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A CHRISTMAS WISH FOR ALL NINETY-NINES

May all the things you've wished for
That never flew your way,
Come landing at Your Airport
Upon this Christmas Day.

D.M.K.

AND WHETHER you celebrate Christmas in the land of oranges, palm trees and sandy beaches, or by getting out the long woollies, flying boots, and skis for the putt-putt, we join in wishing every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a New Year packed full of tail winds and happy landings.

D.C.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH the very excellent suggestion of Melba Beard, Governor of the Southwestern Section, the various plans from the Sections for a suitable Memorial to Amelia Earhart will be published in the News Letter. Will each chapter or section please make its idea as clear and concise as possible, and send it very soon to Daisy Kirkpatrick, as she already has several on file?

NATIONAL SECRETARY Dorothy Morgan now has the following license rating: Commercial, 2S and 3S Land.

THE SAME THREE girls will again serve on the Air Race Committee, Daisy Kirkpatrick announces. They are Annette Gipson Maguffin, Chairman; Peggy Remy, and Melba Beard.

ADDITIONAL SECTIONAL OFFICERS

- SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION - Gov., Alma Martin, 322 Ricou-Brewster Bldg., Shreveport, Louisiana. (Okla. Vice-Gov., Una Goodwin, 1814 Ramsey Tower, Oklahoma City, Sec.-Treas., Fanny Leonpacher, Box 432, Lafayette, La.)
- NEW ENGLAND SECTION - Treasurer, Jean Adams, 424 Jamaica Way, Jamaica Plain, Mass.
- NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - (Correction) Secretary, Faye Davies Kirk, 14940 Westwood Ave., Detroit, Mich, instead of Helen Lehtio as reported.



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NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NORTH CENTRAL - Illinois Chapter- Jane Ray has returned from Europe and at our October meeting was re-elected Chairman of the Illinois Chapter. Vi Crosbie, vice-chairman, and Helen Colton, secretary-treasurer, were also re-elected by unanimous vote. Jane will be hostess at our December meeting and Christmas party to be held on December 20. Everyone will participate in filling the "grab-bag", which has proven most successful in the past, with a fifty cent gift. Florence Boswell of Cleveland, new governor for the North Central Section, flew in to attend our November meeting. We hope to have Florence with us at each of our monthly meetings.

We are most sorry to have news that Maxine Bennett, after spending the summer in California, has just returned to say that she is leaving town and moving to Atlanta, Georgia. We had hoped to keep her with us. We are proud to have another transport pilot in our chapter. Alice A. DeWitt passed tests for her transport license on October 27th.

Definite approval for a 99 booth at the International Aircraft Show to be held in Chicago has been received from Jack Vilas, president of the show. Please send all suggestions for decorations, etc. to Florence Boswell, 1334 Inglewood Drive, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. The North Central Section is planning a luncheon meeting on January 30. More complete information will be available later.

--Helen Colton

NORTH CENTRAL - Northern Ohio Chapter - The November get-together of the Northern Ohio chapter took the form of a dinner meeting with good attendance. Our next meeting will also be a dinner meeting on Friday, December 10, at six thirty o'clock at Stouffer's, 14th and Euclid Avenues in Cleveland. Entertainment is being planned for all 99's attending the National Aeronautical Association Convention to be held in Cleveland on January 9th, 10th and 11th.

Mary King has just returned from a trip to New York. Florence Boswell flew to Chicago and Detroit for the meetings of the Illinois and Michigan chapters. She is teaching her young son to fly, and reports he is a much interested pupil.

--Anne Barrille

NORTH CENTRAL - Michigan Chapter- The Michigan chapter meeting was held on Sunday, November 14, at the Detroit City Airport. Florence Pasineau was hostess, and we had the usual very excellent luncheon served. Florence Boswell and Helen Curtiss flew in from Cleveland in Florence's Cessna. It was again voted for the group to give Christmas gifts to the Children's Aid Society, as has been done each year recently. Plans were also discussed for the Christmas party which will be held on the twelfth of December at Leila Baker's home.

--Peg Horton



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION ANNOUNCEMENT - The Section will have a Brunch meeting in Chicago at 10:00 A:M on Sunday, January 30. Complete details will be announced later.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY - This might come as a shock to all of you, in view of the fact that this Section hasn't had any news in the Letter for such a long time, but the New York-New Jersey Section is still very much in existence. Twenty-six members were present at the October meeting which was held at the Chateau Richelieu in New York. The food was very good, and after we had it out of the way so that we could concentrate a bit, we had a question bee - allee samee spelling bee, only questions were asked about airplanes and navigation, and "How is an airman different from a pilot?" Then there was an intelligence test; practically a whole airplane was dumped onto the middle of a table, in pieces of course, and covered with a sheet. Then the girls all gathered round and the curtain was raised. Everybody took a big look and then hurried back to scribble down just as fast as she could all the parts she could remember having seen. The funny part of it was that dozens of things were remembered that had never seen the inside of the Chateau, and the ordinary things like spark plugs, compass, fabric, wing rib, cylinder, etc. were missed by many. We discussed the possibility of an Amelia Earhart Memorial. A scholarship award has been suggested as being the most appropriate..the idea being that the national organization would sponsor it, rather than the individual sections trying to work separately. Any other suggestions as to a fitting memorial would certainly be welcomed.

On October 30th we were invited up to Hyde Park to help President Roosevelt see the "Flying Caravan" off for South America. The Flying Caravan is a group of non-flying women who are flying to South America representing the People's Mandate for Peace. There were seven of us who went to the send-off...Lucille Boudreau, Jacqueline Odium (better known as Jackie Cochrane), Peggy Remy, Jessie Wachenheim, Alma Harwood, Teddy Kenyon and Laura May Brunton; and our body guard, Mr. Boudreau. (Mr. Boudreau will receive his citation for bravery in the very near future). We all flew up, landing at New Hackensack Airport. The Caravan was going via Eastern Air to Miami, with Jackie Cochrane as Co-pilot; and then via Pan American to South America. The Mistress of Ceremonies was the Dean of Smith College, who introduced the speakers, one of whom was Jackie. The President himself is a very likeable person, and in his delightfully informal talk to the girls he impressed upon them the fact that these treaties were not going to be mere pieces of paper, but that they would be lived up to.....something new in the line of treaties! We'll hope it will turn out that way this time, though. After the talks were over, the 99'ers were individually introduced to the President.

November eighth a special meeting was held in New York for the purpose of discussing our new clubroom. We're planning on having a new and very special room soon. November 16th we had a dinner dance at the Woodstock Hotel, 43 St. just off Broadway. The music (colored) was marvelous, the food excellent, and the company divine, in short, a swell time was had by all. We are very much honored to have had with us Captain Pampana, the international stunt pilot, and his wife, and

the Aviation Post of the American Legion as honor guests. The dinner consisted of Dew Point Cocktail, Pontoon Duck, Flat Spin Potatoes, Split S Peas, Green Meadows Salad. Frozen Controls (ice cream) and Grounded Coffee. Lucille Boudreau really did a mighty fine job of putting it over with such a bang.

On November 21 there was an Amelia Earhart Memorial Service, conducted from Floyd Bennett Field, under the auspices of the 99's. A large number of our members were there to honor the memory of the woman who was responsible for the founding of our organization.

Magda Tisza says that the Sky Club, which she organized several months ago at Nelson Airport, Oakland, N.J., has eight active members at the present time. They put on a combination rodeo and air show on November sixth. Lucille Boudreau flew to Boston to see the new show "I'd Rather Be Right", and afterwards visited the Rhode Island School of Design at Providence. Today Kenyon flew her sister to Boston from the Long Island Aviation Country Club, returning a couple of days later with a couple of old friends. She said everyone was sold on the ease, delight and coolness of traveling through the sky in a Fairchild; and they're right about it's being a pleasure to fly with Teddy. Daisy Kirkpatrick came down from Swampscott for the opening meeting of the year at which time elections were held. Alma Harwood is a grandmother once more, for the fourth time. This time it's a boy, whom she hopes will be trying his wings before long. She had a thrill making a cross-wind dead-stick landing at Armonk when her throttle stuck and she had to cut the switch...score three for such performances. Peggy Remy and Brownee Luscombe attended the Sportsman Pilot Association's dingus at Atlantic City October 16th. They started out with a cocktail party and dinner, and continued far on into the morning, we understand. Ruth Nichols has been writing an engineering report for a badly needed Westchester County airport. She wants to know does anybody wanta buy a Lockheed Vega, on account of if they do she'll sell them hers.

Laura May Brunton has just returned from a month's vacation in Montana. She and her husband flew out in their Monocoupe, taking in the Air Races and the Midwestern Soaring Contest at Sleeping Bear, Mich. on the way. Laura May soared continuously for an hour one day, and two hours and a half the next. There were so many gliders soaring the same ridge at the same time, it was more than exciting! Helen Montgomery, one of our Michigan 99's, qualified for her "C" license. Barbara Southgate has transferred from the Northeastern Section. She used to live in Framingham, Mass., but moved down our way to take a new job secretarying for the Technical Service Laboratories, Stamford Research Labs, American Cynamid Co. We hope the job isn't as complicated as the name, Barbara! It's nice to have you with us.

There is justice after all. Remember our chagrin when Capt. Musick, Chief Pilot of Pan American, won the Taylor Cub which this Section raffled off in 1935. Well, Helena Pride, "Nancy" to you and one of our newest Junior Members, recently won 3rd place in TWA's national photographic contest. The prize is a one thousand mile trip by air! She has just obtained a position stenographing for flying time and a

salary at the Dayton Municipal Airport, so she can now go out by air, and fly back for the Christmas holidays. Nice going, Nancy.

---Laura May Brunton

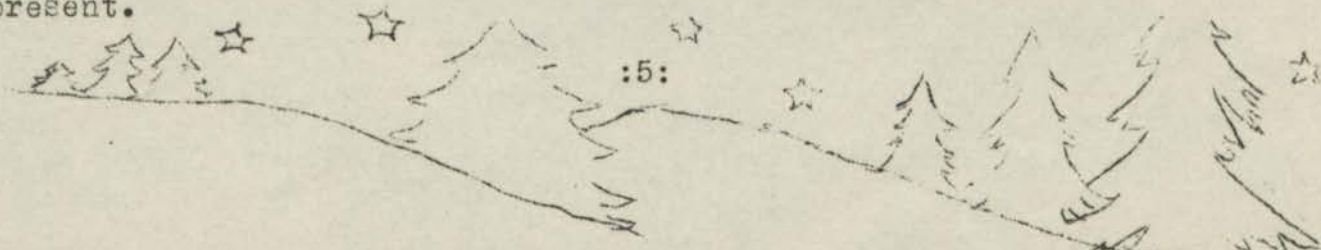
NEW ENGLAND - At the October meeting held at the E. W. Wiggins Airways Hangar at East Boston, Jean Adams, Daisy Kirkpatrick, Miriam Vanderslice, Louise Howard, Ora King, Thelma Chickering, Elizabeth Horton, Ruth Granger, Bertha Gardner, and our new member, Mary Davies, were present. Ora King came in her Hesse-Argo and Lou Howard in a Taylor Cub. Margaret Kimball was elected Vice-Governor. It was voted to send D.C. Inspector Bob Hoyt a cigarette lighter as a remembrance from the New England 99's; he has been with us for several years and has now been transferred to Washington.

We discussed at great length the question of a suitable memorial to Amelia Earhart; the possibility of an aviation ball in Boston sometime this winter; and whether or not to have a club course in meteorology. Mr. Arthur Hammond who is associated with the magazine "American Photography" and a member of the American Camera Club, talked to us on photography in general and aerial photography in particular, after which tea and sandwiches were served by Elizabeth Horton and Ruth Granger.

Dolly Bernson, whom many of you may have met and who has participated in many of the air races at Cleveland, has secured her transport license. Jean Adams flew a Fairchild recently to Nantucket. Mrs. L.B. Phillips of Baltimore flew here last month, also in a Fairchild. Margaret Kimball in a recent trip to Washington did considerable flying over the nearby states of Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. Her sister, Mary, now Mrs. Holland who is a New England 99er although at present residing in Washington, returned with her for a visit. The New England section is extremely sorry that it missed Ruth Nichols on her quick Boston trip, and hopes it does not happen again. Ann Conant, now at Sweet Briar College, has promised us a visit at Christmas time. Fletcher Ingalls, connected with the Dept. of Commerce here, is to give the girls a course on Navigation. We close with a cry of help! help! Where is Florence Yeskitt? Letters sent to her at East Hartford have been returned. Anyone knowing of her whereabouts please divulge them. The New England Section does not want to lose a friend and member.

---Louise Howard

SOUTHEAST - The Southeastern Section had its first fall roundup meeting in Charlotte, N.C., October 30th, as guests of the Carolina Aero Club at a dinner held at the Chamber of Commerce. A specially arranged table had been set with favors fashioned out of cellophane made by Madeline Hechenbleickner, and the 99 symbol made by a 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er. Mrs. Charlotte Frye flew up from Griffin, Georgia, in her Beechcraft; Mrs. Nell Foster of the Flying Behr Family flew from Anderson, S.C., in her Cub; Mrs. Lucille Brockenbrough and Mrs. Clayton Patterson attended from Charlotte; and two student flyers, Mrs. Blanche Ash from Fayetteville, N.C. and Mrs. Nella Cannon from Charlotte, were present.



One Sunday, Mrs. Fonda Hyatt, member of the New England Section who is spending the winter at Pinehurst, flew over with the good news that Daisy Kirkpatrick would visit with her the last part of November on her way to Florida. Plans are being made for a meeting of the Southeastern Section at Pinehurst while she is there and we urge every member to come over and get acquainted with Daisy, for she is one grand person.

Three of our Junior Members, Madaline Heckenbleickner and Mrs. Lucille Brockengrough of Charlotte, and Mrs. Nell Behr of Anderson, S.C. received their Private certificates this month and are now full fledged 99's. Clayton and Madaline took off in the Fairchild for Florence, S.C., several weeks ago to attend the Jubilee Day Celebration at their Tobacco Festival, and fully expected to return the same day. During the afternoon they were invited to fly to Lane, S.C. with several other flyers for the deer hunt on a large plantation there. Neither had ever been deer hunting, but thought it would be fun. So they fully equipped themselves with overalls, a two-bit nightie, toothbrush and paste from a nearby dime store, and flew down to Lane. Both were given guns and put on a post, but nary a deer did they see. However, Clayton was kept from being devoured by a bob cat that was killed by a man on a nearby post; at least that was the story...and said kitty kat has been mounted and did weigh thirty-five pounds. Coming home late in the afternoon they met a rainstorm near Camden, S.C. and had to land there for the night. But eventually they arrived home safely, tired but quite excited over their first deer hunt.

---Ye reporter

SOUTHWEST - Bay Cities Chapter - Only five members were present at the November meeting at the Plaza Hotel, so but a few business matters were discussed. Ruth Rueckert has been appointed chairman of the Airmarking Committee. It is hoped that this section will be able to bring about the airmarking of all California towns having a population of 5000 or more persons.

---Ruth Wakeman

SOUTHWEST - Los Angeles Chapter - At the regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, November 8th, we had as guest speaker the very good-looking and distinguished John Trent, motion picture star, who was formerly TWA pilot. He gave a most interesting talk on the making of motion pictures, and also spoke on the new safety devices used on airliners. The members will long remember this rare treat. Also, a short travelogue was given by Hilda Jarmuth who has recently returned from a trip to Europe and Egypt.

Melba Beard, Southwest Section Governor, entertained at a tea in her prize-winning "Modern House" and members brought prospective members as guests. Melba was a charming hostess, proved by the empty plates on which had reposed the most delicious pieces of chocolate cake with the yummiest frosting we ever tasted. When can we come over again, Melba? Dan Cupid hit a bull's eye again, this time aiming at our charming nurse-photographer, Viola Neill, and Joseph Hulley Washburn of Lockheed. They were married in Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 23rd. We extend our heartiest congratulations and goodwishes.