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ANNIVERSARY - December being the anniversary month of the Wright Brothers' first flight in heavier-than-air craft, it seems an opportune time to note that their bicycle shop in Dayton, Ohio, where their early experiments in airplane construction were carried on, is being moved to the Dearborn village to take its place among other famous Americana. Orville Wright supervised the dismantling of the shop and each stick and brick was carefully labeled to insure the exact restoration.

APPOINTMENTS - Betty Huyler Gillies is the only feminine member of the National Air Board, a recently organized group whose purpose it is to further the advancement of all phases of aviation. Alexander Klemin is chairman of the Board, which consists of twenty members.

J. Carroll Cone, former Assistant Director of the Air Registry, Bureau of Air Commerce, Department of Commerce, has recently been appointed Assistant Director (Air Regulation), Bureau of Air Commerce, the position formerly held by Eugene Vidal.

Clara Struder, former editor of Airwoman is now on the staff of Sportswoman, an interesting monthly magazine, which as its name signifies, features women's activities in the field of sports.

COMING EVENTS - December 10-12, Miami All American Air Maneuvers, with \$6000 in cash prizes, Miami Municipal Airport.

December 6-9, Performance competition and World Record trials at Miami, open to both men and women pilots.

December 9 - Women's On-To Cruising Contest - Total purse \$500.

Women pilots holding a private license or above can compete in this contest. This event will be a cruising contest, rather than a full-out race. Each entrant must specify the cruising speed of her plane in the space indicated on this entry blank. The start of the contest will be made from Jacksonville, Florida, on the morning of December 9 to arrive at Miami on the afternoon of the same day. In general, the route of the contest will be Jacksonville--Orlando--Miami. Complete rules and instructions for contestants will be handed to each entrant at a pilots' meeting for this purpose at the Jacksonville Municipal Airport, 8:00 A. M., December 9. Each entrant must be at the pilots' meeting at this hour and must have her plane ready to participate or be disqualified. Proper race numbers must be on each entrant's airplane in accordance with Paragraph 18 above by the deadline hour. The entrant's statement of cruising speed must be specific and it is expected that this speed will be normal for the particular make and type of plane.

If interested, get your entry applications in at once. Send request for applications to Contest Board, NAA, Washington, D. C. or write Miami All American Air Maneuvers, Miami, Florida.
December 13-16, Miami-Havana International Air Tour.

A TRIBUTE

A newspaper story on November 16 telling of the crash of an airplane in a blinding snow storm near Syracuse, N. Y., and the death of the pilot and two passengers, held great significance to 99's, since one of the passengers was Priscilla Murphy, 16-year-old amateur pilot of Brookline, Massachusetts. We recall that Priscilla became a member only last October, and her story that she obtained her driver's license and pilot's license the day she became 16 years old, caught the attention of a good many of us. Her death comes as a tragic blow to her own section, Middle Eastern, whose girls were fortunate enough to know her personally, and to the other 99's, it is even a personal loss, since the bond that exists between us is indeed a strong one. It is with sincere feeling that we pay tribute to one of our youngest members.

PRACTICAL AIRLINE TRAINING and blind flying instruction are some of the interesting things taught at the Boeing School of Aeronautics in Oakland, California. Enrolled in the courses is one of the 99's, Harriet Isaacson, who has already flown some 20 hours "under the hood". She writes the following interesting article telling of a recent practice airline training flight made from Oakland to Chicago and return. (Editor's note)

With maps, flight plans, trip forecasts, computers, earphones and pencils tucked under our arms, six Airline Pilot students climbed into the flying classroom--an 8 ton Boeing 80, Wasp-powered Trimotored Transport, to fly a regular airline schedule from Oakland Municipal Airport to Chicago, via United Air Lines' mid-continent route. Our professor was George I. Meyers, superintendent of flight instruction at the Boeing School of Aeronautics.

The flight covered some 16 hours and by rotating partners each student was at the controls for one-hour periods as pilot and co-pilot. The student who was next to go up was enabled to continue the flight, even tho he had not been in the cockpit, by means of an inter-communication system between cockpit and cabin. By communicating with the co-pilot he kept an accurate report of the altitude, compass course, rpms, oil pressure and temperature of each motor, position and weather report every ten minutes.

We gave regular half-hour reports to the Airline Radio Station in just the same manner that the regular passenger-mail pilots report, i. e., "Isaacson--seven one three five--Des Moines, Des Moines, five thousand, five thousand--CAVU, temperature seventy-four--smooth--all O. K.--go ahead."

Before each take-off, the pilot submitted a signed trip forecast to the Dispatcher with the following data: Weather analysis, Flight Plan, Alternate flight plan (we did not have to fill the last, as the weather was CAVU all the way across.)

Flying on the right side and close to the "on course" signal when flying toward the station, and definitely "off course" when flying away from the station makes the airways one long skyway, and the dah dah dah dit dahs tap out the cities' names miles ahead. It is very important to change the frequency on the radio to "night" when flying at night and "day" when flying during the day and we had our radio re-tuned at Salt Lake City and Cheyenne to insure accurate reception.

The sunset over the desert and sunrise at Cheyenne just as we came in for a landing are pictures never to be forgotten. Our next stop for gas was Omaha and then on in to Chicago.

WHY I LEARNED TO FLY - I am afraid that there is nothing very dramatic about my adopting wings. I was just a very bored social worker at a State Reformatory, so I looked around for something stimulating to prevent me from stagnating in routine work. As luck would have it, an airport opened almost across the street. Ships began to take off and land over our heads, concerning which I showed only a mild interest, until one day it occurred to me to go over to take a ride. First came the ride, then the idea. This could be the outlet for my attack of energy, so I started instruction. Soon I was just like the rest of us, an enthusiast, and nothing would do but that I become a licensed pilot. Of course it didn't stop there, an L. C. was next. It is a chronic disease that overtakes us--once a flyer, always a flyer.

- - Barbara Southgate

My reason for learning to fly was three-fold. First, I wanted to keep up with my brothers, who had been famous football players at both high school and college. I wanted people to know in high school that I was a sister to those boys. Second, for many years, since I had pointed to every plane that flew overhead at a very young age, I had wanted to learn to fly. It seemed like a very beautiful and peaceful gull to me, and I wanted to ride one. Last, someone told me I didn't have a chance, that I couldn't do it. It was for the first reason mentioned that I took a parachute jump when I was too dumb to know better. I think I have a little more sense now, at any rate, I won't make any more jumps unless necessary. However, it was great fun.

- - Abbie Dill

OUR MEMBER AT LARGE - A recent snap shot sent back from Hungary by Bessie Owen, traveling about in her red Waco Cabin, shows a gentleman with beautiful feathers (plural) in his hat, guarding said airplane, which is safely staked down and roped (all pictured.) The question we ask is "Bessie, do the feathers identify him as a pilot?" She went off to visit Lake Balaton, in western Hungary.

I had a most interesting letter from this young lady, and will take the liberty of quoting it herewith: She writes: "Have just come thru Turkey and am now in Alleppo. Turkey was a bit disappointing outside of Constantinople, and the Bosphorus. That part is wonderful. The natural scenery is all you can ask, deep water, green hills, old ruined walls and forts, Mosques and Minarets all over. But Turkey in Europe is just a small part of the country. Turkey really lies in Asia Minor. This part is quite arid, poor villages, no roads, ox carts and in the south I saw the first camel caravans. They come up as far as Istanbul, but they are only allowed in town before 6 A. M. and I never got up that early.

"I met the only Turkish woman pilot. Her name is Gabiya and she is the daughter of the president. There are no private planes in Turkey and being who she is, she has the use of anything in the army. In fact, she is a reserve officer. She is a pretty, sweet little thing of 20 years, rather shy. They say she is a good acrobatic pilot. Anyway, Turkey is very proud of her.

"Conditions in Turkey are very strange. I was given orders to land at Rdana before leaving the country, and when I saw the airport, small and no wind sock, I decided to fly on to Alleppo, so I guess I never can go back to Turkey.

"Hope you haven't forgotten me, nor thrown me out, because my dues are overdue. I'LL BE BACK." (Signed), Bessie Owen.
-- Hilda Jarmuth

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NEW ENGLAND - The officers of the Northeastern Section for the current year are as follows: Governor, Daisy Kirkpatrick; Vice-Governor, Jean Adams; Secretary-Treasurer, Margaret Kimball; Membership Committee--Chairman, Nancy Love, Committee, Dorothy Shaw, Ruth Granger, Louise Sisson; Sectional Reporter, Barbara Southgate. On October 31, Hallowe'en night, the Club gave a party in Shobe Airline Hangar. Most of the ships were moved out to make room for the guests and orchestra. John Paul Jones and Broom Dances added to the fun, and the evening was climaxed by the raffling off of a moonlight joy hop. The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, at which time Captain Edson, superintendent of the East Boston Airport, will speak. We hope that this is just a beginning of a series of interesting meetings featuring entertaining speakers. . . Monday night, November 16, is the occasion of a dinner dance to be given at the Fox and Hounds Club, in conjunction with the Northeastern Chapter of the N. A. A., in honor of Louise Thaden. Nancy Love and Louise will soon take off for a month's trip thru the country demonstrating the new Beechcraft.

-- Barbara Southgate

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY - Amy Andrews flew her Stinson to Cleveland... Hope Noyes and H. Lucille Boudreau flew to New Haven to attend the Yale-Dartmouth game... A Halloween party was given by Annette Gipson in her hangar at Roosevelt Field for many of her flyer friends. Several of the 99 members were present... The 99's will have an Aviation Buffet at the Chateauf Maggi, Westhill, Long Island, on November 22...(H. Lucille Boudreau was responsible for enrolling seven new members into the chapter this month. Nice work, Lucille. Editor's note) They are: Kathryn A. Bragaw of Orange, N. Y.; Ann G. Curie, New York City; Olive Shaw, New York City; Mary Kerr, Syracuse, N. Y.; Bella Heinman, New York City; Ruth E. LaFrance, Binghamton, N. Y., and Evelyn Mae Waas, New Haven, Conn.

- - H. Lucille Boudreau

SOUTHWEST - Los Angeles Chapter - At the November meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter, the guest speaker, Mr. Lawrence D. Pritchard, Assistant Co-ordination Officer of the University of Southern California, gave a most enlightening talk on Government Functioning and Career Service. More people should become educated in government policies, to assure more eligible men at the positions... These airplanes are still pretty safe. At least so thinks Dorothy George, who has been limping about the club rooms the past several weeks. She went for a horseback ride, the horse heading west suddenly, and Dorothy still going north. Anyway, we're glad she wasn't more seriously hurt. She tells us the Cavalry was out riding, too, and the rescuing hero wasn't a bad sort at all. Well, we wonder??... Esther Jones, the petite blond L. A. Chapter member is back with us again after an absence of several months. Esther also came back limping and using a cane. No, you're wrong. It wasn't an airplane. I know she'll blush when reading this, but banana peelings never were good to trip on. She is recuperating rapidly, and soon will be as good as new... Dorothy Kinsman, tall, dark and very shy, doesn't talk much about her flying, but just go out to Mines Field any Sunday and you'll see her first taking a Kinner up for a sight seeing trip, then get into a Fleet for a bit of aerobatics. In the afternoon she'll invite you up in a brand new Waco Cabin. That certainly is being a versatile pilot... Margaret Blair and husband Bob flew up to Modesto the other Sunday for the new Airport dedication... L. A. Chapter is planning a barbecue and dance Saturday night, November 28, and a grand time should be had by all. Old flying clothes will be the order of the evening, and dig up some good fireside stories... Another rummage sale is in the offing, so save up all the old clothes, hats and Christmas presents, because they sure help to fill the Club's larder... Ethel Sheehy has been flying her Great Lakes around southern California, San Diego and points east... Onita Thorley is also flying to Palm Springs for the season in a Fleet.

- - Hilda Jarmuth

Bay Cities Chapter - The Airport dedication ceremonies and air show at Modesto, California, on November 1 were a complete success according to Marjorie Hook, Mary Alexander, Afton Lewis, Olive Bledsoe, Anna Cort Meyer and Harriet Isaacson. The girls made it their winging party for the month and were delightfully entertained by the townspeople. Marjorie Hook literally "flew the mails" in her Fleet on the return trip when she transported 1000 Airport Dedication First Flight Covers from Modesto to Alameda from which point same were dispatched by air mail to airports all over the United States and to Honolulu...Ruth Wakeman left for Coldwater, Michigan, late last month where she will stay until the middle of January. As Ruth is a real asset to this Chapter, we hope she returns much sooner...Genevieve Hicker, nee Nebecker, former member from Sacramento and two-time Women's California State Revolver Shoot Champion, was a visitor...On November 8th, Marjorie Hook and Olive Bledsoe flew to Santa Rosa, California, to attend the airport dedication ceremonies and air show. Marjorie again became a "flying mailman" when she delivered some of the Modesto Airport Dedication Covers in person to members of Santa Rosa's Chamber of Commerce and returned to Alameda with 1200 of their First Flight Covers, which in turn were forwarded via air-mail to all parts of the country...We are indeed happy to welcome into our ranks this month another new member, Mrs. Mary Tresidder. Mrs. Tresidder lives at the Awahnee Hotel in that most beautiful of all California's vacation spots, the Yosemite Valley.

- - Maude Miller

NORTH CENTRAL - Northern Ohio Chapter - The October meeting of the Northern Ohio Chapter was a very successful one, which was held at the home of Mrs. Charles King, who incidentally is also doing a lot of flying around these days. She has even gotten her husband to agree to let her fly him on some of his business trips. This Chapter elected new officers at the October meeting and they are: Leora Stroup, chairman; Mrs. King, vice-chairman and Abbie Dill, Secretary-Treasurer. We had two new prospective members at this meeting who plan to join very soon. They are Miss Ann M. Halle and Miss Leonore Berlin. Miss Berlin is eligible only to be a Junior member at present, but plans to be a full-fledged member very soon...Suzanne Grant, our member from Lake Erie College, was chief hostess at a dinner, lecture and reception in honor of Amelia Earhart at the College. The 99's here were patronesses. It was a very gala affair and Sue is an excellent hostess...Thursday the 19th, Mrs. Boswell and Abbie Dill flew to a dinner meeting in Wooster, Ohio, which was in honor of Louise Thaden. Miss Dill, who organized the N.A.A. chapter in that city, introduced Mrs. Thaden. Nancy Harkness Love was also present at the dinner, having flown in with Louise...Mrs. Boswell, Mrs. William M. Robertson and Miss Dill plan to fly to the N. A. A. convention in Chicago November 30 in Mrs. Boswell's Cessna...Four members of this chapter flew to the Detroit sectional meeting in Mrs. Boswell's old Stinson. It

was a farewell trip in this ship, as she now has a brand new Cessna, which she flew out to Wichita to get recently...The next meeting of the Northern Ohio Chapter will be December 12 at the Cleveland Club. An excellent program is planned and all pilots who are in this vicinity at that time are cordially invited...Any girls flying into Cleveland are urged to use the Los Nation Airport, which is east of Cleveland just beyond Willoughby. There is a welcome sign over a very nice reception room, also transportation will be furnished into the city.

- - Abbie Dill

Illinois Chapter - Our Chapter boasts of two new members, one active, Martha Stadler of Zion, Illinois, and the other a Junior, Mabel Sherman of Oak Park, Illinois. We're hoping to have more in the near future, too...After the November 10 meeting at the Medinah Club, several members took advantage of the use of the swimming pool and refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and cake were served, Mae Wilson and Loucille Young being the hostesses...We're proud to announce that Dorothy Ring obtained her Transport license this past week. Congratulations, Dot! Don't you think this calls for a celebration, or do we have to wait for our Christmas party on December 8 to properly tender our sentiments? Alice Adamec and Loretta Breen are to be the hostesses...Jane Ray was a member of the convention committee for the N. A. A. Convention in Chicago, which was held on November 29 and 30 at the Blackstone Hotel...I'm sort of pinch-hitting for Jane Meyer who's down in New Orleans on business.

- - Helen Colton

Michigan Chapter - The Michigan Chapter was delightfully entertained on the evening of November 14 by Mary von Mach at her home in Detroit. It took the form of an early aviation costume party and husbands and escorts were invited. Perfectly good friends arrived in almost unrecognizable attire, representing aviation enthusiasts from the ages of ten to seventy. After a short business meeting, during which it was decided to have a series of four or five lectures by men in different phases of aviation, Keeno was played. Winners at this received very interesting prizes which were obtained by pulling strings attached to numerous packages packed in a wash basket. Dancing was then enjoyed and for this Mary had arranged excellent accordian music. At 12:30 a delicious buffet supper was served, and the party ended with everyone having had a grand time. We were all very much pleased to welcome as guest Ruth Wakeman from the Bay Cities Chapter and a friend, Gretchen Schultz.

- - Dorothy Carpenter

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION - Election returns for this section gave the following results: Governor (reelected) Clayton Patterson; Secretary-Treasurer, Barbara Mills; Sectional Reporter, Ruth Stilson... A meeting of the Southeastern Section will be held in Miami, Florida, during the Air Races. Will all 99's please register at the airport so that you may be notified of the meeting. At present,

it is planned to have a breakfast meeting Friday morning. Arrangements are to be made upon my arrival in Miami. All 99 members are cordially invited to be with us at this meeting...November 14 the popular Augusta ladybird, Zoe Harley and W. A. Stephens, associated with Southern Airways in Augusta, slipped over to Aiken, S. C. and were married, and now their solo days are over. The newlyweds are both popular members of the Carolina Aero Club. We all wish them happiness and happy landings.

- - Clayton Patterson, Governor

AIR BABIES, a fairy tale of aviation, is now in its first edition. The author, Elvy Kalep, native of Estonia, first woman flier of her country, 99 member and former associate editor of Airwoman, has devised a delightful and constructive manner to bring aviation to the children of today. As Amelia Earhart says in the book's foreword, "Miss Kalep has invented some winged characters with whom children should be more at home than with the George Washingtons and Lincolns of flying. She is a pilot herself, so her Air Babies commit none of the technical errors so revolting to well-informed children."

AIR BABIES may be obtained at \$1.75 postage prepaid from Kalep Enterprises, 1384 Miller Place, Hollywood, California.

NINETY-NINE PINS, BRACELETS, AIRPLANE INSIGNIA, may be obtained from the Secretary, Alice H. Hammond, 15011 Glenfield Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, at the following prices:

<u>Pins</u> , gold, with movable propeller,	\$1.50
<u>Identification Bracelets</u> with movable propeller	2.00
without propeller	1.50

Emblem on bracelet, silver; bracelet, chromium.

Airplane Insignia, without cost, to be painted on members' planes.

HERE'S WISHING A MERRY CHRISTMAS to you all. I know you'll be dreadfully busy during the holidays, but please don't forget that the 20th of December will be the deadline for news for the January News Letter, so please make my Christmas happy by sending me lots of stories early! My address for December is still 106 Grand St., Coldwater, Michigan.

Ruth K. Wakeman, Editor