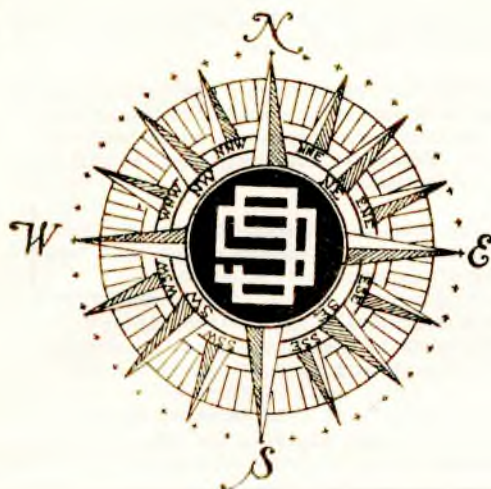


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SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

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

Chairman Edna M. Gardner, after a brief stay in New Orleans on the night shift at La Garde General Hospital, started on her way overseas with the Army Nurse Corps. Her new address:

Lt. E. M. Gardner, N-780163, ANC,
ASF Personnel Replacement Depot,
Camp Beale, California.

The chairmanship will again be put in the hands of Pat May, who served during Edna's previous absence.

The Mays have a prospective Ninety-Niner in the family, named Marilyn. At the age of two weeks, she took her first ride the other day. She was flown to Memphis and back in a twin-engine Cessna piloted by her father. The Mays plan to go to New York to live around October but will divide their time between New York and New Orleans.

Among the Ninety-Niners signing the charter at the first meeting of a New Orleans Chapter, National Aeronautic Association, were Helen Ricketts, Peggy Peck, Georgia Myers and Barbara Selby.

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TEXAS CHAPTER

By Abbie D. Haddaway, 802 First National
Bank Bldg., Fort Worth, Texas.

Now that the tension is relieved and readjustments are the order of the day, The Texas Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is planning a reorganization meeting. Since meetings have been suspended during the hostilities, our girls are scattered far and wide and it will be difficult to round them all up for a meeting in Cow Town, Texas, but we are going to try.

The program we have planned will be somewhat like this: On Friday, September 14th, at the Blackstone Hotel in Fort Worth, the NAA is planning a din-

ner meeting given by the Fort Worth Chapter, to which are invited all 99'ers, 49₂'ers and ex-Wasps.

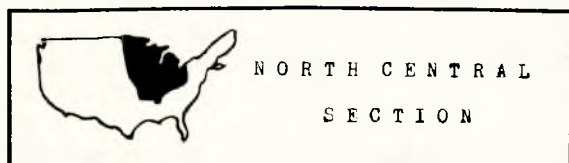
On Saturday, September 15th, the 99's will have a luncheon attended by many outstanding personages in the aviation industry. The 99's annual chapter meeting will be held in the afternoon at which time they will elect new officers for the coming year.

Saturday evening, at the Texas Hotel, the 99's and ex-Wasps will join hands in arranging a cocktail party, dinner and dance to which all women flyers in Texas are invited. Guests for the dinner and dance will include officers from the Fort Worth Army Air Base, which should make the dancing more interesting - huh!

Among the guest speakers at these functions will be Lowell Swenson, manager of N.A.A., from Washington; a chief hostess from one of the airlines from New York; and we hope to have Nancy Love, who needs no introduction to any of the girls.

A survey is being made of all available jobs for women pilots in this state and a report will be ready for you at this meeting.

Fort Worth is awaiting your arrival with a "Touch of Texas in her Heart"... Be sure to get in touch with Abbie Haddaway, 802 First National Bank Building, Fort Worth, Texas, phone 2-3792 if you can be there, as she doesn't have a very complete mailing list.



INDIANA CHAPTER

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

Our chapter was to hold a joint meeting with the Michigan Chapter on July 15 at Auburn, Ind., but the Michigan girls had bad weather. Three girls from Kalamazoo arrived - Toni Boerman, Geraldine Finch and Ruthmary Buckley who got in late.

We had a wonderful turnout with several 49₂'ers present. From Terre Haute, Paul Thompson flew in with Marie, on his way to Chicago, but stopped and ate with us. What a good-looking Fairchild they were flying!

Bert's 49₂'er, Dr. M. C. Topping, flew his Waco in, bringing Bert and Helen Daniels.

Ruth Swango and hubby, James, came in their PT. We hope Ruth is a future 99'er.

Jessie Von Leer, Terre Haute, brought 49₂'er Hunter along with her.

Ruth Scantland, Indianapolis, brought her lovely mother.

Jane Templeton and Ruth Colwell, Fern Rinker and Evelyn Dow, Anderson, flew up to Lake Wawasee for Saturday evening and hopped over to Auburn on Sunday morning. When yours truly arrived with guest, Violet Spall, everyone was pitching in and helping with the lunch at the Chamber of Commerce Building.

All those lovely people at Auburn, along with hostess, Helen Montgomery, did a lot of hard work and gave us a wonderful meal. Chet Hines was really slicing that ham. Mr. Gordon Diver, operator of the airport, formally welcomed us to Auburn.

We had several student pilots from Auburn with us and Mrs. Gertrude Probst from Kendallville.

Chairman Ruth Colwell presided over the business meeting. Bert Topping, chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that the ballots were completed, so we held the election for Chapter officers. The newly elected officers will be installed in September.

The election resulted as follows: Dorothea E. Hendricks chairman; Helen Daniels, vice chairman, and Jane Templeton, secretary-treasurer.

Had a call from Betty Cull, now instructing at Greensburg. She wants us to meet there soon, in connection with a show at the airport.

Our next meeting will be at Lake Manitou, Rochester, Indiana, on August 11 and 12, with the business meeting on Saturday evening.

49₂'er cards have been issued to William S. Colwell, (Ruth), 3221 Kenwood Ave., Indianapolis 8, Ind., a pilot for Allison Engineering, and Paul Thompson (Marie), Box 232, Clinton, Ind., farmer and cattle feeder.

The September meeting will be here on the 9th, at Anderson. We'll be looking for you.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By B. Mae Blake, 3690 James Road,
Saginaw, Michigan

As you know, I have been appointed by Thelma Lindzay to replace our beloved Maude Rufus as your chapter reporter. The Michigan gals get around and do things, and we may as well let the rest of the gang know. It's going to be a big job to take over Maude's work and I'm going to need your help - lots of it. So, let's have all the news from the local reporters and make this a good deal. Shall we?

A "lame duck" session of the July meeting of the Michigan Chapter was held in the beautiful new home of our Chairman, Thelma Lindzay, in Grosse Pointe Park. It wasn't scheduled for that locale at all, but we all would have been un-lame ducks to have gotten to Auburn through the deluge that poured down that day!

Helen Montgomery had graciously invited us to meet with the Indiana Chapter at the Auburn, Indiana, airport, where she is instructing, and we were certainly dismayed by the downpour which kept us from flying down.

At any rate, five members and two guests repaired sadly from the airport to Thelma's, to transact "such business as may come before the meeting", after investing in Firemen's Field Day tickets promising an airplane to the winner of the first door prize!

A letter was read from Betty Grohman, describing a recent visit with Ruth Grimm Trees in Indianapolis, whose infant son is the only baby in the world to have flown in U. S. Army pursuit ships (Ruth was a Wasp!!!)

Clara Jo Marsh, another of our ex-Wasps, has accepted an assignment for overseas duty with the Red Cross.

Grace Gazvoda, Roxie Yaghjian, and Rita Bondy played hockey from the meeting to take in a Great Lakes cruise. Hope they also escaped this (unprintable) weather...

Helen Wetherill, having gotten her horsepower rating in a Fairchild 24, promptly took a grand cross-country with some friends to Nashville, Tenn., Tri-City, Bristol, Virginia, etc., in the Fairchild.

Jeannette Lempke, Saginaw, took a friend up to Houghton, Mich., in her Voyager recently, to visit her son who is attending the Michigan College of Mines there.

Alma Harwood stopped briefly in Detroit on her to the Governors' convention at Mackinac Island.

Frances Johnson, Saginaw, flew a friend up to Rogers City to spend the Fourth holidays ... their home town.

Thelma Lindzay announced that our Librarian, Lucile Grisier, has purchased three new books for the Chapter Library: "Heroines of the Sky" by Ninety-Niners Jean Adams and Margaret Kimball; "Stick and Rudder" by Langewiesche; and "Airman's Odyssey" by Exupery.

Mabel Britton, Ypsilanti, has really been doing the East during the month of June. She flew a Luscombe from Ann Arbor to New York City, and from there made a trip to Binghamton, Ogdensburg and Massena, New York; from there to Montreal, Quebec; Caribou and Portland Maine; Boston and Nantucket, Massachusetts, and back to New York. That's seeing the east in a big way, as I look at it. She says there was some bad weather encountered, but on the whole had a very grand trip, not getting back home until in July. A most interesting trip, Mabel, and I'm sure you could have elaborated more on it, but you're much too modest.

This is all from your new and green reporter this time, and, girls, please let's have your news -- just drop me a line any time.

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August 15, 1945

ALL - OHIO CHAPTER

By Kay Greshauge Semrau, 18405 Melville Road,
Cleveland 10, Ohio.

On Sunday, July 22, eight of our members attended a luncheon meeting at The Gables, near Cleveland Municipal Airport, to discuss our postwar plans. Those present were Mary Oetzel from Norwalk; Sally Test from Port Clinton; and Judy Strider Myers, Helen Curtiss Albaugh, Sue Wagner, Peg Pierce, Dawn Malson and Kay Greshauge Semrau, all of Cleveland.

Judy, who was a bride last September, and Walter Myers have moved to 1063 Cove Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, and Judy has been in a dither getting settled.

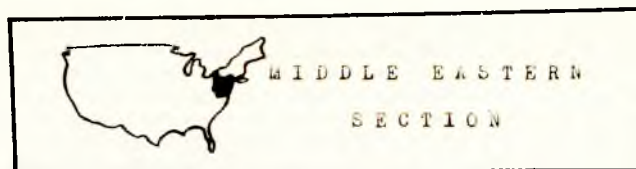
Dawn told me she has joined a flying club of CAA employees of the Cleveland Airport and is looking forward to time on Snafu, THE SHIP.

Mary Thompson is buzzing around demonstrating Taylorcrafts, while Jean Greenham is still with A.T.C. in Akron.

Flora Heckerman has returned to Cleveland while her 49'er, Dan, is away with the Navy.

News comes late of the Decoration Day memorial service for Les Milkey, a favorite of our chapter, killed on duty with the Civil Air Patrol. Services were conducted by the Sandusky group, and Sue Griffing flew one of the five planes which dipped their wings in memory to a grand guy and friend of all 99's.

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WESTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Juanita Pritchard,
634 Miller Ave., Clairton Penn.

It's all Helen Porter's fault if we are too late for the dead line. This is my very first assignment, and she told me I had until the tenth - so here goes.

Our last meeting was held at the Hotel Henry in Pittsburgh on July 14th. We had a lovely luncheon in the Silver Grill, after our business meeting.

Leona O'Shea was elected membership chairman, Ruth Weller as acting secretary, and your truly as reporter.

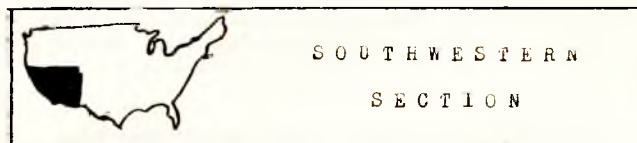
Members who attended the meeting were: Helen Porter, Betty Warnock, Rae Trader, Helen Ball, Margaret Levin, Ruth Webber (Kinkle), Louise Skelton and Juanita Pritchard.

We had with us as guests, Caroline Pandolfi, previously of Madison, Wis., Virginia Smeaton and Elanor Monroe.

We are really looking forward to our next meeting, Saturday, September 8th, 6 P.M., at Rae Trader's home.

Don't forget, girls. Sounds like a grand get-together and loads of fun for a gala week end.

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SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Ruth Rueckert, 2037 Rivera Street,
San Francisco 16, Calif.

Rita Gerry Hart, a 99'er since 1929, has indeed been a shining beacon to the Bay Cities Chapter! She was an "old hand" at flying Jennies when her name was entered on the charter of this Chapter and although circumstances grounded her for a while, we all have no doubt that she will soon be flying 360's around us, in that newly acquired Ryan PT. Her enthusiasm for aviation and the 99 Club has never lagged, and the membership has often been increased by some of her proteges. No one can measure up to her endless efforts to keep our Chapter active, and to report on our doings. A sincere vote of thanks to Rita for her splendid work! So-o-o-o-o it is with misgivings that I try, at this time, to pinchhit for Rita Hart.

And, before I leave that pleasant subject, it seems Rita is a bit busy: A move to a new home in Walnut Creek, a lovely country place, carrying an R.F.D. #2, Box 722 address; getting the PT unwound from Government red tape so it can spread its wings; treasure hunting - the "treasure" being the Ryan's log books! - found (after an exhausting search) right where log books should be - in the plane! - and a weekend family reunion to inspect the new quarters. So Rita was unable to attend the meeting held July 28th at Adele Chase's "Aerie", snug against Murietta Rock, high in the Berkeley Hills.

Adele was hostess, and served a delicious dinner to members Marjorie Fauth, Margaret Gerhardt, Frances Grant, and Helen Thomure, and two ex-Wasps (and prospective 99'ers) Mrs. Mary Carroll of Oakland, and Miss Phyllis Lee of Berkeley. Adele's invitation included clever maps, and Dorothy Chamberlin, recently returned to the fold from Memphis, Tenn., was kind enough to wait until I could "park" Miss Rueckert with Grandma, and navigate for me. We arrived at Adele's as dessert and coffee were being served- nice timing, eh?

No meeting was held in June, so we caught up on the doings of as many of our absentees as possible, and, Los Angeles Chapter, please send meeting notices to Miss Lilian Anderson, one of our original Chapter members, who is now living at 421 S. Varnet St., Burbank; and also to Miss Louise Coleman, ex-Wasp, who is now instructing on Link Trainers at Long Beach Army Air Field; home address, 5300 Hanbury, Long Beach 8. Our loss is your gain!

Olive Bledsoe is vacationing at her ranch in the Trinity Alps, with Pat Kendall as house guest. Adrienne Clark is also a vacationer - to Lake Tahoe - a respite from Nurses Aid at the S. F. Emergency Hospital and home. The children had the measles!

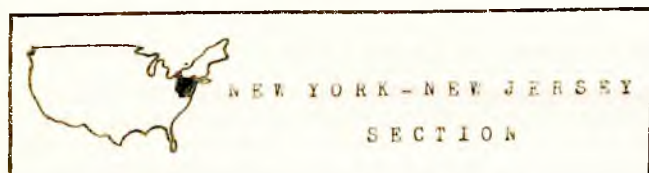
And Ruth Wakeman, 49^{er} Bill, Jill and Tommy have just returned from the lake, but house guests kept Ruth, and also Camilla Canfield, from attending the meeting.

Dorothy Estep is busy as the proverbial bee, instructing students at the San Carlos Airport - and has made the headlines in the S. F. Chronicle! "Women's Editor Meets Women Who Fly; Wasp Instructors and Girls Who Learn". Well written and good pictures!

Ethel Lawson is not in the Women's Army Corps, but is "stationed" at the Suisun Army Air Base, in that she is secretary to high ranking officers there. 49^{er} Joe, with the U. S. Navy, has been sent overseas.

Gerry Williamson fully intended to be present, but phoned her regrets. The heat and rushing business had "done her in". Gerry, who lives at Yuba City, is very loyal in her attendance, considering traveling conditions these days!

Evelyn Esser sent regrets that she and Mary Lee, born July 17th, were unable, as yet, to go out socially. Congratulations to the proud parents, Evelyn and Leo, and Hail to Mary Lee, a future 99'er.



JAMESTOWN, N. Y., CHAPTER

By Its Ghost Reporter.

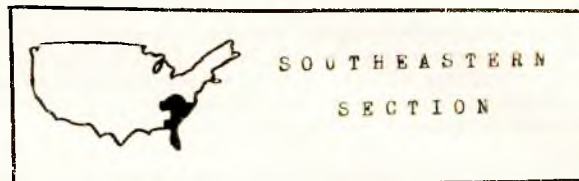
Jamestown 99'ers celebrated the initiation of their first KIWI at the July meeting. Donna Anderson was the first of the seven students whom we had entertained at our June meeting, to obtain her license. Louise Skelton of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter was our honor guest and presented Donna with her 99's pin.

The question of sponsoring a Wing Scout Flight here in Jamestown was discussed and the group voted to give

Lucile Wright the green light to organize the flight. We are really going to be busy when that group of girls gets under way.

I forgot to mention that Lucile entertained our group with a luscious picnic supper at her home. Steaks and corn were roasted over the charcoal fire, and tables were set in the garden.

August will find us entertaining visiting 99'ers - breakfast at the Airport Snack Shack. Come on -- Fly in and join us.



CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Louise M. Smith, 481 Edgedale Drive,
High Point, N. C.

We are all looking forward to the regular chapter meeting to be held in Charlotte, N. C., on September 23rd. It's special for the 49^{ers}. Already membership cards have been issued to eight 49^{ers}: Paul Eaton, our host for the meeting; Jimmy Woods, Rock Hill, S. C.; James L. Hamilton, at a B-29 Base, somewhere in the Pacific; Ralph Greenwood, Wadesboro, S. C.; Tom Hartness, Greenville, S. C.; Dr. J. O. Dunlap, Rock Hill, S. C.; Irene Covington's 49^{er}, somewhere in the Pacific, and Herman Smith, High Point, N. C.

Don't forget the date -- Sunday, September 23rd. We'll elect officers for next year at this meeting.

Bird Eaton is hostess, so we are sure to have a good time. Let Bird know when, where and how you plan to arrive, so she can meet you.

A SNARE AND A DELUSION

By Margery Taylor, Dept. of P.E. for Women,
George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

In a recent issue of the NEWS LETTER, one of our chapters advocated support for the "Equal Rights" Amendment. It is splendid that members of the 99's are interested in legislation affecting women. I heartily concur in their desire to see women secure jobs on the basis of their ability. I am a firm believer that women can do a good piece of work in almost any field and that no field should be closed to women only because they are women.

Since we agree in our aims, let us examine this proposal known as the "Equal Rights" Amendment. It reads as follows:

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

"Congress and the several states shall have the power within their respective jurisdictions to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

There are at least two serious objections to it. First, it is only "permissive". Second, it is dangerous.

Let me direct your attention to the second paragraph of the amendment. That statement means that until laws in addition to the above amendment are enacted by Congress or by your state, no acts of discrimination will be eliminated. Furthermore, it is unnecessary. There is nothing in the federal Constitution which would prevent enactment of legislation prohibiting discrimination on account of sex.

Now, for the more serious objection. It is dangerous for four vital reasons:

- 1) It would imperil family support. It would either deprive the wife of the right to support from her husband, or give the husband an equal right to be supported by his wife.
- 2) It would deprive widows of protection. These legal rights would be threatened: a) Social Security benefits for widows; b) allowances for support during the settlement of the husband's estate; c) freedom of possession of the family home from creditor's claims.
- 3) It would wipe out health and welfare laws: a) State Minimum Wage Laws for women; b) Women's Hour Laws; c) Health and welfare benefits; d) all other specific legislation for women.

(The National Committee to defeat the Un-Equal Rights Amendment, 518 17th St., N.W., Washington, D.C., will send you upon request a list of the laws of your state which would be jeopardized.)

- 4) It would prohibit enactment of any kind of special legislation for women, no matter how imperative it might be.

The opposition of such organizations as the National League of Women Voters, the National Councils of Catholic, Jewish and Negro Women, the League of Women Shoppers, Inc., National Women's Trade Union League of America, various labor organizations and their auxiliaries, the National Consumers League, and many others including the National Board of the Y.W.C.A. of the USA gives added significance to the case against the amendment.

It is evident therefore that this amendment is not the solution to the problem of discrimination against women. What then is the answer? The answer is, first, write your senators and representatives opposing this amendment; second, to remove discrimination against women by specific bills for specific ills in each state.

Some of the differences in the treatment of men and women under state laws are for the benefit of the family, while others are advantageous for the working woman. A few are definitely discriminatory.

You can remove the discriminations against women now in your state laws if you will insist that your legislature change these few laws. In this way, you will preserve the benefits to the family while, at the same time, you will be eliminating legal discriminations. Let us not commit the error of the boy in the fable who, in attempting to kill the fly on the baby's head, killed the baby as well!

492'ER COLUMN

Capt. John Menefee, (Helen), pilot, TACA, San Jose, Costa Rica, Central America.
 Frederick Hoyt, (Grey Allison), pilot, Harrisburg, Penna.
 Reed Zimmerman, (Millie), pilot, Orwigsburg, Penna.
 Charles Wellington Whipple, III, (Carol), commercial instructor, Greenville, S. C.
 Greene B. Edwards, Jr., (Mary), 745 S. Main St., Tuskegee, Ala.; flew fighters in South Pacific; recently released from Air Corps.

MORE ABOUT FLYING RATES

Fanny M. Leonpacher, Lafayette, Louisiana, writes:

"For your NEWS LETTER, please be advised that Cub Trainer prices are \$8 dual and \$7 solo; Cruiser, dual \$10, solo \$8. Cross-country Cub Cruiser, \$12 per hour, at Grand Field, Lafayette, La."

Kay Greshauge Semrau sends rates for two Ohio cities, as follows:

Cleveland:	Dual	Solo
Cub J-3 and 5	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.00
Taylorcraft	12.00	8.00
Warner-Fairchild	18.00	15.00
(4 passenger de luxe)		

Sandusky:	Dual	Solo
J-2 Cub	\$ 10.00	\$ 7.00
PT-19		15.00
Cruiser		8.00
Stinson-105		10.00

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".

HANGAR JOKES

Student to Instructor: "What mistake did I make?"

Instructor, after a half hour's rough ride: You took off.

At a big four-engine training base, a pilot got tired waiting for the control tower to clear him to land. Suddenly he called the tower: "Hello, this is Army XYZ. I'm coming in on one engine."

The tower cleared him in at once, only to find he was a visiting ship from another field - and his plane had only one engine!



