

EXCLUSIVE FOR GOOD

DRAWING to the end of its first year in Sydney is what must surely be the most exclusive charity organisation in Australia.

For ZONTA, as it is called, has a specially selected membership of top-level professional and business women, and included in its ranks are lawyers, doctors, lecturers, directors of large firms and even a chief chemist.

"ZONTA," said Miss Marjorie de Tracy (pictured right), the organisation's Sydney president, and hostess superintendent for Qantas, "is a women's service organisation which undertakes projects to help people in need."

"It was formed in Buffalo in America in 1919, and there are now clubs in 29 countries throughout the world, including Korea, Mexico, Sweden, Turkey, the U.K., and the Republic of China."

"Our club was started here in February by a Canadian, Miss Dorothy Thompson, who set up other clubs in Melbourne and Auckland" said Miss de Tracy.

SYDNEY ZONTA now has a membership of 33 women, and their project this year has been to work and raise funds for the Infants Home at Ashfield. Their target for the year was \$700.

"Next year we hope to be able to assist other people as our membership increases," said Miss Shirley Anderson (pictured left), who is a member of the committee and also an air traffic controller at Kingsford-Smith Airport.

"Membership to ZONTA is restricted to one woman from each branch of each profession or type of business—so that we have an interesting club."

"It means that although we can have three lawyers, they must each practice in different fields of law — banking, advisory, and so on."

"We don't accept applications for membership, but choose those we want — and nobody has ever refused to be a member."



NO SLIPS OF THE TONGUE

WOULD it make you nervous to know that every word you say at work is being recorded on a tape which will be kept for three months and used in an investigation if you make a mistake on the job?

Most women would hate the idea, but attractive Shirley Anderson, of Brighton-le-Sands, hardly gives a thought to the tape that whirrs as she uses radar to help aircraft from all over the world to land at Kingsford Smith Airport.

"You get used to responsibility in this job," says Miss Anderson, who is the only woman among about 100 air traffic controllers at Mascot.

There's only one other woman air traffic controller in Australia, Olga Tarling, of Brisbane, and not more than a dozen in the world.

Miss Anderson works in the Area Approach Control Centre at Mascot as a radar controller for arrivals. The most important part of her job is to ensure the safety of air-

She was humble

craft by co-ordinating their approach and landing.

"The job boils down to problems in arithmetic because we have to deal with many aircraft, ranging from single engine types to overseas jets, doing widely varying speeds and all wanting to land as soon as possible," says Miss Anderson.

"Each Approach radar controller can deal simultaneously with five aircraft."

"It's often quite complex because the airport is very busy and becoming busier."

Long-range radar to a radius of 150 miles was installed at Mascot less than a year ago, and Miss Anderson was in the first group trained as long-range radar controllers.



She and Miss Tarling joined the Department of Civil Aviation in 1960 as trainee air traffic controllers—the first women to be appointed for such work in Australia.

They were given intensive training in aviation subjects for a year before qualifying as air traffic controllers.

"At first, I was afraid the men I work with wouldn't want a woman

Shirley Anderson, air traffic controller

in their midst."

Anderson. "I tried to be insignificant and be insignificant—right humble—bused after a while men had accepted"

"The pilots are fully easy to get with. Some of them are quite gallant."

"I'll never forget from the East with calling me 'Sir'."

Miss Anderson love with flying" she has wanted to be aircraft ever since she got a private licence, which she holds, and joined Women's Pilots' Association."

Later, during a seas trip, she joined Royal Canadian Air Force Reserve and trained in control subjects and radar operation."

She believes this part in her selection as air traffic controller her return to Australia."

FLYING HIGH

CAROLE Mitchell (pictured), who likes driving fast cars, and hopes to obtain a pilot's licence, is the latest entrant in the Miss Personality Quest.

The Quest, conducted by the United Charities Fund, is open to all girls from 16-24.

Courses at the Pat Woodley Model Agency and a chance for a modelling career are among the many prizes.

TWO SECTIONS

They also include a holiday on the Gold Coast at the Sunset Strip Guest House, Colangatta, with return flight by T.A.A. and spending money.

There are two sections, the Miss Personality Quest for girls 18-24 and the Miss Personality Junior for girls 16 and 17.

Entrance fee is \$4.20 and \$2.10, but candidates



are not asked to raise money.

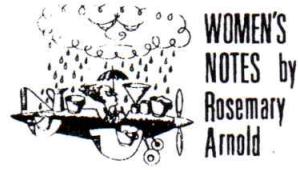
The Quest will conclude at a Coronation Ball.

For further particulars, phone 61-2709, 61-2682, or call at the fund's office, 8th floor, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney.

1 Godspeed Sheila. Come back - really soon for a longer stop-over.

The girls of AWP have many diversions. We attended the Inst. of Navigation's Ladies Night where one of our members made her debut as a public speaker and did a "Mrs. Miller". Truth is often stranger than fiction.

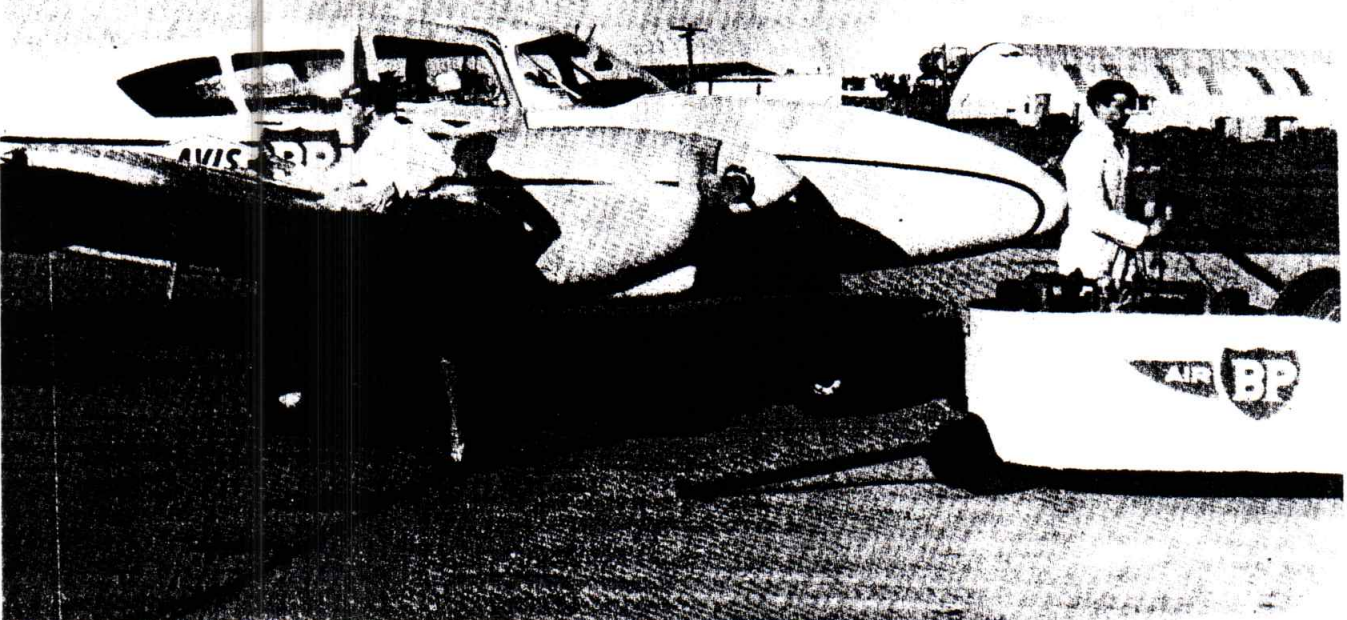
Nineteen of us had a great time at Richmond Air Base when we all had a "fly" of the Lockheed C130A Hercules Simulator. One delightful Flt-Lt. kept throwing switches, red lights blinked back at us and stall buzzers blew. He must have thought it took a lot to unnerve a "woop"; truth was the first 10 minutes at the controls of such a beast and ignorance is bliss. We stayed so long we were guests at two scrumptious afternoon teas. Wish it was an annual event?



Last light slipped by and still we waited; cars pressed hard to our Spy-machines. We faintly heard that female voice, unmistakably British "... Golf Oscar Yankee." She was here, tired and charming. How marvellous it was to meet Sheila Scott, England's ace woman-pilot, on her solo around-the-world flight in her single-engined Piper Comanche. Her aim? To become the first British pilot to fly solo around the world, and the third woman in the world to do so. Sheila holds 15 world air-speed records and is Whirly-Girl No. 79, England's first and only woman helicopter pilot.

Sydney did itself proud for our guest. Firstly, with a champagne welcome-party given by our hosts Mr. Peter Lloyd and Mr. Ken Holt, on behalf of R.F.A.C.A. and Ansett-General Aviation. And secondly, when those magnificent men went into action, determined to solve the aircraft's many technical problems, which had made Sheila's flight a nightmare for 12 days. A vote of thanks to Mr. Ken Holt and staff for their patience, skill and ability to go without sleep, for it is to their credit that since departing Sydney Sheila's progress has been trouble-free.

Bon Voyage to Gwen Caldwell who is off to the U.S. with husband, Bill, for 9 weeks. Also to Nancy Walton, who with Christine Henderson RACSA, and four others, are off on a trip in a C206 to Darwin. From here, Nancy goes on to Israel and Chris flies the rest of the party back to Sydney.



Miss Rosalind Merrifield checks the fuel level of the Piper Aztec aircraft in which she flew solo across the Pacific ocean

Opposite Page: Rosalind Merrifield was given a warm welcome on her arrival in Sydney after her trans-Pacific journey. Reporters get their story from Miss Merrifield at Sydney's Kingsford Smith Airport



Mission. May 9th 1966

Sisters in the skies



In the cockpit of a light training plane sit Sister Maria Cleofe and Sister Innocenza, the first nuns to train for their pilots' licences in Italy—possibly in the world. Three months ago they were teaching at a school in Alba; soon they will be flying missionaries into inaccessible parts of the East or South America. Aviation authorities decided not to make them wear pilots' flying suits.

WHAT'S NEW!

IF YOU'RE a member of a nation-wide flying club it's nothing to have guests travelling hundreds of miles to pay you a visit.

Members of the Australian Women Pilots' Association regularly entertain each other in their homes and 150 members and their friends are coming from all over Australia for such an occasion in Canberra on May 7.

But the setting will be a little different this time, for the hosts are the Governor-General, Lord Casey, and Lady Casey.

Most of the Sydney members attending are travelling down by car, not plane. "Others who live further away, will be flying because of the longer distances," said the president of the NSW branch of the association, Mrs. R. W. Murphy, of Oatley.

However, Mrs. Murphy will be one of the flyers—she's travelling in a Cessna 172 with fellow member, Mrs. K. G. Arnold, the NSW treasurer.

This is the first reception for members of the Australian Women Pilots' Association to be held at Government House.

But Australia's new First Lady is the patron and an active member of the association and often relaxes at weekends by flying her own plane.

The Sun, Thursday, May 12, 1966

CANBERRA "FLY IN"

IT was a busy and prolonged "long weekend" in Canberra, from which she returned on Tuesday, for Mrs Charles (Nancy Bird) Walton, of St. Ives.

Nancy went down for the "fly in" arranged by enthusiastic aviatrix Lady Casey for 150 of her old air chums.

More than 28 aircraft, piloted by women, flew in on Friday night, some carrying as many as six passengers.

They were all guests of the Governor-General and Lady Casey at a buffet dinner at Government House, where Nancy Walton was a house guest.

On Sunday there was a mammoth barbecue for the visitors at Widgeongully, Jugiong, the property of Mr and Mrs Peter Willsallen.

After the other pilots had taken off to their various States, Nancy stayed on for a little good work.

She organised a Canberra committee to work for her pet project the ambulance of the air.

The first ambulance has, incidentally, been ordered and will be ferried across the Pacific, its arrival expected about August.

Patrons of the new Canberra committee are Lady Johnstone, Mrs Bill McMahon and Mrs David Fairbairn.

It's headed by Air-Marshal Healey, Lady McIntyre and Lady McNicoll

Pilot visits Lady Casey

ELIZABETH Gibson, of Dudley, was one of 150 women pilots who spent the week-end as guests of Lady Casey at Yarralumla, Canberra.

She flew down on Friday and back on Sunday night.

Lady Casey, a keen pilot, was a member of the Women's Pilots' Association when it was first formed and, when she took up residence in Canberra invited pilots from all the States to visit her.

The Sydney Morning Herald, Sat., June 11, 1966

AUSTRALIANS IN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

O.B.E. (Officer)

Mrs Nancy Bird Walton. For services to the community, particularly on behalf of the Far West Children's Health Scheme.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY - June 15, 1966

SOCIAL ROUNDABOUT

MRS. CHARLES WALTON and Christine Henderson are co-pilots for the Ambassador for the Netherlands, Mr. Elink Schuurman, Mrs. Schuurman, and their daughter Sylvana, on a flying tour of the Northern Territory.

Travelling in a Cessna 206, the party will be away three weeks. On the way to the Territory they will visit Mrs. George Falkiner's property, "Haddon Rig," and at "Brunette Downs" they will be entertained by the manager, Mr. Charles Weiss, and Mrs. Weiss.

It will be a reunion for Mrs. Walton and Mrs. Weiss, who flew together in Bourke for the Far West Scheme more than thirty years ago, when Mrs. Weiss was Sister Margot Silver.

They will also visit mining projects in Weipa, on the eastern side of the Gulf of Carpentaria, Thursday Island, and will touch down in Darwin en route to Portuguese Timor, where they will be the guests of the Portuguese Government.

On return to Darwin, Mrs. Walton will leave the other travellers, who will fly on to Alice Springs and Central Australia before returning to Sydney.

She is scheduled to board an aircraft bound for Djakarta on June 22, and there she will stay at the American Embassy as the houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lydman before going on to Israel, where she will stay at Haifa with her niece, Mrs. Graeme Sheather, whose husband has taken up an architectural scholarship there.

After stopovers in London and America, she tells me she will be home again by September—"just in time to see the launching of the Air Ambulance!"

ANOTHER letter, from traveller Mrs. Nancy Walton, tells of a wonderful stay with her niece, Mrs. Graeme Sheather, and her husband at Haifa, in Israel, where Graeme is working on the site of a township dating back to 1500 B.C. She saw beautiful mosaic patterns, water jugs and bowls, and all sorts of antiques usually seen only in a museum. Graeme has been selected as a delegate to the United Nations Congress on Urbanism in Geneva and will be the only Australian present. Mrs. Walton also visited Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, and many other historic places.

The Sun, Wednesday, May 11, 1966

Pidgin lesson for G.-G.

PORT MORESBY, Wednesday. — Lady Casey, wife of the Governor-General, last night learned that her title in pidgin is "Mary bilong Lord Casey."

Lord and Lady Casey arrived in Port Moresby yesterday to begin a two-week tour of Papua-New Guinea.

She and Lord Casey also learned that the Prince of Wales is referred to by Motu speak-

ers of Papua as "Prince Charlie."

The lesson was given during translations of a speech Lord Casey gave at Port Moresby last night.

Lord Casey's speech took more than 50 minutes because of the need to translate it into Pidgin and Motu.

Australia wants Papua-New Guinea to advance to self-determination as quickly as is reasonably possible, Lord Casey said in his speech.

"You are fortunate to have a friendly country in Australia ready and willing to help you in all possible ways," he said.

LEPERS

The Governor-General will meet 150 lepers and tuberculosis patients at a small island hospital today.

Lord Casey will go by launch to Gemo Island, in Port Moresby Harbour, to meet the patients.

The hospital has about 75 lepers and 75 tuberculosis patients.

The doctor in charge of the hospital, Dr Dorothy Entricham, said yesterday that Lord Casey had expressed a wish to meet the patients.

He will spend about 35 minutes on the island



LADY CASEY

and will see the patients in their six wards.

Lord Casey will see a small primary school on the island for the children of staff and patients.

He will also inspect a small technical training school run by a male patient who teaches woodwork.

Earlier in the day, the Governor-General will visit the police training centre at Bomana, near Port Moresby.

The Bomana War Cemetery, where many dead from the Kokoda Trail are buried, will also be visited by him.

He will later lunch in Port Moresby with a small group of Papuan and New Guinean students.

NORTH SHORE TIMES, Wednesday, June 29, 1966



MRS. NANCY WALTON (BIRD)

KURINGAI TO PAY TRIBUTE TO RESIDENTS

Kuringai residents who were honoured in the Queen's Birthday honours list will receive a letter from council under seal expressing council's pleasure at the recognition of their services.

Another letter of congratulations under seal will be sent to the Right Rev. Monsignor P. Crowley, Parish Priest of Pymble.

Mayor Justin Rickard introduced both matters in Mayoral minutes.

Those honoured by the Queen were— Knights Bachelor: Mr. Robert C. Wilson, Gordon, and Dr. A. J. Murray, Turramurra. CBE (Commander): Mr. G. I. Davey, Warrawee.

OBE (Officers): Mrs. Nancy Bird Walton, St. Ives and Mrs. Gladys S. Buntline, Wahroonga.

50 years

Council congratulated Monsignor Crowley on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 26.

Born in 1891 County Cork, Ireland, he was ordained in Dublin on June 26, 1915 and came to Australia later the same year.

He was Dean of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Sydney from 1921 to 1930.

He was appointed priest in charge of Pymble in 1930 and has remained there ever since. He is now Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Sydney and Prothonotary Apostolic.

Storms ahead — but she's happy

