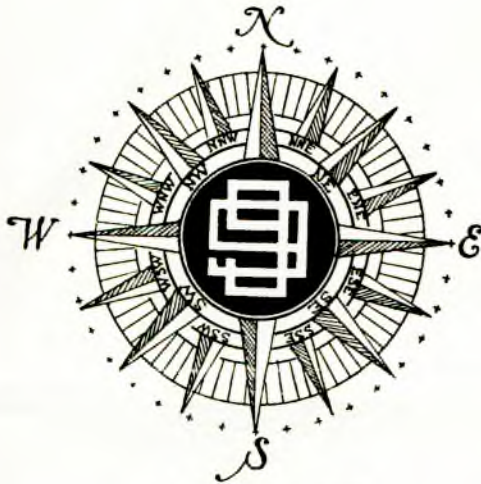


NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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The ground-hog saw his shadow today. Well, so did I! He can crawl back into his old hole for another six weeks, but we can't. We NINETY-NINES have too much work to do. One-half of our current fiscal year will soon be history. Only another six months to accomplish all the things we planned to make it a banner year.

On my recent trip to Miami and New Orleans, I came upon innumerable girls who are NOT members of the NINETY-NINES. Can you imagine that? They should be told. Sectional officers, there is where your job comes in.

On March 1st, the half-year rate goes into effect. New members taken in on or after March 1st pay \$2.25 plus \$1.00 initiation fee for their membership to SEPTEMBER 1st. On September 1st, of course, their status will be on renewal basis of \$4.50 for the following year.

Here is something to guard against. Don't become localized! Just because most of the members of your Chapter live in "Podunk" is no reason why the biggest percentage of your meetings have to be held in Podunk. Those Podunk members like to travel, too.

NINETY-NINES is an international organization - it is state wide - it is national. Take advantage of that.

Special mention and praise is due the West Virginia chapter. Through their efforts and cooperation sixty-six markers have been approved by their State Board of Aeronautics. And I dipped my wings in salute to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, for there I saw a big yellow sign on one of the prominent roof tops proclaiming the name of the town. I assure you that there were times on the 3300 mile trip to Miami and New Orleans when an air-marker would have been most welcome.

Thanks to the girls I met on the recent trip for the many kindnesses, courtesies and hospitality.

Chicago is the next stop on February 7th, then on to Austin, Texas, for a statewide meeting Feb. 9-10. The March calendar includes the annual party of the New York-New Jersey chapter March 8th.

Are you doing anything about the "Constitutional Refreshments"? Copies of the Constitution are available at Washington D.C. headquarters at 10¢ ea.

Spring is coming. Hurrah!
Jeannette Lempke
Your President.

Feb. 2, 1946.

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BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Eleanor Verkuyl,
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Our Chapter got off to a flying start for 1946 with its January meeting at Frances Grant's home, San Francisco. A special guest was Chairman Carolyn West of the Los Angeles Chapter, who flew up with her husband on a business trip. (The Wests have their own Ercoupe, augmented with a c.p. propeller, extra fuel tank 'n such, and for two and a half years it has delivered super-service!) Members present included Dorothy Estep, Dorothy Fowler, Ruth Rueckert, Leah Johnson, Dorothy Chamberlin, Rita Hart, Jerry Williamson, Margaret Gerhardt, Florence Emig, Adrienne Clark, the hostess and your reporter.

A letter from Marjorie Fauth, then en route by plane to Colombia, S. A., where she is to visit Peggy Vining Potter, described flying experiences along the way. (We've since heard that a highlight of the trip was co-piloting on a DC3 for a never-to-be-forgotten Half Hour!)

Wedding bells in our chapter! Helen Harkins, Burlingame, and John Gordon Barrington were married in Reno, Nev., December 18, 1945. The new 49er has made listing in two national anthologies by virtue of fiction written during his war service in Spain.

By now it is undoubtedly just "Civilian Fred" but for a few ecstatic (and belated) weeks it was "Captain"! After covering the map with his C54 -- Sherwin Paint Fashion -- we think Freddie richly deserved that promotion which came poking along just as he was about to shed his Army finery.

A note from Lewise Coleman reveals that she is short-coursing in Florida, preparatory to instructing cadets for the Brazilian Air Force at Sao Paulo, Brazil. She laments the fact that hers is to be a ground job but even at that, it sounds swell to us.

Mary Bowles Nelson, former Bay Cities member, and ex-Wasp, is now listed as a ranch owner in the desert country at Indio. We hear (correctly, we hope) that she is still sufficiently air-minded to get up in the clouds now and then.

At long last, ballots were mailed, listing nominees for our Section offices! (You midland girls whose flying was undisturbed by durational restrictions, can't imagine how upset we've been out here on the West Coast!) Nominations included Marjorie Fauth, governor; Kay Van Doozer, vice governor; Dorothy Fowler, secretary, and Elizabeth Watson, treasurer. Marjorie and Dottie are affiliates of the local group, and Kay, with headquarters in Bakersfield, and Elizabeth are Los Angeles members.

Those belonging to the Marysville Sorooptimist Club will have an oratorical treat when Rita Hart and Dottie Fowler fly up to address them on Ninety-Nines and Fifinella, respectively. Secretary Jerry Williamson arranged this date.

A Winging Party to Salinas, home of Peggy Ann Taylor, is scheduled for Saturday, February 16. Our regular February meeting will be held the preceding evening at the San Francisco home of Adrienne Clark.

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LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Melba Beard, 1695 Wagner St.,
Pasadena 4, Calif.

In January we met at the Jonathan Club, Los Angeles, through the courtesy of our Chairman, Carolyn West, whose husband, Jack, is a member. We met in the beautiful lounge for cocktails and a brief business discussion. Monday being Continental Dinner Night at the Club, we enjoyed the best meal that I, for one, have ever had the pleasure of eating. Present were prospective 99'er Jacqueline Hart, and members Elizabeth Watson, Hilda Jarmuth, Carolyn West, Betty Glaser, Irene Slagel, Helen Renger, Dianna Cyrus, Claire and Betty McMillen (twins), Marion Mountain, Helen Hooper, and your reporter. After dinner, so much remained unsaid, we gathered again in the lounge for "hangar talk" and business.

Some travel great distances to attend meetings. Dianna came from Santa Paula, and Claire McMillen with her sister Betty, who is in charge of the Tehachapi Weather Station and was on a short visit to Claire, came from Santa Ana. It was delightfully amusing to have the attractive twins present for, unknown to the other, each had worn a suit of identical pastel green with contrasting blouse. I won't soon forget the flying stories told and matched by Claire and Jacqueline Hart as they indulged in hangar flying at our end of the dinner table.

We were glad to hear the Master Airport Plan for Los Angeles County had been approved, and to learn how well the contestants securing petitions on its behalf had done. Carolyn West obtained 169 signatures, but as she was giving the prizes, Elizabeth Watson was declared winner with 71 names; Betty Glaser second with 66, and Helen Hooper third with 34. Marion Mountain obtained 29 and Irene Slagel 15. So Elizabeth, Betty and Helen win a total of one and three-quarters hours flying time in the Wests' Ercoupe.

After several years of occasional dinner meetings, we decided to break loose and have a few flying meetings. Saturday, February 9, we will meet at Whiteman's Airpark for a general flying get-together. Planes have been reserved from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the use of members. All who can will gather for a snack about noon; others will come by air and car later in the day. Whiteman's Airpark is a pretty spot in San Fernando Valley, encircled by picturesque rambling hills. In a clean fenced area one can

lounge in the shade of eucalyptus trees and watch planes come and go. A neat white administration building houses a roomy airman's lounge, and a place where one can get light refreshments. Old and new members and ex-Wasps are cordially invited to join us on this occasion.

On Saturday, March 9, there will be a winging party to Santa Paula, where we will be guests at Dianna Cyrus' Lingdooley Ranch, about three miles from the airport. Any who can't get a plane can come by car. So start making plans now, girls.

We plan to continue regular meetings on the second Monday night of each month, or special airport meetings of flights on the previous weekend. We plan a lot of activity and fun, so come and join us.

As to our members, Elizabeth Watson is working at her instrument rating; has passed the written test, and done some cross-country work with CAP. Her work in the exploration department of the Union Oil Company is most interesting. The Company operates a C-60, but has a male pilot and co-pilot for it.

Irene Slagel flying a PTL9 at Culver City Airport. Dianna Cyrus has a Johnson Rocket on order. In coming to meetings she has a chance to keep up her flying time on her Link and other ratings. Helen Benger has saved up her flying for Aviation Country Club flights; made the trip to La Quinta this winter, and anticipates one to Furnace Creek Inn at Death Valley. Claire McMillen checked out in a BTL3 and ferried one from Blythe to Orange County Airport. Your reporter flew in an Interstate from Monrovia Airport, bust at her favorite pastime of studying the terrain for residential property free from haze and Flood or runoff-water dangers. Long ago she learned the wisdom of an air survey before buying property.

Beatrice Medes, 99er-at-large and ex-Wasp, has phoned to ask about meeting dates and to be put on our mailing list. She lives at 5810 Seashore Drive, Newport Beach, and works for the United States Aviation Corporation, Long Beach. A former member of the All-Ohio Chapter, she has since lived in various places.

Jessie Ostrander back in her San Diego office after a flying trip to Chicago to study some newer techniques in psychotherapy. Evelyn Briggs, whose membership is still lost, is thinking of buying a plane.

"Southern California Airlanes", a weekly aviation newspaper published in Long Beach, is carrying a column of 99 news.

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COLORADO CHAPTER

By Josephine Trinder,
2235 Kearney, Denver 7, Colorado.

Waiting for the spark of literary genius to strike, (incidentally I'm still waiting), I find the NEWS LETTER deadline coming closer and closer. Despite the fact that entertaining "tid-bits" and interesting items will be few, here I sit at my trusty typewriter to do what I can.

Our January meeting was the eleventh - a lovely dinner and a most enjoyable evening at the home of Mrs. Chas. Boettcher. A highlight was an informal talk by ex-Wasp

Betty Clark, a new member. Another ex-Wasp was a guest and we enjoyed her experiences also. Lots of fun - a log fire in the fireplace, and an evening to remember.

Mae Boettcher will not be at our next meeting as she and Mr. Boettcher are taking a vacation - out California way, then to Mexico for sunbathing, deep sea fishing, and relaxation. I know they both will have a grand time.

Cupid has been hovering around our 99ers. Jo Brown is now Mrs. John Mallon, and Diana Siddoway is living in Wyoming with her new husband. Worlds of happiness to you both - and many happy landings!

Not to be outdone, the stork has visited us! Naomi (all right, Jack, then) Jackson has a member for the 24³/₄ club - little Jimmy Joe who arrived via Stork Heir-Lines on November 12, 1945. A fine baby, if I ever saw one.

The Stick and Rudder Club (Colorado Woman's College) had their dinner January 3rd. I've not talked to them since, but that group always has fun!

Dorothy Thompson and Jo Trinder, with their good husbands, went to the Rose Bowl game New Year's Day. They had a marvelous time - but it's been said that all of them look as though they need a vacation to rest up. Me-thinks they must have had a strenuous, rather than restful time.

(Second letter just made deadline)

We had a splendid attendance for our regular meeting at Combs Field, Friday night, February first. The club room was cozy and cheerful, with a roaring big fire in the fireplace. We chatted there until the fried chicken was ready in the cafe; then back to the club room for our meeting. And a splendid meeting it was, too - Fern Drapela from Grand Junction, and Irene Phillips from Delta, attended. We hope they'll come regularly from now on. Fern's 49²/_{er}, Eddie, flew them over in his Beechcraft.

Jane Best Hettleblad, who was in Oklahoma, is back in sunny Colorado and was with us, as well as two lovely guests: Helen Allen and Marilyn Kyle. We were mighty glad to have Grace Birge, a Cleveland 99er) with us again. Now she is a civilian again (an ex-Wasp, Ferry Command, I understand), and working in the Control Tower at Stapleton Field, we hope to keep her in Denver.

Donna Myers' 49²/_{er}, who is a pilot for Continental, has hours almost as uncertain as a doctor's! She had to leave out meeting in a rush when he received a hurry call to go to Kansas City.

Margaret Scribner and Kathleen Kelly had quite a time ferrying two J-3's from Pennsylvania. More fun! And Jean Moeller left for Pennsylvania a day or two ago, to bring back another J-3. We "sorta" envy them all.

Betty Clark is spending most of her time these days in the X-Ray lab at St. Luke's Hospital. Flying is still her "first love" though, so I wonder if just spare-time flying will be enough for her.

30 from this reporter for now - See you all soon.

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OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

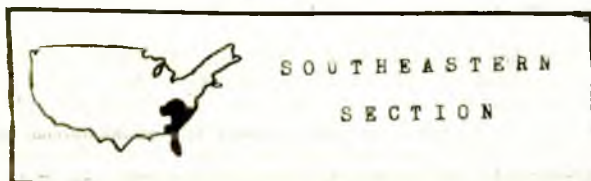
By Velma Woodward, 4301 Lincoln Blvd.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Members of the 99's in Oklahoma City and vicinity held a breakfast at the Oklahoma Club on Sunday, January thirteenth.

Plans were discussed for having a regular meeting each month. All members present were urged to invite women pilots eligible for membership in the 99's to our

next meeting, to be held in Oklahoma City on February 17, when Mary Francis and Velma Woodward will be hostesses for a breakfast at 4301 Lincoln Boulevard. It is hoped that future meetings can be held at various centrally located towns throughout the state.

It was fun getting better acquainted. Grace Stevenson, Holdenville, Okla., gave a short informal talk on her experiences as a ferry pilot with the RAF. We'd all like to hear much more from her. Dixie Dixon, Charlyne Cregar, and Marjorie Stevenson, all from Norman, Okla., Vada M. Lum of Yukon, and Joan Garrett, El Reno, reviewed some of their experiences as members of the WASP. Other members present were: Broneta Davis, Minco; Jerry Kelso, El Reno; Mary Fox, Midwest City, and Mary Francis and Velma Woodward, Oklahoma City.



CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Bird Eaton, 1208 Johnston Building,
Charlotte 2, North Carolina

Since I was "drafted" to write this NEWS LETTER as I attended the Miami Air Races, here goes! I feel, though, that the All-American Air Maneuvers and 99's meeting were sufficiently covered in the last LETTER. Paul and I were glad to see old friends and meet new ones.

You girls who did not attend Carolinas Chapter's January meeting in Greenville, S. C., at the lovely home of Edna and Tom Hartness missed a grand meeting and a delicious Ham and Turkey Dinner with all the fixings. As we finished dinner, a friend of the Hartnesses presented each one there with a pound of BACON! You should have heard the "ohs" and "ahs" over seeing bacon again!

Edna and Tom had the newspaper photographer there to take our pictures; after which Tom showed us colored moving pictures of the Miami Air Races which were very good, especially of the P-80. He also showed beautiful scenes of the recent blizzard in Greenville; all the shrubbery and trees covered with ice looked like Fairyland. We enjoyed every minute of their hospitality.

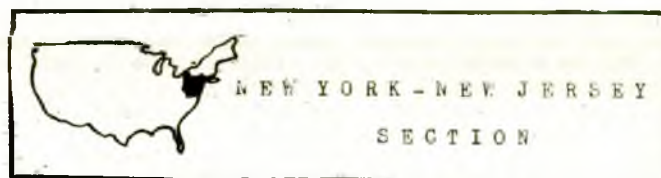
Chairman Louise Smith flew from High Point and presided over the business meeting. A new member was introduced, Amilie Stone from Greenville. Vera Self, who has visited our meetings for the past year, announced she would like a transfer from the Florida to the Carolinas Chapter. We are very happy to have Vera; and certainly our gain is Florida's loss. Vera is an old "Ninety-Nine Timer." She has been in the control tower at Spartanburg, S.C., for the past year and is known and loved by many in this section. She has become known as the lady with the "good looking voice" in the control tower.

Louise read several letters from members who have been away during the war, and we want these girls to know that we have missed them and were glad to hear from them and learn some will soon be home and able to attend our meetings. Among those heard from were: Virginia Irby Wood, Great Bend, Kans.; Carol H. Whipple, Sacramento, Calif.; Marion McNeely, Orlando, Fla.; Betty Baker, New York; Bert Hoffmire, Tampa, Fla.; and Capt. Isabelle M. Maffette, San Francisco, Calif.

I just received an interesting letter from Ruth Trees, now of Indiana Chapter but formerly of Carolinas, who recently flew to Seattle, Wash., from Indianapolis, with her Dad. Just received, also, announcement of the wedding of Neely McCubbins Seyfferle to Nahum Roy Pillsbury, Jr., Lieutenant (J G), U.S.N.R. This event took place on November 15, 1945, in Bremen, Germany. We hope Neely still receives her NEWS LETTER, and that they will be very happy.

It was decided at this business meeting to hold the next meeting on the first Sunday in April, which will be April 7. PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE. It was made in order to avoid conflict with the meetings of the South Carolina Breakfast Club which meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, and many of our members and 49ers enjoy attending these Breakfast Club meetings. More details regarding our next meeting later.

PLEASE ADVISE YOUR CHAIRMAN OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS
(Me, too, says Headquarters!)



NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION.

FLASH!!! from Marjorie M. Gray, Governor.

The New York-New Jersey Section of the Ninety-Nines is holding its Annual Dinner Dance, and incidentally its first big peace time party, at the Hotel Vanderbilt, New York City, March 8, 1946. Tickets are Seven dollars (\$7.) and a record attendance is expected.

For reservations write to: Mrs. Jeanne V. Oakes,
Dakside, R F D 2, Boonton, New Jersey.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

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

Our January meeting was held at Leone's on 48th Street, New York City. I'd like to comment on Leone's excellent dinners. He has been most cooperative and the Ninety-Niners wish to express their thanks.

There were 21 members present. Governor Margie Gray arrived just in time after a fast cross-country trip from California. She ferried a PT-26 to California and doubtless had a grand time renewing old friendships and making new acquaintances.

The meeting was called to discuss plans for the Annual Ninety-Nine Dinner Dance. Much progress was made but definite plans concerning date, time, place, and admission will be mailed to all members of the New York-New Jersey Chapter. (NOTE: See FLASH from Governor Marjorie Gray.)

Margaret Muray regretted her non-attendance at the meeting but had a fine reason. She has another flyer in the family as of December 24, 1945 - Nicholas Muray, Jr. Mother adds that father and son are doing fine.

A note from Suzette Van Daelel discloses she is now Suzette Van Daelel Douglas. Suzette, an ex-Wasp of 44-W-10, is residing in Boston temporarily.

Gay Gahagan, away from the New York area for a while has been unable to attend many meetings, but she expresses the hope that she will be here for our next.

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

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

A meeting was held at the Hotel Taft, New Haven, on the evening of January 16th.

Edith Cragin, Joan Fenderson, Nancy Tier and her sister (and I quote, "Drat Joan", said Joan, "she (Joan) forgot the surname"), Gadget Gajdowski, Helen Cellar and Sylvia Miller. Helen and Sylvia are both ex-Wasps and welcome new members.

Cocktails and then dinner. Nancy and her sister off to the Symphony.

Our next meeting will be at 75 Niles Street, Hartford. Supper at Edith's studio, February 28th, a Thursday. And Please, PLEASE, everybody write Edith and let her know if you'll be there or not, so she'll know what to expect in the way of numbers.

While you're at it, gals, please send in the card with the preferred date of meeting, to Joan.

Each person try to come to the meeting with a new item of interest on flying, to help us all keep up on new developments.

At the next meeting - Sikorsky film on the Helicopter which Gadget will bring up with her.

Betty Burchinal has a restaurant which keeps her busy. What's its name, Betty, so we'll know where to stop for eats in Meriden. It pays to advertise.

Over, out and 30 until next month.



February 15, 1946

ALL - OHIO CHAPTER

By Kay Greshauge Semrau,
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The All-Ohio Chapter of 99's will meet Saturday, February 23rd, at Hotel Lake Shore, 12506 Edgewater Drive, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 P.M., followed by a talk on "Aviation Insurance" by Helen Curtiss Albaugh.

In charge of the meeting, which is open to 49ers and guests, are Mary Oetzel, Dawn Nelson and Kay Semrau.

EASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

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

Our Chapter joins in extending our sincerest sympathy to Rosemarie Sponner on the death of her father, Dr. Robert Sponner, who passed away recently in Tucson, Ariz. Rosemarie left us but a short time ago to be with her dad. We know what this loss means to her.

Rosemarie's article in BADGER FLYING this month is a real marvel. If you haven't seen it, don't miss it. It deals with an all time favorite former 99'er, Ruth Harman, operator of the Harman Airport in Kenosha.

Elsie V. Peters, our esteemed governor of the North Central Section, is busy attending meetings of chapters in other states. She is going to Chicago to meet with the two groups in that state.

Saturday, February 2 (?), Elsie, Trixie Gehring, Caroline Feiling and Germaine Reback attended the Wisconsin Civil Air Corps banquet at the Pfister, where all outstanding aviation organizations were represented, when Herman (Fish) Salmon was proclaimed the outstanding pilot of the year. The NINETY-NINES were represented at the speakers' table, along with 22 male organizations.

Peg Fiebrantz off to school again - now the University of Wisconsin. We miss her, but are very happy that she has chosen Wisconsin this time.

Three cheers! Dora Fritzke is now a civilian! She will be at our meeting at Dorothy Christenson's apartment on February 10th at 8 P.M.

Necia Patterson and Jean Reimer, popular teachers of active Wing Scout girls, are doing an excellent job.

Our hearts go out especially this month to our absent members - just a Valentine Greeting from those of us at home.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

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

It's "red flannel" weather in Michigan - wind, snow, ice and zero temperatures. But it doesn't stop the 99ers. Thirteen members and two guests attended our January meeting in Flint. Having traveled over icy roads from various parts of the state, we received a warm welcome from Hostess Amelia Hendrickson, one of our newest members. After breakfast in the Bishop Field restaurant, we held our meeting in the CAP barracks. Need I tell you about the ham'n eggs and toast we consumed?

Chairman Thelma Lindzay, Detroit, presided over the business session. After its close, each girl reported on her activities over the holidays, and plans for the future. No one seems to have done much flying because of inclement weather. However, your reporter gathered the following:

Dottie Wing, scrapbook chairman this past year, at Michigan State, Lansing. Address, 4th Floor, Union Bldg. Girls, drop her a line if you have a moment. She'd enjoy hearing from you. Lucile Grisier, Detroit, in Lansing for holidays. She's our very capable linrarian, always on hand, "lugging" that big box of books.

Roxie Yaghjian, Detroit, vacationing via airlines in Miami, Havana, etc. A lovely way to pass the time, with us itching in our "longies". Betty Folsom and Carl flew a Grumman Amphibian (Widgeon to you) to Miami, Fla., early in January for a two months stay.

Leah Higgins, Detroit, used airlines to her Cleveland home at Christmas; was held at the airport for an hour and a half because of a lost Army plane around Detroit. Gloria Lynch, our petite parachute jumper, flew an Aeronca to the Miami races, with Dr. Carl Rufus as passenger. Also, in December, he went to Racine, Wis., with Gladys Hartung, bringing home as spoils one pheasant.

Sue Wagner either flying her mother somewhere or dashinh back to Detroit to meet her husband home on furlough; also doing volunteer work at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Grosse Pointe. She asks for books and magazines for the hospital - police stories, mysteries and detective stories most popular. Busy as she is, Sue finds time for this work. Surely we can take time to gather some reading material and bring to the next meeting or send to Sue. Thanks, girls.

Dorothy Nagel, Detroit, with a brand new aircraft mechanic's license. When your plane needs inspection, see Dorothy.

Frances Johnson, now Detroit, makes the third Saginaw girl we've lost since summer. If this keep us, Jeannette will have to stop bragging about the turnout of Saginaw girls at our meetings. "We've got more here than you have." A friendly competition, but Saginaw is going to have to recruit some members. So watch out, Detroit.

Bernice Trimble, working for Francis Flying Service, Flint, is our newest addition. We're glad to have you, and trust you'll like us.

On the membership list are a few girls we haven't met yet. Why not polish up a ship and attend our next meeting? There's always lots of eats - talk - fun - very informal. If impossible to come on a Sunday A.M., just tell our Secretary, and maybe some time we can come to your city for breakfast. We're just waiting to be asked. The Welcome Mat is out for you, and we hope you're interested enough in the 99s to let us know what you're flying, where, and why.

Alets Grill Johnson, Jackson, ex-Wasp, has a new baby. Am trying to find out whether it's a girl or boy.

Talking about babies brings to mind my own 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ - a little pink and white job. I worked hard all summer to add up the 200 hours for a commercial, so that after she arrived all I'd have to do would be to take my written and flight test. I feel sure "them days is gone forever". Each day it's a race between Zweng, formula and diapers - the diapers win every time.

No February meeting, but we'll look for you in March at the home of Mrs. Burt Lindzay, chapter chairman, Grosse Pointe. It's a Saturday night meeting -- Thelma says free food this time.

Memo to Claire Suhan, formerly Saginaw, now in Florida: I sent my 49^{er} all the way south to see you and NO CLAIRE. You should be home once in a while.

Yours for better weather and more flying.

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CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

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

Our monthly meeting was held at the Hotel Rogers, Bloomington, Saturday, February 2. Helen Grainke had made fine arrangements for the dinner and meeting, attended by 16 girls. Christine Collins, the only member to fly in, arrived from Champaign. Guests at the dinner included Mrs. Art Carnahan, whose genial husband manages the Bloomington Airport, and Evelyn Staedli who is with the Weather Bureau at Peoria Airport.

Two new members welcomed at this meeting are Pat Willette, holder of a Commercial, Flight Instructor, and Ground Instructor with all pertinent ratings, who came from Urbana where she is studying Airport Management at the University of Illinois, and Edith Cartter, Urbana, who has a Private ticket.

The feature of the evening was Helen Grainke's report on the Miami Races, highlighted by her version of the race in which she won a prize. We're mighty proud of Helen, not only because she's the only gal from our chapter able to attend the races, but especially because she came home with some of the "bacon".

Our next meeting will be March 2, at Lincoln, Ill., with Ethel Jones as hostess. How about some company from the nearby Chapters?

If the scent of orange blossoms is assailing your nostrils, it's probably coming from Urbana. Janet Sisson, Quincy, wrote that she is graduating from the U of I on February 10, and will become Mrs. Richard W. Davis on February 23 in Quincy. Wedding bells will chime from St. Francis Church, at 9 a.m. that morning. All 99's are invited. Our loss will be Pennsylvania's gain as Janet will live in Easton, Penna., after her honeymoon. Janet being Jeannette Lempke's niece, we expect to see Jeannette at Quincy this month.

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KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Marian Schutte, 810 West 52nd St.,
Kansas City 2, Missouri.

Our chapter sprang into existence again with a re-organization meeting on November 29, 1945, attended by former members, as follows: Mary Katherine Bennett, Jean Babb, Gayle Ewing, Betty Cox, Marguerite Fisher, Helen Hayward, Jane Lawlor, Lavon Martin, Osa Wyatt, Marie Page (these last three kept up their membership even while the chapter was inactive), Grace Harris and Katherine Delaney. New members present were: Thelma Badami, Lois Jean Brown, Connie Caraway, Betty Kernut, Penny Halladay, Joan Daniels, Bernice Dannifer, Lucille Doll, Shirley Fox, Margaret Fristoe, Caroline Keenan, Dorothy Lyon, Betty Green, Wilma Miller, Lucille McVey, Elinor Pyle, Anna Pearson, Neva Rea, Margaret Standish, Margaret Vaughan, Mary Van Scyoc, and Florence Anne and Marian Schutte.

We elected as officers: Chairman, Marie Page; vice chairman, Betty Cox; secretary-treasurer, Connie Caraway; corresponding secretary, Marian Schutte. Committee chairmen appointed were: Neva Rea, program; Jane Lawlor, membership; Betty Green, public relations; Marian Schutte, 1 orarian, and Shirley Fox, membership. Shirley had to resign as her work prevented her taking an active part in chapter work, and Thelma Badami was appointed membership chairman in her stead.

At that meeting and those in December and January we discussed several projects, the foremost of which was organizing a junior group whom we will aid in becoming certificated pilots. Each member of this group will be introduced by a 99'er, must have at least 20 solo hours flying time, and acquire her private pilot's license within six months time or be dropped from the group. These girls will attend our meetings but cannot vote. They will elect their own officers, select their own name, and when they have received their pilot license, we will present them with their 99's pins. There are so many aviation-minded girls in Kansas City, we believe this will be an effective plan to keep that interest going and also be a constant source of increase for our chapter.

Under our auspices we gave a moving picture show on January 29th and 30th. The pictures shown were taken by Col. James Philpott while serving overseas in the China-

India-Burma theatre. One film depicted a day of aerial combat over enemy territory in the Pacific theater; one was a travelogue in color, and the third was a compilation by the army of motion pictures taken over a long period, showing types of outmoded flying equipment in the air and on the ground. (Never before that night have I seen flying barrels, bicycles and windmills. Some failed to become airborne, but they really tried.) The show was held at the Parks Sales and Service building at the Municipal Airport, and was thoroughly enjoyed. As this was the first public showing of these pictures, we were quite proud to put it on, and we'd like to throw a big bouquet to our Chairman, Marie Page, who made the arrangements with Colonel Philpott.

At our February 6th meeting, we are asking our ex-Wasp members to take over and tell some of their experiences while in service. This group includes: Jean Babb, Gayle Ewing, Penny Halladay, Lucille Doll, Wilma Miller, Lucille McVey, Elinor Pyle, Margaret Standish, and Mary Van Scyoc. Their experiences ought to make good listening.

Extra items on some members: Betty Green, formerly of Missouri Valley Chapter, now belongs to us. Florence Winslow and Gladys Cavender, old members, are coming in with us later. Elinor Pyle has moved to 395 Prospect St., Ridgewood, New Jersey. NEW JERSEY CHAPTER TAKE NOTICE.

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INDIANA CHAPTER

By Ruth Colwell,
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Well, girls, I've heard from Helen Daniels, Terre Haute, so we've some news even though no meeting. She and her three daughters spent a recent weekend in Eaton, Ohio. Bertha Topping, T.H., has been visiting for a week in St. Louis. Petticoat Ruth Swango, husband Jim, and little Jimmie, have a house in Winter Haven, Fla., for a two-month holiday. Marie and Paul Thompson have bought a lovely new home on East National Road, near T.H., and will move in on their return from their vacation in Florida. Jessie Von Leer unfortunately sprained her ankle at the Elks Club on New Year's Eve. Their repaired plane is ready to fly again, and now we hope to see more of Jessie.

The Paul Cox Field, Terre Haute, has been leased to John Marcotte, Allendale, Ill., and John Bowley, Warren, Penna. These genial operators will have sales and service for the Ercoupe, one of which is expected this month for flight instruction.

Many thanks to you, Helen, for sending me all this news. The rest of you girls please do likewise.

Dorothea Hendricks, Anderson, sent the news from there. She and her husband have bought new house and will move as soon as they can get furniture. As they have been living in a furnished house, Dorothea seems to be frantic as to furniture. All of us who have tried to buy furnishings know her troubles and sympathize with her.

Charlotte Darlington's returning soon from visiting her Air Corps brother in New Orleans. Betty Wilson, flying a lot locally, is happy at her husband's return from overseas.

Irmyl Retherford, known to all at the airport and CAP as "Little Doc", and her 49er Doc, had lunch in Cincinnati (Lunken) last Sunday, with dessert at Indianapolis. They sure get around in their Ercoupe. Said she disgraced the flying industry and the good name of the plane by appearing in Cincy in Coxy's (local instructor) flying suit.

Fern Rinker in Ball Memorial Hospital, as a nurse's aide, and finding it most interesting. Guess she'll hate to go back to General Motors. Petticoat Martha Hunter is off to Arizona - may stay out there.

Petticoat Sue Hardy spent six weeks at Mayo's in Rochester, and some time in Anderson hospital, which has delayed her private, but she's off again when the weather breaks. She's not too far from her ticket, now.

Dorothea had a birthday Saturday - lots of surprises, nice gifts, congratulations, and "Happy Birthday" wishes. She had a letter from Betty Cull at Hotel Katherine, Dania, Fla., - nice weather, not much flying - would like to contact some Florida 99ers. Helen Montgomery Hines reports spending most of her time at the controls of the vacuum cleaner and kitchen sink. Does marriage do this to you, Helen? Ha! Ha!

That's about all, girls, but don't forget the Sectional here in Indianapolis in May. Keep that date open.

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EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

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January 20th, we met at Maurice's in Philadelphia, a quaint restaurant entirely heated (?) by fireplaces. (Some said the only warm place was in the fireplaces.) It was a bitter cold day but 99ers and guests who came enjoyed fine steaks served on planks, with French fries. Maurice outdid himself in providing them in the midst of the meat strike, and when the steaks arrived, conversation died.

Our latest bride, ex-Wasp Rita Devoly Rhonstad, was given some beautiful blankets, which the girls threatened to use to help them keep warm.

We all wish the 99ers of the All-Ohio Chapter would invite the 99's to hold the Annual in Cleveland at the time of the Air Races, for various reasons: (1) Many of us can't have the time for trips to both the Annual and the Races; (2) Expense of two separate trips; (3) Past annuals were often held at same time as Races; (4) Ex-Wasps are hoping to have their annual in Cleveland around Race time, and we figured we really could have a bang-up time and perhaps a combined meeting of ex-Wasps and 99's. (How can we get an invitation out of you, All-Ohio, to hold our Annual in Cleveland?)

Delegates to the Annual were discussed, but we decided not to name any until place of meeting was announced. Again we wished that it might be Cleveland as two-thirds of our members are expecting to go to the Air Races.

Chapter members also want information on the Amelia Earhart Fund and some penny banks for their contributions and to place at various airports. They feel chapters ought to help the Fund along.

Secretary-treasurer Irene Blasdel urges all girls to mail return cards whether planning to attend meetings or not. Some have been lax and this will tell them that the Chapter is keeping a written record of: 1. Each member's attendance at meetings; 2. Those who fail to send return cards. She and our meeting hostesses work long and hard to arrange these meetings. Won't you take half a minute to check and mail your return card? It's just a bit of courtesy. It is suggested that records be checked at the end of the year and action taken against members who continually neglect to return cards. Please get the cards in!

Our next meeting will be in Wilmington, Dela., Sunday, March 17th. Chief hostess in charge is Mrs. Evelyn Banta, 251 N. Union St., Kennett Square, Penna.; assistants, Mrs. Alice Robbins, 203 W. 18th St., Wilmington, and Mrs. Augusta Roberts, R. D. 1, Middletown - both Delaware.

Guests at our meeting were: ex-Wasps Ann Shields and Barbara Russell, Philadelphia, and Ruth Adams, New York City; Jane Von Trott, Florence Gilpin and Maria Monez, all Boulevard Airport, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Roberts, Argentina, South America.

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