

Entries for Powder Puff Derby Open Next Week, Close April 20

April 20th will mark the first date applications for entry in the 14th Annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, more popularly known as the "Powder Puff Derby," will be accepted, it was announced yesterday. Entries will remain open until midnight April 20.

Take-off positions for the race, to be held July 9th to 13th, will be determined in the order they are received at race headquarters, 2611 East Spring St., Long Beach. It is expected that between 30 and 40 women will enter on the first day, so a drawing will be held to determine their official position and official race number.

This 2509.13 statute-mile race course across the United States from coast to coast will touch nine states from the starting point in Torrance on a route via Needles; Prescott and Winslow, Ariz.; Albuquerque, N. M.; Amarillo, Tex.; Oklahoma City; Ft. Smith, Ark.; Memphis, Chattanooga, and Johnson City, Tenn.; Roanoke, Va., to the terminus in Wilmington, Del.

OFFICIAL TIME stamps will be located at each of these "designated" airports where the pilots may refuel or remain overnight. No night or instrument flying is permitted and the contestants must be on the

ground at these listed airports by sunset each night. Take-off the following morning is not permitted until official sunrise.

The race is for stock-model airplanes, single or multiple-engine, of between 85 and 350 horsepower and manufactured after Jan. 1, 1950. All entrants must hold an Airmen's Certificate or private grade or higher and must have a minimum of 100 hours solo time with 50 hours cross country experience. Passengers and/or co-pilots need not be rated pilots.

THE FIRST PLANE to cross the finish line is not necessarily the winner. A "Par Speed" handicap in knots is established for each make and model of airplane eligible to race. The winner is the airplane which averages the highest ground speed in relation to its "Par Speed."

Torrance, along with the Long Beach Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. (international organization of women pilots) will host the start of the race and the Wilmington Civic Bus-

nessmen's Assoc. and the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. will be hosts for the terminus of the race.

THE "POWDER Puff Derby" is sanctioned by the National Aeronautic Association, conducted under the rules and regulations of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale and sponsored by the Ninety-Nines, Inc. It is planned and managed by a nine-woman board of directors with headquarters in Long Beach.



MARJORIE SEWELL Seeks Speaking Dates

Gas Co. Adds New Speaker For Groups

Miss Marjorie Sewell has been named to represent the Southern California Gas Co. as a special speaker to present a series of talks designed specifically for women's clubs and social groups. She will be available for appearances here in the company's Southwest division, according to Georg M. Babbe, gas company division manager.

"Miss Sewell is an experienced public speaker, having appeared before numerous service and civic clubs in California," Babbe said.

FOR TWO YEARS Miss Sew-

ell was the top-ranking woman in intercollegiate speech competition during her undergraduate days at Pepperdine College. A former high school teacher, she taught speech, English, history and journalism just prior to joining the gas company.

For her initial series of presentations, Miss Sewell has prepared three speeches, the first of which is "Simply Scandalous, My Dear!" a collection of tongue-in-cheek vignettes of some of history's famous people from Henry David Thoreau to Carry Nation.

ALSO PART of the series are "Gasman Save My Cat" and "The Tale of Mother Hubbard's Dog." In "Gasman" Miss Sewell deals with humorous incidents in the lives of gas company men and women here in the company's Southwest division.

Miss Sewell's talks may be scheduled without charge by writing Babbe's office at 158 S. La Brea, Inglewood, or by In "Mother Hubbard" she relates gas company operations to the classic nursery rhyme, writing the Speaker's Bureau, Southern California Gas Co., Box 3249, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles 54, Calif.

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