

NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Ninety-Nines:

As this is the end of the fiscal year, I want to take this opportunity to tell you that your friendship and cooperation this past year has been one of the finest things in my life, and the work that you have all done to make the 99's an outstanding organization has been a source of great pride to me. I doubt if any President has ever had a finer Board than that which has served with me the past year. Kay Brick, the Secretary, has worked tirelessly and let nothing interfere with the 99 Club work. Marjorie Fauth, the Treasurer, has been 100 per cent, and that goes for the balance of the Board members.

At this time, it seems only fitting that I should openly thank the National Aeronautic Association for their cooperation, and for the amount of work which they have done for us over and above that which they were paid for. I especially want to thank them for working on Saturday and Sunday in order to get the ballot out, so that the members could vote on whether or not to remain affiliated with N.A.A. You will all no doubt be interested to know how that ballot went. It was 294 votes for re-affiliation, and 141 against.

It was a pleasure to see and talk to many of you while en route to Fort Collins, Colorado, and in Fort Collins, where I attended the national meeting of the Flying Farmers. I addressed the wives at a Brunch and it has been many a day since I have really enjoyed addressing a group as I did those charming ladies. Our own Frances Carpenter was Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, and she certainly didn't miss a bet. For the benefit of the 49ers, who I understand read this column, the entire Flying Farmer meeting was perfect from beginning to end, and was marred only by the passing of that grand old gentleman, Starr Nelson.

As each airplane landed at Fort Collins' airport, it was greeted by a most colorful committee in gay shirts and on horseback. We were guided to our parking space with efficiency and speed, the ships staked down, put into cars, taken over to the hangar where with no confusion we received our credentials. Delicious food was at hand, not to mention the chocolate covered ice cream, which the Flying Farmer orchestra leader was furnishing by the hundreds.

The meetings were sincere and the speakers were interesting; and I believe that much was accomplished during that, the 4th annual convention of the Flying Farmers. The parties and banquet were grand. Oh, Yes! --What did I fly out? A brand new Cessna 170 with a cross-wind landing gear. I averaged 125.5 miles per hour on the entire trip.

I returned Wednesday night and left Friday for Cleveland. I was so proud of our members who competed in the women's closed course race, which Grace Harris won. The acrobatic pilots, Betty Skelton and Caddy Landry, as usual stole

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TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
New York City Oct. 3-8, 1949

NOTE: PLEASE REFER TO DETAILED INFORMATION IN THE
JULY NEWS LETTER.

The \$25 fee, payable at registration, covers all events and tours. Yes, this means the dinner-dance also!! We are fortunate in having sponsors for many of the events and therefore can greatly reduce the cost to you and include more fun and interesting things to do. If paid for at the prevailing rates, it would cost between \$60-\$75 per member. We have tried to arrange events to cover the expressed desires of the members, and thrown in some extra for good measure.

Program

- Oct. 3rd: Ninety-Nines Friendship Tour will land at Westchester County Airport and the arrival of the Powder Puff Derby. Tours for early arrivals.
- Oct. 4th: Registration - All day - tours for early arrivals.
8 P.M. Informal Party - Wings Club
- Oct. 5th: 9-11:30 AM Annual Meeting - Waldorf Astoria
11:45 AM Reception, City Hall
1 PM Luncheon, Waldorf Astoria
2-4:30 PM Annual Meeting
5:30-7 PM W.I.A.A. Anniversary Tea, 975 Park Ave.
Eve: Free for theatre, night clubs, etc.
- Oct. 6th: 9:30-11:30 AM Tour Queen Elizabeth
1 PM-3 PM Fashion Show and Luncheon, Hotel Plaza
5 PM-7PM Jacqueline Cochran's Cocktail Party, Metropolitan Club, 5th Ave. at 60th St.
Eve: Free for theatre, night clubs, etc.
- Oct. 7th: Morning: free for shopping, tours, personal plans
Afternoon: Guests of John Robert Powers at his famous school for fashion models. Tours, shopping, etc.
Eve: Big dinner-dance on Starlight Roof, Waldorf-Astoria in honor of the men and women who have made present day aviation possible.
- Oct. 8th: Tours, shopping, personal plans.
Charter members entertained by Fay Gillies Wells.

Everyone will attend the big events. They will miss a lot if they don't. Time available will necessitate a choice as to tours and smaller activities. The \$25 charge will include all of the following events and tours:

Registration fee
Informal Party - October 4 - Wings Club, Hotel Biltmore
Annual Meeting - October 5
Luncheon - October 5 - Waldorf-Astoria
Reception by the Mayor of New York City at City Hall - October 5.
Tea - October 5 - Women's International Association of Aeronautics, Hostesses
Tour, S.S. Queen Elizabeth - October 6
Fashion Show and Luncheon - October 6 - "Fashions for the Air-Minded Woman", Hotel Plaza
Jacqueline Cochran's Cocktail Party - October 6 - Metropolitan Club
Dinner-dance - October 7 - Starlight Roof, Waldorf-Astoria
Tour Empire State Building
Tour Rockefeller Center (Radio City)
Television and Radio Broadcasts
Circle tour by boat around Manhattan Island - 3 hour trip
United Nations - including transportation
Special guests at John Robert Powers School (demonstrations, etc.)
Greenwich Village (day or night; food & drink extra)

Complete tour uptown and downtown New York - 3½ hours.
Tour Third Avenue Antique Shops
Tour Chinatown
Hayden Planetarium
Statue of Liberty
Tour through Waldorf-Astoria
Aeronautical Institute Museum
Visit to La Guardia Airport to inspect Stratocruiser - transportation included.

IMPORTANT

Exclusively for members:

Informal party Tuesday evening, Annual Meeting and Jacqueline Cochran's cocktail party, Mayor's reception.

All other activities open to 49½'ers and your guests who may purchase, if they wish to, the \$25 coverage which will reduce the cost considerably. Other guests may purchase individual tickets for Wednesday luncheon (\$5), Thursday luncheon and fashion show (\$5), dinner-dance on Starlight Roof (\$10) and tours at prevailing rates. Tour reservations should be made at time of registration. For those not attending the dinner-dance, \$7 will be deducted from the \$25 coverage, if requested. We have tried to be generous and hope you will be, too, and not request it. Overall costs must be met.

Restaurants

Numerous eating places in shadow of Waldorf & Belmont-Plaza. Breakfast at 25¢ up, lunches 50¢ up, dinners \$1.25 up. Night club reservations can be made for you but you pick up the check. Liquid refreshments stronger than coffee will be paid for by individuals.

Lists of and information about eating places will be available.

Hotel Accommodations

SEE JULY NEWS LETTER. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY. Stay with friends if you wish. Cots can often be placed in rooms also. Come, even if you double up!

Theatre Tickets

Urge that you make reservations now by mail direct to box office. Give choices - 2 or 3 - of dates and seating. Tickets very hard to get. Add 90¢ per ticket if ordered through any agency.

What to Wear

Town clothes - New York City is mild in October. Light wool topcoat or suit. If you fly in, plan to change at airport. Dinner-dance formal. Men can rent tuxedo - many well-known people do so. Dresses bought for the occasion can be shortened later, you know!

Fashion Show

This will be exciting. Plan to invite your guests as there will be room. Separate tickets available at \$5 for guests to the luncheon and complete show.

Scrap Books of Chapter Activities

Send directly to Waldorf-Astoria, addressed to Marjorie B. Davis, Chairman, Ninety-Nines Twentieth Anniversary Celebration.

Friendship Tour and Derbies

So many have told us that they wish to bring their husbands or fly together that we have cancelled the transcontinental race and substituted "Ninety-Nine's Transcontinental Friendship Tour." Mardo Crane, 8617 Rindge Ave., Playa del Rey, California, is arranging a "fly together for a good time" derby from Palmdale, California to Westchester County Airport, New York. Ninety-Nines may join derby at the following points: Albuquerque, New Mexico, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Indianapolis, Indiana. This will be a good opportunity to practice cross-country flying. Please get in touch with Mardo for particulars. All ships flown by Ninety-Nines will have free tie-down, courtesy of Westchester County Airport. Transportation into New York City will be provided. Members must have

current membership card (1948-1949) for identification.

See August News Letter for Cleveland Derby.

BRING MEMBERSHIP CARD

POWDER PUFF DERBY

The 99's 20th Anniversary POWDER PUFF DERBY prizes are rolling in because Arlene Davis (Flight Director) wrote many of her friends and a lot she didn't know very well but they all came through with flying colors. Now we have many prizes and are looking forward to many entries. Remember gals, we are honoring our National President, Blanche Noyes with this Powder Puff Derby. It so happens that it was just twenty years ago when Blanche flew the first Powder Puff Derby.

Jeanne Naatz is taking care of publicity and is doing a bang up job.

Mary Jane Sasala will give you super service at the registration desk which Don Patrick of the Sundorph Aeronautical Corp. Cleveland Municipal Airport has provided. Registrations Saturday, October 1st. Don Patrick is also going to give you free tie down and the Junior Chamber of Commerce will take care of your transportation.

There will be many prizes and surprises for all.

The Bulletins and Registration Blanks are well on their way to every 99'er in the world and no one knows it any better than Arlene and Jeanne because they stuffed and pushed these things and are still doing it in their sleep.

If further information is desired please contact the Flight Director, Arlene Davis, 13410 Lake Avenue, Cleveland 7, Ohio. Telephone Boulevard 5433.

ATTENTION EX-WASP

By Jacqueline Cochran

I understand there is some confusion among former WASP concerning applications for appointment as officers in the United States Air Force Reserve. The purpose of this notice is to help you expedite the filing of your application, and assure you that if you were qualified as a WASP in good standing at the time of WASP deactivation, you should be able to qualify for a Reserve officer commission. Several ex-WASP have already received their commissions.

Briefly, in making application you will need: (Obtain from Air Force or Army Base or Recruiting Office, or write me direct at 630 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and I will send you the necessary forms)

WD AGO Form 170-1 in triplicate, supplemented by AF Form 24 (Form 170-1 will be acceptable provided it was previously submitted.)
WD AGO Form 643A in duplicate
Standard Form 88 in duplicate
Standard Form 89 one copy
Documents, or photostat copies thereof, evidencing length of service in the WASP, and honorable release from the WASP, (this certificate was given all WASP upon deactivation and signed by General H. H. Arnold and Jacqueline Cochran). It should be noted training periods are not counted in computing length of service.

Filled out, these papers should be sent to the Commanding General in the area nearest to your place of residence. These numbered Air Forces are:

First Air Force. Slocum Air Force Base, New York:
Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Fourth Air Force. Hamilton Air Force Base, California:
Montana, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

Ninth Air Force. Langley Air Force Base, Virginia:
Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio.

Tenth Air Force. Benjamin Harrison Air Force Base, Ind.:
Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming and Colorado.

Twelfth Air Force. Brooks Air Force Base, Texas:
Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Fourteenth Air Force. Orlando Air Force Base, Florida:
North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida.

The acceptance of the Reserve Commission which you are being offered does not mean that you will be required to serve two weeks active duty per year. Any Reserve Officer is eligible to apply for active duty, but the chances are that your request will not be granted at this time due to limited funds in the Air Force budget.

I know that the Air Force is anxious to have a representative number of ex-WASP in their Reserve Officer ranks and I feel that we will all benefit by establishing this status for former WASP. Therefore, I urge you to send in the necessary forms as soon as possible, so as to assure yourself of fullest participation in any program for WASP that may conceivably be developed through association with the Air Force as a Reserve Officer.

NOTICE

Those desiring 49th cards please write Vera Self, 641¹/₂ S. Ridgewood, Daytona Beach, Florida.

CHAPTER NEWS

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By Alma Gallagher

August meeting of the New England Section was held at the Trade Winds Flying Service, Oak Bluffs airport, Martha's Vineyard, Mass. with Rachael Williams and Carolyn Cullen. Gals who went report a wonderful time.

Ruth Hamilton, Lillian Putnam, Betty Condict and Lillian Silvain flew in to represent the Northern Chapter. Judy Short, Isabel Blodgett and Daisy Kirkpatrick flew down on floats from Marblehead. Kay Farnell came over from Plymouth and Jill McCormick from Boston. Mildred Morey was already there.

Rachael and Carolyn built a huge driftwood fire on the beach Sat. night and cooked clams and lobsters..mighty good eating. The Q.B.'s at Hyannis had nothing on the 99's. There was also a jeep ride over the sand, thrown in.

Business meeting was held at the airport the next morning with Governor Judy Short presiding. Shirley Rideout and Lillian Silvain were guests. Plans for attending the convention were discussed and delegates appointed. Let's do this again next year, Rachael and Carolyn. How about it?

Here is a late note on the July meeting which was held the 13th at the home of Judy Short in Swampscott. Through the courtesy of Isabel Blodgett, members who flew in to Beverly airport were given transportation to Judy's for a refreshing swim and delicious buffet luncheon.

Kay Farnell was in from Plymouth in a Cub, Ruth Hamilton and Lillian Sylvain from Orange in a T-Craft, Ann Crathern from Worcester in a new Cessna 170 and Ora Stevens in a Super Cruiser from Taunton.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By Marjorie Cook

Regardless of the obstacle of pouring down rain and visibility zero we motored to Franklin, Pa. to be the guests of charming Mrs. Elen Miller and daughter. Our efforts proved fruitful, as we were royally entertained at a luscious dinner, preceded, of course, by cocktails at the Franklin Club. And then proceeded up and up and up the winding steeply inclined road which leads to their beautiful Rosedale Farm.

Miss Elen Miller who is on the nursing staff at Duke University in North Carolina was home for the occasion and, as always, we enjoyed seeing and conversing with her once again.

We missed seeing Harriet Mosbacher who is a familiar figure at most of our meetings. She took a flying trip to New York on business again.

Votes were counted for the new officers for the 1949-50 season and the results are as follows: Chairman, Betty DeVore; Vice Chairman, Toby Sells; Secretary, Jean Paden; Treasurer, Marian Freund; Membership Chairman, Betty Johnson; News Reporter, Harriet Mosbacher.

Plans are as yet indefinite for our next conflag, but we're making great plans for the installation of the new officers, to whom we encourage in their endeavors, and wish success in the coming year. To the old officers, congratulations to a job well done, and it's been a pleasure for all working with you.

See Page 8 for Western Pennsylvania Chapter news

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Ruth Wolfe Thomas

The Chairman of the Tennessee Chapter of 99's, Evelyn Bryan, Jefferson City, has made plenty of news this month. She now owns half of the Morristown Flying Service, Inc. and has been performing acrobatics in local air shows. Her airport is located about 4 miles east of Morristown and you are invited to fly in. She is very anxious to have visiting pilots. The October meeting of the Tennessee Chapter of 99's will be on her airport and the East Tennessee Flyers Club is planning a Sunday brunch flight there late in September.

Evelyn took part in the CAP Tour of the state last month along with Mrs. W. H. Cheek of Pulaski, Tenn., a prospective 99'er. Mrs. Cheek is a flying grandmother and a charming person.

We welcome Marjorie Johnson, now living in Nashville, Tenn., who is transferring from the Michigan Chapter. This brings our membership to 9.

Here is more information on Virginia Carey Lumpkin of Etowah, who joined last month. She just graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College, got her private license last October, has 75 solo hours, and is working for a commercial license.

Last week-end the weather turned sour on us and ruined our flight to a private airstrip for a fish fry. An East Tennessee Flyers Club member is plenty mad at Harry's Hurricane. We got the left overs even on this side of the Smokies and they arrived early Sunday morning. That meant that the 150 lbs. of fish which were taken from the frozen foods locker Saturday night had to be thrown away for none of the 35 planes which were to haul the hungry could leave the ground.

The 14th and 15th of August over 40 people - members of the Tennessee 99's and the East Tennessee Flyers Club - flew to Crescent Beach, S. C. for the week-end. It was one of the nicest flights we have made this summer and the weather was ideal.

The East Tenn. members of the 99's and the East Tennessee Flyers Club extends an invitation to all of you to attend the Third Annual Knoxville Air Karnival at the Municipal Airport, Knoxville, Tenn. on Sept. 24th and 25th. The program is: Registration, 8 A.M. to 2 P.M., Sept. 24; Mississippi State-University of Tennessee Football game, 2 P.M., Sept. 24; Hangar Dance, 9 P.M., Sept. 24; Registration 8 A.M. to 2 P.M., Sept. 25; Air Karnival 2 P.M., Sept. 25; Buffet Supper - Deane Hill Country Club 8 P.M., Sept. 25.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Olive Gooch Tuttle

Evelyn Martin has her Water Rating! With George Snyder at Chicago Seaplane Base. (And you ex-GI's, he's approved for GI Flight Instruction.) What an initiation they gave Evelyn. She was eating watermelon and spitting seeds at the edge of the Barge when four hands seized her, instantly stripped her of watch and spectacles, grabbed her wrists and ankles, and Evelyn and watermelon sailed through the air into Lake Michigan. It is well that Evelyn is an expert swimmer. Evelyn is the only official feminine member of the Flying Fish in Chicago. And she puts her new Rating to good use.

To Les Frye at Elmhurst Airport (our superb help at the Air Meet) the Chapter presented a fine Barometer. 'Tis only a tribute, Les, for your excellent guidance.

Dora Dougherty has her Instrument Rating. Took a refresher course with Esther Noffke as Instructor at George Priester's at Elmhurst Airport. She flew a most satisfactory flight test with George in a Stinson SMA.

August 7th a Breakfast Flight to Chicagoland Airport. Mr. Steinhauser, operator of Motorless Flight Instruction, Inc., was kind enough to tell us about gliders and soaring planes. Eleanor Deeming won the raffle on a Glider Ride and was quite thrilled with her ride with Phil Melzer as Instructor. Several other girls took advantage of the opportunity to ride without benefit of engine. A fine breakfast, a perfect day, and a satisfactory meeting.

Esther Noffke is checking out in a AT-6 so that she will be equipped to give Dual in it. Quite a chore riding dual in AT-6, isn't it Esther?

Mary Jane Dwyer and Doris Langher will fly to the Cleveland Air Races in a Stearman. Irene Levertton will fly a GI dual in a Cub to the Races. She groans, "Oh, my aching back!" And Betty Morgan and Regina Devine will be on their way in a matter of hours.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Betty Pettitt

The August meeting of the Indiana Chapter was held on the 21st at the beautiful summer place of a Terre Haute

member, Jessie von Leer. The considerable acreage gave us plenty of room to enjoy ourselves. Jessie and her husband, Hunter, even have their own airstrip, but it is only possible to land and take off in one direction due to the sloping ground and high wires on one end. The wires will soon be underground, however. The weather turned out to be warmer than expected and only one or two people had brought their bathing suits; your reporter being a cold weather fiend from way back, being one of them. I must say that water was something to rave about.

A short meeting was conducted at which the election of 1949-50 officers took place. Officers chosen were: Charlotte Darlington Foland, Chairman; Fern Rinker, Vice-Chairman; and Jane Shope, Secretary-Treasurer. Installation of these officers will be made at the September 18th meeting at Greenwood Airport.

Quite a few of the members found it possible to fly to the Terre Haute meeting; they were met at Hulman Field by Marie Thompson and escorted around the byways that finally led to our destination. Charlotte flew a Cub J3 into Jessie's new airstrip to pickup Dorothy Hendricks and Dorothy flew it back to Anderson. Irmyl Retherford and her husband flew in their Ercoupe, Joan Johnson and Fern Rinker flew in in Joan's Cessna, your reporter flew in her company's AT-6 bringing a WASP friend, Mary Anna Wyall as a possible new member. Virginia Eberhart and her husband came in a Taylorcraft.

We wish success to our new officers, and many thanks for the good job done by those going out of office.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Bernie Eno

Sunday, August 21, we held our regular meeting at the summer cottage of Betty Barton on beautiful Lake Okoboji. Six members--Ruth Shimon, Millie Burt, Fern McKinnon, Elsie Williams, Betty Barton and Bernie Eno were present. We had as our guests, Mrs. Mardella Noble, a prospective member from Olewien, and her sister-in-law, Miss Noble from New York City. These two flew to the meeting in Mardella's Navion, and we were extremely happy to have them join us.

To those girls who were absent, we say you missed a wonderful picnic, consisting of fried chicken, corn-on-the-cob, and all the other trimmings. You also missed a grand opportunity for sunbathing, swimming and watching the activity of the lake, mainly the sail boat races, for which we had grandstand seats.

Our Chairman has been working ever so hard to win the tray this past month, and captured it with a total of 135 points for the month. We have but one month to go on the contest, and the rest of us will have to really get busy to be able to take the tray from Ruth for permanent possession. Ruth again realized the value of air travel when she was called to the bedside of a stricken sister in South Dakota recently, and was able to be present within a matter of minutes.

Much to our disappointment, it appears our chapter may not be represented at the National Convention in New York in October. However, we will be present with our display.

Fern McKinnon and husband are piling up the hours on their Cessna, flying from Drive-In theatre to Drive-In theatre. It is understood they no longer own an automobile--the airplane serves all transportation problems.

Win Eno is still at her summer home at Crane Lake, Minn., but we are anticipating a visit from her in September and hope she will be able to meet with us on our next meeting date.

Next month we meet at Pocahontas, Iowa, with Ruth Shimon acting as hostess. This will be our last business meet-

We did not know that the spiriting of the committee from remaining in Minn. Chapter for Rita, working a group of 99's a time to fly and for the committee Vice-Chairman a splendid job we appreciate Chairman, with Scriber as he boast 18 members fine work; - a time for another Virginia Shaw was as alternate, for is also our new selected Transportation Chairman in charge of

We are proud of our 18 prospective members we are going year ahead of us and and grow and GROW!

ALL-CHIC

By Anne Blair

Plans for the 99's 20th Anniversary Powder Derby in honor of our National President, Blanche, who flew the first powder puff derby some 20 years ago, are really getting under way in definite form. Small and eager pilots will leave Cleveland October 2nd to fly to New York to attend the 20th Anniversary Celebration in New York City.

Latest committees appointed include: Flight Director, Arlene Davis; Derby Director, Marjorie Miller; Publicity, Jeanne Naatz; Official Hostesses, Ann Heisler and Mary Oetzel; Starter, Florence Boswell; Registration, Mary Jane Sasala and Entertainment, Marjorie Newcomer.

Last August 21st our meeting was held at Pepper Ambus' summer home at Cedar Point. Plans for the Powder Puff Derby and our sectional meeting at Cleveland and the Air Races were the main events. Everyone had a grand time with 47 persons present. Pepper provided swimming on her beach of sand and boat rides into Sandusky Bay and Lake Erie. Jeanne Naatz and Lillian Schlobohm, our two new members were present. Lillian and Alice Puller will be glad to discuss their adventures on Sandusky Bay in a boat without power. Like all 99's they were prepared and the cars became appreciated. All in all, a swell day, thanks to Pepper.

after election of officers for the coming year announced as follows: Chairman, Marilyn K. from; Vice-Chairman, Betty Stackhouse; Secretary, d Toogood; Treasurer, Claudia Perry. Thanks to or a very enjoyable evening. Our next meeting September 9, cocktails and dinner at our lush lation Country Club.

ggest flight news of the month was the National tion of the Flying Farmers held August 25-28 at ollins, Colorado, and attended by several of our er members as well as other Ninety-Nines.

he Noyes was guest speaker at the Women's Brunch Friday the 26th. Blanche flew in, in a Cessna 170. e were 339 women at this breakfast, only about 20 whom were pilots. However, after Blanche's talk re were a great many who expressed a desire to learn fly - her speech so thrilled them.

Our Frances Carpenter certainly worked hard to make this convention a success, she served as Chairman of the Women's Committee, helped on the Publicity and drove a courtesy car. She was one busy gal. Donna Myers was a guest of the Flying Farmers as a representative of the Colo. Chapter of Ninety-Nines. She drove to the brunch with Jane Nettleblad. Dorothy Atkinson and Jo Mallon flew over from their ranches at Snowmass and Walden respectively, in Dotie's Stinson Station Wagon. All the Colorado gals, Donna, Jane, Dotie and Jo had lunch with Blanche on Friday. We are sorry more of our members didn't have the pleasure of meeting Blanche while she was here, perhaps next time.

Kati Kelly, Eddie Mehlin, Marion Leemast r and her 49½ er Bill, are flying to Tucumcari, New Mexico to spend the Labor Day holiday at the Kelly's ranch. Pat Urling and her three children are vacationing in California; Donna Myers and 49½er Johnnie are at their cabin in Estes Park for a bit of fishing. This writer just returned from a week in the mountains with 49½er Harold and new son Craig Kyle (born June 17th). We hope to catch up with the rest of our members next meeting.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Eves M. Tune

The Oklahoma Chapter had its August meeting in the lobby of the Catlin-Hutchinson Flying Service, and despite the heat, and generous dishing-out of towering cumulus clouds by the weather man, we had a nice attendance.

Topics relative to the New York Convention, nomination of officers, and the State and Sectional Meeting, Sept. 9-10-11, at Circle R Ranch, Medina, Texas, gave us a very colorful meeting.

The pride and joy of the "Oklahoma 99 Pilots Inc." their Cessna really got the scrubbing and polishing of its entire existence. "These Gals" know their stuff, for when the polishing began I noticed the muscular attributes of one of our good looking 49½'s had been procured. All jokes aside, the ship is a honey and the girls have found so many uses for it.

We have two brand new members in our chapter. Velma M. Dunlap, runs a Model Farm near Elgin, Kansas, flies a Swift and works for Phillips Petroleum Company at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Our other, is such a new private pilot that her certificate doesn't even have ink on it yet, and she is flying under a temporary permit until her number arrives. It is Anna J. Martin of Oklahoma City. She was formerly with CAA but is now affiliated with the same office at Will Rogers Field, as our Chairman, Elizabeth Sewell.

The rest of our members have been gadding around the country. Broneta Davis and her 49½er are in Colorado now attending the National Flying Farmers Convention.

UTH CENTRAL SECTION

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Marilyn K. Nordstrom

om Colorado. The August meeting of the Colo- chapter was held at Kati Kelly's new apartment rated by Kati in a western motive, Navajo rugs, very clever). Our attendance was small, too many in the mountains or off vacationing. Results of

Elizabeth Sewell has just returned from a two weeks trip to Grand Canyon and a visit with Gail East, another one of our members in Albuquerque. Beth Smith has recently returned from Texas; Dorothy K. Morgan made a flight to Colorado and Ruth Jones, after returning from a camping trip in New Mexico, left for Colorado for some more glorious out-door life as Colorado can provide. Helen Furrow is expected back shortly from the family ranch in Missouri. Irby Keen, of Weatherford, Oklahoma, and Miami, Florida, was married on August 27, to Clifford B. Smartt of Washington, D. C. They are now honeymooning in Caracas, Venezuela, and expect to be out of the States for some time.

Ida Carter left recently for Jackson Hole, Wyoming; called there by the sudden death of her father, Charles Carter. Mr. Carter was on a bear and elk hunting trip when his death occurred. Our sympathy to Ida. These sudden tragedies are so grieving.

Delrose Sieber and Hazel Raines have just returned from Rochester, Minn., where Mayo's recommended an operation for Hazel to correct a back injury received while she was ferrying aircraft in England during the war. Hazel is planning on returning to her home in Macon, Georgia, for the operation. Best wishes, Hazel and keep your chin up.

By the grapevine we understand that Dolly Sauter, of Clinton, has recently been married and is moving to Indiana, but she is keeping all of us in the dark as to the new 49er's name.

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Martha Ann Reading

El Paso Unit:

On July 16th the El Paso Unit members flew the Boy Scout Air Patrol to Van Horn for breakfast. The boys had a wonderful time and so did the girls.

July 28th the girls gathered at the field for a sad flight. Herb Haas, one of our S.P.s had died suddenly. Herb was our friend and advisor, a great pilot that hated careless flying and didn't mince words when he caught you at it. As the funeral procession reached the cemetery we flew over the grave, two abreast and dipped our wings. We felt he would like that.

Neva Peters and her husband have just returned from a trip in their Ercoupe to Alaska. They reported a wonderful time and beautiful scenery but rugged country.

August 3rd Esther Naylor had a group at her home for the monthly meeting and luncheon. Labor Day week-end trip to Sante Fe, N. M. with the 49ers as guests was planned. Games were played after the meeting and the girls had fun getting together again. Esther is a lovely hostess.

Dallas Unit:

True to promise the Swimming Party and Buffet Supper at Marie Rushings home was a great success. Marie is a gracious and charming hostess and her husband a genial host. In spite of all the pleasant diversion we managed to squeeze in a business meeting and plan the trip to the Circle "R" Ranch for the Fall Chapter meeting.

Olean Sellers has been ill with pneumonia. We hope she has fully recovered by now. Al Rose Le Sage has been stricken with Polio. At last reports she was "holding her own". Our sincerest wishes are for her early and complete recovery.

NORTHWESTERN SECTION

OREGON CHAPTER

By Joyce Hoberg Martin

Picture this setting; salt water, ocean's roar, huge

ex-navy base, crabs, salmon, dancing, bar, fishing, air show, and hospitality. Such was the scene of our August 20-21st meeting which was held at the coast town of Tillamook. The weather was good to us, and we had quite a turn out. The girls were invited to hold their meeting in conjunction with the two day celebration staged there. We had a delicious seafoods dinner Saturday nite, which was attended by between 250 and 300 people, most of which flew in for the week-end events. The meeting was sandwiched in between dinner, and the dance. We had election of officers for the coming two year period, and they are as follows: Chairman, Joyce Hoberg Martin, Vice Chairman, Velma Richards, Secretary Treasurer, Kay Hoffmiller, Membership Chairman, Evelyn Whitmaker, and Reporter, Mary Brown. Our next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Washington Chapter. We are making plans for our all Girl's Air Tour next year.

At the CAP Air Show held in Portland August 7th, the 99's were well represented. Bettie Bray flew her Ryan thru a good acrobatic show, and was the only girl so featured. Nice going gal. Betty Kassner made the only parachute jump. The girl's air race was the start of the show. First place was coped by Cookie Lyons, in a Cessna, who with her husband operates a flight operation in eastern Oregon. Second place went to Arlene Baker, in a Mooney, and third place to Evelyn Whitmaker, chairman of Oregon chapter.

New members welcomed in this month include, Kathleen Hitchcock, Sisters Peggy Potter, Lebanon, and Cookie Lyons, John Day, Oregon. Our membership has started growing!

Our chairman, Evelyn Whitmaker, has been placed on the ballot for the nominating committee, for which we are justly proud. We say thank you, Evelyn, for your untiring work these past two years, for thru you, and because of you, our chapter has gained national recognition, and you are at the top of our "Girl of Our Dreams".

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Mildred Mandeville

Due to vacations, our August meeting at the Aero Marine Club was sparsely attended. A sectional meeting was discussed and the date of September 24th decided upon. We will meet at Chehalis and are looking forward to seeing the Oregon Members again. The possibility of four of our members flying to the New York convention in a Cessna 170 was considered by Lyn Grover, Clayton Patterson and yours truly.

Gini Lindgren, still very busy flying C-47s, was in Chicago the day of our meeting and is now in L.A. These transport pilots get around the country.

Jean Romerein is vacationing in Mexico.

Our newest member is Marjorie Kimbrough, with 140 hours to her credit. She owns a Cessna.

Your reporter, competing with 21 men in the Second Annual Northwest Air Regatta race, won first place for seaplanes and is now the dazed owner of a beautiful 14 inch trophy. 13 land planes and 9 seaplanes finished the race.

Clayton Patterson has offered the use of her home for our September chapter meeting when we will have elections and show some movies. It is good to see Clayton looking so well again.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Wanda Branstetter

The August meeting of the Sacramento Valley Chapter

was held at the home of Zona King in Quincy, Saturday, Aug. 27, 1949, and was started off with refreshments (MMMM-good) served in the patio.

Since all of the business had been taken care of in the special meeting called August 9th, all business was suspended and this was just a social meeting.

Ethel Sheehy announced that she had transferred her membership from Bay Cities Chapter to Sacramento Chapter. Since Ethel has had many years of leadership experience in the 99's (including being a Past National President) this new chapter is extremely glad to welcome her because of the help she can give concerning the organization as well as because she is such a charming person.

We have proof positive that our organization is a growing one: three new members: Rosamond Thompson, Fort Bragg; Irene Baldwin, Quincy; Barbara Miller, Quincy.

After the wonderful lunch most of the guests were forced to leave because of threatening weather. Doris and Dr. Henry stayed with their guest Helen Gatewood to see the moving pictures taken on the Miami Race (in which Zona and Doris ALMOST won our chapter everlasting fame). Charles and Wanda Branstetter enjoyed the hospitality of the King's over night, returning home via Lake Tahoe.

Next meeting is a Brunch followed by a swimming party in Marysville. Hostess will be our out-going Chairman, Gerry Mickelsen.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Elisabeth Watson

Supposedly August is a month of inactivity for the L.A. Chapter, but you'd never know it. Our Chairman, Mardo Crane, really keeps us stepping.

On August 8th, about twenty members attended a business meeting at Glendale Aviation Center. All the necessary odds and ends of business were tended to - and then we settled back to be educated and entertained by Dr. Fritz Feldman, eminent Swiss scientist, now a supersonics expert with North American. With a delightful accent and a disarming sense of humor, he covered everything from sea gulls to jets, and topped it off by showing some excellent sound films. 'Twas an evening well spent.

The following week-end, August 13-14, found a group going to Palmdale, California, for the Southern California Soaring Association's Annual meet and air show. The desert was hot and windy, but a good time was had by all, and Saturday night found the group enjoying dinner at Poncho Barnes desert retreat for flyers, and later, a barn dance and watermelon feed in Palmdale. The week-end air show was preceded by a full week of competition amongst the glider pilots. Of the 39 pilots entered, two were women, both 99's - one our own Betty Loufek, and the other, Betsy Woodward from San Diego. Betty Loufek won the women's championship and trophy and came out a good 13th place in final standings. Betsy Woodward was presented with the Northrop Youth Award which she won a few months ago. This is an annual award to soaring pilots under 21. We're darn proud of both you gals!

I asked Betty Loufek to tell me about the contest week and I wish I could quote her letter in full. It's fascinating reading and sounds as though she really had a rugged week - working like mad to make the most of the tricky thermals, and when she wasn't flying - driving across the desert to bring back the glider and her husband from wherever he might land. The pilots kept trying for distance and time aloft for points, and all depended on the tricky thermals and pilot's know-how. Betty even used a thermal off a railroad round house -

mentioned that sometimes during contests, when thermals are few and far between, as many as 10 or 12 pilots may use the same thermal at the same time. Makes me dizzy thinking about it.

The last day of the contest, Betty's twin sister, Claire McMillen, arrived and went along for her first glider ride. And what a ride it was. Before starting, they announced to the officials that they were going to try to establish some feminine two place national records and so they did with a very nice flight. Modestly, Betty says the figures are low for records, but how many of us could do it? Sounds good to me - altitude gained - 5800 feet above lowest point after release (attained at 9600 msl); distance - 53 miles airline (about 300 if you could count the circles); and time - 3 hours 20 minutes. Betty says the records are unofficial pending homologation, and with that I leave you - it stops me.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION (continued)

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Juanita Pritchard

At last, we finally made it - our first meeting in two years, and I think a good beginning again. Looks like every one is so-o busy these days, but not too busy for another meeting September 18th, 8 P.M., Allegheny Airport, C.A.P. Headquarters - so we can make arrangements for our future meetings.

Good to see the girls again.

Those attending the meeting were Leona O'Shea, Ruth Kunkle, Nellie Ashbaugh, Phyllis Hutcheson, Kathryn Moore, and Juanita Pritchard. One prospective member, Eugene Fekula, with a brand new Private License sat in on our meeting. Hope she decides to join us.

I promised to show some of my slides and movies of some of my Alaskan and Central American trips, that is, if I'm not on another delivery job. I'm due to leave for San Jose, Costa Rica, C. A., any day now with a new Piper Clipper.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN (continued)

the show. Florence Boswell was hostess at an Amelia Earhart memorial luncheon, attended by the F. A. I. delegates from 47 countries, as well as 99 Club members and various people who were attending the National Air Races. I think that this luncheon will go down in the history of F. A. I. as being great. Florence had the two tiers of speakers' tables filled with female "Who's Who" and I believe that I would exaggerate if I said that the speeches all told lasted over five minutes. Mrs. Naatz introduced Mrs. Boswell. Mrs. Boswell in turn introduced the wives of the foreign delegates and the women pilots, then introduced Jacqueline Cochran, who in turn introduced me. My subject was, "WOMEN IN AVIATION." But, I was brief and to the point. The luncheon adjourned with Boswell asking the men pilots to rise and over half the guests in the room were men pilots.

It was with the deepest regret that I did not attend the sectional meeting or banquet in Cleveland, but I assure you that it was through no fault of my own.

See you all at the Waldorf-Astoria the first of the month, and again thanking you all for the privilege of being your President the past year, I am

Blanche Noyes
Your President