

# NINETY- NINES



## NEWS LETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

En Route

Via Eastern Airlines

En route to Greenville, S. C., to pick up the Navion, which I had to leave there last weekend, when the weather closed in on me, when en route to the Section meeting in Atlanta. But regardless of the fact that we all had to abandon our planes and commandeer any means of transportation we could find to get there, as even the air lines were grounded, the meeting was most successful. Evelyn Greenblatt had worked very hard to arrange radio programs, newspaper interviews, etc. The social highlight was a tea and style show given by the Atlanta Woman's Aero Club. Mrs. William Robertson--"Polly" to you--is the President. No doubt many of you remember her from Cleveland. She was President of the Cleveland Woman's Chapter of the NAA, and always saw that the lady pilots were entertained royally during the National Air Races.

The weekend of April 23 was most enjoyable in Louisville, Kentucky. What a meeting! The girls flew in from all over; inspite of terrific winds, there were almost as many 99 Club members in Louisville as there were at the National meeting in Kansas City. The banquet was a grand affair, and Greenwood Cocanougher was a scintillating toastmistress; her public relations work was wonderful--television program and pages of newspaper publicity. Greenwood had that inimitable personality, Al Near, as guest speaker, and he was plenty good. The meeting was a success from start to finish. Congratulations Greenwood!

Hawaii has a new 99 Club chapter, with Marjorie B. Barkley as Chairman. Welcome to the 99 Club, girls. And thanks to Viola Gentry for the part she has played in setting up the new chapter. Viola has been in the Islands for the past month working with the girls. She tells me they are a grand group.

Everything is all set for the 3rd Annual All Woman Air Show, in Miami. The Trans-Continental is to start at San Diego, California, and the International Race from Montreal, Canada. Among the other closed course races, the American Airmotive Corporation, of Miami, is sponsoring an AT-6 and SNJ race which will have a purse of \$1,000. The Florida girls wish to thank the 99's throughout the country for their generous contributions and wholehearted cooperation in helping to make the 3rd Annual All Woman Air Show a success, which we all know it will be. They are looking forward to seeing all their old friends again, and meeting new ones. So don't forget the dates girls, June 4 and 5, in Miami. The races are sanctioned this year by NAA, thus, putting it in a class with the National Air Races. Your President will be on hand with the cross-wind landing gear plane. See you next month.

Blanche Noyes  
Your President



1949 AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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Included with this issue of the News Letter you will find an application form for the 1949 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Award.

Please read the following qualifications carefully, and if you meet them you are eligible to apply for the Award, regardless of whether or not you have ever applied previously, if you have never won the Award.

1. The applicant must have been a Ninety-Nine in good standing for at least two years.
2. She must have a minimum of 200 hours, and hold a Private rating or better.
3. She must be earning not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,500 per year.
4. If applying for an airman rating, she must agree to keep up the rating or certification acquired through the Award for at least two years.
5. She must intend to work in the field of aviation.
6. She must mail her application so that it will be postmarked in accordance with the deadline on the application form.

The money accompanying the Award certificate (\$200) may be applied toward tuition for any course of study or training in the school or institution of the winner's choice, to advance her training for some career in the aeronautical fields. For example, it may be used for training in aeronautical engineering, aviation journalism, aerial photography, research, meteorologist, aviation medicine, aircraft or engine mechanic, advanced airman's ratings, etc. Jean Hixson, the 1948 winner, applied for the scholarship to be used toward college tuition in an Education course, with a view toward teaching in the Air Age Education Program in a High School or College.

After each application has been read and carefully considered by each of the five Scholarship Fund Trustees, they are sent to three judges, selected by the Trustees, who are men of outstanding experience in aviation, and they are the ones who pick the winner. The Award will be made this year in October in connection with the 20th Anniversary celebration in New York, and what could be more fitting, since the Scholarship Fund has been established in memory of our first president, Amelia Earhart!

Your Trustees have a tremendous job each year in connection with the Award, so please do all you can to help them by getting your application in to me at the earliest possible date, but in no case postmarked later than June 15th!

Good luck to each of you!!!

ALICE H. HAMMOND, Chairman  
Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Trustees

"THINGS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW"

There is an INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP clause in the Ninety-Nine CONSTITUTION. This specifies that any member whose license lapses AND has 200 solo hours AND whose Ninety-Nine membership is current may apply before the deadline for inactive membership. It is important to remember that there must be no BREAK in membership. A pilot whose license has lapsed may not become reinstated if for any period she has dropped her Ninety-Nine membership. The Chapter Membership Committee votes on the acceptance of any member applying for inactive status. ALSO, any member losing her license thru accidental injuries or circumstances beyond human control may be voted inactive status by the Executive Committee.

Sooooo it behooves all to:

1. Aim for those 200 hours against the day when...

2. Keep your membership current by paying dues on time.
3. Make yourself a member worthy of being voted on inactive status should that day arrive.

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To EX-MEMBERS who believe they are no longer eligible for Ninety-Nine membership because they have not been flying. While it is our intention to encourage activity on the part of our members, we realize the circumstances under which many are placed. We follow CAA requirements for licenses. At present they are very liberal. If your license was renewed by CAA any time since 1942, it is very likely that all you need is a physical examination. For a private license, any doctor will do. This physical is good for two years. Get the blue form from CAA and check your license date with them first. Members receiving this may wish to pass this information on.

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If you MOVE INTO AN AREA where no chapter exists, don't let your membership lapse. Keep it up with the chapter where you left. In this way you will receive notices, newsletters and generally it is easy to transfer when the occasion presents itself, OR you may want to form a chapter where you are.

To rejoin, your license must be current, and it costs that extra \$1.00 initiation fee too.

KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CONTINUOUS!

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NEW MEMBERS..You will note on the application blank that NEW MEMBERS ARE SPONSORED by a Ninety-Nine member in good standing. In signing as sponsor you attest to knowing the girl and being assured of her value to the group. Then the Chapter or Section Membership Committee votes to accept or reject the applicant.

In many chapters their by-laws require that prospective members must be BROUGHT TO TWO MEETINGS BY THEIR SPONSOR before being voted upon. This does two things: All get acquainted and the strange, new member is more likely to keep coming since she feels she knows some of the girls who may be there. This also applies to members who transfer.

Yours for better understanding,

Kay A. Brick, Secretary  
Ninety-Nines

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN,  
SECTIONAL AND CHAPTERS

Since the time for the membership drive is getting by rapidly, I would like to recommend that you each take your previous years NEWSLETTER with the lists of the members and try and find out why some of the girls have dropped and if they would not like to renew their membership. They will of course be counted as new members in this particular drive since they were not members at the beginning of this year. Also, if you would like to join and have your cut of the fund to be distributed 60-40 to the first and second place chapters, be sure and forward your \$2.00. Be sure and keep a careful listing of all new members in order that we may have them when the 'countin up' time comes. Best luck.

Mary Ann Greer  
National Membership Chairman  
227 Clifford Court  
San Antonio, Texas



## CHAPTER NEWS

### NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By Daisy Kirkpatrick

The New England Section of the 99's had a dinner meeting at the College Club, Boston, April 11th. Judy Short, our Governor, presided. The following members were present: Dot Hayes, Ruth Anderberg, Jill McCormick, Helen Wright, Daisy Kirkpatrick and Marie Lepore, who drove all the way up from Worcester and all the way back that night just to be with us. We had two guests, Beverly Cohen and Mrs. Elizabeth Gaines, one of the very first licensed women pilots. She held license number 12. She is a charming woman and tells us interesting stories of early flying days. We are always glad to have her as our guest. Two former Ninety-Nines came to the meeting. Girls who were active members, but who are ineligible for any sort of membership in the club now that their licenses have lapsed and they cannot present 200 hours of flying time. One of the girls became a Ninety-Niner nineteen years ago - almost a charter member - yet she cannot stay a Ninety-Niner because her license has lapsed and she could no longer pass the physical for renewal nor can she claim 200 hours even by pulling and stretching. To some of us, it seems rather unfair to take in 49<sup>ers</sup> and radio stars while some of our beloved older members cannot even remain in the organization as inactive members when all they ask is to pay dues and come to meetings.

After a short business meeting Ann Cutler's radio script on Amelia Earhart and the Ninety-Nines was read aloud so that the girls who missed her broadcast could hear it. You certainly did a wonderful job on that broadcast, Ann. It was perfect.

Our May meeting will be held at Portland, Maine, May 29th. There is to be a flight from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine with a clam bake and maybe a dance. Cheerio, See you there.

### NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Lois Fairbank

On Monday, April 25th, through the courtesy of Eastern Air Lines we saw the movie AIR POWER IS PEACE POWER featuring Captain Eddie Rickenbacker. This is a very fine film and I suggest that for those chapters which like movies for meetings, contact the local Eastern office. They'll be glad to release it to you. Our guests were Mr. Jack Baker of Eastern's Traffic Division and Captain Hank Foley of the pilot staff. Captain Foley was there to answer our many questions about the film. Many thanks to Frank Brick (Kay's 49<sup>er</sup>) for the splendid movie equipment he got for us. We also welcomed two prospective members - Irene Keith and Barbara Cole.

New York-New Jersey is very proud of a new chapter in the offing. The land of golden dreams - HAWAII. We already have four members...more on the way and a chapter any day. CONGRATULATIONS! We welcome you. We understand that the girls have been meeting together and making all kinds of plans. The four who have already received their 99 cards are: Marjorie B. Barkley, Phebe du Gal, Mrs. June Whitman Johnson, Eleanor KaMoi Kam.

We've gotten word from Marjorie White that she is about to leave Florida and come home. We'll be mighty glad to see her. Helen McChesney has just gotten her instructor's rating and is now vacationing for a month in California. Jeanne Spielberg and myself attended a W.I.A.A. bridge and walked home with two of the door prizes.

Evelyn McRae is in New York - she says she started for Atlanta but didn't quite make it. Well, we're glad she got here and that we could see her again.

By now you've received (via your chapter chairmen) contracts for ads in the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration Program. Have you sold yours yet? How about your local airport operator and a list of all the 99's who fly at his field.

A suggestion on getting East next October. Why not take advantage of the airline coach rates...get a group together...and have your local operator fly the gals into feeder points and get himself a little publicity on same. The operators will love it...the airlines will love it...and we'll love it.

By hook, crook, or plane - come on East to New York October 3-8.

### JAMESTOWN CHAPTER

By Floroe H. Andser

Last month, April 8th to be exact, our meeting was held at the Hotel Statler in Buffalo. This was a shopping tour and a social gathering so there was no business meeting of consequence. However, it was decided to have quarterly meetings in Buffalo from this time forward as all members present proclaimed it a high success.

Sunday, afternoon, May 1, we had a meeting at the Snack Shop at the airport. It was a meeting for members, their husbands and children. Jeanne Skelton, our president, conducted the business meeting. Plans were made for our chapter to take an active part in the dedication ceremonies at the local airport for All American Airlines. The airline has chosen Jamestown for a vital link on its Pittsburgh to Buffalo mail and passenger route, scheduled to start in June. At that time our group will present two benches to the airport.

Lucile Wright advised us that the Ribn-Right Corporation is sponsoring a flight for light planes from Canada to the Miami All-Woman Airshow with pick-ups all along the way.

49<sup>er</sup> cards were distributed to the husbands of members who did not previously hold them.

Following the meeting a meal was served and Canasta played. Representatives from Buffalo and Puerto Rico were present.

The next meeting will be a dinner held June 4th at 7 o'clock at Ma's and Pa's Restaurant on the Gerry Road. At this time we shall invite as our guests all women in the area who have any flying time to their credit and try to revive what ever interest they have once had and encourage them to continue and secure a license.

### MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

#### MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By Marjorie Cook

Our last meeting was held at my home. We took care of the nominations for sectional and national officers. After our regular business meeting we enjoyed seeing technicolor movies taken at our Halloween party by my 49<sup>er</sup>. Marian Freund made a marvelous fan dancer. We are making elaborate plans for a party May 21 to entertain our 49<sup>ers</sup>.

I'm sorry to announce that there's been an increase in the postage and insurance rates concerning our 99 glasses. For the west, the rates combined now are 92 cents, for the middle west, 75 cents and for the east side of Mississippi, 45 cents.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Betty Popp whose father passed away last month.



We received an invitation from the Jamestown Chapter to attend their Brunch Flight, May 1. I'm sorry to say high winds prevented us from seeing the girls but hope we'll be able to make it next time.

#### EASTERN PENNA CHAPTER

By Jessie Jones Eckhart

My very humble apologies to our March hostess, Mrs. Georgianna Sees Herdman, who held such a delightful luncheon meeting on March 13th at the Pylon Club at Patco Field, Norristown, Penna. This reporter fell down on the job...A ham dinner was on the menu and about a dozen 99ers and guests enjoyed themselves. Over coffee a brief business meeting was held and a committee appointed to take care of arrangements for the sectional meeting to be held in June with our chapter as hostess.

The April meeting called all girl pilots with spring fever to amble on over to Lancaster with Vi Delp and Nell Richards as hostesses, for a steak dinner after cocktails at Garden Spot Air Park...Between April showers some of the girls flew in, others drove and about twenty 99ers, future 99ers and 49ers turned out. The faces that are usually seen at our meetings... Vi Delp, Leona McElroy, Nell Richards, Ruth Schaeffer, Marjorie Kodrich, Mary Hostetter, Georgianna S. Herdman were added to the "long not seen" Fran Nolde, Helen E. Jones and Dr. Helen Myers. Those girl flight instructors who couldn't make it were Grey Allison and Jessie Jones Eckhart--That's the only draw back to instructing...You miss the 99 meetings. Some of the lady guests at our meeting include Carol Jones Austin, Lillian Mark, Mary Jane Godshalk, Eleanor Wagalnoggie, and Mrs. Ethel Geltz all of Lancaster and Eva Snyder of York.

99ER OF THE MONTH: Our chairman, the very able Miss Violette Ruth Delp, R.D. #8, Lancaster, Penna. Vi has been a 99er since 1945 when she received her Private Pilots License. The summer of 1944 brought Vi to the field to begin her flying hobby and Lancaster has really profited by her ability for making friends, flying and as a capable secretary for the Lancaster Aero Club. This very slight little miss has been a Pennsylvania State employee since leaving Linden Hall Jr. College. Vi has travelled over the Eastern Coast of the U.S.A. quite a bit -- a silver Navion and a slender smart young lady will bring you Violette R. Delp.

#### SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

##### CAROLINA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Shackelford

Great plans were made throughout all Southeastern Section for a gala meeting in Atlanta the week-end of April 30th. Blanche Noyes, our national president, was to be there and we all seethed with expectation. Then the rains came - and came and came! Even the airlines gave up. Wires poured in from girls forced down in all parts of our section. Only a portion of our usual number managed to get in by train, including Blanche herself who had to leave her Navion in Greenville, S. C.

Those of us who made it were more than rewarded by the opportunity to meet our charming president and by the wonderful program planned for us by our governor, Louise Smith, and made possible by the tireless efforts of Evelyn Greenblatt of Atlanta, who really knocked herself out making the meeting a success.

Saturday we had a lovely luncheon at the Biltmore. Then S. E. Section held its meeting and gained invaluable advice from our national president. From there we dashed to a tea and the excellent fashion show given us by the Atlanta Woman's Aero Club whose president is Mrs. William Robertson. That night we had a party in the Paradise Room of the Henry Grady Hotel.

Sunday, Carolinas Chapter held its regular meeting. We are all excited over the big Aviation Day being planned for May 29th in Greenville, S. C. at which the Ninety-Nines will be honored with a luncheon. Many celebrities are invited, among them our own Blanche Noyes.

Our July meeting will be held in Columbia at the Shackelford's cottage, Happy Landing, on Lake Murray. After that we hope to set our compass course for the big Anniversary Celebration in New York in October. This should be the grandest get-together of them all. Let's fill those northern skies with wings, girls! See you there.

#### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Ann Ross

This will be our last opportunity to thank all you people who sent in ads for the All Woman Air Show yearbook. We feel that 99s throughout the country have been most generous in contributions and wholehearted in cooperation. We Florida girls are most thankful and are looking forward to seeing our friends again and meeting new ones. Don't forget the date - June 4 and 5th, Miami.

The Southeastern Section held its annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia April 30th and May 1st at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel. Our president, Blanche Noyes, was with us both days. You girls who have never met her have a great treat in store. She is by far the most refreshing personality I have ever met. She promised to be with us in June in Miami.

Start saving your pennies, girls, the big day is getting closer!

#### NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Regina Devine

The North Central Section was entertained with true Kentucky hospitality at the spring meeting in Louisville April 23 and 24. The Kentucky Air Transport, Inc. took excellent charge of the girls as they flew in to Bowman Field and arranged transportation for them to the Hotel Seelbach where registration took place. The Junior Chamber of Commerce provided cars for the afternoon to take the girls on tours if they so desired.

Before the dinner old acquaintances were renewed and new ones made at the cocktail party, again the courtesy of the Kentucky Air Transport, Inc. After the very excellent dinner we were entertained by the inimitable Greenwood Cocanougher, chairman of the Kentucky Chapter, as toastmaster. We were welcomed by Charles Gatrell, Commissioner of Aeronautics and by Judge Burnett who presented the key to the City to the Ninety-Nines in the name of His Honor the Mayor. A most excellent address was given by the dynamic Col. A. H. Near, Director of Airports for Louisville and Jefferson County Air Board. To add to the enjoyment our president, Blanche Noyes was present and gave us a short talk. Mrs. Cocanougher's friends and associates had provided many prizes to be distributed. Blanche Noyes, Arlene Davis, Lenore McElroy, Jeannette Sovereign, Alice Hammond and Irene Leverton were a few of the lucky recipients. Dancing was enjoyed later, again with the help of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The delicious breakfast Sunday morning was followed by a most interesting business meeting. We were pleased and happy to learn from our Vice-Governor, Dorothy Christenson, that she had been instrumental in forming a new chapter in Minnesota. We were reminded of the joint meeting in Omaha of the North and South Central Sections on June 10, 11, 12 and of the fall meeting in Cleveland, September 2. The Ohio girls are anxious that reservations be made promptly due to the demand for hotel space by those attending the National Air Races.

The Governor of the North Central Section, Thelma



Lindsay, and all of the girls of the section wish to thank the Kentucky Chapter and their chairman, Greenwood Cocanougher, for planning and executing such a lovely week-end. The Kentucky Chapter may be small in number but when those girls work together, the results are worthwhile and impressive.

#### ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Olive Gooch Tuttle

A note from Jessie Anderson. Quote, "I've joined the Elgin Pilots Association and we invited Wisconsin flyers down for a free breakfast flight Sunday, April 3rd. I fried bacon for 200 people!! Who showed up but several Wisconsin 99's--including Sally Lathrop of Waukesha and Ione Hankwitz of Milwaukee. Ione flew in with the Doctor husband in a Sea-Bee--explaining they had to get up early and away before their six children would know they were going flying!" So nice to hear about other Ninety-Nines, too!

Our girls reported a wonderful time at the North Central Section Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. If the weather had just been as generous as the Kentucky girls more of our girls would have enjoyed their hospitality. Regina Devine flew down via the airlines and reported a rough ride. Evelyn Martin and Irene Leverton in an AT-6 braved the terrific wind and Irene came home with a prize for having been the youngest pilot present and a door prize. Looks as if that Christmas present of an Instructor's Rating is paying Irene dividends already. Helen Bass and her 49<sup>er</sup>, Earl, of Iowa Chapter got as far as Chicago Municipal in a Stinson on Friday night and couldn't get out.

At our dinner meeting April 14th at Eitels' Restaurant, Mr. Clifford G. Sheker of the Aeronautical University of Chicago spoke on "Pilot's Aspect of Engineering". Mr. Sheker is in charge of structures at the engineering school and his talk was educational and fascinating. The chapter voted to donate \$15.00 to the Florida Chapter Year Book for their coming Air Show. Meeting most enjoyable with a large member attendance and six visitors present.

The events of the coming Air Meet June 5th at Elmhurst will be judged by competent and generous Les Frye. Chairman Betty Morgan has generously offered to give the Special Trophy for the Air Meet.

Your reporter with her 14 year old niece, Loraine, was thrilled to be a "private tour" in the pilots' compartment of a Connie at the Chicago Municipal Airport. Mr. Louis Vinck of Eastern Airlines explained the various and complicated control systems of brakes and aircraft, and engine procedures. A letter of commendation to Eddie Rickenbacker about Mr. Vinck brought a cherished "Thank you" from the busy Captain himself. In the same mail a Bread and Butter letter from Loraine says, "Thanks. It was the best visit I ever had".

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Bernie Eno

Sunday, April 10, we met at the Hydro Electric Park cabin, Fort Dodge, for a picnic luncheon, with Win Eno and your writer acting as hostesses. We were very sorry not to see our Spencer girls represented, as well as Inez McAllister and Millie Burt, but we were happy to have our vice-chairman, Verna Mae Prochaska, with us. Verna Mae, her 49<sup>er</sup> and another couple, flew in from Cedar Falls. Picnic was served from a long table which had a centerpiece consisting of a large nest filled with colored Easter eggs. There was oodles of good food, and those who wished enjoyed second helpings. 49<sup>ers</sup> were guests as well as Captain John Monaghan, Commanding Officer of the 133rd. Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron stationed at Fort Dodge.

Following the picnic luncheon, group pictures were taken for our scrapbook. We also discussed meeting places for our next three months. They are as follows:

May 15 - Cedar Falls, Verna Mae Prochaska, hostess.

June 19 - Storm Lake, Millie Burt, hostess. (Business Meeting)

July 17 - Spencer, Betty Barton, hostess.

Our traveling trophy was awarded for the first time. Your writer was the lucky girl and she intends to continue working for permanent possession. Draw prizes were won by Verna Mae's guest from Cedar Falls and by Col. Ellis Eno, your writer's 49<sup>er</sup>.

With the grass turning green and the winters wind diminishing in Iowa, the girls have dusted off the airplanes and are again flying.

Helen and Virginia flew the Aeronca to Louisville to attend the Sectional meeting. They not only acquired many points on the 1100 mile round trip, but also had a wonderful time. Recently these two girls were given local publicity for both being pilots but neither of them driving or having an automobile license. Ruth and your writer also attended the Sectional meeting, traveling via air line and stopping in Chicago on the return trip for a few days shopping. All four of us not only renewed old acquaintances, but we enjoyed every phase of the meeting. Our most exuberant thanks to the Kentucky girls for a wonderful time. We did enjoy your Southern hospitality and regret more of our girls were unable to be present. Virginia represented us on the Sectional Nominating Committee, Ruth as a chapter delegate, and busy at business meetings, and your writer attended an Executive Board meeting. Plans will be made to again see some of you at Omaha in June, Cleveland over Labor Day and New York City in October.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Lucile Grisier

Better get busy Detroit or Adrian with its population of 16,000 will top you in membership! They already have five plus a prospective member who has attended a meeting. We like such enthusiasm. Did you know that Adrian had no 99's a year ago? In April, these women pilots of Adrian were our hostesses at a fine breakfast meeting, "served up" with perfect weather.

Our newest members to be welcomed were Clara Rowley Dickinson, Adrian and Mildred A. Fistrovic, Battle Creek. Pilot guests were Mrs. Charlotte Raymond and Mrs. Sophie Darnell, both of Adrian.

We all left the meeting with determination to find ways and means of going to Louisville, Omaha, Florida, Cleveland and, of course, New York.

Don't forget that all women pilots who are not flying commercially and are citizens of Michigan are eligible to enter the elimination contest at Marshall, June 12.

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Rita Ann Bondy

It took a bit of urging but once again the Ninety-Nines are spreading their wings up hyar in Minnesota. Our Vice-Governor, Dorothy Christenson flew up from Milwaukee to stir us into activity and with her help we rounded up 13 girls for a wonderful breakfast meeting Sunday, April 10th in the coffee shop of the Radisson Hotel here in Minneapolis. A grand time was had by all and while we were getting acquainted with each other, we elected our officer and planned our next meeting. In the excitement we forgot to elect a reporter for the News Letter and since the writer has no talents along such lines, I am hoping we will be able to remedy the situation at our next meeting.

In our new Chapter we are proud to have Ruth Jorgensen Isaac a former member of the Michigan Chapter and now the proud mother of a brand new co-pilot.

From the St. Louis Chapter we are happy to welcome Mrs. Martha Randolph and from the former Minnesota Chapter, Mrs. Mary Jane Rice. We haven't had time to



learn much about our new members but as soon as we can we will let you know all about them.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Beadie, May 18th. We are looking forward to a grand crowd of girls and a heap more new members for our Section.

#### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morris

First, the Ohio girls wish to thank the Kentucky Chapter for the extra special cocktail party and banquet given the day before our North Central Sectional April 24 in Louisville. Arrangements were like clock-work and we all had a wonderful time. The whole thing was a great success. All chapters were well represented and there were 21 Ohio Chapter members and several of our prospective members present. Certainly were tickled that so many could come.

Prizes were awarded at the banquet and Arlene Davis of Cleveland tied with a flying grandmother from Michigan for having the most ratings. Jeanne Gregg, Ohio prospective, won a corsage and computer for being the most recent to solo and win her private license. In spite of 35 to 40 mph winds, most of the Ohio girls flew down, Alice Fuller in her Aeronca brought Mary Jane Sasala from Cleveland, Ann Heisler brought a guest in her BT-13, and Virginia Ashelford and 49<sup>er</sup> came down in their prized possession, a Howard 5 place cabin. Jeanne Hunt and Lore Kugler came in Sunday morning from Springfield and Sue Hall and Kathleen Ruff flew from Cincinnati.

**NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MEMBERS:** From this date, please make your room reservations for the Fall Sectional September 2 direct with Mr. W. L. Stodghill, Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. We hope all of you will be able to come! Don't forget to state that you are a Ninety-Nine.

For the Air Derby from Cleveland to New York for the National in October, please contact Arlene Davis if you are interested.

The mugs we mentioned in the last News Letter are \$1.00 for the pint size, \$.60 for slightly smaller size. You may place your order with Bonnie Butler, 1664 Meadows Street, Zanesville, Ohio. They are decorated with blue wings and Ninety Nines in gold. Very attractive.

Next meetings: May 15 - Mansfield Airport, plans for Ohio Air Tour; Friday evening, June 17 - Bowling Green, in conjunction with the Aviation Clinic; July 17 - Greenville; August 21 - Cedar Point. Now all you Ohio girls who haven't been able to attend, plan ahead for these meetings, they'll be interesting and fun!

#### S O U T H C E N T R A L S E C T I O N

##### COLORADO CHAPTER

By Marilyn K. Nordstrom

I'm just pinch-hitting this month for our regular reporter Grace Mayfield, who presented us with a 24 3/4<sup>er</sup> on April 6. Grace and her 49<sup>er</sup> George have named the new arrival Carl Elliott.

We're all still breathless and trying to recover from our recent Ranch Dance held at Cresthaven Country Club April 22. A wonderful time was had by all and we are happy to report we made our quota financially and were able to send our promised \$100.00 to the Florida Chapter for the Third Annual All Women Air Show of the World. Mighty nice to see Naomi Anderson and Dorothy Young and their 49<sup>ers</sup> in for the dance.

Best wishes to Marion Wurster who recently became Mrs. William Leemaster. Marion and Bill have taken an apartment here in Denver, so we have another mighty nice 49<sup>er</sup>.

#### MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Marjorie McBride

The Missouri Valley Chapter met May 1st at Crete, Nebr. Present were: Laura Russell, Belle Hetzel, Bea Mack, Ruth Johnson, Helen Bass, Janet Roush, and a prospective member, Dorothy Gilbert of Omaha.

After a dinner at the hotel, a meeting was held at the Johnson's home. Belle and Bea gave glowing accounts of the North Central Sectional meeting in Louisville. They had a wonderful trip.

We're sorry to hear that Jo Farmer has been seriously ill and is now home recovering from an operation. She hopes to be on her feet in time for the South Central Sectional meeting in Omaha, June 10-12.

We're all set to welcome you in vast numbers for this meeting, so please don't disappoint us.

#### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Mary Francis

Our Guest Day Breakfast, which we were working on as the last news letter went to press, was very successful despite it being a day for wise pilots to stay on the ground. Our new members, acquired at the meeting, include Leona Delk Nance, who holds a commercial ticket with an instructors rating, and her twin sister, Leota Delk Fails, both of Hollis, Okla., Helen Furrow of Oklahoma City, Edah N. Chirm, Ardmore, Okla., who has a brand new private license, Freda Jean Cox, who is tower operator at Norman, Oklahoma and formerly belonged to the Kentucky Chapter and Emily Jean Frost, who is instructing at Norman, Oklahoma and was a member of 99s at Stephens College.

We are not only thrilled about our new members but also the latest addition to our Chapter which is a Cessna 140. For several months Elizabeth Sewell, our Chairman, has ramrodded the idea, and our friends and members have been searching for an appropriate ship. Recently one was found that fulfilled the requirements with starter, two-way radio, loop, metal prop, etc. So eight of our members organized a flying club, contributed the funds and made the purchase. A "Polish" party is planned for the very near future and then you may expect to see a Cessna - with a 99s insignia on it, landing every place there is a regional or national meeting of 99s. Incidentally the ship is to be flown ONLY by 99ers. We know that now many of our members will be able to stay in the air with economical flying and hope that it will be a challenge to other chapters to do the same.

Our next meeting will be May 15 at Winfield, Kansas when we will be guests of one of our members, Mrs. Eves M. Tune. We have been promising her all year we would come up and now flying season is with us again so keep your fingers crossed for a flying day.

#### TULSA CHAPTER

By Cocile Maurer

Here is wonderful news for the Tulsa Derby participants. We have a trophy to compete for, donated by Ruth Banfield. Thanks a million to Ruth.

My Luscombe and I are being sponsored for flight in this Derby by the Tulsa Unit Women's National Aeronautical Association which is a very enthusiastic group. Thanks, WNAA, for making it possible for me to go.

The Sunday Breakfast Flights have started again now that we are beginning to have sunny Sundays. The last flight to Fort Smith, Ark. was cancelled because of thunderstorms which brought tornadoes to Oklahoma and Texas so we flew to Coffeyville, Kansas instead. Then, on to Chanute and a turn-around to Tulsa.

With Dick Powell's National Flight System flooding



through Oklahoma, eight new girl student pilots have been rounded up and invited to join our meetings with the hopes that later they will be 99'ers too.

Faye Sullenger out at Commercial Airport reports that soon they will be able to boast two concrete runways and two additional hangars. The restaurant, The Cabin, will be opened also.

Claire MacMillan has left us. She is back in California in preparation for flying in the transcontinental. Good Luck, Claire.

Keewatin Ross and 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>er, Joe, report the successful landing of a future 99'er. Congratulations.

I am pretty excited about this Wing Scouting business. Recently, I attended the State Conference for Senior Girl Scouts at Camp Classen, Okla. where I spoke to them on "Vocations Through Wing Scouting". I was amazed at the interest shown by these teen-age girls. They swamped me with questions regarding aviation and how to form Wing Scout groups.

I strongly urge any 99'er, who can devote the time, to work with these teen-age Wing Scouts. Wonders can be done with spreading aviation among these girls, our pilots of tomorrow, and believe me, you will probably have more fun than they.

#### TEXAS CHAPTER

By Gladys Kefauver

The Spring meeting of the whole Texas Chapter was held April 29, 30 and May 1st at the Fort Clark Ranch, Brackettville, Texas. Ama Lee Jameson was the person responsible for the selection of the historic old Fort as the meeting place and planned the entertainment, so that everyone had a truly wonderful time.

In addition to the fun, there was also serious business. Nominations were made for the national officers slate, a nominating committee was elected for the selection of State officers, and it was tentatively agreed that the next semi-annual meeting would be in September at the Circle R Ranch, the exact time to be announced later. There was considerable discussion of the Air Age Education Program advocated by the Texas Aeronautic Commission and the methods by which it could be advanced. Interest was aroused in attending the Twentieth anniversary celebration and efforts are underway to obtain a charter flight from Texas to New York.

Those in attendance were Ruby Hayes, Ruth Deerman and her 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>er, Dottie Blackham, Ann Duthie, Martha Ann Reading, Marie Nix, Gladys Kefauver, Kay Poole, Olean Sellers, Verna Burns and her guest Amy Wallace, Maggie Schock and her 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>er, Pat Chandler, Ziggy Hunter, Elsie Pfluger, Lt. Florence Fintak, Allieroe Morton, Pamela Vaughan and her 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>er, Stella Priest, Jan Warrick, Ama Lee Jameson and her father and mother. Also, there may have been others that your reporter failed to meet.

Earlier in the month, the Rio Grande Unit held a luncheon meeting at the Sky Chef where plans were made for attending the State meeting. Also the Dallas Unit held a meeting at the Club room at Garland Airport at which time Olean Sellers was hostess and served fried spring chicken with all the trimmings. A "paint party" was arranged and several members in old garments, equipped with templates, brushes and paint climbed to the top of the tallest building in Farmersville and painted an airmarker there. Olean Sellers served dinner for this group of workers making them forget their arduous toil with her wonderful food.

#### NORTH WESTERN SECTION

##### OREGON CHAPTER

By Joyce Hoberg Martin

Just heard from Mary Einheuser that she is now living

in North Hollywood, and will join forces there. Mary received her Commercial and Flight Instructor rating under the G. I. bill.

Betty Kasner has been appointed governor for the Northwest district. Last Saturday, Betty made her first parachute jump. It was an unintentional delayed jump. She bailed out at 2500 ft. and waited until at 1000 ft. to pull the rip cord.

The April 30th meeting was held at Wik's Air Service at Hillsboro Airport. Ruth Wikander, one of the owners of the flight service is also a 99er. We had a picnic dinner and plenty of water, (from the sky). We had been asked by the State Board of Aeronautics to check for additional airmarkers. A list of towns was submitted and more to come soon.

The first Aviation Day Program in the state is to be held at Redmond, June 12th. Six towns in Central Oregon will be among those participating. A girls race is planned, with gas furnished by Ralston Air Shows. My 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>er, Dick, has just completed a new paint job on his P-38, which he uses in shows. It's fire-engine red.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Seattle, where we hope to assist them in reorganizing their group.

#### WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Mildred Mandeville

The Pacific Northwest gave a sunny smile to Spring, shook and shuddered at the thought of this past winter's snow and then settled down to some delightful flying weather.

Fourteen girls turned out April 4th for our first social meeting of the year. We did a bit of hangar flying over cocktails in the soothing atmosphere of the Aero Marine Club and then complaisantly sat back to hear Mrs. Richard Morrow-Tate, of England, tell about her trip around the world. Soon we were watching out for wind directions, turning on spare gas tanks, worrying about carburetor ice and at least one member tightened an imaginary safety belt when Mrs. Tate described her forced landing on the Alcan Highway.

Among the members and guests present were Geneva Allread and Irene Chadney, who came down from Arlington; Edith Gideon, Gini Stover Lindgren and Margot Garland from Bremerton; Virginia Johnston from Kent; Monte Johnson, Mildred Mandeville, Iola Nelson, Clayton Patterson and Nancy Upper Shannon from Seattle. Edith Gideon took pictures of the group in a very professionalish way.

Margot Garland is ready for her private ticket right now. She'll be our newest 99er.

A few days after the meeting Gini Stover Lindgren, our flyingest gal, went home to Texas for Easter.

Jerry Jordon and 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>er, with their three children, have moved to Washington, D. C. Betty White Sheehan is expecting a prospective 99er in May.

Our chairman, Gini, a former Wasp and now an instructor, has invited us to Kitsap Airport, Bremerton, for our next meeting on May 5th. This will be a luncheon meeting and we hope the weather will permit most of us to avigate.

#### SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

##### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Elizabeth Watson

The "new look" Los Angeles Chapter started flapping its wings Monday evening, April 11th, at the palatial



home of member Bette Glaser. When Chairman Mardo Crane called the meeting to order, some 38 eager fly-gals were on hand and one eager fly-boy. Members present were: Dorothy Avery, Diana Bixby, Delphine Bohn, Christie Carlton, Marge Clark, Margaret Cook, Mardo Crane, Clara Davis, Ruth Downie, Monie Dye, Bette Glaser, Gladys Hill, Barbara London, Bea Medes, Irene Slagel, Irma Story, Helen Thomure, Liz Watson and Jacque Wonsetler. Guests and prospective members were: Naomi Allen (glider enthusiast from England), Ruth Binz (glider enthusiast from Switzerland), Virginia Cutler (ex-Wasp), Mrs. Clementina Griffin (president of WIAA), Lola Johnson (ex-Wasp), Ann Lopez (State Dept. of Aviation Education), Lela May Morrow (pilot), Esther Nelson (ex-Wasp), Betty Nunn (editor and publisher of Western Flying Newspaper), Jean Parker (ex-Wasp), Norma Pollard (pilot), Lois Rex (pilot), Elsie Ringer (ex-Wasp), Mrs. Anna Saudek (glider pilot), Alice Stacey (pilot), Margaret Standish (ex-Wasp), Margaret Sturgess (ex-Wave, now working for Commercial under GI Bill), Jean Ward (club editor, Los Angeles Examiner), and Gloria West (student pilot).

The lone fly-boy present was Mr. Victor M. Saudek, enthusiastic president of the Southern California Soaring Association. Billed as the main attraction, he and his colored movies lived up to all advance notices. His enthusiasm was so natural and so contagious that all of us now have the "bug" to go soaring silently off into space. Mr. Saudek, we salute you. You are a natural-born super salesman. Without even seeming to try, you have convinced us that soaring is not only something exciting and beautiful, but also something within reach of us all. We hasten to accept your invitation to spend a day soaring with you and members of your group!

In keeping with the tempo of the meeting, our charming hostess, Bette Glaser, furnished us with some out-of-this-world refreshments, and we owe her a big vote of thanks for her hospitality.

Chapter business was conducted with dispatch, and there is not much that needs reporting here. New committee chairmen appointed were: Bette Glaser, Courtesy; Christie Carlton, Transportation; and Ann Rambo, Legislative. Announcement was made that the Women's Transcontinental Air Race to Miami will start from Lindbergh Field, San Diego, California, on May 31st, and will be for stock model aircraft in the O-250 HP class. The race committee has drawn up a good set of workable rules, which will be distributed to all 99's and other interested persons. The San Diego Junior Chamber of Commerce (aided and abetted by the San Diego Chapter), is sponsoring the affair at this end, and will really give the racers a royal send-off. So, get a ship lined up, and get your entry in. (Address: Race Committee, 11616 Magnolia Ave., North Hollywood, California.)

We're happy to report that our Girl Wing Scouts have now been off the ground. Diana Bixby took all 16 of them up in a DC-3 for their first flight. She reports that all of them were elated, and only one deflated (air-sick, that is). Incidentally, Diana and her husband now have two DC-3's and are operating their own charter and freight service. Monie Dye and Irma Story spent a whole day taking the Wing Scouts on orientation flights at Gardena Valley Airport, this time in a Cessna 140 and a PT-22 (Ryan).

#### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Louise Sue

Our regular monthly meeting was a luncheon at the Tuesday Club in Sacramento on April 9th with eight members present.

The Miami All Womans Air Show was discussed with three members being appointed as delegates to represent our chapter. Those appointed were, Chairman Gerry Mickelsen of Sacramento, Coral Bloom of Oroville and Zona King of Quincy.

The meeting the 29th at our Chairman's home was given over entirely to final plans for the Spring Sectional Social meeting in May. Gerry and husband "mick" served a delicious luncheon to the members and guests. We were pleased to have Marjorie Fauth, our national treasurer, and Reta Hart, both of Bay Cities, with us.

We are happy to announce that the Oroville Air Marker is now completed, due largely to the efforts of Coral Bloom, one of our charter members and Aeronautics Instructor at Oroville High School. Robert F. Elliott, Chief of the division of Air Safety said "It is as good a marker as any I've seen in California."

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Lois Bartling

The month of April was certainly a busy one. I don't believe one week went by without having a meeting of some kind. As you know from last month's issue of the News Letter, we have the start of the air race to Miami here in San Diego this year and we are all trying hard to make it a grand success. Lindbergh Field, the municipal airport, has been selected as the starting point, with take-off time from 10 a.m. on May 31st.

May 1st we had a joint meeting with the L. A. chapter at the Hi Hi Sky Ranch in Oceanside. It was a combination brunch and meeting, and I don't know if it was the prospects of eating or what, but both chapters had a wonderful turn out. Maybe that is a clue to getting more of the girls to the regular meetings.

On the 20th of May we are giving a dance at the San Diego Hotel with hopes of raising funds to cover the expenses we are encountering with the start of the race. If the dance is a huge success we will be able to do more for the race entrants. Free tie-down and minor mechanical repairs will be provided at Lindbergh. Free transportation to and from the San Diego Hotel has been arranged, and free overnight accommodations at the San Diego Hotel have been secured, with available rooms for friends and guests.

Pilots' briefing will be held at 3 p.m. May 30 at Lindbergh, where full facilities of the CAI and the weather bureau are available. A pre-race banquet will be held at the San Diego Hotel.

The local Junior Chamber of Commerce is working along with us, and through their efforts have managed to get several sponsors for the girls who are flying in the race. Besides the help of the J. C.'s the Los Angeles chapter is working with us and have set up the rules for the race. The highways and the airways were pretty heavily traveled during the month as the two chapters had a lot to talk over.

From the looks of things so far, there should be quite a few entrants in the race as over half of our membership is planning on going. We are looking forward to hearing from the girls from other states who are planning on entering. The more the merrier.