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NEWS LETTER

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It is very generous of Belle to share with the other National Officers the opportunity this column affords. Her generosity must not be over-stretched even though there is a strong impulse to pour out all my thoughts concerning the organization, the responsibility of the membership to the organization, the responsibilities of the organization to the sections, chapters and individual girls and in the wider concept, the efforts we should be making to strengthen the international ties. However, in accepting any or all of these responsibilities there is always the real pleasure that comes from participating in an on-going program.

It is a pleasure to greet each one of you individually through the medium of the News Letter and encourage you to continue your efforts. The contact with you which the office of treasurer affords is stimulating indeed.

On trips around the country I have had an opportunity to meet with many Ninety-Niners in different cities. There is no finer, more enjoyable or more capable group anywhere. The intangible force which has kept the organization together for nineteen years is readily apparent and continues to flourish.

Perhaps one thing each girl can do is to write immediately to Representative Paul W. Shafer (R. Mich.) Chairman of the House Armed Service Subcommittee. This committee is now studying the matter and has added an amendment for the inclusion of women in the Air Services. The Bill has passed the Senate without the amendment. Each girl can search her own conscience and express her own opinion. Congress should be aware that women pilots are interested in the program. Each girl can also take her turn at the various elected offices so that the business end of the organization will continue to be strong.

You will remember that affiliation with the General Federation of Womens Clubs was discussed at the last annual meeting. The necessary information concerning procedure was sent on to Belle sometime ago for consideration so you will probably hear more about it.

As an officer I am an humble servant of the organization and also very proud to be a Ninety-Niner.

Sincerely,

Marjorie B. Davis
Treasurer

We could not quite make the deadline for the February issue of the News Letter, but now the votes of all the executive committee are in, and here is the good news - the Annual Meeting will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, August 27, 28, 29, the week end before Labor Day week end, so start planning your vacation now. Already the Kansas City girls are working out their plans for entertaining you all. Knowing the chapter as I do, I know they will show you a grand time.

Kansas City is certainly centrally located, and easily

reached by the various forms of transportation - air, rail-roads, busses, autos, thumbs. There are half dozen airports, all of them I believe served by busses into town. Some of them plan free tiedown service for you, but more of that later when the Kansas City girls give you details in a later News Letter. Headquarters will be in Hotel Muehlebach. Right now, start planning your vacation so you will be with us August 27, 28, 29, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Usually in the March issue the president calls your attention to the fact that soon the nominating committee will be asking your sections and chapters for your selections for the 1948-1949 officers and committees. This year, Elsie Peters, chairman of the nominating committee, is outlining it for you in this issue, so if any of the sections have an early spring meeting, they will have the information in plenty of time. Many members have suggested that it would help both the nominating committee and perhaps even in marking the national ballot if a short paragraph accompany each name sent in, describing the candidate's qualifications, offices held, and stating whether or not her personal consent was obtained. You will want to start early; to do it right takes plenty of time.

Remember new members accepted March 1st until July 1st pay only \$3.50 - \$1.00 initiation fee plus half year dues \$2.50. Be sure the new member understands that the half year membership expires September 1st when memberships are due for renewal.

It was hard to turn down Miami's wonderful invitation to hold the Annual Meeting there at the time of the races, but we had no right to cut the fiscal year short three months. Perhaps at the Annual Meeting this summer the club may wish to change the beginning of our year to July 1st so that we can join the girls at the Women's races. We also had a grand invitation from the girls in Washington, D.C., but one section and many, many girls wrote asking if the convention might not be held in a centrally located spot so that it would be within reach of more of the membership.

The Florida girls are doing a grand job of it with the races and I hope that all of you who can will be there to take part and back them up.

Belle Hetzel
Your President

TO ALL SECTION GOVERNORS AND CHAPTER CHAIRMEN:

Belle Hetzel, our President, has given the Nominating Committee some space in her column of the News Letter in order that we can start work on the nominations for the election of National Officers for the coming fiscal year of 1948-1949.

The constitution provides that both Sections and Chapters send in names they wish to propose direct to the Nominating Committee. As the ballots must be mailed to each active member before July 27, 1948, and as the committee must submit two names for each office to the National Secretary by June 27, 1948, would each Section and Chapter send in your list of candidates before May 15, 1948, so that the Nominating Committee in the four sections of the United States will have time to work on the nominations.

Melba Beard has completed two years as our National Secretary and Marjorie Davis has completed her two years as our National Treasurer, and are therefore not eligible for reelection for those offices respectively. However both girls are eligible for any of the other offices.

Belle Hetzel, our President, and Helen Wetherill Anderson, our Vice-President, are eligible for reelection, as both girls have completed their first year.

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

Permanent Trustee - Alma Harwood
Permanent Trustee - Margaret Manser

Term Expires 8/31/50 - Alice Hammond
Term Expires 8/31/49 - Ethel Sheehy
Term Expires 8/31/48 - Nancy Love

Therefore Nancy Love is the only girl on the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Committee, who is eligible for any candidacy, this year in our election of National Officers and 1948-49 committee members. The term of trustee in the Scholarship Fund is for a period of 3 years.

Listed below are the candidates to be nominated.

President - 1 name
Vice-President - 1 name
Secretary - 1 name
Treasurer - 1 name

1949 Nominating Committee - 1 name
from your Section
Scholarship Fund Committee - 1 name

Please send your list of candidates to me at the address given below, POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN MAY 15, 1948

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MEADVILLE CHAPTER

Submitted by Toby Sells
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It is my happy privilege to report an organizational meeting last month of your fledgling, the Meadville Chapter of 99's. Jean Peden, our chairman, represented the Meadville girls at the last joint meeting with Western Penn in Pittsburgh on January 11th and the following Wednesday we tentatively tried our new wings by electing officers and discussing plans for our growth, service and fellowship with air-minded women. Five of our eight charter members were present, as were three guests and prospective members. Our hostess, Mrs. Hugh Mosbacher, delighted us by furnishing champagne with which to toast Meadville's solo flight. Members and officers are as follows:

Norma Jean Peden, Chairman
Elizabeth F. DeVore (Mrs. L. C.), Vice Chairman
Florence Pauline Sells (Toby), Secretary
Harriette L. Mosbacher (Mrs. Hugh), Treasurer
Marian Freund (Mrs. E. E.), Membership Chrm.
Eleuthera P. Miller (Mrs. Clarence), Reporter
Eleuthera Adelaide Miller
Elizabeth Popp (Mrs. Harold)

The third Wednesday of each month has been set aside as our regular meeting date, and we would like to issue a standing invitation to all 99's to attend our meetings whenever you are in the vicinity. The next meeting, scheduled for February 18th, will be held at the home of Toby Sells, at which time we hope to have our formal charter.

By way of introducing ourselves, we would like to give you a few sentences about each of our members. Jean Peden is more closely associated with things aeronautical than any of us. Three years ago, Jean started rather casually to become interested in flying and the bug bit so hard that she didn't stop for a minute after obtaining her private certificate. Today, she is flight instructor and office girl at Port Meadville. In her spare time she commands a group of the Wing Scouts.

Betty DeVore sprouted her wings many years ago and still maintains her commercial certificate. We feel fortunate in having Betty in Meadville because her experience in the 99's from the days of organizing what eventually became Western Penn Chapter, has been of considerable help to us in making plans for and organizing our chapter.

Toby Sells inherited the job of secretary in our chapter probably because being a secretary comes to her naturally at least during working hours at Talon, Inc. She has been a private pilot for two and a half years. Harriette

Mosbacher and her 49½'er are both private pilots and own an Ercoupe which they use extensively in days less snowbound than now. They own and operate the Mosbacher Jewelry establishment. Marian Freund is a private pilot of some two years' standing, as is her husband. She is also employed at Talon, Inc., and last year, when the company inaugurated air freight service for the shipment of zippers to New York and elsewhere, Marian and Toby were used in pictures for company publicity - to show company employees were air-minded as well as management.

Eleuthera Miller and her 49½'er are both private pilots and own an Aeronca Champion. They manage to take long flights and really get in some time. Once, to make things exciting, they found themselves short on daylight and had to be content with landing in a hayfield a few miles out from their destination. Eleu (pronounced A-loo) proved to her husband that she could fly right even in the dark when she made that forced landing.

Eleu's daughter, Eleuthera A. Miller, is a private pilot, but because she is out of town so much, we are afraid that we won't see too much of her. Her work as a nurse keeps her in Connecticut the majority of the time.

Betty Popp and her husband are both private pilots and own their Aeronca Chief. Betty and Harold are out of town most of the time so we will look forward to seeing Betty only on regular meeting dates and on special flights when they fit into her schedule.

You can see that we have a nice number of interested parties and with the coming of spring, we hope that you will fly into Port Meadville and become acquainted.

CHAPTER NEWS

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* METROPOLITAN SECTION *
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NEW YORK NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Lois Fairbank
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When you come to New York you must visit Marta's Restaurant 75 Washington Place. Here the QB's were founded. John, the bartender was there back in 1924 and he'll tell you where Lindy sat after his famous flight, where Admiral Byrd ate, and where many of the first members of the QB's did their hanger flying. He'll tell about the prop which hung on the wall initialled by all members and carved with the ice pick they borrowed from him. Thanks to Novetah Holmes-Davenport for finding this spot we hope to make our "permanent" meeting place.

We met there for the first time on the 23rd of February, to hear the history of flight as told in stamps. Mr. L. B. Gatchell, past president of the American Air Mail Society brought many of his famous collection pieces to add to his sprightly talk. He really made stamps alive. He has a letter flown from Garden City, L. I., in 1911, covers from many of the famous first flights, letters born aloft by balloon from the Siege of Paris in 1870. This paragraph could go on forever listing the many priceless items. Enough to say we enjoyed his talk and perhaps a spark of interest might have ignited in this hobby of kids and kings.

We had a quiz on the date of the first letter flown in the United States. An Amelia Earhart Field first day cover was the prize for the closest date - picked as 1907 by Art Kelly one of our guests. He was slightly off. Did you know that George Washington wrote a letter in 1793 which was flown by balloon from Philadelphia to Camden, N. J.?

JILL McCORMICK, who has just returned from 27 months in Europe with the Signal Corps, told us something of her experiences abroad. She had a chance to fly some surplus air-

craft with road maps as guide. Nice easy flight! In her own little jeep she traveled thru Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. We hope she will come back soon and tell us many more stories.

KAY MENGES gave a talk on aviation careers to a group of ANN BAUMGARTNER CARL'S Wing Scouts. Ann has flown an experimental jet.

ALMA WARD BRISTOL is now a flying grandmother thanks to daughter Phyllis. OLYVE JOHNSON, another flying grandmother, is heading for her helicopter license. This is in between her many activities as chief pilot at the Riverside Military Academy. She hopes to start her own helicopter crop dusting outfit.

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* MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION *
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WASHINGTON D. C. CHAPTER

By Margaret E. Vaughan
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March!! St. Patrick's Day is bustling right into view! This is the month for ground activities as the Washington winds have certainly been hindering the local light plane flying. However, these merry gales didn't keep Mrs. Blanche Noyes from starting her two months business trip into Seattle, Washington and California. She plans to start the survey flights on the air-markers in these regions.

Our last meeting was held with Chairman Jean Howard on February 11th and Helen McGilvery presented the following resolution and it was adopted:

WHEREAS Piloting of private aircraft is largely dependent upon the quality of navigational facilities available and,

WHEREAS The great majority of private pilots operate under contact flight conditions, and,

WHEREAS A thorough system of air-marking is an indispensable adjunct of successful and safe contact flight, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Ninety-Nines publicly commend the Air Marking Section of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, its Chief, Mrs. Blanche Noyes, and her staff, for the unceasing campaign waged to bring about a national unified system of air marking.

The suggestion has been made for the Ninety-Nine Organization to accept this as a national movement.

Now for a little round table chatter - Kay Menges, Governor New York-New Jersey Section, visited our city on a quick trip - had a fleeting glimpse of Marjorie Davis, our National Treasurer, at a local aviation meeting, --Eleanor Davis has a new hobby - home movies. Her subject? That Luscombe "Junior" of course!! -- Katherine Stinson and Claire Callaghan are working entirely too hard! Think the girls should be recommended for a nice vacation in Hawaii with the cool tropical breezes. OUCH!! (Well you can dream can't you) -- wouldn't miss Jean Howard's radio program every Saturday at 11 A.M. (Station WGAY) for anything, would you? -- Betsie Woodard is now working for the Maryland Air Photo Service -- Helen McGilvery's "Del-Mar-Va" Newsletter is definitely becoming the trade paper with the local pilots -- yours truly attended a Farewell Dinner for Administrator T. P. Wright given by the CAA Club.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Jesse Jones Eckhart
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Lancaster, Pa.

What a wonderful time we all had at Grey Allison's farm

meeting, February 15th. What food; turkey and ham and all the trimmings in the beautiful surroundings of a graceful farm house furnished with antiques that are out of this world. Thank you for a grand time Grey and Mrs. Allison. Grey is now instructing and operating at Paoli-Malvern Airport while Peggy Betten is off to Florida for a needed vacation. Our Chairman Frannie Nolde couldn't make the meeting for she was enroute from San Diego to Reading ferrying another new Navion. However, it sure was great to see some of the Philadelphia girls again.

Another new 99er is joining our ranks: Mrs. Nel Richards of Lancaster, Penna.....Her 49½'er is known as Red. Nel and Red have a deluxe photo shop and when not there you'll find them both at Geltz's Air Park flying their bright shiney Luscombe. Welcome Nel and you too Red.

We must tell you other Chapters about the wonderful idea our membership chairman, Leona McElroy, dreamed up. We are offering prizes to the two girls who bring in the most members from October until June. The first prize is payment of next years 99 dues and the second prize is a carton of those lovely 99 matches. We think it is a good idea, why don't you try it?

Our next meeting is at Patco Airport in the Pylon Club, Norristown, Penna. Date is April 18th. We hope you girls from chapters not too far away will come visit us.

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* NEW ENGLAND SECTION *
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NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Alma Gallagher
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First anniversary celebration and Betty Condict's winter home at Durham, N. H., were 99 destinations for the north country chapter February 24th.

It was a dinner meeting with Betty and her associate Lillian Putnam as hostesses. At the business session with Chairman Ruth Hamilton presiding plans were made to build up the chapter's membership with the first project to this end a guest night at the March meeting, the 23rd, at the Rumford Coffee House in Concord, N. H., at 6:30 P.M.

Frances Bowman was elected secretary-treasurer to succeed Laura Murray who has resigned that post.

Christian Born will be the speaker at the March meeting of the section. Winter meeting place is the 99 Club, 99 State Street, Boston, on the second Monday of the month at 6 P.M.

Al Lecksheid who has taught so many 99's to fly was there and issued an invitation to the girls to use the Link trainer which he is setting up next door to the 99 Club. He also extended an invitation to the 99's and their husbands to join the 99 Club.

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* NORTH CENTRAL SECTION *
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CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Evelyn M. Rogier
506 S. Mathews, Urbana, Illinois

Our regular monthly meeting was held in Bloomington on February 7th. Helen Greinke, our president, was our hostess and those members who braved the cold weather enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Hotel Rogers. Helen showed us the colored movies which she took on her recent trip to Florida in her Cessna 140.

Pat Willett was graduated from the University of Illinois with high honors at the February commencement. She was elected to Bronze Tablet, a university honor given to students whose scholastic average has been in the upper 3%

of their class during the junior and senior years.

Dorothy Beaghan reports that she is taking her Commercial flight test very soon.

We meet for dinner on the first Saturday of each month.

April - Quincy (contact Mary L. Musselman,
1656 Main Street)
May - Highland (contact Lorraine Lasswell)
June - Galesburg (contact Helen Greinke,
Hotel Rogers, Bloomington)

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Charlotte Darlington
R. R. #4 Box 99, Anderson, Indiana

The February meeting was at Kokomo with Mrs. Verona Ruzick as hostess. We had a delicious meal, fried chicken and all the trimmings. Helen Daniels ate five pieces of chicken not saying how many I ate. (Can she sue me for that?) The next meeting is to be at Purdue Airport, Lafayette, on March 21.

I sent thirty five cards to members in Indiana and received ten replies. There are really some cute ones. I'd like to start with a little poetry by poetess Dorothea Hendricks from Pendleton.

You asked for news, now I don't know-
For all I've been doing is shoveling snow.
Now the snow is gone, and the sun is shining.
I would love to hear an engine whining.
What I am doing is a sittin' 'all aglow,
Thinking of that trip west--FLYING LOW.

Thank you Dorothea. Now we have some sky writing by Betty Pettit. She says she wrote her phone number in the air the other day and the switchboard operator hasn't spoken to her since. She flies an AT-6 for Stewart's. She is also secretary so she has something to do when the weather gets temperamental. Thanks to Betty.

Martha Hunter writes she has a prospective member from Muncie. Martha, Joan Ferguson, Irmyl Retherford, and I attended the Anderson Unit AOPA meeting last night, which was the second.

Coxey's Airport will be closed March 1st. They have moved three miles east of Winchester on State Road 32. It is called Winchester Airport, Coxey's Air Service. Everyone is welcome. Thank you Myrtle Cox.

IOWA CHAPTER

By Betty Frey Benge
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The January meeting of the Iowa Chapter of Ninety Nine's was held at Cesar's Orchard Inn in Des Moines. We invited the upper Iowa Chapter to be our guests, and thanks to the fact that we had as our guest speaker, President Belle Hetzel and Bea Mack, we had a record turnout of twenty-nine members.

The February meeting was held at the Wakonda Club in Des Moines where after a lovely dinner, Mr. Willard Combs showed the latest color film of the P80 and later lead a discussion on the future of Jet Power in private aviation. This was followed by a business meeting during which Blanche Novotny told us of the progress made in setting up plans for our air-marking program. The National Boy Scout Headquarters has given permission for the Scouts to help us in the program. We are going to supervise - they are going to paint.

Should any of you girls from other chapters happen to drop into Des Moines you are always welcome at our meetings and should no meeting be scheduled for that time contact Evelyn Bubany, Des Moines Flying Service, Municipal Airport. We can always arrange to get some of the girls together for hangar flying.

The next meeting of the Iowa Chapter will be at the Commodore Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, March 17th.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Mildred Burt
612 Vestal St., Storm Lake, Iowa

Our regular meeting was held in Spencer, Iowa as guests of Betty Barton. Cocktails were served at Betty's home and afterwards we enjoyed a lovely luncheon at the Fogney Hotel.

We missed and envied our Chairman, Bernice Eno, who, with her 49½'ers were in New Orleans attending the Mardis Gras, and flying down to Guatamala.

Another of our 99 prospects flew down from Decorah but was late for our meeting and luncheon as they had to buck a terrific head wind, so, about all we saw of her was on the way to the airport.

We spent the rest of the afternoon hangar flying and visiting our friends at the airports. We left for home about four as Betty was anxious to get in a little time on that Commercial.

Don't forget our March meeting is in Fort Dodge and in April at Mason City as guests of Standard Oil. Hope some of you will drop in.

See you in Fort Dodge next month.

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Betty Siggs
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We were very happy to have BELLE HETZEL here for the February meeting which was held at VAL WYATT'S home. The girls reported a good time - yours truly did not attend because of nursing a fractured rib and various bruises collected one icy night. (Automobiles aren't safe, either!)

We are now looking forward to Saturday night, March 5th, when we will honor BELLE HETZEL at a buffet supper (turkey, no less!) at the Ong airport. NEVA RAE and GRACE HARRIS (Secretary of the Ong Aorft. Corp.) will be hostesses. Sounds like fun and we expect a pretty good turnout of members, 49½'ers, and prospective members. Plans for a May Day (m'aider, m'aider!) Party on Saturday, May 1st at the Parks Aircraft showroom at Municipal airport will be announced. That should be a good party - music by the KMBC orchestra, and entertainment - other chapters please note and if you can arrange to fly in for the party we promise a good time.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Bernice Trimble
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Many guests and prospective members accompanied the thirty-eight 99'ers at our monthly meeting, which was held at Waterford by our Pontiac 99'er, Helen Pelto, and her able assistant, Mrs. Felicity Wyrick. Breakfast was served in a private dining room at the OLD MILL in Waterford for those of us who got up in the brisk but bright morning air and traveled, some by plane and the usual few by way of the concrete beam, to the Pontiac Airport where we assembled before going to breakfast.

Now, last but not least, we had as our guest speakers, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Cauley from the National Flight System. From their explanation and from what I have heard from authorized sources, this plan they propose will enable the average pilot or prospective pilot to obtain his or her flight training at a considerable discount plus a discount on the purchase price of a new plane. The points of the System are too numerous to mention but do deserve looking into.

The itinerary for Michigan Meeting is as yet only tentative but as this goes to press stands something like this:

March	Wayne County Major Airport
April	Adrian Airport
May	Saginaw
June	Belding
July	Alpena
August	Kalamazoo

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morris
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Our February meeting was held on the 15th at Ashland Airport with an attendance of 24 members including our new member, Lillian Knight of Columbus, plus two guests, Mary Watkins of Cleveland and Betty Conklin of Ashland.

Regarding the leather 99 emblem that we described in the January 15th News Letter, here is the complete information. Cost each is \$2.00 and you may order any number direct from Julie's Leathercraft, Lone Tree, Iowa. We hope a lot of you will order. I don't have all the data about the Fifinella doll mentioned in January, but will have it in the News Letter as soon as I can.

Next All-Ohio meeting is going to be a big deal too. Arrangements are being made by Louise Clark and it will be held at Vandalia Airport, Dayton, March 21. Most of us plan to go over Saturday evening and stay at the Motel near the airport. The April meeting will be the 18th at Columbus come Saturday night the 17th tho, we're planning a hard times party for then. Note: Our meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month. We would love to have 99's from other chapters visit, our welcome mat is always out.

ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By June Walsh
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Spring finds the St. Louis Chapter busily planning the annual dance to be held April 9th at the DeSota Hotel. If you want to come, please let me know at once because the reservations are limited. Among the door prizes are helicopter rides, airplane rides, flight time, speedboat and seaplane rides.

New members are; Helen June Appel, Dorothy Finke, Barbara Wilinon, Mrs. Penny Hruska of St. Louis, Shirley Duval of Kirkwood and Mrs. Bette Walston of East Alton.

The Ninety-Nines have four new airmarkers to their credit; Washington, Pacific, Roxana and The War Assets Building in St. Louis.

The new Ninety-Nine telephone is Grand 1300 at Lucy Drucker's home.

Next meeting; April 5th, at the Forest Park Hotel, 8 P.M.

At the next meeting there will be some training films from the CAA and our regular monthly quiz.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Elsie V. Peters
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The Wisconsin Chapter has certainly been making the headlines the past two months. Peg Fiebrantz and Henry Mulberger were married January 24th and we all wish them much happiness.

Dora Fritzke has received her Instrument Rating. We sure are proud of you, Dora. Florence Fintak and Mayetta Wiedeman have received their Commercial Rating. Shall I whisper that Jeanette Kapus will soon be ready to get her Instructor's Rating? We are holding our thumbs for you and wish you the best of luck.

For everybody's information, we hold our meeting, the 3rd Sunday in the month, and any out of town 99'er, call Caroline Feiling, our chapter chairman, Bluemound 3909 or Ruth Craine Lembke, Kilbourn 2603, or myself, Lakeside 4592. We would love to have any 99 visit us any time. We hope to have a flying meeting at Sturgeon Bay and at Antigo either this spring or summer, and when we do we will invite our neighboring 99's to fly in with us.

Be seeing you next month. Don't forget to vote for the National Officers in your Chapter and Section and send nominations in as soon as possible.

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* SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION *

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NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT
FROM THE OKLAHOMA CITY UNIT
OF NINETY-NINES

BY
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The Oklahoma City Unit of the Oklahoma Chapter of Ninety-Nines cordially invite all Ninety-Niners to be present at a breakfast to be given in your honor on April 24th.

The dedication of Skyways Number 1 and 11 will be held on the 24th and 25th of April in Oklahoma City and you will surely want to attend.

Plans are being drafted for your entertainment and we are anticipating a grand reunion with many of you at that time. I would appreciate your letting me know if you plan to be there.

The Oklahoma City Unit of the Oklahoma Chapter of Ninety-Nines met at the Skychef restaurant, Municipal Airport, Okla. City of February 8. We had a very good attendance in spite of the icy weather. Susie Sewell, vice-chairman, conducted the meeting in the absence of Irby Keen, chairman.

Your Oklahoma Ninety-Nines are just a lot of wandering pigeons and can't stay out of the air for very long at a time. I have a very tall tale to tell you but nevertheless true, which concerns Hazel J. Raines and your reporter. If you don't mind I will tell it in the first and third person.

During the first part of February Hazel and I waited very impatiently a couple of weeks for the weather to clear for a flight by Cessna 140 to Dallas and points south. On Feb. 16th we ventured to the skyways. The first night out was spent at the Baker Hotel, Dallas. Next morning we flew on to San Antonio to attend the wedding of Mary Ann Hobbs, our Governor, and John Greer, after which we attended her lovely reception. We arrived at the wedding at the eleventh hour and greeted the bride seconds before she walked down the isle. Actually Mary Ann shoved us into our seats so she could walk down the isle to be wed.

On February 22 we had a reported measured ceiling of 1400 feet at Austin which we thought was good enough for us. This time we were on our way to Dallas and Oklahoma City. We finally located the airport at Waco and decided that the weather was not for us. The ceiling was lowering fast and visibility was practically zero except straight down. As Hazel very well expressed it, quote, "we were holding the clouds up with one hand and pushing the trees back with the other." We completed our journey on Mr. Braniff's airplane and left the Cessna hangered at Waco.

The reason Hazel and I were so determined to get back to Oklahoma City was because we had to get back in order to leave again on February 26th to meet Delrose (Sissy) Sieber who was arriving from Los Angeles after visiting with her sister and also we were to attend a WASP convention in Dallas.

I am sure you are bored with all this by now but there is one more incident which proves "flying is not here to stay". On February 26th, Hazel, Billie Lum and I drove Billie's Pontiac to Waco where I was to pick up my ship and fly it back to Dallas. Hazel drove the Pontiac and Billie flew with me in the Cessna. Our surface winds at time of take off were reported 25, however, we decided later they were

nearer 40. Our tail wind was 75 miles per hour and we were passing our check points so fast that we couldn't even see them. The air was rough as you have probably guessed. To make a very long story short or rather shorter, we landed at Love Field, Dallas in a 60 mile wind with gusts to 75. It took Billie and me together to land with full throttle. The Boys in the tower told us later that they were sweating blood for us but they were not the only ones. Hazel had her moments of anxiety about us while driving back to Dallas. Incidentally, the Airlines were by passing Fort Worth because of high winds.

No more of that kind of flying for me, please. I promised the good Lord that if he would just let me down safely just this time, I'd never do it again.

The next meeting of the Unit will be held at Municipal Airport, Oklahoma City on March 14th.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Naomi Jackson
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The last meeting at the Navarre was a small but good one seemed the gals had time to really get acquainted especially with the guests, who were:

Betty Terrell, Private pilot-dress shop owner from Craig, Colorado. T'was swell to meet Betty and we hope she will be able to get down for future meetings.

Jeanne Laws--who until a week ago worked with Donna Myers. She and her husband have moved to Scottsbluff and Jeanne is soon to have an operation. It was she who sweated out the 99 convention last fall--she answered all the phone calls for Donna when Donna was out of the office--which was most of the time for a few days--and felt that she knew so many of you.

We welcomed Claudia Perry, a new member, sure glad to find that you have that ticket, Claudia. Betty Clark received Jonita Brown Mallon's application. Jo is living at Walden, Colorado--the high countreeeee. And we have it on good authority that Maxine Rediss and Phil Bjornby are awaiting their permanent certificates from Washington. Sure glad to see Margo again--hope she makes it a permanent habit.

The coming Ranch Dance that the W.N.A.A.--99 fly-gals are a 'pullin' off April 9th was the big talk of the evening.

Kati Kelly has been in Denver and promises to be here for the dance. Jo Trinder and Hubby started out from Durango in their Cessna last week and ran into weather and had to leave their ship in Alamosa and continue their trip by airline. Jane Nettleblad and youngsters flew to Phoenix to visit Jane's Dad. And, of course, Mae Boettcher is lolling in Hawaii!

I wish at this time to thank HER HIGHNESS, Donna Myers, our Chairman, for all the news she so graciously mailed to me as I have just recently moved from Denver to Sterling, Colo. and have been one busy gal. A friend and myself bought the Flight School at the Sterling Municipal Airport and have been working like fury getting a class of G.I.'s started. We have quite a large group enrolled and will stay busy if the weather will give us a break. The birds are walking today because of that stuff called snow. It is pretty, however, it looks like falling feathers.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Helen Bass
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February 8th found our chapter all trying to get to Lincoln, Nebraska, in breezy 8 below zero weather. Several of us being sissies when it came to flying in that day. Infact I understand that the Claude Reed's had to stay up untill 4 a.m. the night before trying to decide whether to fly their new Stinson or drive their new Cadillac. (They drove)

We met at the Cornhusker Hotel for brunch and meeting. We

acquired two new members, Miss Janet Roush, Grand Island, Nebraska and Mrs. Jane Bay, Omaha, Nebraska. Here's a big Welcome to both.

Belle was unable to be with us that day but we all heartily endorsed her suggestion of printing our meeting dates three months in advance. Our schedule is: March 14th Omaha Municipal Airport. April 11th, Sioux City, Iowa (Former Army Air Base) May 9th, Bass Airstrip, Malvern, Iowa. By contacting the Hangers at the Airports, information on meeting place can be found. Hope we have lots of visitors, we would enjoy having any drop in that can.

Last month our own Belle Hetzel had a nice honor bestowed on her. She was singled out and the only woman asked to sit at the speakers table at the N.A.A. Banquet which was held at the Hotel Fontenelle in Omaha. Two hundred guests and 46 honored organizations heard the address by Governor Val Peterson of Nebraska. Rudy Mueller of Omaha was the Toastmaster and introduced Laurence Youngman who gave a very nice tribute to Belle and then called on her to tell about the 99's.

We were all so glad to hear of the recent marriage of our Section Governor, Mary Ann Hobbs Greer and would like to extend our sincere best wishes for lots of happiness. Do you suppose she can get out of those Salt Mines now????

TULSA CHAPTER

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We held our last meeting, February 29th at the Spartan Cafeteria, Municipal Airport. We are very happy to welcome our new members: Ann Pleasant, Bartlesville; Lola Salisbury, who is a flight instructor at Commercial Airport, Bartlesville; Joanne Roberts and Marthelle Best of Tulsa. Jerry Williams, Bartlesville, has been a regular guest for the past three meetings and we will all be proud of her when she wins her "ticket" and comes into the fold also.

Francis Blair approached Pat Combs, local flight school operator, who has agreed to co-sponsor with us a complete private pilot scholarship which is worth about \$400. We plan to make this award in May to a student in Central High School who is studying the Air Age Education Courses, taught by John Venable. The five best students will be chosen by Mr. Venable and then the winner will be selected from among the five by a personal interview. It is the purpose of the 99's to select a student, who not necessarily made the highest grades, but one whom we feel is most interested in aviation and will profit most from the scholarship. The interview board will be composed of Pat Combs, Mr. Venable and a 99 representative. Aviation interest among the younger people is lagging sadly and we hope to stimulate that interest by giving this scholarship. Central is the only high school in town now teaching the Air Age Education courses. If the interest is stimulated and enough students demand it, the courses will be offered in the other high schools also.

We are having a Square Dance, March 13th, at Spartan Cafeteria with which we plan to raise the funds to pay for the scholarship.

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CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Sara E. Payne
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Our next meeting will be the third Sunday in April at the Bluff Plantation at Monks Corner, S. C. This is about 18 miles northwest of Charleston, and there is a landing field near. More information on this will be sent later, so please plan to attend.

Cupid's Corner: Jean Lackey of High Point is now Mrs. Ed. Lewis. Ed lives in Florida, so Jean will probably be leaving us soon. We hear Freddy Hays is planning a June wedding.

Myrtle Thompson reports a visit from Elizabeth Woodward of the Washington, D. C. Chapter. Elizabeth came through Charlotte with the N. A. A. Myrtle says she finally got her Mother to take a cross country flight with her from Selma, N. C. to Charlotte, and now Mother is an Aviation Booster, too.

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LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Dodie Aspell
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Weather favored us this time, on our breakfast flight to the Hi-Hi Sky Ranch, and we had a nice crowd, both from Los Angeles and San Diego. These inter-chapter get-togethers are really a fine deal and lots of fun. Your acquaintance in our organization becomes far greater and what a nice bunch of gals there are.

Coyne Nill, one of our members, and her husband own the Hi-Hi Sky Ranch and they really put themselves out for our flight. The field itself though small has just the right setting for a breakfast flight. The lounge being more like a country club than an airport. It is complete even to a fireplace, and the dining room upstairs, not only is comfortable and cheerful, but the food is excellent and very reasonable. We all highly recommend it for a nice stop-over place.

We were very happy to see Betty Gillies again. It was our first glimpse of her since her car accident 17 months ago. She and her husband came up in their Navion.

Melba Beard, our National Secretary flew down from Puente Sky Ranch. Barbara and Dale Thisted flew in in their plane as did Ruth and Don Downie. Ruth and Don, however detoured and made a flying trip to Del Mar on Saturday night. Mardo Crane, Aviation News Beacon Women's Editor, brought George Varga, President of the National Skyways Association, or did he bring her? They came in the National Skyways Association's Cessna. Incidentally our gal Mardo has accepted the publicity directorship, for the N.S.A. Monie Dye, Helen Hooper, Helen Benger, and Dorothy Marks and her husband were all with us.

The short business meeting was called by both Helen Hooper, L. A. chapter Chairman, and Amelia Changnon, S.D. chapter Chairman. Amelia announced the 99 dance to be held at Gillespie Airport Feb. 28th, and invited all our members. Reports from those attending, said it was one of the better dances. Helen announced a business meeting for our chapter to be held March 8th at the Hollywood Roosevelt. We are going to make final plans for the Sectional Social meeting to be held in Bakersfield on the 3rd and 4th of April. We will also get the latest report on locations for an Airmarker and proceed with our plans from there.

The Order of Fifinella invited us to sponsor a dance with their organization and the W.N.A.A. but we have such a full schedule this year all ready set up we had to decline this time.

Dodie Aspell, is now Director of the Outing Bureau for the National Skyways Assoc. Attention, you gals that were down here for the Sectional get-together in January, a ring has been found, that one of you lost at that time. Contact Melba Beard, 1981 Meadowbrook Road, Altadena, Calif. Sycamore 4-9717 if it is yours. See you next month ----

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Mirriam Edelman
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Carl's Sea Air Motel in Santa Monica provided a beautiful setting for the Sectional meeting held January 24th and 25th.

San Diego 99's Amelia Changnon, Chairman, Julie Hale, Secretary-Treasurer, Evalyn Briggs (W.N.A.A. Chairman) and Mirriam Edelman. And 49½'ers Bob Changnon and Bob Hale enjoyed the cocktail party and the delicious dinner which followed it.

At breakfast Sunday morning, guest Archie Twitchell, actor, gave a pantomime of himself checking out in an A-20, really was funny. Congratulations to the Los Angeles Chapter, they are wonderful hostesses.

February business got off to a "flying" start with the meeting held February 6th at the home of Mirriam Edelman. Guests of the San Diego Chapter were: Los Angeles Chapter member Mardo Crane, Woman's Page Editor of the Aviation News Beacon; and George Varga, Jr., President of National Skyways Association, Inc. Mr. Varga's description of the "Auto Club of the Air" plan has San Diego 99'ers enthusiastic about the many benefits offered to pilots by the plan.

After breakfast, pictures were taken on the airport - we'd sure like to have copies of those pictures, Coyle! We had our picture taken with the beautiful Navion owned by Betty and Bud Gillies - love that plane.

Had a wonderful time at the Leap Year Dance, held February 28th in the Gym on Gillespie Airport. About two hundred people danced to the smooth music of the five piece orchestra and admired the clever decorations. There were twelve wonderful door prizes too.

Mr. Clarence Prescott, Manager of Gillespie field was so helpful, we couldn't have done it without his help.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Coral Bloom
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Sacramento Valley Chapter, Ninety Nines enjoyed a breakfast flight to Dalton Airport, Williams for the February meeting. Leah Johnson flew up from Stockton in a Luscombe with her 49½'er acting as chief navigator. Gerry Mickelsen and Coral Bloom and their respective 49½'ers arrived in Gerry's Belanca. Upper Lake being "weathered in" Leila Pittman resorted to "driving in" with her 49½'er. Vivian Dalton, our charming hostess, proved to be a capable chef, as well as pilot, and served us a delicious breakfast of ham, eggs, biscuits, and all of the trimmings.

Our chairman, Dorothy Barden, was unable to attend due to preparations for her Alaska venture. We are sorry to lose her, but wish her "happy landings" and hope she will have many interesting experiences. Remember, Dorothy, the California latch string is always out if you need to come down to thaw out!

Leila Pittman and Vivian Dalton were appointed co-program chairmen.

The next meeting will be a luncheon at the Stockton Officers Club, Saturday, March 20th at 12:30. Leah Johnson will be hostess. For those "flying in", West Lane Airport will be headquarters and transportation to the luncheon will be furnished. Any visiting Ninety Nines in the vicinity are welcome.

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