

NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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DEADLINE - 5TH OF EACH MONTH

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FOUND: Autograph book, very valuable to owner as it contains signatures which some autograph hounds would lay down their lives to obtain. The book was found at the Bendix party. Remember that party? WOW! If you think you are the owner, you will have to prove it. Amelia Hendrickson, 709 E. Baltimore Blvd., Flint, Michigan has the book and is holding it for the owner who can prove it.

MONEY is waiting to be turned over to Francis Wilson. Our registration desk in the Hotel Cleveland did quite an exciting brokerage business (gratis) in finding buyers for air race tickets and every one who left tickets to be sold has received their money except Francis Wilson. If you know where she lives, please send me her address. If we don't find her, I guess we will just add her money to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

DID YOU HEAR that Evelyn McRae had a final balance of over \$4100 in the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund to be transferred to our new treasurer, Marjorie B. Davis. That means that our July 1946 concentration increased the Fund by about \$600.

Remember - \$5000.00 by July 3rd 1947!

1946-47 OFFICERS: All Sections and Chapters have received a letter asking for the names and addresses of the newly elected 1946-47 officers. The November issue of the NINETY-NINE News Letter will be devoted to the printing of the Constitution and By-Laws as revised by the amendments accepted at the Annual Meeting, August 31st in Cleveland, and to the listing of all 1946-47 Section and Chapter officers. This information must be received in Washington, D. C. headquarters by November 5th, 1946. BE SURE your Section and Chapter officers are reported in time to be included.

DUES DEADLINE - December 1st, 1946. All full-year and all half-year memberships (except those memberships accepted on the July 1st basis) are due for renewal at the new rate of \$5.00 per year on the FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER and according to the Constitution must be paid within three months from that date. If you sent in your remittance for \$4.50 before you received your notice, and additional 50¢ is necessary before your renewed membership will be in good standing.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: I have had several requests for a membership roster and the idea struck me that the January 1947 issue of the NEWS LETTER could be a membership roster. Would you like that?

So, if you want your name to be included in the membership roster and if you want to received the January issue of the NEWS LETTER containing the membership roster right up to date and hot off the press, BE SURE your dues are post-marked not later than mid-night, November 30th.

Be seein' you in the Roster!

October 5, 1946

Jeannette Lempke
Your President

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Sally Conley
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Business as usual -- and then more business -- was the order of the evening at the Oct. 1st meeting of the Eastern Penn Chapter. We met at Sally Conley's apartment and there was plenty of spirit in the many discussions (also in the refreshments.) Sally reported on the National Meeting at Cleveland and we elected our officers for the coming year. An Activities Committee was elected whose job it will be to plan our meetings. (We hope our national president, Jeannette Lempke, will be able to attend one of our chapter meetings this year.) Because our chapter is so large, we split the office of Secretary-Treasurer to allow more members to take part in the running of our organization.

Much concern was expressed over the changes in commercial physicals and vigorous protests were registered over the increased charges.

Present at the meeting were: Our officers for 1945-46 Ruth Shafer, Georgianna Sees, Irene Blasdel (and a vote of thanks to them for a grand job) and Marie Bowers, Lois Cutler, Barbara Darnell, Ethel Evans, Hazel Heist, Bettie Townson, Leona McElroy, Sally Conley, and Marjorie Deacon who is joining our chapter. A welcome guest was Commander Gaines Blasdel, USN, (Irene's brother).

Transfers take away an old friend and bring us a new one. Happy to hear from Nancy Love that she is coming into our chapter.

Our newly formed Activities Committee will be ready soon with plans for the next meeting. They're sure to come up with something special--hope no one will miss it!

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NEW ENGLAND SECTION

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By Mildred E. Morey
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Glowing accounts of the Cleveland National Meeting and the Races have reached us from most of the "lucky Seven" who made it from this section. The girls appreciated the friendly welcome accorded them by Jeannette Lempke, National President, and by the members of the Ninety-Nines Ohio Chapter.

Members present from this section were: Marjorie E. Davis, New England Governor (Delegate), Constance Sheridan, Carolyn Cullen, Hortense Harris, Ruth Hamilton, Daisy Kirkpatrick, Nancy Love.

Daisy Kirkpatrick, former National President of Ninety-Nines, attended the Races with her young daughter. Daisy's son is studying at Harvard Law School. It is difficult to believe that Daisy has a grown up family, for in appearance she is as youthful as ever.

Ruth Hamilton flew to Cleveland with her friend Laura Murray, in Laura's Aeronca.

Ruthie was truly impressed by the great show at Cleveland. She had this to say about jet propulsion: "The races were indeed thrilling, but those jet planes made the 'reciprocating engine' ships look like something that escaped out of the Smithsonian Institute. Bet it won't be long before you're pouring the kerosene to your private plane, lighting a match to it, (or whatever you do), and roaring off in your own personal winged blow torch."

Hortense Harris is extremely busy taking personal charge of a plant in Champaign, Illinois. Among other things, the factory is manufacturing parts for jet engines.

Ann Cutler, of Pride's Crossing and Needham, Mass., reports a very bumpy flight out to Rochester and back recently in her PT-19. "Abby" Ann has been ferrying Voyagers from the Stinson factory in Michigan to Beverly, for Eastern Aviation. She made two trips in September, going to Michigan by train and flying the new Stinsons back.

Jean Adams Cook, Manager of Nantucket Airport, plans to do some XC flying herself, now that the mad rush of summer business and the Nantucket Air Show are well behind her. She writes that Nancy Tier, Connecticut 99-er, flew an Aeronca to Nantucket recently, visiting her friend Judge Hicks, who is in the hospital there. Another 99-er in the Nantucket traffic pattern was Cecile Hamilton (of Herald Tribune, Gill Robb Aviation Column). Cecile is a member of the N.Y.-N.J. Chapter of Ninety-Nines.

Vida Grant, Augusta (Maine) Ninety-Niner, is flying the new Cub Cruiser and 1946 Aeronca Champion at Augusta Airport. Vida has a pet angora cat, "Tailspin Tommy". Tommy is extremely air-minded. He rides to the airport every day in Vida's car, and is piling up XC time. His most recent flights have been to Bangor and Portland. Tommy's latest suggestion to Vida is that they should fly over to Hookset, N. H. and allow him time for a bit of hangar gossip with "Prop Wash", Ruthie Hamilton's problem dog. Ruth reports that Propgy has relented and forgiven her for spinning him, and now has twenty hours logged time. It was suggested that possibly he was embarrassed by the implication that he disliked spins, but Ruthie said our fears were groundless. She writes: "Propgy has the same difficulty with reading and writing as with flying; I blush to say it, but I have, with my own eyes, seen him sign merely an "X" to legal documents. You see what I am up against!"

Lydia Rotch, Boston 99-er, is Chief dispatcher at the Norwood Base of E. W. Wiggins Airways. She is also a Flight Instructor with four students. Lydia got checked out in night flying after almost 500 hours in the air. She is looking forward to getting her instrument and multi-engine rating.

Florence Cates writes that she is "working like a sos-an-so at C.A.A.," and in spare time is taking a stenotype course. She has found a small field in Alexandria, Virginia, and is flying there.

The New England members are truly sorry to learn that Nancy Love is transferring from our section to the Eastern Pennsylvania Section. Nancy and Bob Love have become permanent residents of Rosedale, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Congratulations go to Eastern Pennsylvania! We lose, and they gain a distinguished pilot member. Nancy is finding gardening and housekeeping very engrossing, after the past four busy years. She is doing quite a bit of flying, as usual, with her "Faithful old BT-13" and her surplus P-38. She writes "We flew it (P-38) out of duPont Field, which made life interesting, since the runway is 2900 feet, sod, and has trees at both ends." Nancy misses her friends in New England, and sends her best to the girls. She hopes to see us in Boston sometime soon. Her 49er Bob is President of All American Aviation at Wilmington.

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JAMESTOWN NEW YORK CHAPTER

By Lucile M. Wright
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We missed the news letter last month and I feel as tho I owe you all an apology. August was a busy month for us on Chautauqua Lake. We had two meetings in preparation for the attendance at the National Air Races in Cleveland. I was lucky enough to attend the entire session so was the delegate from our chapter. However, we had four other members who flew to Cleveland for the races on Labor Day.

Ellen Lee Mussenden was initiated immediately before the annual meeting in Cleveland so that she could attend as a full fledged 99'er. This brings our total membership to 17. Three Cheers--we are growing rapidly.

Our second August meeting was a breakfast flight in honor of Betty Shea Boyd.

Arlene Hanna entertained us at Luncheon early last month and of course the usual weather prevailed so we all made 4 point landings at the Fredonia Airport and enjoyed Hangar Flying.

Mary Ellen Pierce who has been attending Miami University all summer is home with us again

On my last trip to Washington I stopped in at the National 99 Headquarters to get acquainted. To know personally those who are trying so hard to help us with the details of an organization as large as ours has grown to be, is a big help. I hope next trip to be on hand for a Washington Meeting.

Election of officers will highlight our October meeting

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

By Lois Fairbank
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It seems rather difficult for us to settle down to a meeting (Midston House, September 16th) purely for business, for still in the hearts and minds of most of us was the wonderful time we had at the Cleveland races. There was constant chatter as we tried to tell those who weren't there about the beautiful P80's and that Extra Special Red P 38.

And I, along with Ann Fieg and Vivian Hoffman, was full of news about our local airport shows - which were very successful. I hereby invite you all to Stroudsburg, Pa., in the Pocono Mountains next August 19th, when our meet will be on again. Hear tell that Vivian rescued the Martins Creek airport from a hot dog roast minus rolls, by flying to Teterboro for a special rush baking job. We ran out of rolls at Stroudsburg but unfortunately, I didn't know about Vivian's specialty

Marjorie Davis, our new National Treasurer was with us. That girl sure does get around - Cleveland - then to the Washington, D. C. meeting on September 11th. Marjorie White is leaving in October for some pheasant hunting out South Dakota way. Sounds delicious.

Alma Harwood flew out and back to the races in her new pride and joy - a Stinson 150. Mighty nice flying when you can make the trip back in three hours and thirty seven minutes. Margaret Cooper Manser was back with us after a long spell and we were glad to see her.

Our meeting was set aside for nomination of the new officers for the coming year and for the little problems which do come up now and then. We're all set for a good year

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

By Edith Cragin
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The August meeting for the Connecticut Chapter was held at the Madison Beach Club on a warm sunny day. A swin was thoroughly enjoyed first, then followed by drinks on one of the broad porches before going over to the near-by Sea Shell for an excellent dinner.

Our September meeting was held on the 26th at your reporter's studio. Quite a group turned out. Peg Parish, Caroline Cullen, Rachael Williams, Sis Tuffin Berndhart, Nellis Burmaster, Edith Rescomb, whom we were so glad to see again, and her daughter, Peggy, Betty Wallace, Joan Fenderson, Harriet Allabein and your truly.

Much talk of Cleveland - WASP and 99's - Rachael's reporting as delegate for this chapter at the National meeting, and all out interest in the races at Miami this winter! Sounds wonderful!

Our next meeting is to be held sometime in the early part of November. More later on that.

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SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

NEWS FROM THE CAROLINAS CHAPTER

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Hawthorne Flying Service
Columbia, S. C.

To the Florida Chapter we appreciate your interest in our activities. We haven't been idle - just that our reporter was unable to get our news in.

We had a meeting in Charleston in July and for all of you Carolina 99'ers that couldn't get to the meeting - you missed a treat -- a retreat from the heat, for the beaches were cool and the swimming grand -- We met at Alma's house on Folly Beach and had a social meeting. Only one 49½'er was present - Jim Hamilton, of Charlotte. Betty and Jim Hamilton flew in in Betty's new Ercoupe -- her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary present. Louise Smith brought a friend with her in a Piper Cub. We now hear that Louise has her Luscombe flying again. Amalie Stone and Vera Self drove down after having started out in a plane and weather turning them back.

Alma Tharp is a new member and went "all out" in helping for her first meeting - and at her home. We're glad to have you with us Alma -

All you N. C. members - we realize it's hard for you to come so far into S. C., but it's the same the other way - so we'll be meeting you in a central location next time.

Let's drop your reporter a card once in a while and let me know what's going on in these Carolinas.

There will be a meeting in Charlotte on October 20th, with Betty Hamilton as hostess. So, let's try to be there and with 49½'ers!

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Louise Smith
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It's nice to be missed and we heard that someone asked "what's happened to the Carolinas Chapter?". We have been out of the News Letter recently, but not out of the activities of the 99's.

The Carolinas Chapter held their annual meeting on September 29th in Spartanburg, S. C. with Vera Self as hostess.

Vera entertained us with a very lovely buffet supper Saturday night at her apartment. Tables were decorated in blue and white with the 99 insignia in the center.

Sunday at 11:00 we held our business meeting at the Cleveland Hotel and had dinner as the guests of Toy Cothran manager of the Spartanburg Airport. And here and now I would like to say how nice everyone was to us at the airport - giving us a very cordial welcome.

Fine reports were given by the treasurer, Lucille and the membership chairman, Kathleen. The constitutional changes were discussed. The Nominating Committee announced the results of the ballots and we are very pleased with our new chairman, Betty Hamilton. We decided to hold four regular meetings next year and one extra for the annual meeting. Our next meeting will be the 3rd Sunday in October. And Betty has invited us to Charlotte. So--- see you in Charlotte on October the 20th

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By B. Mae Blake
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No more tracking down news; no more pleading with you gals for a bit of gossip to round out this report; and best of all no "dreaded" deadline to beat. I have enjoyed this job immensely, but after a year and five months, I welcome my successor (whoever she may be) with a great big sigh of relief. So-o-o many thanks to you gals and especially the editor of the News Letter for your cooperation.

The September meeting was held in Alpena with Carol Scheidler and her father as hostess and host - very capable ones I might say. With the weather definitely not CAVU, only four ships groped their way in. In spite of that, there were forty members and guests present for the grand barbecue on Saturday evening - camp fire and all the trimmings. In the afternoon, we were taken on a tour of the Huron Portland Cement Plant which was very interesting. We breakfasted at the lovely Summerville Haven on Long Lake. Our hostess presented Jeannette Lempke, National President, with a "twin engine plane" lapel pin and Mrs. Thelma Lindzay, State Chairman, with a "single engine plane" lapel pin.

At this meeting it was voted to have "an all girl airshow" - the proceeds to swell the Amelia Earhart Scholarship fund. The tentative date is next June - the place Stanton, Michigan at Becky Thatcher's airport - how does that look in print, Becky? Faye Kirk is general chairman.

Our outgoing chairman, Thelma Lindzay was presented with a beautiful gold and white compact.

Beck Thatcher, Saginaw, this past week flew East with her husband. Their goal was Aberdeen Proving Grounds where they saw all the equipment, used in the war, demonstrated and also new equipment being tested.

On Sept. 21, the Ninety-Nines lost a good friend, pal and 49^{er} when Dr. Carl Rufus died at his Crooked Lake home, in the peace and quiet he loved and shared so often with his beloved Maude and their friends. Our Maude, Michigan's first flying grandmother, preceded him by one year, three months and two days but as long as Dr. Rufus could attend our meetings, we felt we still had a little bit of Maude. Yet the service at First Methodist Church in Ann Arbor where we went to pay our respects did not seem so final, for somehow theirs is a spirit that will not be downed even in death - and just remembering them will give us courage to fly on and on.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Jeannette Kapus
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This month Elsie Peters was hostess to the Chapter meeting. Congratulations were in order as Elsie was re-elected as Governor of the North Central Section.

Jean Reimer and her Junior Miss are winging their way to Orlando, Fla. Jean who recently received her instructor's rating is willing to give flight instruction in return for several hours of baby sitting. Take note, Florida fliers!!

Election of officers was held and the results were: Dorothy Christenson, Chairman; Dora Fritzke, Vice-Chairman; Trixie Gehring, Secretary; and Caroly Feiling, Treasurer. Best wishes for a successful year, girls.

It was suggested that either a dance or card party be held to promote the Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund. Carolyn Feiling, Necia Patterson, and Peg Fiebrantz volunteered for the committee.

Peg Fiebrantz has had six hours in a BT. She'll soon be ready to solo. Lucky girl!!

Dorothy Christenson and Elsie Peters gave us the highlights of the Cleveland Air Races and the fun they had, while Margaret Sliker thrilled us with the activities at the WASP Convention and her flight home.

KANSAS CITY, MO., CHAPTER

By Lavon Martin
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The K. C. Chapter made a nice takeoff at our September 10 meeting with election of a really fine group of officers and our October 2 meeting gives indication of clear flying ahead. Here are the officers: Marie Paige, Chairman; Betty Green, Vice Chairman and Treasurer; Anne Pearson, Secretary and Recorder; Lucille Dall, Corresponding Secretary; Marion Shutte, Program Chairman; Lois Jean Brown, Membership Chairman; Neva Rae, Thelma Bodman, Carolyn Keenan, Membership Committee; Frances Johnson, Librarian; Dorothy Lyon, Parliamentarian; Virginia Weddle, Chairman of the 98's (Junior Group).

With "Snoop, the Scoop" on the loose news seemed to be plentiful so here 'tis in chit-chat fashion: Margaret Fristoe is now instructing at Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo. How about reactivating, St. Louis, so we can have some get togethers. EILEEN CARRAWAY, who is now with her husband at the widely advertised model airport, Eldon, Mo., has invited us to fly down there for breakfast. We're looking forward to an early trip and will let you know soon, Connie.

JEANNIE PRUITT, formerly with the Coast Guard, has received her Private license under the G. I. Bill of Rights and is a full fledged 99. She's a reporter with WEB, local radio station, and is currently busy giving interested K. C. Policemen local hops. OSA WYATT is happy flying her Cub Coupe off Municipal Airport. CAROLYN KEENAN still reports that to date she's having no trouble with flying time or price despite the fact the Airway Flight Service now has a GI program. NEVA RAE says she's really been having fun this summer flying purely for pleasure on XC and local flights in 4 different ships. She's the only woman member of a club at the Heart of America Airport, and has a Commercial.

MARIE PAIGE, who did such a good job reorganizing our group last year, reports she has finally recovered from her trip to the Cleveland Air Races. MARGARET STANDISH and FRANCIE MEISNER were in the group of former WASP's who attended the races ferrying Cubs from Lockhaven. We're still chuckling over some of the experiences they related to the group in September. Particularly, the now famous airline pilot's report of "Scattered Cubs at 2,000." Francie holds Commercial, Flight Instructor and Instrument Ratings and is very busily and determinedly seeking a position as a personal pilot. We wish her luck in this new field for women. At present she is instructing at Stevens College, Columbia, Mo. Margaret, by now, is on her way to California. We'll really miss her.

And numerous have been the inquiries concerning HELEN LATHROP. We hope winter will find her returning to town from Lake Lotawana and attending many meetings. MARY C. BENNETT has been in the hospital for a serious operation but is recovering rapidly now. Seeing FRANCES JOHNSON again carried us back to early years of flying. Frances formerly owned a Stinson cabin ship that once flew from an out of town airport where your reporter soloed.

We're all looking forward to our fall dance October 5 and are really sorry it's too late to notify everyone in the Newsletter. Will give a complete account next month, however. And a really big vote of thanks to the dance committee--they certainly have worked hard. There are some really big and unusual plans coming up in the next two months so all the 99's and 98's who missed the October meeting hurry along to help in the planning and fun ahead.

The October meeting was held at the Georgian Courts and we had a marvelous time gathering together in Neva Rae's apartment at the Courts for a pre-dinner cocktail party. Have a special meeting planned for November so will have to notify everyone by phone as to time and place. If we are unable to reach you within a few days before meeting time (first week in November), don't hesitate to call Marie Paige or Osa Wyatt.

So long for now before I spin in.

ALL-OHIO NEWS
By Kay Greshauge Semrau
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Due to unforeseen circumstances developing after copy was mailed for the September Newsletter, it became necessary to postpone the September 29th meeting in Norwalk until October 20th, and to cancel the October 26-27th meeting in Cincinnati.

Random Gleanings: Ruth Gouthey and Helen Linn postcarding from Denver, Colorado, where they visited Ruth's Mother. Annabelle and Chuck Rotbart moving from their Shaker Heights apartment to a new apartment on 30th at Chester, in Cleveland. Ken Heisler leaving University Hospitals for a trip home to Willard. Peg Pierce returning from Denver and New York, very, very lonesome with her handsome 49¹/₂er in Brazil. Kay Van Doozer dropping a line from Rolla, Missouri, and a nice note from Marie Page in Kansas City.

Pleasant seeing Bernice Ottney and meeting her 49¹/₂er. Dawn Malson and I trying to pick up cross country experience in Snafu, the T-craft. Sue Griffing becoming a new mama. Congratulations, Sue! All-Ohio losing a swell member and 49¹/₂er when Midge and Bill Wagner move to Louisville. Marjorie and Lee Miller opening the Miller Flying School at Port Columbus, Columbus, Ohio. She has courses for a private, commercial, instructor, and instrument ratings and has Julie Dearth working for her. Nice going, Marge.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Adelaide O'Brien
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Our September meeting was held in Quincy the night of the 7th. A scrumptious dinner at the Hotel Lincoln-Douglas was followed by two most interesting speakers. Mr. I. G. Nichols of Commercial Air Transport and former flight instructor at the airport, spoke about his various flight experiences while in Canada with the RCAF. Mr. Arvid Nelson, former AAF meteorologist now a student at Quincy College talked of his work with the AAF, particularly his experience while stationed on the River Clyde, which is located north of the Arctic Circle. Brrrrrr! Thanks to the Quincy gals for planning such an interesting program.

At the meeting the results of our election were announced. Kay Hall is our new Chairman and will be assisted in the performance of her duties by Edith Carter as Vice Chairman, and Marjorie Laymon as Secretary-Treasurer. Kay will announce her committee appointments at our next meeting. Helen Greinke, our delegate to the National meeting at Cleveland, gave a report on the meeting and the races. It was decided that our next meeting will be held October 5 in Peoria. November 2 we will meet in Champaign, and December 7 the meeting will be in Springfield. It was voted to eliminate the January meeting because several of the girls are planning a trip to Miami. We hope that some of our friends and neighbors will join us at a meeting or two. Now that we have the schedule worked out for months in advance, you can't say the notice is too short. So, how about dropping in on us -- Northern Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, all you gals. We'd sure love to have you attend our meetings.

Our Chapter acquired a 49¹/₂er Sunday, September 1. While some of us were in Cleveland, Esther Gillock changed her name to Mrs. Robert Callahan. We understand it was a very beautiful wedding and we're very sorry we didn't get

to attend. Best wishes, Esther, for a long, smooth, and happy flight on the "marriage beam".

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Ruth E. Colwell
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Well girls, we had a meeting this month on September 29th, but due to the change of officers and the mix up of who should send out cards, many of the girls weren't sure we were having a meeting and did not come. We made a new ruling we will have our meetings on the third Sunday of each month so we will know from now on and girls of other chapters will also know. Do come. Most of the winter meetings will be held in Indianapolis at the Municipal Airport so you can know in advance. Helen Daniels, Jessie Von Leer and Marie Thompson of Terre Haute, Dorothe Hendricks and Fern Rinker of Anderson, Virginia Martin of Kokomo, Nellie Evans and son Eddie of Marion and Virginia Eberhart and myself of Indianapolis attended.

The new officers took over and the business was discussed. Then the girls started talking about their flying and Nellie Evans and son Eddie and daughter Phyllis flew to Sunset Cover and spent a month. Sounds like a nice place and you can fly in and everything is there waiting for you. Then Marie Thompson flew to Columbus, Missouri for a week.

Olive Tuttle spent two weeks in St Louis at Ercoupe Sales School and is now sales representative for Parks Aircraft, Incorporated.

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SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Mildred Miller
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A statewide meeting of the Texas Chapter of Ninety-Nines was held in San Antonio on Sunday, August 25th. Breakfast was served at the Gunter Hotel. Many girls arrived as early as Friday to attend the three day convention of Texas Private Flyers Association, being held at the same time in San Antonio. Two of our Ninety-Niners were elected officers in this organization. Jimmie Kolp was elected president - the first woman president in the history of T.P.F.A., and certainly a high compliment to women flyers; Pearl Ragsdale was elected to her second term as treasurer.

There are eight "natural" sections in Texas, each about two hundred miles square and it has been decided that we should hold monthly meetings in each of these districts to enable the girls to get together without traveling vast distances each month. Of course, each girl in the Texas Chapter is invited to attend any or all of these meetings, if convenient.

Lois Brooks reports that the girls in her area, around El Paso, were planning a breakfast-flight meeting to Sierra Blanca on September 29th. The girls in the Houston district held a supper-meeting at the Rice Hotel on September 8th at which they discussed a plan for flights to all local airports to meet and interest girls who are earning their private licenses. Mae Sharp, who is in charge of their meetings has been flying a Porterfield and is working toward her commercial license. Marian Brugh and Sadie Pease took an extended air tour around central Texas in their club plane just before Marian left for Oakland, Calif., where she is going to the University.

The Austin and San Antonio girls planned a breakfast flight to San Marcos, Texas, for Sunday, September 29th, but low ceilings prevented any flying. Franke Welborn told us all about the Cleveland meeting and the Air Races. We all vowed not to miss these two important events next year!

One of the most outstanding groups in our Texas Chapter is the Fort Worth-Dallas bunch of girls. A meeting was held at the Skyline Airport in Dallas on September 21st. Rubye Thompson proposed an Air-Marking program which, if carried out by all of our eight "districts" should really put Texas on the map. They have decided to cover a radius of one hundred miles around Fort Worth and Dallas. Mr. Jack Morris, member of the aviation committee of the Dallas Junior Chamber of Commerce attended their meeting and offered the co-operation of his committee. As a result of this meeting, two flights were planned to leave Dallas September 28th in the interest of Air-Marking. Rubye Thompson, was able to complete his trip, landing at Greenville, Commerce, Mineola and Terrell, where she was met by members of the local Chambers of Commerce and interested flyers and operators and discussed plans for signs in each town. She flew over 10 or 12 towns along her route which had no landing facilities and over these towns she circled and dropped leaflets which were printed by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Dallas and read as follows: "ATTENTION! - Grow as Aviation Grows... Mark Your Town's Name on Roof of Warehouse, Barn or Water Tower Near a Railroad or Highway. Marker: Suggest Yellow Paint No. 4 (Fed. Spec. TT-P-53) with Black Border (Fed. Spec. TT-P-61), Letters Five to Ten feet. For Further Information contact NINETY-NINES, International Organization of Women Pilots, 1611 Bennett, Dallas".

Along with planning future flights, Rubye has charge

of a meeting of Ninety-Nines to be held in Dallas on October 19th. The State Fair of Texas has designated this as Private Flyers Day and has extended a special invitation to all Texas Ninety-Nines to participate. Rubye has managed to secure rooms for us and all girls who wish to attend the Dallas Fair and the Ninety-Nine meeting on Sunday, October 20th, make reservations with Rubye at 1611 Bennett, Dallas. Blanche Noyes is expected to attend this meeting and give us more information on Air-Marking. A new member just welcomed to the ranks of the Dallas Ninety-Nines is Mary M. Walsh, Adjuster for the Aero Insurance Underwriters. This firm has offered to furnish pilots flying Air Marking missions with an attractive bulletin put out by Aero on Air Marking and carrying the picture of Blanche Noyes.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTERS

Tulsa -- Oklahoma City
By Pat Durham
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Tulsa 5, Okla.

TO ALL NINETY-NINES! Tulsa and Oklahoma City units are especially looking forward to meeting and being hostesses to you at the National Aviation Clinic, and are planning "big doings", so we will be looking for you in "Oke City" the 14-17th. Word has been received that Jeannette Lempke, our President will be able to attend, so it is with great pleasure that we are looking forward to some interesting and fruitful "gab fests" with Jeannette right in the middle of the circle! And incidentally, if you haven't met this tiny, attractive parcel of dynamite, you have really missed something! If there is anything to that saying of "power behind the throne" then we definitely have it! I met her at the Convention during the Air Races, and she is all that and more.

Martha Hutchinson, President, announces that the next meeting will be held October 28th at Jewell's house, and following a short business session, all will relax for an evening of fun. Hereto fore all meetings have been full of business, so this one promises to be more of a social and get together, so she is hoping that all will be able to attend and join in the fun.

That's about all the news for now, but don't forget the NATIONAL AVIATION CLINIC! Be seeing you!

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Fran Grant
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The August meeting of the Bay Cities Chapter took place at the El Jardin Restaurant in San Francisco on August 19th. Members present were Chairman Margaret Gearhart, Gerry Williamson, Rita Hart, Eleanor Verkuy, Marjorie Fauth, Ruth Rueckert, Evelyn Easer, Helen Kelton, and Ena Ayers. Visiting 99ers were Kay Van Doozer and Betty Thompson from Bakersfield. Kay was homeward bound after a trip to Seattle and other points where she attended the Northwestern Sectional meeting.

Eleanor Verkuy brought a beautifully wrapped package and offered to raffle it off to the members at 25¢ a chance, the proceeds to be added to the chapter treasury. To perpetuate the idea, the winner of the raffle was to bring a package the following month to be raffled. The winner of Eleanor's gift was your reporter. The package contained a lovely box of stationary and stamps. Perhaps other chapters will be interested in this unique idea of Eleanor's in adding to the chapter's funds.

Marian Barnick and 49th Her Herb have recently purchased the San Jose Airport. They are installing many conveniences for the private pilot, so we hope you cross-country pilots will drop in for a visit. Flo Emig, 99er and former Wasp, is employed by the Barnick's as an instructor.

Ruth Rueckert was appointed chairman of the Amelia Earhart scholarship fund for the chapter. Ruth collected \$34 from the members present at the meeting. Later, after contacting absent members, she swelled to collection to a total of \$88.

The above paragraphs should have appeared in the September issue of the Newsletter, however, this reporter had such a wonderful time in Cleveland, she neglected to send it in time. All of us, Marge Fauth, Ena Ayers, Kay Van Doozer, and your reporter, extend our thanks to Kay Semrau and the members of the All-Ohio Chapter for their hospitality. We had a marvelous time and we know much of it was due to your untiring efforts on the behalf of visiting 99ers.

September 14th and 15th we trekked to Paso Robles for our first sectional meeting since 1942. Gerry Williamson and Margaret Gearhart flew Gerry's PT. Helen Kelton and Rita Hart arrived in Rita's Ryan. Marian Barnick and Fran Grant arrived in an Erocupe, and Ruth Rueckert and Evelyn Esser drove down with Evelyn's 49er Leo. Our Governor, Marjorie Fauth, soloed the trip in her Cessna as co-owner Eleanor Verkuyl was unable to attend. Ten Los Angeles Chapter members flew in, as did four Bakersfield members. Highlight of the evening was the request and granting of new charters to two new chapters -- San Diego and Bakersfield. Election of officers resulted in the re-election of Governor Marjorie Fauth, and Vice-Governor Kay Van Doozer. Our new sectional secretary is Diana Cyrus, and our treasurer is Elizabeth Watson. The idea was voiced that perhaps it would be better to have two sectional meetings a year, one in the spring that would be purely social, and one in the fall for business purposes. After over-whelming approval of the idea, Kay Van Doozer was appointed to handle the spring get-together.

Our September meeting took place on the 21st at the Old South in Berkeley. Marian Brugh of Houston, Texas was our guest for the evening. Marian is planning to reside in the Bay Area, and will transfer her membership to our chapter. Welcome, Marian, glad to have you aboard. Members attending the meeting were Margaret Gearhart, Evelyn Esser, Olive Bledsoe, Eleanor Verkuyl, Leah Johnson, Marjorie Fauth, Ruth Rueckert, Helen Kelton, Gerry Williamson, Florence Emig, Marian Barnick, and Fran Grant. The raffle of the surprise package was won by Gerry Williamson. Evelyn Esser presented the plans of an air show to be held at the Oakland Municipal Airport on October 12th. The show is planned primarily for private pilots. Many outstanding features are planned such as an aerial show by Tex Rankin and his group of performers, including 99er Dorothy Barden doing her delayed parachute jump. The affair will conclude with a hangar dance in the evening. It was voted that we attend the affair and hold our October meeting sometime during the afternoon. Guy Turner, manager of the airport, will arrange a meeting place for our group.

The September meeting was climaxed with the election of our 1946-47 officers. Our incoming officers are: Chairman, Marian Barnick; Vice-Chairman, Fran Grant; Secretary, Helen Kelton; and Treasurer, Gerry Williamson. A vote of thanks was extended all out-going officers for their efforts in putting the chapter back on an active basis again. Gerry Williamson received a special thanks for her untiring efforts as secretary.

See you all in Oakland on October 12th.

OPEN LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS

Last night interested citizens attended a hearing of reasons for and against the abatement of the Bay Meadows Airport, in San Mateo, California. The city council had been petitioned by residents of South San Mateo to abate the field asserting that the fliers made too much noise,

endangered the lives of the residents, lowered real estate values, and were a public nuisance.

After some four hours of debate by both sides, the city council tabled a motion for the abatement until further investigation could be made by an Aviation Commission (two in aviation, two non-flying residents, and one dis-interested citizen). It was suggested that other means might be found to satisfy the citizens demanding the abatement without going to such drastic extremes.

This has become a local crisis for pilots and potential pilots in this area, therefore, it would be interesting to hear from anyone knowing of similar proceedings in other cities and the results of such proceedings.

Please send any items of interest to the undersigned. All communications will be kept confidential if the writer so requests.

Yours in Flying,

/s/ Fran Grant
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LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

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Fall activities got under way with a well attended business meeting at 1220 Wilshire Blvd. Judging by the enthusiasm shown and the plans made, a busy year lies ahead. Members present were Chairman Carolyn West, Marion Mountain, Eileen Evans, Melba Beard, Mardo Crane, Helen Hooper, Hilda Jarmuth, Elizabeth Watson, Beatrice Medes, Betty Glaser, Helen Thomure and Mildred Constantine.

Re-elected was chairman Carolyn West. Other officers are: Helen Hooper, vice-chairman; Beatrice Medes, secretary; Helen Thomure, treasurer. Mildred Constantine will assist Beatrice Medes in secretarial duties. Carolyn then appointed several committees: Irene Slagel, Membership assisted by Claire McMillen; Helen Thomure, Program; Mardo Crane, Publicity and By-Laws; Hilda Jarmuth, Ways and Means; Mildred Constantine, Courtesy; Helen Hooper, Year Book, and Melba Beard, News Letter reporter.

Among the new ideas discussed was a Year Book for members, to contain names and addresses, and as complete a schedule of meeting places and programs as can be worked out in advance. The program chairman has planned several meetings ahead, naming one girl responsible for each, and serving as co-ordinator. The officers of the chapter now form a board of directors to transact routine business, thus allowing more time for programs and hangar flying.

A correction. The club room mentioned as being available to us for a fee each month is at the Hollywood Roosevelt, now the Plaza.

Betty Glaser made a presentation to the club of money to purchase a Hectograph duplicating pad for printing notices. Betty also told of an opportunity for girls holding commercial licenses to ferry Navion's for a mid-western dealer.

Members attending the national meeting were Elizabeth Watson, Betty Glaser and Kay Van Doozer. Those attending the section meeting at Paso Robles were Carolyn West, Mardo Crane, Elizabeth Watson, Betty McMillen - who is stationed there and met the girls at the airport to take them to town - Diana Cyrus, Marion Mountain, Lillian Anderson, Eileen Evans, Kay Van Doozer and several new

members from Bakersfield. The girls reported the trip, meeting, and flying weather to be grand. It was decided to hold two annual section meetings in the future, thus adding a social meeting in the spring at Bakersfield or some other midway point.

Kay Van Doozer and the recent members from Bakersfield are forming a new chapter for that area. We look forward to hearing more from and about these girls, as well as from the newly formed San Diego Chapter. How about a News Letter introduction on each of the members of these two new chapters!

We were all grieved to learn of Betty Gillies' serious car accident on Labor Day while returning home over the desert with her children. Betty is still in St. Vincent's Hospital, Los Angeles, suffering from broken bones. We wish her a speedy recovery. Betty says she will travel by air hereafter.

Mildred Constantine, chairman of the Courtesy Committee asks the chapter to notify her at Century 21586 of any illness or trouble affecting members. This is my cue for thanking members for their greatly appreciated remembrance during my own recent brief stay in the hospital.

Mardo Crane is the latest 99'er to be won by the desert. She and her mother will spend most of the season at Desert Center, Cathedral City. Lillian Kaye Anderson appeared in a recent amateur stage production entitled "The Male Animal". Letters have been received from former 99'ers Jane Marie Lawler of Inyokern, and Abigail Moffett from New England states and now in L. A., about joining our chapter.

The October meeting will feature reports on the national air reces, national meeting, and section meeting. For the November meeting there will be an interesting speaker, plus a surprise. For December, well wait till you hear what Helen and her co-chairman for that meeting have in store for us!

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NORTHWESTERN SECTION

OREGON CHAPTER

By Audrey McClellan
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The time finally came around for the September meeting of our Chapter and what a meeting it was too. Since it was held September 21 at North Bend near the coast, several of the girls made it a week-end at the beach. However, the girls seemed to fall down in their flying as all of them drove. It seems that all were expecting fog near the ocean; but all were fooled as the week-end had the best weather seen at the coast in months.

Upon arrival the Ninety-Nines were informed they were to be the guests of the North Bend flying club, "Winged Women" (from which we hope to recruit some members), who had arranged for a lovely banquet at Ripper's Cafe Lounge. A few husbands were present for the dinner, which no doubt kept the chatter to a minimum; also the fried chicken and the other foods were so good, the girls kept their mouths full and all of us ended up gorged.

The meeting took place in the Coos Bay Hotel. Presided over by Leona K. Bump who lost no time in getting things rolling, the meeting was really quite successful. The girls discussed plans for their future meetings, means of supplementing the local treasury, various aspects of the organization's place in aviation, and the recent changes in the constitution and by-laws. Everyone was in agreement

with the changes and the officers selected. The number of girls present, fifteen in all, gave this meeting a larger turnout than the one previous, giving us the feeling that we are advancing slowly but surely. The meeting ended with everyone looking forward to the next with great enthusiasm.

We were sorry that Edith Foltz Stearns was not present but we understood, as she was resting after a flying tour, "See Oregon By Air", in which she and Helen Baxter were the only women to take part. The tour covered 1200 miles of Oregon and showed the participants how really beautiful this state is. Edith is practising now however for participation in an airshow soon to be held at one of the local fields near Portland. We are sure she will show her skill well.

Our October meeting is going to be held in Portland; and we are extending an invitation to the Washington Chapter to join us. Here's hoping the attendance is large, and fun and friends are abundant commodities.

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SEATTLE CHAPTER NEWS
By Darline Thurmond
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Ninety-Niners "sold out" the Showboat Theatre for its September 19th performance, and in addition to enjoying the University of Washington student's performance, the chapter netted about \$80 for the chapter treasury from tickets sold.

Our hats are off to Janet Rapuzzi who now has her own flight operations. Janet opened the doors of her seaplane base on Lake Union a couple of weeks ago. Janet will do a lot of the instructing herself. Congratulations Janet! Here's hoping you may have many busy and happy hours of teaching.

Virginia Johnston, Kent, always has a good excuse for not attending the 99 meetings. It seems she is always ferrying planes from all points of the compass. Virginia, who is stacking up time very fast towards her commercial has in the past several months ferried ships from Tennessee Wichita, Kansas and other points. Well, now that winter weather is coming, maybe we'll see more of Virginia at the meetings.

NOTICE TO CHAPTER AND SECTION TREASURERS

National Headquarters reports that many checks sent to Chapter and Section Treasurers are still outstanding. Will members holding these checks please either cash them or send them to Headquarters to apply on payment of dues.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CHAPTER REPORTERS

Last month we asked for more copy! We were swamped with copy! We had the distasteful - but necessary job - of cutting, since we are confined to an 8 page News letter.

To eliminate having to do this in the future, we have some suggestions to make to the chapter reporters.

If chapter reporters will set up their copy in ELITE TYPE, using a five-inch column and approximately 300 words (30 lines) to begin with, it'll help a great deal.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN YOU MUST CONFINE YOUR CHAPTER NEWS TO 300 WORDS. If you have more news than you can fit in - to 300 words - just put it down - as you have been doing - BUT INDICATE WHAT CAN BE CUT. In this way we'll be able to get everything you want in the newsletter printed.

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