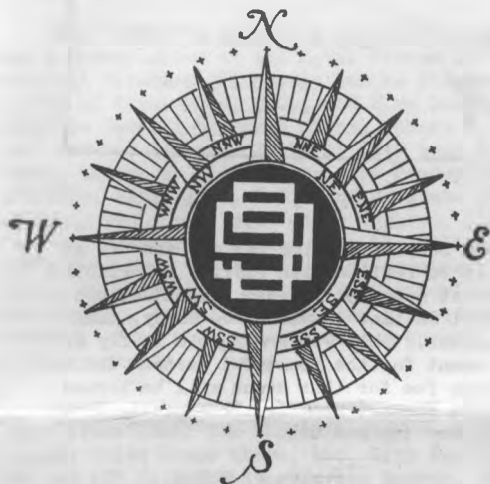


# NINETY- NINES



## NEWS LETTER

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### NINETY-NINES

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#### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Section Governors and Chapter Chairmen:

Jeannette Lempke, always the efficient executive, has turned over the President's Column of the NEWS LETTER to the Nominating Committee in order to start action on the nominations for the election of National Officers for the coming fiscal year of 1946-1947.

To avoid duplication of effort on the part of Section officers, all chapters are asked to submit the names they wish to propose direct to the nominating committee, and the candidates most universally chosen by the chapters of a section will be considered the choice of that section. We feel suggestions from the chapters will give us a wider coverage of members and a greater selection of nominees.

At the National Meeting in 1941 a motion was made, seconded and carried to establish a committee to handle the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. Alma Harwood and Margaret Cooper Manser are permanent trustees on a board of five. The remaining three members of the board shall be elected. All trustees shall be members of the NINETY-NINES, but none of the officers of the NINETY-NINES shall be eligible for the office of trustee.

Listed below are the candidates to be nominated:

President	1 name
Vice President	1 name
Secretary	1 name
Treasurer	1 name
1947 Nominating Committee	1 name <u>from your section</u>
Scholarship Fund Committee	1 name.

Please send your list of candidates to me at the address given below, postmarked NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1st.

Helen Wetherill, Chairman  
1946 Nominating Committee  
815 Bates Street,  
Detroit 26, Michigan.

April 3, 1946.

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#### NATIONAL AIR RACES

While in Cleveland recently I contacted the general manager of the National Air Races to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 31st, Sept. 1st and 2nd for which the sanction has definitely been granted by those in authority.

The committee is now determining to what extent they may expect the Air Forces to participate and

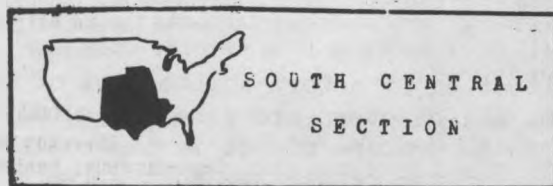
then they will be in position to set up their schedule of events and decide the type of events (races, acrobatics, demonstrations, etc.) to be included to complete the program. The committee hopes to have this in shape within the month of April.

Just as fast as I can get any information, I shall pass it on to you.

April 4, 1946.

Jeannette Lempke  
Your President

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#### TEXAS CHAPTER

#### FLASH!

All Ninety-Niners are invited to meet with the Texas Chapter, April 27, in Monterrey, Mexico. The Texas Private Fliers Association has invited the Texas Wing of Women Fliers, ex-Wasps, and ourselves to attend the dedication of the new Monterrey Airport. Try to make this gala event! For information, please write to Mrs. Mildred Miller, 1800 Vista Lane, Austin, Texas. Immediately!

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#### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Velma Woodward, Route 1, Box 100,  
Oklahoma City 5, Okla.

Sunday, the 17th, our usual March winds prevailed. Thanks to Jerry Kelso and Century Aviation's twin-engined Beechcraft, six of us made Tulsa for an 11 o'clock breakfast. Unfortunately the high wind prevented any "puddle jumpers" venturing into the air, so attendance was limited to Tulsa girls and Beechcraft passengers. We enjoyed a delicious breakfast at the Spartan Cafeteria just across from the Terminal Building. They serve excellent food and our breakfast was certainly up to par.

Tulsa girls present were: ex-Wasps Maxine de Salvatore and Ellen M. Endacott, both holders of commercials; Martha Hutcheson who has instructor and instrument ratings and is co-owner of Tulsa School of Aeronautics at Brown Airport; and private pilots, Pat Durham, selling Taylorcraft and Cessnas; Hazel Brown of the W. E. Brown Airport; Dorothy Hutcheson, Scotty Rinehart, Jewell Pearce and Mrs. Gerald B. (Kathleen) Westby. Three members of the Tulsa WNAAA were guests: Mrs. Floyd H. Muncie, president of the Tulsa unit, and two student pilots, Al Martin and Madge V. Bleyer. Both students were enthusiastic over flying and 99's, so we hope to have them as members as soon as that ride with CAA is over. Membership blanks were greatly in demand and we hope all eligible Tulsa girls not already 99's, have sent in applications.

Kathleen Westby has a new baby, but is ready to take her physical to renew her license, and will be in the air soon. Hazel Brown attended the Texas 99's meeting in Houston, March 2, and had such a grand time she urged us all to attend the one at Bryan, Texas, April 6th. Emergent Madge Bleyer brought a local newspaper photographer to the breakfast, and we have some fine pictures for our scrapbook.

At the business meeting it was voted to meet the second Sunday of each month. Every third month the entire State group will have a joint meeting; other months the Tulsa and Oklahoma City groups will hold local meetings.

The next local meeting in Oklahoma City will be April 14. June 9th, the state group will meet in Oklahoma City.

After the Tulsa breakfast, the Beechcraft cruised to Ada, where we attended the air show being conducted by the Civil Air Patrol.

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#### FLASH!

Southeastern Section Meeting May 4th and 5th at Orlando, Fla., in connection with Florida Air Pilots Association meet at Hoequist Airport. Headquarters will be Hotel Fort Gatlin. Contact Joe Moody, manager for reservations. Only 99ers eligible to fly in 99's precision event for the beautiful Bertram Trophy. The \$2.50 entrance fee for this event will be turned over to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. Come to Orlando, May 4th and 5th.

Evelyn C. McRae,  
Governor, S.E. Section.

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#### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Ruth Clifford  
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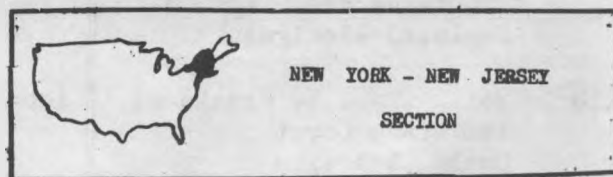
Our Chapter is sponsoring an "All Woman" event in the Air Meet given by the Florida Air Pilots Association at Hoequist Airport, Orlando, Fla., May 4 and 5.

Only members of the 99's are eligible to participate in this event, for which there will be a small entrance fee, which will go into the Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund.

The beautiful Bertram Trophy, donated by Mrs. Marion Bertram of Coconut Grove, goes to the winner of the event. The contest will be a four hurdle event; the person with the highest number of points will be the winner. First event, a bomb dropping contest from altitudes of 200, 400 and 600 feet; second, spot landing from 360 degree overhead approach; third, spot landing from 180 degree overhead approach, and last, a "pants race".

A Southeastern Section meeting will be held in Orlando during the Air Meet.

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#### NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY NOTES

By Marjorie M. Gray,  
64 Columbia Ave., Cliffside Park, N. J.

Our Section is proud to announce, although belatedly, that Ruth Cheney Streeter was awarded the Legion of Merit for her "outstanding work" as Director of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve by Gen. A. A. Vandergrift, M. C. Commandant. Colonel Streeter returned to civilian life early

this year, and we hope to see her participating actively in 99's affairs soon again.

It's a long time since we've been in the NEWS LETTER. Kay Hilbrandt was unable to continue as News Reporter because of her heavy schedule as Flight Instructor at Lampros Air College, a seaplane base on Hackensack River. We hope to have her successor by next month. Please cooperate by sending all your news to the Section officers.

Our Section's first big postwar party, March 8th, was a dinner-dance at the Hotel Vanderbilt, New York City. National President Jeannette Lempke flew in from Michigan by way of Washington, D.C., and flew back to a big 99's party in Detroit the next night. Where do you get all that energy, Jeannette? Nancy Love came from Wilmington, Del., and there were 99'ers from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Washington, D.C., and up-state New York. Seen enjoying the party were Jackie Cochran, just returned from the Pacific, Gen. and Mrs. Lee Miller, Gen. and Mrs. Lewis Brereton, the Alexander de Severskys, Col. and Mrs. Hough, Helen Richey, Mrs. J. R. Chamberlin, Elvy Kalep, Bert Acosta, Jinx Falkenberg and many other 99'ers and friends. From the comments of our guests, the party was a huge success.

As to our members: Meta Rotholtz often at Teterboro Airport, off for Pennsylvania, Connecticut or Long Island; Helen Ramer there, too, with her 49'er who keeps his new AT6 in the White Service Hangar. Margie and Lowell White at Teterboro again operating Sales 'n Service, with Margie busy arranging an office in the new modern hangar. It's good to know their famous service, so well-known at Caldwell before the war, will be available at Teterboro.

Kay Menges and your Reporter flew to Morristown, N. J., in Kay's Fairchild 24, and met Nancy and Bob Love flying her recently acquired BT15. She is planning a trip to the West Coast in May and hopes to see Betty Hillies.

Mabel Clemson has been on active duty with CAP as captain on the N.Y. Wing Staff on recruiting work of the 1st Service Command, and is now attached to Stewart quadron as Deputy Commandant. She hopes to be released soon, and become active in 99's affairs. Alma Harwood is home from Florida, eagerly awaiting her new Stinson 150.

The Section extends its best wishes to Margaret Cooper who has been Mrs. Harold Manser since January 5th. We hope to initiate Major Manser as a 49'er when they return from Florida.

Recently Selma Cronan spoke to the N.Y. Wing Scouts on "The Future of Women in Aviation", and Kay Menges addressed a group at Newark State Teachers College on "Present Aviation Advertising and Its Effect on the Public".

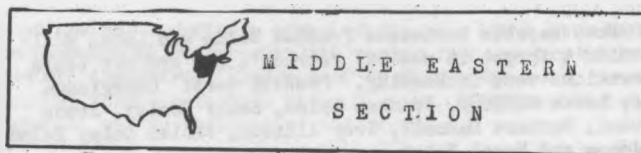
We welcome Pat May from the Louisiana Chapter to our Section. Edna Gardner reports Pat the proud owner of a twin-engined Cessna. Another new member is Marian J. Mackey, a Commercial Instructor and ex-Wasp. Glad to have you with us, Mac, and we hope you'll enjoy being a 99er. We've lost Daisy Vaughan to the Washington, D.C., Chapter.

Congratulations to the Connecticut Chapter on so many fine new members. Keep up the good work!

Viola Gentry has generously offered to present each new member of our Section a copy of the "History of the 99's". A very lovely gesture, Viola, and one that will be much appreciated.

Last, but not least, dear Section Members, will you please answer the monthly notices of meetings sent out by our indefatigable Secretary, Kay Menges. And please keep us posted on changes of address! Thanks!!!

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ATTENTION! ALL MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION MEMBERS:

Your Governor calls a Middle Eastern Section Meeting to be held at Pittsburgh, Penna., Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16. 99's President Jeannette Lempke will attend. All 99ers are urged to be present. Make your plans now to come.

This section includes girls in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and District of Columbia, and has these chapters: Eastern Penn, Western Penn, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia. ALL 99ers in this Section earnestly invited to attend.

Chairman Helen Porter, Western Penn Chapter, has charge of arrangements. Her Chapter will be meeting hostess and assist in arrangements. A round table discussion is planned for Saturday afternoon, with banquet in the evening. Sunday, hangar flying. Door prizes will be given and a "sight unseen" auction held. Complete details in May NEWS LETTER. Keep your copy for reference.

Return post cards will be sent to each 99er in Section about May 25. Each section member should check and send card by return mail to Mrs. Helen Porter. Prompt return of these cards is a MUST item.

Chapter members contact your Chairman and make arrangements to attend.

Helen E. Jones, Governor  
Middle Eastern Section.

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#### WASHINGTON, D. C., CHAPTER

By Dorothy L. Young, 5 Arkansas Bldg.,  
525 Four Mile Road, Alexandria, Va.

Our March meeting was honored by the presence of National President Jeannette Lempke, who was in Washington on behalf of the 99's, to promote federal aid for air marking. Our guest speaker, Robert Phelps, conference manager for NAA, gave us a very interesting account of his World War I flying and his forecast of future private flying.

Members and guests present were: Miss Lempke, Miss Arnold from 99's headquarters, Betty Bailey, Lillian Coville, Dorothy Chapman, Joan Richardson, Charlotte Dow, Elaine Harmon, Jean Howard, Mary Trotman, Patty and Patricia Tomlinson, Kay Booth, Betti Huidekoper, Johanna Busse, Amelia Lola, Levona Hove, Daisy Vaughan, Chairman Jan Warren, and Dorothy Young.

The regular April meeting was cancelled due to the inability of most members to attend. Jan is planning to call a special meeting this month so we can arrange our summer activities. You'll receive a notice telling "where and when" and hope you'll all be able to make it.

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#### EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Helen E. Jones,  
819 Ocean Ave., Lancaster, Penna.

Our first 1946 "Fly-in" meeting was Sunday, March 17, at Municipal Airport, Reading, Pa. Unfortunately old man weather wasn't on speaking terms with us and only one member - Georgianna Sees - came from Philadelphia via air.

Most capable hostesses Frances Nolde and Leona McElroy didn't forget it was St. Patrick's Day and our table decorations were in keeping. Present were: Georgianna Sees, Leona McElroy, Frances Nolde, Sally Conley, Irene Blasdel, Barbara Darnell, Grey Allison, Violet Delp, Helen E. Jones and Hazel Heist, a guest.

Barbara Darnell is hostess for the meeting in Philadelphia, April 26th, which will be a night meeting. Our attendance has been dropping off badly since many girls are instructing days and must stand by their operator on weekends. We trust every one will make an effort to come. Barbara address is 327 Smedley St., Philadelphia, Penna. Notices will be issued in the very near future.

This month, attendance card replies were the best yet. Only a few didn't reply. Where are you, girls — Eleanor Pepper, Alice Middleton, Kitty L. King, Eleanor Groh, Agnes Weiskopf, Doris Stansbury? We'll appreciate hearing from you and hope you'll be at a meeting soon.

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#### INDIANA CHAPTER

To ALL Members, North Central Section:

The Indiana Chapter invites you to Indianapolis, May 4 and 5, for the spring meeting of the North Central Section of the 99's.

The Severin Hotel will be headquarters for the meeting. The price of rooms will be \$2.75 to \$3.50 for single rooms and \$4.50 to \$5.00 for double rooms. Please address your reservations to The Severin Hotel, 201 South Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind., by April 25, and state that you are a 99'er.

Registration will begin at 1400 o'clock at Headquarters. A fee of 50 cents will be charged to help cover expenses.

Those flying in may land at Indianapolis Municipal Airport, located W-SW of the city. Hangar space will not be available. The only tie-down space is with Roscoe Turner Aeronautical Corp. His charges are \$1.00 and bring your stakes and tie-down ropes. Transportation will be furnished into the hotel.

At 1430 a bus will leave the hotel, taking those who have arrived to the U.S. Rubber for a tour of their plants. Come and see your tires made.

We have arranged for the entire roof garden of the Severin for the evening. A cocktail party is being planned from 1830 to 1930—dinner at 1930. The dinner will be \$2.50. Please add your dinner reservation when making your room reservations.

The CAA Experimental Hangar will be open to us Saturday afternoon only. We will leave the Severin Hotel at 1430 o'clock, CST, for this trip.

As Indianapolis is centrally located, we are looking for all of you. Please don't disappoint us.

Happy Landings.

Dorothea E. Hendricks, Chairman,  
Indiana Chapter, Ninety-Nines.

#### ALL - OHIO CHAPTER

By Key Greshauge Semrau,  
18405 Melville Road, Cleveland 10, Ohio.

Our next meeting will be in Columbus with Ruth Gouthey and Helen Linn, our newest member, as hostesses. You'll receive your notice soon, and I hope to see you all there.

National President Jeannette Lempke entertained your officers at Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, on the evening of April 2. We thoroughly enjoyed learning her future plans for building up our chapter, and receiving her advice.

The Indiana Chapter has invited us to the North Central Section meeting at Indianapolis, May 4 and 5, with headquarters at Severin Hotel. All details may be procured from Dorothea E. Hendricks, Chairman of Indiana Chapter, 2020 Pearl St., Anderson, Ind. The proposed schedule sounds like a "honey" and I hope our Chapter will be well represented. Middle Eastern Section plans a meeting at Pittsburgh, Penna., June 15 and 16, according to a letter from Bettie Thompson Townson:

News gleanings: Congratulations to Lt. and Mrs. James B. Ottney (Bernice Deutschman) - baby, a potential 99er, arrived February 26. Mary King back from Florida, her activities being written up in the Cleveland NEWS. Picture of former 99er Jean Gundelfinger in Hi-Bo Cracker ad. Lady B's younger son, Bob, still at Crile. Dawn Malson giving her day-off from her acting controller's job at CAA, at the Crile Canteen. Peg Pierce, just back from Brazil, planning an April trip to Atlantic City.

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#### ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Ruth Pollock,  
8216 St. Lawrence Ave., Chicago 19, Ill.

Our very interesting March meeting was held at Arthur Starnes' Parachute Loft, 203 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago. Here parachutes are serviced, and many saw one packed, for the first time. Mr. Starnes instructed Army paratroopers at Camp Benning, Ga., really knows his chutes, and advised us in the proper adjustment of the harness. Highlight of the evening was hearing the recording of his jump from 30,800 feet, made in 1941, for the purpose of determining the heart, mind and respiratory reactions of a man during a free fall. Many of us were enthused about making a jump, and Erva Willford, who attends his jump class, expects to make her first in May.

Secretary Gwen Hess has sent us all a questionnaire to learn our preferences before we make our summer plans. We hope to do a great deal of flying now the weather is good. Chairman Helen Budwash checked out in a BT 13 recently. How we envy her!

We had a record turnout for this March meeting - 20 members, two new members and a prospective member, also, as guests, Helen Aitchison, Jeanette Kotacki and Hazel Hackwith. We hope to see you girls again.

Our April meeting will be on the 14th at Chicago's Municipal Airport. We're going to make plans for the summer and hope everyone will be there.

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#### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Adelaide O'Brien,  
1611 S. 7th St., Springfield, Ill.

This month marks our first anniversary! Yessir, we had our first Chapter meeting April 6, 1945, with seven charter members: Esther Gillock, Helen Greinke, Adelaide O'Brien, Florence O'Connor, Helen Peifer, Helen Rohrer, and Margaret Smith. In one year we've grown to 25.



Newest chapter in the Section, we entertained the Sectional meeting last June at Springfield, and greatly enjoyed meeting the girls from other chapters. Now, we're in the midst of an Air Marking program and, thanks to Blanche Noyes, we've heard from Mr. Dewey, State Director of Aeronautics, as to the State's plans for Air Marking.

Celebrating our first birthday, we're having dinner on April 6th, at the Leland Hotel. In addition to our members we're to be honored by the presence of Jeannette Lempke, our National President, and Elsie Peters, North Central Section Governor. Helen Budwash, Tyi Barnes Cassidy and Ruth Pollock plan to come from Chicago to represent the Northern Illinois Chapter. Miss Margaret Wakefield, of the flight staff of Stephens College, is flying in for the shindig. Lt. Col. Gordon A. DaCosta, Commander of Illinois Wing of CAP, and Capt. W. L. Chapin, Commander of the Springfield CAP Squadron, also will attend. After dinner, Mr. Walter A. Storck, CAA Inspector for our territory and ex-captain of the AAF, will show movies taken on his many travels as a P-61 jockey. Sounds like a big evening, doesn't it? Wish you all could be with us.

Several of us plan to attend the Sectional at Indianapolis in May. Isn't it fun to renew old friendships and make new ones? Hope to see lots of you there.

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#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By B. Mae Blake,  
5690 Janes Road, Saginaw, Mich.

Our March meeting at the home of Chairman Thelma Lindzay numbered 32 members and two guests. A grand evening with all the trimmings - cocktails and dinner. Our National President, Jeannette Lempke, arrived by plane from New York in "the nick of time" to be included in a group picture taken by a member of the Grosse Pointe Camera Club. "Nick of time" is mild, for we had to wait a good half hour. On arrival she was greeted by our singing "Hail, hail, the gang's all here - Come and have your picture taken now." After a delicious dinner, we talked shop, got acquainted with our new members, and caught up on news in general.

A silver tray and dish engraved with the 99 emblem were given to our two spring brides-to-be. Aleta Johnson and I received sterling baby spoons. My daughter says, "In spite of the beautiful gift, 99 emblem and all, it still tastes like spinach coming off that spoon, and to heck with it."

Highlight of the evening— Our Chairmen had the pleasure of announcing the engagement of Jeannette Lempke to Mr. William Sovereign of Bay City, Mich. No date has been set for the wedding. Best wishes from all of us to you, Jeannette. We hope to meet all the "intended" 49ers at our spring round-up in April at Lansing.

Helen Wetherill, Detroit, will become Mrs. William Anderson. Mr. Anderson is with Florez, Inc., making commercial movies. Helen is past governor of the North Central Section and Chairman of the 1946 National Nominating Committee.

Our program for the summer was lined up and looks good. Now to mention your notices for the meetings. It is important that the cards attached to your notices be returned to your hostess, whether or not you plan to attend. This is a way of keeping in touch with you— knowing that you receive your card each month. Please make a special effort to return your card.

During the evening Jeannette Lempke told about the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund - the amount of money in it, how it is raised, and who can qualify for it.

Our "Flower and Gift" fund, always a "catch as catch

can" now has a definite place of its own. Each girl will be assessed \$1.00 covering the period from January to December, inclusive. Please send or bring your money as soon as possible to Miss Grace Gazvoda, 2260 Richton St., Detroit, who is chairman of this fund.

To close the meeting, Alice Hammond "dished up" Constitutional refreshments. Surprising what you don't know or have forgotten about your 99 Constitution and By-Laws!

Thelma, we enjoyed your beautiful new home, and many thanks for a delicious dinner and grand evening.

Ruth Jorgenson, St. Paul, Minn., expects to be with us for some of our summer meetings. Gladys Hartung and the Lindzays recently viewed the moon through the University telescope at Ann Arbor, - not planning a trip, just looking. Ruth Wakeman, Burlingame, Calif., formerly Michigan, visited here recently. She was entertained by Alice Hammond and Mabel Britton. Dorothy Nagel, Lucille Grisier and Helen Wetherill, all of Detroit, alternate in instructing on a Link trainer at Cass Technical High.

A few girls have done a little flying but, for the most part, everyone is waiting for delivery of ships or a change in the weather. Leah Higgins, home to Cleveland in an Aeronca; Sue Wagner flew her mother to Detroit; Roxie Yaghjian, flying between Cleveland and Toledo. Wee parachutist Gloria Lynch flew a Funk to Greeley, Colo., likes it so well, she plans to stay a while. Ex-Wasp Sara Ann Chapin flying a 650 HP AT6 for Essex Wire Co. of Detroit. Grace Gazvoda flying her new Stearman M2SY, and Helen Wetherill, Lucile Grisier, Dorothy Nagel and Leah Higgins taking turns in their new Aeronca. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Huff (Marguerite's our flying grandmother), spring vacationing in Hamilton, Ontario.

Mary Jane Stevens Maikle, our secretary when she went into WASP training, is transferring to the New York - New Jersey Chapter, and Louise Magoon with Chicago & Southern Air Lines and stationed at Chicago, to Illinois Chapter. Their gain - our loss.

Through transfers we lost our two Library assistants - so now Lucile Grisier has for helpers Amelia Hendrickson, Flint, and Roxie Yaghjian, Detroit.

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#### SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

#### BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Eleanor T. Verkuyll,  
1129 S. Church St., Lodi, Calif.

The 14th anniversary of the founding of our Chapter, was suitably observed at the regular March meeting at the home of Dorothy Estep, Menlo Park. A huge, candle-decked cake, beautifully inscribed, centered the refreshment table. At this happy gathering were Dorothy Baxter, Florence Emig, Jean Shaffer, Evelyn Esser, Marjorie Fauth, Dorothy Chamberlin, Margaret Gerhardt, Marian Branick, Frances Grant, Dorothy Fowler, Ruth Rueckert, Jerry Williamson, Jean Cook (a guest), the hostess and your reporter.

Our original group was composed of six private pilots, two L.C.'s (a term probably strange to our newer members), and one transport pilot. Organized in March, 1932, Ruth Rueckert (then Marshall) was our first Chairman, or Chief as the office was then designated. Rita Gerry Hart, still a highly active member, and Lillian Anderson, now affiliated in Southern California, are other "ofl timers" who have weathered the storms of these fourteen years. Our Section Governor, Marjorie Fauth, joined four months after we organized, making her one of the 'way-backers, too.

Secretary Jerry Williamson, Yuba City, just acquired a Fairchild PT 19, to scoot about the valley. We hope to see her between meetings, now. At Juanita Dreier's marriage to Major Edmund Hurlbutt, Jr., two local flyers, Florence Ewig and Patricia Gibson, were bridesmaids.

Former 99er Pat Sears, now Mrs. Prescott Sullivan, made headlines St. Patrick's Day by giving birth to Mark Sullivan during the Sons of Erin Market St. Parade, thus cheating Father Sullivan out of his annual march, to stand by at Stanford Hospital instead.

Fran Grant now at San Mateo, within whistling distance of Bay Meadows Airport. A buzz to her home, 5-3322, will bring her dashing to greeting visiting 99ers.

We're looking forward with great pleasure to a visit from Jeannette Lempke and Alice Hammond, sometime in May. This calls for spring housecleaning in earnest and none of us dares make a May date for fear of conflict with that important but, as yet unset one.

Not superstitious in our circle! We've scheduled a Winging Party to Sacramento for April 15th. If weather doesn't permit, we'll think the cautious ones had something after all! Beth Henning, a transfer from Denver, has invited the group to lunch at her home and will provide transportation from Sky Ranch terminal.

Our April meeting will be Friday, the 19th, with Mrs. Dorothy Baxter, Atherton, with a six o'clock dinner preceding the evening's program.

The season's orchid, from us, goes to Dorothy Chamberlin who planned her dash to the maternity ward close enough to the February meeting so she missed no sessions, showing up brightly for the March meeting! She fixed some formula for the future 99er, showed 49er Chet just how to serve it and says as soon as Baby has a steady bottle diet, they'll be up in the air again!

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#### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

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

Saturday, March 9, a perfect day, eight planes from San Diego and Los Angeles flew to Santa Paula for the barbecue at Lingdooley Ranch, home of Dianna Cyrus. Ethel Sheehy and Betty Gillies, former 99's presidents, met with us. Members and guests numbered 25.

"Lingdooley" is a real Spanish type ranch, the house having thick white walls, red tile roof, and inviting patios. Dianna's mother, Mrs. E. E. Converse, welcomed us. The barbecue was under two large oak trees where we sat, watching Dianna's father barbecue inch-thick steaks using real ranch butter. Then we helped Dianna bring down the cottage cheese, sliced peach salad, chili-beans, bread (baked by Dianna herself), golden butter, jelly, cookies, ice cream and peach sherbet - all prepared by Dianna earlier and stored in the quick freezer.

Dianna showed us around the ranch, taking special pride in the beautiful American saddle-bred Palomino horses and her cute little Shetland ponies whose training is one of her hobbies.

In the eight planes on the trip, Carolyn West and Irene Slagel flew Carolyn's Ercoupe; Betty Gillies, San Diego, and Beatrice Medes, Long Beach, Betty's BTL3; Betty Lambert and husband, their Ryan; Melba Beard, a Cub; Ethel Sheehy and Bill, a Luscombe; Betty Glaser and Edyth Carlton, a UPF Waco; Vinetta Sloan, her Stearman; Betty McMillen and Barbara Searles, a guest, a Fairchild. 99ers who motored were: Helen Hooper, Marion Mountain, Mardo Crane, Hilda Jarmuth, Mildred Constantine and Helen Thomure, and ex-Wasps Anne Dailey and Lola Perkins, guests. Mr. and Mrs. Visscher of Los Angeles, assisted Dianna.

Edythe Carlton, soon to be a bride, was showered by some of her friends. The lucky man is Freeman Luak, former Navy Commander in the Philippines, a private pilot, and now radio script writer with the L.A. Board of Education.

It was the nicest flight we have had in years, and much too soon it was time to be on our way home.

There was no business, the day being wholly given over to a good time. Our next meeting, Monday, April 8, will be strictly a business meeting for members in good standing, and will be held in the Circle Room of the Melody Lane Cafe on Wilshire Boulevard, near Detroit.

News of our February 9 meeting at Whiteman Airpark seems to have been lost, so here's a list of members and guests attending: Carolyn West, chairman, Irene Slagel, Lillian Anderson, Melba Beard, Vinetta Sloan, Helen Thomure, Marion Mountain, Helen Hooper, Elizabeth Watson, Hilda Jarmuth, Helen Bengner and Edith Carlton. Flying in were: Betty Lambert, Betty Glaser, Dianna Cyrus, and Betty McMillen who went on to visit her sister Claire kept away by ferrying a plane from El Paso.

Eight 99's attended the March NAA meeting which was addressed by motion picture pilots Jon Hall and Reginald Denry and Tex Rankin. April 28 the L. A. Jr. Chamber of Commerce will have a flight to Palm Springs, and May 15 the Aviation Breakfast Club will make a Palm Springs flight. Next NAA meeting, April 25 at Eaton's La Cienega cafe, "Old Timers Night", in charge of Waldo Waterman.

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#### ILLINOIS CHAPTER

##### OPEN LETTER TO OUR PRESIDENT:

With very red faces we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of your Valentine visit to the Chicago Meeting. Our only hope is that you were so busy looking at the first robin that you didn't notice the Chicago report was not included in the March NEWS LETTER. We cannot understand the omission.

After the Texas Chapter's glowing report of their pride and delight in being honored by your presence, anything we say now sounds rather flat, but we did think it was fine of you to make such a special effort to get to our meeting in spite of almost duck-walking weather.

Not only did our President praise the Chicago Chapter on the first page of the March LETTER, but the Eastern Wisconsin Chapter had to push us out of the frying pan into the fire by reporting that our esteemed Governor, Elsie Peters acknowledged a pleasant meeting in Chicago.

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After a fine turkey dinner with all the trimmings, the business end of our Valentine meeting was highlighted by reports of our President and Governor. Jeannette gave us a complete report of the Florida meeting, details on the Air Marking Program, tentative plans for the Cleveland Air Races, and the aims of the 99's internationally. Elsie told us of some of her "marking" experiences, and urged us to make plans for the Sectional Meeting May 4 and 5 in Indianapolis.

Dorothy Ring Jenkins has returned to Chicago after three years in Arizona. Mae Wilson now operating at the Elmhurst Airport. Doris Langer reports many interesting experiences on her Cub trip to Florida last January, especially after the compass went haywire.

(No name accompanied this but it was on an Illinois Chapter letterhead, so ventured to use it.)

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## EASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth Craine,  
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Jeannette Kapus had our last meeting, an unusually quiet one, at her home. Trixie, now publicity director of the Wisconsin Civil Air Corps, had lost her voice, but it didn't keep her home. She whispered; we strained our ears to hear, and soon found ourselves whispering, too.

Dora Fritzsche has 79 hours of Link training to her special credit. She tells of her recent emergency landing at Mitchell Field (and her face is a bit red), but she laughs now, and we, too, when we hear about being "out of gas". She made it beautifully, landed perfectly and even taxied a short, short distance.

Germaine Rebasik gave us a fine resume of recent changes in flight rules. She surely knows all about them! Rosemarie Sponner is ferrying planes from Tucson to Mexico, but back soon, perhaps for our next meeting. Gladys Rubinger all aglow because she and her husband have found a place to live. That's really news.

Necia Patterson likes her new extra-curricular activity, a job at Columbia Hospital, so much we think she may yet become the physician she'd like to be. Dorothy Christenson doing beautiful art work for Red Cross. I saw the exhibition at the Open House display. She has real talent.

Elsie Peters, the day of the blizzard, spent 4 hours and 40 minutes getting home although she lives not far from the school. Most of the time was in a snowbound street car. Still a member of the Milwaukee's Scribbler Club, she's a girl with a hundred abilities.

Dorothy Bryant sent greetings from Alaska and an invitation to fly up there this summer. She says it's not the task it was in the days when intrepid Caroline Iverson flew and blazed the trail. Too bad Dorothy arrived after Ruth Reilly McCubbin left. They'd enjoyed visiting.

We are saving May 4th and 5th for Indianapolis. It sounds wonderful! See you all there!

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## KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

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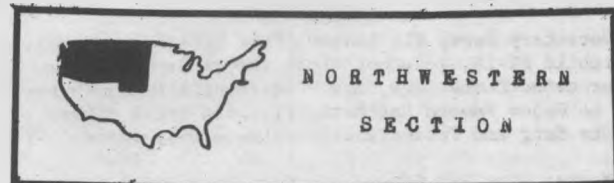
Margaret Standish, ex-Wasp, whom our Chairman appointed to superintend the organization of Junior members for this chapter, did a wonderful job and found great enthusiasm among the girls who are just starting to fly. The new group have decided to call themselves the 98's and have elected Betty Hartmann to be their Chairman. They intend to join us on our Winging Party to Stephens College the seventh of April.

Neva Rea has just returned from Hot Springs where she attended the convention of advertising representatives. While there she flew cross-country in a Luscombe just out of the factory.

Gale Bevis Ewing has left to join her husband who has returned to college. Her new address is: 512 East Healy, Champaign, Illinois. Margaret Vaughan is living in Washington, D.C., at 1026 Fifteenth St., N.W.

We miss them both.

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By Darline Thurmond  
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The Northwest Section of 99's acted as hostesses at a luncheon March 2 for women pilots. It was well attended and much interest was aroused among enthusiastic women flyers.

First regular meeting of the Western Washington Chapter was held March 15 at the "Skyroom" in the Boeing Field terminal building. It was presided over by Irma Wallace, sectional governor, and Clayton Patterson, secretary-treasurer of the Northwest Section.

Mildred Merrill and Una Goodwin were reinstated, and two new members - Sherry Phelps, ex-Wasp, now flight instructor for Aero-Service flying school at Boeing Field, and Darline Thurmond were accepted.

At the April 4 meeting, the group decided to adopt the Kansas City Chapter's plan for interesting student pilots, mentioned in Jeannette Lempke's column in the March NEWS LETTER. Irma Wallace appointed Darline Thurmond as chairman and Sherry Phelps as secretary-treasurer of the Western Washington group.

We are eagerly looking forward to Jeannette Lempke's visit to the Northwest in May, and are busy with plans for a meeting and entertainment for our National President during her visit.

Our next Chapter meeting, May second, Boeing Field.

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