

NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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SPECIAL NOTICE - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

When accepting an application for membership, PLEASE make sure the applicant's name is entered on the application EXACTLY as it appears on her airman's certificate. If applicant is married, we ALSO would like to have her husband's name for our permanent records.

February was quite a travel month for me - via airline. Last month's column was written on my way to San Antonio where I had the pleasure of attending another annual state-wide meeting of Texas feminine flyers sponsored by the NINETY-NINES there, and again, I come away with greatest admiration of their enthusiasm and ability to "go out and get!" Then back across the nation to attend another outstanding annual affair - the New York-New Jersey anniversary dinner dance. And guess what? A swell surprise, Belle Hetzel, our international vice-president was there! (Also via airline, from Omaha)

So, on Saturday, February 15th, I'll bet all of your ears burned while Marjorie Davis, our international treasurer (who is at home in New York City), Belle and I dug into some of the mighty matters of the NINETY-NINES. One of the matters discussed was the 1947 annual meeting - where and when.

Oh, yes - that reminds me to call your attention to the fact that soon the nominating committee will be asking your sections and chapters for your selections for 1947-48 officers and one name each for the 1947-48 Nominating Committee and the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Committee. You, of course know that Belle is completing her second term as vice-president and I am completing my second term as president. Article V, Section 3 of our Constitution provides: "No officer shall serve more than TWO consecutive terms in the same office".

ALL REMITTANCES for the AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP FUND should be made in favor of NINETY-NINES and mailed direct to Marjorie Davis, 118 W. 11th, Apt. 10, New York, New York. Please DO NOT send your contributions to our Washington, D. C. headquarters office.

A REPEAT REMINDER: Civil Air Regulations #20.55:
Exchange of certificates

A private or commercial pilot certificate which was effective on or after January 1, 1942, and which was issued prior to July 1, 1945, will EXPIRE on July 1, 1947. Such certificate may be exchanged at any time prior to July 1, 1947 for a pilot certificate and the appropriate ratings provided for in this part.

March winds - freckles - then Spring and robins!

Jeannette Lempke Sovereign
Your President

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Ruth Colwell
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We met Feb. 16 at Municipal Airport here in Indianapolis and had lunch at Turners Lunch Room then to our business meeting which was delayed due to our secretary, Virginia Eberhart, over sleeping and almost missing the meeting. We called her when she didn't show up by lunch time and that is what finally woke her up.

We had the report by the Secretary on our Jan. 24 dinner dance and meeting and decided to accept invitation to attend joint meeting of G.B.'s and 99'ers at Lafayette on March 1, at Capt. Aretz Field. We had some new members and guests - Virginia and Mary Martin of Kokomo, Norma Schnarr of Hoosier Parks Airport, Indianapolis, Joan Ferguson of La Pol and Barbara Bock of South Bend, but flying from Lafayette.

We were invited to Air Conference in Lafayette the 18th and 19th of March. There will be a lot of interesting speakers and I hope a lot of the girls will be able to go.

Virginia Eberhart, our secretary-treasurer, received letters from a number of girls who we haven't seen for a long time so the letters were read at the meeting. A very good way of keeping in touch with the girls who are unable to get to the winter meetings - so, write a letter if you can't come.

Our drawing was held and Jessie Von Leer of Terre Haute won the cute little perfume bottles.

We had a very small turn out at our joint meeting with the G.B.'s in Lafayette due to terrible weather. Everyone who came had to drive. Mary Ann Hoyt Kurtz and Murray Hake of Lafayette had the advantage of being there. Fern Rinker drove over from Anderson and Ruth Myers from Francesville. Olive Tuttle, Virginia Eberhart and Ruth Colwell drove from Indianapolis. The meeting was strictly a social gathering and after a lovely buffet supper, we talked and danced and everyone had a grand time. Most of the girls came with their husbands and had hotel reservations so they could stay late but I had to leave early because my friend was driving me back that night. I missed a lot of the party but I hear it didn't break up till early in the morning. A suggestion girls -- why not invite groups from other flying clubs to meet with us sometime. You meet a lot of people who can give you suggestions on the same things you are interested in and have a good time too.

That's all for this month. As you know, our meetings are the 3rd Sunday of each month so come when you can.

IOWA CHAPTER

By Evelyn Bubany
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We Iowa 99'ers certainly hope the snow, rain and mud we had last month helps the corn crop 'cause it's sure put our moral behind the "8 ball," and we have sixteen girls who showed for our Feb. 13 meeting as proof.

It was the night before Valentine's and all over the airport - NINETY-NINES were pushing their cars out of the mud since no one told us about the bad roads leading to the Shelter House and it was sooo dark. We wish to extend our thanks to Charlotte Helm's and Bernie Eno's husbands, who with the able assistance of airport personnel and equipment, came to the rescue of at least two of the three cars. Gretchen Kelly and Winny Heaton dashed in late....sans shoes and sox having waded snow and mud from their car. At least they kept their shoes clean, but from the looks of those cold, red legs and feet they must have had a mighty frigid trip.

The main portion of the meeting was a weiner roast complete with all the trimmings and we think Thelma Olson's prunecakes and Darlene Newman's homemade potato chips deserve special mention. Guess everyone enjoyed the food there wasn't much left.

A short business meeting followed, during which time we officially ushered in another new member - Pauline Kochheiser - and entertained two prospective members - Charlotte Helm and Ray Ann Bartnek. Thelma Olson outlined our next meeting which, through the courtesy of Pure Oil, will be a cocktail party at the Hotel Savory followed by aircraft movies. 'Twas good news to our ears and we expect a big attendance.

The Chapter extends its wishes for a very speedy recovery to Blanche Novotny who has been ill for several months. Also, to our Secretary-Treasurer, Florence Chamberlain, who missed this month's meeting due to illness.

The meeting adjourned for all but Thelma Olson, who with the verbal assistance of Jean Jackman and me, pushed Esther Oleson's car three miles to town. Seems as though someone forgot her auto was still in the mud and having pulled it out, she discovered the battery was dead. Swears up and down she'll fly down next time.

Anyway, we did have fun didn't we girls?.....

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Thelma C. Lindzay
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Suzanne H. Wagner was hostess for the last meeting of the Ninety-Nines at Roseville Airport, when, in spite of ZERO ZERO weather, thirty-five members and guests gathered for breakfast. Carol Scheidler, our treasurer, of Alpena came the greatest distance. Gwendolyn Walker and her mother Mrs. D.I.J. came from Byron Center and ran a close second.

Helen Anderson, our chairman, conducted the meeting. Secretary Becky Thatcher read a letter from Betty Lambert, former Michigan member, saying she is now chairman of the San Diego Chapter; ground school instructor for instrument and airline transport ratings and is helping a group of Army and Navy pilots to get their CAA ratings. A card from Roxie Yajhjian Mooradian said she and William are having a grand trip West and were at Grand Canyon. Prospective members present were Priscilla Wunsch of Grosse Pointe, Pearl Jamieson and Mary Anderson of Detroit. Stanley Cisowski, editor of the Flying Reporter

came with Margaret Crane to meet and get acquainted with the group. Harold Thatcher and Harley Shafer of Stanton, Michigan where the ALL GIRL AIR SHOW will be held on June 8th were in attendance. The meeting was turned over to Faye Davies Kirk, chairman of the SHOW and her assistant Helen Pelto. A general discussion of air show plans was held. Becky Thatcher reported the Saginaw girls had turned in approximately \$20.00 to the Earhart Scholarship Fund from the sale of white ascots with 99 insignia, which they made. The next meeting, March 9th, will be at Jewett Airport, Mason, Michigan with Mildred David and Margaret Crane as hostesses. Margaret has been instructing a Lapeer Airport for the past several years, but has recently moved her base of operations.

Lucille Grisier, secretary of Membership Committee, is conducting an airshow poster contest in the Art Class of Carstens School, Detroit. An award will be made to the youngster whose poster is used.

Barbara LeJeune of Jackson has joined the overseas Red Cross and last week left for Washington D. C. where she will be for two weeks before the big hop. Earlene Flory of Detroit has resigned from the Red Cross. She recently became the bride of Lt. Col. James Henry Hayes of the Army Ground Forces who was Commander of the 10th Squadron of the 14th Constabulary Regiment stationed in Germany where the wedding took place. They are now on their way home and we hope Earlene can make a meeting while here. She is a former WASP, graduating from Sweetwater and serving in the ferry command for one year. She has been overseas for twenty months - six in England and the balance in Germany. Best wishes to you both from all Ninety Nines and their 49ers.

Rita Ann Bondy left recently for Minneapolis, Minnesota where she will make her home at 100 E. Rustic Lodge. We will miss our faithful member but glad she is staying in the North Central Section.

Claire Suhan of Saginaw is now working for American Airlines in Tampa, Florida.

Helen Pelto and Thelma C. Lindzay represented the Ninety-Nines at the Investiture Service of the David Schelling Flight of the Wing Scouts on Feb. 27th. The service took place in Miller Hall, Christ Church, Grosse Pointe. Helen has charge of the aviation instruction of the group.

During the winter months it is usually old man winter who keeps us from flying but not so with the Leslie Berry's who have a brand new Stinson 150. Nita has been spending her time at a hospital with her father, Mr. John C. Lorgion, who has been very ill and Leslie fell from their porch on the ice and fractured his right arm. On Wednesday, Nita left, via airlines, with her father for Lantana, Florida. Next week Leslie, and a commercial pilot will take the new plane down. After some recuperating and flying down there they plan to fly back around April 1st.

The urge for activity in people who fly seems to be endless. Margaret Huff, our Michigan Flying Grandmother sold her plane last year and now while she is waiting for the aviation market to settle down before purchasing another one has taken the real estate sellers examination, passed with a grade of 97% and will be associated with John S. Hammond, Detroit. John and Alice Hammond are both well known pilots.

Barbara Lather of Suttons Bay, Michigan regrets she cannot attend our winter meetings but she is

attending school in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Jeannette Lempke Sovereign, Bay City, our national president, attended the Women's Aviation Convention in San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 8th and 9th, where she was scheduled to talk along with other top flight women in aviation. Of course, we miss her at our meetings but know the other groups are happy to see her.

There are a number of our members we have not seen or heard from in TOO long a time - how about waking up and sending your reporter a line.

EASTERN-MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Laura Sellinger
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February was an eventful month for the St. Louis Chapter. With a 20° drop in temperature and several layers of snow, we greeted our president, Jeannette Sovereign, who arrived in time for our regular meeting. We were more than glad to have her visit us, especially at this time since we have about fifteen new members and many had questions to ask which Jeannette could best answer.

Our enthusiasm reached a new high as we learned from Jeannette some of the details of the All-Woman Air Show to be held at Tampa, and right now we're dulling our wits devising ways and means to desert our typewriters or dishpans to make the trip.

February 21 marked the first of our annual dances since the war and it was a tremendous success. We 99's looked mighty perk with our corsages of white carnations tied appropriately with blue ribbons bearing gold 99 numerals. The proceeds of this dance, for the most part, are going to finance our flight awards to the high school seniors who submit the best essays on "The Value of an Air Marker to the Community and Aviation," which contest is currently in progress in the St. Louis public high schools.

Our roster of new members who have come into the fold since we held our "open house" last October includes some of the "flyingest" gals ever produced and we're mighty proud to acquaint you with them. BETTYE KAHLE is a flight instructor at Kratz Field and is mighty busy with both day and night classes; MRS. LUCY FLETCHER is secretary in the C.A.A. office at Lambert Field and is also our Membership Chairman; MRS. LUCY DRUCKER and MRS. FLORENCE WILDGEN, and their 49ers, are Ercoupe owners and pilots and can be found, on every flyable weekend, anywhere from Detroit to New Orleans. Both of them served on the Ways & Means Committee for our dance and did a wonderful job.

MRS. MARTHA RANDOLPH, whose 49er is manager of Lambert Field, does what flying she can when her very active 29er isn't keeping her grounded. Martha was in charge of Publicity for our dance and did such an excellent job we must pin the blue ribbon on her. Unfortunately for this chapter and for the whole city of St. Louis, in fact, the Randolphs are moving to Kansas City within the next few weeks where 49er, John, will become vice president in charge of operations for Southern Skyways. We wish them luck, but we certainly hate to see them go.

Then there is TRUDY DeVRIES, secretary at Missouri Airways at Lambert Field; also, RAE SULLIVAN, secretary at Universal Flight School at Lambert Field, who proved herself an excellent ticket

manager. Both Trudy and Rae are working hard toward their commercial licenses. MARIAN HUNT is a former WAC who is getting her training under the G. I. program and has been flying at nearby Lakeside Airport in Illinois; MRS. BURNETTE McNAMEE, a PT23 owner, is devoting her efforts to furthering the air-marking program. JOAN SELIGA is doing her flying while completing her education at St. Louis University. Joan recently took advantage of a heavy snowfall by equipping her Cub with skis, turning many a male pilot green with envy since the opportunity probably will not present itself again until 1957. MRS. GURDA PETTY, of the Petty Marine Flying Service on the Mississippi River, is the only one of our members who holds a seaplane rating.

Three new members who joined us in February were MRS. DORCAS STARK, who is working toward her commercial rating, ELLEN INGALLS, a Cessna pilot, and JUNE WALSH, who is also a high school teacher. Our first member for the month of March is SHIRLEY DUVAL who lives in Godfrey, Illinois.

We were happy to have as a guest at our last meeting Miss Isabel Moffit who was a member of the Carolina Chapter before serving overseas in the Nurse Corps. We hope her many heavy responsibilities and duties will not prevent her from attending our meetings and flying with us while she is stationed in this area.

WESTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Lavon Martin
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Our successful February meeting was a reporter's paradise. With so many attending, we made the rounds in a general "Let's get acquainted mood." Here are some of the interesting items we learned.

Vera Hill, who is employed at one of the flying services at Municipal Airport, was all set for a flight to Eldon, Missouri. Lucille Doll and Marie Page had just returned from a flight to St. Joseph, Mo. Marie Kuhlman, who owns a new Bellanca, rushed to the meeting after completing some night flying. Lois Jean Brown is working for her Commercial license, flying usually on weekends. Beverly Mackey is flying for pleasure. Virginia Weddle says she is doing likewise. Wilma Miller, former WASP and holder of a Commercial license and Instructor's Rating, was here for a visit. She is now ferrying Navions. Caroline Keenan had just returned from an airline trip to California. Frances Johnson was looking forward to a trip to Atlanta, Ga. Since our last meeting Betty Greene had been weathered in at North Platte, Nebraska, then taken a hop over to St. Louis. I enjoyed an airline flight to New York then flew with Marguerite Fisher on a cross country hop in her BT. Helen Lathrop was in New York at the same time and is now busily getting together a group to fly down to Florida for the All Women Air Maneuvers in March.

Dorothy Lyons, Neva Rae, Jean Pruitt, Marion Schutte and some late comers made the meeting one of our most enjoyable. Will Gertrude Foote of North Kansas City, who dropped us a card, please contact Marie Page at Valentine 8282. My little 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er must have found it, because I've looked hi and lo to no avail.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Jeannette C. Kapus
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The monthly meeting was held the 9th of February at the home of yours truly. Our guest was

Mrs. Herman Heise. Mrs. Heise told of her experiences in flying through the state of Wisconsin; also of a movie that was made of her dual instruction prior to and including receiving her private license, even down to stunt flying. We're looking forward to seeing the movie.

Members present were: Dorothy Christensen, Trixie Ann Gehrung, Mayetta Weidemann, Margaret Sliker, Ruth Lembke, Carolyn Feiling, Rosemarie Sponner, and Peg Fiebrantz.

The last-minute preparations for the St. Valentine's Dance were discussed. The favors that Margaret Sliker and Ruth Lembke made were displayed and oh'd and ah'd with delight.

Dottie Christensen told of her recent ferrying trip from Ponca City, Oklahoma to Milwaukee for Midwest Activities.

We've been missing Elsie Peters at the last several meetings. Hoping to see you soon, Elsie.

The snowstorm that hit us the latter part of January hindered our flying for almost two weeks, but we're making like birds again.

NORTHWESTERN SECTION

OREGON CHAPTER

By Audrey McClellan
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Lured out by the balmy springlike weather, the girls put in a better attendance at our meeting on Feb. 22 at Newberg than at any of our prior mid-winter assemblies. Two of the girls flew down from Portland, taking full advantage of the blue skies and sunshine; and it looks as if, to get to our future meeting, more of the girls will follow suit.

Our hostess for the evening, Leona K. Bump, treated us royally with a really fine dinner at her lovely home. She served cocktails while awaiting the few late arrivals then served a delightful meal.

After dinner, we got down to the business at hand and had our meeting. After the usual formalities to open the meeting, a decision was reached on our meeting date and was definitely set as the last Saturday in the month. A motion was made and carried to purchase a Ninety-Nine cut to be used at our convenience in local publications carrying small articles on our limited activities.

Two of the girls present filled out applications for membership which pleased us to no end as we are glad to get more new members. Alda Sadow of Astoria and Ernestine Malone of Sweet Home are our newest additions and we are proud to have them as official members as they have long been our good friends. Also during the meeting we discussed the so apparent lack of women in aviation and also the taxes being forced upon operators and private plane owners in this state. The meeting drew to a close with the girls from Sweet Home inviting us to hold our next meeting there. This met with everyone's approval; so it's Sweet Home on March 29 for our next get-together.

After the meeting was formally adjourned, we had one of the most pleasant conversations covering the "good old days", the present poor policies, and the future fair flying. The girls were going strong until the wee small hours when reluctantly they had to return to their prospective towns. There were girls there from North Bend, Sweet

Home, Astoria, Portland and of course, Newberg. If this meeting was any sign, it would seem that our meetings are going to get bigger and better as fair weather surpasses foul. With this supposition, the Oregon Chapter signs off until next month.

SEATTLE CHAPTER

By Lorinda Miskell
Bellevue, Washington

Our dinner meeting February 3rd turned out to be an enjoyable occasion for all. A good dinner was served at "The Chalet". Frosty Alread of Aero Service, conducted a sort of round table discussion on the present day "plane market". He had just returned from a "get together" of Navion dealers in California. The two place as well as four place plane field was discussed. The summary being that in spite of the toll of winter weather along with reconversion adjustments, the outlook on the whole was not too pessimistic and operators felt that things would eventually normalize themselves.

Then Elliott Merrill, Boeing's Senior Flight Test pilot, showed colored movies he had taken during his tour of the Pacific War Theater. We were amazed at the beauties of places like Guam and Okinawa. And thrilled by some of the shots taken from the bombardier's window, of the landing fields with their many runways cut out of dense jungle growth.

Our vice-chairman Sherry Phelps, is keeping busy between giving flight instruction and ferrying Navions between here and California.

Eileen Kesti, our secretary and ex-WASP, had her big day and now has a prospective little 99'er, a bouncing baby girl.

Janet Rapuzzi who usually flies strictly float jobs, recently ferried out a Cessna from the factory. Now she has moved to Monroe, Washington and is Mrs. Zuagg.

Our governor, Dorothy Wheeler, spent a happy hour aloft in an Ercoupe the other day. Husband Don is building his new "Wheelair" which will be a four passenger two-control special. So, Dorothy decided she'd better find out how it feels to fly with her feet on the floor boards.

The days are getting longer - the birds, the bees, and spring have prompted us to look longingly for a patch of "CAVU" in the wide blue yonder. And our thoughts turn to "cross-countries". So we hope by the next time the NEWS LETTER comes out, we can tell you we've all been really flying.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

TULSA CHAPTER

By Jewell Wolfe
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Spring is just around the corner and the girls are digging out their helmets and coveralls in anticipation of a little flying. We have had quite a lot of bad weather this winter and we are all getting a little rusty.

We have added two new members to our group. Miss Margie Shuford and Miss Jean Wolaver. Miss Shuford is our first and only member to secure her license under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

We are making quite a lot of progress on our scrapbook. We have all the newspaper clippings since organizing, pictures and of course, our "souvenirs" from the restaurants we have gone to on our flying jaunts for breakfast. If any of the other Chapters could give us any suggestions on how to make it a bigger and better scrapbook please let us know.

Three of our members attended the Womens Aviation Convention held at San Antonio. From all reports it was a big success.

We can now boast of having two flying Grandma's. Mrs. Banfield and Mrs. Oma Stamps. Oma tells us her grand daughter is about ready to solo and she is only four weeks old. Amazing what this younger generation can do, isn't it?

Maxine Stewart, a former member of the Tulsa Chapter, is now making her home in sunny Arizona. She is instructing at an airport there. We also hear she is taking Spanish lessons. Como Esta Usted Senorita.

Don't forget to send us some suggestions for the scrapbook.

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Mildred Miller
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On February 8th and 9th a Women's Aviation Convention, sponsored by Texas Chapter of 99's was held in San Antonio, Texas. A meeting of the South Central Section, a statewide meeting of the Texas Chapter, and a statewide meeting of the Wasps was held at the same time.

There were approximately 100 women flyers registered. We were honored by the presence of, our national president, Jeannette Lempke Sovereign and many other nationally known women flyers.

The program was as follows: Friday, February 7th, the early arrivals were entertained with cocktails, buffet supper and hanger flying. Many flew in this day, through, over and under a snow storm and dust storm. On Saturday there was registration and "get-together" meeting in the morning; and then luncheon at 12:30. Edna Gardner Whyte of Fort Worth made a most interesting speech on "Women in Aviation as a Career". A sectional and state meeting then followed. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., we had a cocktail party, dinner, and then a dance and floor show. Since this was strictly a WOMEN'S convention, we had only women speakers (however, we did allow a man to be toastmaster!). Dot Lemon of Oklahoma City made a wonderful talk on what flying means to women; Blanche Noyes talked on Airmarking; and Hazel Raines of Oklahoma City recounted her experiences flying with the RAF in Britain during the early part of the war. On Sunday morning there was a breakfast, at which time many of the "old timers" related many experiences, both interesting and comical, which they had in the early days of flying and racing.

All those who attended agreed that it was a swell week-end, we are all looking forward to another such meeting in the future.

We have just sent everyone in the South Central Section a 3-page, mimeographed report on this convention, and included a resume of Edna Gardner Whyte's speech in which she lists twenty different kinds of positions available to women in aviation. If any of you would care for a copy of this, drop me a card and I will be glad to send you one.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Anne W. Fishburne
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Not much flying has been going on the last month, but the weather ought to be better real soon. Then, we can start visiting and find out what's going on elsewhere.

Plans are being made for a bigger and better AZELEA FESTIVAL - Charleston's ninth and first since the war. And a big Air Show is to start things rolling -- that's April 20th. Hope some of you people can get down for it.

Jewell Bailey, of Charleston, has gone back to work at the bank, but is still flying on the weekends, spare afternoons, and "bank holidays". Alma Tharp's plane was not damaged in an airport fire, so when spring comes she'll be in the air. Charleston has a new member - Winifred Hays. We're glad to have you with us "Freddie", and to know you're so interested in flying.

I haven't heard any details of the next meeting, but we'll be seeing you next month.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Ruth Rueckert
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The February 21st meeting was a dinner meeting at the San Francisco Women's City Club. Members present were Hostess Dorothy Chamberlin, Ena Ayers, Marian Barnick, Miriam Brugh, Adele Chase, Florence Emig, Marjorie Fauth, Pat Gladney, Fran Grant, Esther Haney, Rita Hart, Helen Kelton, Jan Moffatt, Ruth Movchan, Ruth Rueckert, Gerry Williamson and Pat Sherwood (from Kansas City). Guests were Beth Goff, Mildred Harris, Doris Movchan and Marg Standish.

A short business meeting was conducted by Chairman Barnick with reports that Crissy Field could not be opened to private planes at this time, but that the Chapter collectively, and members individually, back any movement to open the Field: two planes with pilots Fauth and Chase and guests Miriam Brugh and Jules Chase, were unable to penetrate the "liquid sunshine" locally, to reach Pancho Barnes Ranch near Lancaster, so no February winging party; the March 21st meeting will be a dinner dance at Uncle Tom's Cabin, San Bruno, to celebrate the Chapter's 15th anniversary; and Marj Fauth is trying to arrange a G.C.A. demonstration for our group in May.

Adele Chase proved an able movie operator in running the General Electric sound movies "Evolution of Jet Propulsion", a most interesting film. During the intermission Chairman Barnick announced arrangements could be made to tour Moffett Field and notices would be sent as to date and time.

The next winging party was set for March 16th to Marysville, 11 a.m. brunch, Gerry Williamson, hostess. That means Gerry's new plane will be grounded on its own field. But, the Bellanca will lead the parade to Bakersfield the weekend of April 12th - 13th when our section has its Spring meet.

Chairman Barnick will be hostess on April 20th at San Jose - breakfast flight and meeting.

Rita Hart will be interviewed on KPO March 5th, 10 a.m., and KGO March 10th, 3:30 p.m., regarding the 99's and early women pilots. This was arranged by Fran Grant to commemorate our 15th anniversary.

NEWSBRIEFS: A prospective 99 arrived Feb. 17th. John and Margaret Gerhardt are the proud parents of Miss Joann.*** Gee Bee Aero's planes are kept so busy, Marian Barnick had to use the airlines to Portland to visit her mother.*** Don and Helen Kelton will be third-time parents come summer.*** Betty Deuser Budde named her second son, born February 18th, Alan Fred.***Note from Coral Bloom of Fresno states she'll meet us in Bakersfield.*** Saturday, May 3rd is the date set for the wedding of Gerry Williamson and Charles Mickelson. Gerry has invited us to fly in, attend the wedding, reception and create an aerial cavalcade to wing them on their aerial honeymoon!

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Melba Beard
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Congratulations to Helen Hooper and Carolyn West for their very attractive and valuable little Chapter Year Book! It contains the names and addresses of national, sectional, and chapter officers and all members, meeting places and dates for the remainder of the year, and space for additions and notes.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m., for dinner in the Aviation Room of the Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel. The speaker will be none other than movie actor Dick Powell, accompanied by his agent Richard Krolik, on a topic not yet announced. A large gathering is expected, as the W.N.A.A. and local Order of Fifanella members have been invited to attend. Helen Hooper will be in charge of the meeting.

There will be a flight to Bakersfield on April 12 and 13 for the Sectional social meeting. Shortly afterward, on April 26, members and guests will gather at Cranford Airport near Artesia for a bit of hangar flying and hopping. Claire McMillen, who instructs at Cranford, is now free of her back cast and will be on hand.

May 24-25 is set aside for a flight to Santa Barbara, and on June 14 there will be a beach party at Bea Medes Newport Beach place (closest airport to be announced later). Sometime this spring there will also be a flight to Santa Paula, with details to be announced later. July and August will be left free for vacations, and on September 9 there will be a night business meeting and election of officers for the coming year.

Announcements will be sent out in ample time before each event, and members are strongly urged to reply accurately and promptly, especially where deposits are required of members or of the Chapter, and to notify those in charge of any change in plans.

Several of our girls are expecting to enter the transcontinental event of the All-Woman's Air Show sponsored by the Florida Chapter of the 99's and scheduled to take off from Palm Springs Airport on March 12. The lucky ones are Dianna Cyrus, flying her A-26, Barbara London, plane not announced, and our chairman Carolyn West and secretary Beatrice Medes in Carolyn's Ercoupe. The rest of us are either properly envious or harboring secret hopes.

New members transferring from other chapters and

sections should address their inquiries to membership chairman, Irene Slagel, 237A Spaulding Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif., phone CR 12273 or EX 1391. According to the national constitution transferring members must obtain a letter from their former chapter chairman or governor.

Dianna Cyrus missed our last flight for very good reasons. Dianna is now a co-pilot on the Eagle Airways, flying air freight between Lockheed Air Terminal and Seattle. We will try to get more details on this for the next letter. Dianna in turn is mighty proud of her newly acquired A-26, a famous bomber rigged up to be flown and operated by one person.

Those who read Mardo Crane's column "Flying Around" in Aviation News Beacon (Mardo is also the Woman's Editor), have the news on the flight to Pancho Barnes' Ranch. The weather was threatening but on arrival the desert was grand. Carolyn flew up in the Ercope with 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er Jack West, who was still unlimbering from an overnight flight from New York. Bea Medes and Roberta McCutcheon each flew in from Long Beach with a friend in BT-13's; your reporter rented her usual Cub; and Clema Granger and her son Harry came from Palm Springs in his BT-13. Others present were Helen Hooper, Mardo Crane, Helen Hope and her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er, Mary Quinlan and her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er, the twins Claire and Betty McMillen with their sister-in-law Joan (who got bucked off a horse), Louise Robertson and Bebe Story. Also present were 8 or 9 planes on breakfast flights or refuge from the weather. The girls to come from the Bay Cities were completely grounded, except for Marjorie Fauth who tried to break thru the haze and fog only to find it too much. We had a wonderful time and found the attractive rooms cozy and the food good.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Isabel C. Ebel
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San Diego 99'ers 'tended strictly to business in their February meeting. Finances, new members and meeting arrangements were the chief topics of conversation.

It was formally decided that our meetings hence forth shall be held at least once a month on the fourth Thursday. March 27th is scheduled for a dinner meeting at El Pico in Old Town at 7:00 p.m.

Ten of us led by Betty Lambert took a block of subscriptions to the "News Beacon" from Mardo Crane 99'er, Los Angeles, at a special rate of \$1.00 each per year.

Jessie Ostrander made the suggestion that it would be very helpful to transient 99'ers if each chapter had a telephone number officially listed in their local city directory. We have not yet been able to do anything on this subject, but pass it on for others to consider.

The refreshments served by Evy Briggs, our hostess, were a welcome climax to this very "businessy" meeting.

For the benefit of our out-of-town friends, the following notes are added on the activities of individual members: Evy Briggs has spent several months completely overhauling her Aeronca chief; Helen Abel and Evelyn Tomlinson have a G. I. primary flight training program in full swing at Sweetwater Springs Air Ranch; Betty Lambert and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er Art were the sole San Diego representatives at the Poncho Barnes Airport February 15th. Betty is a very busy instructor at the Plosser-Friedkin Academy of Advanced

Flying, Lindbergh Field, where G.I.'s men and women, are more than welcome along with civilian students for both private and advanced instructions. Betty is teaching "Instrument Rating", "Airline Transport Rating", "Ground Instruction Rating" and "G. I. Private Rating" courses.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Rose Wasil Jespersen
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Our February 13th meeting was held at the home of Margaret Vaughan, a charming hostess who served Old Fashions and Side Cars after our meeting.

Fourteen members and guests were present and we proceeded our business with a discussion of a potential landing strip on King's Island in the vicinity of Washington. Our members and all individuals who are interested in flying have also been informed of the new Seneca Air Club which is being organized in Maryland. This sounds like a lot of fun, girls, so let's back it.

Several of our 99'ers are planning on attending the All Women's Air Show, March 15. Good luck to you.

Our big event for the month of March is the first All Women's Aviation Banquet to be held Monday evening, March 10, at the Mayflower Hotel. Mrs. Blanche Noyes, CAA Air Marking Specialist, will officiate as Toastmistress. The honored guest speaker will be Jacqueline Cochran, famous woman pilot. Invited guests of honor include: Mrs. Jeannette Lempke Sovereign, President of the 99's; Miss Vivian Nemhauser, Vice President of the Women Flyers of America; Mrs. Clare Jo Marsh Stember, Former President of the Order of Pifinella (WASPS); Mrs. Alice Rogers Hager, President of the Women's National Press Club; Mr. Warren Francis, President of the National Press Club; Mr. Glenn L. Martin, President of the Glenn L. Martin Co; and Mr. W. T. Piper, President of the Piper Aircraft Corp.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Marie Bowers Miller
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The Feb. meeting of the Eastern Penn Chapter was held in Pottstown. Peggy Jane Betten was our hostess. We met at Peggy's apartment for cocktails. Those Daquiris were just the thing for such a cold, windy day. We later drove to the Lakeside Inn for a very delicious dinner. Place cards trimmed in red, white and blue with a tiny red plastic airplane attached really added to the table decorations and were also nice souvenirs.

Very little business was discussed as attendance was very small. Many of our members tried very hard to get to the meeting but were completely snowbound. The few of us who did manage to get there drove down in cars.

I was presented a very beautiful wedding gift by Peggy which came from the members. It turned out to be two beautiful sheets - so hard to get, too!

Sally Conley, the official reporter for this chapter, was not at the meeting as she was busy changing her name to Mrs. Warren Schreiner. We hear that she looked quite nice in a very pretty acqua suit. After the reception they were off for the Poconos. Best wishes, Sally!

Those present at the meeting were Peggy Jane Betten, Georgiana Sees, Hazel Heist, Franny Nolde, Leona McElroy and Marie Bowers Miller. Guests were Jean Elliott, who shares Peggy's stunning apartment, Tom Herdman and Richard H. Miller, my 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er.

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

SOUTHERN CHAPTER
By Mildred E. Morey
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We have lots of news about the "Southern" gals, pals, but it's mostly in the making. Our Northern half took off ahead of us in organizing. We'll try to match their refreshing burst of enthusiasm, once we get our heading. The Northern New England Chapter will be well taken care of in the handling of news and publicity, with the help of Alma Gallagher as reporter. Alma is a commercial pilot and flight instructor, and assistant publisher of the Laconia (N.H.) Evening Citizen.

Our whole Section is gathering speed in a drive for new members. Catherine Hiller led off with a Radio Program over Station WAAB, Worcester, Mass. on March 4th. The occasion was an NAA Round Table meeting and the topic was "Women's Place in Aviation". Catherine represented Airport Management and was introduced as a 99'er. One of the questions asked her was "Tell us something about the 99ers". A grand start and she made the most of it. A Worcester meeting of the Southern N. E. Chapter is planned for early this month, to follow up on this publicity. Our Section was represented at the New York Dinner-Dance, Feb. 14th, by Ann Cutler, Governor, who reported a wonderful party.

Lydia Rotch has checked out in the Seabee, with water rating, and is now demonstrating this so-called "he-man" ship for E. W. Wiggins Airways at Norwood. The company decided that, since Lydia is a small, slight girl, it would be good publicity to have her fly the ship. Pictures were taken which will be used, along with an article stating that a girl can fly it just like any other ship. Lydia still holds down the Chief Dispatcher's job at the Norwood Base. She writes "It keeps me plenty busy, even with two other dispatchers to help. We have over 200 regular students to schedule, 24 instructors and 30 or more ships. It's a big operation. Leaves me not much time to do instructing myself although I do have three regular students." We'll all be watching for those pictures, Lydia.

NORTHERN CHAPTER
By Alma Gallagher
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The Northern New England Chapter came into official existence at a supper and organization meeting at the Durham, N.H., home of Betty Condict, Feb. 17, with Betty and her Bass Point Seaplane base partner, Lillian Putnam, as co-hostesses.

Ruth F. Hamilton of Canterbury, N. H., veteran 99er, was elected the chapter's first chairman. Betty will be vice-chairman. Laura Murray of Penacook, N.H., was chosen secretary-treasurer, and Lillian is chairman of membership. Mrs. Henry M. Dingley, Jr., of Auburn, Me., was named chairman of membership for Maine.

The new chapter will cover Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont of the New England Section and alternate monthly meetings with the section. Larger membership with a good representation from the three states is the immediate goal.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Vivian Hoffman
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Even the weatherman, bestowing upon us a clear night (dry underfoot), cooperated in making our Eighteenth Annual Dinner-Dance at the Vanderbilt Hotel in New York City on Valentine's Day a success.

St. Valentine was well represented with bright red hearts as table decorations and tiny cupids grinning at us from place cards. In addition, the dance program with its gold metallic spinnable prop on the cover made a very nice table favor and souvenir.

We were delighted that Jeannette Sovereign and Belle Hetzel were able to attend. Also among guests of the evening Governor Kay Menges introduced were: Marjorie Davis, another of our national officers; four charter members of the Ninety-Nines -- Viola Cameron, Teddy Kenyon, Ruth Nichols and Margaret Cooper Manser; Jacqueline Cochran, who made it by flying in from Washington; all the way from Buffalo, Ethel Fedders, Chairman of the Western New York Chapter; Ann Cutler, Governor of the New England Section down from Needham, Mass.; Miss Jessie Chamberlain, president of the New York Women's Press Club; Mrs. Jessie Chamberlain, president of the Women's International Aeronautics Association and friend of the Ninety-Nines since the organization's inception at Roosevelt Field; Mrs. Marjorie Osbourne, president of the Music, Art and Drama Society of London, England, who attended in Lady Suzanne Wilkens' place; Tom Held, a pilot from way back; and Col. Hunt Smith, Wing Commander of the New Jersey CAP.

Viola Cameron's dogged efforts, even going as far as pursuing the young lady to her "Salute to Brooklyn" program at the Hotel St. George, brought us as Mistress of Ceremonies, Maggie McNellis and her partner Herb Sheldon of NBC's "Maggie's Private Wire". Maggie and Herb kept things humming after dinner as they distributed the many door prizes, among which was a first edition of "Under the North Pole" autographed by its author Lady Suzanne Wilkins and presented to Jeannette Sovereign by Mrs. Marjorie Osbourne. Coincidentally enough, Belle Hetzel's number was also drawn, winning for her one of the prettily packaged perfume sets. Prospective member Jo Medrick drew an Australian Opal brooch, which Mrs. Clara Adams had worn on one of her transport flights around the world. Another prospective member, Michelle Francis, drew a one year subscription to "Skyways" magazine.

Many thanks go to Nannette Spears, Wilhelmina Hanzlik and Marjorie Gray for their yeoman-like efforts in bringing in the major portion of ads for our dance program. Also, many thanks to all the gals who worked so hard and gave much of their time to make the dance the nice affair it was.

In the publicity end, it was good to hear the Ninety-Nines mentioned before and after the dance via "Maggie's Private Wire", and also to see Viola Cameron's picture in the New York Journal-American inviting Brooklyn Dodger, Dixie Walker, to the dance. Leave it to Viola!

Ex-Wasp and now an Associate Editor of "Skyways", Gene Landman, flew a Piper Cruiser on floats from the Edo Float Plant at College Point, Long Island to the recent Miami Air Races. For Gene's article and pictures on the trip, watch for the June issue of "Skyways".

Mrs. Amy Otis Earhart has accepted the invitation of the Florida Ninety-Nines to be guest of honor at the Tampa All Women Air Races and has asked her close friend Viola Cameron to accompany her. Since Mrs. Earhart now resides in Boston, Viola felt, should she be well enough, Mrs. Earhart would attend one of our future meetings. If certainly would be nice to meet her.

Kay Menges was recently guest of honor at the 58th Anniversary Luncheon of the Women's Press Club of New York and spoke briefly on the "Cooperation Among Women's Clubs". Also attending were Marjorie Gray and Viola Cameron.

A welcome to Mrs. Kathryn Torrey and her 49'er, who recently flew in from Denver in their Ercoupe. Mr. Torrey was head of the AOPA Unit out in Denver.

Also, a hi from Sue Wagner, who flew in from Detroit recently and extends an invitation to any of us who may hit Detroit in our travels.