

NINETY- NINES



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings of the New Year to you all. I hope it has many opportunities and happy landings in store for each and everyone of you. Thanks for the many Xmas cards and personal notes sent me. I did so enjoy every one of them.

I'm sure you enjoyed hearing in our December News Letter from our secretary, Melba Beard. Next month, you'll hear from another of the national officers, but this month I had several things I wanted to talk over with you, so here I am.

First, I'd like to quote from an interesting letter I received from a NINETY NINE of many years standing. "Could we have published in the News Letter, far in advance, not so that you receive it too late to attend, or after it's over, dates of meetings and parties? So many of the women pilots travel everywhere, and would be happy to attend if they but knew in time. For instance, in the last few years, I've been in 42 of the 48 states, and in Alaska. For periods of one week to six months in each. I have attended exactly 2 Ninety Nine meetings. That was entirely due to a Chinese member, Leah Hing, who learned I was in Portland, Oregon each time and notified me. My suggestion would be:

- (1) Let each chapter decide on a date for regular meeting.
- (2) Block the name of the chapter in the news notes, and directly under it, date, time, and address of meeting.
- (3) Name, address, phone number of reporter or person to call.

That way, any visiting 99 in the city, can call the reporter, and say "I'd like to come", she can pay her own, and there is no obligation to anyone to take care of her or her transportation. It would give many of us an added opportunity to meet and know each other better, and I think we would enjoy both having guests and being guests under the system".

May I have your reaction to the suggestion? I know that you all have a definite meeting time each month, and some of you plan out the meetings for the whole year, giving your chapter members a mimeographed sheet telling, time, place and hostesses for each meeting throughout the year. Would you like to have each chapter give this information for THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE, so that visiting 99s might have a chance to meet with you? Planning in advance also helps us to develop a definite program. Suppose we give it a try and in the February issue of the News Letter, give the information she suggested, only give it for three months meetings-Febr., March, April.

Second- I've had a number of requests for chapter charters. I'm having some made up, so if you do not have one to frame for your chapter, and would like to have same with the names of your members on it, have your chapter secretary or chairman write Miss Rapee at National Headquarters. I'd suggest that you check your membership to see that everyone has paid up this year's dues so that their names will be on the document. If you were given a charter back in 1941, but wish to have an up to date one with the present membership listed, it is O.K. to request a new one.

Belle Hetzel

THE FIFTH NATIONAL AVIATION CLINIC
Nov. 19-22, 1947

By Alice H. Hammond
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Our president, Belle Hetzel, has asked that I prepare for the News Letter a resume of the highlights of the activities and proceedings at the Fifth National Aviation Clinic which was held in Springfield, Ill., Nov. 19-22nd last. Belle represented the Ninety-Nines as one of seven delegates in the Private Flyers and Aircraft Owners group, and did me the honor to ask me to participate in the deliberations as her alternate delegate.

Among the other Ninety-Nines who took part in the Clinic sessions were Jeannette L. Sovereign, Michigan, our past president, a member of the Program Committee; another past president, Jacqueline Cochran, New York, member of the Rules Committee; Frances Nolde, Eastern Penn., member of the Credentials Committee; Blanche Noyes, Wash. D. C., Consultant; Adelaide O'Brien, Cent. Ill., Alternate Delegate in the Aviation Press group; Jessie Anderson, Chicago, Alternate Delegate in the Private Flyers and Aircraft Owners group.

Others who were there were Dot Lemon, Okla., writing for an Oklahoma Newspaper; Edna Gardner Whyte, Texas, Observer; Rae Sullivan and Dorcas Stark, St. Louis, Observers; Fern Rinker, Indiana; Betty Morgan, Catherine Carlson and Lucy Kalla, Chicago, and all those wonderful, wonderful Central Illinois members who so graciously played their roles as hostesses to all the ladies attending the Clinic!

Among some 50 Bills of Policy approved by the delegates during the four day session, I shall list here only the titles of those which will probably be of special interest to Ninety-Nines:

- #49-A (Sponsored by the Ninety-Nines) To provide for standard marking of cities, towns, villages, and unincorporated areas by appropriate department, commission or board within each state.
- # 5 To provide that flight experience be offered to all teachers and students in high schools and colleges.
- #41-A To provide Federal responsibility for the operation of Air Traffic Control Towers.
- #42-B To provide against multiple wind socks on runways.
- #20-A To amend the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938 so as to permit the Courts of the several states to take disciplinary action affecting the holders of airman certificates.
- #35 To provide an amendment to the Federal Airport Act in order to assure inexpensive landing facilities for a greater number of small communities.
- #16 To provide Federal Aid for research to improve personal aircraft design and performance.
- #18 To modify certain requirements in the training schedules and flight tests for private pilots - i.e.: to eliminate therefrom spins, pylon eights and forced landings, and to provide more cross country flights.
- #32 To urge the use of roofs of railroad stations for the purposes of air marking.
- #62 To provide for the solution of All Weather flying problems.
- #73 To provide for a national aviation safety program.
- #82 To provide adequate appropriations for the U. S. Weather Bureau.

Of course it is impossible to do justice to these and the other matters deliberated by the Clinic in this brief resume, but any Ninety-Niner who may desire further information may write Belle or me and we shall do our best to answer any of your questions.

As for the many beautiful social events we attended in connection with the Clinic, I can only mention those which to us seemed most memorable. Our pride knew no bounds at the big Annual Banquet, attended by over 1,000 people, when the only two women to be seated among the sixty distinguished guests at the head table were both Ninety-Niners! Belle Hetzel, our president and Blanche Noyes, Air Marking Supervisor, CAA, both of whom had been guests of Gov. Green of Illinois at a reception at the Executive Mansion preceding the Banquet.

Eight of the visiting Ninety-Niners participated in a "Breakfast in the Revel Room" Broadcast one morning and came off with some interesting prizes, and a loaf of potato bread apiece! Governor and Mrs. Green invited the Ninety-Nines and lady guests at the Clinic to a beautiful tea in the Executive Mansion and also sponsored the Ninety-Nines cocktail party and dinner on Friday evening, at which the Central Illinois Chapter played hostess with characteristic hospitality and charm. This lovely party, at which Jeannette L. Sovereign did such a superb job as toastmistress, introducing each of the 45 present with some appropriate remark, is probably described elsewhere in this News Letter, so I'll sign off here.

C H A P T E R N E W S

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* METROPOLITAN SECTION *
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NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Lois Fairbank
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There is nothing more wonderful than an Old Timers' Hangar Session which is the way the evening of Nov. 10th was spent by our chapter. Fortified by cocktails the hangar stories soared round the room and after a spell we glided into dinner.

Our guest speaker was Admiral Emory S. Land, now president of A.T.A. The newcomers to the Ninety-Nines were told that Admiral Land is better known as Uncle Jerry for it was his guidance that helped to launch us.

Blanche Noyes, who is C.A.A. air marking specialist was our very able Mistress of Ceremonies. She was kept busy introducing the many "old time" lady flyers and the men who helped these girls earn their wings.

Just check over this list of Old Timers who were with us: Ruth Nichols, Fay Gillis Wells, Meta Rothholz, Viola Gentry Cameron, Nancy Hopkins Tier, Teddy Kenyon, Margaret Cooper Manser, Tiny Goddard, Miriam Blagden Crocker, Novetah Holmes-Davenport, Dot Leh and Louise Sisson.

Some more of our special guests were: Boman Otto, Pres. Central Air Lines; Sam Held, pilot of Jacqueline Cochran; Col. Robert Copsy, State Director of Aviation of N. J.; Beatrice Ecks, National Wing Scout Advisor; Judge and Mrs. Charles Harwood; Mrs. Augusta Roberts; Ethel Fedders from Buffalo; Col. Von Bernuth; Dr. Roland Spaulding, Aviation Department of New York University; Helen Hutson Weber, Publicity Director of Roses Inc. - who with Amelia Earhart started the ball rolling for our organization - Mary Biddle, with 200 barnstorming jumps behind her; Betty Haas, Chairman New York Chapter of Wasps; Mrs.

Jessie Chamberlain, President New York Chapter of WIAA; Commander John Iseman; and Marilyn Link, Educational Division of Link Aviation, Mr. John Leh, Pennsylvania Aviation Division.

Just can't wait for next year's meeting. We hope it will be even bigger and better than this years - which is some goal to set.

By Vivian Hoffman
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A new year and an excellent time to clear your reporter's notebook of '47 chapter news items.

Our committees for the coming year:

Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund - "Mugs" Lord
Chapter Projects - Jeanne Oakes
Publicity Committee - Yvette Hyatt
Courtesy Committee - Sue Sevede
Biographical Committee - Selma Cronan
Hostess Committee - Murray Hake, Mary Morrison
Executive Committee - Amy Andrews, Margie White,
Margaret Manser, Alma Harwood,
Viola Gentry

A quick resume of our last three meetings:

OCTOBER: A social gathering at Nancy Lord's Restaurant with guest of the evening Lt. Slezak, an officer at Floyd Bennett Field, who dismissed the ILS system with a few words as being considerably inferior to the GCA system of blind approach. He placed a chart of the latter system on the wall and proceeded to explain the main features. A question period at the end of his talk cleared up any doubts in the minds of his listeners. He handled the questions very capably. He also said that it would be possible to make arrangements for some of the girls to shoot some blind landings at Floyd Bennett with permission of Commander Levy.

NOVEMBER: Our annual Old Timers' Dinner at the Parkside, New York City. By design this party is a standing date for those who were pioneer pilots to gather and enjoy tales of early flittin' days. And it serves to acquaint the newcomers to aviation with the accomplishments which paved the way for today's operations. Anecdotes by the Old Timers and their husbands made lively listening. Movies of the dedication of Floyd Bennett Airport, New York and the All Woman's Air Derby presented by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Muhlenberg provided nostalgic memories and quite a bit of humor watching the styles in both dresses and airplanes of our charter members.

Charter member Blanche Noyes was a gay Mistress of Ceremonies. She released a "little known fact" about the winning of the Bendix Race by her and Louise Thaden. It seems that the old spirit of early flying days, in the form of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kenyon, made the difference. They discovered that Blanche and Louise had no Compass in their "old crate" and proceeded to spend the night before the race removing theirs and installing it in the ship which won. And that's the comradeship of fliers we like to hear about. Other charter members present included: Ruth Nichols, Rye, New York; Fay Gillis Wells, first woman member of the Caterpillar Club, Mt. Kisco, New York; Teddy Kenyon, Grumman test pilot during the war, Huntington, New York; Nancy Hopkins Tier, Wing Commander of Civil Air Patrol in Connecticut; Viola Gentry Cameron, New York City; Louise Sisson, Providence, Rhode Island; Dot Leh, Allentown, Pa.; Meta Rothholz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Margaret Manser, first woman to own and operate a commercial airport, Culver City, California. Incidentally, Margaret followed Amelia as second National President of the Ninety-Nines.

In his talk, guest speaker Admiral Emory S. Land, President Air Transport Association, said that international travel by air would prove an effective factor in settling world economic unbalances.

DECEMBER: With Jet Propulsion the topic of the evening, an interesting pre-Christmas meeting at the Airport Room of Churchill's Restaurant. "Adventures in Jet Propulsion"

a GE booklet gave some hint as to what was in store for the evening. After dinner Chief Test Pilot for Jets Haas of Republic Aviation gave one of the most non-technical and understandable talks on jets I've ever heard and only made more evident the limitless future for jet and super-sonic airplanes.

Following Mr. Haas' talk, we also saw two technicolor movies, one on the GE Turbo-supercharger and a second by Walt Disney on the P-80. Both pictures fully equipped with sound were thoroughly enjoyable and enlightening.

Our gals have really been active in the last months and the following is a round-up of items that have recently come to my attention:

Something new has been added at Teterboro Air Terminal. Down at the extreme South end of the field there's a beautiful new cream and red sign announcing:

Marjorie M. Gray, Inc.
Aero Service

Flight Instruction Charter Service Aircraft Rentals
"Catering to the Private Flier"

Marge has been in operation since August 1st, with two Aeronca Champions and a beautiful new Stinson Station Wagon, with another Aeronca to be added. Her office in a quonset hut is a pleasure to enter--compact, clean, and neat with its dark stained woodwork, venetian blinds, and real flying atmosphere. There's also a large showcase containing maps, computers, etc., and in addition, you'll find Ninety-Nines matches and note paper for sale to benefit the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

Marge extends an invitation to all of you to visit either by air to the South end of the field, or by car turning off Route 6 at the Teterboro Air Terminal sign in Teterboro, New Jersey and following the airport road to the end. Lots of luck, Marjorie.

Our Secretary for one meeting, Betty Pettitt, has been dream elsewhere and for good reason. Betty is working for Stewart Motor Sales, Inc. distributors for Kaiser-Frazer cars in Indianapolis. Betty is with the Aerial Advertising Department of this most progressive concern and is at present being checked out as and being publicized as the first woman sky-writer in the United States. Selma Cronan, even though busy with her twins, has managed to get her commercial; Alma Ward Bristol has gotten her water rating flying Seabees and Cub Cruisers at Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire this summer; and Kay Menges acquired her instructor's rating this summer also.

On Sunday, December 7th, Ruth Curtman, Marge Gray, Kay Menges, and Barbara Poole were the only female attendants at an AOPA brunch flight from Teterboro Air Terminal to Grossinger's, New York Flight Strip a beautiful spot in the mountains equipped for all types of sports, indoors or out. Even though they dodged snow clouds all the way up, from what I hear the gals had a very enjoyable time.

A very Happy New Year from snow and ice-bound New York.

* MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION *

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Margaret E. Vaughan
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HAPPY NEW YEAR NINETY NINERS EVERYWHERE!!!!

Really the most exciting things have been happening in our chapter!! First, let me tell about Washington's

first airmarker. Blanche Noyes donated the paint and we 99'ers with the able assistance of the WASP's and Women Flyers of America did a job all Washington pilots are talking about. To make it smell nice and have that feminine touch, the sign was marked with Cashmere Bouquet Talcum. (Nothing's too good for our sign!) Then with a swish, swish to the spray gun--it was all painted. We just beamed with the wonderful letters of praise from Blanche Noyes our CAA Airmarking Specialist, L. H. Child, CAA Administrator for Personal Flying Development and the President of the Board of Trade. Personally speaking, I'm soooooo happy they didn't catch us in this exalting mood for a second sign -- ohhhhhh -- my aching back! Penetrating oils never stopped a single squeak for at least two weeks.

Then did you hear about the Cocktail party we held in the Congress Room of the Willard Hotel for George Truman and Clifford Evans, the two 'round the world cub pilots? Everyone was there, just ask me. It was exciting listening to the boys relate various incidents during their trip. Several of our congressmen, directors of aviation from various states and aviation manufacturers were present. These boys really made history and now their planes are going into the Smithsonian Institute. Did you know that one of the planes was originally flown and used by our chairman Jean Howard. Speaking of Jean, she's on a two weeks vacation. A salute to our chairman! It's the first in two years.

Say Ninety Nines -- have you seen Claire Callaghan's new love. Terrific. That's all I can say. Ummmmmm! Ummmmmm! A new 1947 Ford Convertible. Guess what Betsie Woodward and Helen McGilvery of Annapolis Airport did Christmas. Worked! Yes, they did and the rest of us increasing our waist lines at least two inches. Oh, well I had fun strutting the New Look back home in Illinois. Rumor has it Lucille Doll is doing likewise out Kansas City way. Wasn't that a good story on Katherine Stinson in the local paper? The only woman aeronautical engineer in the Civil Aeronautics Authority---and Blanche Noyes was featured in an article for Flying Magazine. Talked to Rose Jespersen today, Santa Claus was a day late at their house (bad weather in Rome!) but her children still say he's number one man on their list. Brought a new car for the Jespersen's also. Eleanor Davis is certainly flying come rain or shine in that new Luscombe. We really had a wonderful time ferrying "Junior" back from Dallas. And that town! A great place to 'RON'! Sara Bailey's the busiest person in town. Night and day she teaches. If you want to see Betty, don't make appointments, just join her classes. Say, Blanche Noyes broadcasted over WJW in television. She told a lot of interesting things but the best was when she waved to Claire (Callaghan) and told her to go back to work. Now Claire wasn't in television but, of course, she did. Am still grumbling over my black Christmas cards. Can you imagine ordering red and getting black? Dumped them all in the waste basket and posted last year's left overs! I'm not in mourning during the holiday season. Virginia Webb told a cute story--while landing on National Airport to deliver her husband's dinner pail, the tower called to say her slip was showing. They meant her flaps were down. Last Saturday my brother-in-law informed me my garter was broken - the rear tire was dangling. Never a dull moment, I say! How about your New Year's Resolution? Are you keeping them? Only made one but it's so hard to keep.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Juanita Pritchard
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The 99'ers meeting Saturday, January 10th marks the parting of the ways for Pittsburgh and Meadville. Meadville is starting their own chapter and we of Pittsburgh say, "God Bless You and Good Luck", with the hope for another strong and flourishing group of 99'ers.

The Program Committee, headed by Chairman Betty Warnock have prepared a varied and interesting program. It features speeches by Cliff Ball of The Aero Club, Waldo Russell of P.P.C., Hal Boisley of the Q.B.'s, Mr. Davis

of C.A.A. and Capt. Stitt of the Air Corps Reserve at Moon Township. Guests will be Mrs. Waldo Russell and Mrs. Harold Boisley.

The meeting will be held Saturday, January 10th at the City Club Room of Hotel William Penn. The time is 12:30. Let's all include as a definite must a New Years Resolution to make the 99'ers bigger and better for 1948. A good step in the right direction is your first step in the direction of the Wm. Penn on Saturday the 10th.

November 29th was a new high for the 99'ers for two reasons. That was the night of the Aero Club Dance and it was a new high in entertainment. Everyone had a grand time and enjoyed themselves to the limit. From a strickly mercenary angle we also hit a new high -- corsages furnished by Teresa James were both beautiful and profitable as the 99'ers as flower girls added \$55.00 to the club treasury. The flower girls of course added a new high with those lovely "new look" formals. A new High High was added when one of our loveliest, dressed strikingly with an off the shoulder black dress and a dramatic up-sweep, spent the evening Kunkle-bugging, no...I mean jitter-bugging.

More information on the February meeting later. It will be in the lounge at Russ Hays new hangar at County Airport. Further information depends on Helen Porter. When we get it, you will.

We are all very sorry to hear of our good friend, Bob Trader's illness, but we definitely rejoice with his wife, pioneer 99'er Rae Trader that he is on the road to recovery.

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* NEW ENGLAND SECTION *
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By Alma Gallagher
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Moya Mitchell of Medford, Mass., WASP alumna, became New England governor when the ballots were counted following the section's December dinner meeting at the Fox and Hounds club in Boston the 10th.

New vice governor is Judy Short of Swampscott, Mass.; secretary, Mildred Morey of Marblehead, Mass.; treasurer, Ruth Hamilton of Orange, Mass.

Moya succeeds Abby Ann Cutler who is now in the process of acquiring an instrument rating.

Elizabeth Lewis Gaines who shocked the natives of Seattle when she learned to fly in 1917 was a special guest at the meeting and brought along pictures of the planes she flew when flying time was rated at \$1.50 per minute. She was the 12th woman in the USA to be given a license.

Another guest was Ruth Binz, first woman to receive a pilot's certificate in Switzerland, who is at present on a tour of this country. In the midst of dinner Regina Winca arrived, just back from her native France. Regina on a visit to the States earlier in the year added a CAA pilot's certificate to her collection and joined the N. E. section.

The Northern Chapter combined the section meeting with their monthly gathering and managed to take in a sectional, six strong, for the first time in many a month. Attending were Chapter Chairman Ruth Hamilton, Lucille Dingley, Lillian Putnam, Betty Condict, Lillian Sylvane and Alma Gallagher.

Also at the party in the 99's room of the Fox and Hounds were Governor Abby Ann, Daisy Kirkpatrick, Dot Hayes, Maurine Thomas, Rose Abbott, Judy Short, Anna Crathern, Dot Hills and Grace Gibbons, a guest.

 * NORTH CENTRAL SECTION *

FROM THE GOVERNOR OF THE NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Thelma C. Lindzay
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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL . . . and now to thoughts and plans for 1948.

Two invitations for meetings of the North Central Section during the coming year have been happily accepted. One from Elizabeth Morgan, Chairman of the Illinois Chapter to meet with their members in Chicago in May and another from Thelma H. Olson, Chairman of the Iowa Chapter to hold our Annual Sectional meeting in Des Moines in the Fall. Definite dates will be announced later, but do plan your year with these two promising get togethers in mind.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Charlotte Darlington
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thanx to Virginia Eberhart for sending me the news as I have not attended the last few meetings. If it weren't for her, this column would be pretty sad, since Esther Latham and Pan are the only others who have sent me any news. Esther and Pan saw Joan Ferguson off on the airlines to California. I guess she is returning this month.

I got a letter from Little Doc who is sunning herself at Clearwater, Florida for a few weeks. They drove down and are having a wonderful time. They were going to have a Christmas tree for Christmas and everything except snow, which we certainly had here on Christmas day.

The November meeting was at the L.V.L. Club at Indpls. and 17 members and 2 Associate Members were present. Three prospective members, Mrs. Helen Logan of Knox, Ind.; Virginia Brown of Indianapolis and Mrs. Hurt were introduced. Betty Pettitt, a New Jersey member, is transferring to the Indiana Chapter. Virginia Leach was also a prospective member from Zionsville.

Jessie Von Leer told about her Clinic talk of the week before the meeting. Buying 99 emblem matches was discussed and voted on to buy to sell to member at a profit, which profit was to go into the Amelia Earhart Scholarship fund.

Esther Latham asked for our next meeting to be held at Municipal Airport, Indianapolis, Capital Air Service office, 11:00 a.m., January 18, 1948.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Helen Pelto
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As the December copy of the News Letter was devoted to a list of new and renewal members, Becky Thatcher was not commended for the delicious breakfast that was served 99's and guests at our Stanton meeting in Nov. We do so now.

In December our annual Christmas dinner and meeting was held at the Hammond's in Grosse Pointe. The affair was, of course, the usual success - manhattans and martinis - airplane talk and just plain talk - a second-helping-tempting dinner and coffee - business meeting and then Santa Claus (played by Jeannette Sovereign). Should you

decide to "put up with us" again next year, Alice, count me in.

In January the 99 meeting will be in Flint, Michigan. In February your reporter will be hostess at the Pontiac Municipal Airport. Regarding sectional meetings, our Governor Thelma Lindzay has scheduled Chicago, Illinois, for the spring meeting sometime in May and then Des Moines, Iowa, for the fall meeting. Sounds good, Thelma.

VELTA SKUTT is home from the hospital. Hope you feel much better, Velta....PRISCILLA WUNSCH's new address is 7008 North Sheridan, Chicago, Illinois. Pat is attending Vogue School of Interior Decorating there....GLORIA LYNCH started for Florida in a two-master schooner; but after it took three days to get to Cleveland, Gloria took to the air and landed pronto in St. Petersburg. She is now selling Stinsons for Graham Prince in Tampa....MARY CLARK is now with the Red Cross Field Directors Office at Dearborn Veterans Hospital....MARY CREASON is the proud possessor of a Commercial Pilots License in addition to holding a Seaplane Rating. Congratulations....We welcome ROSEMARY RANSBOTTOM back to the 99 meeting. Rosemary is flight instructor at Roseville Airport. She also has her Ground School Ratings in navigation and meteorology....Hello to you again, JEAN PEARSON....ELOISE SMITH flew the Bellanca to Florida on a Wednesday and returned on a Sunday....NITA BERRY is flying their Stinson to Lake Worth, Florida for February and March....MARGARET WINDFUHR after 10 years of tramping through woods during deer season finally shot a 8-point 170-lb buck which she dressed herself....BECKY THATCHER went hunting too. Was snowed in for four days.

Welcome to the 99's, Shirley Nachtusih, Elinor Smith and Betsy Orr.

A Scoop! Mary Anderson is leaving for Bermuda on December 31, 1947, after a wedding - her wedding. Helen Anderson is writing for a new magazine, the Michigan Aero Digest, published by the Aero Club of Michigan, concerning Michigan women in aviation. Helen is finding it extremely difficult to refrain from mentioning 99's entirely in her column. It seems that the women who are accomplishing things in Michigan are almost all 99's.

The Michigan Chapter of the 99's is proud of its representation at the Fifth Aviation Clinic which was held in November in Springfield, Illinois. Our representatives were Jeannette L. Sovereign and Alice Hammond. Jeannette and Alice flew down there in the Stinson. Alice was an alternate delegate for Classification of Private Flying and Jeannette was toastmistress at a dinner sponsored by Governor Green in the name of 99's entertaining all women attending the Clinic. Jeannette was appointed to be on the Committee of Social Affairs, a position which she undoubtedly handled exceedingly well. Good work.

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Betty Siggs
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The Kansas City Chapter had a chili supper and open house in mid December at the new Standard Flying Service hangar, at Kansas City Municipal Airport. Thanks to Mr. Baker, operator, and the girls who planned the party and did the work, namely Marie Kuhlman, Neva Rae, Lois Jean Brown and Val Wyatt, everyone had plenty to eat and fun watching color films of the Cleveland air races. Clothing and food were collected at this party for a family which we planned to adopt for Christmas through the Salvation Army.

Our Ninety-Nines sponsored night flights over the beautifully decorated and illuminated Country Club Plaza district received good radio and newspaper publicity but bad flying weather through the holiday weeks restricted the flights greatly. We feel that considering the weather we did quite well and are glad to have a small fund to turn over to the Salvation Army Nursery School. For the information of other chapters, this idea has been tried out here successfully before -- we

arrange with local operators to carry passengers in their regular commercial aircraft, we sell tickets and attend to the advertising, in return keep one-third of the ticket price for some particular charity benefit, the operator, carrying the passengers, of course gets the remaining two-thirds of the ticket price for his expenses.

Our January meeting will include a visit to the Kansas City CAA Air Traffic Control Center and the Link training room (both in City Hall, KC, Mo.) where yours truly will give the girls a demonstration of navigation on the new type VHF Omni-Directional ranges and the Instrument Landing Systems. We are looking forward to the dance planned for February 7th, and for first-hand news of the Miami races from Grace Harris.

ST LOUIS CHAPTER

By June Walsh
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The St. Louis Chapter said hello to the New Year at a Holiday Party on January 2 at Burnette MacNamee's home. It was a wonderful party and we all logged quite a bit of hangar time. Our big New Year's resolutions were more group flying and more active members.

At the winter open house the following women flyers were our guests; June Appel, Penny Hruska, Nadja Wilson, Pat Shea, Clara Wagoner, Naomi Thompson and June Herr. We hope that those who are already private pilots will join our group now and those who are still students will become members as soon as they are qualified.

Our members have been pretty busy with the holiday season but we did glean a few bits of news. Del Scharr is going to school taking shorthand and typing so that she can take over a brand new job in radio. Mary Jeffords, who is about to get her commercial ticket, took a flying trip to Detroit for the holidays. Martha Randolph and her husband have returned to St. Louis. Burnette MacNamee received a beautiful new Stinson as a Christmas gift from her doctor husband.

The Ninety-Nines in the St. Louis area are actively engaged in the airmarking campaign. The chapter has plans for a most active 1948.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morris
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The December and Christmas meeting of our chapter was held December 13 and 14 in Columbus. The party started rolling at 7 Saturday evening at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, we had dinner later, and then continued the fun. In the midst of all of it Julie Dearth lost her keys which caused a near riot. Incidentally, there were 18 girls at the party and it was wonderful to have so many attend from out of town.

Sunday morning everyone rolled out on time and the meeting was held at Sullivant Airport at 11. Those who couldn't come for Saturday night came over Sunday and we had a total of 74 with two new members, "Pepper" Ambus of Sandusky, and Helen Moses of Ashtabula.

First thing we want to mention is that Julianne Dearth has obtained a leather "99" insignia which is very attractive. It is about 4 inches in diameter, round, and 99 in the center with a sunburst design in blue and white with the background of light tan. She is making arrangements to place a substantial order, but in order to do this would like to hear from everyone interested in having one for her jacket or what-have-you, so that she can make a close estimate on how many to order. Another thing that we hope you all will be interested in is the Fifinella doll. Terry McLaughlin of Columbus says that we can have a doll such as this made for the 99's if we

can supply a substantial order. We thought both these ideas were tops and hope the rest of you will too. Next News Letter we will try to give you all details as to price and how to place your orders for either or both of these.

Right after the meeting we had a Christmas party with each girl taking a half of an airplane cut out of magazines and matching them with the rest of the cut out which was pasted on each gift. And I might add that there were some very attractive gifts there too.

We had dinner at the airport with dessert of a beautiful ice cream cake which Lillian Moore brought, on it was a molded ice cream airplane with no less than NC 99! Altogether everyone had a fun-filled weekend, and so the party ended -- with us still hunting Julie's keys.

Next meeting is scheduled at Ashland Airport, January 18 at 10:00 a.m.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Elsie V. Peters
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The last monthly meeting of the Wisconsin Chapter for the year 1947 was an Xmas party held at the home of Dede Heise. After our business meeting, at which Florence Fintak was elected as Secretary to replace Germaine Reback, who resigned. We had a glorious time. Of course, Santa arrived with his gifts but I believe all the girls enjoyed making the records, where in imagination they were either leaving or approaching some field with most interesting experiences. Dora Fritzke was the operator in the tower and she certainly was on the ball, as some of us made mistakes due to mike frights. In all it was a glorious party.

We think it might be interesting to all of you that in one small group we total 4000 flying hours and have flown in 33 States.

Happy New Year to all.

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COLORADO CHAPTER

By Naomi Jackson
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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Now that the holiday season is over many of our members are returning home from their vacationing with friends and relations. Dorothy Young and husband spent the holidays in California; Bobbie Tafflinger went home to Kansas City; Dorothy Schaeffer and husband flew to Laramie, Wyo. Most of the rest of us were fortunate in having our families here in the city. By the way, Dorothy Young has transferred her membership from the Washington, D. C. chapter to the Colorado Chapter and all the girls are glad to have Dorothy one of us.

Grace Birge Mayfield and husband are the proud (I do mean proud) parents of a fine little boy born last month.

Katie Kelly arrived in Denver for New Years and will spend a few days with friends before she returns to her home in New Mexico.

Mae Boettcher donated cocktails, dinner and her lovely

home for our last meeting. Each girl paid a small fee for the dinner and such that was turned over to the treasury by Mae and it certainly helped the looks of the cash on hand in our treasury. The girls all wish to extend their thanks to Mae for her generosity and for being such a perfectly lovely hostess. Every one had such a grand time and our turn out was 100%. Margaret Jones, our past Chairman, was able to attend the meeting for which we were all grateful as Margaret and her hubby are living at Hot Sulphur Springs, Colo. and it is difficult for Margaret to attend very many of our meetings.

Our Chapter has offered their help or whatever they can do in regard to air marking some of our smaller towns in Colorado.

OKLAHOMA CITY UNIT

By Yvonne B. Warfield
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The Oklahoma City Unit met December 14th in the home of Velma Woodward. Our 99 guest was Jewell Pearce of the Tulsa Unit.

We hit the jack pot at this meeting. Billy Lum, Yukon, Okla. presented the Unit with a Gray Hound Racer Puppy. It is only about eight weeks old now and will not be ready for the races until she is a year old. The girls have tentatively agreed to call her Miss Ninety Nine. For those of you who are not well acquainted with the canine population, these particular dogs range in price from \$1,000 to \$5,000. As a matter of facts we already have great plans for Miss Ninety Nine. Billy trains her own dogs for the races and she has agreed to put Miss Ninety Nine through her paces. Many thanks, Billy, for your generous gift.

Hazel Raines, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, is laying plans for another rummage sale to be held sometime in the spring. We did quite well on the one we had in October. We netted \$77.60.

Our next meeting will be January 18th, 1948 in the home of Yvonne Warfield, 624 N. E. 17th, Okla. City.

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CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Sara E. Payne
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The Carolinas Chapter will have its next meeting on Sunday, January 18th, at the Eaton Farm in Charlotte. This will be a luncheon meeting with the Charlotte Ninety-Niners as hostesses, 49 others invited. The landing strip at the Eaton farm is in good condition, and those who are flying in may either land there or at the Municipal Airport.

Bird and Paul Eaton spent the Christmas holidays in Florida. At Sarasota they enjoyed good fishing and at Daytona Beach they spent an evening in the control tower with Vera Self. Report has it that Vera really knows how to give the planes a light.

We will miss seeing Ann Johnson around, since she has recently moved from Atlanta to Los Angeles.

Sorry, we don't have any more news this time.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Marion Bertram
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As this is written we do not know where the next National Convention will be held, but we hope it will be here in Florida. Anyway, these are tentative plans for the second All-Woman Air Show, which, this year, will be held in Miami at Amelia Earhart Field, June 5 and 6, instead of Tampa.

About June 1 an Air Derby will start from designated points such as Dallas, Tex., Omaha, Neb., St. Louis, Mo., Detroit, Mich. and some point in the New York-New Jersey section, in stock model aircraft. This event will be a competition, but easy and lots of fun. The Trans-continental race will be for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Trophy and a sizeable purse (we hope) with starting point in California. The Air Show itself will include aerobatic competition by invitation, novelty events, two light plane races, and a midget plane race as a memorial to Marge Hurlburt who was a member of our Chapter and very much interested in midget planes.

And girls, get out your Spanish books--plans are in the mill for a light plane cruise to Havana following the Show, and the Cubans are wonderful hosts--we'll have a grand time in the 'gay Cuban capitol'.

Start making your plans now for the first week in June.

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BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Jan Moffat
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The December Christmas party was held at Marjorie Fauth's home in San Francisco. Several of the girls assisted Marj in preparing a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings. After dinner, presents were exchanged. Those present were: Barbara Standing, Helen Kelton, Ena Ayers, Dorothy Chamberlain, Margaret Gerhardt, Florence Emig, Jerry Masinter, Rita Hart, Ruth Mochvan, Ruth Rueckert, Jan Moffat, Ruth Jerry, Lois Hushbeck, Ester Haney, Marian Barnick, Patricia Gladney, Fran Grant, Mariam Brugh, Marjorie Fauth, Jan Deitrich and Marian Deitrich.

Presents of clothing and food were contributed to make up a package being sent to a woman flyer in France, Maryse Heltzen Bastie, Paris, France. We hope this small package will help her in some way.

Kitty Hawk Day was celebrated in the Bay Area by dinner, dancing and entertainment at the Naval Air Station, Alameda on 17 December 1947. This was sponsored by the NAA, and several of the Bay Cities Chapter 99's acted as Hostesses. Dick Powell was Master of Ceremonies and introduced people of well reknown connected with aviation.

The Bay Cities Chapter sponsored the Sacramento Chapter 99's who have been given a charter. Dorothy Barden was elected Chairman and Rita Johnson, Vice Chairman.

Esther Haney was absent a few days attending the First Annual Convention of SPARS at Washington, D. C. and New York.

Elinor Verkuyl has been ill and has taken leave from school. Jerry Mickelson has also been ill and in the hospital for a few days. We hope both recover soon.

We feel that 1947 has been quite a successful and eventful year for our chapter and we have set our goal for 1948 as one project a month to be completed.

THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Dodie Aspell
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For our November meeting, we were invited by the WNAA to have a joint meeting with their organization and the Order of Fifinella. We had as our guest speakers Tom Ruddy, and Tom Ingelman both of the L. A. Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ruddy, who is Chairman of Airmarking, discussed his project and what we could do to help. Mr. Ingelman, Chairman of the Skyway No. 1 project, gave us the ins and outs of his work. Also present were Dick Bean and Glen Eastburn both of the L. A. Chamber of Commerce and T. P. Wright of the C.A.A. We had a large turnout and we saw many girls that have been away too long. Among these girls were Monie Dye, Claire McMillen, Catherine Samson, Betty Jo Prince, Dee Thurmond, Margaret Standish, June Lawler and Dori Marland, who incidentally has been married since then to Johnny Martin, test pilot for Douglas Aircraft.

Our breakfast flight to Puente Sky Ranch was lots of fun with several guests and representatives of the Airmen United who flew our president Helen Hooper over in a flight of Stinsons. Dot Avery, Melba Beard, Helen Thomure, Betty Rodgers, Margaret Cook, all drove in. We had with us, also L. C. Ringer of Akron, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Nils flew up from Oceanside in their Luscombe, Monie Dye flew her Ryan PT-22 and Dodie Aspell flew in in an AT-6. We had a short business meeting after the breakfast to

decide on our January Sectional Meeting. It was decided that it would be held the last weekend of the month and the Chapters will be invited immediately.

On Kitty-Hawk Day, the 17th of December, we again got together with the other womens aviation groups here in Los Angeles. We had one of the most constructive meetings of the year with guest speakers Marshall Beeman, of the CAA speaking on Safety, and Al Conover, test pilot for North American Aviation speaking on the problems that arise with advent of jet airplanes.

We are looking forward to seeing the other girls from the various chapters in our section the end of the month.

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