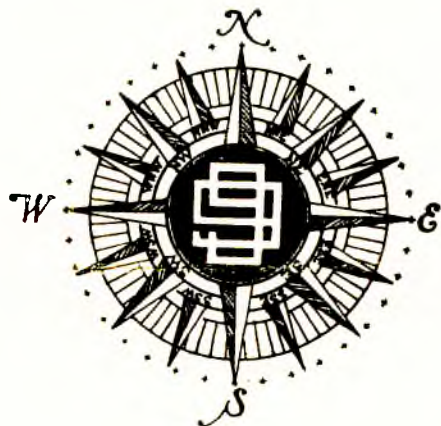


# NINETY- NINES



## NEWS LETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

NINETY-NINES everywhere! If you don't believe it, just make an airline trip to Mexico City. While I was checking in at the airline desk in Mexico City for our return flight, Helen Menefee who now lives in San Salvador, C.A., stood just ahead of me checking on her reservation for a continued flight on to San Diego.

My 49<sup>th</sup>er joins me in thanking you for the good wishes and congratulations which have come to us in various ways from many of you.

Since the last newsy News Letter, two more chapters and a section have taken on new life again. The East Missouri Chapter, the Iowa Chapter and the New England Section have unfolded their wings again and are building up with many new members.

But where, Oh Where are the officers of chapters and sections not listed in the November issue of the News Letter devoted to the Constitution, By-Laws and Section and Chapter officers?

It sure was good to hear the EDITOR squeal when trying to squeeze in all the reports of your Section and Chapter doings in the October issue of the News Letter. Keep it up! Other Sections and Chapters are always glad to hear what your Section or chapter is doing, especially if you are working on some particular project "for the benefit of women pilots or for that of aviation in general".

The calendar is filling up with activities to which all NINETY-NINES are invited, such as -

January 2-26	Light plane cruise to Miami, Fla. Gulf Oil Company, sponsor.
January 10-12	All-American Air Maneuvers, Miami
February 8-9	Texas State-wide meeting of Women Flyers, San Antonio. Invitation is extended to all 99's.
February 14	New York-New Jersey Annual Ninety-Nine dinner dance. Vanderbilt Hotel, New York City
March 15-16	All Woman Air Show, sponsored by Florida Chapter of 99's, Peter O. Knight Airport, Tampa, Fla.

By the way, I have written Santa asking him to fill the nylons of every NINETY-NINE chock-full with Christmas joy and enough happiness to last through-out the coming year.

December 5, 1946

Jeannette Lempke Sovereign  
Your President

## SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

### COLORADO CHAPTER

By Dorothy B. Thompson  
1575 Fillmore St., Denver, Colo.

In spite of "unusual" weather for Colorado- we consider we had a bang-up meeting in November.

Don't know whether the National even knows that we have a new enthusiastic bunch of officers in The Colorado Chapter so here goes with a list of them: Chairman, Margaret Scribner; Vice Chairman, Grace Birge Mayfield; Secretary, Marilyn Kyle; Treasurer, Dorothy Cannon; Reporter, Josephine Trinder or Dorothy Thompson; Program Committee, Jane Nettleblad; Membership Committee, Betty Clarke.

Among those present: Margaret "Scrib" Scribner, Cricket Jackson, Dorothy Thompson, Dorothy Cannon, Margaret Hughes, Donna Meyers, Jane Nettleblad, Betty Clarke, Jean Ferrin, Margaret Wurster, Marilyn Kyle. Guests were Marcelle Young, Pat Urling, Ruth Mugle.

The meeting was held at Combs Airpark - most everyone was a little bit late because of ground hazards (snow) and of course some of the girls didn't correct for drift-got off their course, etc., especially Donna Meyers and Jane Nettleblad but the stuff in the sacks and boxes did a lot for everyone especially Jackson. The food served "airline" style was super! (not supper).

Under the head of flying activities that your "roving reporter" (ear to the ground) discovered is the following: Scribner and Marion Wurster on skis -- taking off downwind (might as well do everything the hard way). Also a good way to stop they say is in the deepest snow on the field. Betty Clarke says of her latest cross-country, quote "There is good pickins in Burley, Idaho and she doesn't mean potatoes either", unquote. Donna Meyers and Jane Nettleblad we find out, go for free on Monarch Airlines first trip to Durango, Colorado. Mae Boettcher will be back for our next meeting. She has been vacationing in Honolulu. We hear that she has a brand new '47 Stinson Voyager. Naomi "Jackson". The big question - did she or did she not pick up a new Cessna at Wichita, Kansas on such and such a date. Margaret Hughes, I discover with my ear getting "dirtier on the ground" is teaching Aviation Ground School in the grade schools. Marilyn Kyle has a new diamond ring on finger number three and is grounded while she works for the second one. Jo Trinder is really putting in the cross-country time on that new Cessna. She joined the Colorado Air Tour sponsored by the C.A.P. and mastered the art of mountain flying by flying 'em! After that we find that the Cessna is seen frequently in Steamboat Springs, Colorado - Durango, Colorado and even over the State Line at Albuquerque, New Mexico (husband along). Dorothy Thompson (me) and Katie Kelly went back (again) to Lockhaven, Pa. for two new Piper cruisers and due to no error on their part arrived in New York City - buzzed "Times-Square" on the ground, then upon arriving at Lockhaven waited for weather - were quite encouraged when their feet were visible by noon. As for the return trip, Katie says, "wow, did we have fun".

Notice to all 99'ers - watch the 99'ers in Colorado, they are really on the beam. Visiting 99'ers - land at Comb's Airpark or call and ask for Scribner, Thompson, Kelly or Wurster.

## TEXAS CHAPTER

By Mildred Miller  
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October and November were very busy months in Texas for the Ninety-Nines. One of the highlights was a meeting in Dallas October 19th at which Blanche Noyes was the honor guest. There were fifteen Ninety-Nines altogether, from San Antonio, Houston, Austin, Fort Worth, Electra and Dallas. Mrs. Noyes made an inspirational talk on Airmarking, and congratulated Rubye Thompson of Dallas for air-marking Tyler, Terrell, Greenville and Mineola, Texas. Al Rose Lines, one of our members, was hostess to the Ninety-Nines and the Texas Private Fliers Association at a cocktail party at the Dallas Athletic Club. A breakfast-meeting was held the following morning at the Melrose Hotel. We were also entertained by a CAP-AAF airshow on Saturday afternoon.

On October 27th the girls in West Texas enjoyed a breakfast flight to Sierra Blanca. There were fifteen who flew in in several different kinds of aircraft. This type meeting is fun and creates interest in 99's and fellowship among it's members.

The girls in Southeast Texas held a dinner-meeting at the Rice Hotel in Houston on October 5th and a cocktail party on November 9th. There were five 99ers present and five guests who are eligible for membership. The state chairman, Mary Ann Hobbs of San Antonio flew over to this meeting.

The 99ers in Central Texas held a breakfast meeting on Oct. 27th at the Airport Coffee Shop in Austin, and there were eight present. A breakfast flight meeting was held in San Antonio on November 24th. Five 99ers flew in from Austin and two from Houston. There were seven San Antonians to meet us. At both meetings, Airmarking was discussed and also plans for a Statewide meeting to be held in San Antonio on Feb. 8th and 9th. All Ninety-Niners everywhere are invited to this meeting. We expect it to be one of the biggest meetings of women fliers ever held. A number of our nationally prominent Ninety-Niners have already accepted the invitation, and we hope many more will come.

The Texas chapter extends its best wishes to our National President, Jeannette Lempke Sovereign.

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### SPECIAL NOTICE

All Ninety-Niners are invited to attend the Texas Statewide meeting in San Antonio, Texas, on February 8th and 9th, 1947. The tentative registration fee has been set at \$12.00. This will cover lunch, cocktail party, dinner, dance and room Saturday and breakfast on Sunday, and a tour of historically interesting San Antonio. Make your plans NOW to come down to the SUNNY SOUTH in FEBRUARY!!! Write Mary Ann Hobbs, 416 East Locust St., San Antonio, Texas.

### SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION NEWS

Beatrice J. Mack  
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Next year when the National Aviation Clinic meets in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Ninety-Nines would do well to plan to attend. The reason, you ask? The Oklahoma Ninety-Nines know how to entertain. Those of us who were there will not forget in a hurry the good times of October 14-17, 1946.



We were welcomed on landing at the Will Rogers' airport; that was the first of the courtesies extended. From then on, we were called for by auto and "toted" to Aviation Clinic meetings at the Capitol, to breakfasts, luncheons, cocktail parties, and dinners, here, there, and everywhere. Nothing, seemingly, was too much trouble for these Oklahoma gals.

Highlights of that week for Ninety-Nines were cocktail parties at the lovely homes of Velma Woodward and Mary Francois; a dinner in the Rose Room of the Black Hotel; and breakfast, followed by a short business meeting in the Sky Chef Restaurant at Will Rogers' airport. Special tables for Ninety-Nines at the various luncheons, dinners, and banquet of the National Aviation Clinic provided more opportunities for special get-togethers.

The presence of our National President, Jeannette Lempke, and our National Vice-President, Belle Hetzel, helped immeasurably in adding zest to the four days of happy merry-go-round, interspersed as they were with some serious thinking.

Do you think that you can afford to miss this next year?

## MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

### EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Sally Conley  
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Perfect flying weather and a restaurant at the end of the runway--ideal conditions for a "99" meeting--and just what we had when the Eastern Penn Chapter met at the Camden Airport on Sunday, Nov. 10th.

We had our largest turnout in a long time and practically everyone was flying. Vi Delp was the first to arrive in her Piper J-4 from Lancaster. Arriving early also were Irene Bladel, who tried out an Ercoupe and Barbara Darnell who spends much of her Sunday time hopping passengers in the Ercoupe at Camden.

Most of the Reading girls came straight from a breakfast flight--guess they got more than their share of both food and flying! Frannie Nolde arrived in her Fairchild bringing Leona McElroy and Betty Fisher. Those people in the heavy flight gear who climbed out of the PT-19 were Hazel Heist and her guest Tom Adams, from Reading (and the breakfast flight). The other PT was flown in by Peggy Betten from Pottstown. From Reading also came Marie Bowers in her Stinson 150 with her soon-to-be 49<sup>th</sup> year. Their strictly dual time starts in January--best of everything, Marie. The smooth Cessna 140 belonged to Augusta Van Buren Roberts who flew in from Middletown, Del. with Betsy Conoley of Chester, Pa. as her passenger. Helen and Junior Jones came down from Lancaster in their Stinson L-5, and Alice Fuchs hopped over from Philadelphia in an Aeronca. Even our guests were flying--Mr. & Mrs. F. G. Lambert came up from Dover, Del. in a Cessna 140 and Dr. & Mrs. L. F. Hoch brought a Stinson 150 up from Bridgeville, Del. Other guests were Mr. A. M. Parker, Mr. L. Lawler, and H. C. Van Sant from Dover. Members who drove in from nearby points were Grey Allison, Georgianna Sees, Sally Conley, Betty Townson, Lois Cutler, Mrs. Evans and Jane Morris.

It was quite a job to get everyone away from the hangars, planes, and photographers. Oh yes--we had the press with us too. They were very much interested in the "99's" and gave us some publicity in the Philadelphia papers. We all enjoyed the delicious dinner at Weber's Hofbrau which is literally at the end of a runway.

Our hosts for the rest of the afternoon were representatives of Helicopter Air Transport. A drawing was held and a free helicopter ride was enjoyed by the lucky winner--Augusta Van Buren Roberts. Quite a few others took advantage of the opportunity to try out the new sensations of helicopter flight. A short meeting was held in HAT's attractive lounge and we were treated to the first public showing of colored movies of a life guard rescuing a drowning victim with the aid of a helicopter.

Much of the credit for such an interesting day goes to Lois Cutler, Chairman of the Activities Committee who made all the arrangements for the meeting.

Our next meeting is tentatively set for Lancaster with Jesse Jones, Jr., as hostess during the latter part of January. More about that in the next news letter.

Your reporter would appreciate a line from any of you who have any information about the whereabouts and doings of Eastern Penn "99"ers.

## SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Kaddy Landry  
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The Florida Chapter of the 99's have announced an All Womens Air Show, to be held March 15-16, 1947 on Peter O. Knight Field, Tampa, Florida.

There will be three competitive events, all closed course pylon races. The Bertram Trophy Race, feature event of the day will be open to members of the Florida Chapter of 99's only. The Fiffinella Race, open to all WASPS, will be limited to BT's only. The third race is planned for all women holding private license or better. Trophies will be awarded in all races and prizes will be given for special accomplishments to be announced at a later date. A special demonstration of light personal planes piloted by women will be made part of the show.

On Saturday evening, preceeding the show, there will be a social event. The main feature of the evening will be the selection of "kind of aviation". The male pilot selected will be presented with a loving cup and crowned in a colorful ceremony on Sunday before the crowd.

An invitation is extended to all 99's to come and join in the fun and also help sell the general public on flying and the usefulness of the light plane.

For further information, address all communications to Mrs. Gladys L. Pennington, General Chairman or Kaddy Landry, Contest Committee Chairman, P. O. Box 6, Coconut Grove, Miami 33, Fla.

## SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Isabel C. Ebel  
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Helen Abel's and Evelyn Tomlinson's flying operations headquarters were the scene of the San Diego 99ers first social event. A dinner-meeting attended by about thirty members and guests. "Dodo Pilot" table decorations made by Evelyn Briggs added a subtle touch of humor to the pleasant atmosphere of the Sweetwater Springs Airanoth.

Betty Lambert, our chairman, turned this meeting over to Vera Stevens, mistress of ceremonies, who introduced Miss Zona Arney a very accomplished young accordionist. Following this musical entertainment, Commander Max I. Black, Director of Aviation for San Diego County, outlined the San Diego plans for more and better airports. Vera then drew performers from the assembly by means of matching numbered tickets already at each table place. Her victims responded as true radio sports and were rewarded with real silver dollars made possible by the generosity of Mr. James Stevens.

The meeting wound up in a "Hangar Flying" session around Commander Black's topographical map of San Diego County showing the location of all present and proposed airports. He was still answering a barrage of questions when yours truly left at 10:30 p.m.

### BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Ruth Rueckert  
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The November 16th meeting was held at the Women's City Club, Berkeley. Program Chairman Evelyn Esser's good efforts resulted in an attendance record of 44. Chairman Marian Barnick presided at the dinner meeting.

99 and 49ers present were Ena Ayers, Herman Barnick, Olive Bledsoe, Kay Booth, Miriam Brugh, Dorothy and Chester Chamberlin, Adele and Jules Chase, Florence Emig, Evelyn and Leo Esser, Marjorie Fauth, Margaret Gerhardt, Frances and Norman Grant, Helen and Don Kelton, and Ruth Rueckert of the Bay Cities Chapter; Carolyn West, Chairman, and Margaret Cook, Los Angeles Chapter; Former 99's Ester Haney, Pat Kendall and Afton Lewis; Guests from American Air Women, Inc., Edythe Weichselbaum, Chairman and members Erika Rottger, Ernestine Freiberg, Claudia Gilboy, "Johnnie" Maupin, Elizabeth Jones and Margarita Centers; Guests Mrs. Lois Campbell, Jeanne Cook, Alex Esser, Orville and Alva Ranson, Roy and Dean Scott, and prospective members Colleen Johnson, Wray Misener and Ruth Movchan.

Special thanks go to Miriam Brugh and the Scotts for the beautiful autumn table decorations.

Mr. Wally Thompson, speaker of the evening, gave an illustrated lecture on "17 months over Burma" ably assisted by his wife, Emily, at the colored slide projector. Mr. Thompson, former liaison pilot, First Air Commando Group, Calcutta, India, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal for evacuating wounded during the campaign along the Ledo and Burma roads. This group flew unarmed L5's over this difficult terrain, but despite the hardships, Mr. Thompson related many amusing adventures, displayed interesting souvenirs, and projected scores of beautiful pictures.

Ruth Wakeman will be hostess for the December 20th Christmas party. Adele Chase will arrange an airport meeting for January. Dorothy Chamber will arrange for the showing of Walt Disney's movie, "The Revolution of Motors" at the S. F. Women's City Club in February. Rita Hart and Ruth Rueckert are in charge of the March meeting, our chapter's 15th Anniversary.

Briefs: Spring heirconditioning; Margaret Gerhardt (a first) and Fran Grant (a second).\*\* The Essers off via air to Omaha, Evelyn and Mary Lee to visit a few weeks, Leo to Return immediately via highway driving a new car.\*\* Marj Fauth's brother in San Diego, hosted a birthday party for her. She had a smooth trip down in the Cessna, but the return trip was SNAFU - unusual California weather.\*\* Peggy and Mike Dorst spending most of their time on a recently acquired ranch in Lake County.\*\* Betty Eames Joiner expected back from Alabama in January to enroll at U. C...a former member of our chapter. She wants to re-join. Welcome! Betty.\*\*Peggy Taylor in Salinas awaiting the end of school to allow more time for social life.

### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Melba Beard  
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The November meeting was a dinner and program at the Hotel Mayfair, and the 19 members and guests present enjoyed a talk by Don Downey, former Lt. in the ATC and at present photographer and aviation column writer for the Pasadena Star-News, who illustrated his most interesting account of "hump" flying with beautiful color slides of India, Burma and China, many taken during flight. His wife, Ruth Downey, is a former control tower operator and also a pilot.

Members and guests present were: Chairman Carolyn West, Nancy Love, Beatrice Medes, Helen Thomure, Mardo Crane, Delphine Bohn, Claire McMillen, Elizabeth Watson, Clema Granger, Hilda Jarmuth, Irene Slagel, Mildred Constantine, Melba Beard and Roberta McCutcheon, who filled out a membership blank; and guests Helen Hope and Mr. and Mrs. Downey.

We were fortunate that Nancy Love, who was in town on business, was able to be with us, and the "hangar flying" flew thick and fast up at that end of the table. Another old timer present was Clema Granger, secretary of the Palm Springs N.A.A., who came in with Mardo Crane. Clema's little 9 year old grandson recently risked his life saving a man and two children by rowing out onto a storm whipped lake in Washington.

Mardo has been making a tour of the desert airports during her stay at Cathedral City, and has enjoyed several outings with the small group of hardies who like their flying in the sand. Carolyn and Jack West were flying about Arizona in their new Ercoupe, stopping at Phoenix for the airshow. Helen Hooper also stopped at Phoenix for the show enroute home from her flying vacation to Mexico City by airline. We anticipate seeing the color films taken of the trip.

Claire McMillen, instructor at Cranford Airport, recently solced a one-armed student. Then a few days later we read that she was injured in a head-on collision of two street-cars during a bad fog.

Helen Thomure and her husband go to Claremont every week-end to do their flying in a Cessna. Delphine Bohn has been flying a Beech. Elizabeth Watson is newly elected head of the local order of Fifinella.

Those who have not returned their slips to Helen Hooper with information for the Year Book, will they please do so immediately. And don't forget, pictures and information for Mardo Crane, publicity chairman, 8617 Rindge, Playa del Rey.



Our December meeting is a Christmas party Saturday Dec. 14, arranged by Beatrice Medes and Carolyn West, at the Pacific Coast Club in Long Beach. There will be dinner and dancing for members and guests, and an exchange of 50¢ gifts. And a boon to those who must travel great distances, Bea is making arrangements for those girls to stay overnight at the club.

Merry Christmas!

## NORTHWESTERN SECTION

### SEATTLE CHAPTER

By Darline Thurmond  
Boeing Field, Seattle, Wa.

The spirit and love of the 99's for flying is hard to beat. Even the approach or arrival of a "blessed event" means being only temporarily "grounded" to these lady birdmen.

Typical are several Seattle Ninety-Nines. Betty Sheehan, a tiny brunette and former WASP who flew everything up to four engined aircraft during the war, just recently became a mother. Betty flew until she had orders to stay on the ground until there was "a change in things" and now she is once again a very familiar airport figure. And probably the first word that the new little lady in the family will utter will be "airplane" as Mr. Sheehan is also a flight instructor at Mercer airfield.

Attractive Dorothy Wheeler, sectional governor and proud mama of two wonderful boys is another such case of "once you get the flying bug--well that's it." Dorothy was telling last night about flying right up to the last minute. And Esquire Wheeler can't say anything about "this foolish thing--flying" because he's knee deep in designing and building the Wheelair airplane in Tacoma.

And now "Lindy" Miskell, Bellevue, informed the 99's at last night's meeting that the vice-president will have to conduct meetings for a while until a little matter of a "blessed event" is out of the way. But in the next breath "Lindy" turned to a fellow birdman and asked if she could go for a "short hop" with her tomorrow.

Never let it be said that the women aren't just as eager for this flying stuff as the men. They not only bring added zest and spirit to the game, but they lend it a grace and poise that makes any airport glad that the ladies fly there.

Women pilots will voice their opinion on state aviation affairs right along with the male members. Clayton Patterson was elected last evening by the 99's as a representative on the Washington State Aviation Association council to decide such aviation problems as the gas tax, airports, etc. Clayton, past sectional secretary-treasurer and one of the most attentive 99's has been flying since 1932.

Members of the 99's last week attended the funeral of Francis Sherley, who has been ill for quite some time in Tacoma. Francis, who held her limited commercial license and was one of the first woman pilots in the Northwest, expressed her appreciation of the Seattle 99's thoughtfulness previous to her death and requested that they be pall bearers at her funeral.

Francis was known to many as an adventurous person who loved to start out on new journeys. Now that she has "embarked" on a more distant adventure she leaves much good will and spirit behind her.

A shiny gold compact with "99" inscribed upon it was presented to Betty Sheehan for obtaining the most new members.

Although he would rather "sweat down" a blind landing than face a room full of attractive fem pilots, Carl South, regional CAA flight inspector, gave an interesting and very informative talk to the gals last night.

Rain and nimbus clouds have kept Seattle 99's in the hanger for many weeks now but the gals "hit the aviation books" and between chapters glance out the door to see if the skies have cleared.

### OREGON CHAPTER

By Audrey Mc Clellan  
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The meeting held in Eugene on November 16 at the home of Charlotte Williamson will no doubt go down in our treasury of fine memories as one of the most enjoyable evenings we have ever spent.

Our thanks go especially to Mrs. Williamson, Charlotte's mother, for preparing a fine dinner of a fare that turned out to be a rare delicasse for most of those present. Few of us had ever tasted barbecued crab; and with garlic bread it was a wonderful treat. It was great sport cracking the crab and dipping the meat in the barbecue sauce. There could be no formality with such a meal which no doubt was responsible for most of the fun.

After dinner, one of the girls, Evelyn Whitmaker, kept us entranced with a vividly told story of her non-stop flight from Vancouver, B. C. to Tlanauana, Mexico--of sixteen and a half hours of continuous flying filled with more than her share of thrills and chills.

The formal half of the meeting was hardly satisfying as we could seem to reach no decisions on any of the problems confronting us.

Leona K. Bump made the announcement there would be no meeting in December due to the holidays. However, the January meeting will be held on the eighteenth in Vancouver.

Here's to a more successful New York for the Ninety-Nines in general and the Oregon Chapter in particular.

## NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

### INDIANA CHAPTER

By Ruth E. Colwell  
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We had our November meeting at Capt. Eratz Field in Lafayette and had a nice crowd and quite a few guests. Two new girls attended from Indianapolis-Brightwood airport and we had luncheon and Capt. Eratz had one of his instructors put on a show for us and it was really good.

Most of the girls flew in and they asked us if we brought the good weather--said if we did, to come often.

After our luncheon, we had a business meeting and our new stationery was sold. It is very nice and different with the rip cord on the envelope. We had our drawing and our Chairman, Virginia Eberhart's daughter, Virginia Powell, won the can of pineapple. Virginia had brought another package and so we drew for that. It was won by one of our guests. We decided not to have a December meeting because we all had so very much to do, but we will have a dinner-dance January 24th in Indianapolis. Anyone interested in coming should make reservations well in advance and contact Virginia Eberhart or me. I'm sure everyone will have a good time so do try to come.

We heard that Jessie Von Leer had broken her wrist and then fallen again and broken the cast. We were very sorry to hear about it and hope by now that she is much better and has quit falling down for a while so it will heal up by the time of our party.

That's all girls. Send me news and will see you in Jan.

#### MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Marie Wichita  
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The November meeting of this chapter was held at the Fontenelle Hotel on the 9th. Members got together over dinner before taking up business. Unfortunately, the day turned out to be strictly instrument weather with low ceilings and wxy's. So those members with planes were unable to make it. Present were Belle Hetzel, Bea Mack, Marjorie McBride, Alice Riss and Marie Wichita who joined the ranks of the 99ers at this meeting and was promptly initiated by being appointed Newsletter reporter.

Other officers elected were: Chairman, Marguerite Durbin of North Platte, Nebr., Vice Chairman, Marjorie McBride of Omaha, Secretary-Treasurer, Ruth Johnson of Crete, Nebr., and Chairman of Membership Committee and Assistant Secretary, Alice Riss. Many thanks to the outgoing officers and especially to Marjorie McBride who carried the ball as Secretary-Treasurer.

The chapter was rather inactive during the summer, but with the number of aircraft owned by or available to our 99ers picking up, we expect to hold meetings and get-togethers about the state in the ensuing months. Marguerite Durbin has a brand new Cessna 140, Bea Mack acquired her new T-craft this summer, Dorothy Reed has a Stinson, Marie Wichita has at least 15% of an L-3 Aeronca (flying club plan). Marjorie McBride has been trying to get another club started out at Clear Ridge Airport, Omaha, with about a half dozen members.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Jeannette Kapus  
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At the monthly meeting held at Carolyn Feiling's home, Carolyn surprised us with the news that she had obtained her sea license. She differentiated between sea and air flying, and it really sounds interesting. Congratulations Carolyn.

Dora Fritske has been logging time almost every flyable weekend. Bet she intends to catch up on all the flying she missed during her sojourn in the WACs.

Trixie Gehrung quoted excerpts from "Strictly Feminine", an article by Elizabeth Gordon on women in aviation, and Trixie's reply to Miss Taylor's views. Nice going, Trixie.

Carolyn Feiling, Chairman of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, brought up the problems of a dance for the Scholarship Fund. It was decided to hold the dance on Feb. 14th with semi-formal attire.

Dottie Christenson has graciously extended an invitation to us on behalf of Santa to aid him in trimming her Christmas tree next month. The invitation was accepted by all with anticipation.

*December 15, 1946*

#### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Mary Louise Oetzel  
256 W. Main St., Norwalk, Ohio

A Merry, Merry Christmas to all our sister Ninety-Nines, and the very best wishes to our National President. May her married life be one continual round of nuptial bliss.

The All-Ohio Chapter is still recovering from the National Aircraft Show which was held last month at the Bomber Plant at the Cleveland Airport. A marvelous display of civilian ships was to be seen and gushed over by all, and I got the thrill of a life time when I had a wonderful demonstration ride in a Helicopter by Bell Aircraft Corporation. The Cleveland Women's chapter of N.A.A. were very helpful to us during the Air Show and I want to extend a big vote of thanks to their president Mrs. Jeanne Naatz and to all the other ladies who co-operated so thoroughly.

I understand that plans are now under way for a light-craft class ship race open to women pilots for next year's Air Races. Isn't that something! Will keep you informed via the News Letter but in the meantime, I would suggest that all interested line up a good ship for racing and get a lot of practice in closed pylons and close course work. I have an idea there will be a great many entrees and if you want to succeed you'll need a lot of practice.

The very best wishes to all the other Chapters and the new officers during the coming year.

#### KANSAS CITY, MO., CHAPTER

By Lavon Martin  
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At our November meeting we were honored to have as our guests several lovely girls from Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri. Before leaving we were happy to welcome all who attended the meeting as new 99 members. They are: ELEANOR O'KEEFE, Ground School Instructor and sponsor for the large Aviation Club at Columbia, MARY LOU VOTRUBA, President of the Aviation Club at the school, ANN PRICE, ELAINE VAN DIEST, ELEANOR KANDRA, BARBARA DEARMIN, LESLIE POWLEN.

At the present time these girls are endeavoring to organize their own chapter. Miss O'Keefe gave an exceedingly interesting account of the excellent aviation program which the University offers. We are looking forward to more such meetings.

BETTY GREEN, who is our new Vice-Chairman and is employed in the Link Department of the CAA, recently spent four weeks in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was on guard duty in a demonstration of the instrument landing system and advanced radar aids to navigation to members of the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization.



We were glad to welcome HELEN LATHROP back into the folds and hope to see much more of her. We miss every girl who doesn't attend a meeting so be sure to call Marie Paige or Osa Wyatt the first week of each month if they haven't reached you.

All for now till the first of the year. So a MERRY XMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to you each and every one. Also we wish to extend congratulations to our President, Jeannette Lempke Sovereign. Our very best wishes--we know she will be very happy.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Thelma C. Lindzey  
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The weather man furnished ZERO weather but in spite of him 23 members and guests managed to get to Austin Lake Airport, Kalamazoo for the November breakfast meeting with Eloise Smith and other girls in that locality as hostesses.

Meeting was conducted by Barbara Credit, Jackson -Vice-Chm. Dorothy Woodams of the Air Marking Comm. reported they have VICKSBURG painted on the large roof of Virginia and Maxwell Bardeens paper mill there. A letter was read from Audrey Fontana telling of her flight to Fairbanks, Alaska, when she and her husband delivered a Taylorcraft. 3300 miles in 44 hours - with strong head winds. They returned via airline. Suzanne Wagner, membership chairman, reported the following new members for last month; Mary Keil Ungerer and Marjorie Johnson of Belding - Mildred David, Charlotte - Lolita Boyd, Jackson - Bernice Bowers, Flint - Mary Brewer, Essexville - Joan Sauve, Bay City and Margaret Crane, Lapeer, who has returned to the fold.

Ted Seymeyer, Editor of Aviation and Yachting Magazine interviewed Alice and John Hammond over WJLB on Nov. 8th. The Hammond's are an outstanding flying couple. They have a combined total of 35 years flying - with several licenses each and many hours of safe flying to their credit. They told of their early flying days - when C. V. Burnett was Alice's first instructor at Grosse Isle using a pusher type plane. John learned on a Curtis-Jenny in California where the cowboy instructor Ramon C. Warren would teach his students to fly planes or ride horses, which ever they preferred. John and Alice met in 1932 on a Michigan Air Tour in Saulte Ste Marie - now there is Johnny 9, Barbara 6, Betsy 3 all flying enthusiasts. Alice also gave an outline of the Ninety-Nines, its purpose, activities and plans.

Ruthmary Buckley has had recent charter trips to Dayton, Indianapolis and Louisville in her PT 19. She is leaving soon to spend winter in Santa Ana, Calif. Write her c/o Chamber of Commerce there.

Suzanne Wagner made a flying trip to Roanoke, Va. and Washington, D. C. returning just in time for Thanksgiving turkey.

Dorothy Woodams and her husband, Irving, flew to Canada in Sept. on a hunting trip--bad weather with much rain made it impossible for part of the party to get off the lake in their seaplane, so they spent the night with only a tarpaulin over them - really roughing it. They plan one more seaplane trip to Northern Michigan before the snow flies. At the last meeting we met their latest 29 3/4 - blond hair and blue eyes.

We hear we have another prospective flyer in our midst at Dorothy Lunken's house in Cincinnati. Altho Dorothy resides in Ohio, she is still a Michigan Chapter member.

Harry and Eloise Smith, Austin Lake are dealers are Bellanca Planes. Eloise has a brand new Cruisair which she flew home from Newcastle Del. She gives both land and seaplane instructions at the Austin Lake Airport.

Gwendolyn Walker has accepted a position with Lear Inc., as Asst. to the Dept. of Field Services and Instructions and is located at Kent County Airport, Grand Rapids.

Amelia Hendrickson, Flint, is spending the winter in Arizona for her health and reports she is better - a note sent c/o General Delivery, Tombstone, Arizona will reach her.

A letter from Betty Grohman, now stationed at LaGuardia Field, New York, with Pan-American Airways, says she will be in Saginaw for Xmas.

Becky Thatcher is spending Thanksgiving Holidays deer hunting and Margaret Huff spent hers taking a trip to Canada.

Cynthia Alexander, Iron Mt., who is at 1507 State Street, Chicago, regretted she could not attend the Kalamazoo meeting and wondered if she should transfer to the Wisconsin Chapter. We hate to loose our members. Sammy Chapin couldn't make the meeting either because of an operation on her knee - hope all is well by now.

Mary and Gerald Gardanier have the Erccoupe Agency at Austin Lake, and she has a brand new license. They recently flew two new ships from Riverdale, Md.

Faye Davies Kirk, General Chairman of the ALL GIRL AIR SHOW to be put on in June to raise funds for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship called a meeting of Comm. Chm. at Detroit City Club to discuss plans and ideas. These will be presented to members at the December meeting.

Alice Hammond has extended an invitation to the Annual Christmas dinner party at her home in Grosse Point on Dec. 14th. Out of town members have been invited to spend the night with Detroit members. Gifts will be brought to be taken to the youngsters living at the Michigans Childrens Home, Ypsilanti. Also small gifts are exchanged among the members and usually Jeannette Sovereign acts as Santa.

January meeting - breakfast on Sunday the 12th - will be in Flint with Bernice Tremble as hostess.

## NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY *Section*

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Our first "Old-Timers'" meeting last year was such a success, we thought it would be fun to try it again.

Viola Gentry Cameron and Fleur-de-lys Loesch did a fine job of organizing our November 4 "Old-Timers'" meeting. Copies of Dick Kirshbaum's "Fifty Famous Flyers" made very colorful and interesting table favors.

We were literally met at the door of Leone's by Vivien Nemhauser enthusiastically selling chances on the prettily wrapped package donated by Kay Menges, proceeds to help swell the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. Appropriately enough winner of the prize package turned out to be co-chairman of the evening Viola Gentry Cameron, the only person to buy four chances. The venture enabled us to turn over to Majorie Davis \$11 for the fund.

During dinner Mrs. Jessie R. Chamberlain passed around photographs of interest of earlier flyers, mainly women, along with programs of some of the races and competitive events of yesteryear in which many of our famous women flyers took part.

Too, with our annual dance in the offing, the date has been set for St. Valentine's Day, Friday night February 14 at the Vanderbilt Hotel, New York City, it was fun to scan programs of previous 99 Affairs. All section and chapter members are cordially invited to our dance, as well as any 99's from other chapters who expect to be or find themselves in New York on February 14. It has been suggested you purchase your tickets and make your reservations as early as possible through Mrs. Jeanne V. Oakes, "Oakside" RD#2, Boonton, New Jersey. Tickets are \$8.00 per person.

Viola Gentry is quite disturbed over the express company's loss of all of her early flying photographs, which she had hoped to show at the meeting. However, she did let us see a recent letter from Amelia Earhart's mother concerning the finding of some of Amelia's belongings on islands in the South Pacific as our troops progressed, but no trace of Amelia or records, even in Tokyo, of her fate.

Later in the evening we moved to the seclusion and atmosphere of the Wine Cellar for an "Old-Timers'" Bull Session with Charter Members Dot Leh up from Allentown, Ruth Nichols still actively flying and instructing, Teddy Kenyon, now a proud owner of a P-38, we're sure she'll have a lot of fun in, Margaret Cooper, and Tiny Goddard with prompting from Fleur-de-lys and Viola giving out with priceless tales of their early experiences in flying. Jacqueline Cochran, Meta Rothholz also a charter member and now a teacher at Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn as well as most of our regulars and many of our not so regulars attended.

What with over 62 guests, the meeting certainly was a success, and I'm sure most of us went away hoping to hear more some time in the future concerning the good-old-days in flying. Looks as if we've turned this into an annual affair.

Merry Christmas early--that was our December 2 meeting in Leone's Wine Cellar, what with pine and holly berry

corsages for everyone, pine bough centerpieces, and huge Christmas candles. The little silver airplanes with the red wings (with their ulterior motive as collection boxes for the Amelia Earhart Fund) fit in perfectly and helped us add another \$12 to the Fund. Helen Boudreau found herself winner of the one ship, and your reporter headed home with the other tucked under her arm. Vivian Nemhauser's idea worked very nicely.

Gene Landman let us in on the intricacies of flying a helicopter and feels sure the airplane is here to stay.

Ruth Anderson Curtman, ex-WASF and active Seattle 99 has transferred East. Welcome Ruth.

Three prospective 99's in attendance were Marge Bromley newly graduated from Stevens College in Missouri, Yvette Hyatt working on her commercial at Teterboro, and Viola Gentry's guest Rosemary Kramer.

We hear Alma Ward Bristol is chasing a water rating. Too, Gloria Heath and her pursuit pilot brother has bought an AT-6. Uhm-m-m! An apology to Marge White. She's not in California but very much in the fold back East.

Kay Menges has dubbed Bea Faulk our "Flying Nun" after her experience flying in an air show in old-fashioned costume to represent a flying grandmother and being mistaken by the younger generation as a Nun. So convincing was her act she found out she didn't look old at all--at least not a day over 43.

Most of the regular gals were in attendance formulating plans for our Valentine Dance.

Merry Christmas! See you in the New Year!

PLEASE NOTE: Viola Gentry Cameron is very anxious to locate photographs or negatives of early pilots and planes, especially women pilots, prior to 1929 in order to restore in some measure her irreplaceable collection lost by an express company between Kansas City and New York. Please contact Viola at 514 East 78th Street, Apt. 9C, New York, New York.



Season's  
Greetings  
from  
the headquarters staff