

NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members:

Knowing that all of you are interested in the outcome of the election, we have held this News Letter for the final results. We are also devoting most of the News Letter to the 20th Anniversary Celebration, feeling that it will be of great interest to those who could not attend.

The Twentieth Anniversary Celebration exceeded my wildest dreams; I had promised you so much, but I don't believe that one girl who attended the Celebration was disappointed. I am only going to hit the high spots, and I sincerely hope that someone else will fill in.

My week started by flying a Navion to Cleveland, then the banquet and the starting of the Powder Puff Derby. I am going to let Arlene Davis tell you about that herself. But in all my years in aviation I have never seen the spirit of friendly competition such as was exhibited by those 35 girls. "All for one and one for all," seemed to be the motto. Even before the race started one of our new members, Mrs. Anita Branger from Venezuela, who is cultural attache at the Embassy in Washington, and who planned on going in the Derby was called to Venezuela just before take off time. But, wanting to be a part of the Powder Puff Derby, she sponsored the ship and sent two ambassadors in the form of Rosemary Lane and Jean Howard, both of Washington. Need I say more! Thank you Anita. Private aviation owes a great debt to Arlene Davis, and her committee. But here again I am going to let the winner, Deedo Heise, express the thought of the Derby girls by a piece of poetry which will follow my News Letter.

So I will start with Tuesday-- Registration day, the greeting of friends, the radio and television programs, and the "get together" at the Belmont Plaza Hotel, where our members entertained us with songs and dances. It is a shame that no talent scouts were present.

On Wednesday, October the 5th, we started the day with the annual business meeting. Then came the exciting ride to the City Hall. And here I will have to let you in on a little secret. Five of us including Jackie Cochran were in a bus without police escort. So while everyone else was dashing to the City Hall we were making three stops for each light, with my blood pressure rising by the second. And Jackie was no help, for every few minutes she would say, "It will all be over by the time we get there." After 45 minutes of agony we alighted from the bus, to be practically picked up bodily and dashed to the Mayor's reception. Mayor O'Dwyer is a very handsome man, as well as a charming one. And of course you have all heard of the chairman of the Mayor's reception committee, Grover Whalen, who always handles major activities for His Honor the Mayor. Time was limited and I could not introduce every girl present, and my entire part of the reception was extemporaneous, so as I looked out over the audience, I tried to introduce people by geographical location, for to me every girl present was important. After the newsreels and photographs were taken--back to our buses. And this time Jackie and I had the thrill

of a police escort, and watching the bus squeeze through jams of traffic where it seemed only an Austin could have made it.

Then came the luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria, with the metal place cards which will make wonderful mementoes for the Celebration. Jennings Randolph, Assistant to the President of Capital Airlines, made a most interesting address. Then back to the business meeting, which lasted until 6:30. The Women's International Association of Aeronautics gave a wonderful tea and while I am on the subject of WIAA, I would like to openly thank Mrs. Jessie Chamberlain and other members of the WIAA, who worked shoulder to shoulder with our 99 Club hostesses. After the tea we all went to Chinatown, and I have never tasted such food.

Thursday noon was the fashion show at the Hotel Plaza--fashions by Gunther-Jacobel. Mary Alice Rice, the director and commentator, did herself proud and where she found the outfits depicting women fliers "way back when," I don't know. But they were perfect. The clothes displayed by the beautiful models were striking, and many of them were within the reach of everyone's pocketbook. There were many notables at the luncheon, including Mary Garden the diva of yesteryear. This glittering affair was tele-newscast, so watch for it girls, for it may come over the television any time or be shown in your favorite theatre.

Jacqueline Cochran's cocktail party at the Metropolitan Club was a brilliant affair and ladies--it was the first time the Metropolitan Club had ever broken down its bars for feminine parties. The cocktail party was for 99's and 49's, and was sprinkled with movie and radio celebrities such as Jinx Falkenburg, and Wall Street tycoons such as Floyd Odlum.

Nell Borden, the famous artist, had us for tea at her charming Greenwich Village home on Friday. Beloved Frank Tichenor, owner-editor of that well known "Aero Digest" magazine, gave a cocktail party at the Waldorf for our guests.

The night of October 7 was one that no one who was present will ever forget--the dinner dance on the starlit roof of the Waldorf-Astoria. As I sat at the speaker's table looking around the room, I felt like I was in fairyland, with the stars twinkling, soft music playing, and the 99 members looking for all the world like beautiful little princesses. The husbands in white tie and black complemented the setting. Casey Jones acted as toastmaster, and a very splendid one I must say. At the long table sat Betty Gillies, Teddy Kenyon, Melba Gorbey Beard, yours truly, Sylvia Nelson, Margaret Manser, and Fay Gillis Wells, all charter members of the 99's. Also, at this table were seated Secretary, Kay Brick, and Treasurer, Marjorie Fauth. Trophies were presented to Eugenia Heise, winner of the Powder Puff Derby, to Mrs. Mildred Zimmerman who on September 26 set a new official international altitude record for light planes--26,138 feet--in the category for aircraft weighing less than 1102.5 pounds, and breaking the national record of 24,311 feet, set by Grace Huntington in September 1940. Virginia Sweet was presented the Amelia Earhart award. Mardo Crane received an award for her hard work in blazing the trail for the Friendship tour in that slick little Trojan; it was sponsored by the City of Douglas, Arizona. Pat Gladney, who flew through some very tough weather, was the first plane to land in the Friendship tour, was the recipient of a trophy. A number of other awards were made. After these presentations, lovely Marjorie Gray was crowned 99's beauty queen; she is a fixed base operator at Peterboro airport. Then we danced to the rhythm of Lester Lanin's orchestra. It was indeed an enchanted night.

Between all these things, our members made tours of the Queen Elizabeth--the boat I mean--television and radio broadcasts, theaters, night clubs, Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, Circle tour by boat around Manhattan Island, United Nations, John Robert Powers School, Greenwich Village, uptown and downtown New York, antique shops, Hayden Planetarium, Statue of Liberty, Aeronautical In-

stitute Museum, visit to LaGuardia Airport to inspect Stratocruiser and many other places. The occasion was climaxed by a party for the charter members at the home of Fay and Linton Wells at Mt. Kisco, a beautiful setting overlooking the lake and mountains. I am afraid I was not too nice a guest, as I had a Board meeting, and there were many details to be drawn together.

Blasé New York was taken back by the beauty and smartness of dress of the charming ladies who are members of the 99 Club, and each and everyone of you played a great part in making the 20th Anniversary Celebration a success. This celebration can be pointed to with pride as being one of the major events which will encourage and foster private and non-scheduled flying. There is neither time nor space for me to thank each one of you individually, but please know that I am most grateful for all that you have done and are doing.

But a week such as that was is hard for a mere person like me to describe, for I am neither a poet nor a writer. But, to Marjorie Davis, Chairman of the celebration, and all of her committees go my eternal thanks. And I know that I express the sentiment of every person present when I say, "You gave us all the things we dreamed of but never hoped to have. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you."

Blanche Noyes
Your President

P.S. Among our hosts were Lois Fairbank, Governor; Jeanne Spielberg, Vice-Governor; Bella Heineman, Secretary; Sue Sivade, Treasurer; Selma Cronan and Alma Harwood, program; Amy Andrews, finance; and last but not least Novetah Holms, who did such a wonderful job as publicity chairman.

NINETY-NINE OFFICERS FOR 1949-1950

President	Blanche Noyes
Vice President.....	Mary Ann Greer
Secretary.....	Kay A. Brick
Treasurer.....	Marjorie E. Fauth
Amelia Earhart Committee.....	Marian Bertram
Nominating Committee.....	Chairman..Eloise Smith
	Frances Nolde
	Caroline Cullen
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	Bella Heineman
Trans-continental Air Race	
Committee.....	Chairman..Mardo Crane
(Elected by delegates)	
Appointed to read minutes..	Chairman..Thelma Lindzay
	Kaddy Landry
	Betty Gillies
Fact Finding Committee.....	Chairman..Jimmie Kolp
	Betty Gillies
	Mary Francis
Executive Committee.....	Helen Anderson
(Elected by delegates)	
	Arlene Davis
	Judy Short

551 Votes were cast, the highest in the past five years. Vote was for continued affiliation with NAA for 1950.

FASHION SCENE AT THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Airport: Thirty-six Powder Puffs, all in suits, not a pair of slacks to be seen! Ann Heisler stepping out of an open cockpit plane, looking like a fashion plate in a grey suit. Jean Howard with a cocky little peaked hat. Mardo Crane in a western outfit with a bright green hat, Mary Von Mach in a dark suit and large tan, Marjorie Fauth and three California girls stepped out of Marj's

ship as fresh as daisies. Chinatown: Jean M. Bonar, looking as if she had just stepped out of a bandbox from Paris, with a large frothy black hat perched on her head at a gay ninety angle. Cocktail party: Jacqueline Cochran with a slick hair-do and a black cocktail gown, greeting her guests at the Metropolitan Club. Jimmie Kolp's sparkling black eyes were made even blacker by a black velvet hat and black cocktail dress. Barbara Jermison wearing a helmet hat which seemed to bring an extra glow to her sweet face. Martha Ann Reading in a beige dress, trimmed with a touch of Texas, calfskin belt and buttons. Dorothy Grieve with a black crepe frock and hat, trimmed with pink satin and lace. Frances Nolde a striking picture in grey. Zona King looking much like a madonna in soft blue. Starlight Roof: Betty Gillies in a soft white evening gown, displaying a beautiful coat of tan. Mildred Zimmerman stepping up to the microphone at the banquet to receive a trophy with a strapless mid-night blue gown with bouffant skirt--sweet and charming, says I. Mary Jane Livingston looking much like a doll from the colonial days with her strapless black gown and bouffant skirt. Margaret Manser in a watermelon grecian gown topped by an ermine capelet. Marjorie Davis in a striking black creation, Arlene Davis in a white whistle gown, with a bustle tucked up and held in place by large pale pink cabbage roses. Pat Gladney with a blue high-necked gown that accentuated her stately beauty. Helen Greinke in a slick black gown trimmed with a spray of crystal beads down one side, which showed off one of the trimmest figures we have seen in many a day. Marjorie Gray, the beauty winner, we don't know what she had on; for one could only see that beautiful face and smile. Alma Harwood in a tan lace import and a spray of orchids such as the writer had never seen before. Fay Wells in a black gown trimmed with lace and a long monkey fur cape. Mary Oetzel, that strikingly beautiful lady showing off her height in a tri-colored gown. Noveta Davenport a picture in a gold gown. The charming Dorothy Faulkner of Wilmington, Delaware, with her beautiful white hair in the newest of short cuts. Amy Andrews in a blue dress that made her look like a Dresden statuette with her white hair.

Editor's Note: The President, stepped out of her green airplane with green suit, green hat, green shoes, green pocketbook, green earrings, and believe it or not---green nylon luggage. For the Mayor's reception she wore a black suit, a small white feather hat and baum martin scarf. At the cocktail party she wore an ankle length turquoise blue, covered with black lace; and for the banquet a purple velvet with portrait neckline of Russian ermine.

QUOTES REGARDING IMPRESSION OF 99's MADE ON NEW YORKERS

Florence Wessels, feature writer of Journal American
"Such a sparkling group..vivacity"
Mr. O'Riley, Asst. to Philippe of the Waldorf
"want you back next year..kind of organization good for the hotel. So many stuffy, dead conventions glad to see someone alive..attractive group of girls".
Mrs. Barbara Scott Fisher, Christian Science Monitor
"simply fell in love with everyone of the girls"
Photographer Erickson at Nell Bordman's Studio in the Village
"struck by the outstanding appearance"
The MODELS at the Gunther-Jaeckel fashion show
"never showed for such a responsive group. It was delightful. Couldn't you filter into our 4:30 show and give us a lift?"

Selma Cronan certainly did herself proud with the program for the 20th Anniversary Celebration. It carries pictures of the officers, a very large picture

of Amelia Earhart and several interesting articles. These books can be secured by writing Amy Andrews, 47 East 64th Street, New York City, N. Y., and sending a check or money order for \$1.00 to cover costs and mailing. It is well worth the money.

The Powder Puff Derby will long be remembered among all the nice people of the United States. We wish to thank all the lovely participants and the generous sponsors for making this one of the outstanding events of women's flying career.

Mary Margaret McBride of radio fame, announced over the radio "We look more like fashion models going to a tea than just ordinary pilots flying in a Derby". Not only were they beautiful and lovely ladies but so gracious.

The winner of the Powder Puff Derby who was only fifty five seconds off her ETA (Estimated Time of Arrival) for the entire two days from Cleveland to New York was EUGENIA HEISE (wife of Dr. Herman Heise of Milwaukee, Wis.). Eugenia was presented the coveted ARLENE DAVIS TROPHY at the gala affair at the dinner dance, Waldorf Astoria. (Eugenia flew a new Cessna 170)

Jeanne Naatz from Cleveland, Ohio a new 99er and, my gal Friday, was presented the Good Scout Trophy and if there was ever any one in the world who deserved it, Jeanne, sure did.

We all know that the Powder Puff Derby was flown in honor of our most distinguished National President, Blanche Noyes who came to Cleveland to start us off.

Our Official Hostesses were Mary Oetzel and Ann Heisler who added not only their beauty to the occasion but also their wonderful personalities.

Sixteen airplanes arrived at Sundorph Hangar, Cleveland Municipal Airport Saturday, Oct. 1st. Cleveland JC's transported 35 pilots to Cleveland Hotel. The girls were entertained by Mr. Harold Schott, Pres. Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Co. at a cocktail party and buffet supper in the Bronze Room of the Cleveland Hotel. Our lovely National President, Blanche Noyes, was guest of honor. One felt they were walking into Fairyland as they entered the Bronze Room where Joe, the Captain created illusions of dreams out of the blue.

Next morning breakfast at 7 o'clock in the Cleveland Room and not a gripe. Take off at 8:30 a.m. for Jamestown, N. Y. where Brunch was served. Our lovely hostess, Lucille Wright, founder of the 99 Jamestown Chapter presented the Lucille Wright Trophy to Mary Jane Sasala of Cleveland, first lap winner, who was only thirty seconds off her ETA.

Our next stop Rochester, N. Y. Orchids, free gas and oil, box lunches and thousands of people to greet us. Russell Holderman, Chief Pilot of Gannett Newspapers presented the Frank Gannett Trophy to the winners who tied, Evelyn Martin, Chicago, Ill. and Martha Walters, Dayton, Ohio who were only off their ETA one minute twenty five seconds. We later presented Martha Walters the Thompson Products Trophy and Evelyn Martin kept the Frank Gannett Trophy.

Off to Albany where Russell Holderman, Chief Pilot for Gannett Newspapers, Rochester, N. Y. was responsible for the Knickerbocker News treating us like Queens in a Fairy Book. All participants being very tired after flying almost 500 miles, forgot about their tiredness when we were informally entertained by Mr. A. J. McDonald, Mr. Frank McCue and Mr. Jerry Salisbury, all of the Knickerbocker News, Albany.

Marjorie Harris, Washington, D. C. was presented the Continental Flying being off her ETA only five seconds. The next morning at 9:30 the Albany JC's transported the girls to the Albany Airport in grand style. Chuck

O'Connor not only gave us free tie down but took special care of us. Off to Westchester County Airport where we were greeted and dined, pictures and what have you by Marjorie Davis and her wonderful, wonderful committee. Our National President Blanche Noyes was ever ready with her winning smile for every ship that landed. The winner of this lap, Jean Peden of Meadville, Pa. winning the Don Patrick Trophy right on the button with her ETA. Mr. John J. Raskob entertained us in New York City with a cocktail party with his daughters as hostesses.

The following trophies were presented for outstanding achievements:

- Cessna 170 Trophy - Closest ETA for entire trip -
Eugenia Heise, Milwaukee, Wisc.
- Cessna 140 Trophy - Closest ETA for entire 2 days -
Helen Greinke, Bloomington, Ill.
- Cessna Playing Cards - She knows what for -
Rosemary Lane, Washington, D. C.
- Second Continental Trophy - Best in her class -
Marjorie Miller, Columbus, Ohio
- Raymond Barnett Trophy - Youngest Participant
Jean Oetzel, Norwalk, Ohio
- Elizabeth Arden's Glamour Trophy - Second coming into
Westchester - Green Cocanougher,
Lexington, Ky.
- Don Patrick's One Hour Link Training - Good sport
sharing her plane with lap winner
Mary Jane Sasala - Lillian Knight,
Columbus, Ohio.
- Pepper Ambus Trophy - Second for entire two days;
three minutes, twenty-five seconds
off her ETA - Evelyn Martin,
Chicago, Ill.
- Don Patrick's One Hour Blind Flying Cessna 170 - To
help her find Rochester instead
of Pittsburgh - Mary Louise Oetzel,
Norwalk, Ohio
- Don Patrick's One Hour Flying Cessna 195 - After
flying her "Bucket of Bolts"-BT13
she would know luxurious flying
in the 195 - Ann Heisler, Mans-
field, Ohio
- Elizabeth Arden's Bath Kit - We sent her to the showers,
She knows what for - Vera Prevette,
Washington, D. C.
- Glamour Trophy for Pilots and Ship - Two lovely queens
in a "Bucket of Bolts" - Ann Heisler
Jean Bonar, Mansfield, Ohio
- Good Scout Trophy - Mathematician for the Timers -
Adelaide O'Brien, Springfield, Ill.

Marjorie Davis and her committee surely rolled out the red carpet for us all. No one in the world thought it could ever happen to a mere lady pilot but it did. Talk about flying----the trip down Fifth Avenue in the busses with the sirens and whistles screaming and handsome police motor cycle men escorting us to the City Hall to be presented to the Mayor of New York. Blanche Noyes called on outstanding pilots and was I thrilled when she called on little me. I couldn't get my glove off fast enough to shake hands with the Mayor. I asked him to wait until I could do this thing right and he said that he would, which proves that I am just a small town girl at heart. Mayor O'Dwyer shook hands with me on behalf of all the Powder Puff Derby participants.

There were thousands of other things to entertain us but I felt all my work in the Powder Puff Derby was well rewarded with this trip to City Hall. I know that it will never happen again to me. Thanks Marjorie Davis for everything.

Arlene Davis
Flight Director

To Arlene Davis

The Sweetest little girl we know
Had worked for days and days,
Her brain was frazzled quite to bits,
But she kept her pleasant ways.

She Cajoled, threatened, bribed and wept
And pulled on every string,
So every P. Puff Derby Queen
Was treated like a King.

Fresh orchids she, at every stop,
Provided with a flourish,
With cocktails to keep up morale,
And food to tummies nourish.

And trophies - What Aladdin's lamp
She found, we'll never know,
But rub she did, the trophies came,
For all the queens to show.

But ne'er a prize did she retain,
this queen of every Queen-
So please accept this gift from us-
Orchids to our Arlene.

Deedo Heise - Chief Pilot
Dora Fritzke - Co-Pilot
Jeannette C. Kapus - Navigator
Mary Lee Thompson - Stewardess

THE WINNER OF THE 1949 AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

During the 20th Anniversary Celebration in New York the fifth winner of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship was announced by the Trustees. Virginia L. Sweet of Schenectady, N. Y. was chosen by the judges to receive the award of \$200 for 1949.

The men who selected Virginia from among the various applicants were:

Gen. Carl Spaatz, who succeeded Gen. H. H. Arnold as Commanding General of the United States Air Force, and served in that capacity until his retirement last year. Gen. Spaatz is now Chairman of the Board of the Civil Air Patrol.

Col. Lester J. Maitland, who, accompanied by Lt. Albert F. Hegenberger, made the first non-stop flight from the mainland to the Hawaiian Islands on June 28, 1927. Amelia Earhart made the first solo non-stop flight from Oakland to Honolulu on Jan. 11, 1935. Col. Maitland flew in both World Wars, and is now Director of the Department of Aeronautics for the State of Michigan.

William B. Stout, noted aviation engineer and inventor, who designed the world's first all metal aircraft, a torpedo bomber for the Navy during the first World War. He designed and built the Ford Tri-Motor, fore-runner of many of our present transport planes. Mr. Stout was one of the judges in the awarding of the Boeing Scholarships in Aeronautics for many years.

Virginia, who holds a first lieutenant's commission in the Air Force Reserve, was a ferry pilot in the WASP for eighteen months. She is currently instructing on multi and single engine sea programs at Port Henry, N. Y. and will be assigned to the instrument program as soon as she completes the requirements for her civilian instrument rating.

Alice H. Hammond, Chairman
Amelia Earhart Memorial
Scholarship Trustees

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

New York 17, N. Y.

September 23, 1949

Miss Blanche Noyes, Chief
Air Marking Section
Airways Engineering Division
Federal Airways
Department of Commerce
Civil Aeronautics Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Blanche:

Members of the Girl Scouts join me in expressing appreciation and thanks to the National 99's for the splendid assistance rendered toward the promotion and furtherance of our objectives in Wing Scouting.

We are deeply grateful for all you have done and we want you to know that your encouragement, interest, and help have provided the incentive for the determination to always go forward and to accomplish successfully the purposes for which we were organized.

Nothing is being left undone to enable Wing Scouts to grow with the years and always with the goal in mind that some day they will be able to make you happy in the realization that you have contributed in no small measure to their success.

With the wish that you may enjoy prosperity and success in all the years to come, I am,

Cordially yours,
/s/ Arlene
Miss Arlene Davis, Chairman
Wing Scout Advisory Committee

CHAPTER NEWS

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Leona A. McElroy

Phew! How does one begin one of these here epistles? Shall I go back to the last Chapter meeting which Helen Myers hostessed at her sister's home near Philadelphia late in August? Or has Junior Jones Eckhart already told you that everybody had a perfectly delicious time consuming lobsters until it appeared doubtful whether the Cessnas and such would be able to stagger off the ground under their added burdens?

Somehow or other while stuffing themselves, the members found breath to vote for chapter officers. They teamed up Ruth Shafer as Chairman and Marge Kodrich as Secretary. It should be handy for the chairman to have her secretary in the same apartment. A chairman never had it so easy! But to keep the money out of their hands, the members voted to have Nell Richards, over in Lancaster, handle the checkbook. Now, let me think, who in our chapter was elected the forgotten officer - I mean, the Vice Chairman? Who is it? Oh, sure - Ethel Evans of Dover, Delaware. Sorry, Mrs. Evans, I'll honestly try to remember for the rest of this year.

I also apologize to any 99 who dropped in at the colossal Air Show held at the Reading Municipal Airport on September 25th. Really, amongst the thousands and thousands of spectators and hundreds of private planes, I just didn't see yqu. And I'm sure that apology will go for Fran Nolde, who was general chairman of the whole works, and several chapter members who were making themselves useful. Hazel Heist kept the concessionaires under con-

trol. Ruth Shafer and Marge Kodrich used their eagle eyes as pylon judges in the Rebat midget plane race - incidentally, the first one in the East. Vi Delp ran around bearing an "Official" badge, but I never did find out just what official she was. I'd never have seen Marie and Dick Miller if they hadn't come up and tapped me on the shoulder - I was so busy watching Betty Skelton and Sophie Peters and wishing I could handle a plane and glider as well as those two do. And to top it all, Millie Zimmerman took a Cub up to 26,200 feet. Much to everybody's chagrin, when Millie landed it was discovered the official barograph had not been turned on. So poor, long-suffering Millie - just to prove she could do it - took the Cub up to 26,138 feet the next day. This time the barograph was turned on!

I guess we should address Ruth Shafer as Lieutenant since she qualified as a 2nd Lt. in the Air Force Reserve. Should be interesting to see what would happen if she tried to pull her rank on our newest member, Jeanne D'Ambly. Jeanne was commissioned a 1st Lt. They tell me she sat in the pilot's seat in B-26's during the last fracas.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By Harriette Mosbacher

I have just inherited the job of reporter from Marjorie Cook, our able little reporter for the Meadville Chapter. Here's hoping I can keep you as well informed as Marjorie has in the past.

We had a dinner meeting Sept. 22nd at the Irquois Club, Dottie Miller was hostess and we certainly enjoyed a very yummiie dinner. Then in stratospheric spirits we all gathered around the fire place and had our business meeting. We installed our new chapter officers, who are as follows: Betty DeVore, Chairman; Toby (Florence) Lord, Vice Chairman; Jean Peden, Secretary; Marian Freund, Treasurer; Harriette Mosbacher, Reporter; Betty Johnson, Membership Chairman.

We are all feeling a little self satisfied at this point. We have finally accomplished what we consider a good job of Air Marking our city. We used standard CAA layout with 20 foot letters, so come visit us girls, we are on the map now. This is off the record--but you should have seen some of our girls after they finished wielding the paint spray (it was a windy day) yellow hair, yellow shoes, just plain yellow from head to toes.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Cocile Maurer

Saturday, September 17, members of the Florida Chapter 99's began drifting into Orlando, greeted very graciously by Ann Ross, Chairman, at the Hoequist Airport.

A marvelous dinner was served at the Duck Inn, after which, movies of the All Woman Air Show and the 1948 National Air Races were shown to members and guests in the Hoequist Airport Ready Room.

The business meeting began Sunday morning at 11:00 A.M. with about fifteen members from throughout the state present. Discussion centered around the adoption of By Laws for the chapter.

After the meeting was adjourned, members began making preparations to participate in the Beverly Whitfield Memorial Contest, sponsored by Beverly's mother. Beverly was lost last February on a cross country flight from St. Petersburg to Athens, Ga.

The four entrants in the Beverly Whitfield Contest were Ann Ross, Orlando, Mary Tracy, Miami, Cocile Maurer, Miami, and Helen McBride, Apopka. Verna Burke, Miami, announced and did a beautiful job, as usual.

Mary Tracy won the beautiful Beverly Whitfield Trophy

and Mary is a most deserving winner. Helen McBride placed second, winning the lovely bracelet with the clover leaf motif of which Beverly was so fond. Placing third was Ann Ross, with yours truly, Dilbert that I am, placing fourth - I was the fourth airplane!

The last event was a three lap closed course race for Luscombes. Entrants were Barbara Erickson, Ann Ross, Helen McBride and Cocile Maurer. Barbara, an instructor with Tropical Air Service at St. Petersburg came in first with Ann Ross, second.

The next meeting will be held October 22 and 23 at the Driftwood in Vero Beach.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Regina Devine

The annual meeting of the North Central Section was held at the Hotel Cleveland in Cleveland, Ohio on September 2, 1949 under the sponsorship of the All-Ohio Chapter. As usual the Ohio girls had planned carefully and all operations worked with smooth precision from the time of registration in the morning to the pleasant informal conclusion around the piano in the Empire Room after the banquet in the evening.

Our very special thanks to the All-Ohio Chapter officers, Marjorie Miller, Helen Linn, and Dorothy Morris and to the committee chairmen, Mary Jane Sasala, Jean Hunt, Jeanne Naatz and Marjorie Newcomer as well as to all of their many assistants! We know there must have been many hours of work to have produced such fine results.

Our retiring governor, Thelma Lindzay, presided over the business meeting in the afternoon. It was with deep regret that the girls witnessed Thelma's term of office come to a close. She has devoted her time and energy to furthering the true interests of the organization in every way possible and we deeply appreciate her efforts.

We are happy to report, however, that her good work will undoubtedly be continued under the very able leadership of Mrs. Greenwood Cocanougher of Kentucky, our new governor. Greenwood has promised to visit us often. In fact, she would like to fly in to as many Chapter meetings as possible. Other officers elected were Adela Scharr of St. Louis, Vice-Governor; Regina Devine of Oak Park, Illinois, Secretary; and Thelma Olsen of Des Moines, Treasurer.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Bernie Eno

Sunday, Sept. 19, Ruth Shimon was our hostess for luncheon at the Warden Hotel, Fort Dodge, Iowa. Seven members, two 49ers and one male guest were present. Vacations, family birthdays, illness, etc. kept some of our members away.

Following luncheon, a long business meeting was held. Bernie Eno gave a brief talk on a flying trip she, Ruth and Helen Flaherty took in a Bonanza, to attend the North Central Section meeting and also the Air Races at Cleveland, Ohio. Ruth gave a report on activities covered the past year, then the outcome of chapter election was disclosed. New officers for the coming year are: Betty Barton, Chairman; Virginia Vinsand, Vice Chairman; Helen Flaherty, Sec. and Treas.; and Beulah Frotscher, Membership Chairman. Other officers will be appointed by our Chairman at a later date. Our new Chairman has been a very faithful member and has missed few meetings during the two years she has been a member. She has many wonderful ideas for the chapter for the coming year which we hope to tell you about as they transpire. Ruth Shimon was selected our delegate to the National Convention.

Bernie again won the traveling tray, but Beulah was a close runner-up. Next month we shall see who wins the tray for permanent possession, when we hold our annual dinner dance at Fort Dodge Country Club on Sunday, October 16.

Our November meeting will be held at Oelwein, where Mardie will be our hostess.

We extend our most sincere thanks to our past Governor, Thelma Lindzay, for the many helpful services rendered our Chapter during her term in office. To our new Governor and her staff, we promise our faithful assistance and wish you a most successful and happy term in office.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Margaret Manuel

Much has been happening for 99'ers what with the Cleveland Air Races, the Cleveland Derby and our national meeting. Evelyn Knowlton of Rochester and Margaret Manuel of Stanton flew down to Cleveland Air Races in Evelyn's new Bonanza. The Cleveland Chapter went all out to entertain visiting 99'ers and the 49ers with a banquet complete with a beautiful souvenir program and 99'er ash tray for a favor. Thru this Newsletter, our Minnesota girls wish to thank the Cleveland Chapter for their hospitality. Of course Evelyn and Margaret enjoyed the National Air Races, especially the act by Betty Skelton who did a superb bit of aerobatics.

Marilyn Kvalheim, Chairman of our Minnesota Airmarking Committee, is looking for places to airmark in Minnesota. Send in your requests.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Marie Kuhlman

Our September meeting was held at the Municipal Airport with breakfast in the beautiful Airview room and then adjourned to Tex LaGrone Flying Service for our business meeting and the election of officers for the coming year. Our new officers, who we wish the best of luck to are as follows: Elizabeth B. Siggs, Chairman; Neva Rea, Vice Chairman; Val Wyatt, Recording Secretary; Katherine Peck, Corresponding Secretary; Marjorie Farrell, Treasurer; Marie Kuhlman, Newsletter Reporter.

We are quite proud of our own NINETY-NINE, Grace Harris for her winning for the second consecutive year, the Women's Trophy Race at the National Air Races at Cleveland, Ohio. Grace has been very busy since returning home and is now making plans to attend the National Convention in New York City.

Should any of you girls from other chapters happen to drop into Kansas City, stop and say hello to our new chairman Betty Siggs who heads the Link Training Department for the 5th region, Civil Aeronautics Administration whose new offices are located at the Municipal Airport.

Neva Rea and myself were recently awarded a beautiful bronze plaque given by the Jackson County Sheriff's Air Squadron and presented by Mayor William E. Kemp for outstanding work done in promoting private aviation in this area. Needless to say, these are prized possessions.

I would like to thank the Cleveland girls for the wonderful hospitality during the meeting and banquet while husband and myself were at the Air Races. I am sorry more of the Kansas City girls could not have enjoyed it also.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By June Walsh

At our September meeting we officially changed our name from the Eastern Missouri to the Greater St. Louis Chapter. Following the business meeting and the election of officers, the girls had lots to talk about after a busy summer of flying about the country. Those who attended the sectional meeting at Cleveland came back filled with ideas and enthusiasm. Burnette McNamee flew her Stinson to the meeting and Rae Logson, Mary Leach and Maxine Randolph went along. Dorothy Conlon went with a friend and Emma Wear flew in with her husband.

Plans are in the air for the annual Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund Dance. We'll tell you more about it in a future Newsletter.

Dorothy Conlen, Trudy DeVries, Rae Logson and Burnette McNamee plan to fly in the Powder Puff Derby. A publicity agent saw a picture in one of the papers of the four entrants and offered Trudy a job. Who knows, we may have a future Cover Girl in our midst!

Mary Jeffords and Del Scharr had an active part in the organization of the Air Age Show at Lambert Field. The NINETY NINES were well represented at the Aviation Foundation Banquet during the Air Age Display.

Mardo Crane stopped in St. Louis on her way from the coast to New York. We were pleased to have her and hope we have other visitors either on their way to the national meeting or on their way home.

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

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Jane Nettleblad

The Colorado Chapter reports the election news this month. Our September meeting was held at the Aviation Country Club over a sumptuous dinner with our new Chairman, Marilyn Nordstrom, presiding. The new Vice Chairman is Betty Stackhouse; Secretary, Hildred Toogood; and Treasurer, Claudia Perry. The Committee Chairmen are: Entertainment, Marian Lemaster; Ways and Means, Artie Phelps; Courtesy, Mary Wenholtz; Membership, Marcia Fandrem; Publicity, Frances Carpenter; and C.A.R., Margaret Hughes. Betty Stackhouse will be in charge of the scrapbook and Jane Nettleblad, the newsreporter.

The Pueblo unit of the Colorado Chapter has been organized with four members: Dorothy Leedle, Rosemary Razkowski, Verna Christopher and Helen Ritchey. We were very pleased to have Verna Christopher drive up from Pueblo for the meeting at the Country Club.

A contest is underway to name the monthly "blurb" put out by our energetic past chairman, Donna Myers. Half an hour's flying time will be the dangled prize. The deadline is November 1st.

Caroline Rose sent a very interesting letter about her job and adventures in Alaska. Marian Lemaster is moving to Glenwood Springs about October 1st. Jo Trinder has been entertaining movie stars at her tourist court in Durango. Margaret Jones (Scrib) of Craig is now busy selling insurance for the Western American Life Insurance Company. Mae Boettcher is vacationing in the East and we hope she will be a Colorado delegate to the national convention.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Eves M. Tune

September--the statcal reputation of this period of the calendar has surely run true to form; however, despite ceilings and visibilities doing their worst, the September meeting of "us Oklahoma Chapter of 99's" was very enjoyable, held Sunday the 18th, in my home, Winfield, Kansas.

Some of the girls came up for over night Saturday, and the rest arrived Sunday morning, around ten. Topics relative to the New York Convention, plans for future affairs were discussed and two memberships were received. Veda Mauk of Blackwell, came back into the gang, and how happy we are to have her; and Wania McGinnis of Wichita, Kansas is now one of us.

Our president, Elizabeth Sewell, took that Commercial Check Ride today, and Susie, all of us are so proud of you. Breneta Davis brought her Stinson to Oklahoma City Wednesday for final going over as she, Mary Francis, Elizabeth Sewell and Velma Woodward are leaving Sunday

at the Peep-O-Day for the New York Convention. Good flying and happy landing girls, always, is our wish.

Oh! yes, our newest member is Bertha Elizabeth Hare, of Engineering Department, Boeing, Wichita. How nice to know you are one of us Bert.

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Martha Ann Reading

The Chapter meeting at the Circle R Ranch was a huge success. Tex and Kay Anderson are very charming host and hostess and they did everything to provide for the pleasure and comfort of the girls attending the meeting.

Since this was a Sectional and Chapter meeting too we had a number of out of staters as well as distinguished guests. Among the guests were Blanche Noyes of Washington, D. C., Barbara Ottinger of Las Cruces, N. M. and 49^{ers} of Helen Bass, Pearle Ragsdale, Mary Ann Greer, Jan Norris, Ann Waddell, and Florine West. Mildred Miller brought not only her 49^{er} but her two little 24 3/4^{ers}, Kay and Hiram.

Due to unfortunate circumstances, Verna Burns of Fort Worth and her travelling companions, Olean Sellers of Farmersville, Kay Poole of McKinney, and Verna's sister-in-law, were prevented from attending the meeting because Verna's Bonanza cracked-up and burned near Llano, Texas on their way to the meeting. We are all very thankful that none of the girls were seriously hurt. We have the straight dope that it was only Verna's skillful handling of the plane that prevented them losing more than just the plane and luggage.

New Chapter officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Ama Lee Jameson, Brackettville; Vice Chairman, Mildred Miller, Austin; Sec'y.-Treasurer, Verna Burns, Fort Worth; Membership Chairman, Mary Ann Greer, San Antonio; Reporter, Martha Ann Reading, Dallas.

EL PASO UNIT

All you girls are invited to attend the air show in El Paso October 21, 22, and 23. There will be an E.T.A. flight to Chihauha, a conservation race to Van Horne and various other contests. The girls are giving a dance and will serve free coffee during the show. You are invited to win some of the many nice cash prizes they are offering so -- best we go to El Paso on the above date.

N O R T H W E S T E R N S E C T I O N

OREGON CHAPTER

By Kay Hoffmiller

Oh, these things that they call automobiles. One practically has to have an "instrument dashboard rating". Anyway, regardless of forest fire smoke, detours and difficult directions, several members of the Oregon chapter made it to Chehalis, Washington for a meeting with the Washington fly gals.

Washington members present were Nancy Shannon, Mildred Mandeville, Betty Sheehan and Virginia Smith Johnston. Oregon girls were Velma Richards and Betty Lou Bray of Kelso, Joyce Martin and yours truly of Portland. After a well earned dinner, a meeting was held at the St. Helens Hotel. Many membership problems were discussed along with a few money making ideas. Three names, Betty Bray, Marge Fenley and Betty Kastner were offered up for nomination to the section offices.

We have so many talented members it will now require a big scrapbook in which to keep news pics and clippings. Betty Bray is official caretaker.

The October meeting will be held on the last Saturday at 8 P.M. in Salem so we'll see you all at the capitol.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Elizabeth Watson

A Sectional meeting is really something - it always seems to give the gang a lift, and besides, it's good to see all those wonderful gals from the rest of the state. The Southwestern Section had a bang-up meeting at Santa Maria, California, the week-end of Sept. 10th and 11th - some 40-odd members flying in from Sacramento, Bay Cities, Fresno, Bakersfield, Lancaster, Los Angeles, San Diego and Reno. Representing Los Angeles were Christie Carlton, Mardo Crane, Clara Davis, Betty Loufek, Anne Rambo, Irma Story, and Liz Watson. Phyllis Penfield, the one local member, made all arrangements, and a good job she did. Planes were hangared free at Hancock Field, and members were quartered at the lovely Santa Maria Inn. After a delicious dinner at the Airport Kitchen, Governor Esther Haney conducted a lively and stimulating business session. Election results showed new officers of the Section to be: Governor, Gerry Mickelson; Vice-Governor, Irma Story; Secretary, Liz Watson; and Treasurer, Margaret Gerhardt. If you want to know all that transpired at the meeting, just ask Elynor Rudnick!!

The L.A. Chapter's own business meeting was held Monday Sept. 19th at Glendale Aviation Center, Grand Central Airport. Business consisted of instructing delegates to the National Convention and electing chapter officers. Re-elected were: Chairman, Mardo Crane; Vice-Chairman, Irma Story; Secretary, Clara Davis; and Treasurer, Monie Dye.

'Twas also good to see Ruth Downie back again. She reports a ferry trip that was one big SNAFU. Seems she and her 49^{er} Don were to take a Navion to a customer in Santiago, Chile and planned to spend three weeks on the trip. Well, they spent three weeks, all right, but got only as far as Ixtepec, which is somewhere in the wilds south of Mexico City. They weren't allowed to take the plane on any shakedown flights before starting south of the border, and as it turned out, the ship was a lemon - everything imaginable went wrong with it. And there they were - flying over headhunter country, in poor weather, amongst 12,000 foot mountains that were only 9000 according to the scanty maps - and when they did limp into emergency fields there were no English-speaking mechanics, no parts (they had everything along but the right ones), and no telephones! Somehow they wiggled back to Mexico City and were told they couldn't leave the country (either direction) without the airplane. So, they waited out the inadequate dealer service at Mexico City and finally made their way back to the States, only to find they had to pay all expenses. Talk about adding insult to injury! It all adds up to an experience they'll never forget but wish they could. The most lamentable part of the whole thing is that the trouble could have been avoided with proper maintenance at the beginning and that wasn't allowed them. For all the gruesome details, watch forthcoming issues of Skyways. Incidentally, the Downies have 4 or 5 articles in the current month's issue.

The L.A. Chapter is indebted to Clara Davis for access to the club rooms of the Glendale Aviation Center. She and her 49^{er} Walter belong to a flying club there called the Sky Roamers. The club has 2 Cessna 140's and one new 170. Seems like the Davis' can get a ship most any time they want one, which is a good deal. They flew to Utah over Labor Day week-end in the 170 and report a smooth trip both ways.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Evelyn Briggs

Recent activities of the San Diego Unit have included a bit more flying for many of the members. On Sept. 10, six Ninety Nines and their 49^{ers} flew to Santa Maria for the Sectional meeting.

Thanks to our former officers for all their hard work and good luck to our new ones who are: Mary Ring, Chairman; Evelyn Briggs, Vice Chairman; Maxine Smith, Secretary; Donna Davis, Treasurer; Mickey Collins, Ass't. Secretary; and Helen Dick, Board Member at Large.

Fly In Day at Gillespie Airport was grand fun. All members owning planes were requested to fly them into Gillespie where members exchanged planes, checked each other out, etc., so everyone had a variety of experience. After a brief business meeting at our clubroom on the field, those props were really churning. The following brought their planes: Maxine and Gordon Smith - B.T., Julie and Bob Hale - Navion, Mickey Collins and Marian Mishler - Stinson, Jean Osborne - Sky Ranger, Ruth Gamber and Claire Hale - Aeronca Champion, Ann Grogan and Dottie Sander - Cessna. Cliff Adams of Gillespie donated an Aeronca for use of 99's on Fly In Day. Others who were there to reap the benefit of the "checking outs" were Mary and Roger Ring, Shirley and Dexter Lannois, and Lil' Dex., Donna Davis, Helen Dick, Lillian Hester, Mary Lamy, Louise Kraiger, Blanche Belice, and Amy Changnon. It was a pleasure to see so many there.

We are happy to announce our two newest members; Ann Grogan and Dottie Sanders.

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL

The Amelia Earhart Post of the American Legion in Los Angeles presented trophies of Amelia Earhart's aviation achievements to the National Air Museum in a simple but impressive ceremony on Friday, Oct. 7. Anne Rambo, the post commander of the Amelia Earhart Post, introduced the guest of honor, speakers and "Mother" Earhart who presented the collection to the Museum. Commander Paul E. Garber, curator of the Museum (and a honorary 49^{er} of the Washington, D. C. Chapter) accepted the exhibit for the Museum. Nancy Harkness Love representing Blanche Noyes spoke for the Ninety-Nines of Amelia Earhart as one of the charter members and the first president of the Ninety-Nines.

As Ninety-Nines we want to express our appreciation to Anne Rambo and the Amelia Earhart Post for this tangible commemoration of our first president. If our members have any memoirs to add to the exhibit, they can be sent to Commander Garber, National Air Museum, Smithsonian Institute, Washington 25, D. C.

LAST FLIGHT

By Mildred Mandeville

Clayton Patterson has left us. We said our final good-bye this afternoon by flying in formation over her house. If she could have seen us, somehow, we feel she would have liked this way.

Now, with the smog still in our eyes, we can only say we loved her very much. Clayton was calm; she was gentle. She guided us.

Clayton's passing has left a void in our ranks that can never be filled. She had the distinction of having been asked to join the Ninety-Nines by Amelia Earhart and was one of the original founders of our chapter. She had kept us going ever since. We only hope that we can still carry on.