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NEWS LETTER

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TROUTDALE-IN-THE-PINES

September 5-6-7, 1947

10:00 A.M. May 5th at 9,000' - Just passed over Omaha Nebraska non-stop via United to Chicago from Denver where I have spent the week-end with the members of the Colorado Chapter and I want to tell you that those girls are popping with ideas for entertaining you at Troutdale-in-the-Pines while you are attending the Annual Meeting, September 5-6-7th.

Horseback riding, mountain climbing, golfing, swimming, tennis, bad-minton, sight-seeing trips, barbecues, dancing and COWBOYS, both homegrown and college-imported.

Troutdale is turning itself inside out getting ready for you, dusting out all the corners, hanging new drapes, cleaning the silver, shining the cowboys' boots and fattening up a good supply of those delicious mountain trout for your breakfasts.

All the airports around Denver (and there are plenty of them) will be scanning the skies in every direction for NINETY-NINE planes and they are arranging space for all ninety-nine of them.

And, believe it or not, even the railroads are planning on you, too. I had a phone call from the Burlington the other day offering their fast streamliner service into Denver.

Whether you travel by private plane, airline, train, bus, auto or thumb, you will find Denver well serviced by all modes of transportation. Just get to Denver, then the Colorado NINETY-NINES will deliver you to Troutdale.

Plan to make this your vacation. Bring a prospective member, your 49 $\frac{1}{2}$, your mother or your whole family. Come early and stay late. The Convention rates will apply throughout.

O-o-o-o-h ! I am so excited !

INFORMATION, PLEASE! 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cards? Inquiries keep coming in about the cards for the 49 $\frac{1}{2}$'s, the history behind the cards, who is eligible to carry one, the meaning of the abbreviations, etc. So how about the originator of the card giving forth with the history and explanation in the June issue of the News Letter? If I remember correctly, I think a certain girl with that nice voice in a certain tower in South Carolina had something to do with it, Huh, Vera?

The 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ card is an idea that has taken hold. My husband is proud as Punch to show his card, even though neither he nor I know how to decipher it, nor do we know who furnished the supply. Proud, because it was given to him by the Michigan 99's and because he thinks all 99's are "tops".

Tell me, who did furnish the cards to Washington headquarters office? They have just a few left and will need a fresh supply very soon.

Jeannette Lempke Sovereign
Your President.

Dear Section Governors and Chapter Chairmen;

Jeannette Lempke Sovereign has given the Nominating Committee some space in her President's Column of the "News Letter" in order that we can start work on the nominations for the election of National Officers for the coming fiscal year of 1947-48. We are already a month late getting started, so your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

The Constitution now provides that both Section and Chapters send in names they wish to propose, direct to the Nomination Committee.

This year only one member must be elected for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. At present the members of the Committee are as follows:

Permanent trustee -	Alma Harwood
"	" - Margaret Manser
Term expires	8/31/49 - Ethel Sheehy
"	" 8/31/48 - Nancy Love
"	" 8/31/47 - Alice Hammond

Therefore, Alice Hammond is the only girl on the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Committee who is eligible for any candidacy this year in our election of National Officers and 1948 Committee Members. The term of a trustee on the Scholarship Fund is for a period of 3 years.

Jeannette Lempke Sovereign has completed two terms as president and Belle Hetzel has completed two terms as vice president of the Ninety-Nines, and they are therefore not eligible for re-election for those offices respectively. (Of course Jeannette L. Sovereign would be eligible for nomination for any other office and Belle Hetzel would be eligible for nomination for president, etc.)

Melba Beard is eligible for another term as secretary and Marjorie Davis is eligible for another term as treasurer because 1946-1947 is a first term for each.

Listed below are the candidates to be nominated:

President	1 name
Vice-President	1 name
Secretary	1 name
Treasurer	1 name
1948 Nominating Committee	1 name from your section
Scholarship Fund Committee	1 name

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

(Helen E. Jones, Chairman, 1947 Nominating Committee)
(7 Belfast Road, Timonium, Maryland)

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The following are the qualifications -

1. Applicant must be a 99
2. Must have total of 200 hours and hold Private rating or better
3. Must earn not less than \$500 per year nor more than \$2,500
4. Agrees to keep rating up for two years
5. Intends to work in the aviation field

At the National Meeting in September, I made the suggestion that each chapter choose one member who they think qualified and each section choose one member from the chapters choice, making eight eligible, from which the judges may make their selection. It is, however, up to them as to the manner in which they wish to make their choice, the scholarship committee to determine the method they think is fair and the type of award to be made.

METROPOLITAN SECTION

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Vivian Hoffmann
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Monday, April 14th, at Leone's. Order of the evening: Business (for a change).

After twenty-one hungry women did justice to one of Leone's excellent dinners, we were ready to listen to the reports of the evening from Jeanne Spielberg as to our financial condition, which is very gratifyingly in the blue; from Lois Fairbank, passing on the minutes of some of our more recent meetings; from Vivian Nemhauser, reporting on our collections for the Amelia Earhart Fund; and from Eileen Bristol for the Courtesy Committee.

Kay Menges came up with an idea for a prospective weekend fly-in meeting for June to Blairstown Airport. There's be flying, swimming, tennis, good food, etc. Sounds like fun!

The highlight of the evening was a most enthusiastic eye-witness account of the All-Woman Air Show at Tampa by Majorie Davis. She had us in stitches with the little side-lights of the show and her own comments. The account was ever so vivid and her enthusiasm over its success and the splendid way in which it was organized and went off was infectious.

The younger generation came in for their share of attention. A very novel birth announcement from Jeanne Oakes concerning her new 24 3/4er Susan Oakes born March 26th. Then news from Selma Cronan concerning the adoption of seventeen month old curly-headed twin boys--Jeff and Tom. Just call her "Mama" these days.

It was good to welcome Alma Harwood back East. Her visit to Betty Gillies sounded very interesting and news concerning Betty's condition certainly is heartening these days.

Also present, all the way from Buffalo, was Ethel Fedders.

Among our flyin' gals these days we have Rosemary Kraemer planning to cross-country to Boston in a PT-19 soon and Yvette Hyatt having passed her 100th hour after a 300 mile cross-country to Charlottesville, Virginia.

Among those present for our business meeting were Fleur-de-lys Losch, Viola Gentry, Betty Pettit, Marjorie Gray, Kathryn Torrey (her brave 49ther too), Amy Andrews, Marjorie White, Mary Reifschneider, and Margaret Manser.

JAMESTOWN CHAPTER

By Jeanne Weakley
45 Fourteenth Street, Jamestown, New York

We are all excited about the latest attempt to promote interest in aviation among the women fliers of this area. In case you haven't heard about it I'll give with a few details.

The Winnah!!!----will receive a silver cake plate for flying into the greatest number of airports.

Jamestown, New York must be one of the airports for of course we want to meet our fellow Ninety-Niners.

Send for an Official Contest Log Book if you are based at the All Ohio, Western Penn., Western New York, or Jamestown New York Chapters. OR if you are residing within 150 miles of Jamestown, New York.

Enroll any time, the contest runs all summer.

Take your vacation in the air and be a Flying Gypsy.

Come to Jamestown, New York you will find us "Friendly Neighbors".

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Rose Wasil Jespersen
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Our April 29th meeting was held at the Versailles Room at the Cafe Parisienne. The guest speaker for the evening

was Mrs. Alice Rogers Hager, President of the Women's National Press Club. She talked about the "Challenge of Atomic Energy" and the economic crisis that aviation is going through during the present day. She also told of some of her experiences in China and India when she was a War Correspondent.

There were 15 members and guests present and among the widely known 99 members was our famous Air Marking Specialist, Blanche Noyes.

Our Chairman, Jean Howard called the meeting to order and a report of our March banquet was given. Jean also gave us a report on the Amputees Flying Club that's organized in the Washington Area. Our Chairman asked for five 99's to act as Hostesses at the Versailles room which is sponsored by the NAA's in Washington. The room is open for aviation groups and their activities.

The Washington Area is having an Air Show at Hybla Airport Alexandria, Virginia on May 11, and our group is expecting to operate a concession stand on that day. The program sounds real exciting and we hope you can all attend.

Lucille Doll a 99'er from Kansas City has transferred to our group - welcome Lucille. And at the same time we are losing Mozelle Simpson back to the Oklahoma Section. Orchids are due our own Jane Straughn an ex-WASP for presenting her 49½'er with twin boys. Mother and sons are doing fine but she has her hands full!

Our next meeting is a joint breakfast flight on May 25th. We have asked the WASPS and Women Flyers of America to be our guests. Let's see you all there, girls, as we have decided to disband summer meetings until September.

EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Sally Schreiner
Roosevelt Apartments, Philadelphia 3, Penna.

Our April meeting, at Allentown, was held at Dot Leh's beautiful new home, which some of us have been waiting to see since it was just a gleam in Dot's eye. At our meeting with Dot last year, she took us through the house, which was then only partially built. We were practically breathless at the charmingly complete home we found just a year later. One of the largest gatherings we have ever had at a meeting enjoyed the beautiful surroundings and one of Dot's always luscious meals.

A surprise visit from our national president, Jeannette Lempke Sovereign, added a great deal of interest to our meeting. We were glad to hear some first hand news of some of the other Ninety-Nine chapters and to have a chance to discuss some of our own problems with the president.

As our principal speaker, we were privileged to have Mr. William Anderson, Executive Director of the State Board of Aeronautics for Pennsylvania. Mr. Anderson gave us some interesting statistics on the progress of airport construction in Pennsylvania. With air marking such a vital issue at the present time, Mr. Anderson's remarks on that subject were something of an eye-opener. In a year and a half, using civic organizations and offering to supply all materials, planning and engineering, the State of Pennsylvania was able to secure only about fifty air markers. Taking matters into its own hands, the State Aeronautics Board has since last fall, provided 150 markers and has 300 more contracted for this spring. Looks as though there is still far too little interest in this air marking program. Ninety-Niners have done a lot of campaigning on this subject, but,--there's still a need for a lot more work along this line. In connection with the air marking program here in the state, maps are being issued showing the location of air marked towns as well as 165 fire towers which have been numbered as landmarks. These maps, which are intended to supplement the regular section charts, will also have an airport directory on the back including not only the name and location of airports, but length and surface of runways, distance and direction from towns,

services offered, and the name and telephone number of the operator. Sounds like a pretty useful thing to have along when flying over Pennsylvania.

We were particularly impressed with Mr. Anderson's account of the enforcement program carried out by the state in connection with Civil Air Regulations. Air traffic violations are handled through the State Police under the direction of five full time specialists, who are supplemented by 1500 regular state police. Mr. Anderson stressed the idea that spotting of air violations is a ground job. He has not as yet found any valid reason for using planes in connection with this work. His theory is "Keep the "Buck Rogers" idea out of enforcement of air violations. Treat enforcement as routine criminal investigation with as little publicity as possible." The soundness of this attitude is borne out by a record of 69 convictions out of 71 complaints. The future safety of flying is aided by the Pennsylvania program also. Photographs are taken of all crashes. These are forwarded to the CAB and to Dr. De Haven at Cornell University who is conducting research on air accidents.

After Mr. Anderson's talk, Dot introduced her brother, Col. Backenstowe, AAF (MC). Dr. Backenstowe, who has had long experience as a C.A.A. examiner, as well as an Army flight surgeon, stressed the importance of having a complete physical examination, and said that a pilot should demand a complete physical for his own safety. He commented on the fact that, just as combat pilots were required to rest after a certain number of missions, civilian pilots should recognize the fact that they are not at all times at their peak as far as flying is concerned and should govern themselves accordingly, staying on the ground when they are not in the very best physical condition or when their judgment may be impaired due to prolonged flying activity or to unusual stress. Col. Backenstowe paid a tribute to the girls who flew with the WASPS and had the highest praise for their ability and their contribution to the war effort.

Our next meeting will be held in connection with the Philadelphia Air Races which will take place at Northeast Airport on May 30, 31st, and June 1st. Notices of the exact time and place will be sent soon. For those 99'ers who wish to read up on "whirligigs" we suggest the following books:

1. The How of the Helicopter, Alfred H. Stevens, Jr.; Cornell Maritime Press
2. The Helicopters are Coming, C.B.F. Macauley; McGraw-Hill Book Company
3. Anything a Horse Can Do, Col. H.F. Gregory; Reynal and Hitchcock, Inc.
4. The Story of the Helicopter, Devon Francis; Coward McCann, Inc.
5. Pioneering the Helicopter, "Les" Morris, McGraw Hill Book Company
6. "Cocky" The Little Helicopter, (cartoon) Jack Alden, Rand McNally Company
7. The Flying House, (cartoon) Ruth and Latrobe Carroll, Macmillan Company
8. Also recommended: American Helicopter magazine, 32 East 57th Street, N.Y.C. (all back issues from 1st issue of December, 1945 are available) (The February, 1947 issue carries an article on the Ninety Nines and photos of 99'ers of the Eastern Penn Chapter. Back issues 35¢ a copy plus 5¢ postage)

WESTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Juanita Pritchard
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Stunned surprise gripped the Western Penn. chapter of the 99's with the news of the death of Gerhart "Gary" Porter, 49½'er and husband of Helen Porter, retired chairman. Gary, expert aviator fell to his death flying the mail pick-up for All American at Bellefonte, Pa. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Helen at her irreplaceable loss. Words are meaningless things at a time like this but I know all of us whether you knew or knew of Helen, want to say "I'm deeply sorry Helen, you have our utmost sympathy."

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Alma Gallagher
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Northern New England Chapter's first fly-in meeting found good flying weather and everyone coming by plane to be the guests of Lucille Dingley at her Auburn, Maine, home for a luncheon meeting April 26th.

Point of arrival and departure was the Auburn-Lewiston municipal airport of which Lucille is manager as well as operating a busy flying service and school, Sky Harbor, at the airport which was a Navy field during the war.

Chairman Ruth Hamilton gave the group information which she had gathered from CAA and state aeronautics commissions in regard to air marking which the chapter has adopted as a project. First goal will be to restore roof top markers that were obliterated as defense precaution during the war. New Hampshire members will make an aerial survey of their state to compile a list of sites where air marking is most needed at the next meeting of the chapter in May at the Rumford Coffee house in Concord.

Second Tuesday of each month was voted as meeting date for the chapter. The girls have been invited to Bass Point Seaplane base on Blaisdell lake, Bradford, N.H., for a June fly-in meeting.

Ruth with her dog, Prop Wash, and Laura Murray flew in from Penacook, N. H., Vida Grant, veteran 99-er, with a guest, Mary LaJoie, came by Super Cruiser from Augusta, Maine, Lillian Putnam and Betty Condict with Betty's nine months old son Phil arrived in their new Super Cruiser which will soon be shifted to floats for summer operation at Bass Point. Lois V. Smith of Plane Torque and Alma Gallagher flew in from Laconia, New Hampshire.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Mildred Morey
Sunset Road, Marblehead, Massachusetts

April 20th: SNOW ON THE FORSYTHIA!!!!

All our thrilling plans for the big Sectional meeting at Providence were iced up when ol' man weather pulled a snowstorm out of the bag. Thirteen hardy souls gritted their teeth and reached the scene, however, and were happily rewarded for their faith. Gertrude Meserve Tubbs saved the day for the superstitious by bringing in her little son, Bradford to make the 14th guest at the table.

Gathered at the "Blue Moon" for luncheon were the following members and their guests: Louise Sisson of Edgewood; Moya Mitchell of Medford; Maurine Thomas of Canton; Ann Cutler (Governor) of Needham; Mildred Morey of Marblehead; Louise Howard of Canton; Gertrude Meserve Tubbs of East Greenwich; Regina Winoza, guest of honor, of Toulon, France, and her friend Janet Donaldson of Byfield, Mass.; Myra Houle of Johnston; Kaye Hunt of Providence; Mary Ann Lippitt of Lippitt Aviation, Hills Grove Airport, Providence; and Necia Pepper of Providence.

We all had our pictures taken in a group, by Louise Sisson's husband, who hoped we'd at least shiver in unison so the film wouldn't blur.

Miss Winoza, whose work with the French Resistance Movement in the South of France won her the Cross of War and a citation from Charles de Gaulle, in 1945, has been invited to join the 99's. She has until June 20th to remain in this country and hopes to become a citizen. In four years, flying aerobically, she participated in 46 air meets in France and other countries, and in 1937 was decorated by the French Minister of Sport Education. And with all this, Regina is a grand entertainer, just loads of fun.

During the business meeting a poll was taken to decide as to the most convenient time for all members to get to meetings. The consensus of opinion was that the middle of the week is better for meetings than week-ends, as Sundays are the busiest days for our instructor or commercial members.

Rose Crowley Abbott was incapacitated by poison oak on her hands (her 49ther, Bill, was hospitalized with it), and this prevented her attendance at the meeting. Rose wrote of meeting Peg Parish of the Connecticut Chapter, an ex-WASP, while skiing on Bolton Mountain, Vermont, the week before. Louise Sisson had just returned from a visit with Hortense Harris in Champaign, Illinois. Hortense has taken delivery on a new Fairchild. How about a return visit to the East, Hortense? We all miss you so very much.

Ann Cutler is training the Randolph (Mass.) Wing and Cadet Scouts in the way that they should go. On March 6th she gave them a pep talk on "Advantages and Opportunities in the field of Aviation Today".

The next Southern Chapter meeting is May 17th at one noon, at Westfield Airport, Mass. - Eve Sathory promises fun.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Dorothy Hutcheson
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The April meeting of the Illinois Chapter of 99's was held April 10th at Chicago Municipal Airport, in the airport managers office.

Some of the members went to the tower before the meeting to observe operation of the new G.C.A., - Chicago being one of the first municipal airports in this country to use this system.

Dorothy Hutcheson was appointed reporter for the chapter. Discussion was held on the possibilities of obtaining a permanent meeting place in the Loop. The ideal solution would be a permanent club-room available to all aviation groups in this area. Reservations could be made in advance for club meetings. It was interesting to learn that two of our members, Doris Langher and Faith Buchner, were fortunate enough recently to observe I.L.S. approaches from the jump seat of a United Airlines DC3. Lorraine Ratz brought pictures showing some of the havoc wrecked by our recent windstorm, which brought winds up to 87 m.p.h. More than one airplane was tossed right over on its back, even though in one case, the tail tie-down remained secure. You can imagine the result.

After the business meeting was adjourned, refreshments were served in the airport coffee shop.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Ruth Colwell
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We had our last meeting in North Vernon, April 13th. There were 21 in attendance - fifteen members, two husbands, one son and three guests.

Betty Cull was our hostess and had a lovely luncheon for us at Muscotacuck State Park Inn. After luncheon the meeting was held. Airmarking was mentioned but very little has been accomplished by our members. Girls get busy!

Entry to the State Fair this fall was discussed at great length and Esther Latham agreed to find out who was going to have plane exhibits and see if we could have our booth in conjunction with them.

A proposed meeting with Q. B.'s was brought up by Jessie Von Leer and Helen Daniels to be held in Terre Haute, the

first Saturday in June. Arrangements will be made for dinner and the meeting is to be held in a hotel at Terre Haute.

Next meeting is to be held in Anderson, May 18, 11:30.

We then went to the airport to watch take offs of those who flew in. Naomi Jennings and Vethia Funkhouser flew in from Brightwood Airport, Indianapolis; Charlotte Darlington from Anderson; Joan Ferguson and guest from Anderson; Myrtle Cox and Jean Godfrey from Winchester; Marie Thompson and Helen Daniels from Terre Haute and Jessie Von Leer and husband from Terre Haute.

Olive Tuttle and her husband have moved to Chicago to live. We sure are sorry to see her go and will miss her.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Thelma C. Lindsay
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The April meeting in Grand Rapids with Owen Walker and her mother, Mrs. D. I. J. Walker as hostesses was an outstanding success. Ninety-Nines, 49^{ers} and guests enjoyed dinner on Saturday night at the Rowe Hotel, after which Mr. Thomas Walsh talked to us and expressed his appreciation of what women in aviation organizations were doing for the betterment of aviation in general. A number of persons well known in aviation were introduced and spoke briefly. On Sunday morning Governor Kim Sigler flew in in his new Cessna and joined us for breakfast. He told us that women in the Ninety-Nines were helping greatly to make the airplane as commonplace as the automobile, by accepting and using the new in transportation. That he was looking forward to the day when his daughter Madelon receives her pilots license and can become a member of the Ninety-Nines. Jeannette Lempke Sovereign presented the Governor with a walking stick given by Mr. Roy Taylor, Pres. Flottorp Propeller Mfg. Company, and made of the same material used in their propellers. Gwne was master of ceremonies, and after the meeting introduced every one to the Governor as he had expressed a wish to meet each one personally.

Prospective members in attendance were Barbara and Helene Walsh, Grand Rapids, Margaret Windfuhr, Lansing and Mary Ryason of Kalamazoo.

Helen Anderson, our Chairman conducted a business meeting after breakfast, at which time Alice Hammond told of plans for the North Central Sectional meeting to be held in Detroit May 24th and 25th, and made announcement of committee heads. Plans are progressing nicely and we would be so happy to have Ninety-Nines from each of the nine States of which the North Central Section is comprised. Blanche Noyes, our sister Ninety-Nine and CAA Air Marking Specialist is coming from Washington to be our main speaker at the banquet on Saturday night. Mr. Wm. B. Stout, well known car and plane designer, will act as toast master. The Michigan Chapter members will take care of a reception and information booth at the Aircraft Show, Detroit City Airport during Michigan Aviation Week and will sell programs to make money for the Earhart Scholarship Fund. A business meeting will be held on Sunday morning, with an early lunch in Canada for those who can stay. The June meeting is to be held in Lansing with Babe Weyant Ruth as hostess, and Eloise Smith invited us to Austin Lake for a noon picnic and July meeting. Jeannette Sovereign announced the time and place for the Annual meeting - sounds like a grand location and lots of fun.

Gloria Lynch now has her instructors rating and is with the Grote Flying Service at City Airport - also has an Aeronica Club of 20 members she is instructing. Last month she delivered two Stinsons to customers in Dallas, Texas.

Nite and Leslie Berry flew their new Stinson up from Florida last week. Helen Pelto is having a grand time at Lake Worth, Florida. A letter says she and Alberta Jones Kort, another Michigan member, had fun on a picnic.

Lolita Boyd of Jackson is now at Olivet College - soon be vacation time again and will be glad to see all of our school girl members. Sue Wagner has been flying a Moth from Windsor airport recently.

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Lavon Martin
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News! News! Lots of it and will cover two meetings in one this time.

Our March meeting was made a surprise party on newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sig (the lady in the case being our Vice Chairman Betty Green). We brought our own food and were met at the door by the groom. "Stan" obligingly put the rabbit they were preparing to cook back into the ice-box and partook of our meatloaf offering. Betty says he already has his 49^{er} card. Looks as though he will be a good addition to the club for he knew immediately who we were. It was a grand turnout and another real occasion for our memory book.

Also in March our chapter was invited to attend the annual aviation dinner of the Women's Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Louis R. Inwood, the new Aviation Commissioner for Kansas City, was guest speaker. The attendance of many prominent men and women made it a very interesting event. Our Chairman, Marie Page, was a guest at the speaker's table and the 99's has a table reserved for them. We were proud of our turnout. Those who were able to attend included Beverly Mackey, Lois Jean Brown, Anna Marie Hinkley (who we are happy to welcome as a new member), Vera Van Horn Hill, Shirley Booshard, Jeanie Pruitt, Eileen Root (another new addition who gives promise of becoming one of our most active members), Betty Cox, Lavon Martin, Eileen Caraway, and Betty Sig.

Our April meeting was a breakfast at the airport. Everyone always enjoys the informality of those meetings. Ann Pierson resigned as secretary and Eileen Root was elected the new secretary. These new members are really proving valuable. A dinner meeting to which husbands or one guest can be invited is planned for our May meeting, the first of its kind we have ever held. Our speaker will be Charles Dailey, Airport Manager. A full report will be made next month about the dinner.

Round the country flights: Eileen Caraway (who always manages to look like a combination movie actress and model from Vogue) and 49^{er} to the East Coast in their Stinson; yours truly and 49^{er} to the West Coast. And we hope a lot of us will be able to attend the National Meeting in Colorado come September 5.

We were very sorry to hear that Lucille Doll was ill in the hospital and hope this Newsletter finds her on the road to a speedy recovery.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

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

The April meeting of the All-Ohio Chapter Ninety-Nines was held in Columbus on Sunday, April 20th at Ohio State University. A large number of the members and their 49^{ers} were also present at the Neil House, Columbus, on Saturday night at an Aviation Day Banquet, sponsored by the Columbus Jaycees and honoring "Captain" Eddie Rickenbacher. The Ninety-Nines were in charge on the decorations, and the Columbus girls who did the work really did a very fine job of it, and received a very nice vote of recognition from Captain Eddie. Many of the members flew in on Saturday but were forced to leave their ships behind and return home either by train or liner on Sunday, as the weather played its usual prank on us. We're still working hard on the air-marking project, and although far from reaching our goal, each meeting we receive a report of one or more towns which have been marked.

Instead of our usual meeting which is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month, our May meeting will be held in Detroit with the rest of the girls in the North Central Section. Details of this meeting are still lacking as this goes to press, but the Ohio members will receive official notification of this meeting sometime in the very near future. The dates are the 24th and 25th of May, the place, Detroit, and the rest of the information will come later! See you in Detroit.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Jeannette C. Kapus
2135 W. McKinley Avenue, Milwaukee 5, Wisconsin

Our April meeting was held on the 20th at the home of Dora Fritzsche. Ninety-Nines present were: Betty Glawe, Ruth Lembke, Dora Fritzsche, Carolyn Peiling, Mayetta Wiedemann, Necia Patterson, Trixie Gehrunge, Dottie Christensen, Margaret Sliker, Elsie Peters, and Dido Heise.

The Sectional Meeting the 24th and 25th of May at Detroit has us all a-flutter. It was the main topic of conversation at our meeting. Nine or ten of the girls are flying over--if the weather permits. Elsie Peters told of the wonderful times she had at meetings at Detroit--which has made us all the more eager to spread our wings in that direction.

Glad to see Necia Patterson up and around again.

Ruth Lembke told of visiting New York and seeing the sights of 'that big city'.

Dottie Christensen and Ruth Lembke flew to Mid-City Airport on the WCAC Breakfast Flight and had a wonderful time.

Ruth Reilly McCubbins and hubby are leaving Honolulu and planning to build in Fairbanks, Alaska. That gal sure gets around.

After a very delicious luncheon, we adjourned for the evening.

Our next meeting will be held May 18th at the home of Peg Fiebrantz.

NORTHWESTERN SECTION

SEATTLE CHAPTER

By Dorothy Wheeler
1901 South 104 Street, Seattle, Washington

We have really been busy gals lately--planning our essay contest, trying to make money and, of course, flying.

Ten hours of dual flying instruction is the prize for the best 500-word essay on "What Private Aviation Means to Seattle." The contest which will close May 7, is open to boys or girls 16 years of age or older attending Seattle high schools. We have had wonderful cooperation from the Seattle papers, and radio stations on the contest.

To finance our contest we are raffling 5 hours of free solo time.

Herb Munter, vice president of West Coast Airlines was our speaker at the April meeting. Mr. Munter showed us movies of his many experiences in Alaska, and told us hair-raising tales of early flying in the Northwest and Alaska. Through the courtesy of Washington Aircraft, we were shown a movie of the Aeronca factory in Middletown, Ohio. We all had a wonderful time and everyone agreed it was the best meeting of the year.

Two important events took place on April 25th. Our chairman, Lindy Miskell, had a 8lb. 5 oz. bouncing baby boy. Despite being a new mother, Lindy conducted 99 business

from her bedside phone. We had our first twilight flight of the year April 25th. Nine girls flew into Kent Airpark from surrounding fields, and Virginia Johnston treated all to coffee. Mike Miskell, the proud papa, passed around the most tasty box of candy.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Northwestern Section plan to have their spring Sectional meeting May 22, in Seattle Washington. Hope to see you all then.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Byrdie McBride
Cedar Rapids, Nebraska

Our meeting was held the second Sunday of the month at Crete.

It so happened that it was a grand day to fly.

Belle Hetzel and Bea Mack, flew in from Omaha in Bea's Taylorcraft. Marguerite Durbin flew her Cessna from North Platte. Helen Bass and 49½'er and Carl, flew in from Malvern, Iowa in their Cub Cruiser. Marjorie McBride and guest, Valair Latka, flew a Cub from Omaha. Byrdie McBride, her father and Jim McBride, flew in from Cedar Rapids, Nebraska in their Cub. Pearl Livermore and Teresa Reeh drove from Blair with 49½'er Ben Reeh. Marie Whitchita was unable to attend due to a bad cold. By the way, Marie's engagement has been announced to Jack Falke of Kansas City. She will be married June 14th and they will make their home in Kansas City.

When we landed at Crete we were taken by a man at the airport to Mrs. Johnson's home. After everyone had arrived we went to the Crete Hotel for breakfast. All during breakfast everyone was telling about their trip to Crete. After breakfast we went to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's home. The Johnson's have a very lovely family and home.

Our meeting was over about 3:30, we returned to the airport and took off one after another.

Our next meeting is to be held at the Bass Airport located near Malvern, Iowa. Let's hope the weather is good.

OKLAHOMA CITY CHAPTER

By Elizabeth Sewell
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Despite the liquid sunshine that frequently falls upon us each Spring in Oklahoma, our regular meeting at Municipal Airport on April 13th was a gathering of familiar faces enjoyed by everyone. Among those present were, Broneta Davis, Ida Carter, Gale East, Mary Francis, Ruth Jones, Billie Lum, Dorothy Morgan, Elizabeth Sewell, Velma Woodward and Beth Smith. We had one guest, Bonnie Mitchell, of Yukon, Oklahoma, whom we hope will join us soon.

Our breakfast table was brightened by the beautiful cut flowers brought by Velma Woodward, later raffled off for our Amelia Earhart fund and won by Ruth Jones. After breakfast we adjourned to the office of National Aviation Underwriters (thanks to the generosity of Gale East and her husband Dave) and got down to business.

Plans were made for a statewide meeting of 99's and women pilots to be held in Oklahoma City on June 15th. The annual election of State officers and Unit officers will take place at this event. We hope to have the largest meeting of women pilots ever assembled since the re-organization of the Oklahoma Chapter. Further plans, which may possibly include an air show, will be worked out at the next meeting on May 11th in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Members will meet for breakfast at 10 o'clock in the cafe at Hanger No. 1 of Chickasha's Municipal Airport. We'd like to see as many there as possible.

April 20th was a lucky day for two of our members. Gale East placed first in the Spot Landing Contest of the Air Show held at Tulakes Airport in Bethany. Yvonne Warfield entered the contest too in a Cessna 140 and recently joined the Oklahoma City Aviation Club, sponsors of the Sunrise Breakfast and air show. That same afternoon, down at Chickasha, Lucille Erwin won the Spot Landing Contest in the final run-off between the guys and gals at the big all-day air event which was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Chickasha Aviation Club. It did our hearts good to watch her bring her Cessna 140 in 16 yards closer than her male opponent. There is still a surprised look on the face of John Q. Public when he watches a woman fly an airplane.

Yvonne Warfield has done a lot of hard work helping in the hospitals since the Woodward tornado disaster, and we missed her at our last meeting. She's a registered nurse and we are happy to have her as our newest member.

Just glancing through the Ninety-Nine Newsletter leads me to believe there is plenty of activity going on and more to come. We'd like to have 99's from other chapters visit us sometime or plan a good get-together. I enjoyed talking with Neva Rae from Kansas City a few weeks ago and regret bad weather spoiled our luncheon trip to Tulsa. Perhaps this summer we'll all get to see a lot more of each other. Any suggestions? Let us hear from you!

TULSA CHAPTER

By Jewell Wolfe
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We have proved we can swing a paint brush as well as any sign painter. Yeah that's right -- we air-marked our first town and we feel pretty doggone proud of ourselves -- we can recommend air-marking to anyone because it can be a lot of fun. Of course there were a few incidents, such as a flat tire, sunburns, and even worse -- having to run around with a big X painted across the seat of our coveralls just because a few of the girls got the bright idea to stand on the ground with a paint brush in their hand and paint us as we came down the ladder, but excluding that, everything went fine. We used aluminum paint for our undercoat and a bright yellow for the top coat. We had "templates" to lay out our letters and it took us approximately eight hours to complete the job. We gave the name of the town, longitude and latitude the mileage and direction to the nearest airport. We furnished the paint and brushes for this one but from now on we will try to encourage the towns to furnish the paint and we will do the painting. We plan on doing several more during the summer months.

April marked our first year since organizing our chapter here in Tulsa. We celebrated with a birthday party and had a birthday cake with one candle. We hope the coming year will prove as successful for us as the last.

By the way, if any of you gals ever fly over Coweta, Okla., have a look at our air-marker.

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Mildred Miller
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A meeting of the Central Texas Ninety-Nines was held at Waco, Texas, April 20th. The following attended: Verna Burns, Helen Johnson Wheeler, Rowena Burns, and Willie Mae Smith (guest), of Fort Worth, Gladys Kefauver and Ruby Thompson (and two of her students) of Dallas, and Mildred Miller of Austin. After landing at Municipal Field, a bus carried everyone in to town and we enjoyed a wonderful chicken dinner.

Verna announced that the 99's of Texas have been invited to attend and participate in an Air Show to be held at Mid-West airport in Fort Worth during the latter part of May.

Mrs. Ruth McClure, a new 99 member, and her husband own the airport and have offered to furnish Aeronca Champion's and gas for the 99's. Announcements will be sent to all Texas members as soon as the date is set.

All the girls in Texas are looking forward to the National meeting to be held in September. Abbie Haddaway of Fort Worth, who runs the Abbie Haddaway Travel Service, informs us that she can charter a 21 passenger DC-3 out of Fort Worth to Denver, and the round trip will be \$59.50 each (providing the plane is full) as against \$81.88 on scheduled airliner. Sounds like a good deal, and all girls who are interested in this should write Abbie in care of the Blackstone Hotel, Fort Worth.

Fort Worth will be host to the National NAA Convention, with headquarters at the Blackstone Hotel, June 2, 3, and 4th. They will furnish two luncheons, dinner, barbecue and rodeo for a \$15.00 registration fee. Abbie can give you more information on this, too.

The South Central Section will have a sectional meeting in August, with the Oklahoma Girls being hostesses. We in Texas shall look forward to paying a return visit to Oklahoma, and renewing our friendships with those who are attending the meeting held in San Antonio in February.

NOTICE*****Attention all girls who attended the Women's Aviation Convention held in San Antonio, February, 1947. THE COMET magazine, in the April issue, carries thirteen pictures taken at the convention, and any girl who wishes a copy can obtain one by mailing 25¢ to THE COMET, P. O. Box 515, San Antonio 6, Texas. Here is your chance to see yourself as others see you.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Anne Fishburne
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The last meeting was held at the home of Betty Hamilton in Charlotte on April 27th. I am very sorry I wasn't able to get to the meeting, but transportation difficulty popped up.

Dot Shackelford has written me about what went on at the meeting. Dot and her 49½'er Harry and Caroline and Les Hembel flew up from Columbia. Louise and Herman Smith from High Point, Vera Self drove in from Spartanburg, Lucile Greenwood from Wadesboro who brought with her a guest, Byrd and Paul Eaton and Betty and Jim Hamilton from Charlotte. Betty had a beautiful party, a buffet luncheon starting off with frozen daiquiries, and Betty's attractive daughter, Pat, was home from college to help serve. After lunch two interesting movies were shown. One about the Phantom, the Navy jet fighter, the other about aerial fighting in the pacific theater.

The next meeting is to be in S. C. in July but where was not decided. We'll let you know later. Discussed at the meeting was the problem of what to do with you girls who didn't bother to send back the addressed half of the double cards sent out as meeting notices. Betty couldn't get any idea as to how many were coming. Shame on you!!

I'm sorry Byrd and Paul Eaton couldn't come to Charleston for the Azalea Festival. The Air Show held on April 20th was really a big one. An estimated crowd of 30,000 were on the airport. The Army had P-80's, A-26's, and P-51's participating. The Navy and Marines had Corsairs, The Blue Angels from Jacksonville and F7F's. Woody Edmonston performed in his clipped wing Monocoupe and Bevo Howard in his clipped wing Cub and his German made Jungmeister. A fly-by of Post war light planes was featured. Sorry you all missed it.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Ruth Rueckert

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As guests of Chairman Marion Barnick, at the airport restaurant, San Jose Airport, the following members and guests sat down to breakfast on April 20,; Gerry Williamson, her fiancé, "Mick" Mickelson, her sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Bill Smith, all of who flew down from Marysville in Gerry's Bellanca; Jan Moffatt, pilot of a Culver Cadet, and Ruth Movchan, pilot of a T-Craft, both of whom flew in from Hayward; Florence Emig and Arline Baker, employees of Gee Bee Aero, the latter a prospective member; John and Margaret Gerhardt; Dorothy Estep; Frances Grant and Ruth Rueckert. As we adjourned to our meeting room, Governor Marjorie Fauth landed in her Cessna 140, which she had flown in from Marin County Airport. Florence and Arline were called to work, so were unable to sit in at the meeting, which has called to order by Chairman Barnick. Marjorie Fauth gave a report on the Bakersfield April 12th 13th weekend meet - a good time was had by all! Our chapter was represented by Marjorie and Ena Ayers, Cessna; Adele and 49¹/₂er Jules Chase, Ercoupe; Gerry Williamson, Rita Hart, Eleanor Verkuyl and "Mick" Mickelson, Bellanca; Al Hart and Pete Verkuyl, Cessna.

Announcement that the National Annual Meeting would be held in Denver on September 6th, 7th and 8th aroused cheers for the site, so close to the west coast!

The June meeting was set for the 20th at San Jose Airport, dinner and aerial movies, for members and guests.

The May 3rd winging party to Marysville to attend the noon wedding of Geraldine Williamson and Charles Mickelson, the reception and the masstakeoff to wing the couple on their aerial honeymoon was attended by; Eleanor Verkuyl, who played the organ for the ceremony; Rita and Al Hart, who flew their Ryan; Marjorie Fauth, flying her Cessna with Ena Ayers as guest. Margaret and John Gerhardt; and Ruth, Marsha and Fred Rueckert. Ethel and Bill Sheehy flew their Luscombe in from Mendocino. It was a beautiful wedding, and gay reception. The wedding cake was topped by a miniature Bellanca, made by Mick. The guests accompanied the happy couple to the airport to see them aboard the Bellanca. Mick was a qualified co-pilot as he received his Private license on the second of May. It was our first aerial wedding! Good luck and happy landings, Gerry and Mick!

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Melba Beard

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The month started off gaily with a social gathering of the Southwestern Section at Bakersfield, April 12-13, attended by about 40 members, guests and husbands. High winds prevented planes from taking off but did not daunt the Los Angeles chapter girls, who proceeded to drive to Elynor Rudnick's Bakersfield Airpark, 1¹/₂ miles south of the town on Highway 99. The party then drove to Kern County Park for a wonderful barbecue. On Sunday morning the group was treated to breakfast at the home of Kay Van Doozer. Los Angeles Chapter members attending were, Chairman Carolyn West, Beatrice Medes, Mardo Crane, Helen Hooper, Elizabeth Watson, Dianna Cyrus, and Betty McMillen and her mother.

The Bakersfield chapter is composed of Chairman Betty Thompson, formerly from Massachusetts; Jerry Tribble Ivosevic, former Arkansas member; Elynor Rudnick; Adelaide Shafer, and Kay Van Doozer. Kay has developed an attractive line of aviation gifts - she will make to order several sizes of small boxes suitable for cigarettes, etc., covered attractively with airway maps.

The month's second meeting was for lunch and business at Cranford Airport, east of Artesia. It proved to be almost a "treasure hunt", due to the difficulty experienced by

some in finding the place - the surrounding territory being dotted with small unmarked towns accompanied by small unmarked airports. Cranford airport, once it was located, turned out to be a nice place with generous runways, lots of hangars, a new and inviting office and lounge, and a spic and span cafe where substantial snacks could be had. Claire and Betty McMillen made the arrangements, Betty coming down from Bishop for the meeting. She said the Bishop airport was fixing up some nice little places to stay should the girls be flying up.

Carolyn and Jack West came in the Ercoupe. Eileen Evans flew a Cessna 140 in with a passenger, Jim Udall, who could only stay a short while; but after he left we discovered that he had paid for our lunches, for which favor we are duly grateful. Dianna Cyrus flew down from Santa Paula in her AT-6; and the rest of us drove - Gladys Hill, whom we hadn't seen for months and who promised to come more often; Mardo Crane, back in town again; Helen Hooper; Melba Beard, and Helen Thomure.

Among other business the next two meetings were discussed. Saturday May 10 is the date for the barbecue at Dianna Cyrus' home, Lingdooley Ranch, Santa Paula, an occasion to which we have long looked forward. May 24-25 will be the flight to Santa Barbara's Goleta airport, north of town, where Ada Chapman is arranging for the week-end activities. This will be another social meeting to which husbands and escorts are invited.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Betty Agan

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San Diego 99'ers mixed business with pleasure Thursday, April 24th, beginning with a lovely dinner at Valle's after which business was conducted by Chairman, Betty Lambert in the beautiful Solarium off the dining room. Seven members were present supported by five guests who are pilots and very much interested in the activities of the 99's.

Betty Lambert read a letter from the San Diego County Fair Chairman inviting San Diego 99'ers to contribute an exhibit or program for the County Fair beginning June 26th. Several suggestions were made, the best of which seemed to be a replica showing airplane markings we should have. It will be a real work of art when finished and quite a job but we're counting on Evy Briggs, Chairman, Cookie Fossan, Co-chairman and Assistants Amelia Changnon and Stella Laverents to come through with flying colors and airplanes.

Our April Overnight Hop to Warner's Hot Springs turned into a one-day Hop when reservations couldn't be made because of the telephone strike but it was a full day with swimming, sunning and lunch attended by Helen Abell, Cookie Fossan, Evy Briggs, Marge Pilling, Stella Laverents, Becky McSheehy and Betty Agan. The May Hop will be to the Ranch Home of Diana Cyrus in Santa Paula at Diana's kind invitation to San Diego 99'ers for a Barbecue Luncheon Saturday, May 10th.

The 99'ers next meeting will be Thursday, May 22nd at the home of Betty Gillies who has been absent for several months due to an automobile accident last fall. Betty is still under her Doctor's care and can't come to our meeting so the meeting will go to her. We'll be happy to have Betty with us again.

ATTENTION NEWS REPORTERS: We are
certainly sorry that it was necess-
ary to delete a good deal of the
copy this time but it would appear
that there was just too much
activity last month. Here's hoping
that we did not cut any vital news.
