

# NINETY- NINES



## NEWS LETTER

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5th OF EACH MONTH

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Once again I'm off on a flight as the News Letter goes to press. I'm flying the CAA Navion to New Orleans to keep a speaking engagement. Hope I'll get a chance to see Fanny Leonpacher and some of our other Louisiana members. I'll be back in Washington in time to represent our organization at the 45th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' Flight at Kitty Hawk on December 17. On that day their plane will officially be presented to the National Air Museum of the Smithsonian Institution by Milton Wright, nephew of the famous brothers. President Truman is expected to attend the ceremony. Then that night will be the Annual Wright Day Dinner with the tops in aviation in attendance.

Don't forget to send in the names and addresses of your 49½ers for listing in the January News Letter and - sign up those new members so they too will be included in the directory.

Here is a letter from our Historian Ruth Rueckert. A complete history of our organization is a must - so go through your scrapbooks and send any material you may have to Ruth.

A Very Merry Christmas to each and all and a Happy 20th Anniversary New Year.

Blanche Noyes  
Your President

### LETTER FROM RUTH RUECKERT, HISTORIAN:

President Blanche Noyes has indeed complimented me in appointing me Historian. Having been a member for nineteen years, I plan to attend the twentieth anniversary celebration in New York, October 3rd, 1949, and at that time present the club with a complete file of all publications of the National 99's, which is my personal collection, and at least three folios - (1) Correspondence pertaining to the formation of the 99's; (2) Photographs; and (3) Newspaper clippings. In order to compile this material, it has been suggested a committee be appointed; therefore, each and every 99 member is hereby appointed on this committee, and urged to contribute any items collected these past years. It is also my request that present members contact past members for material they would give. Already Alma Harwood, Fay Wells, Clara Studer, and Kay Brick have greatly aided this work by their kindness in sending material and advice, when I was doing some research work last year. I understand there is a box of material in Washington, D. C. belonging to Fanny Leonpacher. Anything in it I could have, Fanny?

One more request - While material is being rounded up, Please everyone watch for a purple leather bound book - file of "Women and Aviation", with the initials C.S. Tooled Thereon. This is the personal property of Clara Studer and has been mislaid. Clara was invaluable to our organization for many years, and if we could locate and return this book

to her, it would be small pay for all her work for, and devotion to, the 99's.

Thank you, and let me hear from you!

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\* IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!! \*  
\* To: Members of the Ninety-Nines who have not renewed \*  
\* their memberships for 1948-49. \*  
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\* We quote from the By-Laws: "ARTICLE II - Section 4 \*  
\* Any member who shall not have paid dues three months \*  
\* after they are payable shall be dropped from the \*  
\* organization, the Secretary notifying such members \*  
\* of termination of membership. To be reinstated, \*  
\* application may be sent to the membership committee \*  
\* in the usual way." \*  
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\* We are sorry that this is your last copy of the 99 \*  
\* News Letter. We hope you will wish to remain a mem- \*  
\* ber and we suggest you contact your membership \*  
\* chairman for application blank for reinstatement. \*  
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\* NEWS REPORTERS: Please do not submit copy \*  
\* for the January issue of the News Letter as \*  
\* this particular issue will be devoted to the \*  
\* membership roster. \*  
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## C H A P T E R   N E W S

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\* NEW ENGLAND SECTION \*  
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By Alma Gallagher  
16 Messer St., Laconia, N. H.

Betty Coffin gave a warm welcome to Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, Ct., November 9, when New England 99's had their first fly-in meeting in the Nutmeg state since the Conn. girls joined the section.

United Air Lines provided lunch flown directly from Boston. A group of N.A.A. members were also luncheon guests. Ann Griffin whose picture was in a recent issue of Life magazine with the Kaman helicopter told about this special new "egg beater". It is being developed and test flown at Bradley Field, and Ann has flown it.

The 99 Aviation Dance will be January 21st at the Hotel Sheraton in Boston. Rose Abbott is chairman of this first big party since the war, and plans are really taking shape. Invitations will be sent to all 99 chapters and other aviation groups.

To Carolyn Cullen went a gold compact which has on it a map of New England for coming the greatest distance to the Connecticut meeting. She flew in from Martha's Vineyard in her Cub Cruiser.

Southern chapter has scheduled election of officers at Norwood, Massachusetts, December 4 at 11:30.

Officers recently elected by the Northern chapter are Betty Condict, chairman; Alma Gallagher, vice chairman;

Ruth Hamilton, secretary-treasurer; Rita Carter, membership chairman and Lillian Putnam, news reporter.

There is a new sequence for winter sectional meetings to fit into everyone's schedule. Beginning January 10, the second Monday of the month which is QB night, there will be an evening meeting. The next month comes a luncheon meeting in the middle of the week. The third month there will be a luncheon meeting on a weekend.

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\* NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION \*  
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By Lois Fairbank  
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FLASH RE THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!  
Headquarters for the entire week - the One and Only  
WALDORF-ASTORIA!

Doesn't that make you wish October 1949 was just around the corner!

We want you to know just what New York-New Jersey will offer you so here is a brief resume of the plans. Details will be sent to you as everything progresses but here is the eye-opener. Monday and Tuesday, October 3rd and 4th, will be open for registration. Tuesday night there will be a party for just 99's to say "Hello" and get acquainted. Wednesday, October 5th, is Convention Day. Thursday and Friday, the 6th and 7th, will be open for shopping, tours, theaters, etc., which will be arranged to your convenience. Then comes Friday night - THE BIG BANQUET AND DINNER DANCE AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA!

Saturday you may rest your weary feet, continue to pound the streets of the ever fascinating New York, or head for home.

Plan that vacation now and start SAVING THOSE PENNIES!

Credit for these colossal plans goes to the hard-working Celebration Committee; Marjorie B. Davis-Chairman, Selma Cronan- Vice Chairman, Amy Andrews, Kay Menges Brick, Viola Gentry Cameron, Alma Harwood, Bella Heineman, Helen McGiesney, Jeanne Spielberg, and the Governor who goes to the meetings just to beam her approval at the tremendous planning job the girls are doing and at the multitude of suggestions that keep pouring in for your convenience and entertainment.

A report from one of the 99 members that Jackie Cochran was a guest speaker at the October meeting of the Adventurer's Club. I quote here, from the monthly bulletin they put out, a paragraph condensed from her speech, which certainly makes Jackie a "charter" member in any adventurer's club.

"She once flew in a plane which caught fire at 12,000 feet but she refused to bail out. She was shot at with tracer bullets on a flight over the North Atlantic while ferrying planes to England. Miss Cochran was one of two women who saw the surrender of Yamashita in the Philippines. To witness this gratifying sight, she traveled through an area in which 70,000 unregenerate Japanese soldiers still swarmed. She flew around the breath taking Taj Mahal by moonlight, but lamented that it was not actually an adventure because she was alone."

From all the New York-New Jersey 99's to all the Ninety-Nines - A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK CHAPTER

By Florae H. Andeer  
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This has been a busy month for our chapter as we have had



two meetings.

The first meeting was in the form of a Sunday afternoon tea when Jeanne Skelton opened her beautiful new home at 225 Forest Avenue. At this time plans were made for a brunch flight. The balance of the meeting was strictly a social affair.

The second meeting was the brunch flight at the Snack Shop of the Municipal Airport. After a delightful meal we held a business meeting at which time we held the annual election of officers. The following panel was installed:

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| Chairman:            | Mrs. Jeanne W. Skelton |
| Co-Chairman:         | Mrs. Arlene M. Hanna   |
| Secretary-Treasurer: | Mrs. Floroe H. Andeer  |
| Membership Chairman: | Mrs. Lucile M. Wright  |

A spring dance to be sponsored by the Ninety-Nines was discussed, complete arrangements to be made at a later meeting.

Plans were made for the next meeting which will be a Christmas party.

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

By Claire G. Callaghan  
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For proof of the saying, "A Bad Penny Always Shows Up", here I am again. Before getting on with our extra-curricular activities, would like to tell you of the wonderful time we all had last meeting on November 23rd at Helen Jacob's lovely home, "Journey's End". A delicious buffet supper was served, preceded by manhattans and martinis, after which we settled back to listen to our guest speaker, Commander Paul Garber. Commander Garber, as you perhaps already know, is Curator of the Air Museum, and recently escorted the Wright Brothers' "Kittyhawk" aircraft on its homecoming trip from Halifax to Washington. The plane has just been returned to this country after a 20-year stay in England. Dr. Garber gave us a detailed account of the history of the Wright Brothers, culminating his talk with an amusing description of his experiences in getting the Kittyhawk back to Washington and, finally, of the very lavish plans for building an air museum in this area. We also heard a short talk by Mr. Poliakoff, Mrs. Jacob's Russian butler who flew for Russia in the first World War. Mr. Poliakoff's account of flying back in those days was very interesting, and we were all happy that he finally became a pilot even if they did call him "potato face" when he first applied.

It was good to see our old friends from the Eastern Penn Chapter on November 7, when Blanche Noyes, Rosemary Lane, and I managed to be present at their meeting in Dover, Delaware. They're a swell group, and we hope to be able to get together more often.

Barbara Jenison flew hubby, Ed, back here from Paris, Illinois, a couple of weeks ago in the Congressional Club's Luscombe. Congratulations, Ed, on your reelection to Congress—which just shows that our people vote for the man and not the party (since Ed's one of them thar Republicans).

Wing Scouts are still at the top of our activities list. I flew the Cub up to Hagerstown, Maryland, where it stayed for a week. It has now been brought back, however, to resume its mission in this area. Which reminds me, we should like to thank Vera Prevette for making her services available when we most needed them. Vera has been busy instructing at Congressional Airport all summer, but has taken time off from her students to help us out of several jams when we needed a pilot for the Cub. She will be leaving

us December 1st to return to sunny Florida for the winter. Hope to see you again as the Flying Farmer Girl at the All-Woman Air Show, Vera.

Jean Howard interviewed two Wing Scouts and myself on her "Wings Over Maryland" radio program on station WGAY, November 20. We all shook and quivered, but everyone who listened said it was swell. Only humorous part was that each time Jean quivered, the room was filled with particles of hay falling from her hair (memoirs from an old-fashioned hay ride the night before).

Mary Jane Livingston has returned from her trip to the west coast and now feels that she has scratched a little deeper into the surface of cross-country flying. She and Betsy really did a swell job, but either will tell you that it isn't much fun being weathered-in in some towns. Seems as tho' they shocked the entire populace in some little town in Missouri (s'cuse, Del) by staying up until 1:30 listening to the election returns. However, they gained publicity for the 99's on their arrival in L.A., by having their pictures taken by a newspaper photographer who wanted to see the two girls who had enough nerve to fly a Cub across the U. S. Hope you California gals saw the item.

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to you all, and I'll be back next month.

#### EASTERN PENNA. CHAPTER

By Jessie Jones Eckhart  
Clay, Penna.

The Dover, Del. meeting was a lot of fun...with a grand turn out on Sunday, Nov. 7th. Mrs. Ethel Evans went all out to arrange a steak dinner right at the airport. Each guest was given a can of Plum Pudding as a souvenir, a product of Dover, Del....believe me it was delicious, mine is all gone of course.

Mr. Evans was kind enough to provide the radio that we are raffling off — at cost, to our chapter. Thank you so very, very much Mr. Evans. The big night of the drawing will be Dec. 11th at our Xmas party at the home of Catherine Slocum in Bryn Mawr, Pa. The radio is a beautiful portable job...really smooth.

Our outstanding guest at the Dover meeting was Blanche Noyes, our National President. She spoke to us on some 99 activities and also the air marking program. It was grand to have Blanche with us, we certainly hope she will visit with us soon again.

We owe a big hand to Millie Zimmerman of Orwigsburg, Pa., and to Leona McElroy, Hamburg. They are doing a wonderful job of managing our raffle. Thanks kids.

The Lancaster girls report that the Lancaster Aero Club of which Vi Delp (Eastern Penna. Chapter Chairman) is secretary, had a dinner meeting Nov. 18th....The Lancaster 99ers Vi Delp, Nel Richards, Helen Myers and Jessie Eckhart welcomed Dot Leh of Allentown our 99 Charter member, who came to the meeting with her husband John Leh who was our very interesting guest speaker. It was grand to see Dot and John again.

Mrs. Francis Nolde of Reading, Penna. flew to Cleveland, Ohio to attend the Aircraft Distributors and Manf's. Association meeting the week of Nov. 15th. Fran gets around the country in her beautiful Navion...you 99ers in other cities watch out for her.

#### MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By Marjorie Cook  
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Our last meeting was held at Mrs. Dorothy Millers, Wednesday, November 17. Our discussion centered around our air marking project and our plans are shaping up favorably. We decided to make our next gathering a Xmas party at Betty DeVores. Everyone is to bring a gift for a grab bag and

a tureen. Sounds like fun!!

We won't be seeing Miss Elan Miller again for awhile as she has been transferred to the Duke University Hospital in North Carolina as Operating Room nurse. We sincerely wish you good luck in your new position and hope you'll like your new environment.

We were very sorry that E. Lucille Parker, Erie, Pa., couldn't attend our last meeting. She has been suffering from a foot injury incurred from X-Ray burns. All the girls wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her in the very near future.

Have you girls been wondering what to give your sister 99ers for Xmas? We suggest a set of special made glasses with 99 insignia which our chapter is selling. All of our members have received theirs in excellent condition and are immensely pleased with them. They are 12 oz. glasses, 8 in a set, with blue 99 insignia, all for \$3.50. They are being sent parcel post and if you live east of the Mississippi, the postal rate is .35, if you live west of the Mississippi .75. If you are interested please send your check including your respective postal charge, to Jean Peden, Port Meadville Airport, Meadville, Penna., payable to Meadville Chapter of 99's. The postal rate on these glasses also includes insurance.

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\* SOUTHEASTERN SECTION \*  
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#### CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Myrtle Grey Thompson  
Charlotte Observer, Charlotte, N. C.

To bring us up to date, first I'd like to give a report on the wonderful October meeting held here in Charlotte on the 17th since we did elect officers for the incoming year. We have Sarah Payne to thank for all the arrangements. We met in the Sky Room of the Airport 77 restaurant, Municipal Airport and enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner. The ballots that had been mailed in were opened and counted electing Mrs. Dorothy Shackelford chairman of the chapter. Others elected were: Sarah Payne, vice chairman; Amalie Stone, secretary-treasurer; and Dot appointed Jewel Bailey, membership chairman, and your truly, news reporter. We are very happy that all the members of the out-of-town contingent flew in. Present were ten members, two 49½'ers, Less Hembel and Shack, and two guests, Nancy Mayes and Virginia Murray. We all got a look-see at Dot and Shack's beautiful new Bellanca and we were all happy that Louise Smith got her Bonanza out of the shop in time to fly down too.

An invitation to do precision aerobatics in a recently staged airshow at Stanfield for the sole purpose of boosting flying interest was accepted by your reporter, her first chance to use that commercial finally earned last Spring.

This chapter was represented in the Carolinas Christmas Festival Parade on the Charlotte Observer float by your reporter, had a marvelous time, too!

Our next meeting is at Greenville, S. C., with Amalie Stone as hostess on January 16th. Be on the look out for your invitation and MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!!

FLASH!!! Just got "the word" from Amalie and it reads as follows: "Carolinas' Chapter of 'Ninety-Nines' will meet January 16, 1949 for luncheon and business meeting at 'Rose Hill', 3 McDaniel Court, Greenville, South Carolina, Time: 12:00 noon. Hostess: Amalie Stone. Those flying land at Greenville Municipal Airport and taxi to Southern Airways hangar on southwest side of field. Call Amalie (Dial 4, then tell operator '7252X-R') on arrival for transportation. ....R.S.V.P."

#### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Ginny Wulff  
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The best time in a long time was had by all when play and relaxation were the order of the weekend meeting of the Florida Chapter on Saturday and Sunday, November 27th and 28th. We met at the Zeagler Ranch located on the beautiful St. Johns River near Palatka, Florida, was Doris Zeagler acting as our hostess. We were met at the airport by our hostess, and escorted to her home in town for a beverage of our own choice before starting to the Ranch. I once asked Doris what she did and her answer was that she was a "farmer"; well after seeing the Zeagler Ranch, I can truthfully say that I would be a "farmer", too, if I had a ranch like hers. It's a marvelous place sitting high on the banks of the St. Johns River amid surrounding orange groves and acres of green pasture where the Zeagler herd of Hereford cattle graze and enjoy being the pride of the ranch. After looking the place over, we all retired to the Ranch house for a supper of fried shrimp and chicken; we were joined for supper by Doris' 49½'er, Dr. George Zeagler and son George, Jr. Baby "Wally" having been left in town for the night. After supper we relaxed for an evening of fun and the pleasures of enjoying a weekend in such pleasant surroundings. Of course, we were helped out no end by the antics of Kaddy and Pat.

We then proceeded to hold our business meeting. The possibility of staging the third annual ALL WOMAN AIR SHOW was discussed at length and it was decided to shelve the issue and the next meeting will be the deciding factor as the ALL WOMAN SHOW will be our main business topic. All members were reminded to send in their dues for the 1949 year to National Headquarters. Marion Bertram, membership chairman, reminded the girls to send her their new member application blanks so that they may be handled without delay. It was decided that the Florida Chapter would provide some sort of entertainment for visiting 99'ers at the Air Maneuvers in January and possibly have a booth for the girls to register at; however, all information will come out on this in a few weeks. Your reporter told the Chapter of the space granted to us each month in Southern Wings. It was voted to accept Dr. George Zeagler of Palatka; Dr. Raymond Smith of Miami; and A. D. Marshall, Jr. of Mt. Dora as 49½'ers.

Our next meeting will be with Irma Price in Miami on Thursday, January 6th — remember this date and attend this meeting for the ALL WOMAN SHOW will be the main issue with Florida Chapter members.

We were honored with two guests: Bruce Reid of Palatka being the guest of our hostess, and Marguerite Joseph of St. Augustine coming over in the T with me.

We missed some of the more familiar faces at this meeting, to mention a few, Penny, Vivian, Evelyn and Bev — lets try to make that next meeting in Miami and bring along a prospective member.

Speaking for the entire Chapter, I wish to thank Doris, her 49½'er and family, for the grand time shown us this weekend.

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\* NORTH CENTRAL SECTION \*  
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#### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Dorothy Beaghan  
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The November meeting of the Central Illinois Chapter was



held in Springfield, Illinois. "Everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Luxemburg Inn, and then adjourned to Kay Hall for business meeting. The meeting was in the hands of the new officers Helen Greinke, Chairman, Helen McBride, Vice-Chairman and Evelyn Staedeli, Secretary-Treasurer. A warm welcome was extended to our guest of the evening Alice Brant and a "glad to have you back" to Kay Hall after a long illness.

#### ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Olive Gooch Tuttle  
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Jessie Anderson and Catherine Carlsen flew to Muskegon, Michigan November 6th. They were met by friends who drove them to Grand Haven, Michigan for Michigan Chapter 99's meeting at Grand Haven Country Club on Sunday. Thirty members enjoyed a Pancake Breakfast, including beloved Jeanette Lempke and Alice Hammond. A story is — Alice couldn't account for her slow air-speed until she landed and found that a strip of fabric on top of the wing — just wasn't there!

Newly appointed: Catherine Carlsen - Membership Chairman, Jessie Anderson - Program Chairman.

Irene Levertson has passed her Instructor's written and "is preparing to flunk her oral". No-no, Irene we know it'll be another of your achievements.

Lucy Kalla and Doris Langher checked Air Markers in the Chicago Area on the Merchandise Mart, Northwestern Tech. and the Tucker plant. Lucy is in Air Marking with CAA at Douglas Airport and so her chosen work is combined with pleasure.

We are happy to have Bonnie Bryant, a transfer from 99's at Stephens College, Missouri with us. Bonnie has an Instructor's Rating, has worked at it in Rawlins, Wyoming and is now hoping someone in these United States can use her experienced services. Here's her address, girls - 508 W. 81st St., Chicago, Illinois. Let's give her an "air-lift."

Frances Rosenthal spoke on "Flying as a Hobby" to the Wing Scout Committee, Division of Senior Girl Scouts, who are eligible for pre-flight experience. The youngsters were lucky to have sweet, clear-thinking Frances present the subject.

That Christmas Dance at Dania Hall, North Avenue and Kedzie on December 17th is really revving up. Remember? With WASP's and WFA's and their friends. We'd love a lot of "out-of-town" guests. If you can come contact - any of us. We'll be complimented by your presence.

Jessie Anderson wrote Zack Mosley informing him of our Dance December 17th. We'll be mentioned on Wednesday, December 15th in "Smilin' Jack" comic strip. Thank you, Zack.

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Beulah L. Frotscher  
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The Upper Iowa Chapter has, of this date, a 100% renewal membership with the addition of one new member - hurrah for us.

The November meeting was held at Spencer on November 21. Cocktails were served at the home of Fern McKinnon with Fern and Betty Barton as hostesses. Luncheon was downtown at the "North Y" cafe. A large attendance was inconvenienced by early morning weather for travel by automobile as well as by plane. A heavy, wet snow fell throughout most of the morning.

Our new member is Miss Helen Flaherty of Fort Dodge. Helen received her private pilot's license last month under G. I. Training, and is the first woman of Fort Dodge to receive a license under G. I. Training. She was a Wave with the U. S. Navy, and is now employed as a secretary to E. B. Dawson, M.D., of Fort Dodge. Helen has been doing some interesting flying - that is - she and Virginia Vinsand. Recently, on a sunny, autumn Sunday, Virginia and Helen flew to Marshalltown for luncheon. They are making flight plans for this next Sunday to fly to Eldora. Virginia has been doing some very good B. T. time; her instructor informed me, that it is in the very near future, that he will be afraid to ride with her then she will have to fly alone!

Pleased to see Elsie William's name on the roster for those present at the last meeting.

We did hear from Verna Mae Prochaska - she has one of her Waterloo air markers completed, newspaper article and picture as well.

Fern McKinnon of Spencer and Inez McAllister, Decorah, had the November birthdays. I hope they had a nice birthday, don't you?

Plans are underway for the near future, by Bernie Eno and Ruth Shimon, to assist in the formulation of a chapter in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We, of the Upper Iowa Chapter, wish them every success.

Don't forget! December 19 - at Storm Lake with Millie Burt Christmas Party!

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Adele Binsfield  
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In with a breeze, or despite a breeze. Five planes, piloted by: Jeanette Sovereign - Bay City; Mabel Britton and guest - Ipsilanti; Nita Berry and 49'er - Detroit; Barbara CREDIT and Jean Prins - Jackson; Alice Hammond and Lucille - Detroit; Faye Kirk and yours truly - Detroit, checked in at the Muskegon Meeting Sunday morning the 14th of November. We were a little bit late for the breakfast hotcakes, but Mary Creason, our hostess at the Clear Lake Country Club, ordered more and they were delicious. Complete attendance totaled 24 members and 12 guests. We had two visitors from the Illinois Chapter, Jessi Anderson of Chicago and Cathy Carlson of Elgin. Grand having you girls, please come again.

Business under discussion included a Courtesy Shopping Project for a Detroit Department Store, which proved to be an interesting way of raising some money for the Amelia Barth fund. Most important was our election of Officers: Chairman - Eloise Smith; Vice Chairman - Becky Thatcher; Secretary - Fay Kirk; Treasurer - Jean Prins. Promises to be a busy year, doesn't it?

Our next meeting, December 11, is the Annual Christmas Party at Alice Hammond's. Promises to be loads of fun and frolic, so lets all attend. We are all requested to send our gifts to the Michigan Childrens Aid Society, and will receive more instructions by mail.

The Windsor Flying Club has invited us to come to Canada for our January Meeting. How about it?

#### KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

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

We in Kansas City really ushered in the holiday season with our December meeting the night of the 1st. What with a hot luck supper, Santa's grab-bag, and lots of fun for all, the evening was a success. We were very happy to welcome two new members; Doris Hillen who is busy flying a J-3 off of our Heart of America Airport, and Rita Robinson who is mastering a Navion. Three other 'newies', Mary Off of Kirksville, Mo., Darlene Eno who is really an old 99'er, having belonged to the Washington Chapter, and Katherine Peck are to have an official welcoming soon, and we all hope to prove to these girls that the K. C. Chapter is up

and coming.

Part of the evening was spent in formulating plans for our special project - a Christmas Festival for the benefit of the Salvation Army. This organization has been our Christmas orphan for the past three years, and Marie Page, who was the originator of the idea, has been busy seeing to it that this year will be the best of all. The Festival will be held the evening of the 11th, at Parks' Hangar at Municipal Airport. Games, food, an auction of merchandise donated by a large number of our Kansas City merchants, and dancing will help to make the evening a success. There will be no admission charge, and if any of you are in this vicinity the night of December 11th, drop in for some fun. The Chapter will also sponsor night flights over the beautifully decorated "Plaza" in the Country Club District. Those who took the ride last year were enthusiastic, and we hope that they and many others will come back for another. The proceeds from both will go to the Salvation Army.

#### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Anne Blair  
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Our November meeting in Columbus, Ohio, was attended by nineteen members. The officers for the coming year presided with Marge Miller, Chairman, Helen Linn, Vice-Chairman and Dorothy Morris, Secretary-Treasurer. Committee Chairman were appointed as follows:

Membership, Jean Hunt; Ways & Means, Mary Oetzel; Entertainment, Marge Newcomer; Constitution & By-Laws, Louise Clark; Historian & Librarian, Ann Heisler; Project Chairman: Wing Scouts, Helen Linn; Attendance, Martha Commissar.

Business included discussions on the Wing Scouts and on committee duties. Action was taken to re-imburse part of the expenses of our representatives to the last National Convention.

After dining on turkey or ham (suit yourself), we enjoyed movies taken by Ann Heisler of the National Air Races, her trip west, and shots taken around Williard Airport.

Future meetings scheduled are: December, Mansfield; January, Dayton; February, Springfield; March, Zanesville.

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\* SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION \*  
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#### MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jo Farmer  
Mt. Airy, Iowa

Our November 14 meeting was held at Cozad, Nebraska and we had such a good time. Our hostesses were Irene Owens and Trella Winegar, 99'ers of Cozad.

The first plane to land was the Cessna of Wilda and Bernard Wilson of North Platte, Nebraska. Helen and Earl Bass flew from Malvern, Iowa in their new Stinson, stopping at Crete, Nebraska to pick up Ruth and Al Johnson. Laura Russell and Janie Bay of Omaha, Nebraska flew in Laura's Luscombe. Penny Schmer and Marguerite Durbin arrived by car from North Platte, Nebraska. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Milo German of Cozad and also Mr. and Mrs. John Marks from North Platte, arriving in their Cessna.

An excellent turkey lunch was served at the Dixie Inn and then we were driven to the home of Irene and Curley Owens, about five miles north of Cozad. The business meeting was held in the charming living room of the Owen home, at which time presentation was made to Laura Russell of Omaha, Nebraska of the sterling silver ash tray trophies as winner for both September and October flying points. Then the climax of the six month trophy contest as Helen Bass of Malvern, Iowa was presented the grand prize of a silver ice

bucket as the highest total points for the six month contest period. Helen was also the winner of last years trophy and looks like we will have to go some next year if we are to keep up. Good for you, Helen!

The next meeting is to be held at the Municipal Airport, Lincoln, Nebraska. An exchange of gifts is to be made and each 99'er and 49½'er is to bring a 50¢ gift, which will certainly take a heap of thinking in this day and age.

#### OKLAHOMA CITY CHAPTER

By Mary Francis  
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On the windiest day we have had all fall, the Flying Farmers re-ran the Chisholm Trail with some of the oldtimers that had previously herded cattle from Texas to the railroad in Kansas, and also with a calf which was auctioned off at the end of the trip. This trip took 4 hours instead of 4 months as it did years ago. The tour stopped in El Reno for a barbecue. Broneta Davis was in charge of this stop over and the flight continued on to Dodge City, Kansas, just in time to connect with a blizzard which kept practically all of the planes on the ground for several days. Other 99's that made the flight included Amy Lee Jamison and Ziggy Hunter of Texas and Mrs. Eves M. Tune of Kansas.

Our November meeting was held at the home of Mary Francis with Dorothy Morgan acting as co-hostess for a Sunday breakfast. Our guests were teachers from the high school that have worked very hard promoting ground school classes and flight instruction within the high school. Our group loaned sufficient money for a girl in last semesters class to take her flight training. Upon the request of the school this was a loan and not a donation because of the psychology involved.

The husband of our member Dolly Sauter of Clinton, Okla. died very suddenly from a heart attack. He had always encouraged Dolly in her flying and instructing and was instrumental in her acquiring an airport.

We were sorry not to have had the opportunity of visiting with Thelma Clark Lindzay, Governor of the North Central Section while she was here with her family over the Thanksgiving holidays.

#### TULSA CHAPTER

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Tulsa 99'ers really have some big things planned for its members for the coming year. One of our biggest problems is how to raise the money to do all the things we would like to do. Plans are now in the making, thanks to Ways & Means Committee Chairman, Marthelle Best, for our January Annual Scholarship Benefit Square Dance. Last year Tulsa 99's and a local operator gave a Private Pilot Scholarship to a high school student and it proved to be so successful that we are making an annual event of it—Thanks again to Marthelle, for our Christmas Turkey Raffle project.

We are happy to have Claire McMillen, Los Angeles Chapter member, with us. Claire is pretty busy instructing at Brown Airport.

The November 28th meeting was held at Tulsa Flying Service's classrooms where very interesting films, loaned by the Naval Reserve, were shown to members and the Wing Scouts. Operations Crossroads, in beautiful technicolor, gave us very informative details regarding the Pacific atom bombing test.

A Kitty Hawk Day party will be held December 14, at the new home of Keewatin Ross. There will be a Sight Unseen Auction and a Truth or Consequence game on aviation questions. Forfeit will be 10¢ for each question missed and first prize of one hour's flying time will go to the girl who answers most questions correctly. The consolation prize, for the gal who misses the most, will be a box of 99 matches.



Money raised at this party will pay for the flying time so let's everybody come so that we will be able to offer this prize.

Yours truly and my Wing Scout have been making the Sunday Breakfast Flights. These are really fun and we have been meeting more people from all over northeastern Oklahoma. We have wondered why we haven't seen some of you Oklahoma Chapter 99's. If you want to go, drop us a line and we will see that you are sent notifications.

Time is drawing near for making the award of our Gleason Romans Trophy to the outstanding Tulsa Chapter 99'er of the year. It is really pretty, all gold and gleaming and just waiting for the day.

Faye Sullenger, Membership Chairman, and Jewell Pearce are busy with their newly launched campaign for new members.

#### TEXAS CHAPTER

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#### SAN ANTONIO UNIT

Sunday, November 14th, with the birds walking and the girls needing an instrument rating to get from car to the house, the unit meeting was held at Seguin. The meeting was of course a flyin breakfast at the airport of Maggie Schock and her 49'er, Ray, to discuss air marking their airport. Ama Lee Jameson of Spofford, Texas was commended by Governor Beauford H. Jester in a ceremony Monday, Nov. 22, 1948 for installing eight air markers in the Southwest Texas Ranch country. Using plans furnished by the Texas Aeronautics Commission, she laid out the first air marker in caliche on her father's Kinney Country ranch. In addition to being Secretary of the Texas Chapter of the 99's she is Secretary of the Texas Flying Farmers, and has just made a trip accompanied by Ziggy Hunter to the Convention at Dodge City, Kansas. Enroute they were entertained by a circus performance by local talent at Gainsville and by a square dance, and at El Reno by a barbecue, then they encountered a dust storm (visibility 1/8th mile) and were snowed in by a blizzard for three days at Dodge City. They were shown a good time in spite of the weather, and were glad to see Texas again after digging out of a five foot drift to start the return flight.

Lieutenant Florence Fintak stationed at Kelly Air Force Base, acted as Flight Nurse on the mercy plane which flew four-year-old Brenda Joyce Perkins, a leukemia victim to New Bedford, Mass. 10 hours flying time away, when she was rushed to Massachusetts General Hospital for treatment by world renowned specialists in an effort to save her life. Lt. Fintak gave the child a blood transfusion aboard the plane.

#### DALLAS UNIT

Ruby Thompson was hostess at the November meeting of the Dallas Unit. She is now manager and operator of the Second Avenue Airport, Dallas, and has quarters for her office in a wing of the new handsome airplane shaped administration building constructed of Austin stone. Ruby has recently acquired a BT-13 to be used by her advanced students. After a tour of inspection of the administration building, including the office and G.I. School, Ruby escorted the 99's to her new cottage adjacent to the airfield, where she served a delicious meal. All wish Ruby success in her high venture.

The Dallas 99's have a set of templates for use in painting ten foot high letters in airmarking projects. Martha Ann Reading and Josephine Allison contacted Mr. Reed of the Rotary Club of Quitman, Texas relative to marking that place and he also agreed to paint the top of the fence enclosing the field there so that it could be more readily identified as a safe place to land.

Marie Rushing related how she and her 49'er, Dr. E. O. Rushing, flew in their new Bonanza from Minneapolis where she had been vacationing to Dallas covering 900 miles in

5 hours and 15 minutes. Enroute they visited their instructor in Kansas City, Frank Trambauer with the CAA. He praised his students who have only had their licenses a little over a year, for their ability to make such an extended cross-country trip so successfully. Previously they had enjoyed two trips to the Flying L Ranch at Bandera, Texas, a fishing trip to Port Aransas on the Gulf of Mexico and a flight to Colorado Springs where they experienced their first landing at a high altitude without difficulty.

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#### OREGON CHAPTER

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It seems as how we missed the November News Letter by not getting our stuff in on time. Here it is December 4th and the deadline for the December News Letter is the 5th! Woe is me....hope we don't miss the December issue, too. We'll just cram this month's news into an envelope, put an Air Mail and Special Delivery stamp on it and hope for the best. Anyway, here t'is:

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith, newlyweds from Arch Cape, Oregon were honored at a dinner and dance given by the Oregon Chapter of 99's Saturday, November 27th, at the Wik's Air Service hangar on the Hillsboro Airport.

Mrs. Smith, a registered nurse and Private Pilot, is the former Genevieve Waples, who before her marriage was field representative for the Oregon State Nurses Association. She is vice-chairman of the Oregon Chapter.

The party was held in true hangar style with long tables and benches being used. Paper dishes and wooden spoons and forks were in keeping with the traditional "Hangar Feast". An elaborate red-and-white centerpiece composed of a two-foot tower topped with a miniature bride and groom stood on the main table. Four ten-foot streamers extended out either side of the tower to meet a base where two red-and-white airplanes were suspended in an attitude of a gliding turn.

There were 44 guests at the dinner, which was accompanied by dinner music provided by fly-girl Olive Oldfield on the piano, 99'er Ruth Wikander on the cello and Ruth's brother an operator of Wik's Air Service and Guilford Wikander on the violin.

The dance, to which the public had been invited, was well attended. There was modern and old-time dancing. The music varied from amplified recordings to a five-piece band. All in all, everyone had a swell time and now are saying "Why don't we do this more often?"

Kathleen Eachus, 99'er from Monroe, Oregon, who has been taking flight training with Smith-Livingston Air Service in Corvallis, has received her Flight Instructor's Rating. She is believed to be the only girl in the U. S. to get a Commercial and F. I. rating under the G. I. Bill. Kathleen is an ex-WAC.

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#### BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Eleanor Wagner  
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This particular portion of the West Coast has been buzzing with activity during the past two months and we want to let the rest of you in on what we've been doing.

Air marking is still very much on the agenda here, whether it be a job outlined for the future or whether it involves putting some finishing touches on some completed work. Several of the Bay Cities Chapter members have been flying (and driving) to Mendocino on week-ends to put some of those necessary finishing touches to the air marking that we did there in August. Thanks to the assistance of Ethel Sheehy and the hospitality and cooperation of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson at Mendocino, we can now call the job completed.

On November 21, the Ninety-Nines and their guests were invited to visit the U. S. Coast Guard base which is located near the San Francisco airport. Our guides explained to us many interesting features in relation to sea and air rescue as carried out by this branch of the service and how they are able to cooperate with the Army and the Navy in this type of rescue work. We were allowed to inspect the equipment and the grounds and came away feeling that we knew considerably more about the various services rendered by the Coast Guard than when we arrived.

Since our last contribution to the News Letter, we have two elections to report on — namely, the Sectional meeting and election held in Santa Barbara and the election meeting of the Bay Cities Chapter. Sectional officers who were elected in Santa Barbara are:

Esther Haney, Governor; Irma Story, Vice Governor; Julie Hale, Secretary; Margaret Gerhardt, Treasurer; Mardo Crane, Public Relations.

Newly elected officers for the Bay Cities Chapter are:

Frances Grant, Chairman; Jerry Masinter, Vice Chairman; Patricia Gladney, Secretary; Miriam Brugh, Treasurer; Adele Chase, Flight Chairman; Dorothy Monohan, Membership Chairman; Ruth N. Rueckert, Historian; Helen Menefee, Chairman of Fund Raising.

Esther Haney has also been appointed delegate to the Bay Area Aviation Committee meetings with Jerry Masinter and Gladys Blake as alternates.

On December 10, the Ninety-Nines will meet at the home of Ruth Wakeman in Burlingame for our regular Christmas party and the exchange of gifts. In addition, on the 17th, many of us will be celebrating Kitty Hawk Day at the Alameda Naval Air Station along with the Bay Area Chapter of N.A.A. It should be a gay affair and includes dinner, dancing, door prizes and motion pictures — or as much of that as we can crowd into one evening. Anyway, we Ninety-Nines are doing our best to boost the ticket sales so that this anniversary party will be one to remember.

At this time, the Bay Cities Chapter of Ninety-Nines wishes to pay tribute to Dorothy Chamberlin, who passed away on October 8. Dorothy had been a Ninety-Nine member for the past eight years and her loss as a friend and fellow-member has been one of deepest regret. We especially want to extend to Chester Chamberlin, her husband, and to Sandra, her small daughter, our heartfelt sympathy.

#### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Louise Sue  
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Sacramento Valley 99's enjoyed a chicken dinner at the home of Zona King at Quincy, November 6th.

In the absence of Chairman and Vice-Chairman the newly elected Secretary, Louise Sue, conducted the business meeting. It was agreed the next meeting would be a dinner dance in Sacramento with the 49½'ers present.

Those present for the luncheon were Wanda Daniel from Sacramento, Dolores Morton and Doris Perkins from Marysville, Coral Bloom from Oroville, Louise Sue from Live Oak, and the hostess Zona King.

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Lois Bartling  
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Yea we have no Bonanzas! That's the theme song Julie Hale, Betty Lambert, and Lois Bartling and their 49½'ers sang November 6 and 7 after the results of the Scotch Air Race to Las Vegas was announced. It was proven that the Bonanza is not only the fastest but the most economical to operate. (They must be as the first three prizes they won didn't in any way help make the trip more expensive.) Aside from that the trip was wonderful.

On the following weekend, November 13 and 14, which was reserved for a trip to Palm Springs and sponsored by National Skyways, we again found the Hales in their Navion and the Lamberts in their BT, off over the mountains to enjoy a very nicely planned trip. The Bartlings, do to the fact that business comes before pleasure, hopped over there Sunday afternoon in their Swift and arrived just in time to see everybody getting ready to go home.

Our monthly meeting was held at Mary Ring's home. We all were very pleased to meet Betsy Woodward from the Washington D. C. Chapter. Julie Hale discovered Betsy was in town when one of the local papers had a big picture and a nice story of her trip, ferrying a plane out here from the east coast. As soon as Julie saw the article she got in touch with Betsy and invited her to our meetings. Betsy plans on staying until late spring or early summer and then expects to return to become a permanent resident.

Among the business discussed at the meeting was the best places for air markers. There seems to be plenty of good places, but to get the cooperation of the towns people is another thing. We also brought up the possibility of having a breakfast hop or a weekend flight in the very near future. The place and date to be set later.

Saturday, November 20, we had a wonderful tour of the Naval Air Station, North Island. We had as our guests the W.N.A.A. They had had us as their guests October 9, on a tour of March Army Air Base. First we were taken up to the control tower then thru the weather department. After that our group was divided, and while half drank coffee and viewed colored movies of jets making test landings on air-craft carriers, the other half got to sit in the real thing. We saw everything from the gun sight in action to the depth of the wing tanks. We hung on ladders on either side of the cockpit while each and every switch and gauge was explained. Then the groups switched places so no one would miss anything. We also saw a cut away jet engine and were told the principles of it's working. The climax came when platforms were pulled up along both sides of the cockpit of a jet and we stood there holding on while one of the Officers started it up, explaining above the roar how it was done and how to shut it off. It was a real thrill and we can't say enough about the wonderful way the Navy treated us.

Our next social meeting will be held at Julie Hale's home on December 3. A business meeting is scheduled the following week.