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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It won't be long now! So get your delegates elected or appointed to represent your chapters at the Annual Meeting at Troutdale-in-the-Pines, September 6th - all day.

The delegate must be an ACTIVE member, so when presenting her credentials she must be able to show her current airman's certificate (medical up-to-date) and her NINETY-NINE membership card for 1946-47 or 1947-48.

Each governor duly elected for 1946-47 is also a delegate.

Following are the number of delegates for each chapter as my records show the membership: (If your chapter is not listed below, it is because I do not have a record that your chapter elected officers and was active during 1946-47.)

Chapter	Delegates
California	
Bay Cities	2
Los Angeles	2
San Diego	1
Carolas	1
Colorado	1
Connecticut	1
D. C., Washington	1
Florida	3
Illinois	
Central	1
Northern	1
Indiana	2
Iowa (Des Moines)	1
Jamestown, N. Y.	1
Michigan	4
Missouri	
East	1
West	2
Missouri Valley	1
New England	
North	1
South	1
New York-New Jersey	6
Ohio	3
Oklahoma	2
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	
East	2
West	1
Texas	4
Washington State	1
Wisconsin	1

Jeannette Lempke Sovereign
Your President

July 6, 1947

"THOSE 49^{er} CARDS"

(In answer to President's Column and Vera Self)
By Bettie Thompson Townson

I have about 200 or 300 "49^{er}" cards of the new type left out of the 400 or so cards sent me in 1944. About 100 cards were mailed to members and NEWS LETTERS of 1944 and 1945 carried the names of those 49^{ers} who received cards. I have no record, nor kept a record of these 49^{er} names, other than the NEWS LETTER lists.

I am sending 25 "49^{er}" cards to headquarters in Washington in order that they may mail them to members who request them.

I will mail a 49^{er} card to any Ninety Nine who wants one for her husband if:

1. She writes me at 724 N. 63rd St., Phila. 31, Pa.
2. Enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.
3. Gives husband's full name so that it may be put on the card.
4. Gives his business occupation so information may be listed in a 49^{er} list in NEWS LETTER.

EVERY 49^{er} SHOULD HAVE A CARD!!

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Rose Wasil Jespersen
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On June 15 our Washington Section met at Hybla Airport and flew to Mattaponi Sky Club which is 20 minutes south of Washington. There were about 12 ships of different descriptions and approximately 30 members and guests. If you had the opportunity to read July's issue of Flying Magazine, you had a good picture of the Sky Club. Our gracious host C. Elwood Sager, real estate broker, entertained us and we all had a marvelous time riding, swimming and playing tennis.

I had the pleasure of meeting Kay Menges of the New Jersey Section at one of our local "up and coming" fields, Bailey's Cross Roads Airport which is owned and operated by Mr. J. D. Benn, a Cub Cruiser dealer. Kay flew in an Aeronca Chief and spent the night in Washington and lunched with Jean Howard our chairman.

Our own Margaret Vaughan who is a Link Instructor for CAA flew a cub equipped with the new Cross Wind Caster Landing Gear to National Airport in Baltimore to a CAP air meet. She also flew a PT-19 with the same type landing gear to New York to a Manufacturer's Air Meet.

On July 20 we are planning to meet at Bailey's Cross Roads Airport with The Women Flyer's of America, the WASPS and also our southern neighbors of South America who are flying a Good Will Ship. We will fly to Annapolis to a field operated by two EX-WASPS, one of which is Helen McGilery. The airport has a golf course and tennis court combination nearby and we are hoping for a successful turn-out for this breakfast flight.

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Alma Gallagher
16 Messer St., Laconia, N. H.

Fleet time and steak time by courtesy of Bass Point Seaplane base gave the June meeting of the Northern New

England Chapter a summer flavor when the girls were guests of Betty Condict and Lillian Putnam at their Blaisdell lake operation in Bradford, N. H., June 10.

Ruth Hamilton came up from a busy G.I. training program at the Orange, Mass., airport to preside at the meeting which was an informal discussion of the progress of the 99's air marking program and the air tours scheduled for June.

Lillian saw to it that early arrivals at the base had a chance to get in some seaplane time. Some accepted the invitation to stay overnight at the base which is equipped to provide overnight accommodations for visiting pilots, and there was more float flying the next morning.

With seaplanes limited among the members, it was strictly a drive-in meeting. Frances Wright and Eileen Hutt came from Keene, N. H.; Laura Murray from Penacook, N. H.; and Virginia Brodhead and Alma Gallagher from Laconia with as guests Elizabeth Gray of Laconia and June Henneberger of Newfound lake seaplane base, Bristol, N. H. It was a first 99's meeting for Velna Fiske of Manchester.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Mildred E. Morey
22 West Avenue, Oak Bluffs, Mass.

CALLING ALL NINETY-NINERS - to Oak Bluffs Airport on Martha's Vineyard Island, Massachusetts. This is an ALL-99's Airport, chums, and if that's not enough to make you all want to high-tail on down here, there are other attractions, protected beaches or surf-bathing, golf, tennis, or what'll you have, right next to the airport boundaries. If this sounds like the Chamber of Commerce in full throttle just ask Carolyn Cullen, Rachael Williams and Helen Mary Clarke. Helen Mary, New York-New Jersey Chapter, one of the eight original WASP officers, owns the airport which adjoins her lovely estate, and she has leased the airport to Carolyn and Rachael for year-round operations. Rachael, well known Commercial pilot and Chairman of the Conn. 99's Chapter, is Business Manager and Charter pilot, and Carolyn, ex-WASP, of Pittsfield, Mass., is the airport Manager and Instructor. Carolyn, you may recall, is also Chief Pilot on the Pan American Airways training project, whereby men from Colombia are being trained for service as Avianco pilots. Come on down, check in for a coke, and say hello to these three "rugged but right" gals. You won't be sorry in the morning!

The round dozen 99's who hopped to Nantucket for the Mass.- R. I. Air Tour hereby tender our vote of thanks to Jean Adams Cook, 99^{er} and Nantucket Airport Mgr., and to the Nantucket Flying Club for the grandest imaginable two days on the island. A swish time if ever. First a clambake on the beach in front of the lovely Wauwinet House, then dancing and a general reunion of new and old pilots. Beach-combing? "Was you there," Abby? The next day more fun, swimming and such, and an impressive air show by the Mass. National Guard P-47 pilots and then for home. A perfect week-end. The 99's had planned to hold a meeting, Sectional Annual, but instead we all "didn't ask questions - just had fun." At take-off time Marion Tibbetts, N. E. Vice-Gov. got a few feet off in the traffic pattern when a cracked distributor cap let go. "Tibby" made a neat emergency landing and zipped back to Boston in a really hot airplane. Just guess!! Those who were present; Barbara Parker, Associate Editor of Eastern Pilot, with her husband; Carolyn Cullen; Rachael Williams; Marion Tibbetts; Regina Winoza; Ann Cutler; Jean Adams Cook, hostess; Rose Crowley Abbott with her cousin, Lt. Col. Francis C. Crowley in a BT-13; Lucille Dingley; Lillian Holmes with Wes in their Seabee; Janet Donaldson; Joan Fenderson (Conn. Chapter); Mildred Morey; and our guest, Dot Hills of Newton, prospective 99^{er}.

Next meeting of Southern Chapter: Orange-Athol Airport, Ruth Hamilton, hostess, 3rd Tuesday in July. We hope to have as speaker Mr. Christian E. Born, Pres. of Air Markings, Inc. of Boston.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Dorothea E. Hendricks
416 Laurel St., Pendleton, Indiana

I had an invitation to attend the Commencement Exercises in June at the University of Kentucky. One of the very well-known 99'ers and pilots in the midwest was a member of that class - Greenwood O. Cocanougher of Lexington, who was Chairman of Kentucky Chapter when they were active. "Cokie" was one of seventeen senior students to be elected to PHI BETA KAPPA.

You who do not know "Cokie" - here's the dope - she flew her Aeronca to Texas to pin the wings on her son when he graduated from - I believe Kelly Field during the war. After instructing through the war years, "Cokie" went back to the University to get her degree in Commerce. In the North Central Section, our hats are off to "Cokie" from Kentucky.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Ruth Colwell
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Our last meeting was held in Indianapolis at Hoosier Parks Airport, June 15 and our hostess was unable to attend due to being called out of town but 14 girls did attend and we had a nice luncheon at the airport lunch room.

After lunch, we had our business meeting and more talks about air markings which is coming along nicely in Indiana. Of course, most of our talk was about our coming joint meeting and party with the Q.E.'s which is in Terre Haute the 21st of July. We hope to have a large crowd and a lot of fun. We will have our business meeting there in a quiet corner if we can find one and nominate our new officers for the coming year.

No news of girls flying so can't write it up. See you all at the next meeting.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Jeannette C. Kapus
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The June monthly meeting was held at the home of Elsie Peters. Those present were:- Florence Fintag, Ruth Sass, Mayetta Wiedeman, Dorothy Christiansen, Elsie Peters, Trixie Ann Gehrung, Dido Heise, Margaret Bruns Sliker, Germaine Reback and Jeannette Kapus.

Jean Reimer and family are living in California now. Jean is instructing private and commercial students and going to ground school three nights a week. Eager beaver!! But one thing puzzles us, Jean---what has become of your Junior Miss?

Ruth Lembke was chaperoning a roller skating party for the graduating class when booms-a-daisy -- she fell. To her amazement she broke her arm in three places. Hope you're up and around and feeling fine, Ruth.

Dido Heise and her husband attended the Michigan Air Tour and told of airports visited, people met and weather encountered.

Trixie Ann Gehrung is vacationing in New York. Hope you're having a wonderful time, Trix.

Elsie Peters is vacationing for the summer months. Just a-resting.

On our return trip from Quebec, Canada, Mayetta Wiedman and I landed at Austin Lake Airport, Kalamazoo, Michigan, which field is operated by I. T. Woodhams. We encountered the finest hospitality in our 2100 miles of flying when Mr. and Mrs. Woodhams proceeded to take us into their home for the night, entertain us for the evening and send us on in great style the next morning out of the kindness of their hearts. We suggest that everyone who has the opportunity stop in and see the Woodhams. Mrs. Woodhams is also a member of the 99's.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Helen Pelto
RFD 2, Pontiac, Michigan

It was a fine meeting and good breakfast we had in Lansing, Michigan, with more than forty 99's and guests attending. Bebe Weyant, our hostess, did fine planning. As guests, to name a few, we had Mary Moore, Director of the Women's Division of the Prairie Flying Farmers. From Ann Arbor came Genevieve Koester, who holds a position we all would like to have. That is as research worker in the supersonic laboratories in Ann Arbor.

Madeline Dinu, our distinguished Michigan woman attorney on aviation affairs, spoke to us regarding the possibility of some inland lakes being closed to seaplane use.

A surprise prize was given to the pilot of the first plane landing for this meeting and the last plane landing. Becky Thatcher took first honor. The name of the 99er arriving last isn't available, but Grand Rapids isn't so very far from Lansing, is it?

Jean Prins is back from Bowers College and will be working at Reynolds Field in Jackson. Dorothy Wing is spending the summer at a summer resort in Lake George, N.Y. Amelia Hendrickson Leslie flew to Michigan from the west with a 49er. Our best wishes to you! Elizabeth Walker Rowland, born Memorial Day, is the proud daughter of our former member Betty Small Rowland.

The group pictures taken at the last Grand Rapids meeting were made available by Gwen Walker.

Here is the schedule for the next four meetings:

July.....Kalamazoo
August.....Muskegon
September.....Alpena (in addition to
our Colorado trip)
October.....Stanton

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Lucy Kalla
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Our very capable reporter, Dot Hutcheson, has just started on a six-week vacation to the West Coast via Tulsa, and asked me to fill in for her as reporter. Have a good time, Dot!

Our June meeting was held Thursday evening, the 12th, in the C.A.A. conference room downtown.

Chairman Doris Langher opened the meeting with discussion on our proposed breakfast flight with the Women

Flyers of America to Beaver Dam, Wis. The date of Saturday, July 12, was decided upon by the 99's and Marie Van Cise and Jean Morgan, who were present for the Women Flyers, planes being more available on a Saturday than Sunday. It was agreed to make final arrangements at a joint meeting of the 99's and W.F.A. on July 2.

The girls were informed of free ground school being offered next fall by the Chicago Board of Education, and that the class was open to 20 students.

More discussion was held on our air marking project. A roof release has not been negotiated as yet, and if any of you girls not present at the meeting know of a good roof available, let us know. In fact, we'll even try a highway marker.

Lamona Goddard again did the honors of running the movie projector and showing us several movies - one on primary flight training and another on how to do loops in an AT-6. Heard some of the girls sighing for an AT-6 to try some. These C.A.A. films are certainly fine and are available to any 99 chapter upon request from their regional C.A.A. office.

While the refreshments were served we caught up on the latest, such as Ruth Pollock Spitzig's new baby and some of the early news on the next Cleveland Air Races.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Pat Willett, senior in the School of Commerce at the University of Illinois was recently selected and awarded a key by Phi Chi Theta, Women's Commerce Sorority, as the outstanding junior woman in the School of Commerce. Selection was made on the basis of scholarship, character and activities. She was also elected to membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, National Commerce Fraternity. Membership is based largely on scholarship. In addition to attending the University of Illinois, Pat is a flight instructor at the Illinois Airport in Urbana.

In order to raise money for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, our group raffled off a Learavion 3-band portable radio. The idea resulted from a suggestion by Helen Grinke that a portable radio would be attractive to non-fliers as well as fliers. Pat Willett, chairman, distributed books of tickets to all members, and the drawing was held at our June meeting in Peoria. Mrs. A. C. Ruchner, a non-flier from Springfield, was the lucky person.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Naomi Jackson and Dorothy Thompson

WELCOME ALL 99'ERS -- COLORADO AND THE COLORADO 99'ERS
WELCOME YOU WITH OPEN ARMS TO THE BIG CONVENTION IN THE
WONDERLAND OF THE WEST (we are wondering if you will all
be here).

Jeannette Lempke Sovereign visited our chapter here in Denver, and we hope she liked us as well as we liked her-- anyhow we all had a wonderful time and hated to see her leave. We are very happy to know that she will be back in the fall for the BIG CONVENTION!!

We had a dinner meeting at the Denver Athletic Club mit a few cocktails, much hangar and convention talk. On the morning following the dinner, Jeannette came out to our airport and yours truly whisked her away in a Stinson Voyager to map out the area as to airports and a general view of our Denver. (after feeding her hotcakes - airport

style) Then to the vacation spot of the West - TROUTDALE-IN-THE-PINES. Lunch at member Jane Nettleblad's.

Everybody is busy with various jobs or fun. Margaret Scribner is off getting herself very much married. Jo Trinder is seeing California in her new Pontiac. Naomi Jackson and husband just returned from California last month. Dorothy Thompson really has her nose to the grindstone getting the THOMPSON FLYING SERVICE going by herself since the death of her husband, Claude, last month. It was a great loss to us all because Claude had been active in flying circles for so many many years. Good luck, Dottie, we're all pushing for you. Dottie has her new hangar and office almost completed. Perhaps a lot of you gals will be flying into Combs field for the convention, and I am sure Dottie will be here with open arms to welcome you.

Some of the girls tried to get to North Platte for the Joint meeting with the Sectional 99'ers there, and had to turn back because of smog. Sorry, maybe next time some one will make it. We hope!

Rev up those engines, gals, and lets see you all out here for the convention Sept. 5, 6 and 7.

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Mildred Miller
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The South Central Section of 99's is planning to hold a sectional meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on August 1, 3 and 4th. Mrs. Ruth Banfield, chairman of the Tulsa Chapter, will be in charge of the meeting. Sectional officers will be elected at this time.

The Texas Chapter will have a statewide meeting September 27th and 28th, and Frankie Welborn of Austin will be in charge. Austin has been selected for this meeting because of the central location.

Many Texas Ninety-Niners attended the ranch party given by Bob LeSage, president of the Texas Private Fliers, at his ranch in Ellis County, on June 21st and 22nd.

The El Paso girls have another new member, Mrs. Ruby Hays, 1232 Galloway St., El Paso, Texas. She owns her own Cessna 140.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Byrdie McBride
Cedar Rapids, Nebraska

June 8 we had our third fly-in meeting of the summer at North Platte, Nebraska and what fun these meetings are turning out to be. We had really planned an extra special meeting with the Denver, Colorado and Kansas City, Missouri Chapters as our guests. Our hostess for the day was Marguerite Durbin of North Platte, Nebraska and our vote of thanks certainly goes to her for all arrangements that were made for us. Sunday morning she received word that the Kansas City girls couldn't make it and then at eleven o'clock the Denver girls phoned from Sterling, Colorado to tell us that they were weathered in. To say that we were disappointed is putting it mildly.

Helen Bass and 49^{year} Earl of Malvern, Iowa were first to arrive in their Cub Cruiser, with Bea Mack and Belle Hetzel of Omaha, Nebraska in Bea's Taylorcraft right behind them. Dorothy Reed and 49^{year} Claude of Omaha flew their Luscombe. Marjorie McBride and Alice Riss, both of Omaha, flew in Marjorie's Luscombe. Irene Owens (new member) flew her Cessna from Cozad, Nebraska, bringing daughter Lynn. Ruth Johnson and two daughters, Kathy and Carolyn, drove out from Crete, Nebraska.

After we had all gathered at the airport, we drove to Mac's "30" Club which Marguerite had rented for the day and there were served a delicious fried chicken dinner. After dinner Belle Hetzel gave us some interesting bits of news on our 99's from abroad.

Then came the big moment when the announcement was made as to the winner for the month of May of our chapter's contest. We purchased a beautiful sterling silver tray as the prize to be awarded to the girl with the most points each month for six months, at which time the girl with the most points or the one that has won it the most times will be the permanent owner. Each month the name of the winner will be engraved on the tray. The purpose of our contest is to promote more and better flying. The winner for the month of May was Helen Bass of Malvern, Iowa.

Several of the airplane distributors of Omaha and the Mobile Gas Company donated several prizes for the occasion and since our guests didn't arrive, we had the fun of winning them ourselves. Prizes awarded were two pair ladies colored glasses, aircraft cigarette lighter, two decks of cards, gabardine flying suit, model airplane, ten gallon gas, five quarts oil.

We welcome three new members to our chapter. Evelyn Hefner and Penny Schmore, both of North Platte, Nebraska and Irene Owens of Cozad, Nebraska. We also welcomed return of Miss Bernice Christianson to our chapter. Bernice has moved back to North Platte, Nebraska from New York City.

Our June fly-in meeting will be held July 13 at Storm Lake, Iowa as guests of Millie Burt.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

Los Angeles Chapter

By Melba Beard
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Lots of news this month, with two of our members out after new air records. Dianna Cyrus of Santa Paula, accompanied by Paul Mantz as technical adviser, flew her A-26 from Lockheed Air Terminal to New York to establish an unofficial women's nonstop record of 7 1/2 hrs. Returning alone via Denver, she made the westward trip from that city to Los Angeles in 4 hrs. 15 min. Then on June 11 Dianna flew to San Francisco for dinner, and returning made the trip at 360 mph to establish another unofficial record of 57 minutes. June 20 she made another flight to Denver accompanied by her younger sister Dorro Converse. Dianna plans further assaults on all existing women's records this summer in her plane. The entire chapter wishes her luck, and is watching with pride and envy.

June 19, Betty McMillen of Bishop established three official U. S. glider records during the Western Soaring Contest and was recognized by the National Soaring Society Association. Betty also expects to take time off from her U. S. Weather Station job to participate in future gliding and soaring contests.

And now to get down to earth; at our June 16 dinner and business meeting we were happy to see all of our officers on hand. The fall chapter meeting and election of officers was set for Monday Sept. 15. The annual section business meeting and election of section officers will be Sept. 20-21, probably at Paso Robles.

Chairman Carolyn West named the chapter nominating committee of chairman Roberta McCutcheon, Melba Beard and Helen Hope, and announced that the list of nominees will be sent to members one month before the September 15 meeting, at which time nominations can also be made from the floor, and voting for the offices will be done consecutively.

Members present were: Chairman Carolyn West, vice-ch. Helen Hooper, secy. Bea Medes, treas. Helen Thomure, Irene Slagel, Dianna Cyrus, Mardo Crane, Melba Beard, Roberta McCutcheon, Elizabeth Watson, Helen Hope, Mildred Constantine, Margaret Cook, Darlene Thurman whom we welcome from the Seattle chapter, and Dodie Aspell, vice-pres. of the Order of Fifinella, recently of Washington, D. C. and our newest 99 member.

June 26 was the annual N.A.A. Ladies Night, with program arranged by Carolyn West, and attended by a good representation of the 99's, Order of Fifinella, and the W.N.A.A. Mr. David Coleman gave an illustrated talk on GCA.

Kay Van Doozer and Mardo Crane planned a June tour of the San Joaquin Valley for 2 weeks, while Mardo gave a series of talks on coordination of women's interests and activities in aviation. Upon completion of this, Mardo hoped to make a promotional tour for Aviation News Beacon, for which Mardo is women's editor, flying an Ercoupe. And then home to get her mother and tour the Western National Parks by car. After which Mardo hopes to meet with the ex-wasps at their annual Homecoming, see the Cleveland Races, and join the 99's in our annual meeting at Denver in Sept. Which is our idea of a busy summer.

Vice-chairman Helen Hooper enjoyed her vacation in Havana, Cuba, going by way of Pan American Airways.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Ruth Rueckert
2037 Rivera St., San Francisco 16, Calif.

Following dinner in the San Jose Airport Cafe and two excellent movies, "Night Sight" and "Navy Phantom", our June 20th meeting was called to order by Chairman Marion Barnick, with members Florence Emig, Marjorie Fauth, Margaret Gerhardt, Patricia Gladney, Esther Haney, Rita Hart, Afton Lewis, Jan Moffatt, Ruth Rueckert and Eleanor Verkuy, and (visiting from Bakersfield) Kay Van Doozer and Betty Thompson, and guests Margie Fuller and Patty Sherwood, present.

Letters from various members were read, including a notice that Frances and Norman Grant welcomed a future 99'er, Judith Ann, on May 5th.

The main business of the evening was the Amelia Earhart Scholarship fund, Rita Hart reported collecting \$45 from about half the membership and further collections would be reported at the July meeting, which will be held in San Francisco on the 18th. Margaret Gerhardt will be hostess.

Vacation time! Adrienne Clark off for the summer; Ruth Wakeman driving to Michigan for a six weeks' visit, (she's been locally flying a Cessna 140); Dorothy Estep leaving the Peninsula until September; Lillian Anderson planning to hitch the trailer and homeward trek to Minnesota; Esther Lawson fishing and visiting state parks near her home in Burney; Olive Bledsoe off to her Trinity Alps hideout.

Marj Fauth and Afton Lewis flew in the Cessna 140 to Arcata over June 14-15th weekend to watch the fog dispersal operation (Fido), and rode in a B-17 during the demonstration. Marj also flew two search missions during July - she's a captain of a AOPA search team.

Rita and Al Hart now own a Taylorcraft. They traded planes one week, loaning the Ryan for the T-Craft with the verbal agreement if any damage occurred to either ship, the loss would be made good. "Page Bob Ripley", to quote Rita, the Ryan was totally destroyed and the miraculously

alive pilot brought the ownership papers of the T-Craft, duly signed over, to Rita and Al.

June 29th Marj Fauth and Ena Ayers in a Cessna 140 and Jan Moffatt and Esther Haney in a Luscombe flew to Stockton for breakfast and on to Lodi for lunch with Kay Van Doozer, Betty Thompson and Grace Stephenson.

On June 30th our 99's joined with the Women Flyers of America, The American Air Women, Inc., and the Wing Scouts to hear Mardo Crane speak proposing a women's aviation congress. Kay Van Doozer also spoke on her wartime experiences and the flight orientation in the schools. Forty-one women and girls enjoyed this program.

NORTHWESTERN SECTION

OREGON CHAPTER

By Audrey McClellan
1180 S. E. 89th Avenue, Portland 16, Oregon

The Oregon Ninety-Nines finally got together for a meeting on June 21 at the home of Genevieve Waples in Portland. After introducing themselves all around and renewing acquaintances after a three months lapse of having no meeting, the girls enjoyed a luscious dinner prepared by Genevieve.

Due to the lack of a secretary unable to appear because of illness, the formal business meeting was by-passed in favor of ideas viewed for summer activities. The girls who went to the sectional meeting last month in Seattle told of the fun they had attempting to make those who didn't attend, sorry they hadn't. Plans were discussed for the next sectional meeting which our chapter is to plan and carry off.

Of course, Leona K. Bump, our chapter Chairman told us about the fun she was having getting acquainted with her new Sea-bee.

We discussed the unjustness of the air-tour that was forming in this state and covering three states. Women pilots were barred from it supposedly because of lack of room at over-night stops. We decided then to have a tour of our own sometime in September, giving us time to plan it perfectly. It is to be an all girl tour and we have great hopes of it being a fine success.

The meeting couldn't fold until we had planned for our next. Deciding to do something different, we are going to combine our meeting with a breakfast hop to Chehalis, Washington on the 27th of July. Knowing it will be a great success, all bid farewell to each other and each girl drifted off into the night, thinking solemnly of how very early she would have to get up to go to breakfast and our next meeting.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION -- Important announcement !
By Evelyn C. McRae, Governor

There will be a two day meeting of the S. E. Section of 99's at St. Augustine, Florida, August 2nd and 3rd. Renewing the custom of a yearly get-together, discontinued during the war years, Florida Chapter is playing hostess to

girls of S. E. Section and sincerely hopes many will take advantage of this pleasant week-end. We have planned a full program which promises to be unusual and interesting from start to finish. The business meeting will be short and snappy, for the hours won't be long enough for all the things we have planned for your pleasure.

St. Augustine, 30 miles south of Jacksonville, was chosen because it is in the northern part of the state, thus saving girls from Carolinas Chapter and Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi many miles of flying or driving. It is also a very beautiful and quaint city, and you owe it to yourself to see it--if you have been there before you will surely want to return. It will be cool and delightful on the water.

Try and arrive as early as possible on Saturday, or better yet, on Friday, Aug. 1st, as Saturday will be a very full day and you won't want to miss a minute of it. There will be a luncheon and business meeting followed by a sight-seeing tour of the city in the famous horse-drawn carriages--(the surreys with the fringe on the top). We will explore the old fort, governor's palace, picturesque Hotel Ponce deLeon, the Fountain of Youth--and a trip to famous Marine Studios, 18 miles south of St. Augustine, is planned. This alone, is worth the whole trip. Then back to Hotel Alhambra, our headquarters, for a cocktail party and dinner. Sunday, depending on the wind and the tide, there will be a breakfast flight over to the beach, where we will land and take a morning swim. This is a designated flight strip when wind and tide is favorable, and the Beach hotel serves a lovely breakfast. If practical, the Bertram Trophy Race, postponed at the All-Woman Air Show in Tampa the first day of the meet in March, because of weather, will be flown at this time. This event, however, is limited to members of Florida Chapter only, the cup being a perpetual trophy and property of Florida Chapter. However, a committee is working on other events for all 99's and there will be trophies and prizes for all. An Aerial "taxi" will be arranged to fly girls over to the beach party who do not have their own planes. If weather is not favorable the little air meet will be held at St. Augustine airport, which is an excellent field.

This is your party, girls, and for your enjoyment and relaxation, so come on down and let's get acquainted all over again. We plan to adjourn early enough Sunday afternoon to enable girls flying home a chance to make their destination before dark.

The Alhambra Hotel is to be headquarters. Rates are \$3.50 double without bath, \$5.00 double with private bath; \$2.00 per person in groups of four, with private bath. Make your reservations at once, or at your very earliest convenience, by writing: Miss Virginia Wulff, Box 832, 33 Valencia St., St. Augustine, Florida.

By all means, bring your 49^{er}, and/or a prospective 99 member. The more the merrier! Be sure to specify to Virginia if you care to share a room with another girl or girls, if you are coming alone. Ginny states that \$15.00 will more than cover all expenses while in St. Augustine.

Don't forget your bathing suit---or your 49^{er}! Be seeing you!

FLASH!!! Secretary of Navy Forrestal has consented to the redesignation and renaming of Miami Navy Municipal Airport to Amelia Earhart Field. In response to a request of the Florida Chapter 99's and Dade County Federation of Women's Clubs, plans are underway to hold an appropriate ceremony in the near future. Initial credit goes to Gladys Pennington who conceived the idea and followed it through.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Anne Fishburne
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Well, right now the BIG news is that I'm to be married at six o'clock on Friday afternoon July 11th in St. Philip's Church in Charleston. I'll tell all you gals right now that I'm really excited. By the time this gets to you I'll be Mrs. Richard E. Briscoe and I'll be living at 3106 Devine St., Columbia, S. C. My wedding dress is made from a parachute of Dick's.

I haven't heard a word about any flying that you people are doing....Now how do you expect me to know that you're still flying?---Unless you fly to Charleston, and that's a good idea! Betty Hamilton has flown down twice recently. Jim had business in Charleston so she brought him down and we had some good "bull sessions" and lunches together.

The July meeting of the Carolinas Chapter is to be held on July 20th with Dot and Harry Shackelford at their home on Lake Murray near Columbia. I'll quote a telegram sent by Dot Shackelford to Betty Hamilton, our Chapter chairman ---- "PLAN TO HAVE MEETING THIRD SUNDAY JULY AT OUR SUMMER HOME HAPPY LANDING ON LAKE MURRAY PLANES LAND CAPITOL AIRPORT FORMERLY COLUMBIA ARMY AIR BASE NOT LATER THAN 11 O'CLOCK THOSE COMING BY CAR STOP AT NORTH END OF DAM AT LAKE MURRAY WHERE THEY WILL BE MET 49's URGED TO ATTEND"..... A day of swimming and fishing on lake Murray sounds wonderful, so let's all try to be there.

Evelyn McRae, our governor, wrote that she is calling a Section meeting for August 2nd and 3rd at St. Augustine, Florida. She picked that city because it was in the northern part of Florida and she thought it might lure some of the Carolina girls down. Evelyn says..."St. Augustine is a beautiful spot and there are many interesting things to see and so there. It is not such a big town, so we won't be swallowed up in the crowd, and yet a very nice airport. We are planning a very interesting program and think you all will feel it was really worth your while to come down to it. Some of the things we have planned are: a beach party, swimming, barbecue, sight-seeing, and maybe a cocktail party and dance from the city of St. Augustine. And an air meet on Sunday at the airport." Well you Carolina girls, St. Augustine isn't too far and if you want to know anything more, we'll find the answer for you. Here's hoping some of us can get to the Section meeting August 2nd and 3rd....

I'll be seeing you at our chapter meeting in Columbia on July 20th.

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By Vivian Hoffman
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On the night of June 17, 1947, a large group of Ninety Nines and their friends entered a dimly-lit gem of a little

theatre in the 20th Century Fox Building in New York City as Jacqueline Cochran's guests. And that's where we'd like to attend ALL our movies - the seats are the type you dream about.

The picture Jackie chose for this private preview was "Mrs. Muir and the Ghost", definitely a picture NOT out of the common mould. We predict a long run at the Music Hall where it starts this week.

Afterwards refreshments were served to conclude a delightful evening -- with one exception -- Jackie was ill in bed and couldn't come to her own party. This was a disappointment as all the girls were looking forward to seeing Jackie and hearing about her latest trips. We hope you're better and out real soon, Jackie!

We are happy to welcome a new member, Betty Haas -- and "Galloping Gertie", Betty's P-39. In the recent Philadelphia World Air Show, Betty flew "Gertie". Gloria Heath, Kay Menges, Nancy Baker and A. J. May, a prospective Ninety-Niner, flew as a WASP contingent from New York.

And a FIRST from the Connecticut Chapter -- Ann Shaw of Southport has become a twirly-bird; YEP, achieved the first helicopter license to be earned by a woman. For weeks Ann and a Bell Helicopter have been keeping company at the Westchester County Airport, N. Y. We're very proud of you, Ann.

The weekend section party at Lake Susquehanna was weathered in at Rocco's living room for both days. In spite of the torrential rains when even the ducks went in hiding and many areas were flooded, eleven members and guests did a bit of hangar flying. A flight arrived from Martin's Creek, piloted (by automobile) by Ann Fieg. An Aero Quiz program was emceed by Nan Spears and recorded on paper tape, a truly wonderful machine. Somehow it catches all those "little" aside remarks. Playing back the recordings was a lot of fun altho no one admitted to sounding like the tape. There was lots of eating done, and toasting of members by the huge stone fireplace. The Aerial Scavenger Hunt is on file awaiting another party.

Congratulations to Margaret S. Potts on the publication of her book "Fundamentals of Ground Instructing" published just this June. The things she learned from instructing "paid off". We know it took a lot of work tho!

And Dottie Vermorel has left us for sunny Miami for an indefinite period. But we're deserted for the study of law at the University of Miami and that's something to be proud of. Best of luck Dottie, and we're checking you for future advice.

We are glad Amy Andrews has recovered from her tete-a-tete with the hospital and is setting her plans to go to Colorado. EVERYBODY -- get set.

Margie Davis is doing some mighty fine work in Maine at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Training Laboratory, a workshop dealing with group dynamics in relation to present day problems.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

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