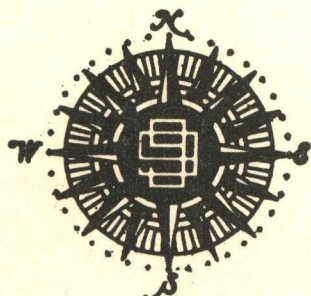


NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

February 15, 1949

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5th OF EACH MONTH

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear 99ers:

Last week I was in New York City and I had a meeting with several of the New York, New Jersey Chapter members and after hours of discussing the Twentieth anniversary celebration plans, I was tingling with excitement and felt as if I had soloed the XB-47. Marjorie Davis and members of her committee have everything lined up for the celebration - sightseeing, Chinatown, Empire State Building, Airports, Cocktail parties, theatres, fashion show, radio, television, movie, stage, and radio stars, and m-m-m! the banquet on the starlight roof of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel--soft lights, soft music - bring your favorite husband or beau. Romance is sure to be in the air.

If any of you have ideas on any particular things that you think would be enjoyable, write Marjorie Davis for as she says, "it's going to be your show and for you."

If you have the names and addresses of any of the charter members of the 99's, even though they no longer belong to the club, send them to me. We would like to have every girl pilot, who ever belonged to the 99 Club, even though not active, attend our Twentieth anniversary celebration.

Many requests have been received by the President regarding 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ers. As it stands now, only husbands and fathers of 99 Club members are eligible and since we have never had honorary 99 Club members, it is felt that in the future any chapter wishing to make a man an honorary 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er should send his name and reason for wanting to make him an honorary 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er to the President. She in turn will take it up with the Board for approval or disapproval.

This News Letter is only four pages, due to the fact that the January issue was devoted to the 99's roster and required twelve pages. We have also found it necessary to delete much of the local chapter news in order to use space for important bulletins.

Blanche Noyes
President

NOTICE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

We are seeking a Ninety-Miner who is a STENOTYPIST. If you are one of those skilled persons, please contact Kay Brick, "Brickaero", Norwood, New Jersey.

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* LIFE MEMBERSHIP *
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* Mrs. Florence H. Boswell, 1334 Inglewood *
* Drive, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, has become *
* a Life Member of the Ninety-Nines. Will you *
* please make this notation on your January *
* News Letter in order that the membership *
* roster may be complete. *
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Editor, Newsletter
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Editor:

Besides the very elegant title which you will see below, I am also editor of the souvenir booklet which we intend to bring out at the time of the national convention and 20th anniversary celebration next October.

Since the entire thing is being done on a national scale, I would like to get literary contributions from members outside the immediate New York vicinity, as well as New York.

I can use articles, poems, art work, photos and suggestions which will be most welcome.

Photographs should have the name and address of owner on the back to insure their return. I cannot undertake to return articles used or otherwise.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Selma Cronan, Vice-chairman
20th Anniversary Celebration
435 West 23rd Street
New York 11, New York

"49^{er} CARDS"

By: Bettie Thompson Townson

99'ers wishing 49^{er} cards for their husbands write: Bettie Thompson Townson, 724 N. 63rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Please BE SURE to enclose a stamped self-addressed return envelope. Give your husband's business or occupation.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 99'ERS: Yoo hoo Seattle, haven't received even one reply to my letters or postcards and would appreciate hearing from you regarding 49^{er} cards. Come on please write.

99'ers keep writing about how proud their husbands are of their 49^{er} cards.

Had dinner in Florida with Vera Self one evening in January and she told me how the cards originated. Vera had the cards made up first for Florida Chapter, the idea spread as more 49^{er}'s wanted cards so she had them printed and mailed them to me. Hats off because those 49^{er} cards are displayed by proud holders all over this and other countries:

Our best wishes go to all 49^{er}'s during the coming year so show your cards boys and make yourself known to other 49^{er}'s wherever you may fly. Your 49^{er} card holder list was in January 15, 1949, Ninety Nine News Letter.

Due to an oversight in the editorial department, the names and addresses of the following 49^{er}'s were omitted from the January News Letter:

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter

Howard D. Eckhart, Clay, Lancaster County, Pa.
O. A. Evans, 158 S. Bradford St., Dover, Delaware
Thomas H. Herdman, 502 Wiltshire Rd., Upper Darby, Pa.
Brooks L. McElroy, 250 State St., Hamburg, Pa.
Richard W. Slocum, Box 545, Lafayette Rd., Bryn Mawr, Pa.
George Townson, 724 N. 63rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Reed Zimmerman, 626 W. Market St., Orwigsburg, Pa.

NINETY-NINE NAPKINS

The Indiana Chapter of Ninety-Nines is offering for sale to all NINETY-NINERS, napkins with our own insignia to go with those glasses and matches you have. The napkins are available in either luncheon or cocktail size; both sizes are packed 84 napkins in an attractive and useful box which can be used for hankies, hose, and etc. when empty. A sample will be furnished upon request.

The price to your chapter is \$1.50 per box for orders of 25 boxes or more. For orders of less than 25 boxes, the

price is \$1.65. This includes packing and mailing. Address all orders and inquiries to: Dorothea E. Hendricks, 416 Laurel Street, Pendleton, Indiana.

NINETY-NINE MATCHES

Are you taking advantage of this three-fold project? Let people know who you are by the matches you carry; raise funds pleasantly for your needy chapter and for the pride of the Club, the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. Contact Kay A. Brick, "Brickaero", Norwood, New Jersey.

99 ZIPPO LIGHTERS NOW AVAILABLE

Orders are accepted in any quantity. \$3.50 plus postage with 99 compass rose insignia; \$4.00 plus postage with personalized signature and 99 insignia. Send in signature with check payable to NINETY-NINES to BELLA HEINEMAN, 160 CENTRAL PARK SOUTH, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

SECTION AND CHAPTER NEWS

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By Alma Gallagher

Section's first Aviation Dance since pre-war days had top billing for January events.

Rose Abbott was general chairman of the dance. Folks who skidded through the freezing rain to the affair rated it high.

Plans for the party were given the final once-over at the sectional meeting January 10 at the 99 club in Boston

"ATTENTION: NORTH CENTRAL SECTION!!! HOSTESSES (All-Ohio Chapter Members) WORKING. PLANS ARE BEING MADE! YES, ON OUR SECTIONAL MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 1949. SAVE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2 FOR THIS MEETING. MORE LATER ON THIS."

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Ena E. Ayers

The Bay Cities Chapter had a very interesting and well attended meeting at the Gaylord Hotel on January 21st. Plans were made for future air marking, attending an AOPA meeting on February 2nd, a Winging Party to Sacramento on February 12th, and the Chapter's Anniversary party in March at the home of Rita Hart in Walnut Creek.

We would like to extend a welcome to Marfreda Coffin, our newest member. Marian Branick and her husband Herm took off for a combined business and pleasure trip to San Diego. Rita and Al Hart flew Tommy Caldwell, World Champion Boat Racer (in the 135 cubic inch boat class) and his wife on an aerial view of the spectacular Yosemite Valley. Jerry Masinter recently flew a passenger to Reno and back in an AT-6. Congratulations to Pat Gladney who is the proud owner of a new Cessna 170. Marjorie Fauth recently flew down to Hemet, California with some AOPA members to see the new Atlas plane. Jerry Masinter and Esther Haney flew to Hamilton Field for the January meeting of the Bay Area Aviation Committee, who were guests of the Fourth Air Force. Barbara Standing was married on the 24th of October to Chester B. Hector. They honeymooned in Palm Springs.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Elizabeth Watson

In October, the chapter officially adopted a flight of Girl Wing Scouts in Gardena, Calif. Mae Sharpe is in charge of our activities with the Scouts and is doing a grand job. We are making this our special project for the year.

On November 1, the Los Angeles Chapter entertained representatives of all the Los Angeles aviation groups.

Chairman Helen Hooper did a first-class job as toast-mistress. Speakers were Melba Beard for the 99's, Mrs. Lucy Roth for WNAA, Miss Clementine Griffin for WIAA, yours truly for OOF and Johnny Martin, test pilot for Douglas Aircraft. Highlight of the evening's entertainment was the show put on by Vince Barnett. Other organizations represented were the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, QB's, NAA and Motion Picture Pilots Association. Special guests were Benny Howard and his charming wife.

December 13th was the date of the annual Christmas party, held at the Carolina Pines Restaurant. January 10th, the group met for a business session at the Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel. Mae Sharpe reported on several meetings already held with the Gardena Wing Scouts.

Carolyn West and 49½ Jack flew in their Ercoupe a short while ago and celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary in Las Vegas, Nevada. For the Christmas-New Years holidays, the Wests took a four-week cruise to LaPaz, Mexico, aboard their good ship the "Monsoon".

Deepest Sympathy to Ethel Haywood, whose husband passed away recently.

When the awards for the WIAA annual Aeronautical Literary contest for 1948 were announced, two 99ers received honorable mention - Eileen Evans and Dianna Cyrus Bixby.

Last, but by no means least - official word has finally come from the FAI that Mrs. Betty McMillan Loufek should receive national recognition for setting a new U. S. Women's altitude record for single-place gliders, having reached 14,496 feet above release point on April 15, 1948. Betty is aiming her sights at the international record now held by a French woman and plans to try to break that record this coming spring.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER By Claire G. Callaghan

So many things have happened since I last wrote this column that I really don't know where to begin. However, I shall try to bring you up to date. First event was a cocktail party given by Blanche Noyes in honor of "Mother" Tusch, Mrs. Ruth Law, and Mrs. Robert Fowler, who were here for the Wright Day festivities. Mother Tusch, as you may know, has a very famous home in Berkeley, California, known as "The Shrine of the Air." Ruth Law is one of the very distinguished group of Early Bird women pilots. And Mrs. Fowler is outstanding as one of the first women glider pilots in the country. We certainly enjoyed meeting them.

Jean Howard and I flew up to Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 30, and selected a beautiful Super Cruiser, which we hope will soon be ours. Mary Kay Willis has just returned from a trip to Orlando. Jean Howard, Katherine Stinson and Rosemary Lane attended the air races in Miami.

At our last meeting, held at the home of Eleanor Davis, we were happy to see Judy Sapp, just arrived from Athens, Greece, for a short vacation.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Jean Howard, February 16.

FLORIDA CHAPTER By Ginny Wulff

The state meeting of the Florida Chapter was held Thursday January 6th, with Irma Price of Miami as hostess. The only topic of discussion at this meeting was the All Women Air Show. The Chapter as a whole voted to stage the 3rd Annual All Woman Air Show. At the present time Chairman Ann Ross of Orlando, is busy planning the arrangements of this proposed show.

The Florida Chapter was hostess to visiting 99'ers at a Brunch held January 8th. We had as our honored guest, Mrs. Wm. Cox, president of the Dade County Federation of Women's Clubs, who welcomed us into their organization and extended to us their support.

The Chapter extends its congratulations to Betty Skelton for again winning the 1949 Women's Division Aerobatics title.

GEORGIA CHAPTER By Jean Hobbs

As our chapter is just a few months old, we are working hard to build up our membership which has now been decreased to three. Not long ago two of our members moved away, one to the North and the other further South.

Recently, our retiring membership chairman, Mrs. Carrie Lynch, corresponded with former members of the Ninety-Nines (in Georgia) who might be interested in renewing their membership, and also those who were eligible for membership and might be interested in "casting their lot with us." From this effort we received one response which was from a girl in Atlanta wishing to renew her membership. Though disappointed over not having received more replies, we certainly are thrilled to have this new member. We are all very anxious to build our club membership very big so we can have more efficient meetings and elect permanent officers. We all voted unanimously not to elect officers until the number of members increased so as not to have all of the officers in Savannah, but spread throughout the state instead. Our temporary officers are;

Chairman; Mrs. Marian Scott
Membership Chairman; Jean Hobbs
News Reporter; Jean Hobbs

But for the new year of "1949" we are making plans that should prove very successful. First, we are having a number of papers printed giving information of the Ninety-Nines Organization. These will be sent to eligible women pilots throughout Georgia from a list furnished monthly of pilots in Georgia. We know there are a great many women who would just love to join this organization if they only knew about it! We would appreciate any names and addresses of women whom you think may be interested in joining the Georgia Chapter.

INDIANA CHAPTER By Jane Templeton Gaines

There was a grand turnout at our January 16 meeting. The meeting was held in one of Roscoe Turner's classrooms at Weir Cook Airport. Most of the meeting was spent discussing the forthcoming Aviation Ball which will be held on Feb. 18 at the K of C Hall, 1320 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis. We will welcome all out of state members and guests who care to make the trip at \$3.00 per couple.

We are glad to welcome three new members, Lois Whitney, Annagene Dowling, Pat Hayden and one new associate member, Juanita Trimble.

Big news from Anderson is that little Charlotte Darlington finally took that big step. She is now Mrs. Elmer Foland. "Little Doc" Retherford flew via new Mercury convertible to Key West and Clearwater, Florida.

There will be no meeting in February but the March meeting will be held in Fort Wayne. We hope to see as many of you girls as possible.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER By Velta C. Skutt

Since the last news publication, Michigan Chapter 99's have enjoyed two events; 35 members attended the annual Xmas Party at Alice Hammond's home on December 11th. On January 9th we were guests of the Windsor Flying Club at Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

BITS OF NEWS. Becky and Harold Thatcher enjoyed traveling through the Northwest last fall. Babe and Dale Ruth went hunting on Drummond Island and their little daughter took honors as the youngest hunter (age 11 months). Barbara Elaine Jennings was married December 18, 1948 to Robert Edward Martin; and are now living in Muskegon. Eloise Smith and Mary Gardiner ferried an Ercoupe to California—Gloria Lynch flew passengers to the Miami Air Maneuvers—Barbara Cradit has returned from a vacation in Florida—Jean Prinz is visiting in Colorado and Minnesota. Jean Pearson is now writing script for the Jam-Bandy Film Corp.

February meeting will be held in Flint with Bernice Trimble as Hostess; March in Battle Creek with Frances Bera as hostess.

EASTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By June Walsh

St. Louis University, on January 9, 1949 dedicated a women's dormitory for out-of-town students as Jane Champlin Hall. Jane was killed in training on a night mission with her basic instructor. Jane was a 99, and had also belonged to the local Nixies, pre-war.

The Star-Times here has an Aviation page on which the current and future events and news is featured. The local 99's have had articles about them as individuals. Those included so far as Women in Aviation are: Rae Sullivan Logsdon, Trudy DeVries, Maxine Randolph, Lucy Fletcher and Del Scharr.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jo Farmer

EXTRA SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION AND NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MEMBERS: The Missouri Valley Chapter is planning "big doings" for a get-together meeting of all members of both sections on the dates of June 10, 11 and 12, to be held in Omaha, Nebraska. Details regarding the meeting will be given at a later date but we want all of you to have this advance notice.

Our monthly chapter meeting held December 12 was at the Municipal Airport in Lincoln, Nebraska. One of the highlights of our meeting was the enthusiastic planning of the meeting for the two sections to be held in June. Our good wishes go to Wilda and Bernard Wilson for a wonderful vacation trip in their Cessna.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morris

To bring things up to date, a note about December. Twenty of us met at Mansfield for pre Christmas Cheer on December 18 with a wonderful dinner and dance. On Sunday we had our own 99 party and exchanged gifts. Ann Heisler, Marge Newcomer, and Mary Oetzel were hostesses, and we all had a marvelous time.

Our January 17 meeting was held at Dayton where Martha Comisar and Louise Clark were hostesses. They did a bang-up job. We wish to thank Ray Stotts for being so kind as to let us use his home, and for the delicious dinner.

We were happy to have Alice Fuchs and Nancy Dixon attend our meeting. Julie Dearth will enter Officers Training at the end of this month.

Next meetings are: Feb. 20, Springfield; March 20, Zanesville.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Mary Francis

We had a grand meeting in January at the home of Lynden Fuller Magee. She has been taking her flight training under the GI program and is practically ready for her commercial ticket. She and her husband are so enthused about it that they have bought a Cessna 140.

EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Jessie Jones Eckhart

Our last meeting was a luncheon meeting held January 30th, our first this year with Leona McElroy of Hamburg, Pa., as our hostess. It was a wonderful old fashion Pennsylvania Dutch dinner. Each person present received an ash tray souvenir.

Let me tell you a little about our wonderful 99 Christmas Party held at the home of Catherine and Dick Slocum, we had a terrific delicious supper and we exchanged gifts with each other and raffeled off our portable Globe Trotter radio. A man from Philadelphia walked off with our prize and we have swelled our treasury to a sizeable sum.

Our Grey Allison is now instructing part time at Wings Field, Ambler, Pa. So drop by and see her.

"Our 99'er of the Month" - Leona McElroy from 250 State St., Hamburg, Pa!! Leona learned to fly in the late 1930's at

at Reading, Pa....she has been a 99'er ever since she received her private license then and married her flight instructor, Brooks McElroy. Leona keeps an active hand in aviation although three little future boy pilots keep her mighty busy. She has held many offices in our group and is a very excellent secretary.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By Marjorie Cook

The December meeting and tureen was held at Mrs. Betty DeVores' the 16th. Decorations were appropriate to the season. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Toby Sells had the January 19th meeting. Our regular number of dependables were in attendance, including Betty Popp who drives or flies to every meeting from out of state, and has never missed a meeting since our first get-together. We are happy to have her a part of our organization.

Here's something of interest to our members. Toby Sells, our secretary, has prepared a brief history of our meetings and affairs for 1948. A copy of this history will be sent to each local member in an effort to keep each and everyone informed of our activities and progress. Further, the minutes of each succeeding meeting will be sent to each local member.

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Gladys Kefauver

Attention Texas Gals!! The plans for the Spring meeting are taking shape. The place will be the Fort Clark Ranch, Brackettville, Texas, the dates April 29, 30, and May 1. There will be swimming, horseback riding, golf, tennis, canoeing, dancing, and a trip across the border into Old Mexico. We are still working on other things for your entertainment. So bring that 49'er and come join in the fun. You will hear more about the details later but mark down the dates now and be sure to be there.

The initial meeting of 1949 was held by the Dallas Unit at the Garland Airport. There were two distinguished visitors present—namely—Mildred Castle Carney, former Governor of the South Central Section, and Barbara S.S. Williams, who was former secretary of the South Louisiana Chapter. We were very happy to welcome them. Also glad to have Al Rose LeSage return and renew her membership. Marie Nix, the hostess of the evening, served an appetizing buffet dinner.

El Paso Unit: The December meeting of the Rio Grande Ninety-Nines was a breakfast flight to Van Horne, Texas, Ruth Deerman gave us a lovely Christmas Party and our 49'ers were our guests.

The January meeting was held at the El Paso Airport. Due to lack of flying weather we had a check-out party which was lots of fun. Instead of a flight we checked each other out in various planes around our airport. After that we had lunch at the Sky Chef and discussed our prospects of attending the State meeting. About six members from here plan to attend the Brackettville meeting.

LAST FLIGHT

Dr. Harry Britton
49¹/₂'er
Ypsilanti, Michigan

beloved husband of our third president and active member Mabel Britton. Dr. Britton's life of service was one which we all admired. Dr. Britton had long known that the end was near, yet this great humanitarian practiced to the end to alleviate the pain and suffering of others. Mabel, we grieve with you in your great loss, for he was our friend.