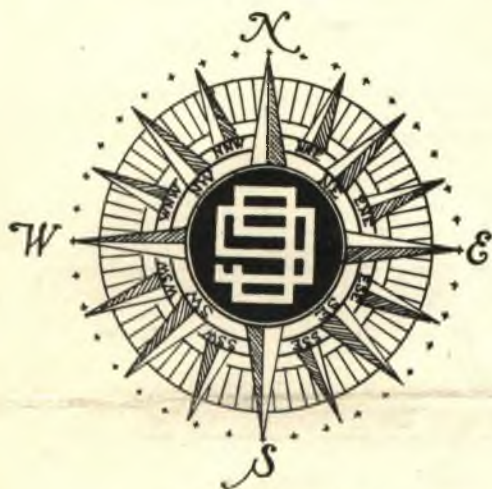


NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

A SPECIAL ORDER of business for your JULY chapter or section meeting-

July 3rd will be the ninth anniversary of the ill-fated flight of Amelia Earhart and for this reason July is the logical month to devote to the Scholarship Fund which the NINETY-NINES set up as a memorial to their FIRST President.

The fund is contributed by members of the NINETY-NINES and the Scholarship is awarded to 99 members only.

The resolution adopted at the Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1941 provides an annual scholarship award for advanced training of the value of \$150.00 for a member who has had 200 hours or more of solo flying. The resolution also provides that no payments can be made from the fund until it has reached a total of \$5000.00 and then only the income from the investment of the principal can be used to finance the award.

At present the scholarship account amounts to over \$3500.00 and is drawing a small interest in a savings account.

July 3rd, 1947 will be the TENTH anniversary!

Let us work on this fund toward the goal of \$5000 or more by that date. Contributions in the past have been earned by various ways; the Metropolitan Tri-State Section gives proceeds from annual dinner-dances; penny-a-day banks were used throughout the membership for two or three years; outright contributions were made by various members and outside friends of the NINETY-NINES; and the \$2.50 entrance fees for the 99's precision event for the beautiful Bertram Trophy during the Florida All-pilots meet in Orlando May 4-5th will be turned over to the Scholarship Fund by the Southeastern Section.

The Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund should be on its own and sufficient to make an award on July 3rd, 1947 and on that date each year thereafter.

Start the ball rolling now!

May 3, 1946

Jeannette Lempke
Your President.

MARK THE SKYWAYS LIKE THE HIGHWAYS

Esther Gillock of the Central Illinois Chapter found this item in Current Science and Aviation for April 1-5, 1946:

Quote

AIRMARKERS AS CLASS MEMORIALS

More than 100 senior classes of Missouri High Schools will provide class memorials in the form of airmarkers for their communities. The campaign is being conducted by the aviation division of the Missouri State Department of Resources and Development. Every class that undertakes the project is supplied with an airmarking kit containing cardboard pieces to form letters 10' high. These are used to spell out the name of the town. Also provided are numbers to give latitude and longitude and arrows to point to true north and to the nearest airport.

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Those high school youngsters see the smoke writing on the sky, don't they?

Jeannette Lempke.

WING SCOUTS

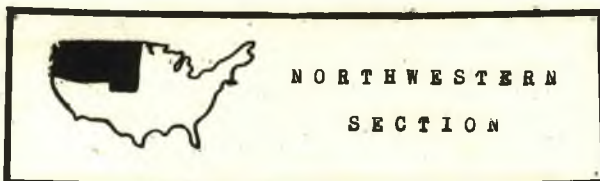
Some chapters have asked me about the program of the Wing Scouts, a branch of the Girl Scouts, with the idea in mind that the chapter could sponsor such a program.

About the same time, Novetah H. Davenport, a former 99 member, and now Program Adviser for the Girl Scouts, wrote 99 headquarters asking about the possibility of our co-operation in the Girl Scout Aviation program.

Novetah sent me the outline of the program with the literature and since there is too much of it to include in the NEWS LETTER, I am asking her to send a kit of the literature to the various Chapter Chairmen. If you wish additional kits, I am sure she will be glad to send them upon request. Her address is

Novetah H. Davenport
Program Adviser, Girl Scouts
155 E. 44th St.,
New York 17, N. Y.

Jeannette Lempke.



NORTHWESTERN
SECTION

NORTHWESTERN SECTION NEWS

By Darline Thurmond
4706 17th N.E., Seattle, Wash.

Seattle Chapter held a dinner for Jacqueline Cochran upon her surprise visit to Seattle, May 1. Miss Cochran spoke to the 25 girls present about the need for unification of our armed forces. She also was kept pretty busy for 10 minutes signing "short snorters" for the gals. Miss Cochran landed at Boeing Field April 29 in her Lockheed Electra.

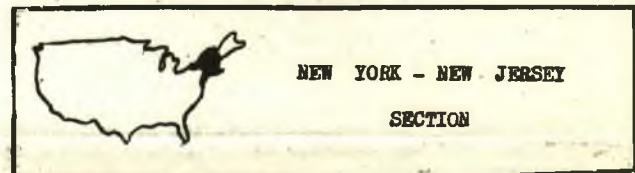
Our members are now busy planning a function for

Jeannette Lempke, due to arrive May 18. Irma Wallace, section governor, has offered her home on Angle Lake as the place for the members to arrange a picnic and beach party for our president.

May 16, a group of 99's are flying to Bremerton to talk to prospective members at the airport there. Now the beautiful weather and late sunsets are here, we are planning a series of short evening flights to various cities near Seattle, hoping to arouse interest among women flyers in the Northwest.

The newest member to join the ranks of 99's here is Ruth Lee, a private pilot who works for Northwest Air Service at Boeing Field, and one of a flying club who own an Interstate Airplane.

Next meeting, June 2, Boeing Field.



NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY
SECTION

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

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

Thursday, April 4th, our meeting was held in one of the conference rooms of the Hotel Taft, New Haven. Later, we had a really good dinner in the dining room.

The main purpose of this meeting was to invite the eligible women pilots in the State of Connecticut to be with us, and later to ask them to join our group. Present were eight new and interesting pilots - some ex-Wasps. They were most congenial gals - naturally, all women pilots are congenial - and a good time was had by all.

Several presentees had interesting ideas for summer get-togethers at farms - beach parties - and airport gatherings. Taking a quick inclusive count, we found most of those present had their aircraft or one available to them, so that makes group flights possible. Any how, we're really interested - it sounds like fun. Things are really looking up for the Connecticut Chapter and I hope we're soon looking down - on the poor, unlucky people who have to stay on the ground.

At the Connecticut Chapter meeting of the NAA the other night, your reporter heard some nice things about us women 99'ers....heard also that our president, Edith Cragin, does some wonderful ceramic work....and heard it from one who knows....good going, Edith.

Over and out for now.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., CHAPTER

By Lucile M. Wright,
25 Liberty Street, Jamestown, N. Y.

After so long a time Jamestown is back "On the Beam" again. We have been weathered in for three months while some of our members have visited 99 chapters from coast to coast.

Mildred Sherman Constantine is in California and writes that she attended a 99 meeting there and had the pleasure of meeting Ethel Sheehy, the sponsor of our Jamestown Chapter.

Betty Shea, ex-Wasp, surprised us by her marriage on March 25 to Captain Rene T. Boyd. He has been stationed in India for the past two years, flying "The Hump" with the ATC. Betty and her 49er are at Kessler Field, Biloxi, Miss., Box 635. She would love to see any of you who get down that way. We in Jamestown will miss Betty and her enthusiasm, and we are looking forward anxiously to her first visit home on leave.

Donna Anderson is still on duty with the Red Cross but expects to be mustered out of service in the near future.

I had a grand visit with the Miami 99ers this winter and I can't tell you how much I admire the spirit of that group and the accomplishments of the individual members. I am an avid reader of Gladys Pennington's Southeastern Airport News for I do want to keep in touch with these flyers individually and collectively. Jamestown is a long way from Miami BUT I hope some of those girls will visit us in the not too distant future.

Our first chapter meeting in three months was a luncheon at the airport, at which time we welcomed into the organization our newest flyer, Mary Pierce. Her father is president of the Duramold Division of Fairchild Aircraft Corp., and has promised his air-minded daughter a plane of her own soon.

Plenty of activity is planned in Jamestown for the summer. Fly in and enjoy our fun!

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY NOTES

By Selma K. Cronan,
455 West 25 St., New York 11, N.Y.

My sympathy to all of you girls who couldn't make the April 8th meeting at Midston House. It was really old home night. Mrs. Jessie R. Chamberlain, president of the New York branch of the Women's International Aeronautical Association, first vice president of the Women's Press Club of New York, and one of the earliest and best friends the 99's have ever had, told us all about "the good old days" and proved it by showing us some antique photographs of our members, taken in the first few years of our existence as a club.

The prize of the collection was one of Viola Gentry Cameron, circa 1930, modeling the Viola Gentry flying suit. It was a nifty little number consisting of tweed jacket and culottes which must have been a wow fifteen years ago. Viola was present that night, and may we take this opportunity to tip our collective hat to her for bearing up so well under the strain of the inevitable kibitzing.

Also accounted for on the pictures and at the meeting was Fleur-de-lys Loesch who, according to some of the earlier photos, might have been the inspiration for the original fifinella.

Mrs. Chamberlain's entire presentation was fascinating. As a newspaper woman and an on-the-spot reporter for all major aeronautical events of interest to women, she had many anecdotes to tell about the 99's. Her talk was so enjoyable, a resolution was made to have the same type of speaker once each year.

Dot Leh of Eastern Penn Chapter made the journey all the way from Allentown to be at the meeting and from her personal recollections added several pungent remarks to Mrs. Chamberlain's.

Welcome to Helen Ramer, recently transferred from Chicago, and Marion J. Mackay, another commercial in-

structor to add to our list, who attended the meeting as a full-fledged member for the first time.

Among members present were: Kay Hilbrandt, Ethel Peckham, Jerrie Smith, Mrs. George Janes, Alma Bristol, Eileen Bristol, Margie White, Governor Marjorie Gray, Vice Governor Jeanne Oakes, Kay Menges, secretary, Selma Cronan, treasurer, newly-wed Vivian Nemhauser, Miriam Crocker, and Gloria Heath soon to take over as NEWS LETTER reporter, we hope.

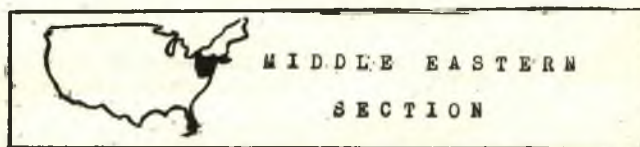
Guests present in addition to Mrs. Chamberlain were: Jessie Chamberlain, Jr., Alice Clutas, Mrs. L. C. Clough, Dr. Clara Gross, Mrs. Phyllis Moffett, Elizabeth Ripley, Ruth Ingerslew, Phyllis Crouch, instructor at the same seaplane base as Kay Hilbrandt and a prospective member, and Elizabeth Babcock whose membership application has just been received.

Gay Gahagan managed to make the meeting, her leg in a cast as a result of a skiing accident. The cast is beautifully autographed and, on Gay, it's becoming.

It's being whispered about that Teddy Kenyon has invited us to hold one of our summer meetings aboard her boat. Aside to Teddy: If it's anything less than a converted battleship, it may be necessary to hire the Queen Mary to handle the overflow.

Governor Marj Gray is now an instructor for Robinson Aviation at Teterboro Air Terminal. There are so many 99ers flying out of TAT these days, it's almost unofficial headquarters for our chapter. (Any fine Sunday, Kay Menges can be seen there, trying to decide which one of her ships to fly.)

Next meeting May 6th, at Leone's, with our own member Gloria Heath discussing the subject of Air Safety.



NOTICE

INFORMATION ON COMING SECTION MEETING

Middle Eastern Section Meeting June 15 and 16.
To be held in Pittsburgh, Penna., with Helen Porter and Western Penn Chapter as hostess.

Meeting place is the Bettis Airport, the down rates \$1.00 per night. Contact the desk for transportation to town.

Make your reservations at the Hotel Henry.

Rates: - \$7.50 - \$8.00 three (3) in room.
5.50 - 6.00 two (2) in room
2.75 - up Single room.

Saturday, June 15th:

2 P.M. to 5 P.M. meeting in the Army & Navy Room.
5 P.M. to 5 P.M. Round table discussion.
5 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Sum up.
7 P.M. Dinner in Hotel Henry, price \$2.50.
9 P.M. Hangar Party at Bettis Airport, admission will be \$1.00. The Penn. Pilots Council and the Q.B.'s are furnishing transportation and beer for the Hangar Party... It will be a great get-together...
Don't miss it.

Sunday, June 16th:

Breakfast and Hangar Flying.

Be sure to land at Bettis Airport. The Pittsburgh

Allegheny County Airport will NOT let anyone land there without a radio.

Please don't let us down on those return post cards which you will receive about May 25. A prompt return of these will really be appreciated.

See you in Pittsburgh.

HELEN E. JONES, Governor
Middle Eastern Section.

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WESTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Juanita Pritchard,
634 Miller Ave., Clairton, Penna.

Here it is, girls! Our Section Meeting all set for Saturday and Sunday, June 15th and 16th.

Land at Bettis Airport and contact the girl at the desk about transportation to Hotel Henry for the meeting -- 2 P.M. in the Army & Navy Room. 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. is set aside for our Round Table discussion.

Our National President Jeannette Lempke will be with us to discuss the National 99 policy and problems; Blanche Noyes to tell us more about Air Marking; Alma Harwood, the "Amelia Earhart Fund"; Helen Jones, Section and Chapters discussion.

From 5 P.M. to 5:30 P.M., general discussion and Sum-up. Door prizes will be given. A "Sight Unseen" gift wrapped package will be auctioned off to the highest bidder, the proceeds to go to the Amelia Earhart Fund.

7 P.M. - Dinner at Hotel Henry - \$2.50. 9 P.M. Hangar Party at Bettis Airport, admission \$1.00. Beer and transportation furnished by the Penn. Pilots Council and Q.B.'s.

Sunday morning, breakfast and hangar flying at Bettis Airport Restaurant.

Helen Porter, our chairman, and an ex-Wasp, has surely been a busy person lately, with her new job as instructor at Bettis.

Each member MUST send her card in at once so Hotel reservations can be made. Rates: \$7.50 - \$8.00, three (3) in room; \$5.50 - \$6.00, two (2) in room; \$2.75 up for single room. Hope you will all be able to make it.

Your Reporter leaves for the West Coast (home), May 18th, but will be back for the meeting, June 15th and 16th. I want to see every one of you there!

'Till then!!!

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WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

By Regina V. Cosgrove
275 Maple Avenue, Welch, West Virginia

This is my first "take-off" as a reporter and hope you all don't "bail out".

Our April meeting was held the 14th at Parkersburg, W. Va., the Chapter being the guests of J. Wayne Stewart and the local 99'ers. A delicious luncheon was served at Ramble Inn. The Place cards were hand sewn parachutes with a "log book" attached. The time and effort spent on them were certainly appreciated by all those attending.

An election of officers was held with the following results: Mrs. Beulah H. Stark, Charleston, was re-elected

chairman; Mrs. Lois C. Rogers, Parkersburg, vice chairman; Mrs. Ruth V. Austin, Charleston, secretary-treasurer; Miss Mary Jackson, Parkersburg, membership chairman, and Miss Regina V. Cosgrove, Welch, reporter.

Air marking projects throughout the state were discussed and the chapter is going to do its darnedest to see that West Virginia is well air marked so the pilots won't get lost in the "beautiful hills".

Mrs. Stark expects to attend the Middle Eastern Section meeting at Pittsburgh, Pa., June 15-16 and report on West Virginia's air marking project. Jeannette Lempke, national president, is to attend this meeting.

Our Chairman was appointed by Jeannette Lempke, as a member of a committee to confer in Washington, at various times, with Blanche Noyes, CAA air marking specialist, and discuss air marking. Other members of this committee are Jimmie Kolp of Electra, Texas, and Jeannette Lempke. Mrs. Stark will meet Mrs. Kolp in Washington between June second and fifth.

***** FOR SALE NOTICE *****
***** TO ALL NINETY-NINE CHAPTERS *****

Pastel colored granite plaques, 6" x 6", on which 99er Connie Armstrong, Parkersburg, painted in the center a dark blue "99". They can be used as pictures or hot pads. Price --- ONLY \$1.00. Any 99ers interested (and we hope lots will be) send your orders to --- Mrs. Beulah H. Stark, R.F.D. #3, Box 550, Charleston, West Virginia.

DON'T forget to fill those Amelia Earhart Banks. Those of you who do not have one and will really use one, please write Mrs. Stark at the above address, and she will see that you get one.

The Chapter is urged to recruit new members. Next meeting will be in Charleston at Wren's Nest on Coal River, May 25.

Last but not least - the absence of 49'er, Colonel Stark, was noted and disapproved.

See you in May.

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EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

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

Our first night meeting in many years was a great success. We rounded up some 21 girls, and for a few hours Barbara Darnell's little apartment was really jumping.

We figure we have a head start on some of the chapters because we selected our list of candidates for the National Election.

The enthusiasm for the coming Section Meeting is running high in our group. We hope the rest of the chapters are looking forward to those great days in June, too.

Four applications for membership were accepted. The names of these girls will be published in the next NEWS LETTER.

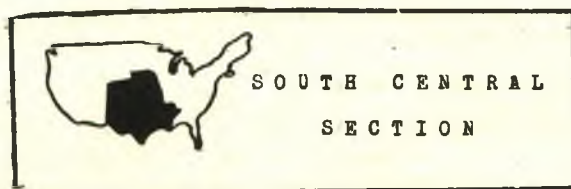
Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 26th, at 12 noon. Our hostess will be Dorothy Leh, and the place is her country home near Allentown, Penna.

Those present at the Philadelphia meeting on April 26th were: Doris Stansbury, Leona H. McElroy, Hazel Heist, Patricia Kenworthy, Phyllis Schwenk, Georgianna Sees, Bettie Townson, Mary M "Sandy" Saunders, Jessie E. Jones,

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"Jr.", Anne M. Shields, Irma Story, "Jr.", Florence A. Reed, Sally Conley, Ruth Shafer, Irene Blasdel, Florence Butcher, Barbara Darnell Helen E. Jones, Ethel C. Evans, Mr. E. F. Evans, Marie Jane Bowers.

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SOUTH CENTRAL
SECTION

SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Barbara Selby
The ITEM, New Orleans 4, La.

The French Quarter apartment of Chairman Virginia Garst in New Orleans was the scene of a business meeting of the South Louisiana Chapter on April 8.

There wasn't much business done, but our talk brought forth this news:

Georgia Myers will move to St. Louis, Mo., by June first at the latest. Her husband, E. L., will intern in a St. Louis hospital.

Alice Cagle has been promoted to controller. She's in the control tower at the New Orleans Airport.

Fanny Leonpacher of Lafayette has had her Cub Coupe recovered. She flew to Monroe, La., recently to attend a meeting of the League of Women Voters, taking a prospective Ninety-Niner with her. The prospect is Mrs. Fred Bates of Lafayette, who is planning to learn to fly. Mrs. Bates' husband owns a Coupe.

Helen Ricketts recently made a charter trip to South Carolina.

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TEXAS CHAPTER

By Frankie Welborn,
304 West 37th St., Austin, Texas.

Our Chapter met in Houston on March 2, Texas Independence Day, with headquarters at the Rice Hotel. The Houston girls entertained us royally with a dinner and reception Saturday night and a breakfast Sunday morning. All Houston flyers were invited to the reception and we enjoyed lots of good hangar flying.

A short business meeting was held Sunday morning after breakfast. 99ers present included: Elsie Pfluger, Mary W. "Ziggy" Hunter, Mary Catherine Quist, Mildred Miller, Edna Hammerman and Madge Janes of Austin; Mary Ann Hobbs and Stella Priest from San Antonio; Jimmie Kolp, of Electra; Hazel Brown, Tulsa, Okla.; Pidd Miller, Mae Sharp and Sadie Pease of Houston. Prospective members present were Kathryn Sinningson of Taylor; Mary Lou Stuart, Miriam Brugh, Elizabeth C. Lotz, Dorothy Mavis, Dorothy Morgan and Florence Robinson, of Houston.

Ninety-Niner Norma Engle and her 49er, Flight Officer George M. Engle, III, of Austin, are the proud parents of a son born March first.

Our April meeting, planned for Bryan, was postponed until April 26th, at which time all Texas 99's and all other flyers were invited to the dedication of the Civil Airport in Monterrey, Mexico. Nearly 200 flyers and their guests attended the meeting. The Aero Club of Monterrey had a wonderful weekend planned for us, beginning

with a cocktail party on Saturday morning, a luncheon at Cata Blanca Brewery, an air show and the dedication exercises in the afternoon, and a dinner at the Casino at night.

The air show had a very sad ending when Samuel Dillinger, senior CAA inspector for the San Antonio, Texas, area, was killed while performing a slow roll at a low altitude. Another tragedy occurred Monday afternoon, after most of the pilots had returned home, when Janice Harris of Dallas, an ex-Wasp, was killed in the crash of her AT-6 on the Monterrey field.

Ninety-Nines attending the meet included Mildred Miller, Madge Janes, Edna Hammerman, Pearle Ragsdale, Mary Catherine Quist, Mildred Dalrymple, Betty Cavett, Frankie Welborn, Edna Gardner, Mary Ann Hobbs, DeLois Matthews, Lily Weller, Janice Harris, Jo Myers, Maurine Webb, Charlotte Spann, Marguerite Cannan and Jimmie Kolp.

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OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

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

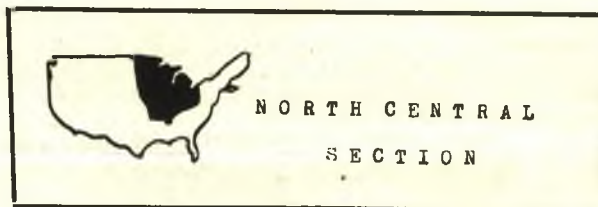
Fourteen were present at our breakfast at the Oklahoma Club on April 14th. Guests present were Dot Lemon of New York, Nema Masonhall of Minco, Okla., and Jane Gowdy of Oklahoma City. We hope that Jane and Nema will soon be members.

Dot is in Oklahoma City for a couple of months assisting the Earl Henry Flying Service in getting an instrument school started. We all enjoyed her interesting talk and are looking forward to having her at our next meeting.

We missed Mary Francis who hopped off for Washington the previous day, to join her husband who was arriving from Venezuela.

Irby Keen has invited us to have our next meeting at her home in Shawnee, Oklahoma. It will be an eleven o'clock breakfast on Sunday, May 12th.

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NORTH CENTRAL
SECTION

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

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

The four Chicago 99ers who attended Springfield Chapter's first birthday party are now convinced that Springfield is just another way of spelling "hospitality". Chairman Helen Budwash, Tyi Barnes Cassidy and her 49er Frank, and I flew down to Springfield April 6th. We took two Tcraft and had a marvelous trip. The weather was just grand. Adelaide O'Brien met us on our arrival at Springfield Airport, took us on a Cook's tour of the city, and then to our hotel. At 7 o'clock we had dinner - and what a meal - topped off with birthday cake. We were honored by the presence of Jeannette Lempke, our National President, and Elsie Peters, North Central Section Governor.

After our sumptuous repast, we saw the most magnificent color movies which had been taken by Mr. Walter A.

Storck, CAA inspector and ex-captain in the AAF. The pictures were made in India, China, Burma, and other out-of-the-way spots. All in all it was a most delightful evening.

The next morning, by leaving Springfield at the unholy hour of 7 A.M., we Chicagoans got in on a breakfast flight sponsored by the CAP, to Bloomington, where we enjoyed delicious coffee and doughnuts. We reached Chicago about 11, after one of the nicest weekends any of us had ever spent. All we can say to the Springfield girls is "Come to Chicago and we will try to give you as good a time as you gave us."

Some of our girls are planning to attend the conference at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., while still others hope to make the Sectional in Indianapolis.

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INDIANA CHAPTER

By Ruth Colwell
5221 Kenwood Ave., Indianapolis 8, Ind.

Our April meeting at the Indianapolis Municipal Airport numbered 23 guests and members. We welcomed Margery Gilbert who has her private license, and Emily Anderson and Bertha Turner, petticoats, all of Richmond. Ruth Petry of New York visited us. Petticoat Alice Daniel, and Betty Rust, Lea Miller and Virginia Eberhart, all privates from Indianapolis, met with us for the first time. We were glad to have so many new members and hope to have more each meeting.

The minutes were read, also the treasurer's report, and naturally all the discussions were about the Sectional to be held here the first of May, so I'll say nothing about that.

Evelyn Dow is now Mrs. Korchinsky. Best wishes, and bring your husband around so we can meet him.

Betty Cull will be back from Florida in time for the Sectional. How do all these girls get that way - going down to Florida for months at a time?

Our next monthly meeting will be at Terre Haute on June 2. Try to be there, girls!

After that we meet at Greencastle on July 21, and as that's my husband's field, I've heard about the plans. Mayor Mayhall and other town officials are planning to show us a very good time, with lunch on long tables in the new shop. They only catch, girls, is that they have to know well in advance how many are coming, so be sure to come and let us know at least two weeks ahead.

See you at the Sectional.

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CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

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

Wish you could have been at our birthday party on April 6. We really had a swell time. Jeannette Lempke flew in on Friday, and several Springfield girls lunched with her Saturday. Plane loads of girls arrived Saturday afternoon, among them being Tyi Cassidy, Helen Budwash and Ruth Pollock from Chicago. Tyi's charming husband flew in with Helen so at last we had a 49er at our meeting, even if we did have to borrow him!

The dinner was at the Leland Hotel with Jeannette Lempke and Elsie Peters (who flew the iron team called the Alton Railroad to get here) as our special guests.

Following the dinner we were entertained with some of the finest color movies we've ever seen—pictures Capt. Walter A. Storck (now CAA Inspector here) took on his travels with the AAF. Included was one reel of film the like of which you've never seen—movies of the tumble tests Wally performed on the P39's. At the business meeting we furthered our plans for Air Marking, and Helen Budwash appointed Tyi Cassidy Air Marking Chairman for the Illinois Chapter so we can work together.

Sunday morning the local CAP Squadron was having a breakfast flight to Bloomington, so some of the girls joined in the fun and the 99 meeting was continued in Bloomington with a bit of last minute hangar flying before the gals definitely winged their way home.

Now we are all looking forward to meeting at the Sectional. No doubt the gals will all be dressed in their new Easter outfits. When you see a slick yellow and black Tcraft, you'll be looking at mine. Yours truly gave her plane a new cover job this spring instead of giving herself one. Now Kay Hall and I are crossing out fingers, hoping the weather will permit us to FLY to Indianapolis. Esther Gillock won't be at the Sectional because she'll be bridesmaiding for her kid brother just back from the Navy. Haven't heard from the rest of the gals but assume they'll be there.

Our next Chapter meeting will be the first weekend in June at Champaign-Urbana. Girls are instructed to land at Illini Airport. At our birthday party, Lt. Col. DeCosta, Illinois Wing Commander of CAP, was a guest. He enjoyed himself so much that he has a Wing Maneuver scheduled for the same weekend at Champaign so he'll have a double reason for being there. Confidentially, altho' he said it was because most of the girls belonged to CAP and it would save making two trips, I think he's hoping for an invitation to our meeting Saturday night.

Just got word that Lib Magnusson is going to acquire a 49er in the near future. The only difficulty is that our members take on a co-pilot and then move so far away they can't come to our meetings, transfer to other chapters, and we're still without any 49ers. Fine thing! But we're like to offer our very best wishes to Lib. Hope your marital weather is always CAVU.

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KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Helen Hayward
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April has been an eventful month for 99ers in this vicinity. We are very glad that our "Winging Party" to Stephens College interested the students there enough to stimulate them to form their own chapter of 99's.

Some of the faculty, along with the "Aviation Club", a faculty organization, entertained us for breakfast, and later conducted us on a tour to see the flight division of the college. I am sure there is no other institution in the country that offers comparable opportunities to girls interested in careers in the field of aviation.

Stephens is a college and a small "Sweetwater" combined with students working on all types of flight ratings including twin-engine time, coordinated with other academic subjects.

Marie Page and Grace Harris returned to the school the week of April 22nd to attend a college sponsored aviation conference. We will wish we could have been there to greet Jeannette Lempke, Nancy Love, Jacqueline Cochran and others who helped make the conference a success.

Our dinner meeting, the evening of May 3, was notable because it was the first time we have met with our junior members, the Ninety-Eights. Margaret Standish,

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their sponsor who helped them organize so enthusiastically, was proud to present two of their members, Betty Hartmann and Virginia Weddell, new holders of private licenses and, at this writing, new 99ers.

Margaret Fristoe, our newest commercial pilot, had Dorothy Shipp as her guest. We are so glad to welcome Dorothy to our chapter, and know you must miss her in Illinois.

Our group is planning a hangar dance, the first since the war, at Fisher Airport on the twenty-fifth of May.

It would make us very happy if any of the 99ers in neighboring chapters, or any who might be flying through, would contact Marie Paige, 1240 Board of Trade Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., so she may arrange for you to be our guests for the evening. We hope to have fun, so join us if you can.

ALL - OHIO CHAPTER

By Kay Greshauge Samrau
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The All-Ohio Chapter proudly welcomes into membership the following twelve applicants:

Mrs. Marjory Selby Miller, 283 N. Danwood Road,
Columbus 9, Ohio.
Mrs. Helen Bender Williams, R D 6, % Mathew Fife,
Wilmington, Ohio.
Miss Sophia Peters, 505 Miller Ave., Columbus 5, O.
Miss Dorothea Clare Greene, 12 East North Broadway,
Columbus 2, Ohio.
Mrs. Eleanor E. Burt, 334 West Lane Ave., Apt. D,
Columbus 1, Ohio.
Miss Janet Long, 58 Hamilton, Columbus 3, Ohio.
Mrs. Reva Stephens Terry, 151 So. Roys Ave.,
Columbus, Ohio.
Miss Oberia Jane Buchanan, 31 - 15th Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio.
Miss Sally Friedrichs, 38 - 15th Avenue, Colum-
bus, Ohio.
Miss Julianne Dearth, 381 Siebert St., Colum-
bus 6, Ohio.
Miss Doris E. Goldstein, 1996 Indianola Ave.,
Columbus 1, Ohio.
Miss Joan Rodrian, Ohio University Airport,
Athens, Ohio.

These girls were contacted and interviewed by Ruth Gouthey, Helen Linn, and June Wolfe, and their applications were presented to the Membership Committee with their highest recommendations. Their excellent work, interest and enthusiasm in our Chapter, I hope will spur a membership drive in the State of Ohio.

Our schedule of meetings for the summer months is as follows:

May 25-26, Columbus, Ohio, % Ruth Gouthey and Helen Linn.
June 29-30, Athens, Ohio, % Marian Bush Reeder.
July 28, Willard, Ohio, % Ann Heisler.
August 30-Sept. 2, Cleveland, Ohio, National Air Races.

Won't you please plan to attend these meetings!

I have received a note from Ann Heisler, telling about the ultra modern airport terminal she and her 49er, Ken, are opening in Willard, Ohio. All 99's are cordially invited to attend their opening - the date to be announced later. The Heislars expect delivery on a new Johnson Rocket in the near future.

Dawn Malson and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting and having dinner with Edythe Carlton Lusk of Los Angeles, and her 49er, Freeman, when they visited Cleveland, April 5 - 12, on their honeymoon.

Sophia Peters received notice in one of the Columbus papers for her excellent work in piloting a glider.

That's about all - see you in Columbus.

EASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth Craine,
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Biggest news in our chapter for this month is that which Jean Reimer has to tell. She has kept her promise to give us a future 99er. Jean and Merle's baby girl, Diane Florence, was born the last week in April. Congratulations to you, Jean and Merle, and a hearty welcome to Miss Diane from the Wisconsin Chapter. We plan to take turns at cuddling the wee mite when you bring her to our meetings.

Germaine Reback has been startling us by appearing in BADGER FLYING. Trixie Gehrung wrote the article, and her picture, too, was there, interviewing Germaine. That piece of literature means far more to me now, since last Sunday when Germaine and I flew to Manitowoc in the Er-coupe. It was my first experience in the model and my first flight with Germaine since she acquired her license in November. All was most delightful. Germaine is a honey of a pilot!

Trixie flew to the WCAC breakfast at Stevens Point on April 28. She'll have more interesting stories to tell at our next meeting, we hope.

Gladys Rubringer was at the airport Sunday with Fond du Lac as her destination. Dora Fritzke, of course, is there every free minute. Her hours are piling up.

Our Governor, Elsie Peters, is hard to keep track of, for she's often on her way to or from some chapter meeting connected with her North Central duties. She's one grand governor! We're proud of her.

Elsie Peters, Dorothy Christenson and your present reporter are all at this moment headed toward the Sectional meeting scheduled for Indianapolis this weekend. All plans sound intriguing.

Rosemaire Spenner has returned to the Milwaukee area. It's very good to have her back. She's some fascinating plans up her sleeve, but won't talk for a time. Necia Patterson is carrying on as usual. She is good dependable Necia.

See you in Indianapolis.



CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Betty S. Dunlap
Box 447, Rock Hill, S. C.

Several months ago we decided it would be a good idea to bring our 49ers to our Sunday meetings. It's proved a very smart idea. It gets more girls out, for lots of them do not like to leave their husbands on Sundays, and it really "peps" up the meetings.

April 7th, Louise Smith entertained us at the Sky

Port Club at Winston-Salem. High above the airport we sat enjoying cocktails and watching the air traffic come and go. There just could not be a better place to hold a 99 meeting. And I might add there could not be a better hostess than Louise, and Herman is the perfect host, even to giving us all a gift of NYLONS. Now, I bet you girls who didn't come are sorry.

We were so pleased to have our Governor, Evelyn McRae from Miami, Fla., with us for this meeting. She urged us all to come to Orlando, Fla., for the air meet on May 4th and 5th. The Bertram Trophy, which is for the winner of the 99's special event, sounds like it is really worth while going after.

I want to quote part of a letter from a new member in Greenville, S.C., - "I find it hard to believe that I'm a member of such a marvelous club as the 99's. You really have no idea how I've longed to join, never dreaming that I ever really would. Back in 1939 when I first started flying I used to read of the 99's--and--now I am one. You betcha I've got that 'You wanna touch me' feeling." Amalia Stone, we, the Carolinas Chapter, are delighted to have such a person as you for one of our members. We know just how you feel, for we will used to sit and wonder if we would be able to make the grade and be a 99'er.

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BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Eleanor Verkuyl,
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"The Hangar", tree-top level rumpus room at Dorothy Baxter's lovely country estate, was the setting for our April meeting, and what a meeting it was! If ever there was a spot in which flyers might feel at home, The Hangar, with its aeronautical motif complete to slightest detail, is it! We marveled afresh at the kind of propellers it took to man the pioneer ships, and the complete radial engine mounted over the bar impressed us no end! Appreciatively sampling Dorothy's inimitable brand of super-hospitality were Phyllis Lee, Dottie Fowler, Marian Barnick, Rita Hart, Florence Emig, Ruth Rueckert, Evelyn Esser, Dorothy Chamberlin, Frances Grant, Beth Henning, Geraldine Williamson, Margaret Gerhardt, Marjorie Fauth and your reporter.

Word that our national president, Jeannette Lempke, would spend two days with Bay Cities Chapter members initiated elaborate plans for making her stay a pleasant one. A dinner meeting to be held at Hotel Californian May 14th will honor her, and tentative plans for further activity are afoot.

Two ships and four gals from our ranks made it to Palm Springs on the weekend of April 27th to enjoy Clema Granger's delightful hospitality and to attend the Southern California Aviation Club breakfast which assembled some 200 planes. Highlight of Saturday was a swanky dinner dance at La Quinta Hotel, and the opportunity to renew acquaintance with such south-dwellers as Mary Bowles Nelson and Carolyn West. Jerry Williamson and Margaret Gerhardt flew down in Jerry's Fairchild, and Rita Hart and Marjorie Fauth flew the Hart Ryan.

Speaking of Harts, 49er Al, who has been in Hartford, Conn., this past month on business for the Naval Air Base, found himself a new Taylorcraft to fly out for some lucky westcoast recipient, and is having the fun of squeezing in a bit of cross-country flying.

Ex-governor Helen Kelton has a new baby son, according to Ruth Rueckert who writes that he will probably be named Kenneth.

We declare, regretfully, that it's so long between publications we can't remember what we did or didn't tell in our last effort! We would most happily turn this perplexing reporting task over to someone less of the gaslight and bustle era than ourselves. Any volunteers?

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LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Melba Beard,
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Our April 8th dinner and business meeting at Melody Lane Cafe was attended by 20 girls and several items of business were transacted. As to new members, we felt a good policy would be to have the prospect as a guest at an open meeting, after which the membership committee would handle the application in the usual way, with a three-quarters vote by members as final approval.

Members are transferred from other chapters at the membership chairman's request, from information in Washington headquarters, or upon the member's request through her former governor. We have about eight such transferees and benefit by the experiences brought to our chapter by these fine girls.

At the meeting were: Chairman Carolyn West, Lillian Anderson, Helen Hooper, Hilda Jarmuth, Beatrice Medes, Helen Thomure, Helen Powell, Claire and Betty McMillen, Betty Glaser, Dianna Cyrus, Elizabeth Watson, Marion Mountain, Helen Benger, Irene Slagel, Melba Beard, Jacqueline Hart, and guests Betty Jane Hart, Anne Dailay, and former 99er Esther Nelson.

99s President Jeannette Lempke and Alice Hammond will visit San Diego, Los Angeles and Bay Cities. Upon their arrival, we will have a luncheon and meeting at Bel-Air Country Club, probably on May 11th. This is a long flight for the girls, and we look forward to greeting them.

Elizabeth Watson passed her instrument rating test, making the long flight on the Long Beach range in a Fairchild 24. Beatrice Medes flew to Taft in a PT 26. Helen Hooper piloted a Stinson Voyager several hours during April. Claire McMiller flew a Luscombe on the breakfast flight to Poncho Barnes'.

Jacqueline Hart and Ethel Sheehy were in a 35-plane flight to San Bernardino where the pilots were treated to a real western breakfast and hay ride, Evelyn Kilgore being a hostess. Jacqueline and her sister Betty Jane who expects her license soon, flew to Santa Paula on our recent flight. Irene Slagel and 49er Frank hope for August delivery on their new North American Navion, smart looking plane for the private flyer.

Some 175 planes flew to Palm Springs on the April 28th breakfast flight, 16 99ers being present. Carolyn West, Irene Slagel, Helen Benger, Dianna Cyrus and Betty Glaser went down the 27th with the Aviation Country Club flight to nearby La Quinta. Melba Beard, Mardo Crane, and Helen Hooper reached Palm Springs airport Saturday afternoon, as did two planes from San Francisco, bringing Governor Marjorie Fauth and Rita Hart, Gerry Williamson and Margaret Gerhardt.

Bettymsay Furman lives in Palm Springs but we had little chance to see her. We enjoyed brief chats with ex-99ers Onita Thorley and Yolanda Spirito. Some had not seen others for so long that most of Saturday night was spent talking; then a few hours sleep in the delightful desert air, and out early to watch 175 planes land in 30 minutes. Morning was a busy scramble; we didn't get together at breakfast, and, among all the milling hundreds, final good-byes were few.

Clema Granger, ex-99er of Palm Springs, was one of our hostesses. She and the group of enthusiastic NAA members sponsoring the flight made every effort for our comfort, providing quarters, transportation, etc. Thoughtfulness of Clema's son Norman, operator of Desert Mirage airport, in stocking extra gasoline, provided several of us with needed fuel to buck headwinds back through San Geronimo pass.

Governor Marjorie Fauth reminded us of the coming Sectional meeting at a point between the two chapters, possibly Hillman's Ranch at Paso Robles, for Sept. 14 and 15.

We're sorry to hear of Dorothy George's long illness in a Los Angeles hospital, and hope she'll be out soon.

Next NAA meeting will be May 25 at Eaton's La Cienega Cafe. A Lockheed man will speak on jet propulsion.

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Wilson, her sister-in-law, and Addie Binsfield flew a sight-seeing trip to Niagara Falls in August.



Michigan Chapter Ninety-Nines watch a parachute folding demonstration at Selfridge Air Force Base. L to R: Eleanor Palubin, Air Force Sergeant Parachute Rigger, Thelma Lindzey, Adele Binsfield, Lenora Hammerlee, Mary Clark, Bernice Trimble.

• SECTIONALS •

By: Eloise M. Smith, Governor
North Central Section

Blue skies and tail winds added to the perfection of the Ninety-Nine meeting at Omaha, Sept. 17-19. Missouri Valley Chapter and the South Central Section were hosts to the North Central Section. Laura Russell, Belle Hetzel and their co-workers, bent on showing us a good time, combined Omaha's Centennial good cheer with Ninety-Nine ingenuity and the result was a most enjoyable weekend.

A quick panorama finds us mingling for cocktails with the gentlemen and their ladies of the "buttons and bows" era, switching back next morning to a sign painting demonstration by a lightning fast team attired in modern blue jeans. Omaha's N.A.A. Chapter entertained us at cocktails and Nebraska's flying Governor Crosby spoke at the banquet which was attended by all the International officers. The prizes were fabulous and so were the decorations. Candles made of ice! Honest, I touched one. Then, next morning, blue skies and tail winds again.

Thank you, girls.

what did I tell
you about following
railroad tracks...?



SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

TEXAS CHAPTER

Ark-La-Tex Unit
By: Barbara Williams

Marie Barnes is the new chairman of the Ark-La-Tex Unit, which celebrated its third anniversary in Longview Sept. 21 with a dinner in the Hotel Longview.

By coincidence, it was the same date and day of the week as the first meeting of the group three years ago. We took it as a lucky omen.

Other new officers are Loraine Averett, Vice-Chairman; Barbara Williams, Secretary and Reporter; Essie Hollis, Treasurer, and Mildred Carney, Membership Chairman.

Our new chairman is now a major in the Civil Air Patrol where she is coordinator of Women's Activities. Her husband is Lt. Col. M.R. Barnes, of Group 7.

In connection with their CAP work, the Barneses have entertained many interesting foreign guests. Their latest visitor was Jorgen Bergh, a major in the Danish Air Force.

A guest of honor at the anniversary meeting was Virginia McJilton of Gladewater, our first chairman. Virginia has just moved into a lovely new home -- she said she had to have more room to prepare for an expected Christmas present.

A beautiful cake topped with airplane and rosettes was baked by Essie Hollis for the occasion.

Our next meeting will be a dinner at 8 P.M. Tuesday, October 19, in the New Airport Restaurant at Shreveport Municipal Airport. Although we haven't been sending in our News Letter stories, we've been meeting regularly on the third Tuesday of each month. We've even invited the 49 1/2ers occasionally -- notably to our Christmas party, a bountiful dinner held in Essie's Longview home.

Dallas Unit
By: Janis Romanio

The Dallas Unit tossed a dinner in the Dallas Reserve Club, Love Field, on September 22 - and we are sure we had more pleasure from it than any of our guests.

Our guests from Fort Worth included Marjorie Gray, Rowena Burns, Beulah Conn, and Tony Page. Tony gave us a very descriptive account of the sectional meeting at Omaha, which partly made up to those of us who were not able to attend, and Martha prompted to be sure nothing pertinent was omitted.

Marie Rushing told us more details of her jet flight earlier in the summer, when she flew a T-33 at Williams AFB for 45 minutes!

There was also much talk of the Texas Air Tour, which will be not-so-news by the time a report can actually appear on it in this News Letter. Jo and Doris will fly the entire tour, even into Mexico, sponsored by Southwest Airmotive for the third consecutive year. Evelyn Prince plans to fly with them for the first three days of the tour. Martha Ann and Jan will also make at least the first week-end of the air tour, flying from Dallas to Galveston to Shreveport in Martha's own Ercoupe, which she bought this summer.

Other future plans included a SAR CAP in Galveston October 1, and a flight to Albuquerque, both of which will be attended by several of the Dallas members. All in all, it seems as if we are to have another active autumn in Texas.

Fort Worth Unit
By: Marjorie Gray

We were guests of the Dallas Unit, at the Dallas Reserve Club, for a September meeting. They served a delicious dinner with all the trimmings. The Fort Worth girls attending were Mary Helen Rattikin, Beulah Conn, Rowena Burns, Tony Page and your reporter. Our thanks to the Dallas girls for a grand evening.

Margaret Calloway and Tony Page flew to Omaha, Nebraska in Tony's Cessna 140 to attend the joint North and South Central Sectional. They returned with glowing reports of the marvelous time they had, beginning with a "welcome" from the Omaha tower to their final take-off.

Mary Helen Rattikin recently had a Helicopter flight at the new Ridgley Country Club. The fact that she was a "99" was the magic that got her the flight.

Mary Helen will be adding a 49 1/2 er to our ranks in the near future. Fiance King Bodine is now in Alaska with Phillips Petroleum. He is 250 miles from the nearest town, Cardova, with airplanes their only transportation.

Cleva Godfrey recently flew her Stinson to Norman, Oklahoma to visit her son, Gaines, at Oklahoma University, where he is studying Geological Engineering. Daughter Gail is not idle--along with school she gets in volley ball practice and modeling.

Plans for the Texas Air Tour, beginning October 9th, are occupying most pilots in these parts. Beulah Conn, Verna Burns, Cleva Godfrey and your reporter plan to make the tour.

Corpus Christi Unit
By: Elaine Gault

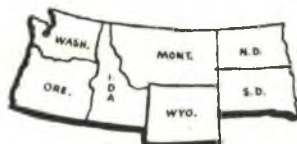
The September meeting was held at the home of your reporter. Big news was the election of officers: Chairman, Merle Dunnam; Vice-Chairman, Edith Stearns; Secretary, Louise Clarkson.

Our Charter Member, Edith Foltz Stearns, was honored by an interview on TV. We all enjoyed seeing her and hearing of some of her experiences with the Ferry Command in England during the war.

Our rummage sale netted us a neat profit for Airmarking. We can barely wait until cool weather to get started again.

Speaking of fun -- Pauline Glasson, Merle Dunnam, Veda Tennent and your reporter thoroughly enjoyed helping with the Polio Fund Flights September 27 at Cuddihy Field. Pilots and owners donated their time and planes for pleasure hopping. All money was donated to the Polio Fund. Ardath McCreery just finished doing the same at McAllen.

Jinkie Hall just returned from her second solo trip to Chicago to see her husband. She is really taking her 170 through the paces.



NORTHWESTERN SECTION

MONTANA CHAPTER
By: Jimmie Kuhn

On September 17 Norma Wingfield, Marge Rolie and Jimmie Kuhn drove to Seattle to attend the Northwestern Sectional Meeting. More of the members of the Montana Chapter had planned to attend but the weather didn't cooperate. This was the first Sectional meeting for the Montana gals, but since we have not yet received our Charter, we attended as guests rather than as participating members. As new members of the Ninety-Nines we enjoyed our first Sectional meeting and thought our trip from Billings and Missoula well worth while. We were sorry more of our Montana gals could not have attended.

Our September meeting was held in Missoula on September 22 when ten of the Montana Chapter met to attend the dedication of the U. S. Forest Service Smoke Jumper Facilities by President Eisenhower. After the dedication ceremonies were over, we gathered at the home of Norma Wingfield for a buffet dinner and meeting. We made plans for our next meeting to be held in Billings in October when Gerry Mickelsen will present us with our Charter.



SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

LONG BEACH CHAPTER
By: Jean Elliott

Dianna Bixby was hostess at the September meeting, and members were invited to bring guests. Very interesting movies were shown of Dianna's