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Well over two-thirds of the 126 licensed women pilots in the country are represented on the list of 97 charter members whose number makes the name of the national organization of licensed women pilots which met on December 14th in New York City. It became necessary for the name 86, announced at the adjournment of the meeting to take a deep breath and do some substantial expanding. A telegram from the coast, it seems, had been put into the mail because that particular telegraph company had no branch at the town to which it was sent. Several letters bearing a much earlier postmark, it was found, had also been held up in the pre-Christmas mails.

Twenty-four pilots were present at the meeting, and one more arrived just after it had been adjourned and charter memberships were closed. She became the club's first new member. Any licensed women pilots who are not yet members, as well as all fledglings as they qualify for their pilots' licenses, are invited to join the organization by sending their applications to Mrs. Neva Paris, Great Neck, L.I., N.Y.

Ballots will be sent through the mails to the charter members for the election of regular offices, nominees being: for president, Opal Logan Kunz, Blanche Noyes, Louise Thaden; for vice president, Amelia Earhart, Frances Harrell, Betty Huyler; for secretary-treasurer, Fay Gillis, Neva Paris, Wilma Walsh. The count of the ballots will be taken at the January meeting and regular officers inaugurated. Mrs. Kunz was appointed president pro tem, and Mrs. Paris was appointed secretary-treasurer pro tem.

Members of a governing committee to represent various sections of the country were appointed as follows: for New England, Joan Fay Shankle; for New York, Opal Logan Kunz and Neva Paris; for the southeastern states, Mary C. Alexander; for Pennsylvania and Michigan, Louise Thaden; for Ohio, Blanche Noyes; for the midwest, Phoebe Omlie; for Texas, Margaret Thomas; for the far west, Gladys

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Delectable refreshments were served after the meeting by a hostess to the members and their friends, including among other delicacies, miniature airplanes in ice cream.

The next meeting of those members in the eastern part of the country and of any from further away who can arrange to be present, will be held again at Mrs. Kunz's home, 137 Riverside Drive, New York, in the latter part of January.

The charter members of the 97 Club are:

Mary C. Alexander, Baltimore, Maryland.
Mary B. Bacon, Brookline, Massachusetts.
Barbara W. Bancroft, Melbourne, Florida
Bernice G. Blake, Manchester, New Hampshire
Ruth T. Bridwell, Houston, Texas
Margery H. Brown, New York City
Myrtle Madelene Brown, Wilmington, Delaware
Vera Brown, Detroit, Michigan
Thelma R. Burleigh, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Myrtle R. Caldwell, Cleveland, Ohio
Ruth Elder Camp, New York City
Mildred Helene Chase, Chelsea, Massachusetts
Irene J. Chassey, Hartford, Connecticut
Marian Clark, Baltimore, Maryland
Helen V. Cox, Hagerstown, Maryland
Jean Davidson, Greenwich, Connecticut
Jane Dodge, Germantown, Pennsylvania
Marjorie Doig, Bridgeport, Connecticut
Amelia Earhart, New York City
Thelma E. Elliott, Baltimore, Maryland
Sarah S. Fenno, Barrington, Rhode Island
Frances Ferguson, Ponca City, Oklahoma
Adeline F. Fiset, Kansas City, Missouri
Phyllis Fleet, East Aurora, New York
Edith Foltz, Portland, Oregon
Ila Fox, Davenport, Iowa
Viola Gentry, Mineola, L.I., New York
Fay Gillis, New York City
Phyllis M. Goddard, Stanford University, California
Mary Goodrich, Hartford, Connecticut
Melba M. Gorby, Pasadena, California
Geraldine Grey, Buffalo, N. Y
Candis I. Hall, New York City
Sascha Peggy Hall, Santa Ana, California
Ruth M. Halliburton, Toledo, Ohio
Frances E. Harrell, Mineola, L.I., New York
Lady Mary Heath, Reno, Nevada
Nancy Hopkins, Mineola, L.I., New York
Jean D. Hoyt, Syracuse, New York
Betty Huyler, New York City
Angela L. Joseph, Denver, Colorado
Katherine F. Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas
Mildred E. A. Kauffman, Kansas City, Missouri
Betsy Kelly, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Madeleine B. Kelly, Alameda, California
Cecelia M. Kenny, Buffalo, New York
Teddy Kenyon, Brookline, Massachusetts
Florence E. Klingensmith, Fargo, North Dakota
Opal Logan Kunz, New York City
Eleanore B. Lay, Syracuse, New York
Eva May Lange, Bakersfield, California
Jean La Rene, Indianapolis, Indiana
Dorothea Leh, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Marjorie May Lesser, Albany, New York

Ethel Lovelace, Houston, Texas
Lola L. Lutz, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Edwyna McConnell, Fort Worth, Texas
Retha McCulloh, Beaumont, Texas
Helen Manning, New Canaan, Connecticut
Olivia Matthews, Dedham, Massachusetts
Jessie Maude Miller, New York City
Agnes A. Mills, New York City
Sylvia Anthony Nelson, Ardmore, Pennsylvania
Ruth R. Nichols, Rye, New York
Mary W. Nicholson, Greensboro, North Carolina
Blanche Wilcox Noyes, Lakewood, Ohio
Gladys O'Donnell, Long Beach, California
Margaret F. O'Hare, Port Washington, L.I., New York
Phoebe Fairgrave Omlie, Memphis, Tennessee
Neva F. Paris, Great Neck, L.I., New York
Peggie J. Paxson, Los Angeles, California
Achsa Barnwell Peacock, Bakersfield, California
Margaret G. Perry, New York City
Elisabeth F. Place, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Lillian Porter, Pasadena, California
Thea Rasche, Hamburg, Germany
Mathilde J. Ray, Los Angeles, California
Meta Rothholz, Brooklyn, New York
Gertrude Catherine Ruland, Syracuse, New York
Joan Fay Shankle, Boston, Massachusetts
Provisional Lic → Eleanor Spear, Portland, Maine
Ruth M. Stewart, St. Louis, Missouri
Mildred Stinaff, Akron, Ohio
Marjorie G. Stinson, Washington, D. C.
Dorothy Stocker, Houston, Texas
Louise McPhetridge Thaden, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Margaret Thomas, San Antonio, Texas
Evelyn B. Trout, Los Angeles, California
Esther M. Vance, Great Falls, Montana
Mary E. Von Mack, Detroit, Michigan
Wilma L. Walsh, Belleville, New Jersey
E. Ruth Webb, Llanerch, Pennsylvania
Nora A White, Kansas City, Missouri
Nellie Z. Willhite, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Margaret Willis, Stanford University California
Josephine Chattenden Wood, Altus, Oklahoma
Alberta B. Worley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Vera Dawn Walker

New members of the club, since charter membership was closed, are: Beryl T. Hart of New York City and Hazel Mark Spanagel of Lakewood, Ohio.

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Pilot's License Notes

Vera Dawn Walker of Los Angeles, one of the Women's Derby fliers, recently qualified for her transport license, thus making the number of women transports 11. Miss Walker is acting as demonstration pilot for MacClatchie Panther Manufacturing Company of Compton, California. She will make a tour of the 48 capitals shortly, and demonstrate their 6-head radial motor.

When Neva Paris of Great Neck, L.I., N.Y., a prize winner in the Women's Derby, qualified for her limited commercial license, she brought the total number of pilots in that classification up to 15. Mrs. Paris is engaged in national school promotion work for Curtiss Wright Flying Service.

Mrs. Beryl T. Hart, Private pilot of New York City, brings the total number of licensed women pilots up to 126.

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