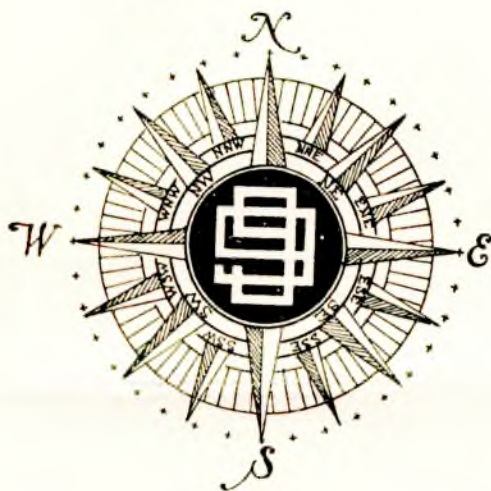


NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

There!! The income tax and estimate reports are out.. Sit back now and relax. I think I shall take a day off and live over again the grand trip to Chicago and Austin, Texas last month. In other parts of this NEWS LETTER you will probably read the details of the meetings as reported by the respective Chapters themselves.

The Chicago girls turned out en masse and it was such fun to meet again members who were charter members when the Chapter was organized during the time I was Governor of the North Central Section and to get acquainted with the members who have joined in the intervening years.

The Texas meeting was a week-end convention of three groups: NINETY-NINES, Wasps and the Texas Wing of Women Flyers, all from the state of Texas, and they are all dead-set on working toward making Texas the best air-marked state of the Union. Ninety-two registrations about equally divided among the three groups. The program and details moved along without a falter. May be it would be a good idea if their committee would plan and suprintend the National meeting, whenever it may be held.

In the February NEWS LETTER is a bit of news that I would like you to turn to and read again. On page 6, the third paragraph of the Kansas City Chapter tells about plans for keeping the student pilots interested in the NINETY-NINES so they will become active members when they are the proud holders of airman certificates. Would your chapter be interested in following a similar plan?

CHAPTERS, please note - Does 99 headquarters have a complete list of your officers? I know my file is NOT complete on this information.

Who is interested in competing in a women's race as an event of the National Air Races in Cleveland this year - what type of ship, etc.? The usual qualifications will probably be in effect, such as commercial rating, or equivalent in hours and experience; and at least twenty-five hours reasonably recent in the type of ship to be flown.

The February NEWS LETTER was chuck full of news. Jeep it coming.

Just a reminder - Within the next two or three months you will be called upon to send in names for nominations for 1946-47 officers and members of the nominating, executive and Amelia Earhart Scholarship Committees.

I saw a robin this morning!

Jeannette Lempke

March 5, 1946

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NANCY HARKNESS LOVE
Receives
Avon Award for Women of Achievement

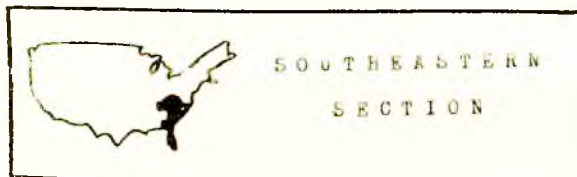
Nancy Harkness Love, a 99 member in the New England Section, was chosen as America's outstanding woman flyer by Dean C. Mildred Thompson of Vassar, opera star Gladys Swarthout and novelist Fannie Hurst acting on the Avon Award Committee, "for participation in flying activities which have been a real step forward in aviation".

Nancy is well known in aviation circles as former chief of the WAFs whose wartime activities included ferrying planes under the Air Transport Command. She has tested and demonstrated private flying craft and participated in many racing meets. As early as 1934 she surveyed air-marking sites in the state of New York for the Bureau of Air Commerce. She also helped develop the tricycle landing gear used on planes which have made history in the skies.

The Avon Award received by Nancy consisted of the Avon Medallion of Honor, a \$1000.00 Victory Bond and the Avon Certificate of Award. That is something to write home about, isn't it?

Jeannette Lempke.

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FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Ruth Clifford,
314 24th St., North, St. Petersburg, Fla.

FLASH!!! The Florida Air Pilots Association is planning to hold its Annual Air Meet some time in May -- the definite date and place will be announced later.

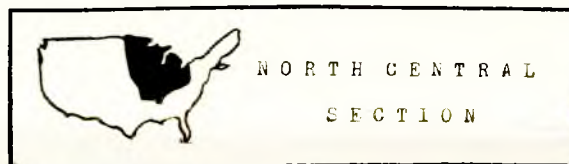
This meet is of special interest to all members of the 99's because Marion Bertram has presented a beautiful trophy to the Florida Chapter in memory of her husband, and this trophy goes to the winner of the 99 event in the Air Meet. The trophy is to be perpetual and remains the property of the Florida Chapter. Each year a race will be held to determine the possessor of the trophy for the coming year. Each winner's name will be engraved on the trophy.

Tentative plans for this year's event were made at the meeting of the Florida Chapter, which was held at the home of Evelyn McRae in Miami Springs on February 27. The event will include bomb droppings and spot landings from overhead approaches, so start practising now, for all of us will be eager to place this lovely trophy on our mantels this year. There will be an entrance fee of \$2.50 for this event and all proceeds will go into the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

We will keep you informed as to the date and place of this air meet. All inquiries should be addressed to Ruth Clifford, 314 24th St. North, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Chapter members present at the meeting were: Jean Criddlebaugh, Marion Bertram, Evelyn McRae, Katherine Loft, Gladys Pennington and Ruth Clifford.

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MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By B. Mae Blake,
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March finds us with a touch of Spring in the air. In spite of the "waist high" snowdrifts, there is a certain something which tells it won't be long now. February found us with no chapter meeting and nothing too exciting in the way of flying - we were "weatherbound".

The weather doesn't stop Jeannette Lempke. Last month found her in Austin, Texas, for a state-wide meeting of women pilots. It was composed of three groups: 99's, ex-Wasps, and women interested in aviation and affiliated with NAA, but not necessarily pilots. March 8th will find her in New York by way of Washington, D.C. She is traveling by airlines and will attend the annual party of the New York-New Jersey 99's.

Our March meeting will be a dinner party at the home of Mrs. Burt Lindzey, Grosse Pointe, on Saturday, the 9th. Our guests will be Betty Small, Detroit, chapter secretary, and Lee Haworth. Lee's engagement to Clifford Hammerslee has been announced - no wedding date as yet. They both are flyers and have had lots of fun in landing on ice and ice fishing. Lee instructs at Detroit City Airport.

Betty, who has just returned from Mont Tremblant, Quebec, will be married in the spring. She will move to Toledo, Ohio, after her marriage.

Gloria Lynch, our parachutist, will replace Betty as Secretary until September.

Sue Hickman Wagner is wearing an extra big smile these days - her husband, Martin, is home from the Air Corps for keeps.

Dorris Buzzard, Chesaning, promises us the pleasure of seeing her at more meetings in the future. She and Dr. Walter Buzzard have a new plane, having sold their old one when he entered the service some three years ago.

A letter from Claire Suhan to Thelma Lindzey invites us all to get in touch with her at 216 S.E. Second Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on our trips to the Sunny South.

One of these times I'm going to miss the NEWS LETTER deadline, waiting for news from you girls around the state. It's not easy to write a column when you don't know what's been doing during the month. Just get the news to me so we can keep Michigan in the headlines.

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KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Helen Hayward
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Could it be that chapters all over the country are experiencing the same thrill we are in the Kansas City 99's? Those of us who remember the small group that organized our chapter here, are still rubbing our eyes in amazement to find approximately 30 women in attendance at our meetings instead of the dozen workers we had before the war. Thirty or more enthusiastic workers, too. Hats off to our Chairman, Marie Page, for getting us together and hats off to our new members, in many cases, very salty ex-Wasps.

Jean Babb will be leaving us soon. She's marking time until husband "Bee" arrives with two Vultees they have purchased to fly West. Watch for her soon in the vicinity of L.A. Lucky girls out there --- we will miss her.

Lavon Davis Martin hasn't been wasting her time while waiting for her husband's return from the Army. She's passed her instrument written, and is working on that rating.

Our first meetings were a little on the formal side, because of the business of organization, and getting acquainted. We have just had our fourth meeting, a breakfast, at the airport with Junior members as our guests, followed by a business meeting in one of the hangars. It was like old times, only more so, 30 women instead of 10, all interested in flying.

A winging party was planned to attend the air races at Stephens College in April, with some of us making a preliminary flight to promote interest in the 99's among the college flight instructors and the students holding private licenses. We also discussed a possible hanger dance in May, and somehow started reminiscing.

We are so proud of Verne Burke and the job she is doing in Florida---also of Virginia Garst, now chairman of the 99's in New Orleans, where I've just spent the weekend as her guest. She loves her work with Folger's Coffee Co., and is intrigued by New Orleans, which is easy to understand. I had a fine ride back in a Lockheed 12, owned by Mr. Burris of Dallas, Texas. Great fun!

Lucile Doll just returned from a cross-country to Texas and back. She piloted a twin engined Beechcraft.

Betty Green, formerly of Omaha, now one of us, heads

the CAA Link department. She had an interesting weekend flying tests at Olathe Air Base, experimenting with Radar controlled take-offs and landings.

Margaret Fristoe is almost a commercial pilot, and is doing a swell job as our new social chairman.

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INDIANA CHAPTER

By Ruth Colwell
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The Kokomo girls entertained us at our February meeting. We met at the airport and then were taken into town for a chicken dinner that made us think of the good old days. The chicken was piled on platters in the middle of the table and we could have a second and even a third helping. (I don't like to think how many some of us had!)

We discussed plans for the sectional here in May. Everything is coming along nicely and we surely hope every one in this and other sections comes.

A welcome was then extended to three new 49ers - Nellie Evans' husband Ernest, who is a grocer; Myrtle Cox's husband Evert, an instructor at Winchester, and Betty Wilson's husband Cecil, an ex-radio operator just out of the Army. Betty talked him into flying, and he has soloed by now.

It sure is nice to see so many of the girls turn out for the meetings. Plans can be made and things accomplished that way, and it does us all so much good to talk to others who are doing things. It makes us want to do more, too.

Fern Rinker, Anderson, was in Indianapolis over the week-end and came to see me on Sunday. We had a nice talk. She is thinking strongly of moving to Indianapolis (and I sure hope she does). We would be so glad to have her here but the Anderson girls would miss her.

Your Reporter finally got checked out again and, girls, don't be surprised if I drop in any time now. I'm planning to try and visit every airport in Indiana that has a 99er, but it will be during the week. That's the trouble with an airport in the family - you can't have your own planes on Sunday.

PLEASE, girls, send me your news.

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EASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth Craine,
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Milwaukee 10, Wisconsin

It surely seemed wonderful to have our WAC, Dora Fritzke, back with us at our regular meetings. She lost no time in getting out to Mitchell Field and up in the air in our vicinity once more. Just try to call her. Invariably Mrs. Fritzke will say, "Oh, Dora has just gone to the airport." The little parts of her past experience in the Air Corps, which come out incidentally, are certainly interesting.

Peg calls when she gets to Milwaukee, but because of the train and class schedule is still unable to attend our meetings. Her studies at the University of Wisconsin are progressing as anyone would expect a 99er to progress.

Elsie Peter's report about her meeting with the Illinois group in Chicago recently was a pleasant one. We are planning to go to the sectional meeting the first weekend in May. Indianapolis will be our hostess. Sounds mighty nice.

Trixie Gehrung, our news hound, is constantly bringing us tales of her wild escapes (and we eat them up with relish!). Her recent one of being chased by a helicopter as it demonstrated to several thousand people on our lake front, had us in mirth for the whole evening.

Necia Patterson is ever the faithful Wing Scout instructor. She has finished meteorology and is about to give CAR. Her girls still adore her, as well they may.

Letters to various members indicate that Rosemarie Spanner is to return to Milwaukee. We hope to see her at the March 10th meeting which is to be held at the home of Jeannette Kapus.

Jean Reimer is waiting patiently for spring so she can start work on her instructor's license. She is now amassing the finances which will disappear so quickly as soon as she starts.

Our last meeting, at Dorothy Christenson's home on South Shore Drive, was, as always, a date to remember. The exchange of monthly activities and the delightful refreshments kept us there until nearly midnight.

Busy Caroline Feiling, who has about three dates for every day in the week, still manages to find time to come to our meetings. Her help is always appreciated, for she does all things most willingly.

Until next time, "Happy Landings on the soft airstrips!"

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Adelaide O'Brien,
1666 South 7th St., Springfield, Ill.

Our Chapter had a delightful meeting at Lincoln on Saturday, March 2, with Ethel Jones as hostess. She found a place just outside of town which served the most "delishus" steaks we've sunk our teeth into in many a day. When we were able to move after the swell dinner, we went back to the Hotel Lincoln for our business meeting. We were most happy to have with us our newest member, Kay Potter from Vandalia.

At the business meeting we finally got out plans under way for our Air Marking Program. Since we still have not heard from the State Department of Aeronautics as to their Air Marking plans, we are definitely going ahead on our own. If any of you Chapters which have already started such a program have any tips to help us, we most certainly will appreciate receiving them. Send them to Yours Truly, as I am Chairman of the Air Marking Committee.

Our members instructed me to be sure to second Eastern Penn's motion that the Ohio girls invite us to Cleveland for our National meeting, in connection with the Air Races. We are in complete agreement with the reasons presented by Eastern Penn, so how about it, Ohio? Won't you make it possible for us to make two landings with one take-off by having the National 99 meeting at that time?

Notice to the members of our own Chapter who were not at the meeting: Each Chapter member is urged to send a snapshot of herself (preferably near a plane, hanger or something to indicate flying) to Mary Lou Musselman, 1656 Main St., Quincy, Ill., for our Chapter scrapbook. Please do this as soon as possible for we would like to have a complete gallery in our book in time for our birthday party.

Yes, our Chapter celebrates its first birthday next month. Our meeting will be held at the Leland Hotel, Springfield, on Saturday, April 6. Dinner is scheduled for 7 P.M. This is going to be quite a gala affair and we want not only our own members but also our friends from neighboring chapters to attend. How about it, girls? We have reserved a block of rooms at the hotel for those who would like to stay over night. Won't you drop a card to Helen Rohrer, 1006 South 2nd St., Springfield, Illinois, telling her you'll join us at our birthday party? Elsie Peters and Jeannette Lempke, please take note!

How many are planning to attend the National Conference for Women in Aviation which is to be held at Stephens College in April? Surely the 99's should be represented at this meeting.



SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Eleanor Verkuyll,
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Our February meeting assembled twelve Ninety-Nines to enjoy the lavish hospitality of Adrienne Clark in her San Francisco home. Following dinner which may only be described as a "marvelous meal", the regular business session was held.

Declared to have been unanimously elected to sectional offices were, Marjorie Fauth, governor; Kay Van Doozer, vice governor; Dorothy Fowler, secretary, and Elizabeth Watson, treasurer.

This chapter has been trying, thus far unsuccessfully, to find a central meeting place which will accept as small a group as our own. Olive Bledsoe was appointed to investigate East Bay possibilities, Frances Grant having thoroughly fine-combed the San Francisco side without unearthing a single promising clue.

A Winging Party scheduled for February 16th, with Salinas as its destination, was postponed because of inclement weather. Peggy Ann Taylor, Salinas member, will eventually get a representative delegation as visitors, but temporarily flight activities are tabled awaiting calmer, clearer days!

Member Lillian Anderson, now in Southern California, will pay us a visit in May. We remember when Lillian jogged by Greyhound Bus to an unbelievably distant point to get in flying time for her private pilot's license. She is one of the hardy souls who laughed at obstacles, to her ultimate success.

Juanita Dreier, ex-Wasp who has frequently visited our chapter, is scheduled to change her name on March 2, to Mrs. Edmund C. Hurlbutt, Jr. The benedict is an Army Major now on terminal leave after 30 months overseas.

The March meeting will mark the fourteenth anniversary of the founding of our chapter, and certainly merits special observance. Dorothy Estep will be hostess to the group at her home in Menlo Park on March 22nd, at an eight o'clock meeting.

Rita Hart flew her open Ryan to Marysville in February and said it took her two days to get thawed out. We

hear by the grapevine that she did a swell job in her talk to the Soroptimists there.

Governor Marjorie Fauth has grown very democratic in these later years, and now flies light planes places! A recent peregrination took her to most of the airports along the peninsula and up Napa way. (She was trying out a new Taylorcraft, we heard!)

Cutest announcement ever came from Member Dorothy Chamberlin and 49er Chester, telling of the arrival of the Baby Clipper bearing passenger Sandra Leigh Chamberlin. The prospective 99er "landed" at St. Luke's Hospital on February 17th.

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LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Melba Beard,
1695 Wagner St., Pasadena 4, Calif.

Carolyn West, chairman, was hostess at her charming foothills home "Timberlane" (alt. 2400 ft.) for our March meeting. After a brief business session, Carolyn served a buffet dinner planned around her delicious hot tamale pie, and topped off with ice cream, cake and coffee. The lovely strains of "Claire de Lune" "Warsaw Concerto" and other selections coming from the living room during dinner were unplanned but most effective. The musician was Jacqueline Hart, who felt more inspired to play just then than eat. After dinner, two Air Forces pictures were shown, one entitled "Memphis Belle" and the other describing in detail the training of glider pilots.

Twenty members were present. Main topic of discussion was our next meeting and flight to Santa Paula on March 9th. Seventeen girls expect to make the trip by plane and car. About six planes will go, to arrive at noon. We hope our lovely "June" weather will hold out until then, not only because this will be our first group flight since before the war, but because it will feature a barbecue at Dianne Cyrus' ranch.

Also discussed was the problem of meeting places, as many members must now travel long distances. It was decided that for the present, each member in turn would make arrangements for a meeting place, whether at home for dinner or just a snack, at a cafe, or as a picnic, beach party, breakfast flight or other event. This will vary the type, location, and time of meeting to suit all groups. As Lillian Anderson's name came first, she will arrange a meeting for April 8 in the vicinity of Glendale or Burbank.

Secretary Helen Hooper read the regulations covering eligibility of members, also two letters - one from Betty Lambert and the other from Betty Gillies, both of San Diego, who hope to join our flight Saturday. Betty Gillies and her family have a small ranch east of San Diego (Box 336, East San Diego 5, Calif.), and even tho the farmer is on a brief vacation, Betty believes she will be able to get away for the barbecue flight.

Members present were: Hostess Carolyn West; Lillian Anderson, Burbank; Melba Beard, Pasadena; Betty McMillen, Tehachapi; Helen Powell, Glendale; Dianne Cyrus, Santa Paula; Mardo Crane, Playa del Rey; Marion Mountain and Helen Hooper, Santa Monica; Irene Slagel and Betty Glaser, Beverly Hills; Barbara Erickson London and Beatrice Medes, Long Beach and Newport; Eileen Evans, Edythe Carlton, Helen Thomure, Mildred Constantine, Elizabeth Watson, Hilda Jarmuth and Jacqueline Hart, Los Angeles.

Most of the new members present were 99ers from other sections. Mildred Constantine was a charter member of the chapter in Jamestown, N.Y. With her husband, now back from the army, she is trying out California, and we hope they eventually become natives.

Helen Powell, now living in Glendale, was chairman of the Eastern Washington Chapter.

Barbara Erickson London, who has applied for reinstatement, is a former 99er from Seattle, also an ex-Wasp. She lives down Long Beach way, where she and her husband are head of the flight division of the U. S. Aviation Corporation, L. B. Municipal Airport. It is said that Barbara is the only woman to have received the Air Medal (and from Gen. H. H. Arnold) and that she's flown every type of plane except jet-propulsion craft.

Beatrice Medes, ex-Wasp and 99er from Cleveland, lives at Newport Beach and works for the U. S. Aviation Corp. She is in charge of the insurance and finance department.

Mardo Crane does the publicity for the same organization, is also an ex-Wasp, lives at Playa del Rey, and flies from Lamita airstrip. Her name was inadvertently placed on the Bay Cities Chapter list.

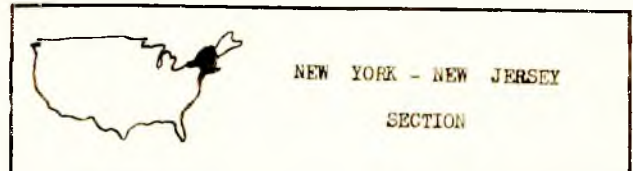
Helen Thomure, from St. Louis and other chapters, is still looking for a place to live.

Here's news from our older members. Eileen Evans has been busy on committees for the Airparks Seminar, and is in charge of registration, a job we hope she can complete in time to join us Saturday. She flew to Palm Springs recently with the CAP and checked several pilots on night landings and cross-country. Elizabeth Watson also made the CAP flight to Palm Springs, and was busy giving cadets their flying time. She put in six more hours in the Stearman last weekend. Helen Hooper got in an hour in an Interstate at our airport meeting last month. Jacqueline Hart, ex-Wasp, is working toward her instructor's rating. Betty McMillen didn't fly down this time. The little group of all-weather pilots way up there in the snowy altitudes of Tehachapi, stood about in anticipation while an instructor tested the newly-arrived Taylorcraft. Mud jammed something on one wheel, and a fence was in the wrong place. We hope it will be in the air again soon, Betty.

One of the spring flights contemplated is a weekend trip to the Alamo Field at Las Vegas, where the operator is fixing things up in style for just such cross-country jaunts. We also hear of a proposed Air Motel on Western Avenue in L.A., sponsored by some real estate people who are anticipating future air growth.

Several 99ers attended the February meeting of the NAA to hear Hawley Bowlus speak on soaring. Carolyn West, Melba Beard, Hilda Jarmuth, Irene Slagel and Helen Thomure were present. The next NAA meeting will be Motion Picture Pilots' night, March 28th, at Eaton's La Cienega Cafe. Revival of the Aviation Breakfast Club was announced, with March 1st, Long Beach Municipal Airport being the date and place for the first meeting.

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CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

By Isabel C. Fenton
Witch Path, West Springfield, Mass.

February 28th a buffet supper was held at Chairman Edith Cragin's studio in Hartford. Chicken and mushrooms on noodle ring - brown date bread with cream

cheese - (no butter!) - salad of grapefruit and lettuce. Thanks to Edith's mother, Mrs. Magna. Studio where Edith and sister Mary are in the midst of ceramics...The studio is tres smart in red.

Those present included Edith Cragin, Gadget Gadjowski, Barbara Parker, Helen Celler, Gloria Loeffler, Joan Fenderson and two ex-Wasps, Ann Shaw and Peggy Parish, and Betty Wallace...the last three gals will be new members of the 99s.

Barbara Parker has a one-third share in a PT-19 - Gadget and Helen are joining up with some others and buying a "Bubble Bee". One must get up stairs...Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Jack have babies.

Entertainment - Edith said she had a two-minute check-out in the operation of a projector - but it was a good hour (well, maybe less) before, with the aid of everyone she got it into take-off position...Only to find that the take-up spool was too small for our films...so we just saw about three-fourths of the "Growth and Development of the Helicopter"...but Edith refused to turn off the Flight Characteristics of the Hellcat and somehow held the film from slipping. Next meeting will be on Thursday, April 4th, at the Hotel Taft in New Haven.

We, editorially, have been so busy...our new airline, GLOBE FREIGHT AIRLINE, made its initial flight March 1... today the ship, DC-3, will be christened amid champagne for the ship and probably coke for us. We fly between Boston and New Orleans, so all you gals who want to ship something, anything, keep your thoughts on us. (Free advertising.)



MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Marjorie McBride
2724 North 65th St., Omaha 4, Nebraska.

Our Chapter had a breakfast meeting on February 10, at Belle Hetzel's apartment in Omaha, Nebraska.

Members present were: Bea Mack, Belle Hetzel, Alice Riss, Ruth Johnson, Marguerite Durbin, and yours truly. We were happy to welcome to our Chapter a newcomer, Berniece Christianson of North Platte, Nebraska, who recently received her private license.

Marguerite Durbin and Berniece Christianson flew in from North Platte in Marguerite's Taylorcraft. They came against the advice of the weather men, but had a good trip. They expected high head winds on the return trip, so they were keeping their fingers crossed.

Ruth Johnson and her husband flew in from Crete, Nebr. They have placed their order for a new Cub Cruiser.

Congratulations to our Chairman, Norma Heinzle, who has received her instructor's rating. She is instructing at Imperial Flying Service, Imperial, Nebraska.

Alice Riss' 49er, Ed, returned in December after service in the Pacific with the Air Corps. They were very fortunate in getting their old home back in the face of the present housing shortage.

Dorothy Anken, formerly of Grand Island, Nebraska, is now living in Staten Island, N.Y., and has transferred her membership from our chapter to the New York-New Jersey chapter.

Twice this month Belle Hetzel has had the pleasure of entertaining 99'ers from Chicago. Alice DeWitt and her 49er stopped in Omaha en route to Denver, and Faith Buchner, ex-Wasp and former member of the Missouri Valley Chapter, was an Omaha visitor.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Velma Woodward, 4301 Lincoln Blvd.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Will Rogers once said, "If you don't like the weather in Oklahoma, don't gripe. Just wait thirty minutes. It may change to suit you."

The dense ground fog the morning of February 17th didn't suit Oklahoma 99's and when it changed to a low overcast in mid-morning it didn't help a bit. The breakfast which was planned for 11 A.M. did go on, but the weather prevented our Tulsa members and our prospective new member from Shawnee from attending. Most of our group who live in or near Oklahoma City were present. Lt. Fearn Kennedy who is stationed at William Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas, and Elizabeth Sewell of Oklahoma City were guests. We hope that Elizabeth will be a member shortly.

Our next meeting is to be a breakfast in Tulsa on March 17th. Weather permitting, the Oklahoma City group is planning to fly over to Tulsa in Century Aviation Company's new Beechcraft Model 18. Incidentally, our Jerry Kelso has a full time job as vice president of Century Aviation Company and commutes to the city from El Reno each day. We think that is pretty swell for a 23-year old woman pilot. Our other El Reno member came to the front this month, too. Joann Jarrett is a participant in the women's bowling tournament.

NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Beth Smith,
406 Albany Ave., Shreveport, La.

Flora Belle Fouke, Hazel Morton, Cora McDonald, and Mildred C. Carney attended the convention held in Austin, Texas, on February 9 and 10, by the Texas Chapter of the 99's, the Texas Wing of Women Fliers, and the Wasps. They reported that the Texas girls are "really on the beam". Due to bad weather they went there by train for an elapsed time of 14 hours, but returned to Shreveport in two hours and 10 minutes via a chartered Noorduyn. The difference in traveling time definitely made "believers" of these girls.

Mildred C. Carney and Beth Smith have been devoting all their flying time to visiting small airports in this vicinity. We have made several calls at Marshall and Atlanta, Texas, and have stopped in to see the airports at Mansfield, La., both fields at Texarkana, also Magnolia and El Dorado, Ark. We have represented the 99's on two breakfast flights - one to Magnolia, Ark., and the other to Texarkana, Texas. Sue Wilson was with us at Magnolia.

We also made a showing at the recent Aviation Conference held in Shreveport, with a total of eight female pilots at one of the luncheons. Mr. Piper was the guest speaker, and a very entertaining one. I believe Helen

Ricketts was the only girl to attend the entire session of the Conference. She is now flying a BT-13 for M. S. Carroll Company, of Ruston.

Sue Wilson, Mildred Carney and Beth Smith also attended most of the meetings of the new chapter of NAA being chartered by over 100 members in Shreveport.

We have been invited by the South Louisiana Chapter to meet with them on March 9th, and I hope we will be well represented. Our meeting with them in New Orleans about a year ago was a "super" affair.

Beth sold her Cruiser last Saturday and started buying flying time Sunday morning in an Aeronca for the breakfast flight. She hopes Mr. Piper will rush production on the new Cruisers.

Isabelle "Onk" Smith of Marshall, Texas, has been under the weather lately and unable to get far from home, but Diana Gayle, her youngest "24½" will soon be old enough to take her first flight with her mother at the controls.

We are hoping to increase the size of our chapter by adding several new members at our next monthly meeting.

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TEXAS CHAPTER

By Mary Ann Hobbs,
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February 9 and 10, 1946, were exciting days for women interested in aviation. This was the weekend a convention of all women pilots and all women interested in aviation was held in Austin, Texas, under the sponsorship of the Texas Wing of Women Fliers, the Texas organization of the WASPs and the Texas Chapter of the 99's.

After much preparation and hard work on the part of the Austin girls connected with these three organizations, the convention opened Saturday morning, February 9th, at the Driskill Hotel, convention headquarters. At 1 o'clock everyone was seated in the Crystal Ballroom for the opening luncheon. In the absence of the Mayor of Austin, Mary Catherine Quist, president of the Austin Chapter of the Texas Wing of Women Fliers, welcomed everyone, hoped that they would enjoy themselves and help make the meeting a success.

Principal speaker of the luncheon was Mr. R. W. Cantwell, president of the Fort Worth Chapter, NAA, and president of the Southwestern Aviation Exposition to be held in Fort Worth March 8-17. His talk concerned a separate air arm for the service and stressed the importance of such a move. In conclusion he declared we all could help in this vital movement by putting pressure on our own congressmen and civic organizations.

Mrs. Mildred Miller, state chairman of the Texas 99's, presided for the remainder of the noon meeting. She urged establishment of aviation education in all of the schools and that we all do our part in attaining this objective.

Miss Jeannette Lempke, national president of the 99's, flew down from Saginaw, Mich., to attend this convention. We were glad we could present to her such a representative group of Texas women pilots. She made a most interesting talk, stressed the part women had in aviation before the war, the splendid record they made during wartime and the future for us in aviation. She is making one of her projects during her term of office, Air Marking. Whoever flies knows the importance and necessity of this, and she urges everyone to do whatever they can to get this work done. She advised that at the Cleveland Air Races in September there would be a meeting of the governors and heads of the 99's. She also stated the 99's would probably sponsor one or two races at the Cleveland meet.

Mary Ann Hobbs, president of the San Antonio Chapter of the Texas Wing of Women Fliers, outlined the activities of that organization and particularly the success her chapter has had. This group secured the aid of the Army in San Antonio for the training of its girls, and also owns a trainer plane.

Mrs. Mildred Carney, from Shreveport, governor of the South Central Section of 99's, was present at the luncheon, also Ava Hamm, Fort Worth, state president of the WASPS, and "Ziggy" Hunter from Austin, our Section's vice governor.

Early Saturday evening everyone assembled in the Ordinar, Room of the hotel for a most delightful cocktail party sponsored by Gulf, Humble, Luscombe and Texaco. Officers from Bergstrom Field, Director A. W. Meadows and members of the new State Aviation Commission, the Fort Worth Aerocade, Mr. Jack Bates of Fort Worth, State Aviation Chairman of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, were special guests at the dinner which was presided over by Col. George E. Hurt, director of the University of Texas Band, as toastmaster. The Fort Worth Aerocade was grounded by bad weather but 35 of its members arrived by car. Principal speaker of the evening was the noted Dr. John H. Frederick, University of Texas professor of Transportation and Industry, who spoke on the future of aviation. At the conclusion of the dinner a dance was held.

Sunday morning the convention started its last meeting with a breakfast in the Pan American Room, which was attended by almost the entire delegation - a fact Miss Lempke commented upon, saying she was sure it was most unusual. She told us that as 99's we should not take our organization for granted. Its purpose is to provide close relationship among women pilots and unite them in any movement for their benefit and for aviation in general. She reviewed the organization of the 99's and reminded us that we offer a scholarship of \$150.00 each year to the most outstanding girl in aviation, the fund being known as the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. Another recommendation was that each of us become familiar with our Constitution - cost 10 cents.

A motion was made and carried that the next meeting be held in Houston on March 2, 1946. At the invitation of Mrs. Cardwell of Bryan, Texas, it was voted that the April meeting be held in Bryan, Texas, the first Sunday of that month. Upon motion by Abbie Haddaway, properly seconded, the 99's will adopt Air Marking as one of our projects for this year, together with the promotion of aviation in the public schools.

Mrs. Carney, of Shreveport, La., section governor, said she had enjoyed the convention tremendously and was delighted with the manner in which we are working in Texas. She advised she would use Texas as an example for the other chapters in her jurisdiction. A sectional meeting will be held in April or May. We will be advised of the time and place and she hopes some of us will attend.

After the formal motions and talks by various members, the chairman called on the Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Ann Hobbs, for a reading of the minutes and a report on the treasury. Both these were approved.

At the conclusion of the breakfast everyone declared it had been a most successful convention and particularly commented upon the fact that three organizations composed of so many women could meet and agree so successfully.

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(Note: It's unusual to use two reports from the same Chapter, but both the Secretary's account above and the following one from the Chapter Reporter were too much appreciated to omit.)

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Frankie Mae Welborn
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Our Chapter started 1946 off with a state meeting February 9-10 in Austin, in conjunction with a state meeting of the former Wasps and of members of the Texas Wing of Women Flyers. We were very lucky and had both our National President Jeannette Lempke, and the Governor of the South Central Section, Mildred Carney of Shreveport, La., with us for the meeting. Also from out of the state were Cora McDonald of Hattiesburg, Miss., and Charlyne Greger of Norman, Okla.

The program opened Sunday, the 9th, with luncheon in the Crystal Ball Room of the Driskill Hotel. R. W. Cantwell, president of the Fort Worth Chapter of NAA, spoke on a "Separate Air Force". Mrs. James Miller presided at the 99's business meeting which followed. More than 80 women pilots, 65 from out of town, were at the luncheon and business meeting, of whom 29 were 99's. Of the others, 25 were licensed pilots and prospective members.

A gala reception followed by dinner and a dance in the Crystal Ballroom was held Saturday night for the convention guests, their escorts, and Austin flyers. More than 200 attended, including 35 flyers from Fort Worth who came by car when bad weather cancelled their flying plans. They came to invite all flyers to the Southwestern Aviation Exposition to be held in Fort Worth, March 8-16. Dr. John Frederick, transportation authority and professor at the University of Texas, spoke on "Some Aspects of Private Flying."

The gathering ended with a late breakfast Sunday morning. We are still bragging about the 68 flyers we got out to breakfast after a Saturday night dance. A final business meeting followed breakfast, when it was decided that the Texas 99's would sponsor two projects for the year. One, the air-marking of Texas towns to make cross-country flying safer and easier; the other, the sponsoring of aviation education in the Texas schools.

Miss Lempke urges us to keep our meetings from becoming "local" and to remember that the 99's is an international organization.

The Texas Chapter will hold its next meeting on Saturday, March 2, Texas Independence Day, at the Rice Hotel in Houston.

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