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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Well, here it's November 4 and as usual I am flying around in circles but really enjoying it.

Last month stopped over in New York City for a meeting with the Board Members where many important 99 Club problems were solved. It seemed like old times working with the New York-New Jersey girls for I was a member of that chapter for many years.

From there went up to Boston for the Annual meeting of the National Association of State Aviation Officials. Wish there was space for me to tell you all the nice things that these men told me about the 99 Club members in their respective states; for instance, the Iowa State Director of Aeronautics told me of a fine job the 99 Club members were doing on air marking in that state.

On Thursday, October 8, the New England Section had a meeting at their beautiful 99 Club rooms. It was the first time I had attended a New England meeting in several years and it was grand seeing many of the old crowd as well as the new members. Judy Short is doing a fine job as governor. I predict that this section is going to do great things this year.

From Boston back to Washington then to Detroit for the Sixth National Aviation Clinic. The Michigan 99ers entertained the ladies of the clinic at a cocktail party and banquet that was a brilliant affair, but that is not unusual as they always put on wonderful parties.

Flew back to Washington and landed in the middle of a re-organization. Last Thursday just as I was ready to pick up all the papers and forms from my desk and throw them out the window, I had a phone call from Jean Howard asking if I would like to go out and fly the new experimental Sikorsky Helicopter so out to the airport I dashed and into this new type flying machine. Pilot, Harold Thompson, turned the controls over to me when we were about four inches off the ground and what I did with that helicopter!!!! I am sure some of the maneuvers were new even to this veteran helicopter pilot for I had not been in a rotor aircraft since 1931 when I flew the autogyro for Standard Oil Company of Ohio. After about 15 minutes of unintentional aerobatics, I got the feel of it and oh! what a thrill it was to hover over one spot, back up, go sideways, then dash ahead and make the most beautiful flat turns you ever saw, rise and descend vertically. For those of you who haven't flown the helicopter, it does things which are difficult for a fixed wing pilot to comprehend. This machine opens an entirely new field of air pleasure. And to say that I am sold on helicopters is putting it mildly.

I could go on and on but must turn over the rest of my column to Alice Hammond for her report on the Sixth Aviation Clinic. See you next month.

Blanche Noyes
President

A REPORT TO THE NINETY-NINES

ON THE

SIXTH NATIONAL AVIATION CLINIC

By Alice H. Hammond

When the Sixth National Aviation Clinic convened at Detroit October 18-21, a splendid representation of the Ninety-Nines was again evident among those registered for official duties in connection with the Clinic business. Beginning in 1943, the Annual National Aviation Clinic has become the principal aviation meeting of the year. Its purpose is to exchange views, hear the advice of the best aviation experts, and arrive at statements of national policy.

Our president, Blanche Noyes felt that these statements are of sufficient import and interest to our membership as a whole, and also that you all would want to know the part that various of our own members played in these deliberations, so she has graciously given part of the President's Column for November for this report on the Clinic.

Blanche, of course was there as a Consultant, as Chief of the Air Marking Section of the CAA. Your Secretary, Kay Brick participated in the deliberations as a voting delegate, representing the Ninety-Nines in the Private Flyers and Aircraft Owners interest group. This writer was also a voting delegate in the same interest group. Frances Nolde, from the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter was kept busy as a member of the important Credentials Committee. Jacqueline Cochran served in a like capacity as a member of the vital Rules Committee. Florence Boswell, a member of the Board of Directors of National Aeronautic Association and a member of the Ohio chapter, attended all sessions.

Elizabeth Warnock from the Western Pennsylvania Chapter attended as Aviation Specialist from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction and Marilyn Link came up from the Institute of Aeronautics of the University of Illinois as a Consultant for Air Age Education. The press was represented by Adelaide O'Brien, writing for the Illinois State Journal from Springfield, and Dot Lemon who was covering for the Houston Press. Helen Anderson, your Vice-President did a superb job as Chairman of the Ladies Events Committee for the entire Clinic. Her committee was composed of members of the Michigan Chapter.

Some seventy Bills of Policy were approved by the delegates during the two and a half days of business sessions, covering every conceivable angle of aviation, so I have selected a few which I felt would be of particular interest to the Ninety-Nines. These cover none of the military, industrial, nor air transport subjects and are not to be considered as a cross section, rather as a sample only of those especially pertinent to the personal flying picture, and because of the limitations of space I shall give only the number of the Bill and the Title.

| Number | Title |
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| 51 | To approve a public program for Air Age Education. |
| 38 | Operators of Aircraft should be exempt from payments for immigration inspection services. |
| 39 | Operators of aircraft should be exempt from payments for customs inspection services. |
| 11 | To provide for orderly and simplified amendments and modification and change of Civil Air Regulations. |
| 105 | To encourage more widespread use of the cross-country flight training program. |
| 92 | To encourage standardization of personal-plane cockpit design including emergency functions and fuel systems. |
| 97 | To establish minimum cockpit visibility standards for personal aircraft. |
| 96 | To develop and adopt acceptable shoulder-strap installations for personal aircraft. |

- 94 To recommend outlawing of landing fees for personal aircraft.
- 128 To recommend an industry-wide program for the development of aircraft and equipment used by the private flyer.
- 68 To encourage cooperation with the Civil Air Patrol.
- 29 To encourage the use of aircraft in executive and business travel.
- 55 To provide for the use of volunteer fire fighting and crash crews at airports.
- 56 To provide for federal responsibility for the operation of air traffic control towers.
- 74 To provide for additional weather stations at airports.
- 93 To encourage establishment of minimum industry standards for stall warning indicators.
- 99 To urge reinstatement of a National air-marking program.
- 100 To encourage establishment of more single strip airports.
- 118 To urge the further encouragement of the National Research Council's Crash Injury Program.
- 121 To urge the Congress to provide for the establishment of all weather flying facilities.

Anything we Ninety-Nines as individuals or groups can do to bring about implementation of any of these policies would be a real service in the interests of personal aviation.

"A MESSAGE OF IMPORTANCE"

This is the LAST CALL for payment of your dues! After November 30 it will be necessary to reapply as a new member and pay the initiation fee.

In January the MEMBERSHIP ROSTER will be out, but you will be among those missing if you fail to renew now!

ALSO submit at once the names of new officers for your Chapters and Sections, that they may appear in the Roster as well.

ONE COMPLETE GUIDE FOR THE YEAR!

Kay A. Brick,
Secretary

PROCLAMATION

After careful and prolonged consideration of all the problems involved, the location and dates of the 1949 ANNUAL CONVENTION have been set. I hereby proclaim it shall be held in conjunction with the 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION in NEW YORK CITY the week of October 3rd, 1949.

Registrations will start on Monday and continue through Tuesday, October 4th. Wednesday, October 5th will be reserved for Convention meetings. Thursday and Friday the 6th and 7th will be packed with Anniversary Events. You may expect to hear more from New York as the plans progress.

Blanche Noyes
President

49^{er} Cards

When writing for cards please enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope. Give husband's name, address, occupation. Cards may be secured by writing to Bettie Thompson Townson, 724 North 63rd Street, Philadelphia, 31, Pa.

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WASHINGTON D. C. CHAPTER

By Claire G. Callaghan
3711 Yuma St., N. W., Wash., D. C.

Due to the fact that Margaret Vaughn is very busy attending night school, she has asked us to accept her resignation from the office of Vice Chairman, which we have done reluctantly. So, here is your new Vice Chairman and reporter "taking off" on her first flight in the News Letter after a good cockpit check from Margy. Thanks for the swell job you've done, Margy. Only hope I can do half as well.

We have been kept quite busy flying the Wing Scouts the past few weekends. Spent one Sunday afternoon at Naval Air Station with the Scouts while numerous pictures were taken on the flight line, in the Link Room, etc., for newspaper publicity. Two other weekends have been spent taking them for rides. They certainly are an eager and enthusiastic group, and we should some day be able to recruit some of these girls as Ninety-Niners.

Incidentally, the Wing Scouts are really putting us in the news. The latest publicity stunt was in honor of the Bi-centennial celebration of Alexandria, Virginia, when Rosemary Lane and Mary Jane Livingston dressed up in full costume as George and Martha Washington and made a flight in the Wing Scout Cub over Mount Vernon. One of our girls, Jan Warren (who didn't know about these arrangements and who happened to be at the airport that day) was quite overcome when she saw our two "masqueraders". However, as soon as the situation was explained to her, all was well.

Jean Howard entered the cross-country race held at Wings Field, Pennsylvania, October 17, and flew the new Piper 4-place, with none other than "W.T." himself as her co-pilot. We understand that Mr. P. doesn't navigate quite "as the crow flies" so they finished the race "out of the money", but both agreed that it had been a nice ride, anyhow. Marjorie Harrison, our newest member, flew in the same race in the Ercoupe class and placed fourth. She could have done better except for the fact she had just had a new prop put on her ship and they gave her a "low pitch" job, resulting in her ship's climbing like a rocket and cruising like a lame duck. Incidentally, you may have seen the swell write-up on Marjorie in a very recent issue of Life.

Mary Jane Livingston and Betsy Woodward gave a new look to an old custom on Halloween. While the rest of us had to be content with flying locally on our antiquated brooms, they took off for the west coast in a Piper Cruiser. Betsy is ferrying the ship to San Diego, where she will be working, and Mary Jane is going to continue on to Seattle via airlines for a vacation. We're sorry to lose you, Betsy. Hurry back.

At our last meeting, October 20, at Jean Howard's, we discussed plans for a club ship. Everyone was quite enthused about the idea as it will not only serve to keep our touch,

but is a very inexpensive way to get some of the gals off the ground again who heretofore haven't been able to afford it.

Blanche Noyes was out of town attending the Aviation Clinic in Detroit when we held our last meeting. However, she will be here for our next, which we are all eagerly anticipating. It will be held at the home of Helen Jacobs and will be a combination cocktail party and buffet supper. This will also serve as a good opportunity to celebrate Rosemary Lane's brand new flight instructor's rating. Will give you a full report next issue, when I have recovered.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By Marjorie Cook
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Mrs. Harriet Mosbacher entertained us at a Halloween party on our regular meeting night, Wednesday, October 20. Members wore various colorful costumes and were masked. Games were enjoyed, including truth or consequences concerning aeronautics. I'm sorry to say we were all consistent in answering incorrectly and had to forfeit. After executing the penalty the forfeit was returned. We had a real old fashion, hilarious party, including cider and doughnuts and pumpkin pie with whip cream.

Mrs. Marion Freund wore an old fashioned dress and hat with a high feather that bobbed around when she moved and a pair of high top shoes, with Baby Louie heel and long pointed toes. She entertained us by having to do a fan dance.

Mrs. Eleu Miller wore an admiral's uniform decorated with many ribbons, pins, buttons and what have you. The jacket belonged to her grandfather who was in the Civil War. Her penalty was to fly a plane blindfolded. The improvised plane consisted of two chairs with a plank connecting the two. The stick was a potato masher and the throttle a can opener. Dual was given by Jean Peden, a licensed instructor; she was assisted by Mrs. Harriet Mosbacher and 49^{er} Ed Freund.

Toby Sells wore a cowboy outfit complete with pistol, 10 gallon hat, bright colored shirt, western accent and turned up cuffs. Her penalty was to call up a certain young man and try to get a date with him. Needless to say smooth operating Toby had little difficulty with her victim. We all enjoyed listening to the phone conversation.

Betty Popp dressed in a full aqua skirt trimmed in silver with matching hat; sheer white blouse trimmed with black sequins. She had to go next door and say that she was a poor flyer and wanted ten cents for a cup of coffee. We thoroughly enjoyed her adventure.

For the sake of those who missed reading the last newsletter, I repeat that we are selling a set of 8, 12 oz. glasses with blue 99 insignia for \$3.50. The shipping cost from now on will be less because they are being shipped by parcel post instead of express. For those east of the Mississippi, the cost for shipping will be .35¢ and for those west of the Mississippi .75¢, and this includes insurance. In ordering please make your check payable to Meadville Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, \$3.50 plus respective postage and sent to Jean Peden, Port Meadville, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Marion Freund and 49^{er} enjoyed a trip to Daytona Beach, St. Augustine, Marine Land, Silver Springs, Endless Caverns and other points of interest. They got in on the end of the hurricane in Florida with winds 35-50 miles per hour, but had a wonderful time in spite of old man weather.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Jessie Jones Eokhart
819 Ocean Ave., Lancaster, Pa.

Mrs. Catherine Slocum of Philadelphia flew into Lancaster Municipal Airport one beautiful October day, in her shiny new Bananza "The Sun Bird". Catherine has her own insignia

on the ship - it is a copy of a piece of her favorite jewelry. Catherine made the trip expressly to have the Sensenich Propeller factory, located at Municipal Airport, do a little work on her prop. Jessie Jones Eckhart met her and her guest and the three had luncheon and toured around Lancaster County a bit on an Antique hunt.

Frances Nolde of Reading, Penna. flew to the Aviation Clinic in October. Prior to the trip Mrs. Nolde and her husband and a few friends spent a week vacationing in Georgia.

Dr. Helen Myers Trout of Lancaster, Pa. our flying lady dentist has been doing a lot of flying this fall in her "Red Devel", Culver. "Doc" tells me she has become very active with the Civil Air Patrol, and is attending classes in army ground instruction at Olmstead Field, Middletown, Pennsylvania. By the famous aviation grapevine, we hear that Paoli-Malvern Air Park is temporarily closed and that Peggy Betten is back in Pottstown, Pa. and that Grey Allison is living on the Main Line and is apprentice in the pottery making business.

Our next meeting, as you all know since the notices got out really early this month is, Dover, Delaware with Mrs. Ethel Evans in charge. The art work on the notices was "Follow the Birds Head South to Delaware". Leona McElroy is on an all out campaign for more attractive notices---You are doing a wonderful job, Leona.

The Eckhart's of Lancaster, Pennsylvania are having that favorite T-Craft of theirs taking a rest for a few months and getting her a nice new shiney dress. Jessie Eckhart plans to be full time instructor soon at Lancaster Municipal Airport. The construction work at that airport will soon be finished and the 4500 ft. runways ready for use. Stop by and see it, kids.

Our chapter is going to raffle off a portable radio to help swell our very very small treasury. Further plans and action will get going at our November meeting.

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* SOUTHEASTERN SECTION *
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FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Ginny Wulff
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On Saturday and Sunday, October 23rd and 24th, Irma Price, Evelyn McRae, Vivian Ropes, Anne Wilder, Gladys Pennington, Doris Zeagler, Pat Marshall, Ann Ross, Beverly Whitfield and yours truly found the ideal spot for state meetings of the Florida Chapter - THE DRIFTWOOD - at Vero Beach - where everything that one could imagine as being recovered from the sea, including cannon, BELLS, and wood of every kind are combined into a tropical paradise where the cares of the world seem far away.

Our annual election of officers for the coming year was held and the following were installed:

Chairman: Ann Ross
605 East Marks Street
Apartment 13-B
Orlando, Florida

Vice-Chairman: Peggy Lennox
301 37th Street South
St. Petersburg, Florida

Secretary-Treasurer: Evelyn Keelen
620 S. W. 24th Avenue
Miami, Florida

A report of the National meeting was given by Gladys Pennington. Anne Wilder of Fort Pierce, a new member of a few months, flew in in a Taylorcraft; sorry you had to leave early Anne for you missed lots of fun. Doris Zeag-

ler of Palatka was accepted as a member at this meeting coming down in her Fairchild 24. We were all glad to see Bev Whitfield back in Florida; we hear that Bev won a trophy in the recent All Georgia Aerobatics Contest; and attended this state meeting despite the fact that she had four wisdom teeth removed a few days before the meeting. Evelyn McRae really enjoyed herself at the meeting - the occasion being the celebration of her birthday.

Mrs. Anne Smith of Miami was appointed Liaison Officer, 99's, for the Dade County Federation of Women's Clubs.

Doris Zeagler invited the Chapter to attend an oyster roast to be held at her home on the St. Johns River in Palatka. Don't forget this, girls, for I hear that Doris makes a wonderful hostess.

Our next meeting is scheduled for the last week end in November or the first in December so watch for your notices and let's see some of you girls from the west coast turn out for the next meeting.

And last - a vote of thanks from the Florida Chapter to "PENNY" for the grand job that she did as chairman.

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* SOUTHWESTERN SECTION *
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BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

By Alice G. Pemberton
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The Bakersfield Chapter met the last of September at the famous Saddle and Sirloin restaurant here in Bakersfield for a delicious steak dinner, a regular monthly meeting, and election of new officers.

It is our belief that our Chapter is one of the smallest if not THE smallest in at least California with a total of only eight members. We have been organized two years and started out with just five girls. Those who do belong are faithful in attendance and cooperate in every way. We hope to increase our number 100% this coming year with these new officers:

Chairman: Lee Sprawls
Secretary: Grace Stevenson
Treasurer: Adelaide Schafer
Membership: Pricilla Spencer
News: Alice G. Pemberton

Among other plans made at this meeting was a proposed trip to Palm Springs to take advantage of the "package week-end" offered by Winifred Woods and Mary B. Nelson of that airport. We hope to see many other 99ers there. Sounds like fun.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Coral Bloom
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Sacramento Valley 99's gathered for a luncheon meeting October 2nd at the home of Gerry Mickelsen in Yuba City.

A report of the sectional meeting held in Santa Barbara was given by the hostess. We were honored to have Marjorie Fauth, our newly elected National Treasurer and Bay Cities Chapter member, present. She reported on condition of Treasury emphasizing the need for strengthening it.

Election of Chapter officers was the principle business of the day with the following results:

Chairman: Gerry Mickelsen, Yuba City
Vice-Chairman: Vivian Dalton, Williams
Secretary: Louise Sue, Live Oak

Treasurer: Eleanor Verkuyl, Lodi

Members present to enjoy the delicious luncheon included: Leah Johnson, Doris Perkins, Dolores Morton, Eleanor Verkuyl, Vivian Dalton, Loraine Soucie, Zona King, and Coral Bloom. Bay Cities Chapter members visiting were Marjorie Fauth and Ruth Reuckert.

Invitation extended by Zona King to meet in Quincy on November 6th was accepted for the next meeting.

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* NORTH CENTRAL SECTION *
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Thelma C. Lindsay, Governor
North Central Section
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Again I have the privilege of serving as Governor of the North Central Section of the Ninety-Nines and my thanks to those of you who made it possible. My thanks also to the capable and cooperative officers who served with me last year and a hearty welcome to the new ones who join me to serve during the coming year. And perhaps this would also be an opportune time to say thanks to those wonderful chapter officers and members who do all the work and let me do all the bragging.

During the past fiscal year we increased the number of chapters in the North Central Section from nine to twelve, and raised the number of members to 402, which is approximately 1/3 of the International membership. Monthly meetings are held by each chapter. Interesting activities are carried out to keep enthusiasm high; air-marking, traveling trophy contests (the trophy being won by points), AE Fund raising projects and the organizing of new chapters are a few of them.

Our meetings are scheduled for the coming year, Louisville, Kentucky, April 23rd and 24th, 1949 and Cleveland, Ohio over Labor Day Week end 1949. Won't you make your plans to join us?

By Dorothea E. Hendricks,
Retiring Secretary & Treasurer
416 Laurel St., Pendleton, Indiana

The annual fall meeting of the North Central Section was held in Des Moines, Iowa October 9 and 10. We were met at the airport, and quickly escorted to the Hotel Fort Des Moines, where we were graciously registered both for rooms and at Ninety-Nine headquarters.

From 5: to 7: P.M. we were entertained at a cocktail party, courtesy of Kendall Refining Co., and a lovely dinner was served at 7. Nobert Locke, Director of Iowa Aeronautics Commission, served as toastmaster, and we heard a most enlightening address by Art Brayton, Chairman Des Moines Convention Bureau, Chamber of Commerce. Several lovely and useful prizes were distributed. Lenora McElroy, Michigan, took home the prize for flying the longest distance and also holding the most CAA ratings, and "Cokie" Cocanougher, Kentucky, walked off with the Flying Grandmother prize and quite proud of it! Later dancing was enjoyed.

On Sunday morning the girls all turned out early for breakfast, and to keep an eye on the weather. A beautiful copper tray with 99 insignia made by Gretchen Kelly, Iowa Chapter, was given as door prize. It was won by Lucile Grisier, Michigan - the lucky gal!

New Officers for the North Central Section are:

Governor: Thelma Lindsay, Michigan
Vice Governor: Dorothy Christenson, Wisconsin
Secretary: Regina Devine, Illinois

Treasurer: Thelma Olson, Iowa
Membership Chairman: Adelaide O'Brien, Central Illinois

Plans are underway for the Spring Meeting on April 23, 1949 at Louisville, Kentucky. Keep that date in mind! We are invited down to enjoy that "Kentucky Hospitality".

For the Governor and the Section as a whole, I wish to thank the Iowa Chapter and Thelma Olson, Chairman of the Planning Committee, for a lovely and well-planned week-end. It was wonderful!

Also I take this opportunity to say it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as secretary and treasurer of the North Central Section for the past two years, and I wish to thank all the girls for their fine cooperation. Especially I wish to thank the two Governors, Elsie Peters and Thelma Lindsay with whom I served.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Caroline Keenan
Lake Lotawana, Y-12, Lee's Summit, Mo.

Hello again from Kansas City. And may we introduce our new officers who were elected during our September breakfast meeting at Municipal Airport:

Eileen Root - Chairman
Betty Siggs - Vice Chairman-Treasurer
Betty Towle - Secretary
Marie Page - Membership Chairman

We are all behind these girls, and wish them the best for the coming year.

And now for a little ancient history. Five of us - Marj Farrell, Emily McKenzie, Neva Rae, Marie Kuhlman, and I were lucky enough to get to Cleveland for the races, and to watch our own Grace Harris take top billing in the 'Kendall'. We are still going around here bare-headed, (can't find hats big enough).

September 26 proved to be a grand day for those who attended a Chuck Wagon Breakfast sponsored by the Sheriff's Air Squadron, and planned by 99 Neva Rae. Could we interest any of our close-by chapters in joining us for a similar get-together in the near future?

Congratulations to those responsible for the sectional meeting in Des Moines October 9 and 10. Osa Wyatt, Marie Kuhlman and Neva reported a very enjoyable week-end spent there. Our October meeting consisted of a cocktail party and dinner at the Hotel Bellerive, in honor of Grace Harris. I was unable to attend the dinner, but they say the food was fine, the floor show even better.

A covered-dish supper is on the agenda for November, and we are hoping to catch all prospective 99's in Kansas City by that time. See you then.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Beulah L. Frotscher
1320 Second Avenue North, Fort Dodge, Iowa

At this late date, may we, of Upper Iowa say best wishes to Blanche and her officers as well as thanks to Belle and her staff.

The completion of our first anniversary was marked Tuesday evening, October 26, by a dinner dance held at Wraywood, here in Fort Dodge. The event honored Virginia Winsand, winner of the traveling trophy.

Guests were 49½'ers, friends, airport operators, Iowa Aeronautics commission representatives and others associated with flying. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Locke, "Norbe" director of the Iowa Aeronautics commission of Des Moines, spoke briefly, paying high tribute to the Ninety-Nines for air marking activities. Also present were Thelma Olson and 49½'er, Norval of Des Moines. Thelma, as

you know, is treasurer of the North Central Section and past chairman of the Iowa Chapter. Virginia was presented the silver traveling tray by H. C. Kirkberg of Kirkberg Jewelers, also a pilot, and donor of the tray. Virginia, three time winner of the monthly contests won permanent possession with the highest point total for the duration of the contest.

Dancing to recorded music and informal entertainment followed the short program. The program, introduced by Ruth Shimon was turned over to Bernie Eno, who acted as toast-mistress.

We were sorry that more of the out-of-town members could not be with us, we missed you.

At the last minute the flight plans were cancelled to our October 15th meeting because of strong gusty winds and lack of tie down facilities at the New Pocahontas airport. Men guests and the 49^{ers} were invited to this event, which was a steak fry given at the Pocahontas airport, Sunday noon by the Chamber of Commerce. Ruth and Albert Shimon were hosts. Nearly 30 persons did away with "super duper" charcoal grilled steaks, which were grilled on an outdoor barbecue fireplace.

Ninety-Niners present were - Betty Barton, Bernie Eno, Millie Burt, Verna Mae Prochaska, Virginia Vinsand, Rachel Pieper and your writer. We were pleased to have with us, among other guests, Thelma Olson, of the Iowa chapter, Des Moines; Helen Flaherty, a prospective member of Fort Dodge; and little Sharon Pieper, Rachel's 24 3/4er. Draw prizes were awarded to Rachel and her 49^{er}, Don.

Bernie won the prize for the past month in the new contest. She received a handsome leather briefcase for the longest cross-country flight. Next month's award will go to the member who sponsors the painting of the most air markers. Each month we will have a different contest with prizes donated by various aircraft suppliers and other wholesale firms. Win Eno, Betty and Virginia were complimented at a handkerchief shower, which is a new feature for the coming year. Members will be so honored at each meeting whose birthdays come during the previous month. Thanks to Ruth and her colleagues the Pocahontas air marker was completed for the meeting. Inasmuch as Betty and her friend was the only ship flying in, they were credited with the honor of seeing the marker first from the air.

Three more air markers are on the way, these are Verna Mae's project for Waterloo. I wonder if she is out for the pink-ing shears for next month.

Millie, too, is working hard at her Storm Lake marker, she and her father have been doing the work and I am concerned as to whether or not Millie has had that picture taken in the paint pants and shirt. An item of interest is that Millie is being honored for her flight breakfast activities. The Storm Lake Flying Club has contributed one hour's flying time in the four-place Cruiser to her for doing cooking honors at their flight breakfasts.

Six members attending the sectional meeting at Des Moines were: Inez McAllister, Millie Burt, Ruth Shimon, Virginia Vinsand, Bernie Eno and Verna Mae Prochaska. Helen Flaherty a prospective, also attended, receiving a nylon scarf as an award for having the newest private license. The girls report a very nice time and were happy to meet again Thelma Lindzey and the girls.

Our next meeting will be at Spencer, November 21, with Betty Barton as hostess. The December meeting will be the Christmas party with Millie Burt as hostess at Storm Lake, on December 19th.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Olive Gooch Tuttle
Airway Trailer Park, 9001 S. Cicero Ave.
Oak Lawn, Illinois

We welcome new member Esther Holt who lately flew a Cessna 140 to Moline, Illinois to visit friends.

Iamona Goddard, we're proud to say, is CAA Tower Operator at Douglas Airport (Orchard Place) Des Plaines, Illinois.

Congratulations to Irene Leverton! Just achieved her Commercial License.

Dear Dora Dougherty, doughty former WASP, is designing beautiful 99's Christmas Cards. If interested write her at 425 Chestnut St., Winnetka, Illinois.

Breakfast Flight to Rubinkamp Airport, Harvey, Illinois on September 19th. Mr. Spooner, airport operator, provided a spot landing contest and Alice Scheinhurst, Chicago won the prize—lovely leather pilot's wallet. Erlene Conel, Harvey Tribune Aviation columnist, engineered a nice bit of publicity in the way of a group picture which appeared in The Harvey Tribune. Helen Budwash, Erlene Conel, Ruth Spietz and other faithful members provided a delightful breakfast. An enchanting morning.

Jessie Anderson has her own templates for air-marking. She personally has marked Elgin Armory, Elgin, Illinois, Dupage County Airport at St. Charles, Illinois and a building at Union, Illinois. Wish there were dozens like you, Jessie.

Helen Budwash flew a Cessna 120 in the Fire Prevention Week, October 3rd demonstration. She picked up Felix, the Fire Demon at Rubinkamp Airport, flew over Riverdale and Ivanhoe and dropped 3500 paper discs in connection with the celebration. In releasing the discs she acquired a black and blue wrist where the bottom of the cabin door kept banging her arm. Such is the price of a generous service, Helen.

Jessie Anderson didn't tell us but we found out—she flew to Idlewild Airport, New York for the dedication of that famous airfield. Jessie can think of the most interesting things to do.

At the October 17 meeting, all of our 1947 officers were re-elected with one addition. Yours truly was elected Recording Secretary-Reporter.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Jane Templeton Gaines
1109¹/₂ Brown St., Lafayette, Indiana

It certainly sounds as though the North Central Section meeting at Des Moines was a huge success. The Indiana Chapter was represented by four from Anderson - Charlotte Darlington, Fern Rinker, Dorothea Hendricks, and Charlotte's mother. Fern and Dorothea flew part way in a Taylorcraft (no one seems to know how they got the rest of the way) and Charlotte and her mother flew in the Ercoupe. The girls in Des Moines entertained royally, and we all appreciate the very fine job they did. We are just sorry that many more of us could not get there. Thanks a lot, girls, and maybe we can all make it the next time.

On October 26 Fern Rinker and a friend flew to Gary for the weekend. Fern advises that she had swell weather going up, but that it was mighty rough coming back and she had to fly the old iron compass. She got in at dark, and was so glad to get down that she just hopped out of her ship and kissed terra firma.

Helen House Outcalt has just made a jaunt to San Diego and other points on the west coast (via car) and reports that she is having a wonderful time. We are all anxious to hear all about it.

Our joint Hallowe'en party with the QB's fell through and we were all supposed to attend a party at Sky Harbor Airport Indianapolis instead. Those who were able to attend report that a wonderful time was had by all. A number of former Wasps and their husbands and quite a few of the reorganized C.A.P.'s were present at our invitation. There were 40 people at the 99 table and from all reports they really got on the beam before the evening was over what with all the free beer and soft drinks they wanted.

Joan Ferguson Johnson, Membership Chairman, has contacted some 75 airports in the State of Indiana and has received about 25 replies and 23 new prospects. We think that is wonderful, Joan, and for your first try, too.

IOWA CHAPTER

By Evelyn McDonald
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October proved to be a very busy month for the Iowa Chapter, especially since we were honored by the presence of so many wonderful girls for the North Central Section Meeting at the Hotel Fort Des Moines on October 9th and 10th. Familiar "Newsletter" names came to life and we were pleased that so many girls could come despite generally bad weather throughout the middle west. We were sorry that those girls who wired their regrets could not be with us but we are looking forward to meeting them in the near future. The evening events were preceded by a cocktail party sponsored by Kendall Oil and Boyer Petroleum Company. Then followed the banquet with Norbert Locke, Director of the Iowa Aeronautics Commission acting as M.C. Incidentally, Norb was elected "King" of the evening and Thelma Olson reigned as "Queen". Orchids to gracious Thelma Lindzey for her charming job as Mistress of Ceremonies. She and Norb also awarded prizes for outstanding achievements of various Ninety-Nines present. And I think all will agree that Arthur Brayton, Chairman of the Des Moines Convention Bureau gave a very fine talk. Following the banquet, Barney Barnard and his orchestra played for dancing.

During the late afternoon, election of North Central Section officers was held and we are very pleased that our own Thelma Olson is the new Treasurer - Congratulations Thelma!

Incidentally, Gretchen Kelly made a copper tray decorated with the Ninety-Nine emblem which was awarded at breakfast. It made such a hit that Gretchen found herself taking orders for more. If any of you are interested, you might drop Gretchen a line in care of 2520 - 46th in Des Moines.

New Iowa Chapter Officers are as follows: Dorothy Evans, Chairman; Gretchen Kelly, Vice-Chairman; Ruth Barclay, Secretary; Marjorie Frothinger, Treasurer and Thelma Olson, Membership Chairman.

Our most sincere sympathy is extended to Marjorie Frothinger in the recent loss of her husband Fred. She plans to continue operation of the Oelwein Airport in his place and we're all pulling for her and wishing her every success.

ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By June Walsh
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It's been a busy month for St. Louis Ninety-Nines. On October 17, the Ninety-Nines manned a booth for the Aviation Council of St. Louis at the Air Age Show held at Lambert Field. Following the Jet demonstration, we adjourned to St. Charles Airport for a weiner roast with our favorite 49'ers. The following Monday we held open house for prospective members at Garavallis.

Several of the St. Louis Chapter members attended the sectional meeting. Del Scharr and Mary Jeffords flew in the Luscombe and Burnette McNamee, Dorcas Stark and Lucy Drucker went in Mac's Stinson. Dorcas found that the rear seat of the Stinson made a fine place to do her mending. The girls came back with glowing accounts of the grand time they had. They enjoyed the meeting and said the Des Moines Chapter was very hospitable. We were proud that two of our members won prizes; Mac for being the mother of the largest family and Dorcas for being the last to arrive.

Plans for the future include our annual dance February 12 at the De Soto Hotel. Our winter meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month at the Sheraton Hotel at 8 o'clock.

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COLORADO CHAPTER

By Caroline Rose
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Our October meeting, held in Dot Schaeffer's den was a huge success. Not only did we get a lot done in the business line, but we secured a number of new members for the Yellow Dog Club. Some organization!

Besides the regular members there, we were awfully glad to see Grace Mayfield and Naomi Jackson who had taken time off from their busy lives in Sterling to pay us a visit. Out here in the wide open spaces, the times when we get to see the out-of-town gals are few and far between.

Joining the lists of out-of-towners is Dorothy Thompson, now Atkinson who has gone to Snowmass, Colorado to live on a ranch with her 49'er Bill. Dorothy and Bill were married in Cheyenne on the 20th of October in a real flying wedding. They flew to Cheyenne in their Stinson, "Scarlet", and chartered a DC-3, no less for the wedding party. Dorothy and Bill have since been honeymooning, with Scarlet, all over the North-Central part of the United States. Some fun!

Margo Condon, our publicity chairman, is leaving us too, to go to a new job at Fort Warren, Wyoming. However, she plans to come to our meetings just the same. That's the spirit we like to see.

To make up for the gals leaving, Phyl Bjorneby, Elouise Skinner, Ruth Mugele and Pat Urling are back in school here. Guess it all evens up.

It has been decided that in our local Colorado Newsletter which Donna Myers publishes monthly we will feature one or two of the members each issue. This is a sort of get-acquainted drive so that we may know some of the interesting things about each other that we've never found out in meeting together for years—also to get acquainted with the new members, and vice-versa. So far two members have been interviewed and written up and quite successfully too. Donna is a master hand at Newsletter writing, and we expect the Know the Gals department to develop into one of the first-turned-to in the paper.

TEXAS CHAPTER

DALLAS UNIT

By Gladys Kefauver
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The Dallas Ninety-Nines held the October meeting at Garland Airport (formerly Hudson Airport) northeast of the city. Martha Ann Reading was hostess and served "a real feast" buffet style in the new Ninety-Nine Club Room, which was made available to the girls thru the courtesy of Dr. G. D. Mahon of Dallas, owner of Garland Airport. Great fun was had making plans for furnishing and decorating "our very own Club Room". Marie Nix is now Manager of Garland Airport and all wish her success. An invitation is extended to those flying in this direction to make Garland Airport their Port-of-Call and to visit Marie and see the Club Room. Also thru the effort of Marie this airport is marked in the approved manner having the names of the city and the airport in 10 foot high letters, the arrow pointing north, both latitude and longitude, and the Skyway I S symbol painted in black on orange on the hanger roof. The newly elected Dallas Unit officers are: Martha Ann Reading, Director; Josephine Allison, Associate Director; Marie Nix,

Secretary-Treasurer-Reporter; Olean Sellers, Membership Chairman.

Fort Worth was the mecca for over 400 Texas Private Association members for the Annual Convention and election of Officers. The following Ninety-Nines attended and were elected to office: Al Rose LeSage, Second Vice President; Edna Hammerman of Austin, Treasurer; Verna Burns and Bobbie Taylor Bennett of Fort Worth, Jimmie Kolp of Electra and Mildred Miller of Austin, Directors. Other Ninety-Niners who were there were Pearle Ragsdale and Madge Janes of Austin and Marie Nix of Dallas.

Anne Briscoe, formerly Chairman of the Carolinas Chapter has moved to San Antonio and is heartily welcomed.

The Rio Grande Ninety-Nines held the October meeting at the home of Lois Ziler and Lois Haley. Plans for a flight to Wink, Texas for the Air Show were made and other flights to be made were discussed as such a grand time is had on these flights that the girls are all clamouring for more trips. After business discussions were concluded, Yantze was played, prizes given and delicious refreshments served.

Plans are already underway to have the Spring meeting of the whole Texas Chapter at the Fort Clark Ranch, Brackettville, Texas, some time in the early Spring. There will be a weekend packed full of interesting things to do and all are wanted to start making plans to attend. The exact date will be announced as soon as it is set. Fort Clark Ranch is one of the oldest and most historical Cavalry Posts, which has now been turned into a Guest Ranch.

SAN ANTONIO UNIT

The girls of the Santonio-Austin Unit called a meeting at the ranch of Ama Lee Jameson, marked on the new Del Rio Sectional as the "Flying X", for Sunday October 24th. Of course all 99's in Texas were invited if they could come, but the ones in the unit area were expected in particular. There are lots of transfers to that unit, Harriett Morrison now at Sabinal from New York, Florence Fintak from

Minnesota, and Ann Briscoe from the Carolinas, plus Jan Warrick from El Paso. Ama Lee has a fine almost all weather x strip right in front of the house and this being west Texas, plans went forward rapidly for the breakfast. BUT, believe it or not, on Wednesday before the meeting it started to rain, yes rain, and kept right on until Saturday morning, when Ama Lee struggled to Spofford and telegraphed everyone and called the meeting off. That's Texas weather for you. But Mildred Miller, Ziggy Hunter and Elsie Pfluger came on from Austin to San Antonio, and after calling Ama Lee a couple of times Saturday afternoon. John and Mary Ann Greer joined them and they flew on down to the ranch in Mildred's new 49 Mercury. And sure enough the next morning, Maggie Schock and her 49er, Ray, flew in with some friends from San Francisco in a 195 Cessna, and Ann Briscoe, her mother, 49er and 24-3/4er drove down and braved the bad road. Ama Lee and her family simply pulled another silver package out of the deep freeze and fed us all. We marked the landing field with proper "Flying X" letters and all returned home tired and happy Sunday night.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Mary Francis
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This Chapter has discovered that the 49½'ers have a definite possibility as program material. For our October meeting, Merrill Morgan, one of our 49½'ers spoke to us on flying in the Caribbean, and we realized that we have several other husbands that are specialists in their particular fields in aviation. Mr. Morgan is with the CAA Standardization Center here in Oklahoma City.

We also discovered what Oklahoma and the other states are doing with their Air-Age Education program. Jim Hough, Assistant Director of the Oklahoma Aviation Commission told us of their efforts to promote aviation in the schools. It made us realize that the new group will be growing up entirely attuned to the idea of flying.

CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Rather than cut out the news of the Chapter doings which we all eagerly await each month, we're giving you just the changes in the Constitution voted by your delegates to the National Convention in Kansas City.

Get out your Constitution (I hope you won't have to dust it off) and mark these brief changes. And, nota bene, once each year, each Chapter should go over the Constitution. Even I was amazed to find it interesting and it would save a lot of letter writing on the part of a lot of people, for most of the answers are therein. 15¢ to Washington brings you a copy!

Amendments to the Ninety-Nine Constitution

Amend ARTICLE V, Section 4 by adding the sentence "Even tho her chapter is already represented on the Executive Committee, the outgoing president of the Ninety-Nines MAY BE a candidate for election to this Committee".

ARTICLE VIII, Sections

Section 2 (5) Amend to read: New England Section, composed of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, "Connecticut".

Section 2 (6) Amend to read: "New York-New Jersey Section, composed of New York and New Jersey".