

NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members:

Another very busy month is coming to an end, and it has been a very happy one for the 99 Club members, as this past month they have covered themselves with glory.

I was very happy to see 99 Club members from all over the country at the Miami All Woman Air Races. From there I went to Omaha, Nebraska, for the wonderful Sectional meeting. Then to Minot, where I spoke on Safety Through Air Marking, at the North Dakota Safety Conference. Stopped in Chicago, and back to Washington in time to leave for Reading and the Northeast Sectional meeting. Back to Washington again, and thence to Akron for the NAA Convention.

You are probably all interested in knowing what your CAA is doing, especially since one of our own 99 Club members, Betty Siggs, vice-chairman of the Kansas City Chapter, is in charge of the CAA's 5th Region Link training department. Betty says this unique training set-up is most interesting and a lot of fun. So, I thought you would like to hear about it.

With the proposal to add radar search and landing equipment to CAA towers in the near future, there arose a need for a training device to use in preparing tower controllers for the use of radar equipment. The radar equipment which will be installed in the airport control towers of all major fields within the next two years includes a thirty-mile search or surveillance system and a precision landing system which will serve the instrument approach runway.

The scopes will be large, direct reading cathode ray tubes and the consoles will have three scopes, one for surveillance and two for precision work. The precision unit will be used for the most part to monitor instrument landing system approaches, but if requested or if necessary for any reason, the controller can give a full "GCA" or ground controlled precision approach using the "Azal" type scope, which shows both the azimuth of the aircraft in relation to the runway centerline and the elevation in relation to the ILS glide-path. The two Azal scopes are of fixed range, one showing the terrain within ten miles of the airport and the other showing a three-mile range to use on the final portion of the approach.

In order to provide training for tower personnel of the Fifth Region, at Kansas City, training aids were developed to use with the Link trainer.

There is a simulated surveillance scope with ranges of fifteen and thirty miles which is used for the initial training in vectoring aircraft into traffic patterns and for giving surveillance type approaches. Of greatest interest is the simulated Azal scope which so closely resembles the real one that observers are almost convinced it's the real thing. The scope has the sweep effect and the fluorescing of the real ones, and has two moving targets to follow the azimuth and range and the elevation of the Link trainer as it is flown.

Betty has been involved in this radar training program since last autumn and will continue with it until the actual equipment is installed.

This training has proven its effectiveness. Some of the trainees have had the opportunity to try their hands on the real GCA equipment at Chicago tower (including Betty) and found it easy to take over and give precision approaches to real aircraft.

Betty is justly proud of this unique and effective training program. She would be delighted to show the simulated radar scopes to any visitors to the Link room, which is situated on the 22nd Floor of City Hall Building at Kansas City, Missouri.

Our 99 Club members certainly are wonderful. How about putting your modesty aside girls, and sending me an outline of what you are doing at the present time? I know everyone is interested in hearing what you all are doing.

By the way, have you heard about our new pins? The Board members have approved 99 Club costume jewelry pins. The pin is about an inch and a quarter high, and an inch and an eighth wide; made of 1/10 10K gold filled material. One "9" is in shiny gold and the other in dull gold. It certainly is good looking. I wear it with everything from sport to evening clothes.

The pin was designed by a 49 1/2er, Mr. C. H. Morgan, and can be purchased through 99er, Betty Morgan, whose address is: Morgan's, Inc., 32 Randolph Street, Chicago 1, Illinois. The price is \$6.00, including Federal tax.

Blanche Noyes
Your President

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
New York City
October 3-8, 1949

Plans for the Celebration are progressing very well indeed and this information should be of help to you at this time. The enthusiastic response to our release of March 2nd gives promise of a large attendance which may well be publicized as "the largest gathering of certificated women pilots the world has ever seen." We have attempted to include the suggestions made by members all over the country and to provide the kind of Celebration you have said you would like to have.

The tentative program is subject to change in minor respects but the over-all plan will be substantially the same. Please read details carefully so that you can contribute your part to the program. All officers are earnestly requested to assume some responsibility toward lining things up for the big week.

HEADQUARTERS

The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Park Avenue, between 49th and 50th Streets. The Headquarters Suite for the Celebration activities will be listed on the bulletin board in the lobby.

REGISTRATION

All delegates and members will register during the day Tuesday, October 4th. A special room will be provided and so listed in the hotel lobby. Delegate cards will be checked at that time. Final agenda for the week will be distributed, reservations for tours will be made and helpful information available. A fee of \$25.00, payable at registration, will cover practically all events including tours, luncheon on October 5th, fashion show, registration, W.I.A.A. tea, and even the big dinner dance at the Starlight Roof.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Monday - October 3rd (or the next day if necessary)

Reception for Transcontinental and Derby pilots and

passengers. All early arrivals will be taken care of and transportation into town arranged.

Tuesday - October 4th

Registration all day. Delegate cards checked. Informal party probably at the Belmont Plaza Hotel in the evening. We hope for a hostess from each section so that it will be a real Ninety-Nine affair. Please come prepared to represent your section or chapter in some way such as providing a skit or bit of entertainment. We want to know each other and this is just the time for it.

Wednesday - October 5th

A.M. Annual Meeting - Jade Room - Waldorf-Astoria Hotel
Noon Luncheon - Members and guests - Astor Gallery - Waldorf-Astoria Hotel
P.M. Annual Meeting continued - Jade Room - Waldorf-Astoria Hotel
Late
P.M. Tea - Women's International Association of Aeronautics - New York Branch-hostess at home of Mrs. Helen Crocherone, 975 Park Avenue
Eve. Open for dinner and theater, television and radio broadcasts, etc. Other entertainment provided as desired.

Thursday - October 6th

A.M. Open for shopping, tours of New York City, United Nations, Chinatown, television and radio broadcasts, etc.
Lunch Interesting places will be suggested.
P.M. Open for shopping and tours (as above)
Late
P.M. Cocktail party - Jacqueline Cochran - hostess... place to be announced.
Eve. Open for theater, night tours, night clubs, small parties.

On Thursday we plan an exciting complete fashion show and on Friday a separate hat show sponsored by Mr. John, Mr. Fredericks, Sally Victor and others. You will want to run out and buy up the town! Time and place for each will be announced.

Pan American Airways has agreed to have a strato-cruiser ready for inspection and will provide transportation to and from the hotel.

Friday - October 7th

All day open for tours, shopping, etc. except for the hat show. Other events may be scheduled.

Eve. Big Aviation Dinner Dance...Starlight Roof, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. James Montgomery Flagg, Russell Patterson, Gladys Parker (all members of the American Society of Illustrators) will select the "best-looking" Ninety-Niner. Prize awarded. Name band...all our aviation friends and many celebrities will be there. Complete program later. Single tickets for 49ers and friends \$10.00.
AN OCCASION TO REMEMBER

Saturday - October 8th

Charter members entertained - Fay Gillis Wells...hostess otherwise open for anything you desire. We can arrange it.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All activities (except informal party Tuesday evening, W.I.A.A. tea, Jacqueline Cochran's cocktail party and annual meeting) will be open to 49ers and our friends. Guests wishing to accompany members on tours will be charged regular rates. Guests will be charged a small amount for fashion show, etc. to help defray expenses.

Hotel Reservations

Write directly to hotel requesting reservation. Be

sure to mention Ninety-Nines. Send baggage plainly marked with owners name and in care of package room. Mention Ninety-Nines on tag. Mark hold for arrival on certain date. Send us post card at same time to help with our arrangements.

Rates Hotel Waldorf Astoria - Park Avenue between 49th and 50th Streets
Single \$8.00-\$12.00 Twin beds \$12.00-\$16.00

Hotel Belmont Plaza - Lexington Avenue at 49th Street (just across the street from the Waldorf Astoria)
address reservations to Miss Betty Kramer at Belmont-Plaza
Single \$5.50-\$6.50 Double \$7.00-\$9.00
Suites \$12.00, \$14.00, \$15.00

Tatham House - 138 East 38th Street
(run by Y.W.C.A.) easy bus service
10 rooms reserved
Single \$2.00-\$3.25 Double \$1.75 each
A \$2.00 deposit is required when making reservation at Tatham House

We can lodge a few girls with members if their needs and arrival date are known.

Publicity

The over-all Policy Committee has decided that all publicity will be focused on the organization rather than on individual girls except insofar as any member can contribute to the whole organization. Information will be supplied to feature writers and the general press and be based on material that you send to us. Please push local publicity but keep us advised and be sure to mention both the Ninety-Nines and the Celebration. Our press clipping service has national coverage and has been instructed to pick up items pertaining to the Celebration only. Suggestions will be coming to you from our Publicity Chairman. Use exact title if a member holds an office.

Scrap Books

We hope each chapter will make up an interesting scrap book - clippings, pictures, radio scripts, programs of meets, etc. Send to us in advance of the Celebration for proper display. A prize will be offered for the best one submitted.

Travel

Make individual arrangements. We suggest that your local operator can get local publicity if he loans a plane to fly you to a feeder point. A group can meet at a central place and fill an airline ship to come through together. Contact your neighboring chapters and fix it up. We will work with the airlines on the publicity angle, and on the terminal point...New York City.

Cross Country Race

Bella Heineman, 160 Central Park South, New York City, is Chairman of the committee arranging the transcontinental race. Feeler letters have already gone out and information will be sent to those interested.

Derbies

It's fun to fly together! Chapters are encouraged to plan derbies. Get your home town interested in giving a prize or trophy. Set your own rules and regulations. Stir up local pride in local girls. We will tie in with terminal plans and publicity. Keep us informed. No NAA sanction necessary if total prize money is below \$500. Fill up your ship with another member and send baggage ahead.

Theaters

Out of towners can always obtain tickets when we cannot. Look up New York Times and New York Herald Tribune, Sunday editions, for current plays and write directly to box office enclosing check and give alternate dates. Watch for new openings. Seats at \$1.20 are seldom available. Or write Mr. Charles Peck, MacBrides Theater Ticket Offices, Inc. Paramount Building 44th and Broadway, New York City. Enclose check plus an agency charge of 90¢ on each ticket (75¢ and 15¢ tax).

Clothes to bring

New York is mild in October. Light weight silk and wool, light weight coat or suit, an afternoon dress and one for the dinner dance (formal). Change at airport before coming into town.

Patrons and Patronesses

***We are assembling names in this category to show wide interest. Please send correct name and address (mention if there is a wife or husband) of those who are prominent in your community or state and whom we could approach to lend their names in support of our Celebration. This is urgent now.

Advertising in Commemorative Program

***We need ads to carry the program and the expenses. How about interesting your local airport? They could even list the girls who fly there. Write Selma Cronan, 435 West 23rd Street, New York City for information or ask your chapter chairman.
Full page \$75; Half-page \$40; Third page \$30; Quarter page \$25.

Write to us if you wish particular information on any point.

See you all in October.

Marjorie B. Davis, Chairman
Twentieth Anniversary Celebration
118 West 11th Street
New York 11, New York

NINETY NINES 20th ANNIVERSARY DERBY

From Cleveland to New York

October 1, 1949

Come one - come all! All 99's eligible. The derby is primarily for small planes and eager pilots.

Arlene Davis, All Ohio Chapter 99er, is donating a Trophy to be presented in New York to the winner of the Derby. There will be prizes for each lap and the participants will be honored and entertained at the various stops en route.

Here is the tentative schedule:

Leave Cleveland Sunday, Oct. 2nd at 8 a.m.

First Lap: Cleveland to Jamestown, N. Y.
via Bedford, Erie, Pa.

Second Lap: Jamestown, N. Y. to Syracuse, N. Y.
via Batavia

Third Lap: Syracuse, N. Y. to Albany, N. Y. via
Utica
This will be an over-night stop.

Monday, October 3rd

Albany to New York (Teterboro)

More detailed information to be printed in forthcoming News Letters.

If you desire to participate in the Derby and want all information pertaining to this event, contact

Alice M. Puller, Chairman
99's-20th Anniversary Derby
1004 Hanna Building
Cleveland 15, Ohio

LAST CALL

ALL CHAPTERS AND SECTIONS

ALL CHECKS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR 1948-49 MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER

Marjorie Fauth
1406 14th Avenue
San Francisco 22, California

NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 1949. CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Alice H. Hammond, Chairman
Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Trustees

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

We are still going strong on our membership contest. It is still not too late to enter, \$2.00 per chapter, 60% to winning chapter, 40% to second place chapter. List of members as of January 1, 1949, together with list of new members for this year to be with the Membership Chairman, San Antonio, on September 15th, so you still have time to enter and try your luck at the award. Membership based on pro-rata basis of membership. Hope to hear from more chapters right away.

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

CHAPTER NEWS

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By Alma Gallagher

New England 99's had a share in welcoming Portland, Oregon, pilots to Portland, Maine the last Saturday in May.

Daisy Kirkpatrick reports that she and her husband were in Portland for the clambake which was a great success.

Lucile Dingley, our Maine 99er, was hostess for the occasion. Hugh signs welcomed the 99's, the Portland pilots and the Q.E.'s. Forty planes with 151 people came through from the Oregon Portland. Dorothy Huyler from the Oregon Chapter, represented the 99's from her section. The girls enjoyed meeting her. Come visit us again, Dorothy. Dot Hayes flew in with Ann Cutler, and Regina Winca also came by plane.

Making June news in the section were little Julie Short, a future 99er and daughter of our governor, who arrived June 17, and Dot Hayes who flew to Miami for the air races.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Olive Gooch Tuttle

It WAS fun--the Air Meet! Entrants enthusiastically registered for the four events. Trophies were awarded to:

For Private Spot Landing
1st Place--Dorothy Hutcheson
2nd Place--Mary Jean Dwyer

Commercial Spot Landing
1st Place--Mae Wilson
2nd Place--Doris Langer

Scavenger Hunt
1st Place--Cathy Carlsen
2nd Place--Evelyn Martin

Bomb Dropping
1st Place--Lydia Harlan
2nd Place--Mary Jean Dwyer

Efficiency Race
1st Place--Mary Jean Dwyer
2nd Place--Lydia Harlan

Booby Prize--Irene Leverton

Perpetual Trophy--Mary Jean Dwyer
This trophy is awarded for the most points accumulated in at least three out of four events and returns to the Chapter at the end of the year. Mary Jean flew a Stearman.

Nearly all the small aircraft were represented in the Contest. Dora Dougherty and Irene Leverton are credited with staging a most successful day, which ended with outdoor refreshments ravenously consumed.

Les Frye at Elmhurst was wonderful help. Kept things moving in fine order. Charles Jenkins of Turgeon Flying Service at Sky Harbor Airport was perfect help too; he helped plan the Efficiency Race and spotted airplanes when they used Sky Harbor as a pylon. Our humble thanks to both you chaps.

Our beautiful trophies were donated by:

G. H. Morgan, our Chairman's good husband
(Perpetual trophy & two ashtrays)
Burt Dickens & Company, Glencoe, Illinois
Jim Giggins, Pal-Waukee Airport, Wheeling, Illinois
Dora Dougherty, Illinois Chapter (cleverly executed Booby Prize also)
Air Associates, Inc., Municipal Airport, Chicago
(leather jacket)
Irene Leverton, Illinois Chapter
George J. Priester, Elmhurst Airport, Elmhurst, Ill.
Julius Jessien, Elgin, Illinois
Tufs Edgumbe, Inc., Elmhurst Airport, Elmhurst, Ill.

Here's some additional information on new member Esther Noffke: Esther has her Commercial Flight Instructor's Rating; teaches Instrument at Elmhurst Airport, Land Rating, Link Operator's Rating; Ferried B-26's during her WASP years (a man-sized job I do believe); has about 3000 hr; and is now studying for her Ground School Rating. Wottawoman.

Illinois Chapter was pleasantly surprised at the Air Meet to have Mrs. Frank Cervenka nee Lamona Goddard of 1809 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. call on us. Lamona was married April 23rd. Best wishes for your happiness, Lamona. Our regretted loss will be Washington's delightful gain. Her telephone is: Republic 1674, Washington.

Next meeting FLY-IN to Elmhurst Airport, Sunday, July 10th, 11:00 a.m. Breakfast at restaurant.

Joan Clark flies a Fairchild 24, has 200 hours solo, has completed her written for her Commercial and is preparing for the Flight Test.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Betty Pettitt

The Indiana Chapter meeting of the Ninety-Nines was held June 19th at Rochester Airport in the form of a Breakfast Flight. Helen House Outcalt, operator of the airport, was hostess for this meeting. The Airport Grill across the road from the field provided a very nice breakfast for the approximately twenty members who could get their eyes open and were able to come. We were glad to welcome Maxine Stein, a new member, who flew in from South Bend with a friend. Our secretary, Dorothy Perry, flew from dawn (and Evansville) to reach the meeting in time. Everybody was on her own after the meeting, but since the airport is 1500' from Lake Manitou, a popular vacation spot, that wasn't hard to take. Most of the girls stretched out on the dock and were soon well-splashed by playful "water boys" or got in the swim themselves.

On May 1st the local Ninety-Nines cooperated with the American Legion by helping them register participants in the Model Airplane Meet at Weir Cook Municipal Airport in Indianapolis. Jane Shope, Virginia Hiatt, Virginia Eberhart, Marjorie Smith and Betty Pettitt were on hand to help out.

Virginia Brown Hiatt, whose father is a model plane enthusiast and has won a number of prizes, brought a model plane to the last meeting and enthused the girls with the opportunity of helping out again at a model meet on July 10th at Schoen Field on Benjamin Harrison Air Force Base in Indianapolis. This is an annual event and will be televised. The Ninety-Nines were invited to provide a trophy in their name and \$15 was voted to procure such a trophy. A full report will be made in the next News Letter.

Our publicity chairman, Marjorie Smith, who is a charter member, is going to have an operation on July 5th. We certainly wish her a quick recovery. Among the girls taking the fatal leap are Jane Gaines, who, we have to report, is marrying a non-pilot, and Lynn Bottema, who recently married Ernest McGraw, Jr. of Hollywood, Florida where Lynn has been a flight instructor for a year.

The July meeting will be held in Evansville at the Municipal Airport on July 17th.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Bernie Eno

Since our last meeting date, our girls have been very busy, it seems. Ruth Shimon, Beulah Frotscher and your writer attended the North Central-South Central meeting in Omaha and reported they had a wonderful time. Many thanks and highest compliments are due the Missouri Valley Chapter members for the splendid entertainment provided.

While Ruth was in Omaha, her 49¹/₂er purchased a new 140 Cessna--wonder who will assume responsibilities around Shimon Drug during the summer and fall. I am sure A. J. and Ruth will both be out stirring up the air.

Helen Flaherty has been taking instructions on a new Plymouth which she and her brother recently purchased. Neither had driven a ground negotiating vehicle before and Helen states it was more simple to learn to fly.

Last month we reported the engagement and approaching marriage of our member Inez McAllister. This month we saw another beautiful diamond glistening on the hand of Virginia Vinsand. Congratulation, Virginia; we certainly will be out to the farm for fried chicken next year.

Win Eno was home from the far North for a few days this past month. She attended graduation exercises at the State University when both her son and daughter-in-law were graduated.

Sunday, June 19, we held our regular monthly meeting in Cedar Falls with Verna Mae Prochaska acting as hostess. Verna Mae, as usual, planned a full schedule. She met us at the Municipal Airport, from where she took us to the Tippy-Top-Inn. Following a short business meeting, a delicious luncheon was served through the courtesy of the Cedar Falls NAA Chapter. (Verna Mae incidentally was the chapter's first secretary.) Dessert consisted of an orange angel food cake, honoring Elsie Williams' Birthday. Elsie was not present to enjoy it, but those present certainly did. Following luncheon, we were introduced to Mr. B. L. Nye, Executive Secretary of the Cedar Falls Chamber of Commerce. His talk was most interesting and aviation items brought to our attention were, quote "In 1904, Glen Curtis, later of Curtis Wright Airplane Corp., demonstrated a water landing and lifting on Cedar River. Cedar Falls being the only river town in Iowa lucky enough to secure the venture-some Curtis.----In September 1912, Lincoln Beachey made the worlds first airmail delivery in Cedar Falls, Iowa, having been certificated by the Postal Department in Washington. Beachey flew this pouch of mail from the old fair grounds in South Cedar Falls to a point just across the Cedar River, and fortunate to negotiate the opposite bank." unquote. Following Mr. Nye's talk, Verna Mae had planned for us to play Bingo for gifts she had for us, but due to pressing time for those who flew in, we drew for prizes instead. For those who were able to remain for the full afternoon, a sightseeing tour was planned. It sounded interesting, but your writer was unable to stay.

Beulah Frotscher was the lucky girl this past month and captured the traveling tray.

It was decided at the business meeting that each member should attempt to sponsor at least one air marker during the coming month. Surely hope we can come through with thirteen new markers to our credit. It was also decided to send our contribution to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

Next month, July 17, we will all get together at a Flight Breakfast at Fort Dodge. How about you neighboring girls meeting with us.

EASTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By D. M. Condon

Taking advantage of the excellent flying weather Florence Wildgen and her 14 year old son flew to Jefferson City, Missouri for the opening of their new airport. Florence and her 49¹/₂er are going to Florida the middle of June and flying to Havana.

Nadja Wilson and her 49¹/₂er flew their new Navion to Chicago, May 29 and then flew to Columbia, Missouri to the Stephen's College air demonstration on May 30. On May 15, Nadja and her husband flew to Mt. Vernon, Illinois for an air show. Still in a traveling mood on June 5, they attended a breakfast flight to Moline, Illinois.

Dorcas Stork is going to Montana in August to visit with her family.

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Watson (Florene Miller, ex Wasp) and their two beautiful daughters Gail and Jean, were guests of Harold and Del Scharr on May 25. Other recent visitors in Saint Louis were Tess Swetitch from Richmond, Virginia and Miss Harriet Bowes, Kansas City T.W.A. hostess.

Del and Harold Scharr, Miss Mary Jeffords and Maxine Randolph expect to vacation at Mt. View, Missouri on the Current River the month of July.

Joan Seliga graduated from Saint Louis University in June and is vacationing in California in July. Lucy Drucker and her 49½'er Ken are also in California vacationing.

The Aviation Council elected Mrs. Del Scharr as one of its directors. Her department is Air Age Education, which already has held an Institute for teachers at Lambert Field and is beginning a film library.

Lillian Sproule and the C.A.P. are going to tour the Chester, Illinois penitentiary on the 19th of June. On the same date they are planning to hold an air show at McBride Field.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morris

The August meeting will be on the 21st at Cedar Point, don't forget to bring the tax stamps you have saved.

June 17 our meeting was held in conjunction with the Ohio Aviation Clinic, 20 members were present and Lillian Schlobohm was welcomed as a member; she's from Cleveland.

Here's the outline for the North Central Sectional, September 2, 19-9.

Registration	9 a.m.	-	5 p.m.
Business Meeting	2 p.m.	-	4 p.m.
Banquet & Entertainment	6:30 p.m.		

All at Hotel Cleveland, Ohio. The banquet will be for Ninety-Nines and guests.

Bits of News: Lt. Julie Dearth, former Ohio member became an officer in the Women's Air Force, June 30 at San Antonio--Alice Puller won her Commercial--Lore Kugler flew with Jeanne and Dean Hunt in their BT13 to Miami for the Air Show--Mary Ann Decker, home from school in Minnesota promises we'll see more of her now--Marge and Lee Miller will vacation in Canada in July--The All-Ohio Air Tour is July 22, 23, 24. At least a dozen 99's will participate besides our two queens, Irene and Sophia Peters.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Marguerite Durbin

Our official news reporter, Marjorie McBride of Omaha, Nebraska, is vacationing in California and so I will "pinch-hit" for this month.

Nine states and Washington, D. C. were represented at the joint meeting of South Central and North Central Sections held in Omaha on June 10, 11 and 12.

Bingo was the entertainment provided Friday evening in the N.A.A. Rooms at Hotel Fontenelle. Early Saturday morning we went on a tour of world famous Boys Town, returning to the hotel in time for the luncheon given by Mrs. Thomas Brown in memory of her daughter, Myrtle Brown, a charter member of Ninety-Nines. That afternoon we were guests at the Aksarben Horse Races. Saturday evening, a cocktail party was given by NAA and then we attended a banquet in the beautiful Black Mirror Room at the hotel. The welcoming address was given by Belle Hetzel, past president of Ninety-Nines. Other speakers were Blanche Noyes, our president, and Brig. Gen. John Montgomery of Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha and Rudy Mueller, President Omaha Chapter of NAA. Then a presentation of so many prizes that it was like Christmas.

Sunday morning the business meeting was held by South Central Section with the North Central Section as

welcome guests. The meeting was opened by our chapter chairman, Helen Bass. A very interesting talk was given by Blanche Noyes. The meeting was then turned over to Vice-Governor Broneta Davis who presided in the absence of the Governor. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Assisting Helen Bass, our chapter chairman, were committee chairmen Laura Russell, Janie Bay, Belle Hetzel, Bea Mack, Dorothy Reed and Ruth Johnson.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Mary Francis

Our June meeting was held in Norman, Oklahoma, with Billie Tune dodging rainstorms all the way from Winfield, Kansas in order to make the meeting. Mrs. Paul (Dot) Young has recently moved to Oklahoma City where her husband is now with the C.A.A. Standardization Center. We have received glowing reports of her from the Colorado Chapter and were very happy to have her at our meeting and to have her in our Chapter.

Irby Keen returned from spending several weeks in Holy Ghost Canyon, N. M. and rushed off to Miami, Florida where she is busy with arrangements for her daughter's wedding. Ruth Jones and Ida Carter are just ready to leave for a six weeks camping trip in Holy Ghost Canyon, complete with sleeping bags, fishing tackle, tents and enough reading material to keep them entertained for the summer.

The local newspaper carried a recent column long story and picture of the Cessna owned jointly by several of our Ninety-Niners. The flying fraternity is very enthusiastic about our plane and we have already discovered that it can be exceedingly useful.

Our next meeting will be July 17 at the brand new home of our Chairman, Elizabeth Sewell, 2801 NW 31. Suzie has been busy the past few months selecting tile, paint, etc., and we are all anxious to see the result.

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Martha Ann Reading

We are losing one of our finest and best liked chapter members. Gladys Kefauver is moving "back east". She has been one of the most active members in the chapter and her hard work on boosting our membership and our airmarking campaign, as well as her excellent reporting to the News Letter is good evidence that her interest in the Ninety-Nines is not the "let somebody else do it" kind.

We surely wish the best of luck to Gladys and hope to see her soon to hear about her latest adventures because that little lady really gets around. Her temporary address is %Mrs. W. H. Fisk, 9 Dupont Ave., Kensington, Md.

DALLAS UNIT

The Dallas unit had a business meeting and a picnic supper in their Club Room June 1st. Some of the trans-continental race entrants were expected in that evening but our loss was their gain because they made it farther down the line before sundown so we couldn't be honored by their presence at the meeting.

SAN ANTONIO--AUSTIN UNIT

Ama Lee Jameson invited the San Antonio-Austin unit and all other 99s, down to her ranch on June 12th. As usual, the weather during the week was perfect and Sunday morning the birds were walking. However, not to be outdone, John and Mary Ann Greer from San Antonio arrived in their Ford and Edna Hammerman and Madge James from Austin came over the top from Austin in Edna's Stinson. We would like to put in our bid now for professional drought breakers, but just the same we had a wonderful time at the Jameson ranch and hope for better weather at the starting place next time.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Claire G. Callaghan

Things are now back to normal for us here. Reason-- Mary Jane Livingston has returned from New Orleans and Jean Howard and Mary K. Willis finally tore themselves away from Capri and "Gay Paree". The change seems to have done all of them much good.

We had a wonderful time at our Section meeting held in Reading, Pa., Saturday, June 25. Mary Jane Livingston flew up with Marjorie Harrison in Marjorie's Ercoupe. I finagled a ride with Barbara Jenison (here from Illinois for the week) in the Congressional Club Luscombe. And Blanche Noyes and Jean Howard went plutocratic and rode the airlines. Must admit airlines are more dependable, tho's, since Barbara and I were forced to land at Baltimore due to a storm, where we left the plane overnight and returned to D. C. via the most unglamorous train coach.

But, to get back to the subject of our meeting--we were greeted at the airport by Fran Nolde and whisked off to the Riveredge Hotel a half mile away. It's a very attractive place, and it was there we held our luncheon, with, of course, cocktails beforehand for those not flying. Then we went to Fran Nolde's very lovely home where we held the business meeting, after first indulging in a delightful swim. The following officers were elected:

Jean Howard, Governor	(reelected)
Lenore McElroy, V. Gov.	"
Jean Peden, Secretary	"
Katherine Moore, Treas.	"
Claire Callaghan, Membership Chairman	(new)

After the meeting, a grand buffet supper was served and then we went to the Green Hills Outdoor Theatre and saw a play. All in all, it really was a grand day and we certainly enjoyed it. Thanks again to you Eastern Penn 99'ers.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By Jean Peden

This is Jean Peden, girls, reporting once again for Marjorie Cook. Perhaps some of you are wondering what has become of Marjorie. Did she spin in? Is she in the house of correction? Does she use the wrong dentifrice? None of these rumors are true. Marj has a housefull of company and she's just about to stall out under the schedule.

Don't you dare accuse me of exaggerating when I say that Northwestern Pennsylvania has been a beehive of 99 activity recently. On June 4th a group of new 49'ers were introduced to the mysteries of our organization at a party at Marjorie Cook's house. The attendance was 100% and everyone had a wonderful time playing cards and ping-pong and wolfing down the refreshments.

On June 27th we were delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker of Erie. The occasion-- which also logged 100% attendance--was a dinner party aboard the Parker's yacht. The Parkers anchored in the bay while we went swimming. Then we dined, wine, sang songs and even managed to conduct a short business meeting at which yours truly reported on the Middle Eastern meeting at Reading. We also made tentative plans for the next meeting--a proposed picnic on Presque Isle at Erie.

I had the pleasure, by the way, of representing the Meadville Chapter at the Middle Eastern Section meeting at Reading. I had a wonderful time and I'd like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Ann Ross

Since we were too late last month to get our letter in the News Letter, we are taking the space now to say "Thank You" to every 99 who helped us in the 3rd Annual All Women Air Show this June past.

Although we have not yet received our financial statement, we all agree that the show was a financial success. The girls from the other chapters supported us beautifully both with their ads and by participating in the races and events.

A great personal "Thanks" goes to our President Blanche Noyes for the many, many times during the show when we could turn to her for guidance and advice. We were indeed fortunate to have her help and presence.

All reports of the Havana Flight were quite enthusiastic and not enough good could be said of the Cuban hospitality.

Many of you are wondering when next years' show will be announced, but at this time we can give you nothing definite. As soon as it is decided, you will be informed through the News Letter.

NORTHWESTERN SECTION

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Mildred Mandeville

June 18th, the day of our flight to Yakima, was one of those perfect Pacific-Northwest days - sunny, warm and clear. We met at Renton Airport, on the shores of Lake Washington, at 8 a.m. and were served coffee and donuts by Western Skyways. Jackie Rau introduced her new Cessna and her 49'er. We were glad to meet a new prospective member in Gladys Carson, who had just purchased an Aeronca Chief. The other gals to fly over the mountains that morning were Gini Lindgren, Iola Nelson, Monte Johnson, Laura Theroux, Margot Garland and your reporter. As we flew the pass it felt good to see an emergency landing field always within reach - unmistakably there in the otherwise immaculate forest. Wynona Graham, from Spokane, met us at Yakima Airport where Gini presided over a long business meeting. Much old business was cleared up and future plans made. After lunch we flew to Ellensburg and then back to Renton, arriving at 5:30. It was a full day and we enjoyed every minute of it.

The complete flight was recorded on color film by your reporter and these slides, together with those taken by Edith Gideon of our May flight and March meeting, will be shown at the July 11th meeting at the Aero Marine Club in Seattle.

In an effort to increase the funds in our treasury, we have bought all seats in the Surrey Playbarn, in Bellvue, for the evening of August 11th.

Her new job as second co-pilot on C-46's for Transocean Airlines brought a picture of our tall, soft-spoken Lyn Grover to the front page of the Seattle newspaper.

Flashing his brown eyes at us, Bob Sheehan announced proudly that their 9 lb. 5 oz. son would be named James Michel. Betty is a former chairman of our chapter.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Lois Bartling

Yours truly skipped last month's article only because she forgot to mail it. Believe me that was maddening after sitting up until the wee hours in Miami trying to get it in on time.

It doesn't seem possible that the race to Miami is over. If we of the San Diego Chapter may say so, the start of the race went off beautifully. There were 16 planes in the race and they took off at two minute intervals so that all were off in 28 minutes. The San Diego Chapter had 9 planes entered and three of them were among the first five winners.

The night before the race a banquet was held at the San Diego Hotel for the entrants, their sponsors and friends. That in itself was an affair worth remembering.

ing. All the credit goes to Evelyn Briggs, Amy Changnon, and their committee. Everything they did, from the decorations on the tables to the arrangement of the program, couldn't have been nicer.

Our wholehearted thanks go to Mardo Crane for the advanced publicity she arranged for at all the airports the race entrants stopped. Every airport went all out to speed up gassing and to see that we had the best sleeping accommodations.

We have a new member in our club, at least a prospective member. She is Sandra Lee Changnon, daughter of the Robert Changnons. She was born June 18. Wouldn't you know that her mother came to an executive meeting on the 25th and "just happened" to have a "few" snapshots of her pride and joy with her. What we want to know Amy, is how did you manage to get the pictures printed so fast?

July 7th will be a business meeting at the home of Evelyn Briggs. On the 23rd, a patio party will be held at the Bartling home.

IN MEMORIAM

MABEL BARBOUR BRITTON

1892-1949

Mabel Barbour Britton, beloved third National President of the Ninety-Nines passed away in her sleep during the night June 30th.

It is impossible to evaluate the loss to us all that the passing of this gallant Ninety-Nine will mean. Not quite a Charter Member, Mabel had been an active member since 1930. She even declined to accept the Life Membership to which all our past Presidents are entitled, in order that she could continue to take a really active part in the affairs of this organization she loved and served so well for so many, many years.

Before becoming the third National President of the Ninety-Nines, in 1935, Mabel served as governor of the North Central Section in 1933, and as National Secretary in 1934.

It was under her guidance as president during 1935-1937 that the Ninety-Nines adopted their Constitution and By-Laws in their present form, and that the News Letter as we now know it was founded to replace the magazine Airwoman, with Mabel and Alice Hammond, then Secretary, as its first editors.

But the heritage Mabel has left to the Ninety-Nines cannot be measured by these milestones in our progress. Rather, the wisdom of her guidance through the years, her kindness and selflessness, her readiness to be of service at all times, shall continue to be our inspiration in the years ahead.

The love and devotion of us all go with Mabel as she passes beyond the Horizon on her Last Flight.