

NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

After living in terror for months in anticipation of this moment when I would have to submit a letter to the President's Column, I find I am still at a loss - I can't think of a message!!!

If any of you have any ideas as to how one can instill some usefulness into the office of Vice - President, please let Belle and me have them.

One thing has bothered me since the National meeting last September. When the ballots were counted it was obvious that only a third of the membership voted for National officers. Many of you do not know the girls whose names are placed on the ballots, but your chairman or governor knows some of them, and they should be discussed as soon as you receive your ballot.

Long before that time, and long before you are to send in your list of candidates for these offices, discuss possibilities among the girls in your own Section, check on the girls who have been active in other sections, and the ones you read about in the Newsletter, who seem to be doing things.

I know it isn't lack of interest in 99 affairs, but rather lack of personal acquaintance with the members nominated, that causes us not to bother with voting. But now you can see how important the individual vote can be.

As I said earlier, if you have any suggestions as to duties for the Vice-President, let us know. Hope to see you all at the National meeting this summer, wherever it may be.

Sincerely,

Helen Wetherill Anderson
Vice-President

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* METROPOLITAN SECTION *
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NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Vivian Hoffmann
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It sorrowed us all to hear of the death of MABEL CLEMSON, veteran pilot and member Ninety-Niner.

Many of you, I'm sure, have flown into Mrs. Clemson's air-

port "Star-Haven" in Middletown, New York and remember the many fly-ins that were held there, at the last of which, over a year ago, a beautifully decorated cake with the Ninety-Nines emblem on it came in for many ohs and ahs.

Mabel Clemson started flying in the late '20's at Knollwood Airport, North Carolina. Her first airplane, a Piper Cub, was named the "Madame Queen" and her latest, a Bonanza in which she flew to the All-Woman Air Races at Tampa last year, was the "Madame Queen IX".

In addition to all her flying hours, Mabel Clemson was a member of the Sportsman Pilot Association, the NAA, and was very active in the CAP with the rank of Captain. During the war a lookout and aircraft spotter station was located at "Star-Haven". For this and the thousands of hours she devoted in aiding the war effort, Mrs. Clemson received high commendation.

The Ninety-Nines and all aviation will miss Mabel's enthusiasm and spirit.

With many gals literally "drooling" for some of Gene Leone's delicious shrimp a la Leone, our January meeting was held at Leone's Restaurant, New York City on the 19th. Object: food and just talking.

Among those present were ELISE OWENS, owner of a Piper Cub, who traveled all the way from Connecticut to attend our meeting, JEAN GARNIER, fledgling pilot and prospective Ninety-Miner as SELMA CRONAN'S guest, and HELEN HUTSON WEBER, who poured tea at the first Ninety-Miner meeting and has been interested in aviation and the Ninety-Nines through the years.

This month we welcome four new members: MARGARET FINNERAN of West New York, New Jersey; GERTRUDE SCHLACHTER of Piermont, New York; AGNES EVE of Larchmont, New York; and CLEMENTINE (CLEMY) BAST of New York City, who at present is flying her J-3 Cub out of Budd Lake Airport.

BELLA HEINEMAN of New York City, flying very actively at Westchester Airport, is our new Secretary. Bella started flying back in 1934 in a Fleet at Roosevelt Field. In 1939 she became an instructor and for two years soloed fledglings in Vermont and Conn. When they closed flying in the East Bella went to the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa to get her instrument rating. At this time the WASPS were in process of forming and Bella had to choose. She decided to get her instrument rating first. She got it and stayed on to instruct WTS instrument and cross country programs. Then it was too late to become a WASPie but Bella has all the ratings none-the-less - single and multi engine land and sea, instrument, instructor besides the ground instructor ones too. Is in the 5000 hour bracket too! Just before she returned to us she flew a Howard as company pilot for a Chicago firm. If you come to NYC call her for our meeting date and place. She lives at the Essex House on 59th Street West.

LYNNE WILLIAMS as Chairman of our Research Committee is hard at work these days on an up-to-date list of all Charter members and their addresses. Any help on this list that any other sections might be able to give her would be greatly appreciated. Since next year is the 20th ANNIVERSARY of the Ninety-Nines, we are anxious to make contact with all the charter members and early supporters. Any and all clues will be welcome. It seems rather fitting that Lynne lives in Valley Stream for it was the first meeting place of the Ninety-Nines. Write her at: 30 Lutz Drive, Valley Stream, L.I., New York. And may we add -- she's lovely, she's engaged too. Do you use Pond's Lynne?

BEA FALK tells us that \$6.50 was cleared for the Amelia Scholarship Fund on the recent sale of blown glass articles. Many thanks Bea, for all your efforts.

YVETTE HYATT became Mrs. John Kovary on the 13th of December. Thirteen seems to be her lucky number, what with a birthday on the 13th too. Her 49ther works for Pan American Airways during the day and studies Electrical engineering at night.

A recent visitor to these parts was Ninety-Miner MARY ANN WETHERBY from Princeton, West Virginia. She was one of

the first women to receive her instructor's rating in the state of West Virginia and at present is instructing at Pence Springs.

See you at what proposes to be an interesting meeting on February 23rd at the Marta Restaurant, 75 Washington Pl., New York City at 6:30 P.M.

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* MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION *
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WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER

By Margaret E. Vaughan
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Latest television participants - Claire Callaghan and Mary McFadden. The girls, manipulating the controls of a simulated aircraft, demonstrated the maneuvering and flight characteristics of a small airplane which the audience was able to observe. Quite an invention!! Further study is being made by the Navy.

Now for a word concerning our girl Betty (Sara Elizabeth) Bailey. Busy as she always appears, bought a beautiful new, green Pontiac Convertible and the following day married a very handsome fellow! The name is now Mrs. Kenneth Williams.

Elizabeth Woodard, our chapter secretary, has resigned from the Annapolis Airport Staff and is now compiling airport data for the Pilot Cross Country Guide published by the National Aero Service of Terre Haute, Indiana. Betsie is just the girl for the inspection of the eastern airports and she has my dollar for the very next issue!!

Our January meeting met with Jean Howard and plans were made for a Tea in honor of the Wing Scouts, to be in the President's Room of the Administration Building on National Airport February 15th. Also a date was set for a Cocktail Dance in conjunction with the WASP's and Women Flyers of America. Jeanne Hunt brought the matches with the Ninety-Nine Insignia and everyone was very pleased. Now we have plans to obtain stationery with our insignia! Elizabeth Woodard was appointed as member of the Accounting Committee. Our two new members Eleanor Davis and Mary Jane Livingston were the honored guests for the evening. Everyone has been listening to Jeanne Hunt rave about her book "Sky High" by Eric Hodgins and F. Alexander Magoun -- sooo by popular request Jeanne gave a book review and you know what? It was GOOD!!! Now various members want to read it but the only copy available is from the Congressional Library! (What senator or representative do I know?) Among the girls present were Bobby Robinson and Elizabeth Woodard from Baltimore, Florence Gates, Mary Belle Ahlstrom Smith, Jeanne Hunt, Jan Warren, Dorothy Scarborough, Lucille Doll, Claire Callaghan, Daisy Vaughan, Eleanor Davis, Pearle Robinson, Mary Jane Livingston, Jean Howard, Margaret Vaughan and Wing Scout Jean Wadlington.

Haven't had an opportunity to talk to Blanche Noyes but know she enjoyed the Miami Air Maneuvers one hundred percent - even though a few damp days were encountered.

It is indeed a grand idea in publishing the meeting dates of the chapters! Our chapter meets the second Wednesday of every month and any visiting member is definitely welcome to our gatherings! Our next meeting will be February 11th and yours truly is showing some aviation films.

We were certainly pleased to see AOPA feature our chairman Jean Howard in Flying magazine.

Last but not least! Girls cross your fingers. Just talked to Mary McFadden and Kilroy (her Great Dane) is all dressed, plus a new hair cut, for the Baltimore Dog show! He simply has to win first prize! Our Mascot!

FLASH!!!! KILROY WON THE BLUE RIBBON!!!!!!

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Jesse Jones Eckhart
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Lancaster, Pa.

What's new with us 99ers from Pennsylvania? Well -- Helen E. Jones, governor of the Middle Eastern Section has told us she is engaged to G. Richard Kreider. Helen now lives in Baltimore, Maryland she is a Commercial Pilot and holds a flight instructors rating, she's been flying since she could reach the rudder with the aid of cushions with a flying father as advisor. Her fiancé was a Navy pilot and is now flying for Koppers Aeromatic Propellers.

Two of our girls flew down to the Miami All American Air Show in January and had a terrific time. They are now flying Alligators too, those of you who are 'Gators know how much fun that is. The girls-- oh yes, our chairman Frances Nolde of Reading, Penna. and our secretary, Vi Delp of Lancaster, Pa. They also attended the 99 meeting in Miami.

Grey Allison of Baltimore, Maryland is spending a few months back in Penna. at Norristown. The next meeting will be there Feb. 15th. The last meeting was held Dec. 7th at York, Penna. with Jane Morris as our hostess. We all had a grand time at the York Country Club with a nice gang and several guests.

We have a new member... Doctor Helen Myers of Lancaster, Pa. Helen is a dentist, owns a red Culver Cadet, she is working on a Commercial at the present time. Welcome, Doc, we are glad you are one of us.

We hear from Peggy Betten of Pottstown that she and her PT-19 may be heading south soon to visit her folks in Florida, and get away from the cold, ice and snow of Penna. Spring is just around the corner with good flying weather, we hope.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Bettie Townson

ADVANCE NOTICE: ATTENTION ALL CHAPTERS IN MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION.

You all are invited to a party! We hope all girls from our sister chapter, Western Penn, 99'ers from Maryland, Washington, D. C., Virginia and West Virginia will start planning NOW to be present.

Big doings are being arranged and we want a 100% Eastern Penn turnout. We're letting you know early enough so you can start planning way ahead. We want EVERY chapter member to bring a prospective member, so contact her now and invite her.

The Date: Sunday, April 18.
The Place: Pylon Club, Patco Field, Norristown, Pa.
Meeting Time: 12 Noon
Luncheon Time: 1 p.m.
Auction Time: 2 p.m.

Husbands, friends, prospective 99'ers are invited to this meeting. Other chapter members send a penny postcard by April 8th to G. Sees, 502 Wiltshire Road, Upper Darby, Pa. if you plan to come. Give names and number of guests you will bring with you.

SIGHT UNSEEN AUCTION: Event of the day will be a "Sight Unseen Auction" for benefit of our chapter treasury. GIFT WRAP any item costing 50 cents up and bring it to the auction. Ask your hubbies and guests to do the same. The more packages, the more fun.

Our auctioneer is a VERY famous personage, the 99's own "MISS F. E. BOONE" of Lexington, Ky! Mrs. Senator Claghorn will also be present, if we can talk her into coming "north".

G. Sees is arranging the dinner, and we know how our

members like to eat. The menu is something pretty special but we're not telling you what it is, you can start drooling now however. Because of the special arrangements for food and buying difficulties, PLEASE help us by mailing your return cards in PROMPTLY, by the date specified on the card.

FUN, PRIZES, FOOD AND FRIENDS! MARK THAT DATE NOW!
SUNDAY, APRIL 18.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Juanita Pritchard
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Our last meeting, January 10th held at Hotel William Penn was one of the nicest meetings we have ever had - every one still talks about it.

Our guest speakers were Cliff Ball, representing the Aero Club - Hal Bazley, Q.E.'s and All American Airmail - Mrs. Davis from C.A.A. and Mr. Waldo Russell from Penn. Pilots Council. All talks were very interesting. Betty Warnock our chairman had a clever surprise for each one of them - she had different girls ask them questions, some were sensible and some were impossible to answer - when they couldn't answer they had to make a forfeit - Hal Bazley, since he was representing Air-Mail Pick-up had to go out into the lobby of the hotel and make a pick-up - was his face red - but he wasn't gone long before he came in with his friend, and Betty Warnock pinned a lovely gardenia corsage on her. All was a lot of fun. Mr. Davis, of CAA had his license lifted - Waldo Russell who works for Pittsburg Press had to have his name in the Sun-Telegraph and Cliff Ball had to ask all the 99'ers to an Aero Club Luncheon - and they think they can be exclusive, men only - we will show them.

Mrs. Harold Bazley, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Waldo Russell were our guests - Helen Ball couldn't be counted as a guest, since she is one of us.

Betty Popp and Jean Peden came in from Meadville, Pa. They have formed their own group since it is so far for them to have to travel to the meetings here in Pittsburgh. We will miss them.

Speaking of meetings - the next will be at County Airport February 22, Sunday at 3 P.M. Helen Porter in charge.

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* NEW ENGLAND SECTION *
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By Judy Short
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Report of 99 meeting, January 12, 1948. Those present were: Regina Winza, Maurine Thomas, Daisy Kirkpatrick, Lucille Dingley, Ann Cutler, Ruth Hamilton, Ruth Anderberg, Dorothy Hayes, Elizabeth Condict, Lillian Putnam, and Judy Short.

Officers for the New England Section for 1948 are: Judy Short, Governor; Rose Abbot, Vice Governor; Mildred Morey, Secretary; Ruth Hamilton, Treasurer, Alma Gallagher, News Reporter.

Officers for the Northern Chapter are: Ruth Hamilton, Chairman; Betty Condict, Vice Chairman; Laura Murray, Secretary-Treasurer; Lillian Putnam and Lucille Dingley, Membership; Alma Gallagher, News Reporter.

Officers for the Southern Chapter are: Ann Cutler, Chairman; Myra Houle, Secretary-Treasurer; Ann Cutler and Dorothy Hayes, Membership; Mildred Morey, News Reporter.

We met at the 99 Club, 99 State Street, Boston. It was decided to meet there during the winter on the second

Monday of each month. The Southern Chapter meetings will be combined with the sectional meetings. As soon as warmer weather comes we will alternate with a sectional meeting one month and a chapter the next.

We were sorry to have Moya Mitchell leave us. She departed to Minnesota right after Christmas.

A news letter will be sent to every member after each sectional meeting so those who aren't able to be with us will know what is going on.

I feel highly honored to be elected Governor of the Section for this year. I hope 1948 will be a very active and constructive year and I would appreciate new ideas any of you may have for meetings and activities.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Alma Gallagher
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Laconia, N. H.

Next meeting, February 24, Supper at Betty Condict's, Durham, N. H. home, will be a first anniversary celebration for our Northern New England Chapter. Regina Winczka has promised to be on hand to show some movies of flying in her native France.

It was just a year ago this month that we had our first chapter meeting at Betty's home with Betty and Lillian Putnam as hostesses.

The 13th topped off with a snowstorm failed to keep Ruth Hamilton, Regina, Betty, Lillian and the chapter reporter away from the January dinner meeting at the Arlberg Inn, just across from the ski slopes at Gilford, N. H. It was strictly drive-in weather, and Betty and Lillian arrived in their new Frazer.

With N. E. Sectional meetings scheduled for the second Monday evening in Boston each month, the chapter plans to meet the fourth Tuesday of every month with place and time announced each preceding month.

Congratulations and a wedding present were shipped by the group to the former Frances Wright who became Mrs. Lee Bowman, January 1 in Florida. Lee is the operator at the Keene, N. H. municipal airport.

Lucille Dingley is reported contemplating a flight to Nassau in her Bellanca.

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* NORTH CENTRAL SECTION *
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INDIANA CHAPTER

By Charlotte Darlington
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The January meeting was held at the Weir Cook Airport at Indianapolis in the dining room with Esther Latham and Pan Apostol as hostesses. We were invited to Ruzicka Airport by Verona Ruzicka for the February meeting on the fifteenth. Mrs. Charlotte Maurer from Mount Vernon was among the new faces.

Irmyl Retherford and her husband flew their Ercoupe to the meeting and Fern Rinker and I flew a Cub Coupe. It was four below zero up there, but we three girls are the youngest ones in the chapter so we can stand to be brave.

I'm going to try something unique this month and find out just how cooperative the Indiana Ninety-Nines are. So this will be the test to show the rest of the chapters in the United States. Here tis: I will send each of you a penny post card, which you will mail back to me with some news on it whether it's just that you visited your airport or flew around the world, or had your town airmarked so each of us will know what everyone else has accomplished, if anything.

CHICAGO CHAPTER

By Patricia L. Hitchcock
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The big news from the Chicago chapter this month is that plans have been made and preliminaries begun for the sectional meeting to be held here late in the spring. Tentatively, the Edgewater Beach Hotel has been selected as the place, visiting pilots to land at Douglas Airport, formerly Orchard Place, which is due west of the hotel. More of this in the next issue.

Plans are under way for a joint meeting with the Women Flyers of America in February.

Lucy Kalla and Helen Greinke flew a Cessna 140 down to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where they spent three weeks soaking up that Florida sunshine and visiting the countryside roundabout.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Mildred Burt
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Now that we are officially a chapter it's about time your reporter was getting some news in.

We think we have accomplished quite a bit as since our chapter was formed we have four more members which makes us nine. The new members are Buelah Frotcher and Virginia Vinsand both from Fort Dodge, Betty Barton from Spencer and Inez McAlister from Decorah.

We have been having a grand time at our meetings, and have a swell bunch of gals. Our main ambition is airmarking a strip 40 miles wide from Sioux City to Dubuque which will be called Hawkeye Airway?.

Due to the constant efforts of our chairman Bernie Eno, 138 towns have been contacted with excellent response, and if old man winter ever lets up here a lot of paint will be flying if we have to do it ourselves.

Most of our meetings have been drive in ones, but, last Saturday the weather was clear and several of us flew to Des Moines and were guests of the Iowa chapter at a luncheon. We walked in the door and who did we see but our own President, Belle Hetzel. She and Bea Mack had flown down from Omaha in that brand new Cessna.

At our last meeting we were addressed by a representative from the CAA office, and were pleased to hear of the splendid cooperation and publicity we are getting from that office on our airmarking program. We were shown some army acrobatic training films which were honeys.

Acting upon our Presidents recommendation we are publishing our meeting places for the next three months. We meet the third Sunday of every month for one o'clock luncheons. Any further information can be obtained from the airports.

The meeting places will be

February - Spencer, Iowa
March - Fort Dodge, Iowa
April - Mason City, Iowa

We sincerely hope we have some of you as our guests, I promise you, you won't be disappointed.

Be seeing you in Spencer next month as guests of Betty Barton.

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Betty Siggs
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We heartily endorse the idea of printing schedules of chapter meetings. The Kansas City chapter meets on the first Wednesday of each month. We have no regular meet-

ing place but visitors will be welcomed with open arms and information may be obtained from Chairman Val Wyatt at Delmar 2810, Marie Page at Victor 5340 or from Betty Siggs at Harrison 0110.

Our February 4th meeting will include a tour of TWA's training "Connie," dinner at the Municipal airport restaurant and meeting afterward at the home of Val and Wayne Wyatt. For the March 3rd meeting, we are invited to a buffet supper (the menu sounds so tempting) in the luxurious new offices at Ong Airport (Richards Field to you old-timers). There will be entertainment in the way of color films and we are attempting a membership drive with our prospective 99's to be guests at this meeting.

Our many-times-postponed dance is now planned as a Spring affair, dates and details to be related next issue. Seems there are too few of us right now to put on the bang-up affair we want it to be.

MARIE KUHLMAN and NEVA REA seem to be our flyingest members these winter months. MARIE took friends to Dallas recently in a Stinson 150, MARIE and NEVA flew an Ercoupe to Wichita on a Sunday breakfast flight recently with the Sheriff's Air Patrol, flew back through snow - brrrrr! They plan to go to Wichita again this Sunday. NEVA flew the Stinson to St. Louis last Sunday. Such gals! The rest of us sit by our firesides and think about flying - next spring. No one went to Miami so we are not hearing anything about the races.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Helen Pelto
R F D #2
Pontiac, Michigan

That Amelia Leslie is certainly a wonderful chief. All who were at the January meeting in Flint can confirm that. We can also give loads of credit to Bernice Trimble and Amelia's 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er.

Tovo Serrano was there at the meeting. Tovo is a very handsome flyer from Mexico who has most charming mannerisms. He told us about flying in his country. Said he, "Look for the graveyards and you will find an airport. You will receive wonderful hospitality because you are a flyer. Flyers in Mexico are a close clan of people. As for flight regulations, they are the same as CAA regulations in the United States."

It pleased Mr. Serrano to speak to a group of women flyers such as the 99's because they have very few women who do fly in Mexico. One of his closing remarks was, "There are only a few women pilots there because women do not 'trapse' around the country." We enjoyed Tovo Serrano very much. Faye Kirk is requested to bring more guests such as Mr. Serrano.

Forty-Nine and one-halfers were there-Mr. Hammond, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Sovereign. For guests we had Mr. and Mrs. Glen Roberts, Libby Babb, Helen Beck, Marion Mayville, Mary Bruer, Estille Uplegger, Shirley Marshall and Dora Gazvoda.

Have all of you Michigan 99's sent a glossy picture of yourself to Eloise Smith? If you haven't, do so as soon as possible.

Roxie and Bill Mooradion, after a year of honeymooning in California, Canada, and Rhode Island, have arrived in Georgia to settle down to being "old married folks." Their address is Route #1, Riverdale, Georgia.

Gwendolyn Walker is now working in the Contract Department for furniture at Marshall Fields, Chicago, and is transferring to the Northern Illinois Chapter. Her address is 1226 North State, Chicago, Illinois.

Congratulations to Grandparents Sovereign for their grandchild born on New Year's Day.

Jean Prins is still practicing her specialty - that is the art of making emergency landings. Jean made her third forced landing recently in a Ryan PT22 effecting a safe landing in a pasture. I'd rather practice landings in an airport

Carol and Bob Welch are permanently based at Scheidler Field, Alpena. In addition to operating that field, they will operate a flying service at Whittemore, Michigan.

New 99er Betsy Orr of Saginaw was with the Office of Strategic Services in England during the war. Her duty was that of Cartographer, map-maker. Betsy has an AB in geography from the University of Michigan. Now she is a reporter with the Saginaw News.

Meetings held on the second Sunday morning of each month:

February - Pontiac
March - Battle Creek
April - Saginaw

ST LOUIS CHAPTER

By June Walsh
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Big plans are under way for our Annual Ninety-Nine Dance to be given at the DeSota Hotel on April 9th. There will be many attractive door prizes. All Ninety-Nines and their dates will be welcome. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

The chapter is actively working on air marking for Skyway #1. Several of the girls have been flying survey trips over proposed sites. We are sponsoring a marker at Kirkwood, Missouri. The painting is to be done by the Kirkwood Aviation Club, a high school group, sponsored by a 99.

The cold weather, ice and snow have made food scarce for wildlife in the St. Louis area; therefore the St. Louis Humane Society has asked volunteers to fly food over the parks and rural wooded regions. Del Scharr, Mary Jeffords and Burnette MacNamee flew several trips and more of us plan to help during the next heavy snow.

The St. Louis Chapter is planning flights to Columbia, Missouri, and to Kentucky with as many planes going as possible. Fly-in meetings will be held this spring in the outlying areas of our district to interest girls in these communities in the Ninety-Nines.

Betty Kahle has become the bride of Gordon Sullivan. The couple are now living in Collinsville, Illinois. Dorcus Stark has just returned from a flying trip to California. At the last meeting we welcomed Jane Herr as a new member.

This month's meeting will be held at the Forest Park Hotel. We will be listed in the new telephone book under Ninety-Nines in the back section, so call us when you fly through.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morris
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Columbus 9, Ohio

Our January 18th meeting was held in Norwalk, Ohio with Mary Oetzel as hostess. I want to thank Mary for sending me the details of the meeting since I wasn't able to attend. This particular meeting was held in Norwalk instead of Ashland as previously planned, so that the Ohio Ninety-Nines could see a demonstration of the Flint Landing Instrument, a new safety device. However, on the very day of the meeting the pilot who was supposed to demonstrate it had to cancel the date as he had trouble with his Aeronca. Everyone was disappointed of course, but things worked out and a hangar flying session was held. Has anyone ever been in on one of those that wasn't fun?

Fourteen members were at the meeting which we think is right good considering all the cold weather they are having to fly through this winter, and nearly all of them flew in too.

Guest was Kay Dubbs of Norwalk, and we hope that she will be a 99'er by next meeting.

Lillian Moore, Julie Dearth, and Dorothy Morris of Columbus drove to Miami Beach and spent a week there - we still don't know whether it would have been better to fly, traveling time alone took six days, but it was a most wonderful vacation. While there we saw Winnie Gebhardt Hill now living in Miami, formerly of Springfield, she took us to a smorgasbord for a very special dinner, we're awfully glad we were able to see her again.

Our next meeting will be on February 15th at Ashland, Ohio.

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* SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION *
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COLORADO CHAPTER

By Naomi Jackson
and
Marjory Cramp

Our last meeting was held at the Denver Athletic Club and was a joint meeting of the 99's and the W.N.A.A. Individual introductions of all members was made by W.N.A.A. President Dorothy Rylander and 99 President Donna Meyers. The evening entertainment consisted of cocktails, dinner and moving pictures shown by Mr. Wylie of Continental Airlines entitled "Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons". After a lot of planning and discussion the girls arrived at a decision to hold a Ranch Dance on April the 9th at the Welshire Country Club. Admission by ticket at \$2.00 a couple. We are all looking forward to a whale of a good time and hope any out of town members interested will contact some of our chapter members for tickets and plan to attend. Names were drawn for free plane rides given by Dorothy Thompson of the Thompson Flying Service. The lucky winners were Mrs. Larry Shumaker, Shirley Coulsen, and Mrs. W. J. Bain. Betty Clark and Mona Bain discussed plans for Sky way markings. The girls plan on having breakfast flights to certain towns to be marked and doing their painting after breakfast is over.

Grace Birge Mayfield is back flying and giving instructions since the birth of her son.

Dorothy Thompson is taking a much needed and deserved two weeks vacation with Jo Trinder in Durango. I envy Dottie in that I would love to be visiting Jo also, she is such a wonderful person and hostess.

Jennie Tschoep, who manages the Flight School for Clinton Aviation, is in the lime light of a local newspaper for a story of her flying career which will make very interesting reading. We are all looking forward to the article for we know Jennie so well and admire her talents very much.

Our next meeting will be held at the Navarre the first Friday of February.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Helen Bass
Malvern, Iowa

Here's for a bit of stale news. What with the Elections and my Xmas vacation to California I'm a bit behind.

In November we had a Super-Delux meeting as the climax for our six month contest. The affair was held at the Legion Club in Omaha, with the Omaha girls making all the arrangements. Festivities started in the Bar and then moved to the Private Dining Room for a superb dinner. The decorations were very clever with a beautiful 99 as a centerpiece and corsages for every lady and a boutonniere for each gentleman. Belle Hetzel was the first Speech-maker followed by introductions all around. Then our very generous Chairman, Marguerite Durbin, presented me with a gorgeous Orchid for being First place winner and then presented Marjorie McBride a beautiful Chrysanthemum corsage for having the next highest score in points. We had several out of town guests and each hangar and distributor in Omaha was represented. We

then adjourned to the Ball Room where dancing was the "recreation" for the remainder of the evening. So drop in girls and I'll try and find a piece of cake to serve you on my new silver tray that I received as contest winner.

In December we held our meeting in Grand Island at the Hotel Yancy. We each brought a Xmas gift for exchange and each gift was to be accompanied by an original verse. Needless to say, there were several very clever poets discovered but the Climax was when one 49'er gave my 49'er a gift with the following verse: Quote, Ode to a 99 -- Oh! They rush thru the air with the greatest of ease -- Never off course over ninety degrees -- When making a landing they bounce and they sway -- Take warning all pilots, stay out of their way. (Any of you girls want to make a rebuttle? I'll be glad to furnish the man's address).

We are not having a January meeting due to weather, vacations, etc. but plan to meet in Lincoln, Nebraska in February.

TULSA CHAPTER

By Darline Hobcock
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To keep up our standard of being right up to par, our January meeting was held February 1 at the Cabin at Commercial Airport. Our guest speaker was Gleason Romans who gave a very wonderful talk on the promotion of flying and how women and the 99's could work toward this promotion. Several good points were brought out about flying still being in its infancy, and that we women could help by encouraging our 49'ers in the flying business. He also believes that the 99's as a group could do more about flying than the designers of the airplane. This, of course, makes us feel just a might bit proud to hear this kind of talk from a prominent airman. (Gleason, incidentally, was made a 49'er at this meeting.)

Our meeting was off to a flying start with twenty-three members and guests present. The Oklahoma City Chapter was well represented by the following: Hazel Raines, Yvonne Warfield, Broneta Davis, Mary Francis, Velma Woodward, Elizabeth Sewell and Vada Lum. Also included on the guest roster were Jerry Williams and Ann Pleasant from Bartlesville, and Homer Best. It was grand having all these gals and guys to hash over this and that.

We are also proud to add that we have another new member, one Edra Billings, to whom we are looking for big things.

Finally, after a great number of discussions for the last few months, we have settled upon a plan for giving our annual flying trophy. The credit should all go to Francis Blair, who seemed to be about the only one who could settle the affair. The details are still a little hazy, but one of the qualifications will be 20 hours minimum of flying time. This is rather slight and should allow everyone to participate. The trophy will be awarded on the basis of personal accomplishment. The plan gets a little technical concerning the women who own their own plane and the ones on the G.I. plan, so we'll let the rest go 'till later on. Maybe this plan will be of interest to a few other chapters. Incidentally, Gleason Romans is to sponsor the trophy and a new one will be given each year.

We have had word that Rita Willis is going to South America for approximately three months. She will be on a leave of absence from American Airlines. She is planning on quite a wonderful trip and we all envy her just a little.

On the slightly sad side of the picture, Ruth Banfield is in the hospital. We all hope you soon recuperate, Ruth, and can be with us at meetings and stuff.

In case you are wondering, we have reports from several of the members that the 99 matches are selling pretty fast. It looks like this is going to be quite a money-making thing for us.

See you all in Steve Canyon, or do you prefer Buz Sawyer?

TEXAS CHAPTER

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The Dallas Unit of the Texas chapter met at Mustang Airport on January 14th. Jo Allison and Martha Ann Reading were hostesses to a buffet supper. Other members who attended were Al Rose Line, Bert Collins, Marie Genaro, Marie Nix, Gladys Kefauver, Vivian Fleischer, Grace Clark, Marian Guiberson, Jane Goodman and Nita McPherson.

Plans were begun at that meeting, and will be completed at a meeting to be held February 5th, to hold a big Airmarking Benefit Hanger Dance, February 14th, at Marshall's Field, Dallas, Texas. Music will be furnished by Jimmy Reeves and his Square Dance Orchestra, and tickets will be sold at the door. Admission is \$1.25 per person. Everyone is invited. Money raised by this dance will be used to establish air-markers around Dallas, which, by the way, is on Skyway No. 1.

Three of our members made inspections of airports which entered the NAA Safety Division's Good Airport Operating Practice Contest. Elizabeth Hughes inspected Curtis Field at Brady, Texas; Edna G. Whyte inspected Midwest Flying Service, Fort Worth; and Verna Burns inspected Russell Field, Fort Worth, Texas. For this they received special thanks from the Texas Aeronautics Commission.

Maralee Bloomfield, who is in the NAS tower at Corpus Christi, Texas, reports that Marge Johnson, Mary Ellen Kiel and Jenny Gonver stopped over with her on a trip from Belding, Michigan, to Mexico City, and all points south and west. Maralee extends an invitation to any other 99ers who may get to Corpus to please visit with her.

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CAROLINAS CHAPTER

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On Sunday, January 18th, the Charlotte 99's were hostesses at a luncheon meeting at the Eaton Farm. A delicious buffet lunch was served to the members present.

We were very pleased to have Mr. O. J. Bradley, Chief Airport Traffic Controller at the Charlotte Municipal Airport, talk to us on Civil Air Regulations and Airport Traffic. There was a general discussion and everyone had a chance to ask questions. Of particular interest was a question on what one thing most pilots fall down on. Mr. Bradley answered this as "Radio Procedure". Seems that very few of us even knew what the correct procedure was - pilots, give your dictation a brush-up!

At the business meeting the minutes were read by Bird Eaton. Two new members were accepted: Mrs. Burnette Spencer, Trinity, N. C., and Mrs. Dorothy C. Weil, Goldsboro, N. C. Dorothy was not present, and we hope she will be with us at our next meeting.

We would like to urge our members who have not done so to send in their dues for 1948. The time is getting short, and we want you with us.

Louise Smith has a supply of very attractive 99 matches which can be ordered by all members in the Southeastern Section. Send her your order right away.

Kathleen O'Brien has invited us to The Bluff Plantation in Charleston for our next meeting. We're looking forward to seeing you, Kathleen.

The meeting adjourned into an audience of spectators to watch the girls who had their planes take off on the Eaton Landing Strip.

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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

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As I missed out on the last newsletter I will try and bring you up to date as to what's been doing in the San Diego Chapter the last couple months.

Sunday, December 7th, an informal meeting was held at Gillespie Field to discuss plans for a permanent office in buildings donated to the 99's. After inspecting these quarters a meeting was held and we decided on Gillespie as our permanent headquarters. January 9th, our next meeting, was held at Evelyn Briggs. Amelia Changnon, our President, reported on a dinner conference with Mardo Crane women's editor for the Aviation News Beacon, which was also attended by Bette Lambert and Mirriam Edelman. Amelia quoted Mardo as saying, "Subscriptions to the News Beacon are available and for each 2 year subscription the local 99 chapter will receive 50%". If any of you other chapters are interested get in touch with Mardo % Aviation News Beacon. A dance date was set for Saturday nite, February 28th, at Gillespie Field.

Next meeting will be held at Mirriam Edelman's on February 6th. She is one of our new members.

IDLE GOSSIP: Julie Hale had a card from Bette Gilles and she wrote quote, "Had another operation on my leg and expect to hatch out of my cast and throw away my crutches by Xmas." Best of luck to you, Bette.

Mary Ring, who worked at Consolidated in the Engineering Department during the war, gave birth to a fine baby boy. Named, Roger Ward Ring.

After two long months Lillian Hester brought home her baby. The hospital refused to release him until he tipped the scales at 5 lbs.

The Sectional Social Meeting at Carl's Sea-Air, Santa Monica, California, was attended by Evelyn Briggs, Mirriam Edelman, Amelia and Bob Changnon and Julie and Bob Hale.

Joint breakfast with L.A. will be held at Hi-Hi Sky Ranch February 15th.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Jan Moffat
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The Bay Cities Chapter of the 99's met at the Granada Hotel in San Francisco 23 January 1948 for dinner and a business meeting. Those present were: Fran Grant, Ruth Rueckert, Marian Barnick, Miriam Brugh, Jerry Massinter, Helen Menefee, Helen Kelton, Ester Haney, Marjorie Fauth, Ena Ayers, and Jan Moffat. Rita Sutherland, a 99 member of a Michigan chapter and visiting from Sacramento, was a guest.

A brief description was given by Fran Grant on the California Flyers Conference to be held at San Mateo, Calif. on May 29, 30, and 31. All aviation groups will be invited to participate.

Ester Haney attended the January meeting of the Bay Area Aviation Committee and gave a brief description of subjects discussed and the manner in which their meeting was conducted.

Rita Hart, Ruth Rueckart, and Dorothy Chamberlain met with the newly organized Sacramento Chapter at Dorothy Barden's hangar the first part of January to give their assistance in organization. Rita gave a talk on the activities of the 99's and their objectives.

Air Marking of buildings in the Bay Area was discussed and arrangements are being made to aid in the air marking at Sherman Field on 7 February and Morgan Hill on 15 of February.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

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Our business meeting on January 15th scheduled for Mardo Crane's house had to be changed to downtown due to fog. We discussed plans for putting up an Airmarker and Gladys Hill and Margaret Cook were appointed to locate a suitable place to put it. We can't allow the Washington Chapter to get ahead of us. Congratulations to them on the completion of theirs. Plans were finished for our Sectional get-together down here on the 24th and 25th of January.

We had a little tough luck as to weather the weekend of our sectional meeting so only one plane scheduled to fly in, finally got here. Ardele Hawk and Barbara Standing from the Bay Cities Chapter, came in and around the weather in their Luscombe, and landed at San Fernando rather than the scheduled Santa Monica Airport.

The big get-together started January 24th at Carl's Sea-Air right on the beach in Santa Monica, where we all met for cocktails and dinner, with much chit-chatting about the "Wild Blue Yonder". Then on Sunday morning we all went to the Santa Ynez Inn for breakfast and were entertained very highly with a speech by Archie Twitchell. His A-20 cockpit procedure had us all laughing. Soon after this we all broke up so our out-of-town guests could get home. It was such fun to see Grace Stevenson, Priscilla Spencer, Chairman Alice G. Pemberton, and Elynor Rudnick from Bakersfield; (Incidentally Elynor owns the Air-park at Bakersfield, drop in and see her.) Julie and Bob Hale, Evelyn Briggs, Chairman Amelia and Bob Changnon from San Diego; and Ardell Houk and Barbara Standing from the Bay Cities Chapter. We also had a new transferee, Mae Sharpe from Nebraska with us. The Los Angeles girls had several guests too. Ann Dailey brought Clarence Marshall of Phoenix with her, Barbara Thisted and Melba Beard brought their very nice husbands, and Dottie West was escorted by Bob Beachler. We were especially pleased to see Patricia Kelly Perd and her husband among those present, it's been entirely too long since we've seen them and they have been missed.

On the 15th of February we are having a breakfast flight to the Hi-Hi Sky Ranch in Oceanside, owned by our new member Coyle Mill and her husband. The San Diego Chapter are going to join us there. There has been a discussion about a dance in March with the Order of Fifinella and the WMAA. In April a flight to Bakersfield is scheduled for the Spring Sectional there. Rumors have it that Bakersfield is really running out the red carpet for us. Sounds like fun. Gladys and Roy Hill have very kindly invited the Chapter to their Big Bear Home for sometime in May, which will make a nice flight and a good time for all.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

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Sacramento Valley Chapter of 99's started its first year with a lively meeting at Dorothy Barden's Parachute Loft on Sacramento Municipal Airport, Wednesday, January 14th with Leah Johnson, Vice-Chairman, presiding while Dorothy Barden, Chairman enticed the photographer from a publicity blimp to attend our gathering.

We were honored with the attendance of several outstanding Bay Cities Chapter members such as Ruth Rueckert, Rita Hart, Geraldine Mickelsen, and Dorothy Chamberlin. We were also pleased to welcome two new members Louise Benna of Red Bluff and Vivian Dalton of Williams and to welcome back Eleanor Verkuyll of Lodi

after her long illness. We were glad too that Wanda Daniel was able to take time off from flight instructing to meet with us.

Rita Hart, our charming guest speaker, enriched our appreciation of 99's through her interesting highlights of the history of our club and the relating of her varied experiences on winging parties. Her friendly chat inspired big plans for our new group and prompted several invitations for winging parties. So, February will find us flying into Dalton Airport at Williams for Sunday Breakfast with new member Vivian acting as "Chef".

Our meeting was concluded with a group picture for the local paper with the appropriate background of an air-plane wing and to top matters the picture actually made the paper a few days later! With this good start we should have a high "rate of climb" so watch our "slip stream"!

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OREGON CHAPTER

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Defying the discomfort and hazards of Portland's first snow storm of these winter months, the Oregon Ninety-Nine's held their first meeting of '48 on January 31 at the Multnomah Hotel Rose Room in Portland. The first meeting of what promised to be a year of increased activity under our new zealous chairman, Evelyn Whitaker, was exactly the success that such an initial action must be.

A group of more than twenty persons dined and became acquainted prior to our chairman's calling the meeting to order. While some were still lingering over their second cup of coffee, the meeting began. Dispensing with the reading of the minutes of our last meeting and the making of a rather weak financial report and due to the presence of guests and distinguished speakers, there was only one question of business settled---our meeting date. The motion was made and carried that we definitely meet the last Saturday of every month.

Our first speaker, Mr. Jack Bartlett, Director of the State Board of Aeronautics, in giving a detailed and most interesting outline of the state's plans for airmarking and what we of this organization could do to further that movement, fired the girls with much enthusiasm for the project. A committee chairman, Genevieve Waples, was appointed and was instructed to choose her co-workers and plan an immediate campaign.

The second speaker, Col. Alfred P. Kelley, Wing Legal Advisor of the local C.A.P. spoke on a variety of subjects such as military discipline, the state and C.A.P. plans for an aviation course to be presented in the high schools and of course many of the past, present and future activities of the C.A.P. as an organization.

Our third speaker, Mr. Jack Mifflin, President of Western Skyways Corp., one of the Northwest's largest flight training schools gave an encouraging talk on behalf of women in aviation, stressing particularly the jobs other than flying that could be best handled by the fairer sex and in many instances a great deal better than by men.

All these speeches given with the verve and zest particular of the personalities of the men giving them, made the evening quite enjoyable for all and gave us many valuable and constructive ideas for projects in which to inject our zest for the furtherance of aviation.

The meeting was then adjourned and all left to face the wet and cold of the new fallen snow.