in all other sectors are going to town. How about it, 99'ers in this sector?

Danbury Airport is big, has nice runways, is easy to find, and will make a swell X-country trip some Sunday A. M.

Let's get together, say, the third Sunday in August, which is the 19th. We might be surprised and find it interesting. Besides, it would be kind fun to see who the other female "airplane drivers" are, and to see what face goes with who.

Barbara Parker and I will be there with a brass band for every 99'er who comes in. So, as an instructor of mine used to say, "Let's get with it!"

Also, as we are all interested in flying rates for the different areas, the following are some of those found up here in Yankee-land:

Danbury, Conn.

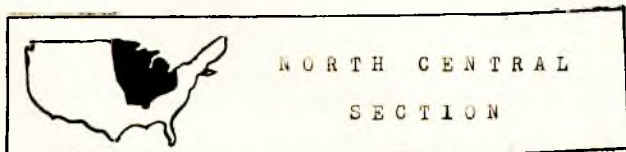
Cub - 65 h.p. . . . Solo \$ 7.00 Dual \$ 10.00

PT-19 - 175 h.p. . . " 15.00 " 19.00

Sea Wings, Westport, Conn.

Cub - 65 h.p. . . . Solo \$ 10.00 Dual \$ 12.00

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CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Margaret L. Smith,
1449 Buena Vista, Decatur, Illinois.

Much to my regret I was unable to attend the Sectional Meeting held in Springfield on June 2 and 3, but

Florence O'Connor was kind enough to give me the details of the meeting and I quote from her letter:

To begin with, the weather was anything but good. Some of us went out to the airport and almost gave up, but finally two girls came in from Indiana, Charlotte Darlington and Dorothea Hendricks. Helen Grainke came in from Bloomington, and Greenwood Cocanougher came up from Kentucky. Ruth Craine and Elsie Peters arrived by train from Milwaukee.

There were only nine of us to tour Sangamo Electric, but I'm sure every one enjoyed it.

Our dinner was rather late, but there were plenty of cocktails before dinner. Our guests, Major Kapp and George Roberts, secretary of the Illinois Aeronautic Commission, were very generous in furnishing some liquid refreshments. Major Kapp extended a welcome to the girls and Mr. Roberts gave us an interesting talk on the plans Illinois has for postwar aviation.

Our business meeting was in charge of Helen Wetherill, our section governor. The meeting itself didn't amount to a whole lot except that we planned to have another meeting in Milwaukee on October 6 and 7.

Sunday morning we left for New Salem at 9:00 A.M., and the girls were really impressed with the village. They got quite a kick out of mailing post cards to their friends from the little post office there. Some of the girls who came in by train, stayed at New Salem and had dinner at the Wagon Wheel. Those who flew in had dinner at the airport and took off for their home ports immediately afterward.

Those present at the meeting were: Quincy, Mary Lou Musselman; Bloomington, Helen Grainke; Springfield, Esther Gillock, Helen Rohrer, Helen Pelfer, Florence O'Connor, Adelaide O'Brien, and Kay Hall, our newest member. From Indiana, Dorothea Hendricks, Charlotte Darlington, Evelyn Dow and Fern Rinker; Kentucky, Greenwood Cocanougher. Wisconsin, Elsie Peters and Ruth Craine. Michigan, Roxie Yaghjian, Leah Higgins, Rita Bondy, Grace Gazvoda, Helen Wetherill, Alice Hammond, Gloria Lynch, Dorothy Wing, Rose Marie Juliar and Margaret Cook.

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INDIANA CHAPTER

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

Our Chapter did not have a meeting this month, but our Sectional meeting was held at Springfield, Ill., on June 2 and 3, with the new Chapter there as hostess.

Indiana Chapter was represented by Fern Rinker and myself from Anderson, and we took as guests Petticoat Evelyn Dow, and Charlotte Darlington who had just passed her flight test. We flew over in our T-crafts, and trips can be eventful, can't they???

We enjoyed every minute of our stay in Springfield and I wish to thank all the girls there in behalf of we Anderson girls. What happened to you other Hoosiers?

It was a great shock to learn of Maude Rufus' fatal crack-up. We certainly will miss her in our Section?

Just last week we had a new airport opened at this city, known as "The Ace Airport".

Haven't heard from any of the girls, so more next time after our meeting on July 15th at Auburn, Ind.

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SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Peg Piebrantz,
3006 N. Downer Ave., Milwaukee 11, Wis.

Ruth Craine, our inventive NEWS LETTER genius, has left us temporarily to catch up on her studies in a Summer Session at the University of Wisconsin. We'll miss her terribly at our Summer meetings. Good luck, Ruth, and study hard.

Elsie Peters decided against airport work this summer, and is favoring relaxation. Perhaps we'll see Elsie doing a bit of flying to fill in the time. How about it, Elsie?

Although we have heard nothing from Caroline Iverson in connection with her trip to Mexico, we all presume she got there safely. Ruth Craine and I were at the airport, ready to see her off with the necessary flourish, but it seemed the weather didn't agree with us. However, by way of dodging clouds, they set their plane on course for the first leg of the trip.

By way of the latest bulletins, the long awaited furlough of Dora Fritzsche has finally materialized. She arrived home July 4th, yesterday, and already plans are being made. Elsie Peters has decided that a luncheon should please Dora -- good home cooking. If I know Elsie, it will be good. Undoubtedly Dora will have many interesting tales that we are all anxious to hear.

Girls, don't forget to make plans to come to Milwaukee for the Section Meeting the week end of October 6th and 7th.

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MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By B. Mae Blake,
Route 3, James Road, Saginaw, Mich.

Due to inclement weather our June meeting had very few "out-of-towners" present. Two planes flew in from Detroit, bringing four 99'ers. The meeting was held in Saginaw, breakfast being served at the CAP headquarters, municipal airport, with Mrs. "Becky" Thatcher as hostess. We had eight guests and seven members present. Having more ham and eggs on hand than people, we rounded up the airport personnel (men included) and proceeded to sell them their breakfast.

One of our customers, or should I say guests, was Dr. Scheidler of Alpena, Mich., formerly of Detroit. He and his daughter Carol are both working on private licenses. They come down to Saginaw every week end for instruction and, as for you, Carol, we have our 99'er eye on you as a prospective member. The Scheidlers have their own airport on their farm at Alpena, not very far from the summer resorts of Long Lake and Lake Huron. Gals, we have a standing invitation from them to use the 'port and its facilities at any time - nice goin'.

Mrs. Thelma Lindzay, our chairman, presided at the business meeting which followed the breakfast. Miss Leah Higgins of Detroit gave a report of the North Central Section meeting held June 2 and 3 at Springfield, Ill. The Nominating Committee also reported on the names selected and submitted for use on the ballot for National Officers for 1945-46.

Plans were also made to attend the July 15th meeting of the Indiana Chapter, to be held at the home of Mrs. Helen Montgomery of Auburn, Indiana.

It was announced that the next sectional meeting is to be held in Milwaukee, Wis., on October 10th. Let's start making our plans now for a big turn-out from this area.

On August 12th, Michigan Chapter will have its meeting at the home of Mrs. Margaret Huff, Pine Lake, near Pontiac. In September we are planning an overnight jaunt to Alpena. It seems to me, your new and inexperienced reporter, that this pretty well takes care of our summer. So get out your prayer rugs, and pray for good weather.

Chapter Chairman Thelma Lindzay now calls Detroit her home. Her address is 921 Balfour Road, Grosse Pointe Park 30, - telephone, Niagara 5533. Her "Welcome Mat" reads "When in Detroit, see or call Thelma." Thelma, I hope we don't keep that one phone of yours too busy.

We have added two new members - Miss Geraldine Finch of Mattawan, near Kalamazoo, and Mrs. Rose Maria Juliar of Detroit. We are glad to have you and hope you will enjoy belonging to us.

Miss Margaret Napierala, Saginaw, recently visited La Guardia Field in New York -- quite an experience, she says. At our meeting Roxie Yaghjian and Grace Gazvoda, of Detroit, entertained us with stories of their cross-country hop. They tell us one's education hasn't been completed without seeing Cincinnati from a police car.

Helen Wetherill, Detroit, got a horsepower rating this past month. More (horse) power to you, Helen!

Your not very modest Reporter, also, got a 350 horsepower rating this past month. At first she was going to do it the easy way -- slide by on the new rulings of the CAB.

Betty Small, of Detroit, has just returned cross-country from Chicago, Louisville and Dayton, flying a Stinson Reliant.

Jeannette Lempke, of Saginaw, has been breezing through the upper peninsula -- Houghton and Hancock, to be exact.

Babe Weyant was busy increasing her HP rating to 260 when the new regulations went into effect. She has been flying a PT-19.

Our Chapter regrets the death of our former NEWS LETTER Reporter, Maude Squire Rufus who was killed in an airplane crash at Washington, Penna., on June 19th.

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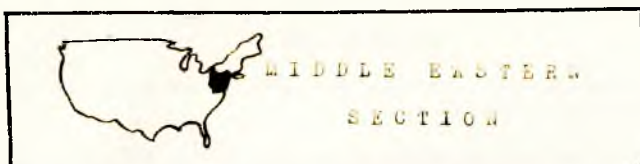
NINETY-NINES SUPPLIES

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 are obtainable from Headquarters, 1025 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

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

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WASHINGTON, D.C., CHAPTER

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

Mrs. William T. Piper, Sr., wife of the chairman of the Personal Aircraft Council, Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America, was the guest of honor at a press reception and luncheon given at the Hotel Statler on June 13th by the chapter.

Mrs. Piper, who accompanies her husband as he flies his own personal plane about the country in the normal conduct of his business as President of the Piper Aircraft Corporation, and to fill many engagements engendered by his chairmanship of the Personal Aircraft Council, discussed informally some incidents of her air travel. She firstly believes that the postwar flying age will find such family air travel as commonplace as pre-war automobile tours.

A very cordial invitation was extended by Mrs. Piper to the Washington Chapter to visit Lock Haven. She suggested a mass flight when planes and time are available. Mrs. Piper also asked for suggestions for the design of postwar personal planes, and said any ideas would be welcomed from all Ninety-niners. Here's your chance if you have some pet theory you would like incorporated in the design of new planes to improve their convenience and practicability as well as appearance. Mrs. Piper emphasized that their first consideration was safety with convenience, etc., following.

Among 99's present at the luncheon were: Lt. Ruth Heller, USNR, chapter chairman; Dorothy Young and Jane Straghan, ex-Wasps; Kay Booth, instructor at Congressional Airport; Bianca Palacios, Inter-American Escadrille; May Arnold, coordinator, 99 Headquarters; Cy Luecke, Jan Warren and Grace Hess.

Representatives of the press included: Margaret Koehler, Pathfinder; Virginia Gaylor, Newsweek; Helen Ashby, United Press; Martha Smith, Skyways; Wadge Lee, American Aviation; Connie Peterson, National Aeronautics; Jane Marilley, Aviation News.

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EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

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

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Frances Nolde, Reading, Penna., at 12 noon, on Sunday, August 12. ALL MEMBERS are requested to be present as we must vote for new chapter officers.

We welcome new 99'er Ensign Elizabeth C. Conley to our Chapter.

Your reporter noted with interest that two 99'ers are working for a glider outfit in St. Louis, as she just recently had her first glider ride in a Liester two-place advanced glider, and herewith notes that it's a lot more fun than powered planes. (I didn't believe that, either, 'till I tried it out.) The owner of the glider had it at Boulevard Airport and was to put on a show for the opening of Philadelphia's new municipal Northeast airport.

A UPF Waco towed us over and we dropped off at 2000 feet, floated around a while, then zoomed the field, landed on a taxi strip, ran up a road to the parking area and stopped about ten feet from the speakers' stand. The way a glider pilot can spot-land within five or ten feet of a spot, left this power plane pilot gasping, as most power plane pilots who can hit a 100 foot circle consistently think they are doing O.K.

For those 99'ers in our area who want to try gliding, there is a gliderport at Silverdale, between Philadelphia and Allentown, Penna. For further information phone the Philadelphia Glider Council.

DPC-RFC has some army gliders for sale, including two-place jobs (Liester's are in this lot), and also some single place sailplanes including (as this is written) a Mimeo, a German sailplane, and some others. Some of these ships are located at Pittsburgh. Sale prices run from \$250 to \$600 including trailers and canvas covers. Average time to unload from trailer and put together is about 45 minutes.

Gliding, by the way, is a lot easier on the pocket book. Membership in the Philadelphia Glider Council is \$45. initiation fee plus \$25. per year dues.

Silverdale Gliderport (old Bucks County Airport) is owned and operated by the Philadelphia Glider Council, Inc. It is on Route 152, eight miles south of Quakertown. Visiting aircraft may land whenever an "O" on the field indicates it is open. The field is approximately 2500 by 3000 feet, grass. Land on runways cut through it. The field will be opened between gliding flights to allow visiting aircraft to land or depart. Demonstration flights may be had on Sundays.

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WESTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Margaret Timko, Secretary,
% Weather Bureau Airport Station,
Allegheny County Airport, Pittsburgh, Penna.

Members of The Ninety-nines in this vicinity met on June 8th for the purpose of reorganizing the Western Penn Chapter, which had been inactive for some time.

Officers elected at the meeting are: Chairman, Helen Porter; vice chairman, Louise Skelton; secretary, Margaret Timko, and treasurer, Margaret C. Levin.

Other members present were Mrs. Perry D. Cook, Betty De Vore, Leona O'Shea, Juanita Pritchard, Rae Trader, and Betty Warnock.

Visitors present were Gray Allison Hoyt and Polly Markle, who flew in to attend the meeting.

Various problems were discussed, and plans were made for holding another meeting on July 14th.

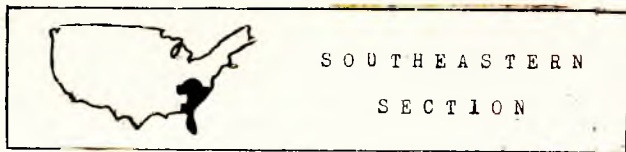
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49-1/2'ER COLUMN

John Markle (Polly) Telephone Company executive,
625 Country Club Road, Camp Hill, Penna.

Lt. Donald R. Kelton (Helen), U.S.A. Air Forces,
Douglas AAF, Douglas, Arizona.

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CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Bird Eaton, 1208 Johnston Bldg.,
Charlotte 2, N. C.

There will be no meeting of the Southeastern Section this year, due to the transportation situation. We feel it is our patriotic duty to respect the order issued by our President to spend our vacations at home so that our armed forces can take advantage of all available transportation. Members of the Carolinas Chapter are again disappointed as we had planned to entertain the 99's of our section in Charlotte. We experienced the same disappointment last year due to the polio epidemic.

As Louise Smith announced in the last NEWS LETTER, our next Chapter Meeting will be held on the fourth Sunday in September. All 99's and 49's are invited to be the guests of the Eatons at the Eaton Farm, Carmel Road, Charlotte. The high spot of the program will be the initiation of the 49's.

The annual business meeting will be held at which time the election of officers for 1945-1946 will take place. PLEASE, folks, when you receive your ballots from the Chairman of the Nominating Committee of your Chapter and Section, mail them in promptly. This will save your Chairman much trouble.

Had a nice visit with Betty Dunlap in Rock Hill. Betty has a full time job as business manager for Joe's hospital. Joe is an outstanding physician. He and Betty have little time for flying but take time out now and then to enjoy their Stinson.

Other Carolina 99's are business partners of their 49's. Betty Hamilton manages Jim's engineering business while he is flying B-29s based in the Mariana Islands; and, as Louise reported, Jessie Woods is running their chicken farm while Jimmie operates their airport at Chester, S. C.

Ruth Trees writes from her home in Indianapolis that even though she is now tied down with Charlie, Jr., and Charline, due to the servant shortage, she intends to buy another plane one of these days and fly to Charlotte. That will be a happy day for members of our Chapter who knew Ruth when she was one of us before she became a Wasp.

I, for one, really enjoy reading every NEWS LETTER from cover to cover. Each number is full of news and information. In the June issue, I read in the Bay Cities Chapter news that a letter from Dorothy Chamberlain, from Memphis, Tennessee, stated she had been trying to cook up a 99's chapter but had no names and addresses. If I had Dorothy's address, I would be glad to send her the names of the members of a one-time active Tennessee Chapter. I will also be glad to assist in any way to help her form a new Chapter.

New overseas address for one of Carolina Chapter's members is: Virginia H. Yates, Librarian, 218th General Hospital Library, APO 958, Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

OVERSEAS NEWS

Capt. Dorothy Berendsen, ANC, send us the following under date of June 23rd.

Our evacuating continued in April and on into the middle of May. On the second of May we moved to Foul, France, because our trips were getting too long into Germany. We were evacuating from Germany on V-E day, so naturally did very little celebrating. On those trips we went as far North as the Elbe River west of Berlin, and south to Innsbruck along the Austrian border. We covered that half of Germany pretty thoroughly. The area along the Bavarian Alps near Czech and Austria was beautiful.

We got orders on Tuesday to move to Dreux on Wednesday P.M., and before we left on Wednesday, were told we were moving to Paris and four nurses had to go that night. On the move to Paris our entire unit, supplies and all, were going. We had Thursday to pack and moved Friday A. M. On Thursday afternoon I went bicycling and also to the Vanderbilt estate, where there is a military installation. We went swimming, played tennis and really had a wonderful time.

Shortly after our move to Paris I was put on orders to take patients to U. S., and then go on leave. I had fourteen days at home, which I enjoyed very much. On the way back I stopped in New York and did some shopping. There are rumors that we may be moved to the South Pacific, but my address will be the same for a while.

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

This message from Governor Bettie Thompson to the West Virginia group was received just too late for the June NEWS LETTER.

Your Chapter has a fine start on your meetings. As Section Governor I would like to make a personal plea for all members to attend meetings.

At your last meeting I understand you had ten prospective members turn up - but only four Ninety-Niners. Come, girls, members should make a better turnout than that. How about a 100 per cent turnout at the next meeting?

Chairman Beulah E. Stark has some interesting plans for the Chapter, to tell you about them, too.

1945-1946 FISCAL YEAR

September first marks the beginning of our next fiscal year. Notices regarding the renewal of your membership for that year will be mailed about the fifteenth of August.

Also please note that all new applications filed now will be accepted as of September first for the ensuing year, and that the remittance accompanying them should be for \$5.50, covering the initiation fee of \$1.00 and \$4.50 for a full year's dues to September 1, 1946.

