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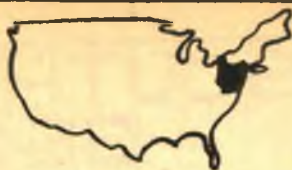
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MIDDLE, EASTERN SECTION

EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

Four members of our Chapter are, or were, in AAF Women's Training Program: Kitty Leaming and Rita Davoly, both of Philadelphia, and two of our new Reading 99'ers. (Sorry we do not have their names.)

Ruth Shafer still on active CAP duty.

Cath Slocum working at CAP Headquarters in Philadelphia.

Doris Stansbury busy in Philadelphia.

Bea Hymen, of Wilkes-Barre, with ATC in Buffalo. One Reading 99'er with Red Cross in Africa. (We would like the names of these Reading girls.)

Helen Jones, of Lancaster, with WTS at Carlisle, Penna., instructing.

Bettie Thompson at Naval Aircraft, Philadelphia.

Yo-ho, Delaware members! Drop us a line. What are you doing?

Fifinella Gazette Editors please note! How about mailing some copies of same to NEWS LETTER Ed? Please mark items or cartoons we can reprint and send release for same.

Guess that's the news for now.

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NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

EASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth Craine

Our May meeting held two delightful surprises. Dorothy Christenson was with us for the first time since last December and told us most fascinating stories about Houston, Texas. We were one happy group of 99'ers, to have Dorothy home again.

Then Mary Atwood also was there. Somehow orchids seem to appear on our members quite frequently. Mary had a beautiful one in her hair, but she did not satisfy our curiosity about it. Your guess is as good as ours. Mary is waiting to enter the Ferry Training Command at Sweetwater, Texas. She has to wait for that "red tape" to go through, since she recently was our ATC girl at Chicago Municipal Airport.

Dora Fritzke, at whose home the meeting was held, is about to enter upon a new class, a rifle class given

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SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Rita Hart

At last we have news that will interest our members who are away from the home Chapter.

Louise Coleman and Catherine Vail graduated from the Army Air Forces Flying School at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas. They are members of the second class to complete the course. Both girls are on their way home for a ten-day furlough, before taking up their duties ferrying planes. I have no address available for Catherine, but Louise may be contacted at 3474 35th Street, Oakland, Calif. There is an exceptionally fine portrait of the girls in the Sunday, May 30, issue of the Oakland TRIBUNE. Some photographer really did a job on that portrait. When I saw "that look" in their eyes, I wanted to fly a great big aeroplane, with lots of horses. Ah me, would I were twenty-three again.

One of the nicest things that happened this month was the accidental meeting with Helen Zimmerman in a San Francisco department store. We thought we had lost Helen. She just disappeared from her Redwood City home. But it seems that she had to make a hasty exit when her 49½'er was moved elsewhere to train for some very special work. For the benefit of the girls who have been trying to find her, here is her present address - 343 Ralston St., San Francisco, Calif.; Phone, Randolph 0056. She sends greetings to everyone and says, "Please write."

Frances Grant sent a nice newsy letter from Corpus Christi, Texas. As the weather gets hotter and hotter, she sheds more and more clothes. Right now she is wearing shorts and a halter, and the really hot weather is still to come. 49½'er Norm has passed his exams, and is now an instructor in radio. The combination of Navy training and Fran's careful diet has changed Norm's figure, so a tailor has to take in the waist bands and let out the shoulder seams on Norm's summer "Whites". Fran battles with ants and mosquitoes, but she loves being a housewife, and is "turrible" happy. Fran's address is 1313 Craig Avenue, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Marjorie Fauth is really getting into her stride on the new job. She is an inspector for the Industrial Accident Commission, and is the first woman to hold such a position. One place she inspected was an apartment house where the manager was very patronizing, but after Marj went up a ladder hand over hand, inspected the roof, and reported that the gutters were falling off the building, he became very respectful. I betcha he went home and changed his glasses. Marjorie's address is 1406 14th Avenue, San Francisco, Calif.

Evelyn Esser is house hunting. She has an attractive place selected, if she can get a priority order to buy it. She is frozen to her war job, so the Texas training job is out, at least until all the red tape is unraveled. While she awaits the unraveling process she is establishing a toe-hold in local real estate. When the war is over she will be a naturalized Californian with a Spanish accent. Evelyn's address is 2322½ Edwards St., Berkeley, Calif.

Eleanor Verkuyl and her 49½'er Pete spent the week end with the Harts, trying to absorb enough cool bay moisture to make the rest of the inland summer endurable. Pete has recovered from his accident and will return to his war job on June second. Eleanor's address is 1129 South Church St., Lode, Calif.

Dorothy Chamberlin and her 49½'er Chet have both been very ill, but we are happy to report that they are fully recovered now. Dorothy was down town for

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the first time last week, to see Marjorie. Dorothy's address is 2100 Pacific Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

Margaret Gerhardt has been vacationing in Los Angeles, sun bathing at the beaches, doing the movies, and sitting in at her sister's art classes. She will return to her home June first. Her address is Jackson and Front St., San Francisco, Calif.

Ruth Rueckert is in Long Beach, waiting for 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er Fred's orders to come thru. Her address is 818 B Alamitos Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

Adele Chase has recovered from her nearly fatal accident of last year. She has an apartment in Berkeley, 2319 College Ave., Apt. C.

Lost! One Sectional Governor, Helen Kelton. Last Seen December, 1942. Last known address, 1110 Arcadian St., Chico, Calif. Anyone finding this Sectional Governor please notify Rita Hart and receive reward. Address 2110 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda, Calif.



SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Dot Scarborough

Our first graduate of the WAFS came through with flying colors in the second class at Avenger Field. Ruth Trees sets a precedent for our other trainees to follow. Among these girls in our Chapter is Virginia Yates, who brings the total to 23 out of 43 members who are in the service.

Fourteen of these girls were featured in the Charlotte OBSERVER'S special edition honoring the CAP Courier Base No. 1 which has started operations at Morris Field. With their pictures were their records and their type of service. An interesting article on the history and work of the 99's, by Bird Eaton, was included. Dick Brown, editor of the AMERICAN PILOT, is planning to run the same pictures and a similar article in the July issue.

The Carolinas Chapter of the 99's and the North and South Carolina Wing of the CAP are planning a joint meeting on June 27th at Charlotte. There has been close cooperation between these two organizations and we are looking forward to a wonderful meeting, which will include barbecue with trimmings, some distinguished speakers, and a dance at the hangar.

We have added five new members to our chapter since our last meeting and we want these new members and all the old to be present at our next meeting.



NEW ENGLAND SECTION

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By C. M. Sheridan

Marjorie Davis announced a dinner and meeting for June, at the Boston Art Club. Attendance was scanty but interested. We missed all the girls who have been lucky enough to qualify as candidates for the WAFS.

But about those present. Dorothy Munro is back in Boston, taking an intensive radio mechanics course at Massachusetts Tech.

Jean Adams Cook was relieved and happy, having had a cable of safe arrival

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from her husband Rodney, an officer in the Merchant Marine. Jean read a most interesting letter she had received from Moya Mitchell studying at Sweetwater.

Florence Cates is still working hard on her shorthand and typing.

Ruth Ingalls Castendyok is taking her baby son to Maine for a short vacation. She hopes to resume her flight instructing in a few weeks.

Marjorie Davis hard at navigation problems. Final exams in the offing.

Miriam Vanderslice is still Wiggins' Airways mainstay at Norwood.

Rose Crowley leaves for Sweetwater in June. She read a letter from Marion Tibbetts, one of our members already a student there. Oh, those lucky girls!

Ruth Wyman has joined the Marines and leaves in June for OTC at Mt. Holyoke.

Marjorie Davis has heard from Ann Cutler now flying Fairchild M-62's and APT 19's, besides getting in some night flying at Tulsa. She also heard from one of our newer members, Carmen Flournoy, now in the WAVES and training at NTSS, Madison, Wis.

Elise Sinnett, former CPT student, is a new member from Concord, N.H.

Marion McIntire working at Concord, N.H., airport, recently ferried a Cub for Wiggins' Airways from Concord to Columbus, Mo.; weather not too favorable but experience wonderful.

EASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

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in connection with the CAP training. She is our expert Code girl, too. Dora is one busy person.

Elsie Peters, our president, has just completed a comprehensive course in ground school subjects. She likes the problems in navigation so well that she does extra ones just for the fun of seeing them come out right. What a girl!

Gen Blade, who had accepted a position with United Air Lines, has given it up in favor of being with her husband, a lieutenant in the Navy.

The news we hear from Willette Harkins, Margaret Seip and Joe Pits, in Sweetwater, is all favorable. The pictures we see of the girls prove that they love the place, as they always say in their letters.



METROPOLITAN TRI-STATE SECTION

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION NEWS

By Margie M. White, Governor

At last our Section has elected its 1942-43 officers. I have been made governor. Gay Cahagan, 29 East 37th St., New York City, vice governor; Jeanne Oakes, Route #2, Boonton, N.J., secretary, and Mary Reifschneider, 233 Van Houten Ave., Passaic, N.J., treasurer.

I do not know whether you would say our Section has been demoralized or demobilized - I would say a little of each. We have lost so many of our active members, of which of course we are very proud, but it has been rather hard to do without them.

We will see what we can do to redeem ourselves in what remains of this year.

I am not sure whether any of the girls from our Section have sent you news of our last meeting. I was unable to attend as I had just undergone an operation and I am just now getting back on my feet.

From what the girls tell me they had a very pleasant evening on April 12th. A short business meeting was held before dinner, at which time the election ballots were counted and the new Section officers elected.

Our guests of the evening were Commander Thomas Saxl, U.S.N., who told of his first hand experiences during the attack on Pearl Harbor, and Miss Nadine Bandler who is creator and director of the radio program "Women Can Take It." Miss Bandler had as guests on her May tenth program some of our Ninety-Nines-- Alma Harwood, Kay Traulsen and Teddy Kenyon.

We are having a dinner and business meeting at the Town Hall Club, N.Y.C., and at that time I hope to appoint my committees and our news reporter.

Well, from now on we will see what we can do to get ourselves taken off the black list.

★ AIRPORT FENCE

North Central Section has a new Secretary-Treasurer who, Helen Wetherill writes, is not moving out of the Section or going into Ferry Service. She is Agnes J. De Haven, 3320 Jackson St., Sioux City, Iowa.

Florence E. Cates, 159 Laurel St., Melrose, Mass., is Secretary-Treasurer for the New England Section, succeeding Margery Taylor now at Avenger Field.

Pat Thomas, Lone Pine, Calif., is now Instrument Instructor on WTS for Southwest Airways, Phoenix, Ariz.

Both Cora McDonald, Bristol, Va., and Dorothy Broadfield, Omaha, Nebr., are working with Starkville Flying Service, Starkville, Miss. They have the Army Flight indoctrination program.

Jane G. Plant, Baltimore, Md., is serving with Air Transport Auxiliary in England.

Jennette O. Barber, Aero Department of Rensselaer P.I., Troy, N.Y., is instructor in Aerology and Communications for CAA WTS, and holds permit and ratings in CAR, Meteorology and Navigation. She also has taught Elementary and Advanced Aerology, Primary and Secondary meteorology, CAR and Elementary Navigation, and both Code and Semaphore. Her 49½'er is at Fort Sheridan, and she is looking for a CAA WTS school near Chicago, when vacation comes at Rensselaer.

Of her continued interest in aviation, Elizabeth Warnock, Pittsburgh, writes:

Since last September I have been on a full schedule - teaching aviation ground subjects for a Pittsburgh high school weekdays, and for the University of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics nights and Saturdays, while keeping my wings in trim through giving some flight instruction for Bettis Airport on weekends. Although my classes of Service, Glider and Liaison pilots at the University ended in March, I am ready to begin teaching my fourth class for the Graduate School of Education, in Materials and Methods of teaching Aviation. Many of the more than 100 who have been in these classes are ground instructors for airlines, War Training Programs, and aviation schools, as well as in the public high schools and branches of the Armed Forces. The CAA has sponsored the last semester of work. As far as time has permitted, I have been working toward an Instrument Flight Rating, working with the Link and under the hood. I have passed the written and hope before too long to get ready for the flight test.

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