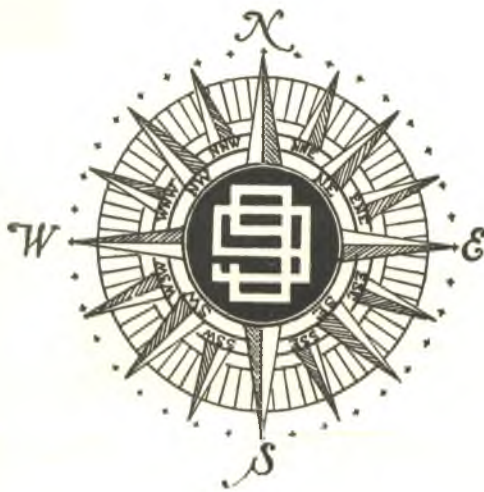


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## AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

APPLICATION BLANKS FOR THE 1942 SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE PROCURED FROM THE GOVERNOR OF YOUR SECTION OR YOUR CHAPTER CHAIRMAN.

ONLY APPLICANTS WITH NO LESS THAN 200 SOLO HOURS ARE ELIGIBLE. Please do not apply unless you can meet the requirements.

The judges this year are all men who hold important defense positions and their time is valuable. We, therefore, do not wish to impose upon them the necessity of going over applications of those who are not eligible. Please be most exact and explicit in filling out your applications.

A good response to the Scholarship shows an interest in it, so I urge all those eligible to send in their applications promptly.

We are confronted with the fact that in many fields of instruction courses will be closed to women this year because of the war activities. We feel sure though that some arrangement can be made for the winner of the scholarship so that she will be able to obtain her advance training.

Alma H. Harwood, Chairman  
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### NOTICE TO REPORTERS

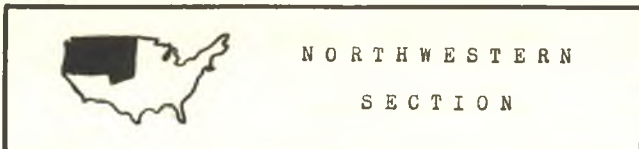
For the present and until further advice the operation of the American Women's Unit of the British Air Transport Auxiliary is of a confidential nature, consequently no news may be given out by the 99'ers as to what members are in this service. Until this ruling is changed Reporters and members will please remember that the movement of troops is a military secret. Any news, if and when released, will come through the designated British authorities.

### EDITORSHIP CHANGES HANDS

Because of the pressure of work, I am reluctantly forced to resign as your News Letter Editor. I have more than enjoyed the personal contact afforded me with the members and shall continue to look forward to hearing from you through the News Letter under the guidance of our new Editor. With sincere best wishes.

Mary Nicholson

Your new Editor is Miss Bettie Thompson, 724 North 63rd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Send your news for the May issue to Bettie.



NORTH WESTERN  
SECTION

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Reta Sutherland

We are giving all our space to the Eastern Washington Chapter as these girls are really going to town and doing a fine job for the 99's and the CAP.

Yakima, the home of the Eastern Washington group, has enough women pilots, all members of the 99's, to have its own squadron. As far as we know, this is the first All Women's Squadron in the United States. This group has a minimum of two flights of three ships each, and the CAP authorities have assigned six ships to them. This is a mark for other chapters of the 99's to shoot at.

The First Aid Training classes have been completed, with Helen Ernsdorff and Karla Mogensen doing the instructing.

The Eastern Washington Chapter has 25 women in the squadron, and all the 99's belong. The student pilots, not yet eligible to 99 membership, constitute the ground personnel.

America's first All Women's Squadron has been completely integrated into the activities of the CAP and its officers are: Commander, Helen Gardner; Executive Officer, Dora Skinner; Adjutant, Helen Ernsdorff; Personnel and Medical, Karla Mogensen; Equipment and Supplies, Jacklyn Jones; Intelligence and Public Relations, Verla Sifford; Training and Operations, Peggy Schrainer; Transportation, Clara Chatfield; Communications, Gladys Ellis; Flight Leader #1, Helen Baster; Flight Leader #2, Clara Poulin.

It is interesting to note that this squadron was organized and functioning as an All Women's Squadron within a very short time after the CAP was announced. You girls in the East, South, West and Middle West, better come out to Yakima and get acquainted with the Eastern Washington Group, Washington Chapter. (We do claim them).

Congratulations to you, girls. This is the good old 99 spirit - with this spirit we will go far!

SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

By Laurine Nielsen

Greetings, gals! After a winter's hibernation, here's that South Dakota Chapter reporting again. Although we have been silent, we have indeed been strong to "Keep 'Em Flying".

Most all our members are enrolled in CAP work in their respective regions, learning principles of military drill and first aid. They report that it's great fun and well worth while. According to our present information -- and it's no rumor either -- two of our members have CAP staff positions, our Vice President Neva Esmay at Spearfish, and your reporter, at Sioux Falls.

Here's a belated bit of news - Rubye Light of Gregory was appointed our bank captain some time ago. Rubye is doing a fine job in Gregory educating the younger generation in the fine art of model building.

Although we have had informal meetings throughout the winter, our first scheduled "git-to-gither" will be an 11 o'clock luncheon, April 16, at Clara Schneider's home in Sioux Falls, to discuss business matters which have cropped up in part months. We are hoping for a good attendance.

We did lose a member during the winter. Back to an even dozen.



SOUTHWESTERN  
SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Rita Hart

News from this Western Front is being rapidly reduced to the cataloging of vital statistics from the marriage license column. The most recent bride on our list is Mrs. John Gearhart, nee Margaret Campbell. We understand now why Margaret was so interested in "celestial navigation".

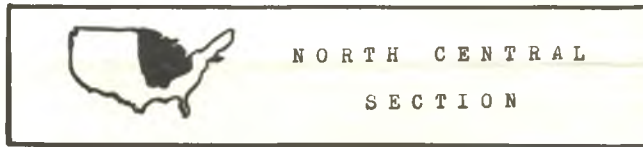
Helen Ashley has just announced her engagement to Lt. Don Kelton. Remember him? He is the lad who did a lot of ground work at the airports. Come June, he will get his diploma as a 49½'er.

Considering how many men have joined the 49½'ers lately we decided they should have a proper initiation, so on Friday, April 10, they will be formally dunked in the swimming pool at the Athens Club in Oakland.

Our last meeting was held at the home of Adele Chase, in Piedmont. Adele has a wee ultramodern house, all windows, that just digs its toes in and hangs on to the side of a hill. We needed ropes and alpen-stock to get there; but, oh, what a view when we reached the top! Adele fed us hot things stuffed with chicken and mushrooms and ended the supper with an icebox pie that brought out unanimous demand for the recipe.

Our present method of raising funds for our treasury is the most successful method we have tried and certainly the most pleasant one. We each take our turn entertaining the club in our homes and charge for the supper whatever we would normally pay in a hotel dining room. The kitty jumps \$15 to \$20 each month and we are saved the mental anguish caused by rummage sales or fund campaigns. Besides, we have fun.

Your correspondent passed her radio telephone ex. but will not get her license until she proves she was born. Thru hearsay or vague memory she is aware that such event took place in Calif. but Uncle has no records to establish the proof he demands; and three fires completed the process of obliteration. Please remember in future that these news items are merely bits of static thrown off by an astral body or something.



NORTH CENTRAL  
SECTION

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Elsie V. Peters

All members of our chapter are enrolled in the CAP of which there are two squadrons in Milwaukee. Caroline Iverson is a Flight Leader of Squadron 2. Caroline, Margaret Seip, Ruth Craine and Mary Ellen Atwood took part in a mass flight to Madison. Ruth Craine has charge of the First Aid for Squadron 2.

Dorothy Frances Christiansen, Tiny Reiss and Elsie Peters are members of Squadron 1 and are busy with First Aid, Military Tactics and Radio instruction every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 11 and even 12 PM.

The girls are also busy cleaning, painting and furnishing a room at the Curtiss-Wright Airport for our Chapter Room. All visitors are welcome and we hope that we can greet many a 99'er in this room this summer. Do fly over to see us!

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## INDIANA CHAPTER

By Bertha A. Topping

March 15 the chapter met at the Hoosier Airport, Indianapolis. The hostess was Ruth Colwell. After everyone arrived at the airport we were taken to Ruth Colwell's home for a delicious luncheon. After we ate all we could hold the meeting was called to order and several new girls were introduced to us as future 99's. We were happy to welcome Mary Lynch and Ann Morgan from Indianapolis; Peggy Albright from Anderson; and Virginia Voyles and Maurine Bryant from Petersburg. All the members who did not have their pins were able to get them from our secretary, Claudia Smith.

Everyone is working so hard on CAP it seems we don't have an awful lot of time left for cross-country visiting. All the Group Commanders are getting their pilots and ground crews whipped into shape. Helen House sent her regrets to Ruth and just to give an example of what these gals are doing here's part of her letter: "I am awfully sorry that I won't be able to attend the meeting in Indianapolis this coming Sunday as the group 2 are having their CAP first public performance at South Bend at 11 AM Sunday. I happen to be Squadron Commander #5 and the Group Commander was in last night to watch me put my fallows and girls thru their paces and he said we made a good showing." Besides all the CAP activity Helen is working very hard with the students she's instructing.

Two of the girls have their Radio 3rd class licenses: Patti Shea of Indianapolis and Aline Frantz of Danville. Several of us have our First Aid cards now: Mary Lynch, Ruth Colwell, Bertha Topping.

We had with us Margie Stables Smith of Martinsville who, by the way, has a darling baby daughter -- we hope another good 99'er. Everyone probably remembers Margie as being instrumental in getting 99's organized in Indiana along with the help of Jane Templeton.

## MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Helen M. Montgomery

The March meeting was rather poorly attended; but those who met with Prof. Hirsch of the U. of Mich. to learn more about the elusive subject of aircraft engines were rewarded for their efforts. He has really been very understanding about the average woman's shortcomings on mechanical subjects and has presented his lectures in such a manner that every one has come away with some knowledge, at least, of the functioning of an engine. On April 12, at our next meeting, we will be privileged to assist in tearing down a small aircraft engine. The lecture and demonstration will be followed as usual by luncheon served in the Russian Room of the Michigan League at Ann Arbor.

This month we are privileged to introduce Baby Betsey Hammond who filed notice of her arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond on March 10. We have practically had to sit up nights figuring out how Alice Hammond can do so much so well. She heads the Women's Squadron of CAP in Detroit, is very active in 99 affairs, runs a large household, and yet finds time to maintain a commercial certificate. And you can bet that Baby Betsey as well as sister Barbara and brother Johnny are coming in for a reasonable share of their mother's attention. So if we had a hat we would take it off to this outstanding member of the 99's.

Flying weather has been sort of mediocre, some good and some bad, so the girls are pursuing other ambitions too. Gladys Hartung is taking a course in parachute packing and nearly everyone in the Michigan Chap. is trying to fit herself for duty in the CAP by taking the prescribed courses.

Mabel Britton and her husband, Dr. Harry, have recently returned from a trip to points west in their Fairchild; but we haven't seen them to find out the details. We did hear, however, that Mabel doesn't mind the idea of rationing sugar; but when it comes to rationing the weather reports, well--it's a little odd, anyway. At home she is kept busy teaching CPTP ground school courses.

Do you have difficulty getting to your airport now that the tire situation is what it is? If so, take a tip from Alice Hammond and get there under your own horsepower a la bicycle. Dear me, I hope I haven't started a wave of bicycle buying, for I haven't bought mine yet!

## EASTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Mary Raymon

Everyone has been working like mad on CAP and our organization is shaping up beautifully. We have an hour of drill every Sunday under the supervision of two very tough Naval drillmasters. They were amazed (and sometimes amused) by our collective ability to coordinate more or less perfectly on simple drill commands. We carefully did not tell them that Dee Boeckman had drummed some of it into our heads at previous private sessions. Our First Aid, which has been taken in two hour doses once a week is almost completed and we have passed some of the test. All of the girls are preparing for the next radio test and Helen (Smarty) Thomure has already acquired her license. We have finished 3 hours of the required navigation, 5 hours of line service, 3 hours of map reading and 1 hour of Military Courtesy and Discipline.

Our own Verna Burke has left us to live in Kansas City. We are going to miss her terrifically; but if the gals in K.C. like her as well as we do we know that she will be very happy working and playing there. We have also lost Pat Ruddy to the Army. Pat is now a lieutenant in the Expeditionary Force and while she is still at Fort Benning she will soon be leaving for parts unknown.

With 2 losses we also have 2 gains. Det Wallace Rasch and her brand new husband are living here which makes us happy. And little Ruth Thomas from Knoxville, Tenn., has moved to St. Louis to be with her 49<sup>2</sup>'er who is stationed here with the Ferry Command.

Adele Scharr returned last month from a vacation in Sun Valley with a gorgeous tan and a broken ankle. Let that be a lesson, Dell. Don't trust those ski contraptions but stick to your first love, the sky contraptions.

Sally Souttar who has busily been moving into her beautiful new house has found time between that and her duties as Public Relations Officer on CAP to send in applications for new members Marcelline Price, Mildred Hirth and Isabelle Madison.

## MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Dorothy Broadfield

New ratings, Third class operator's licenses: Agnes DeHaven, Helen Davis.

Gals who have completed their First Aid course are Irene Adamson, Mary Beecham, Ivah Maxfield, Dorothy Broadfield. (Belle Hetzel, Bea Mack will soon finish).

Betty Green, our chairman, can talk about the exciting and stormy flight she made (in a Link).

Due to the fact our chapter is scattered over Nebraska and Western Iowa, our members are in various groups and squadrons of the CAP and all are in some degree of activity according to their locality. We are proud of the way the gals, without previous military training, step out to drill.

Bea Mack and Dorothy Broadfield have completed their first observation flight for CAP.

As Group 1 adjutant with five squadrons, it keeps me buzzin'.

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SOUTHERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Dorothy Evans Bryant

March has been a very busy month for most of our group. CAP activities, study for radio permits, and as much study and flight practice as these windy March days will allow. We go out to the airports hopefully planning a trip and sit waiting for wind to go down or clouds to go up. Two of the Sundays this month have found us waiting for weather on trips planned by the CAP in which we were to participate.

We have had one meeting this month, strangely enough in Milwaukee where we went on a Saturday morning breakfast flight. Three planes went from Madison and we met Tiny Reiss at the Municipal Airport and all had breakfast together. We would have liked to stay longer but the ceiling was getting lower and we felt we had better get home while we could.

We are happy to report the renewal membership of one of our charter members, Dorothy Glaetli. Dorothy is taking nurses training and is a very busy girl. Gladys Boynton writes that the LaCrosse airport is soon to be reopened and she will be back in the air. Mrs. Beard has been appointed Supply Officer on the staff of our CAP Squadron Commander.

WESTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Elizabeth Foley

Western Missouri Chapter loses four of its most active members this month, which leaves a tremendous void in its ranks and hearts.

Virginia Garst, chapter president since last fall, has been outstanding in her work in Kansas City and will be sincerely missed by the entire airport.

At the same time we give you news that Lee Lynn has left for New York state to spend the summer with her family. Jewell Stanton has accepted an appointment as primary instructor in Spartan Flying Service at Tulsa. Evelyn Cook became Mrs. Lee Esser on Easter Sunday and is making her home in Oakland, Calif.

Members of the chapter were guests of the Mexico Flying Club at Mexico, Mo., at a luncheon March 22, at which time seven planes participated in the flight from K.C. and were joined in Mexico by Virginia Young, member from Columbia, Mo.

Work in CAP is taking up most of the spare time of all 99'ers who are now participating in the infantry drill required by CAP. Nearly all of the group have received Third class radio operator's licenses.

We add to our roll this month the names of four new members: Jean Babb, Gail Bevis, Elva Shoemaker and Louise Delaney.



NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Frances Hodges

Two of our girls were very disappointed to learn that the job of instructing in the Link Trainer, offered by the Navy at Corpus Christi, was at present not open to women.

Hazel Morton visited our meeting that was held March 11 at Annie Claire Young's. Hazel is applying for membership.

The chapter is saving old bottles for the Charity Medical Dispensary. We plan to bring our old empty bottles to each meeting and someone will take them

You should see all the 99'ers learning to march and trying to remember what "Left Column March" means!

ARKANSAS CHAPTER

By Virginia Rayburn

In the belief that aeronautical training should begin in the first years of the life of an American, Arkansas Chapter has undertaken the task of organizing and sponsoring the NAA Junior Air Reserve. Two groups have already been started in Little Rock--one of the girls under Mary Hables' supervision and one of the boys, which I am sponsoring.

All of our members who have not taken the 3rd class restricted radio telephone operator's permit examination will take it on April 14, with students who are just completing cross-country instruction courses. Our meeting will be held at that time, since it is so near the time of our regularly scheduled date.

At our meeting of March 15 we entertained several 49½'ers and several instructors. We are 100% in our membership in CAP and are putting in quite a lot of work toward pilot ratings.

Our social activities have become practically dormant in our efforts to help all we can in war work, so most of our news from here on out will be strongly tinged with Junior Air Reserve and CAP.

Gerry Tribble spent several days with her brother (another of the Flying Tribbles) in the Pensacola Naval Air Station last month and wasn't able to attend our meeting; but she writes me that she'll be here for our next and bring a new member with her.

That's all for now. Keep 'em flying!



NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Constance M. Sheridan

Everyone was especially glad to see Louise Sisson up from Rhode Island for the March meeting and dinner of the 99's. Louise is one of 99's charter members and was largely responsible for its success in New England. The 18 members attending the dinner were pretty much keyed up about just what the 99's are going to be allowed to do in the CAP in New England. Many of the girls have sent in their applications and Moya Mitchell, Jean Adams Cook and Ann Cutler have already been accepted.

While waiting for some kind of practical assignment, the girls are getting what flying they can in these restricted areas.

Ruth Hamilton and Gertrude Meserve are busy with their new primary group (CPTP).

Marjorie Davis flew to Chicago to attend an important meeting on a phase of defense work.

Charlotte Bassett, as enthusiastic as ever about her flying, has had to move her plane to South Easton. That means a good hour's drive from Boston!

Ruth Ingalls Castendyk is doing some instructing in New Hampshire.

Ruth Wyman maintains her interest in flying and is head-over heels in defense work, motor corps, First Aid (as instructor) and attends a class at Harvard to do with plane spotting!

The above are just a few instances of the girls' activities. At least, no time is being wasted!



MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

By Ruth Corrinne Vinson

Plans for a hangar dance at Stewart Airport on Saturday, April 25, were made when the West Virginia 99's met for a business session and luncheon at the Parkersburg Airport with Irene Crum, local instructor, as the hostess.

The business session was called at noon and luncheon was later served in the barracks. For this the blue and white of the 99's official colors were used in attractive table appointments.

Following the luncheon we went for a flight in the Ercoupe and toured the barracks hangar.

A high spot of the gathering was induction of Wayde Stewart as a 49 1/2'er.

We were specially interested in the program of flying at Parkersburg which enrolls Latin American students, as the field is one of but seven in the United States where these young men are learning to become pilots.

Radio pamphlets were distributed and we are all working on our restricted radio telephone license.

We are enrolled and cooperating 100% with the CAP. We hold a record of perfect attendance at the CAP weekly sessions, learning military courtesy and drilling for "troops without arms".

To all 99's and 49 1/2'ers we want to extend an invitation to attend our hangar dance at Parkersburg on Saturday, April 25.



SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Virginia Roach

The March 8th meeting was held on a windy, gusty day in Lakeland; but a representative group were blown together at the New Florida Hotel where Ruth and Mary Clifford, our sister pilots, entertained. It was a farewell meeting for Vice-chairman Hazel Raines, Ft. Lauderdale. Celeste Dervaes, of Tampa, will fill out the unexpired term. Mary Jones, also of Tampa, was taken into the state chapter at the meeting.

Two members who recently deserted the bachelor girls' ranks in favor of matrimony are Miriam Polkynen, Miami, and Barbara Lindner, Ocala. They have become scattered representatives for the club, Barbara moving to Texas and Miriam to Alaska. In turn, the New York chapter contributed Pat Werder to Florida, where she is instructing at Embry-Riddle Air School in Miami.

Southeastern section chairman Nell Behr of South Carolina now lives in Lake Worth, Fla., where her husband is connected with the Army Ferry Command. She drove to Ft. Lauderdale April 2 with Mrs. Burroughs, wife of Comm. Burroughs of Morrison Field in West Palm Beach, and Mrs. Behr, her sister-in-law, for a luncheon with local 99's. Hangar flying was thick in the coffee shop at Champ Carr Hotel while Nell renewed acquaintances and made new ones.

Outstanding among cross-country trips was Lorna Simpson's ferry hop from her home, Ft. Lauderdale, to Houston, Texas, in a Luscombe. Irene Haworth,

also of Ft. Lauderdale, recently hopped a Culver to Tallahassee where the Alabama owner picked it up.

State chairman Marion Bertram made a cross-country trip to Macon, Ga., in her white Culver, and your reporter ferried her brother-in-law in his Cub coupe to Jacksonville recently.

Ellen Smith, Pennsylvania chapter, is vacationing in Ft. Lauderdale with her family aboard their cabin cruiser.

We understand Cecile Hamilton, Washington, D. C., made a flying trip to West Palm Beach on CAP business. Sorry we missed her.

Vera Self is planning a big time for us at the next meeting in Sarasota, April 12, at the Lido Casino.

Clara E. Livingston of Finca La Sardinera, Dorado, Puerto Rico, reports her new rating - instructor's.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Ruth Wolfe Thomas

Tennessee news comes to you by way of St. Louis, Mo., where I have been made right at home by the 88's, the NX11's and the CAP. Thus far I have temporarily joined the 2nd platoon of the Women's Squadron for drill and Adale Scharr's Sunday afternoon class in navigation.

Tennessee news has been missing from these pages for the last three months, so following is a brief resume.

For the higher ratings column there is Jane Dulaney Hilbert of Tri-Cities Airport with a Third class radio license.

As far as I have learned, all Tennessee 99'ers are CAP'ers. A letter from Eunice Oates of Germantown, near Memphis, tells of weekly CAP classes and drill. Between times she is doing over the cutest house and having a "time fine".

Taking a First Aid class and a class in radio that will enable them to get First class radio licenses are Cora McDonald and Gladys Lacey of Tri-Cities. Mrs. Kathryn Zachry (our flying grandmother) is in the same radio class but she has already had First Aid. Gene Flack (whose name hasn't appeared in the renewals) is now a full-fledged newspaper woman working with the Nashville Tennessean.

Knoxville's local aviation clubs were hosts to an East Tennessee, South Kentucky and west North Carolina "Warmup" of pilots the week end of February 28. There were over 200 pilots, their wives and husbands or their boy and girl friends. Guests and headliners for the "Warmup" were Col. H. H. Blee of CAP Headquarters, who explained the CAP to us; Captain Noland, our CAP section commander; Col. Herbert Fox, Tennessee's wing commander, and the Hon. Percy McDonald, chairman of the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission.

99's present were: Louise Carson, Pearl Brock, Ruth Wolfe Thomas, of Knoxville; Ruth Stanford and Millie Ownby, of Chattanooga, and Mrs. Kathryn Zachry, of Bristol.

You have probably read elsewhere that one of our 99's was given a staccato greeting in Honolulu the morning of December 7, 1941. Cornelia Fort was up early flying a student when a Jap plane dived down with the greeting. She landed amid heavy strafing and ran for safety. "U. S. looked good", Cornelia told Nashville CAP'ers, "as my ship approached the California coast line under convoy."

NOTICE TO GOVERNORS AND CHAPTER CHAIRMEN

If your news has not been appearing in the News Letter, check with your Reporter and help her to round up the news.

April 1942

# CONSTITUTION OF THE NINETY-NINES

## FOREWORD

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

## ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Ninety-Nines, or 99's, this numeral representing the charter membership.

## ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. (a) The membership of this body shall be composed of all its sections in the United States and foreign countries. An applicant shall join the 99 Club by entering the section in which she resides.

(b) A member who has changed her residence shall present to the Governor of the section into which she moves a letter of transfer from her former Governor, which when approved by the membership committee of the section into which she moves, establishes her a member thereof.

Section 2. The membership of this club shall be divided into the following classes:

- Class A—Active
- Class B—Inactive
- Class C—Life Members
- Class D—Honorary

(a) **ACTIVE MEMBERS.** Any woman holding a current pilot's license or certificate of higher than solo grade in any country may on recommendation of the section membership committee become an Active Member, which admits to all privileges and duties of the club including voting and holding office.

(b) **INACTIVE MEMBERS.** Any Active Member whose certificate has lapsed and who has had not less than 200 hours of certified solo time may become an Inactive Member. Inactive Members shall pay dues but may not vote or hold office.

Any Active Member whose certificate has lapsed and who has had less than 200 certified solo hours shall become an Inactive Member until the end of the fiscal year for which her dues have been paid. If at that time her certificate has not been reinstated, her membership in the organization will terminate. She may be reinstated to active membership upon reinstatement of her pilot's certificate through the regular channels of written application for membership by vote of the chapter membership committee.

Any former Active Member may by vote of the Executive Committee become an Inactive Member upon loss of certificate resulting from accidental injuries or circumstances beyond human control.

(c) **LIFE MEMBERS.** Any Active or Inactive member may become a Life Member of the 99 Club with all rights and privileges of an Active Member, except to hold office, by the payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) into the National Treasury. Life Members shall be exempt from the payment of dues. The moneys paid in by Life Members shall be invested by the Executive Committee of the Club and only the income therefrom shall be used for association expenses.

Any former or present Active Member who has served in the office of President of the Club shall be awarded Life Membership in the Ninety-Nines. In this case she shall be exempt from payment of \$100.00. She may accept this Life Membership any time she chooses.

(d) **HONORARY MEMBERS.** On recommendation of the Executive Committee outstanding women who are or have been active in aviation may be elected Honorary Members at the Annual Meeting. Honorary Members shall be exempt from dues but may not vote.

(e) **MEMBERS AT LARGE.** An applicant residing in a foreign country in which no section has been organized may join the club when approved by the Executive Committee and will be considered a Member at Large.

Section 3. At no time may a person become a member of the 99 Club, unless recommended by the chapter membership committee, and unless she meets the requirements and agrees to the following:

Any female citizen of the United States or of foreign countries shall be vote of the chapter membership committee be eligible for membership in this organization, if she is of good character, and if, upon making her application, she can show satisfactory evidence of the following:

(a) That she holds a current Department of Commerce pilot's certificate of Private or higher grade for heavier or lighter than air craft, or a corresponding certificate issued by the country of which she is a citizen.

(b) That she agrees to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization, including Section 5 of this Article, providing for the termination of membership in the Club for any of the causes set forth, without recourse against the 99 Club or any officer or member thereof.

Section 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.

## TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 5. **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.** The Executive Committee may recommend the disqualification of an applicant or dismiss a member if they have cause to believe she is of objectionable character or by any act has brought discredit to the Ninety-Nines and if such action has been requested by a two-thirds vote of the section or chapter in which such applicant or member resides.

Section 6. When a member is dismissed the Governor shall notify the chapter of the section and the National Secretary.

## ARTICLE III MEETINGS

Section 1. This Club shall meet annually at a time and place to be fixed by the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall send to all members thirty days before the Annual Meeting written notices, stating the place, day, hour and object of the meeting.

## FISCAL YEAR

Section 2. The Fiscal Year of this Club shall begin September first and close August 31st of each year.

## ARTICLE IV REPRESENTATION AND RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Each section shall be represented at the Annual National Meeting by delegates composed of the Governor of each section and one delegate for each twenty members or major fraction thereof from each chapter, providing that each chapter shall have at least one delegate. Every member may attend the Annual Meeting and take part in discussion but only delegates may vote.

Section 2. Delegates must be members in good standing.

Section 3. All members in good standing of Class A and C shall be entitled to cast one vote in person or by mail for the election of each of the officers. Each member is represented at the Annual Business Meeting by delegates elected by sections.

Section 4. The Club Magazine shall be sent to members without additional charge.

## ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. The elective officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the ballots received, for a term of one year. If no one receives a majority vote for an office, the delegates shall proceed to elect. Officers must be members in good standing.

Section 3. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elective officers and three additional members from separate chapters not already represented on the Executive Committee, to be elected by the delegates in convention assembled.

Section 5. The appointive officers shall be a Marshall and a Sentinel.

Section 6. A vacancy in office by death, resignation or any other cause, occurring between meetings of the national body shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all national meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee; shall appoint all officers and committees unless otherwise specified; shall carry out the collective wishes of the membership and be their spokesman on matters of national policy.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of her duties; and shall preside at the national meetings in case of the absence, resignation or removal from office of the President.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep an accurate account of all transactions of the national meetings; write all communications; file all papers and documents pertaining to Club transactions; issue all notices as directed by the members in convention or the President; send notices of dues payable to every member at the beginning of the fiscal year; issue warrants to foreign sections as provided in Article X, Section 2 of this Constitution; and perform such other duties as usually appertain to the office.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall control all moneys due this organization, having a receipt given for the same. She shall pay out the same only on regular warrants drawn by Headquarters and countersigned by the President. She shall, at the annual meeting, make a financial report of the year's receipts and expenditures.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall act as an administrative board generally assisting the President; shall have authority to act in matters of business arising between meetings not herein delegated to any other committee; shall control the policy of the Club magazine; arrange for the investment of any national funds of the organization; fix the place and time of the Annual Meeting; and give a report at the Annual Meeting of all business transacted during the year.

Section 6. The Marshall shall see that the meeting room is in order; distribute ballots; enforce order; and perform such other duties as directed by the President.

Section 7. The Sentinel shall have charge of the door, which shall be secure at all times from intrusion, and shall admit no person who is not duly qualified to enter. She shall submit all cases of doubt to the President for her decision and obey her commands.

#### ARTICLE VII FINANCE

Section 1. The sections of this organization shall pay to the National Treasurer on or before October first of each year the amount of the per capita tax as fixed in the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE VIII INSIGNIA

There shall be official insignia and uniform for qualified members and it shall be a point of honor for ex-members to refrain from using them.

#### ARTICLE IX SECTIONS

Section 1. The membership in the United States shall be divided into eight units, to be known as Sections:

Section 2. The Sections shall be as follows:

- (1) Northwestern Section, composed of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho;
- (2) Southwestern Section, composed of California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah;
- (3) North Central Section, composed of Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky;
- (4) South Central Section, composed of Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Arkansas, Louisiana;
- (5) New England Section, composed of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island;
- (6) Metropolitan Tri-State Section, composed of New York State, New Jersey, Connecticut;
- (7) Middle Eastern Section, composed of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia;
- (8) Southeastern Section, composed of Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina.

Section 3. Sections shall be governed by a uniform Constitution which shall be adopted by the National Body and be issued to each section by the National Secretary. Sections may draw up their own By-Laws.

Section 4. A Section may subdivide to form two Sections, provided that the new Section contains not less than three chapters, and the old Section be left with not less than three chapters.

#### ARTICLE X FOREIGN SECTIONS

Section 1. Five women pilots of any foreign country, carrying the government license thereof, may apply for a Foreign Section Charter by stating the boundaries of the proposed Section, the names of the applicants and by attaching affidavits certifying that they are government licensed pilots.

Section 2. Upon receipt of such application, the National Secretary shall issue a warrant authorizing the formation of a Foreign Section pending the approval of two-thirds of the delegates at the next Annual National Meeting.

Section 3. Upon favorable action by the National Meeting, regular charters shall be issued, duly inscribed with the names of the applicants, together with the regular Section Constitution.

#### ARTICLE XI COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Permanent Committees shall be the Executive Committee, the Contest Committee, the Auditing Committee, and the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. Temporary committees may be appointed by the President during the National Meeting or when special work is to be done, as occasion may require.

Section 3. No person shall serve on more than one permanent national committee.

Section 4. All Permanent committees shall submit an annual report to the National Meeting.

#### ARTICLE XII DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

Section 1. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be as stated in Article VI, Section V.

Section 2. The Contest Committee shall be composed of three members who shall at all times, work for fair competition of women flyers in all air races or aviation events. This committee shall not in any way prevent individuals from promoting their own interests at any time.

Section 3. The Auditing Committee shall be composed of three members who shall examine the books of the Secretary and Treasurer and report thereon to each annual meeting.

Section 4. The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be as specified in the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at the Annual National Meeting, provided that a copy of the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to all sections and all chapters of each section thirty (30) days previous to the National Meeting.

Section 2. Any Constitutional amendment to become effective must receive a two-thirds vote of all registered delegates.

### BY-LAWS OF THE NINETY-NINES

#### ARTICLE I QUORUM

Sixty percent of the registered delegates shall constitute a quorum, provided that at least four Sections are represented.

#### ARTICLE II REPRESENTATION BY PROXY

Any delegate unable to attend the convention may entrust her vote to any delegate by a written proxy.

#### ARTICLE III NOMINATIONS

A Nominating Committee of five members shall be elected for the following year by direct ballot of the members, from a list of eight members each from a different section, said list to be submitted with the regular ballot by the Nominating Committee. The member receiving the largest number of votes shall serve as Chairman.

Two months prior to the Annual Meeting this Committee shall submit TWO names for each of the elective offices to the National Secretary. Previous to this, the Nominating Committee shall request each section to submit a list of one name for each of the elective officers, from which lists they shall select the names to be submitted to the Secretary.

#### ARTICLE IV ELECTIONS

On receipt of the list of nominees from the Nominating Committee the National Secretary shall mail to each member eligible to vote 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, a numbered ballot to be marked and returned to the Secretary. Each ballot shall have a space for the voter to write in the name of a candidate for each office. The date for the return of the ballot shall be indicated on the ballot and ballots received after this date shall be considered void. The ballots shall be opened and counted at the Annual National Meeting. The President shall appoint three tellers to receive and count the ballots. On the completion of the tally the Secretary shall announce the results and if any candidate has received a majority of all votes cast, the President shall declare her elected. If no candidates receive a majority of all votes cast, the delegate shall proceed to elect from the two candidates receiving the highest vote.

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ARTICLE V  
DUES

- Section 1. Dues shall be \$4.50 yearly, payable to National Headquarters, to be divided as follows: \$3.50 to the National Treasury; \$.50 to the Section Treasury; and \$.50 to the Chapter Treasury, from which it originated. \$1.00 initiation fee is required of new members, payable through National Headquarters to the National Treasury.
- Section 2. Incoming members when applying for membership on or after March 1 pay one-half dues of the total year, plus initiation fee of \$1.00.

ARTICLE VI  
SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Section 1. (a) A Credential Committee shall be appointed by the President to pass on credentials and present a list of duly qualified delegates which, when adopted, shall constitute the convention.
- Previous to the National Meeting the section secretaries shall forward to the National Secretary a list of the section delegates who are entitled to sit in the convention. The chapter secretaries shall forward to the section secretary the names of their delegates elected to sit in the National Convention.
- Section 2. A Resolutions Committee of three shall be appointed by the President. All resolutions must be submitted to the convention in writing and referred to the Resolutions Committee for recommendation.

RULES OF ORDER

Roberts' Rules of Order shall cover all Parliamentary Procedure not otherwise provided for in this Constitution and By-Laws.

STANDARD CONSTITUTION FOR SECTIONS  
OF THE NINETY-NINES

ARTICLE I  
NAME

The name of this organization shall be the \_\_\_\_\_ Section of the Ninety-Nines, comprising (List states).

ARTICLE II  
OBJECT

The object of this organization is to further in every way the objects of the Ninety-Nines as stated in the National Constitution, and to provide a closer relationship among its members.

ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three classes of membership in the Section: Active, Inactive and Life, as defined in Article II of the National Constitution.

ARTICLE IV  
OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

- Section 1. Officers shall be Governor, Vice-Governor, and Secretary-Treasurer.
- Section 2. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.
- Section 3. Officers shall be elected yearly as provided in the By-Laws.
- Section 4. The elective officers of the section shall comprise a Governor's council which shall have authority to act in emergencies arising between meetings of the section, said acts to be reported to the next regular meeting of the section for approval.
- Section 5. Candidates for office shall be nominated by a committee consisting of one member from each chapter, appointed by the Governor. If there are no chapters organized, the Governor shall appoint a Nominating Committee of Three members.
- Section 6. The election shall be held as soon as practicable after the National Annual Meeting and not later than October first.

ARTICLE V  
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. The duties of the Governor shall be: To carry out the collective wishes of the membership and be their spokesman on matters of section policy; To appoint all committees and fill offices not otherwise provided for in the Constitution; To cooperate with the President in every possible way.
- Section 2. The duties of the Vice-Governor shall be: To assist the Governor in the performance of her duties; To preside at section meetings in the case of the absence, resignation, or removal from office of the Governor.
- Section 3. The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be: To keep a correct membership record; To receive and receipt for all money due the section from National Headquarters and other sources and keep an accurate account thereof; To pay all properly approved claims and bills incurred in the conduct of the business of the section, and to make at the Annual Meeting, financial report of the year's receipts and expenditures.

ARTICLE VI  
MEETINGS

- Section 1. The Annual Meeting of this organization shall be held in the fall at a time and place to be designated by the Governor unless so designated by the members at the last previous meeting.
- Section 2. The Governor may call a special meeting at any time upon one week's notice. The majority of chapters may demand the Governor to call a special meeting at any time. The Governor shall issue proclamation accordingly.
- Section 3. At all meetings where business is transacted each chapter within the section may be represented by delegates, their number being determined pro rata according to the active membership of the chapter as provided in the By-Laws; or all active section members may vote, according to which method gives the fairer representation to the whole membership of the section.

ARTICLE VII  
DUES

- Section 1. Dues are as stated in the National Constitution.
- Section 2. New members applying for membership on or after March 1 pay one-half dues of the total year, plus initiation fee of \$1.

ARTICLE VIII  
ORGANIZATION

- Section 1. Each section shall govern itself, make desired assessments and initiate its own program, provided carrying that out does not conflict with national policies as formulated in the National Constitution.
- Section 2. Each section may formulate its own By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX  
CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

- Section 1. Local chapters may be formed within sections at the desire of the members, not less than five active members being necessary for the formation of a chapter.
- Section 2. Officers of the chapter shall be chairman, vice-chairman, secretary-treasurer. Officers are to be elected in the same manner as section officers except that the nominating committee shall be appointed by the chairman.
- Section 3. The time of the chapter election shall be as soon as practicable after the section election and not later than October first.
- Section 4. No chapter officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.
- Section 5. Chapter meetings are to be held monthly.
- Section 6. Each chapter shall govern itself and institute its own program provided carrying that out does not conflict with section or National policies as formulated in the section or National Constitutions.

ARTICLE X  
COMMITTEES

- Section 1. A membership committee shall be appointed annually.
- Section 2. Other committees may be appointed by the Governor as the need arises.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

- Section 3. The membership committee shall consist of members from each chapter. The purpose of this committee is to secure all desirable licensed women pilots for membership. This committee shall investigate and recommend persons for membership.

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended as provided in Article XIII of the National Constitution.