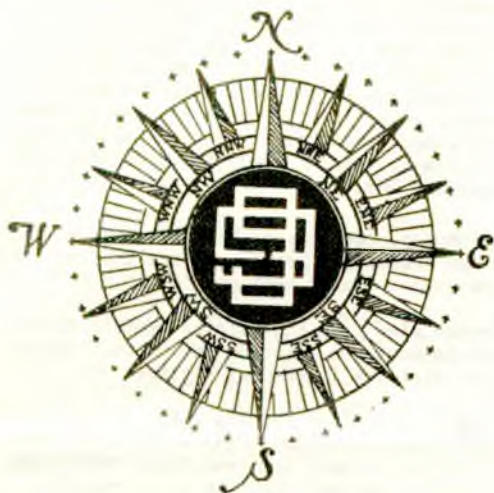


# NINETY NINE



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!!! GREETINGS !!!

Thank you, NINETY-NINE members, for the honor you have accorded me in electing me to be your president for the next year, an honor for which I shall put forth every effort to maintain on the same high level as those whom I succeed in this office.

I am most pleased with those whom you have chosen to work with me as vice-president, secretary, treasurer and the entire executive board.

1945-46 will be a year of reconversion for the NINETY-NINES. Many members from its roll have performed outstanding services for the United States and the Allies during the tragic years just passed as members of the military forces. Nor can we minimize the services given by those on the home front in so many ways that the list is too long to enumerate.

Now we can look forward to bringing our NINETY-NINE organization up to the top with increased membership, regular meetings and close co-operation. Let us start planning now for a bang-up annual meeting for a date set during the summer of 1946. Any Invitations?

To start with, we have two important things to remember:

1. The NINETY-NINES is an international organization.
2. The NINETY-NINES has an over-all project on which we can work as one - the AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

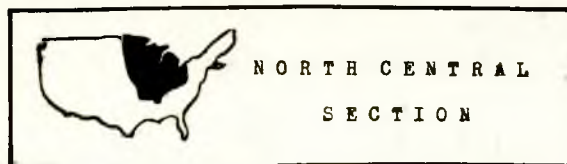
So, Members of the NINETY-NINES, we have fun and work ahead of us for the ensuing year.

The more we get together - the happier we'll

Jeannette Lempke  
Your President.

1111 E. Genesee Ave., Apt. 4,  
Saginaw, Michigan,  
September 7, 1945.

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NORTH CENTRAL  
SECTION

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By B. Mae Blake, 3690 Janes Rd.,  
Saginaw, Michigan

Our August meeting was held in Lansing with "Babe" Weyant as hostess. Because of rather poor flying weather our attendance was not quite up to par. Those who were there enjoyed the delicious "brunch" at "Babe Weyant's Chicken Dinners" place, just down the road a piece from the airport. There were black and red wishbone lapel pins for favors, and lots of fried chicken to eat. This is a plug for "Babe's" place when you are down Lansing way. Need I say that "Babe" is our NEWS LETTER editor and an instructress at Capitol City Airport.

It was decided to establish a flower and gift fund with Rita Bondy and Grace Gazvoda as co-chairmen.

The following bits of news were picked up by your inquiring reporter and her assistants:

Mary Von Mach, Michigan's charter member of the 99's, has another of her first loves - an open airplane. This time it is a snappy yellow Fleet. Back in 1927 Mary made her first solo cross-country to Phoenix, Arizona, in an OX Travelair. She says she loves the song the wind sings as it rushes past the struts and wires, and we can expect her to be coming in on that tune for all her meetings.

Betty Small, our chapter secretary, now has her Commercial, and is enjoying a short vacation at the Small ranch near Vanderbilt, Mich., where she expects to do some shooting (skeet - not landings).

Faye Kirk now has her instructor's rating and spends all her spare time making it pay dividends. She flies at Burns Airport, Detroit. Faye, we miss you at our meetings. How about giving one of your students a cross-country to one of our "sessions" one of these fine Sundays - sort of kill two birds with the same stone.

Mabel Barbour Britton is spending a great part of her time at Harper Hospital in Detroit these days, where her husband, Dr. Harry Britton of Ypsilanti, is a patient. Mabel, we hope it won't be long before the doctor is up and around on the road to recovery - back in the air where you belong. Best wishes to you both. Mabel was Governor of North Central Section in 1933, and in 1935 and 1936 served as our National President.

Lee Haworth has sold her school of aviation which she operated at Detroit City Airport and now has time for a little personal flying before she gets back in the business again. Lee is our Scrapbook Chairman and will be able to fill a few pages with the big spread she received in the Sunday Feature Section of the Detroit News, about women in aviation.

Gladys Hartung, our Membership Chairman, has just returned from Racine, Wisconsin, where she spent a month with her family.

Barbara Jean Prins has had another forced landing experience - this time as a passenger with Jean Prins. Their carburetor iced, so they thawed it out (in a farmer's field) and then flew home. You wouldn't be trying to set a record of some kind on your own, would you, Barbie? All in fun, my flying friend.

We also learned that Pat Dickerson has taken her flight test for an instructor's rating. This seems to be what the well dressed commercial girl pilot is wearing these days.

During Alice Hammond's stay in Washington the week of August 7th, she called at National Headquarters to extend the compliments of the Michigan Chapter. While there she had a visit with Jean Pearson, one of our former chapter members. Alice and her 49<sup>er</sup> John returned to Detroit and then spent the week end working the Windsor Range - each acting as safety pilot for the other to keep currently valid their instrument ratings, as required by the new regulations. They now have taken their three children on a boat trip on Georgian Bay.

Aleta Grill Johnson, Jackson, ex-Wasp, is home again after being with her husband in Texas. We are keeping our eye peeled for you at our coming meetings, Aleta.

Jeannette Lempke flew from the Lansing meeting to Chicago, where she is having a major on her plane. By the way, Jeannette, how goes the instrument flying?

Mary Clark, Jackson, is now serving with the Red Cross at Henderson Field, Oahu. Address: Miss Mary Clark, ARC 59277, A.P.O. 958, Postmaster, San Francisco, California. Girls, let's drop her a line and keep her up on "what's new" in Michigan flying. I'm sure she would love hearing from us.

Frances Johnson and Claire Suhan, Saginaw, made an over-night jaunt to Cincinnati, Indianapolis and home in a Luscombe appropriately named "Bashful Bud".

Your reporter, being a "dodo" (one who has wings but can't fly), sends her thanks to her many news "informers".

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From Editor Babe Weyant, come the following items:

Jeannette Lempke, Saginaw, Mich., is very busy learning to fly by instruments. Her Link instructor is Babe Weyant. Jeannette commutes every other day to Lansing, with her Stinson Voyager. The Voyager is fully equipped with all the instruments necessary for instrument flying.

Babe Weyant flew a photographer for the local newspaper and took some good aerial pictures.

Michigan girls who are interested in a seaplane rating, see Eloise Smith at Austin Lake Airport, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Muriel Rumsey, Ypsilanti, is a frequent visitor at the Lansing Airport with students on xc.

Thelma Lindzay, Saginaw, and husband Bert stopped in to say "Hello", en route to Grand Rapids.

Congratulations to Helen Montgomery, Auburn, Ind., on her marriage to C. C. Cline, Auburn.

Joan Curtis is instructing at the Grand Rapids Airport, for Northern Air Service.

To ALL 99'S: PATRONIZE A 99'ER WHENEVER POSSIBLE. Whether it's to get another rating, more dual, or what have you, give your flying business to a fellow member. Make it an organization of ONE FOR ALL, ALL FOR ONE.

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Definitions.

Instrument rating: Flyer's Fog Fumbling Ticket.

Instructor's rating: Jounce and Bounce Card.



September 15, 1945  
ALL - OHIO CHAPTER

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

On August 19, the All-Ohio Chapter was royally entertained at the home of Peg and her 49½'er, Harry Pierce, 1015 Nicholson Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, overlooking Lake Erie. Badminton, swimming, a card reader, and a candid camera photographer were on the entertainment menu along with fishing for gifts. A chicken dinner, with all the trimmings, was served on the terrace with assistant hostesses Helen Curtiss Albaugh, Mary Oetzel, and Sally Test pitching in to help Peg. Our honored bus boys were our host and Helen's 49½'er, Gayle Albaugh.

Others who attended were Florence H. Boswell, Dawn Malson, Mary King, Mary Thompson, Kay Greshauge Semrau, Suzette Jones, Mary Bush Reeder, who flew in from Athens, Sue Griffin, Ann Heisler, and Marjorie Wagner. Our guests included Loretta Horvath; Margaret Eger, former Wasp, from Sandusky; Beatrice Wilmshurst from Los Angeles, California; and Lee McCaskill from Athens. We received a grand letter from Ethel Sheehy, which was read at the meeting, and a beautiful bouquet of glads from the past president of the Cleveland Women's Chapter of NAA, Miss Nona Turner.

Because of her extermination business, Annabelle Kekic Rotbart was unable to attend the meeting. She and her husband now live at 3076 Livingston Road, Shaker Heights 20, Ohio. Another one of our former members unable to attend was Ann Barille, now working with the Communications Division of the CAA. Her address is c/o Girls Club, 1032 Penn, Kansas City, Missouri. Grace Birge, with the CAA in Denver, Colorado, is residing at 975 East 7th Avenue. Suzette Jones, all excited, told of her coming vacation at Big Springs, Texas.

Our next meeting, in charge of Mary Oetzel, will be held at Park's Air Park, Norwalk, Ohio, October 14. On her committee are Sally Test, Ann Heisler, and Sue Griffin. It will be a luncheon meeting at 2 o'clock.

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INDIANA CHAPTER

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

With 'ole man weather against us, several 99'ers got to Rochester on August 11th for an over-night meeting with Helen House Outcalt.

Marie Thompson and Jim and Ruth Swango flew in from Terre Haute. Petticoat Martha Hunter went up with me and we don't like rain and low clouds.

New members Evelyn Dow, Charlotte Darlington and Betty Wilson from Anderson flew to the meeting, also Fern Rinker. Ruth Colwell came in from Indianapolis. Helen Montgomery and Chet Hines got in from Auburn just about sundown, after the day's work was done, and we were all glad to meet Jo Bardsley, an ex-Wasp, who is helping Helen at Rochester. We hope to have her for a member by the next meeting.

We had dinner at the Colonial Gardens dining room and attended the dance at an open air dance floor on Lake Manitou. Life seemed to be most interesting for all present and, oh, yes!, we had our picture snapped -- not bad either. We also had to "walk the plank", -- just a short cut around the lake.

Sunday morning, Evelyn Dow felt real strong and offered row boat taxi service from the inns to the hotel.

After a late breakfast, some of the girls went boating and swimming. Ruth Colwell and I had a nice hop with Betty Wilson in a Cub Cruiser. A very nice weekend, Helen.

We were sorry to hear that our hostess had been ill, but she is back to work now. Also sorry to learn that Verona Ruzicka, Kokomo, is in the hospital. A speedy recovery, Verona!

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SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Peg Fiebrantz, 2006 No. Downer Ave.,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter of the 99's will be hostess to all members of the North Central Section at Milwaukee, October 6 and 7, for the election of Sectional Officers and for a visit.

The Pfister Hotel will be the headquarters for the meeting. If you address all reservations to the management of the Pfister Hotel, 424 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin, with the information that you are coming to the 99 meeting, we will get rooms closer together and will be assured of getting a reservation. Rooms with twin beds may be secured for \$6.60 and \$7.70. State price and preference. Please notify the hotel by the 15th of September.

Those flying in may land at General Mitchell Field where your planes will be staked down. Taxi service is available to the downtown section.

Registration will begin at 2:30 P.M., October 6th, at the Pfister Hotel. There will be a 50¢ registration fee.

At 3:00 P.M., those girls who are here will be taken on a tour of the Pabst Brewery Company. You know it is "beer" that has made Milwaukee famous, but it's flying that's doing it now! The convention banquet will be held at the Pfister Hotel at 7:00 P.M. It will be about \$2.50. Following the dinner the business meeting will be held.

Sunday morning we have arranged a trip to WTMJ Radio City. There Nancy Grey will give over her broadcasting time to us. There will be a tour of the building. Cars will call for us at 9:30 A.M. and will return us by noon.

To facilitate banquet arrangements will you please send a government post card to Elsie Peters, 2735 North Murray Avenue, Apt. 4, Milwaukee 11, Wis., indicating that you plan to come?

We are eagerly looking forward to seeing you all here on October 6 and 7. Please come!

P.S. Springfield Special: Girls who were at the Springfield meeting in June, come and see yourselves in the movies taken there by Elsie Peters. Remember? They're good!

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NEW 49'ERS

Lt. Ben Florey (Ruth Thomason) USNR, Galveston, Tex.

E. Z. McCubbins (Ruth Reilly), FCC radio man, Fairbanks, Alaska.



#### CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Louise M. Smith, 421 Edgedale Drive,  
High Point, N. C.

It looks like the Carolinas Chapter is going to have two more 49ers. "Dame Rumor" says Anne Cole is going to be married some time in September or October. How about it, Anne? Anne Fishburne, Charleston, S.C., writes that she is engaged to Rufus W. Isby, Jr., of Memphis, who has just returned from the European theater.

In July, Anne took off in an Aeronca for Memphis, landing in Augusta, Atlanta, Anniston, Birmingham, Muscle Shoals and Memphis. Anne said that it was her first real long cross-country, had good weather and a grand trip. Now, Anne and Jewel Bailey have just bought a Fairchild PT 19. Happy landings!

Bird Eaton and I planned to fly to Spartanburg, S. C., to visit Vera Self. Of course the weather was bad, so we had to drive. We spent a very pleasant overnight visit with Vera, and really discussed about all Ninety-Nine business.

Wish that we 99'ers could get together more often. Let's try!

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#### NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

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

The August 25th meeting in Shreveport was well attended and entirely a social event.

We were especially happy to have charming Jimmie Kolp fly over from Electra, Texas, to be with us.

Pat May allowed her husband to fly to New York without a navigator, in order to help represent the South Louisiana Chapter, and was having difficulty getting airline passage to New York on Sunday. We appreciated her special efforts and hope she didn't have to wait in St. Louis very long. We shall insist that she maintain a residence and membership in Louisiana.

Barbara Selby of New Orleans chose a Deltaliner as her means of transportation, while Fanny Leonpacher of Lafayette, Cora McDonald and Clarice Breazeale of New Iberia, all took advantage of the now unrestricted car travel and arrived on the "concrete beam". Flora Belle

Fouke and Charlotte Tucker flew in from Texarkana and, since it is such a nice little hop, we will expect them in Shreveport more often.

Mildred Carney, Hazel Morton, Sue Wilson and Beth Smith represented the home team.

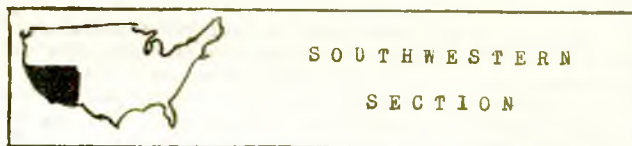
The dinner at the Antique Gardens was delicious - in fact, after the elaborate hors d'oeuvre and salad courses, the fried chicken, French fries and hot biscuits "crowded" us a good deal.

A special note signed by all the members was sent to Lt. Edna Gardner, Army Nurse Corps, now on the high seas. Edna is chairman of the South Louisiana Chapter.

Jimmie Kolp, a Short Snorter without her ticket, kindly brought cocktails around the dinner table.

Hazel Morton and Mildred Carney entertained the group at a special Sunday morn breakfast party at the Washington Youree, and the climax to an enjoyable weekend was provided by Fanny Leonpacher with a very unusual (fiction) story.

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#### BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Eleanor Verkuy, 1129 S. Church St.,  
Lodi 7, California

Your so-faithful reporter, Rita Hart, who for y'ars and y'ans has kept you posted on Bay Area flying activities, is now so engrossed with her new hillside home and the shiny Ryan PT which she will momentarily now solo, that she has turned over her duties to this correspondent. (Confidentially, I feel just like a cub pilot who has suddenly inherited a B-29, but I'll do my best.)

Bay Cities Chapter held its August meeting at the home of Dorothy Chamberlin. Chapter officers elected for the coming year are: Margaret Gerhardt, chairman; Jerry Williamson, secretary, and Frances Grant, treasurer. Margaret lives in San Francisco, and Jerry in Marysville, and since I once served a secretary's hitch from a similar distance, betcha there's fun in store for them, but far be it from me to mention such!

Phyllis Lee, of Berkeley, is a "spanking" new 99'er, who was welcomed by our group at the recent assembly.

With the war over and women flyers wanting to get aloft in earnest, a more definite program of meetings and flight activities for this group is being planned. Third Friday of each month was selected as a meeting date, and the September shindig will be held on the 21st with a 6:30 buffet supper at the Hart home in Walnut Creek. Here's a chance for all the gals to see that hillside perch we've been warbling about.

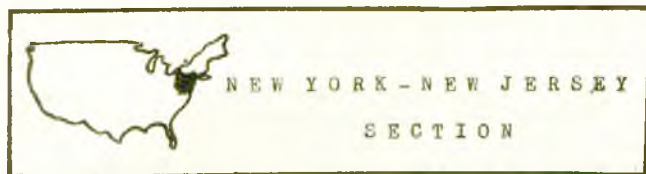
Our Pacific Coast is still under a pall of CAA regulations attendant upon war restrictions, so we aren't certain just how soon our monthly winging parties will get under way, but the re-establishment of those stimulating flight fests is one of the most urgent ambitions of us all.



Come next month. We hope to deluge you with news of the local lights who have "soloed" again after the enforced groundedness of these past three and a half years. Just now we can only give one huzzah, and that for 49½'er Al Hart who soloed his Ryan recently after having been a Kiwi for ten years!!!

More anon!

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#### JAMESTOWN CHAPTER

By Ghost Reporter, Jamestown, New York.

Ruth Olson, re-elected local chapter head, entertained us at a Breakfast Flight at the Airport Snack Shack on Sunday, August 26th. Visiting 99'ers and 49½'ers from far and near were invited, and we had prayed for the continuance of the perfect weather we had been having all summer. Guess we don't live right, or something for the weather on this day-of-all-days for us, was anything but perfect. As a result only three ships flew in, and we greeted them with open arms.

September will find us entertaining our visitors with a barbecue. We hope we will have better luck on the weather this time.

On August 31, Floro Henderson Andeer presented the 99's, as well as her husband Carl, twin girls. We are happy to announce the arrival of our first 99'ettes.

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#### NEWS FROM NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By Marjorie B. Davis, Governor,  
118 West 11th St., Apt. 10, New York, N. Y.

Just a few notes about Ninety-Nines in the New England Section. Whatever I can say in reference to any silence these past weeks can be summed up quickly. It's the war. We have been scattered to the far corners of this and other countries. Many were active in the WASP. Others have been carrying on as instructors, both flight and ground. My own close connection with most of the girls has been interrupted because my wanderings have taken me all over this country and to several others. Of course most of this traveling has been "on the jump", yet it has been fun to meet Ninety-Nines in other cities. They are a grand group.

The little news I have gathered about members in the New England Section follows:

Hortense Harris was in Boston lately, I hear, but most of her time is spent in and about Champaign, Ill. Hope to see her there soon.

Miriam Vanderalice reports that there are a number of new girls coming along in their flying at the Norwood Airport, and that they are potential Ninety-Niners.

This being summer of course Jean Adams Cook is on Nantucket — and who can blame her? Certainly not the gals who have had so many pleasant hours there.

Marion Tibbetts is round about, and I hope she is still flying some. Of course it must seem tame after the WASP.

Lydia Rotch has her instructor's rating and is in the flight office of E. W. Wiggins Company at the Norwood, Mass., airport.

Moya Mitchell, ex-Wasp, is now in the WAC and the last I heard she was on her way to Fort Des Moines. Where now, Moya?

Margery Taylor is on the faculty of George Washington University in Washington, D. C. I missed her when I called there a few weeks ago.

Charlotte Bassett (since May 16, 1945, Mrs. Roger Dow) seems to be active in the District of Columbia group. Hope she has not forgotten us!

Ruth Hamilton is still at Concord, N.H., airport, unless she has made a recent change.

Carmen Flournoy was married recently but I haven't her 49½'er's name.

Florence Cates (All3056 Sqd. D2542 AAF BU Blackland Army Air Field, Waco, Texas), writes that she is now in transient tower which is Army Airways Communication System. She spent seven months at Scott Field, Ill., on detached service and attended Radio Operators School. She surely has had some excellent training and experience.

I last heard from Ann Cutler, Sp(T)2/c from Corpus Christi, Texas, at LCNT Ground School, NAS. She may have been transferred by now. Last I knew she was making plans for a trip up New England way. Hope she made it for a good time around home.

If the girls will write to me, I will try to collect the news and send it in. Before long we will be able to get around more and resume our fun gatherings. Won't it be wonderful to have the war behind us!

Will all the girls in the section begin to think of candidates for the coming section election of officers? Please send in your suggestions. Address me at 39 St. Paul St., Brookline, Mass. I am "temporarily detached" but mail will be forwarded.

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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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#### MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION REPORT

The Middle Eastern Section treasury had on August 1, 1945, \$174.47. Of this amount \$20.00 was sent to each chapter in the Section (Eastern Penn, Washington, D.C., Western Penn, and West Virginia) to help them build up their chapter treasuries and to take care of the expense of mailing Chapter notices and other expenses. (In most cases the girls have been using personal money to do this and it was felt they should not have to do so.)

Section treasury, Aug. 1, 1945, had \$174.47  
Minus \$20 sent to Chapters 80.00

Amount in Section treasury,  
September 1, 1945, \$ 94.47

This amount in the Section treasury has been turned over to the new Section Treasurer, along with Section records.

It was a very close vote in the Section election balloting.

New Section officers are:

Governor: Miss Helen Jones, 819 Ocean Ave.,  
Lancaster, Penna.  
V. Governor: Mrs. Frances W. Nolde, P.O.  
Box 804, Reading, Penna.  
Sec'y-Treas.: Miss Irene Blasdel, 1728 Pine  
St., Philadelphia, Penna.

Total Section membership is now over one hundred.

All the chapters in the Section are now active, and I wish to thank all chapter officers and members who through their efforts, have helped to make and keep them active.

I urge all members to help and aid their new Section and Chapter officers in every way they can, for the new fiscal year will bring us many new members and a wider range of activity in the affairs of the Ninety-Nine Club.

Bettie Thompson,  
Past Governor  
Middle Eastern Section.

#### WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

By Ruth Vinson Austin,  
1110 West Washington Street,  
Charleston 2, West Virginia

Our regular meeting of the Ninety-Nines was held Sunday, July 29th, at the Daniel Boone Hotel in Charleston. Business meeting was called to order by Chairman Beulah Stark.

West Virginia 99's have been active in carrying out our air-marking project. Sixty-six new markers have been approved by the State Board of Aeronautics.

Since the reorganization of our chapter in February, we are happy to announce four new members: Hazel Drake

and Mary Jackson, Parkersburg; Betty Tolley and Mary Wetherby, Princeton.

Hazel Drake was appointed Membership Chairman and placed in charge of organizing an N A A chapter in Parkersburg.

Featured speaker at luncheon was Comdr. David M. Giltinan, USNR, secretary of the West Virginia Board of Aeronautics, who discussed the "Effect of War on Development of Aviation".

499'ers present were Lt. Col. Hubert H. Stark, State Aeronautical Director, and 1st Lt. Charles W. Austin, B-17 pilot and German prisoner of war for 27 months.

Active and prospective members included Beulah Stark, Marie Beckett, Ruth Schaffner, Martha Clay Mitchell, Ruth Austin, Frances Wilson, Jean Jackson, and Pat Collins, Charleston; Hazel Drake and Ruth Milhback, Parkersburg; Marion Davis, Fairmont. Guests present were Ruth Sarles, Charleston, and Helen Ricci, New York City.

Plans were made for our October meeting to be held in Parkersburg.

#### EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Helen E. Jones,  
819 Ocean Avenue, Lancaster, Penna.

A meeting of the Eastern Penn Chapter of the 99's was held on Sunday, August 12th, at the home of Mrs. Frances Nolde, five miles SW of Reading, Penna. Cocktails were served, followed by a simply delicious luncheon.

Election of officers for the year 1945-46 was held with the following result:

Chairman . . . . Ruth Shafer  
Vice Chairman . . Georgianna Sees  
Sec'y-Treas.: . . Irene Blasdel  
Membership . . . Irene Blasdel  
Reporter . . . . Helen E. Jones.

Those present were: Bettie Thompson, Georgianna Sees, Leona McElroy, Mildred Zimmerman, Grey Allison Hoyt, Ens. Sally Conley, Mabel Fisher (former member of our chapter, in process of becoming re-instated), Frances Nolde, and Helen E. Jones.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in Lancaster, Penna., with Helen and Jessie Jones, Jr., as hostesses.

Date . . . . October 14th.  
Time . . . . 12 noon.  
Place . . . . Lancaster, Penna. (exact spot to be advised later).

Transportation -- Someone will meet those arriving via bus, RR train, or those flying in, please land at the Municipal Airport, 7 miles north of the city.

The turnout of girls at our Reading meeting was only fair... But the members came through with return cards, which is a great help even though only a few managed to attend. Keep those cards rolling in on time, it is such a big help to the hostess.

Our members have been quite active during the summer months:

Pat Kenworthy --- Passed her instructor's rate at Wings Field. She recently brought a twin engine Cessna in for Perkiomen Valley Airport.



Ruth Shafer --- Ferried a PT for the same field and is flying for Somerton Airport.

Millie Zimmerman --- Ferrying PT's from Arkansas to Collegeville Airport. She had just returned from a hop a few days before our meeting.

Al Hoyt --- Instructing students at Taylor Aviation, New Kingston, Penna. (near Harrisburg). Her husband just returned from three years overseas duty in the Pacific with the Army. What do you know, he has some discharge papers, too, so Al is a mighty happy gal these days, no doubt.

Georgianna Sees --- Hard at work trying to secure her instructor's ticket, Wings Field, Ambler, Penna.

Frances Nolde --- A Captain with the CAP operations at the Municipal Airport, Reading, Penna, and working like mad. Frannie is our Chapter's "Flying grandmother" but she looks much too young for us to believe she's a grandma.

Jessie Jones, Jr. --- Instructing students at the Old Lancaster Airport, Lancaster, Penna.

Polly Markle --- Summering at her Long Island home, but we see her every couple of weeks at the Harrisburg, Penna., Airport in her pretty red Waco.

Mary S. Reineberg, of York, Penna., is overseas with the Red Cross. Address: ARC HQ, Area #1, APO 512, % Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Helen Jones --- Working as test pilot for her father at Lancaster, Penna., with "Aeromatic Propeller".

Bettie Thompson --- Buzzing around Boulevard.

Members will note that from now on, notices of Chapter meetings will be issued in the form of double penny post cards to be checked and returned to the hostess. This method will be used because our membership is now about 50 and mimeographing of large sheets of notices is too much work to saddle on our Secretary-Treasurer. New double penny return cards will be much simpler and give all necessary information.

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There are some chapter members who have not been attending meetings, while some old faithfuls always show up. May we remind those members who have been especially lax that they are expected to show their interest in belonging to our outfit by attending meetings. We do not expect all members to be able to attend EVERY meeting, but we DO expect a reasonable show of interest on the part of ALL our members. .... Those of you who, for one reason or another, have been unable to attend the past few meetings, are asked to be present at our next Lancaster meeting. Sunday, October 14th. KEEP THAT DATE OPEN.

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#### WESTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Juanita Pritchard, 634 Miller Ave.,  
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The 99'ers meeting on September 8th started and ended with a real frontier flair - it seemed only natural for the "Northwest" Penn Chapter to gather at the "Trader's Post" - where the factor, Bob Trader, and his lovely wife Rae were the gracious hosts.

Several 49'ers slipped in on the festivities, since Saturday night was the informal get-together for the business meeting the following day. The party was a rousing success, with every one on the beam, and song, wing wrangling and laughter the order of the day and far into the night. The "Altitude" never got high enough for oxygen masks, so after an evening of rare enjoyment and good company every one buzzed to their home hangars with a "Thank you, mam" to the Traders for their real "Southern" Penn. hospitality. Incidentally, you might ask Helen Porter how she liked sleeping in their car!!!

In keeping with the marvelous spirit shown by the Northwest Penn Chapter, it was decided it was only natural to hold the next get-together near the Spirits Holiday - Hallowe'en. The place a Pittsburgh Night Club, the time October 27th, the company, 99'ers and their 49'ers escorts, if possible. So - Hurry - Hurry - Hurry.

Let us know not "if" you're coming, but that you're not going to miss the most fun you've ever had, -- Northwest Penn Chapter Hallowe'en Party. Wear your false faces when you arrive. After the party gets under way you can remove them, and you won't scare any one away.

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#### APPRECIATION, THANKS and GOOD WISHES

On September first Ninety-Nines closed another year. For the past four years the efforts of all have been toward one end, - Victory. Ninety-Niners devoted themselves wholeheartedly to the various war efforts, with the result that our organization has only marked time, perhaps slipped back slightly.

Now Victory has been achieved and conditions are settling back to normal. Most of us have returned to our homes, or will shortly. Relaxation of restrictions on civilian flying will bring Ninety-Nines together again, - it was inevitable that we should lose contact when it was impossible, or at best difficult, to fly.

There is now work for all of us in building up the Chapters, bringing back the original members and welcoming the many new ones. Already progress is being made, old Chapters are being revived, new Chapters are being formed, and the News Letter grows steadily. The Club owes a great deal to the members who during the war carried on, in many cases almost single handed, keeping their Chapter alive and maintaining contact with the National Headquarters.

It was a privilege during my service with the WASP to meet many of you whom I would never otherwise have known, and to make many new friends, - my thanks to all who were so helpful during my two years as National President. Now your new President, Jeannette Lempke, is taking over. She is an old friend, a fine person and a real pilot, - with us all behind her I know that 1945-46 will be an outstandingly successful year for the Ninety-Nines.

ETHEL SHEEHY

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(Headquarters apologizes for the position given Mrs. Sheehy's letter, but it came in just as the NEWS LETTER was being sent to the printers, and it seemed best to use it now, so her message could reach all Ninety-Nines promptly, rather than wait for our next issue. M.K.A.)

