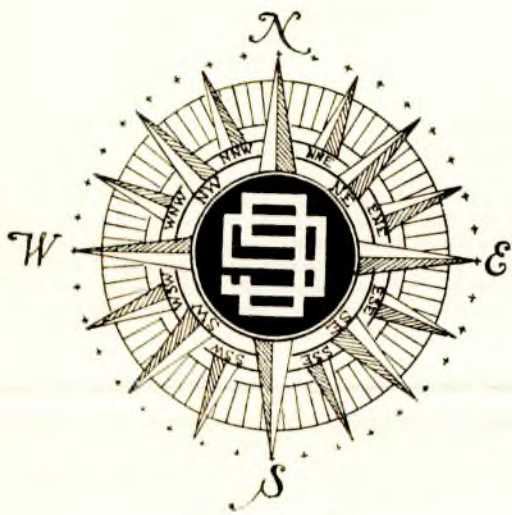


NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

NOVEMBER 15, 1945

DEADLINE - 5TH OF EACH MONTH

NINETY-NINES
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

DEADLINE - November 30th - DEADLINE

Are your 99 dues paid?

The Constitution of the NINETY-NINES allows us three months in which to pay our annual dues:

September - October - November

In case you want to check this and do not have a Constitution at hand, the following is quoted:

Art II, Sec. 4:-Any member who shall not have paid dues three months after they are payable shall be dropped from the organization, the Secretary notifying such members of termination of membership. To be reinstated, application may be sent to the membership committee in the usual way.

- Don't let this happen to you -

If you let your membership lapse you will miss

Your December issue of the NEWS LETTER

Your December issue of the NAA magazine

Your good times at the Chapter meetings

Your good times at the Section meetings

An additional \$1.00 initiation fee for
reinstatement

The prestige of belonging to the only
organization of women pilots which has
lived on thru the storms of pressing times
and war

The prestige of belonging to the only
organization of women pilots which can
continue to grow

The fun of looking for a fellow member when
you land in another town, state or country.

By the way, do you know what the purpose of the
NINETY-NINES is?

Here it is in a few brief words -

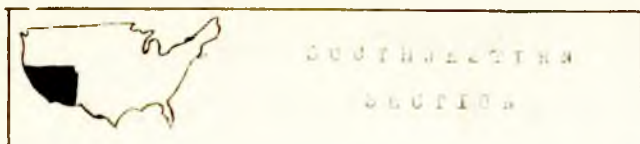
The purpose of this organization is
to provide a close relationship among
women pilots
to unite them in any movement that may be
for their benefit, or
for that of aviation in general.

A brief statement, but it covers a lot of ground,
and how much of that ground the NINETY-NINES can
cover depends on how much each NINETY-NINE member
makes of her membership in it.

Over and Out.
You can talk back now.

Jeannette Lempke
Your President

November 2, 1945.



SECTIONAL LETTER

November 12, 1944.

SOUTHWESTERNERS:

Do you realize that you have had the same group of sectional officers for better than four years? Moreover, that during that time both our Secretary and Treasurer have resigned?

Of course, we've been grounded most of this time, and many of us were scattered far and wide.

Now, however, the war is over! We can all fly again! The flying restrictions are lower than ever! So, let's all jump in and get off an election of officers pronto - before we find ourselves with the same Governor (who has assumed the duties "temporarily" of Secretary and Treasurer), and Vice Governor for another year.

In the last year or so, I have gradually sent all of the records and much of the responsibility of my governorship to Marjorie Fauth for safe keeping and more efficient handling. I certainly want to thank Marjorie for the help and cooperation she has given me during some mighty trying times.

Okay, girls, that's the dope. Now let's get them in the blue and have fun.

Thanks.

Helen A. Kelton,
Governor
4231 - 26th Street
San Francisco 14, Calif.

Note: A longer letter from our Southwestern Section Governor had been received and inserted in the above space, but this came just as we were sending to the printers so, to save remaking the entire letter, we've allowed it the original space.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Eleanor Verkuy!,
1129 S. Church St., Lodi, Calif.

Bay Cities Chapter held its October meeting at the home of Marjorie Fauth in San Francisco. Eighteen assembled attendants all but raised the house from its foundation! We haven't seen such enthusiastic zest for the sub-stratospheric (and better) things of life for many a weary day!

Chairman Margaret Gerhardt presided at the business session and wrung from her long-distance and long-suffering secretary an invitation to lunch the group on November 10th at Marysville, destination of the Chapter's first

Wingding Party since Pearl Harbor Day! Everyone is prying for a "weather-permitting" go-signal from the weather man, and long and wearisome, we fear, were the tall tales spun about the famous Wing-Bing back in '39 when twenty-two ships flew into Stockton Airport for a 99'er break-fast!

Marjorie Fauth and Rita Hart flew the latter's Ryan 165 to Reno on a never-to-be-forgotten weekend cruise which included a generous amount of unethical but unavoidable squirrel chasing, and left the flyers pounds lighter and shades grayer!

Ruth Rueckert had the once-in-a-lifetime thrill of having her 49'er telephone her from Rome, Italy. Fred was on a 10-day leave from his C-54 duties and just thought he'd call up! Incidentally, the thrill was mutual, as he heard for the first time the voice of his 10-months old daughter whom he has never seen! (We're awfully interested in Freddie because we can remember -- 'way, 'way back -- when he putted around with a mere private license while his now-retiring wife wore the flying pants by virtue of an L.C. ticket!).

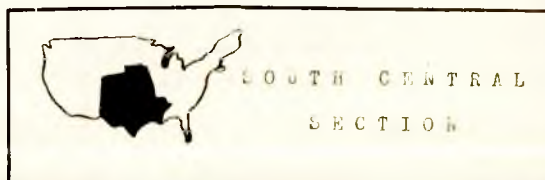
Among newcomers to the group was Marion Barnick, a 99'er from Oregon, who with her husband (H.A.) operates a flying service at San Jose.

Several ex-Wasps were special guests of the occasion and we're all hoping that they'll like us well enough to want to come again!

The November meeting will be held Friday, the 16th, at 8 o'clock, at the Campbell apartment, Front and Batter Sts., San Francisco, with Margaret Gerhardt as hostess.

After fussing around on the fringe of aviation for nearly ten years, our own 49'er has just received his private pilot's license, and aren't we proud! (Willing to concede that with his upward of a hundred-odd hours he was just as good a pilot sans the ticket as with it, we're glitteringly elated over getting our spouse on the legal side of the flying fence!)

Deadline for payment of dues - November 30th.



SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

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

South Louisiana Ninety-Nines will join forces with the New Orleans Chapter of the National Aeronautic Association for a Christmas cocktail party Saturday, December eighth.

The party will begin at 8:30 p.m., in the big basement recreation room at Ivor Trapolin's home, 2336 Napoleon Ave., New Orleans. Dancing will be to juke box tunes.

At least 70 persons are expected to attend. Virginia Garst, Barbara Selby and Georgis Myers are working with an NAA committee to arrange the affair.

Newest 99 chapter member is Nancy A. Walker of New Orleans. She was a flying student of ninety-niner Leola Petrowsky, and recently won her private license. Now

she's studying at Louisiana State University medical school, so she doesn't have much time to fly. Nancy is a University of Wisconsin graduate.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Diana Siddoway, Box 64
Colorado Woman's College
Denver 7, Colorado

There was a great deal of "hangar flying" being done when the Colorado unit of the Ninety-Nines had their first meeting of the season, Friday, October 12, at the Denver Parkhill Country Club.

A group of 20, which included both members and prospective members, were served cocktails at Combs Field Restaurant. Dorothy Thompson and Jennie Tschoep were acting as the official bartenders and I might add they were very capable. Afterwards a delicious chicken dinner was served at Parkhill. The business meeting was held in the private dining room with Jennie Tschoep, chairman, presiding. The aims of the organization were explained to the new and prospective members.

Those present included: Jennie Tschoep, Mrs. Dorothy Thompson, Mrs. Jo Trinder, Mrs. Naomi Jackson, Mrs. Colmay Bartles, Mrs. Jack Stevens, Margaret Scribner, Kathleen Kelly, Diana Siddoway, Mrs. Margaret Wharton, Jo Glenney, Marjorie Filkins, Mary Lou Filkins, Darlene Young, Betty Clark, ex-Wasp, Peggy Carson, Jean Moehler, Marion Whurster, Kay Warren, and Caroline Rosa.

It was decided that meetings will be held on the last Friday of each month. The next one is scheduled November 30, at Combs Field Restaurant. We would like to get a really good crowd, so all the Colorado 99's start making plans to attend that meeting. Jo Trinder, Naomi Jackson, Darlene Young, and Diana Siddoway volunteered to head the kitchen crew for the big occasion.

Jennie Tschoep and Dorothy Thompson are planning to attend the sectional meeting at Oklahoma City in order to bring our chapter up-to-date on the latest flying events. All the girls who possibly can were urged to go to the sectional meeting. Also plans for attending the breakfast flight to Greeley, Colorado, sponsored by the AOPA, were made.

Margaret Scribner is to be chairman of the Colorado nominating committee, and Diana Siddoway was elected reporter. Both are new additions to the organization. I'd like to take this opportunity to tell all the 99's how honored I am to be one of you. I hope I can do Colorado justice on the reporting. I'm new at it all but hope I can improve with age. The Colorado Chapter is really starting the year out with plenty of enthusiasm and I know that there will be many things accomplished as well as a heck of a lot of fun for all of us.

Dues are payable during September, October, November.

Betty M. Roth, ex-Wasp and a member of the West Virginia Chapter, now living at 627 24th St., Newport News, Virginia, sends in the following rates from the Peninsular Airport, Hampton, Va.:

65 hp Cessna, Taylorcraft	solo	\$ 7. per hour
and Aerona	dual	0. " "
175 hp PT-17	solo	15. " "
ditto	dual	10. " "



CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Betty Dunlap
Box 447, Rock Hill, S. C.

On Sunday, October 28th, Bird and Paul Eaton entertained the 99's and their 49's at their lovely home in Charlotte. We had a beautiful day for the meeting and the girls flew in from all over the two states.

Anne Fishburne and Kathleen O'Brien came from Charleston in Anne's PT-19. Louise and Herman Smith from Greensboro landed on the Eatons private strip at their front door. The Hartnesses from Greenville, Irene Hook Covington and her Dad from Elon College, Betty Calvin and Lucille Brockenbrough of Charlotte all helped make the party a huge success, to say nothing of how glad we were to have Betty Hamilton and her 49's'er, Major Jim, who had just returned from a year's duty in the Pacific. And last, but far from least, we were so pleased to welcome back into the fold Dot Rodgers Shackelford and Carolyn Estridge Hambel, whom we have not seen for several years. I'll tell you more about these "wonder women" next month.

The day started off with beer and cocktails to loosen us up a bit, then a delicious buffet dinner of barbecue and all the fixings.

We then initiated the new 49's and had a short business meeting. The result of the election was given as follows:

Chairman - - - Louise Smith
V. Chairman - - Betty Hamilton
Sec'y-Treas. - Lucile Greenwood.

Louise then appointed Kathleen O'Brien as Membership Chairman; Jessie Woods, Chairman of Nominating Committee, and Betty Dunlap, Reporter.

Edna Hartness will entertain us at our next meeting in Greenville, S. C., and we want all the girls to come. You really did miss a grand time at Bird's. You all know that Bird never lets us down when she has a party, and I want to say "THANKS" again from all of us.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Irene Haworth, 418 N.E. 12 Ave.,
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

A luncheon meeting was held Sunday, October 28th, at the Oyster Bar in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Present were: Fay Mayes, retiring chairman; Marion Bertram, Evelyn Keelen, Katherine Loft, Katherine Thompson and yours truly.

Ballots were counted and the result is as follows:

Chairman - - - Elsie Moore, St. Petersburg
V. Chairman - Jean Cridlebaugh, Miami
Sec'y-Treas. - Ruth Clifford, Lakeland.

We were glad to have Katy Loft, Evelyn Keelen and Katy Thompson return to the fold, after being away so long. Our Chapter has two new 24's. Jean Cridlebaugh and Jean Fyfe Rasdale each has had a baby since the last Florida NEWS LETTER report.

Word has been received in Miami that Hazel Raines, who was with the ATA in England, is now teaching Theory of Flight for Embry-Riddle in Brazil. I would love to hear her speak Portuguese with that "Gawga" drawl she has.

Marion Bertram offered her services, as a committee of one, to find out about the Air Races. On such short notice, she has done wonderfully well, and I for one, thank her "muchly". I am giving you her report just as I received it.

The All American Air Maneuvers will be held in Miami January 4, 5 and 6. From what we can learn at this date the general policy of the meet will be the same as in the past, with the industrial and military show bigger and better than ever. The program of events is in the making, and the Florida Chapter would like to know what sort of race or other competition 99'ers from other chapters are interested in entering and seeing placed on the program. If you own an airplane or can get one, and would like to take part in some particular type of event, write to us immediately so that we can make your wishes known to the air race officials.

There will be a 99 registration booth at Registration Headquarters in the Columbus Hotel where you can get tickets for the 99 Banquet. We heard that the Banquet Committee is taking lessons from "Truth or Consequences", so anything can happen. If you plan to be here for the Maneuvers, let us know right away. Address all correspondence to Marion Bertram, 3047 Indiana Street, Coconut Grove, Florida.

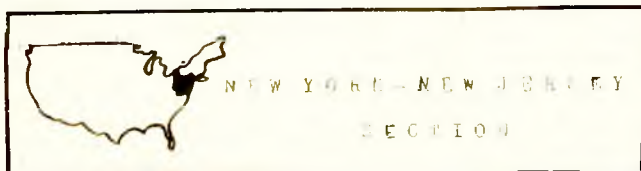
P.S. Air Race Headquarters advise that you have a confirmed hotel reservation before leaving home.

This will be my last contribution as a reporter. My job is done and lotsa luck to the new one.

Hope all of you can make it to Miami this winter.

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Hunt up that dues notice now - MAIL IT AT ONCE



CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

By Isabel C. Fenton, Witch Path,
West Springfield, Massachusetts.

There was a business meeting followed by a buffet supper on October 20th, at the home of Mrs. Edith Cragin. Guests of the 99'ers were four ex-Wasps: Jerry Asheville, 44-7, of New Canaan, Conn.; Ann Griffon, 44-9, of Simsbury, Conn.; Marguerite Tuffin Bernhardt, 44-3, of Granby, Conn.; Silvia Miller, 44-6 & 7, of Bridgeport, Conn.

Ninety-Niners were: Nancy Tier, Cheshire, Conn.; Doris Chisler of the West Virginia Chapter, who is a CAA control tower operator in Hartford; Edith Cragin of West Hartford, WASP 44-6, and new chairman of the Connecticut Chapter; Caroline Cullen Petzold, 44-6 WASP, of Pittsfield, Mass; Joan Fenderson of West Hartford, our new secretary-treasurer, and Isabel Fenton of West Springfield, Mass.

Joan convinced the latter (me) that being secretary-treasurer-news reporter was TOO much...so I'm it!

We received letters from several others, ex-Wasps and Ninety-Niners, regretting their inability to attend, including one from Marion Foster Florsheim, whom we well remember as a bright spot in the good old days of the 319th AAFSTD.

Nancy Tier spoke at length on the expansion of the CAP and the urgent need for experienced pilots to join up. After much rehashing of experiences and "I learned about flying from that" stories, the party ended.

Under the enthusiastic guidance of our new officers we are certain that our local chapter has already begun reconversion on a large scale. We all enjoyed ourselves immensely and plan to meet in the New Haven area, at the home of Nancy Tier for the November meeting. Connecticut is off...wheels up and locked.

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NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

By Kathleen Hilbrandt, 70 North Avenue
Garwood, N. J.

Our chapter is in full swing again. Sunday, November 4th, 46 members and guests of the 99'ers had a gay time at a paper chase held at Margaret Cooper's home on Long Island.

We will meet at The Stockholm and enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner. The paper chase followed and then, to wind up the happy meeting, we visited the new Hicksville Airpark operated by Ruth Nichols brother, Bill Nichols. May of the guests went up for a ride and viewed the beautiful country surrounding the airpark.

Teddy Kenyon was on hand and was kind enough to put on a little show i a PT-17 for the members and guests. Among the latter were Dr. Howard Snyder, just back after six years in the Virgin Islands, Dr. Darnell Voorees, Commander Gus Miller, and Captain Wilson.

Among our members were Margie Davis from New England, Alma Harwood, Ruth Nichols, Teddy Kenyon, Margaret Cooper, Kay Menges, Jean Oakes, Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain and Viola Gentry, president and vice president, respectively, of the Women's International Association of Aeronautics. Marjorie Gray, our governor, and Margie White, our former governor, who, by the way, did an excellent job of holding our chapter together for three long war years, and many other members.

I would also like to add a little about our new secretary. She is Kay A. Menges and is Assistant Director of Aviation at Bambergers. Kay is promoting sales for the new Ercoupe. So, if you are in the market for an airplane, see Kay.

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Be sure it is postmarked on or before November 30th.

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JAMESTOWN, N. Y., CHAPTER

Our chapter was "Blitzed by hard luck during the month of September. As a result, we had no meeting that month. Illness in some of the members' immediate families and delayed vacations of other 99'ers gave us only one member in Jamestown to carry on.

During the month of October we tried to make up for our lack of comradeship and had a delightful meeting at

the Airport Snack Shack on October 16th. It was a grand fall day and we did plenty of hangar flying. The luncheon was in the nature of a farewell to Donna Anderson who was leaving to assume her duties as field secretary in the Red Cross. We know Donna will be very happy in her new work BUT we shall miss her enthusiasm at our meetings this winter.

The Jamestown Chapter expects to have a very full and interesting program for the winter--about which you will hear more later.



NORTH CENTRAL 99'ERS:

I wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me in electing me Governor of your Section for the coming year, and I will try my best to be worthy of all of you. When I think of the many well known Governors, who preceded me, such as Mary Von Mach, Belle Hetzel, and our new President, Jeannette Lempke, I feel that I have a great responsibility. Help me by letting me know your wishes, so that we can all work together.

We had such an enjoyable weekend together on October 6th and 7th, making friends of each other, where before we were just names in the NEWS LETTER. that I wish we could get together oftener. I am looking forward to a near future, where it will be possible for me to buy a plane again, and when I do---I hope to fly to every state in our section to see you all.

My congratulations to Adelaide O'Brien, your new Vice Governor, and to Leah Higgings, your Secretary-Treasurer.

As our President said "The more we get together - the happier we'll be".

Elsie V. Peters, Governor
North Central Section.

2735 No. Murray Ave., Apt. 4,
Milwaukee 11, Wisconsin.

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

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

Rosemarie Sponner, one of our newest pilots, has done it again. First, she takes a "quick jaunt" to Canada, and now she has made a parachute jump. The secret was kept very well, and none of her friends knew about it until it was all over. Rosemarie, please let us know the next time, so we can have a good rooting section.

The day before this great event, Trixie Gehring and Rosemarie flew to Manitowoc. I think that was for Trixie's benefit, though.

Just to show that our 99'ers do other important things than flying, Dorothy Christenson is helping T B patients

at a military hospital near Milwaukee, by aiding with instruction in craft work. Stenciling seems to be a popular diversion.

Another note from our Chapter. All of us are very proud of the responses we have received from our friends who came to the Sectional meeting. It was our pleasure to have all of you.

November 15, 1945

ALL - OHIO CHAPTER

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

Another gale meeting of the All-Ohio Chapter was held in Norwalk, Ohio, at Park's Air Park, Sunday, October 14. Mary Oetzel, chairman in charge of arranging the meeting, did a super job; we crammed ourselves full of chicken dinner and then watched an air show in which Sue Griffing starred in a PT-19. Suzette Jones Stachiw, our newest bride, won the drawing for an acrobatic ride in a Stearman piloted by Ann Heisler's husband, Ken.

From the field we drove in to Mary's home in Norwalk proper, where we held a surprise showe on Suzette. Members and guests who attended were Dorothy West from Akron; Peg and Harry Pierce, Kay Greshauge Semrau and her mother, Suzette and Walter Stachiw, all of Cleveland; Sally Test, Port Clinton; Ann and Ken Heisler, Willard; Sue Griffing and her 492'er, Sandusky, and Dorothy Wells and Mary Oetzel, Norwalk.

Ann Heisler related her flight to Dayton so see the Wright Field Air Show. She has her commercial rating. Sally Test has just passed her commercial written, while Sue Griffing holds a commercial and instructor's rating. Mary and Fred Oetzel are anxiously awaiting delivery of a Sea Bee, their order number being 15. Quitting the CAA Weather Bureau in Akron, Dorothy West plans to return to school at Miami U. in Oxford, Ohio. Peg and Harry Pierce have sold their beautiful home in Lakewood and will be at home at the Hotel Cleveland.

We are proud to welcome into our membership Dorothy Wells, 107 Norwood, Norwalk, Ohio, who holds a private license, and to receive the renewals of Dawn Malson and Marion Bush Reeder. We also welcome Walter Stachiw into the ranks of 492'ers, and hope he will continue to accompany Suzette to our meetings.

Six Greater Cleveland members attended a civic dinner in honor of Lieutenant General James H. (Jimmie) Doolittle at the Hotel Carter, October 18, sponsored by the Cleveland Aviation Club. They were Florence H. Roswell, Peg Pierce, Mary Thompson, Dawn Malson, Helen C. Albaugh, and Kay Greshauge Semrau. At this meeting, announcement was made of the National Aircraft Show to be held in Cleveland Public Hall, January 11 to 23. The complete history of American Industrial production for war aircraft, supplemented by exhibits of the B-17, the Black Widow, the P-80 and other planes will be the theme of the show. It is billed as the first exposition of its kind and as the biggest indoor aircraft show ever held. The affair will include the latest personal aircraft as well as the military aircraft which helped win the war.

I was very pleased to receive a card from Bernice Deutschman Ottney in New York. She has been visiting her brother, but will return to Cleveland soon. Her 492'er is still in Japan.

I also enjoyed a note from Bettie Thompson, asking for information on the 1946 Cleveland Air Races. As soon as complete information is released for publication I will forward it to the NEWS LETTER.

Save that \$1.00 initiation fee on re-instatement.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Ruth Colwell, 3221 Kenwood Ave.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

The Sectional meeting and the Indiana Chapter meeting came rather close together, so I shall take them as they came.

We all had a wonderful time at the Sectional. Fern Rinker and Dorothea Hendricks of Anderson flew up in a T-craft, and I hitched a ride with Marie Thompson of Clinton in her PT. I believe the Indiana girls were the only ones to brave the weather and fly in. (It sure was bad.)

We were entertained at a lovely banquet and roses were given to every one. Prizes of four and five cans of oil were given to the girls who had the most and least flying time, and had the oldest and newest plane, the oldest and newest 49^{er}, and such. As most of these people came by airliner, these cans created quite a problem to take home.

After the banquet Elsie Peters showed us movies in color she had taken at the last Sectional and some of the monthly meetings. I missed most of this as four of us were counting votes for our new Sectional officers. These were announced after the lights were turned up. Elsie Peters, our new Governor, threw a party at her apartment for all, and although she has a lovely big apartment, it was packed. We were treated to drinks and some of the famous Wisconsin cheeses and, when we were stuffed, went back to the hotel.

Next morning we all breakfasted together at the hotel. Afterwards a chartered bus took us to Radio City, where we were taken on a tour of the building. A talk was given and we were allowed to ask all the questions we cared to. Then a 15-minute program on the air. It is the most beautiful building I have ever seen. We were also honored by being the first group to be shown through their Television Studio. Elsie took pictures all the morning and may be she'll show them at the next Sectional.

Then we left for home, and from there on it was not so good. We waited until we got to the airport to eat and found the lunch room closed and not even a coke to be had. To make matters worse there was a 25-mile head wind, but we finally made it home, and we felt we had had such a nice time it was worth all the bad weather and starving on the way back.

Betty Cull entertained us at Greensburg this month. Not many flew in as the weather was bad. We had twelve girls at luncheon and then went to the Y.W. for our meeting. Air marking was discussed and, among other business, I had the job of reporter wished on me. Our newly appointed reporter, Evelyn Dow, was called home when her mother was hurt. We sure hope her mother is better and that Evelyn can rejoin our group soon. We were asking our girls who were members and who were petticoats and one girl stopped the meeting with her answer. She said she guessed she was only a brassiere as she hadn't soloed yet.

It was decided not to sign membership blanks and mail them to girls we don't know, but rather to meet the girl and then hand her the blank.

The next meeting will be at Indianapolis Municipal Airport, November 18th. We would like to have the girls who can come for Saturday night.

Just learned of a bad break for Jessie Von Lenn of Terre Haute. The mechanic was giving her plane a 100-

hour check and had a helper in the plane to keep the brakes on. He failed to do so, with the result of a badly damaged T-craft. Hope they get it back together soon so Jessie can make our meetings.

I'm back in the air again after being grounded for two years (no plane), but it took my 49^{er}'s opening of a new airport to do it. Girls, drop into Greencastle, Ind., whenever you're near and make yourselves right at home. Not many buildings yet, but they are being started now. The field is big enough for twin engined planes, and no obstructions. See you there some time.

Betty Wilson and Charlotte Darlington flew to Huntington, W. Va., last month for a visit. Charlotte also flew to Chicago two weeks ago and to Bloomington, Ind., for the football game the last Saturday in October. She sure gets around.

Martha Hunter, petticoat, is on a vacation in the Southwest and Mexico.

Irmyl Retherford had a clever idea for your very large flat compacts. One of the 99 decals in the top - really is a job to get it there, but worth the effort.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Adelaide O'Brien,
1611 S. 7th St., Springfield, Ill.

Greetings, gals! Our Chapter had its October meeting at the Peoria municipal Airport, the 14th. New officers elected are: Helen Peifer, chairman; Esther Gillock, vice chairman, and Kay Hall, secretary-treasurer. Kay Hall was also made membership chairman, since she works at the airport and meets all the gals who fly in for tests, etc. Yours truly was made reporter by virtue of the fact that I talk so much. So here I am!

At this meeting it was decided to take on Air Marking as a project. We already have the ball rolling, the idea being for each girl to contact the civic leaders and city fathers of her own community and try to get an Air Marker there. After we have accomplished this, we will branch out to other localities where there are no 99's. (What desolate places they must be!)

Since many of our girls are flight instructors and find it difficult to get to meetings on Sundays, we are trying a new idea this month. Our November meeting will be on the night of the third at Springfield Airport. We hope to have a lot of the gals fly in that afternoon, stay over night, and return to their own fields the next day. Dinner will be served at the airport restaurant. Special guests will include our good friends Chuck Skinner of CAA, and George Roberts of Illinois Aeronautics. Any of you gals who attended the Sectional in Springfield last June should remember them.

Following dinner and the business meeting, Leroy Murphy will show the color movies he took on a recent trip to Mexico. "Uncle Jim", as he is known to most of us around the Springfield Airport, runs the piston emporium on the field. After a certain number of 100-hour checks he and his wife jaunt off to Mexico or Florida or points south to absorb vitamin D and do a little deep-sea fishing. Wish all of you could see his pictures.

Incidentally, our December meeting will be held at Quincy the first weekend in the month. How about making this an inter-chapter meeting? Do we have to wait for sectional meetings to get together? Why don't our neighbors plan to join with us at this meeting? You'll get more dope on it later.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

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

A perfectly grand time was had at the North Central Sectional meeting in Milwaukee with the Wisconsin chapter as hostess.

Many of us came away with the feeling that we were a part of a more closely knit organization than we had realized - that "All for one and one for all" feeling that is so good. The Michigan Chapter was represented by 32 members and guests. We were very proud of our 49ers. Michigan members were Milwaukee bound by plane, train, car and boat.

Thelma C. Lindzay, our chapter chairman, reports that she was awarded four quarts of oil for having flown the greatest distance to attend the meeting, and that the donor deserves many thanks as the old Warner purred like a kitten all the way home.

We are looking forward to more get-togethers with Elsie V. Peters of Milwaukee as our sole governor. The after-banquet-meeting "drop-in" at Elsie's for good food and drinks was enjoyed by all who could attend.

Rose Juliar is walking on air these days. She had a cable from her husband, Dr. Benjamin, that he left Saigon on Oct. 10th. He has been in service three and a half years, and their only time together was a 30-day furlough last December. We are all looking forward to meeting him.

Margaret Huff, our chapter's "flying grandma", and husband are visiting their son who is stationed at Indianapolis, Ind. The Huffs have recently moved to Detroit from their cottage at Pine Lake. New address, 19428 Gable St., Detroit 12.

Suzanne Hickman Wagner, our treasurer, is in Cleveland for a week or two, and will bring her mother here for a visit. Sue's husband, F. O. Martin Wagner, who flies those multi-motored contraptions for the Army Air Corps, was home on furlough recently. He's another Michigan 49er.

Margaret Cook, test pilot for Stinson Aircraft, is flying to Los Angeles, Calif., to visit her family on November first. She will be away for a month and will miss our November meeting, but will be back for the Christmas get-together.

Betty Small, our secretary, and Lee Howarth, both of Detroit, made a business trip to Jackson and Pontiac, flying the new 1946 Aeronca "Champion". They have had the ship at the airport for about three weeks and Betty has been demonstrating it to interested or prospective buyers. The plane is brand new in every respect - the complete new wing gives it added lift, and the take-off is really sensational. Betty says that since the Aeronca has been at the field, they have stopped bringing in helicopters. Betty, we are looking forward to seeing you and the new ship at our next meeting.

Agatha Weigl, a brand new and petite pilot from Saginaw, is a new member.

Margaret Mickus, Houghton, Mich., is also a new member, and was sponsored by Audrey Fontana, Iron Mountain. Both girls came from Michigan's Upper Peninsular and we were glad to meet them at the sectional meeting in Milwaukee.

Eloise Smith has invited us to Austin Lake Airport for the November breakfast meeting November 11th. She has a lovely cottage at the edge of the two-mile long lake, and within a stone's throw of the hangars. Both land- and seaplane facilities are available, with Eloise

giving instruction in both types. The Kalamazoo 99's will help as hostesses. Eloise's husband is in the Army Air Corps.

A "HELLO" to our Claire Suhan who now calls Florida her home - Fort Lauderdale, to be exact. Clair, we miss you much, but also can't help thinking how nice it is to have a contact in the Deep South. If this winter gets too much for us - well - we're coming South, young lady.

Betty Small and passenger of Detroit flying a new Aeronca Champion at Lansing.

Jeannette Lempke, national president, getting her Link time signed for at Lansing.

Barbara Jean Prins and Barbara Cradit, Jackson, getting parachute packed, using Cub Cruiser for transportation to Lansing.

Doris Langher's picture in the "Connecting Link", monthly paper put out by Link Aviation Devices. Doris is a Link instructor for United Air Lines in Chicago.

The Editor is packed to go Deer (?) hunting at Drummond Island.

Have you read the November "Aviation and Yachting", a Michigan magazine? A good write-up of a few of Detroit's women pilots and 99'ers. Our Alice Hammond is on the staff of writers.

Elizabeth M. Magnuson, a member of Central Illinois Chapter formerly living in Duluth, Minn., is now Flight Instructor at Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, West Virginia.

Newly elected officers - ARE YOUR DUES PAID?



EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Helen E. Jones,
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The October meeting of our Chapter was held in Lancaster, Penna., Sunday, the 14th, at the Brunswick Hotel, with Helen and Jessie "Junior" Jones as hostesses.

We had a perfectly super turnout and every one had a swell time - at least they said so. We broke a couple of bottles before lunch and polished them off before the gang left.

Those present were: Bettie Thompson Townson, Ruth Shafer, Giny Klaus, Al Hoyt, Georgianna Sees, Dot Leh, Leona McElroy, Lynn McElroy (Leona's oldest son, aged five years), Irene Elsdell, Sally Conley, Bea Hymen, Lois Cutler, Rita Davoly, Augusta Roberts, Violet Delp, guest, Jessie "Junior" Jones, Polly Markle, Millie Zimmerman, Carol Austin Jones, (youngest of the "Flying Jones"), Helen E. Jones, and Audrey Witmer.

Georgianna Sees was sporting a new Commercial ticket only a few days old. Nice going, girl! Now, how about that instructor's rate?

Dot Leh, by hook or by crook, managed to get to our meeting, which just about made everything complete. We are always glad to see your smiling face, Dot, and you know it.

Bea Hymen flew up via airline from Petersburg, Va., to be with us. She is working as control tower operator there for the Navy. Hum, sounds very interesting.

Bettie Thompson broke down and got herself married the week before the meeting, so we had a miscellaneous shower in conjunction with our gathering. It was worth a million dollars to see her face light up after she opened each gift. She received some very lovely things. We all wish you the best of luck and happiness, Mrs. Townson. When asked what she wanted for a gift, Bettie would reply that she would love to have a house. So Irene Blasdel, bless her soul, built one from cardboard and enclosed it in a huge box. She didn't forget a single thing, even down to having an airplane parked on the front lawn. The whole outfit was built by the "99's Corporation" she says.

"Junior" Jones was up to be old tricks, as usual, and when Bettie Townson wasn't looking, she slipped a pair of old beat-up false teeth into her water glass. Bettie took a couple of swallows from her glass before she realized there was more there than water. We all had a big laugh on her. She took it like the good sport she is....

Best some of you other chapter members visit us when we have a meeting. I'm sure you will enjoy yourself and we will be very pleased to have your company.

The next meeting will be held in Philadelphia about the third week in January. The definite date and place of meeting have not yet been decided upon. Members will be advised in ample time....At this meeting we plan to choose our delegates for the annual 99 meeting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., CHAPTER

By Dorothy L. Young, 5 Arkansas Bldg.,
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We welcomed a new 99'er, Dorothy "Deedee" Black, at our November meeting, only to discover that we are losing her to the New York Chapter. She's acquiring a 49'er in the very near future and their plans are to hangar in New York. Our best wishes, Deedee, and be sure to visit us when you get to Washington again.

We did our hangar flying during dinner and then had a business meeting, which started by everyone digging out their pennies for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. Decided that until such time as we can get official banks, to use any old jar or can just so we get under way again for our chapter's participation in the fund.

After discussion on a letter from our President, Jeannette Lempke, regarding a 99 sponsored event at the Miami Air Races, we voted the following ideas be submitted to her as suggestions for such an event:

- 1 The event be open to all women pilots.
- 2 The type of event be a straight race.
- 3 The award or trophy become permanent possession of winner.
- 4 The award to be a useful trophy, such as a bowl or tray that could be suitably inscribed.
- 5 The cost of the award or trophy be limited, thereby allowing it to be given annually.

6 A small printed leaflet be available for distribution when the trophy is displayed, announcing the fact that this is a 99 sponsored event, the aims of the 99's, the sponsoring of the event as a means of furthering women in aviation, etc. Possibly also an invitation to all women pilots to become members.

Also at our meeting a motion was made and approved that a suggested resolution be sent to the Executive Committee, that the 99's favor Federal aid for air marking.

Suggestions were recorded for future programs and the idea of rotating the responsibility among the members for the arrangement of future programs was accepted but not formally adopted.

Among those present were: Lillian Leach, who instructs at Hyde Field; Charlotte Dow, enjoying her leisure time, having just resigned her job with American Aviation the previous week; Ruth Heller, impatiently waiting to be en route to Austria and her interesting sounding job there; Lillian Coville, a long time 99'er; Dorothy Chapman, just recently returned from Peru; Johanna Busse who works for the Bureau of Standards and whose many flying trophies we admire with envy; Dorothy Black, the aforementioned bride-to-be, who has been working for the intercontinental division of TWA; Jane Straughan, who spends her week as an analyst for the Safety Bureau of CAA and her weekends flying at Queens Chapel Airport; Kay Booth, teaching circuits and bumps and every thing that goes with it, at Congressional Airport; Jan Warren, our chairman, who works for Aviation Industries of America; and your scribe, who was fortunate enough to fall into the job of instructing for the Aero Club of Washington - base of operations, Beacon Field.

Being as we know of only one airplane owner on our membership list and, as yet, it's impossible to rent aircraft for breakfast or similar XC flights, we hope to work out some flights with some of the flying clubs around this area. Jane Straughan was appointed to see what could be done on this angle.

We'd certainly love to meet and have the other 99'ers in this area attend our meetings, so if we've failed to contact any of you, will you please get in touch with me.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 5th, at the Blackstone Hotel. The time, 6 P.M. The price, \$2.00. The program, Lowell Swenson of IAA, and Dorothy Chapman who will tell of her experiences while in Peru.

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