

NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

New Orleans, Louisiana
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Dear Members:

Here I am in this beautiful old city attending the convention of the National Association of State Aviation Officials who are a very fine group of men and are doing a wonderful job for the advancement of aviation in their respective states, which brings to my mind a thought about air marking. I notice that several 99 sections have appointed air marking chairmen. I would like to suggest that each chairman contact the state directors of aeronautics in her territory for many of the states have air marking programs and the 99's no doubt could be of assistance in securing roof releases and flight checking air markers, etc.

You will no doubt all be happy to know that Ruth Frances Shimon of Pocahontas, Iowa, has won the C.A.A. Air Marking Trophy for 1948 which is given each year to the individual who is responsible for the construction of the most air markers in any one year. (not a paid employee) Ruth won with 26 air markers to her credit. The trophy was won in 1945 by the late Col. Frank Dawson of N. C. for 111 air markers; 1946 by Mrs. Gladys Snyder, WNAA, Rockford, Ill., 26 air markers; 1947 by Col. Jesse L. Dobbins of Georgia, 61 air markers. Thank you Ruth and congratulations!

Mr. W. M. Bartlett, State Director of Aeronautics for Oregon, is certainly sold on woman's ability to get a job done and here again one of our 99's is the shining example. Evelyn Whitmaker of Portland, Oregon is public relations officer for the Oregon Aeronautics Commission. Mr. Bartlett informed me that Evelyn had gone into numerous towns and made arrangements for air tours, breakfast flights, etc. which have proven most successful and is doing much to promote interest in flying by aviation education. Mr. Bartlett's enthusiasm was backed up by facts, figures, and photographs. Keep up the good work Evelyn and congratulations to both you and Mr. Bartlett for the fine jobs you are doing, for Oregon is one of the outstanding states in aviation.

No doubt your delegates brought back the word of the Fact Finding Committee, so please won't each and every one of you take an interest in our future and write suggestions backed of course by facts and figures to your chapter chairman so that she can make the chapter recommendations to Chairman Jimmie Kolp. We hope that out of the suggestions presented by you, will evolve a comprehensive program for years to come. Please don't delay, do it today!

Blanche Noyes
Your President

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST RESULTS

Vice-President Greer, National Membership Chairman, reports the results of the contest she inaugurated. Fifteen chapters entered. The winning chapter, San Diego, was presented with an \$18.00 check. The runner-up, Oklahoma received \$12.00. San Diego increased its membership from 18 to 33 giving an 83% increase. Oklahoma went from 21 to 35 making a 66% increase. Next highest was Indiana which went from 38 to 59, an increase of 55%. Colorado and Illinois both went from 35 to 47, showing a 34% increase.

ON THE SERIOUS SIDE

Notes from Secretary Brick

"LAST CALL"

This is the LAST CALL for payment of your dues! After November 30 it will be necessary to reapply as a new member and pay the initiation fee.

You'll want to be listed in the ROSTER this year which will be in the form of a BOOKLET which you can carry in your purse or map case as you fly around the country. Your delegates voted that the roster be published in this form and that a minimum charge be made for it. It will list you alphabetically and by chapters.

Also, we'll need the names of all your OFFICERS too!

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The supply of CONSTITUTIONS has been exhausted. New ones are being printed with all of the changes to date.

The ONLY AMENDMENT change this year concerns the establishment of a new permanent committee - the TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE COMMITTEE.

The Constitution, usually 15¢ per copy, will be sent to every member in lieu of a Newsletter since so many are without and you will all want to be up-to-date.

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Other business transacted at the 1949 meeting includes the following:

OFFICIAL NINETY-NINE PINS

The price of the official Ninety-Nine pin has been raised to \$2.00 including tax.

Any member wishing a 10-karat gold one may obtain it thru Helen Anderson, 4740 John R, Apt. 106, Detroit, Michigan. Remit check for \$6.00 with order.

49^{ers} - A RESOLUTION by the Governors was proposed to the Executive Committee to legalize 49^{ers} status with the Club, and to redesign the card which will be issued each year to husbands only along with the 99 renewal card. The Executive Committee agreed unanimously that this clarification is necessary and approved it. No discussion it was called for by the delegate body.

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MISUSE OF THE TERM "PRESIDENT"

A great deal of confusion has been experienced recently thru the misuse of the term "President" as applied to Chapter Chairmen. Clarification of the set-up of the 99 Club to the press by all members is urged. There is ONLY ONE President. The Section heads are called Governors; and the heads of local groups are called Chairmen.

Your Secretary herself just discovered two news items in which she was referred to as "ex-President" thru no fault of hers. It seems that the only solution may be actually to bring up the set-up in case reporters assume that local and section heads are called "President", which was apparently the case in the above.

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WANTED-----Will the girl who ordered 12 boxes of matches contact Kay Brick at once; and will the girl who ordered two lighters and left a check contact Bella Heineman at once. Thank you.

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CHAPTER CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

Note ARTICLE II on MEMBERSHIP in your Constitution. Section 1 (a) "...An applicant shall join the 99 Club by ENTERING THE SECTION IN WHICH SHE RESIDES." Accepting members residing in another area is UN-CONSTITUTIONAL.

Also: Section 3. "At no time may a person become a member of the Ninety-Nines unless recommended by the chapter membership committee, or if no chapter exists, by the section membership committee, and unless she meets the requirements..."

CHAPTER NEWS

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Mildred Morey

The New England Section meeting at Norwood Airport, September 24th, lengthened to a three hour "see" into the future of private and commercial aviation, a future of practical and really safe flying as envisioned by Dr. Lynn Bollinger and Dr. Otto Koppen, co-inventors of the sensational new "Helioplane".

Some of the new principles of the helioplane, installed in the "Silent Cub", were demonstrated by test pilot, Joe Garside, of Wiggins Airways. Joe landed upwind, crosswind and downwind in gusty air at 27 mph, within a few feet of the girls who lined the runway. An automatic safety device atop the leading edge of each wing operated to prevent absolutely the possibility of stall or spin (in any attitude or at any altitude) and brought the landing speed down to 27 mph. (Insurance companies please take note. It's a thought anyway.) Added to this beautiful performance was the strange absence of noise. Practically no sound was heard other than the normal whirr of wind resistance.

After the Silent Cub demonstration, we were taken to the hangar which housed the true "Helioplane", stripped down for our close inspection. Dr. Bollinger, a Research Fellow in the Aviation Research Division of the Graduate School of Business Administration, and Dr. Koppen, an aeronautical expert at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, seem to have found the answer to public resistance to intown airports and strips. The helioplane cruises at 150 mph but sits down ever so gently at 27 mph. This, with the noiseless operation, plus the limitless possibilities opened up by one-quarter acre landing fields in every city, town and settlement in the country, presents a most encouraging picture of a nation teeming with aviation activity, not in the distant future, not within ten years, but now - within the space of one or two years at most. The helioplane needs but 250 by 40 feet for a landing strip, even for a novice to maneuver safely, and a complete airport needs only 10,000 square feet, barely a quarter acre of land. A fourplace helioplane is in blueprint, to be built in Boston within a year. The perfected two place helioplane (neither airplane nor helicopter, but combining the best features of both, and then some) only requires mass production to bring it within the means of light plane buyers. An exciting prospect.

We learned that Dr. Bollinger had just completed a coast to coast demonstration trip in the helioplane. In the densely forested areas of the western mountain reservations, he landed with "fire jumpers" on tiny clearings within huge forests, where no airplanes had ever landed, demonstrating the lifesaving possibilities whereby fire-fighters trapped in the areas could be rescued, or fresh jumpers brought in to replace tired or injured men. The foresters begged that they might have the first helioplane to come from the factory, as soon as the first ten are available.

Within a year, one of the leading lightplane manufacturers may place before the flying public an airplane which possibly will be represented as the counterpart of the helioplane - a few of the features will be copied and utilized within the new airplane but, as Dr. Bollinger pointed out, it will not be the helioplane, unless it is so named. The basic principles of safety and convenience of operation will not be incorporated within it, as these are known only to the two men who have perfected them. So watch for the true "Helioplane", gals. It is well worth waiting for.

After the seminar, Dr. Bollinger was our luncheon guest at Norwood Manor. Other guests were Cathy Dickenson, Lannie Deane Cohen (Eeverly's brother), and Dave Morey (my 49¹/₂-er).

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER
By: Rosemary Lane

The Washington Chapter has at last quieted down from the excitement of an election, convention, Powder Puff Derby and a wedding.

We are happy to announce that Mary Jane Livingston has again been elected to the Chairmanship, with Rosemary Lane as Vice Chairman; Marjorie Harrison, Secretary; and Vera Foster, Membership Chairman.

Our last meeting was held in honor of Blanche Noyes and Marjorie Harrison. The occasion was, of course, Mrs. Noyes' re-election to the Presidency and in the case of Marjorie, because she "brought home the bacon" together with her navigator, Mary Jane Livingston, winning the third and longest lap of the Powder Puff from Rochester to Albany. Her beautiful trophy was displayed and the events of the Derby related by participants from our Chapter, Margaret Vaughan; Vera Prevette, pardon me, Foster; Jean Howard and Rosemary Lane. We wish to add here that the last two names would have been missing from the list of contestants if it had not been for the generosity and thoughtfulness of one of our newest members, Ana Luisa Branger, who sponsored Jean Howard and Rosemary Lane to represent her in the Derby due to her last-minute inability to participate. Our heartfelt thanks to you, Anita, for "everything".

On October 7, the personal effects and mementos of Amelia Earhart were presented by her mother to the Smithsonian Institute. This impressive dedication was arranged by the Amelia Earhart Post of the American Legion in California. Several 99's from the Washington Chapter attended.

Our September meeting made membership history when the Chapter was enriched six-fold by the following: Elizabeth Martin; Nancy Harkness Love, now residing in Washington, formerly of Wilmington, Delaware; Gladys Kefauver, coming to us from Dallas, Texas; Louise Calhoun, from Pottstown, Pa.; Mitzi Moore, who, besides being the proud mama of a Swift-125, has recently acquired her aerial photographer's license; Ana Luisa Branger, first woman in Venezuela to receive her pilot's license. Now attached to the Venezuelan Embassy as Cultural Attache to the U. S.

October 22 - Vera Prevette took fatal plunge to the tune of Lohengrin, and became Mrs. Eric Foster. Maybe there's something in this flight instructor business, after all. Vera taught Eric to fly and look what happened! Best of everything to you both.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER
By: Leona A. McElroy

Gather 'round, you Eastern Penn'sers who didn't get to our meeting at Patco on October 16th - I gathered a whole pocketbook full of notes for you.

My word, such a nice crowd was there - Violette Delp

from Lancaster; Irene Patterson (You don't know her? That's Irene Blasdel who was persuaded to change her name to Mrs. Leo David Patterson. Lt. Commander Patterson has "connections" with the Navy as a pilot.); Georgianna and Tom Herdman who arranged our luncheon at Patco; Bettie and George Townson (Bettie looking pretty and healthy after a long siege of illness).

Then there was Augusta Roberts, up from Delaware in her Cessna, bright and shiny with a new red and yellow paint job and sporting crosswind landing gear - the Cessna, that is! We all tramped out on the field while Augusta demonstrated. It was new to most of us, but Augusta says she's had this new-fangled gear for a year and swears it's wonderful.

Mary Jane Godshalk and Lillian Mark, two very new members, flew over from Lancaster in a Cub. Was that your ship, Mary Jane? I hear you own a Piper Cub and a private license. Which came first - the airplane or the license? Lillian, who runs a fur shop in Lancaster earned her license last spring.

Then, too, there was another new member, Jeanne d' Ambly of Philadelphia, getting acquainted with our members. And who else do you suppose showed up to everyone's delighted surprise? Grey Allison and Peggy Betten! Evidently, Peggy's missed us because she's renewing her membership.

Jane Morris left her studies at York to join us for luncheon. She earned a diploma at Beaver College last spring, but she got in the habit of studying so she's going right on this fall with the studies for her commercial license and her CAA rating as a Link Instructor (she had years of experience on Link Trainers for the Navy during the war).

Jessie and Howard Eckhart were there (Junior checked me out on this reporting job). Nell and George Richards flew over from Lancaster with that history-recording camera. Marie and Dick Miller took a short vacation from their active son to renew acquaintances.

Mildred Zimmerman entertained us with a thoroughly spell-binding account of her flight into the thin blue air.

Ruth Shafer, chairman, presided very ably at the meeting following the luncheon, abetted by secretary Marge Kodrich. Ruth appointed Violette Delp chairman of the Membership Committee, to be assisted by Sarah Stiles and Mildred Zimmerman. To the program committee, Ruth appointed Jessie Eckhart, chairman, and Jane Morris.

Sarah (with an h, please, editor) Stiles, of Deposit, N.Y., showed us pictures of an air show Fran Nolde arranged and announced up there this summer when the field was dedicated in the name of Sarah's father.

Sarah brought along Jane Hebler, of Deposit, as her guest. Another new member there was Georgina Young, who's been flying from the Flying Dutchman Airport, at Philadelphia, for the past three years.

Delegate McElroy gave a report of the business conducted at the national convention, with the social events reported by Mildred Zimmerman. Ruth Shafer and Marge Kodrich reported seeing Dot Faulkner at Jacqueline Cochran's party.

There, I guess I've let you in on all the happenings at our last meeting. See what you're missing? Now, don't you be missing at our next meeting - I'll be looking for you.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER
By: Harriette Mosbacher

Happy Turkey Day from all of us to all of you.

We are a mighty pleased chapter. As you probably know, our Jeannie (Peden) came home with the Don

Patrick trophy. Jean and her flying companion Betty Popp arrived home to a battery of press photographers and a mighty proud group of 99's.

We had our regular meeting October 19th, at the home of Toby (Mrs. Sam) Lord. I am going to take time out to give you a brief sketch and introduction to Toby. She is a gal with more than her share of personality, a whirl wind for getting things done, a slim brownette with flashing eyes and a matching smile. She efficiently manages her home, is the private secretary to one of the top executives of Talon, Inc., is very active in our chapter of the 99's as well as several civic organizations and is a bride of less than a year. How she acquired the name "Toby" is a bit of a mystery--her real name is Florence, but anyway--that's Toby. I might add that every chapter should have a Toby to give a blow by blow description of conventions. For the girls who did not get to the convention, it was certainly fun to hear all about the bus ride to City Hall, complete with sirens, etc. Marian Freund added greatly to the recital of social events and we all felt as if we too, had attended the convention.

I am going to try to give you a thumb nail description of, and an introduction to, at least one of our girls in each News Letter. We have such a swell group of flying females that I just can't help wanting you to know them.

We had a perfect attendance of the Meadville girls but were sorry some of the out-of-town girls were absent. We missed them and they missed a good meeting.

Our November meeting is scheduled to be in Erie, Pa., and Chairman, Betty DeVore will be hostess to the chapter for the December annual dinner meeting complete with a Christmas pie.

The Meadville Chapter extends best wishes to the Western Pennsylvania Chapter. Glad you are back on the active list, it's good to hear from you girls again.

Orchids to you Arlene Davis for the wonderful job you did. We all realize the time, effort and the expense you shouldered. Jean and Betty can't say enough about the grand sportsmanship and the excellent arrangements for the Derby.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By: Cocile Maurer

Sunday, October 23, beautiful and balmy, a prelude to Florida winter, the chapter met at Driftwood, Vero Beach.

Driftwood lies on the beach facing the Atlantic. In the dining room, beneath a rafted ceiling, breakfast was served to 99's and Florida Air Pilots on a polished table cut from a solid piece of mahogany about eighteen feet long.

Driftwood is filled with strange relics collected from all over the world; the sort of things which tend to stimulate the imagination such as, an old rusty bell used to announce meals and the rusty cannons set into the rock stair-rail which appear to have been dug up from the bottom of the ocean. Numerous Indian wood carvings decorate the walls. As Verna says, it is very romantic!

As soon as breakfast was finished, the girls left their 49's to amuse themselves with swimming, lounging in the hammocks and the sun while they proceeded with the business meeting.

The By-Laws of the chapter were discussed more thoroughly and adopted. A report of the National Convention was read by Verna Burke, the delegate. Verna and Ann Ross made a flying trip to New York in Ann's

Hudson. They both reported a wonderful time! Wish we could all have been there.

There was some discussion regarding plans for the next All Woman Air Show and it was revealed that Cuba has invited us to put on an all woman air show with the anticipation that it will stimulate the Cuban women's interest in aviation. Being an international organization, this possibility affords us a marvelous opportunity to promote aviation outside the continental limits of the United States.

The results of the election of officers for the coming year were read by Evelyn Moorehouse as follows: Chairman - Ann Ross, Vice-Chairman, Doris Zeagler and Secretary-Treasurer, Evelyn Moorehouse.

CAROLINA'S CHAPTER

By: Caroline E. Hembel

On Sunday, October 15, the Carolina's Chapter met at Smith Reynold's Airport, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. A lovely luncheon was served to the members and their 49's. The luncheon was held in the Sky Club room, with Louise and Herman Smith acting as hosts. Louise is Governor of the South Eastern Section. Inclement weather caused most of the members and their 49's to drive in. Two couples arrived by air. Amalie Stone of Greenville was grounded in Spartanburg.

After the luncheon a business meeting was held. The ballots for chapter offices were counted and the following results reports: Chairman, Amalie Stone, Greenville, S.C.; Vice Chairman, Jewell Bailey, Charleston, S.C.; Secretary and Treasurer, Burnette Spencer, High Point, N.C.; Appointed Reporter, Caroline E. Hembel, Saluda, S.C.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Dorothy Shackelford for her splendid work as chairman for the past year.

Reports of the 20th Anniversary Celebration were given by Louise Smith, Caroline E. Hembel and Sara Payne. Others attending the convention in New York were Nancy Mays, Amalie Stone, and Myrtle Thompson.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By: Virginia Eberhart

Greenwood Cocanougher, the Governor of the North Central Section, appointed Virginia Eberhart of the Indiana Chapter, Sectional Publicity Chairman for 1949-50. She is charged with sending an over-all report of the activities of the nine State Area for the News Letter.

A North Central Sectional meeting of the Publicity Chairmen has been called on the 12th of November at Indianapolis, Indiana to discuss and agree upon a workable plan for the year's Publicity for each chapter. Our Governor, as well as many Chapter Chairmen and Publicity Chairmen and members is expected to be present.

"Cokie" has appointed the following girls on Committees and plans to set up several other Committees very soon: Eugenia Heise, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Membership Chairman; Arlene Davis, Cleveland, Ohio, Air Marking Chairman.

The Governor will speak at the All-Ohio Chapter meeting November 20 at Bucyrus, Ohio.

After the November 12th meeting, we expect to get under way with our Publicity, so wait until the December News Letter and see what the Section is planning. We hope all Sections and Chapters will like what we plan. If we can help, write us.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By: Irene Leverton

Those not attending the Sept. 11th meeting at the Seaplane Base certainly missed a treat! It was tops in fun and info on floatplane flying. Marion Niedert won an hour dual in a Luscombe. George Snyder owner of the Base gave this time as a door prize plus a ride for all the other gals and refreshments. Doris Langher won a half hour ride with Evelyn Martin. Wind and swells proved too great so those attending had to wait for more favorable weather. Mr. Snyder the host and Evelyn who arranged for the meeting have our thanks for a swell time! We'll be back again.

New officers are Doris Langher and Dora Dougherty, co-chairmen; Lucy Kalla, vice chairman; Olive Tuttle, corresponding secretary and treasurer; Irene Leverton, recording secretary and reporter.

The first of our evening meetings will be held in Dec. at the United Airlines conference room, Wabash and Monroe. We will be shown colored films of bush flying in Alaska. They were taken by Jane Robbins, ex Wasp, who flew there several summers and winters doing charter work. Jane will accompany the films with a talk on some of her experiences. Don't miss it!!

Welcome new members Rosemary Gilles, Laverne Siemon, Eleanor Deeming and Sally Taggart, all Privates. Eleanor has her own Champion and Laverne a 170.

Ed Spooner and Rubinkam Airport were host to us on October 18th. Guests Millie Carlson, Alice Kudra and ex Wasps Betty Archibald and Mary Beritich sat in on the fly talk which centered on the Derby and New York. Second place for the entire Derby and first place for the last lap went to Evelyn Martin in a 49 Cessna 140. Doris Langher with Lucy Kalla as passenger received a consolation prize for the first lap. Nice going gals! Helen Budwash and Marion Niedert went to New York via airlines, Helen returning with friends in their ship. Lamona Godard Cervenska came up from D.C. where she is residing. Everyone in the Derby and in New York had a wonderful time. The Harvey Tribune took pictures and Steve Beville demonstrated pylon technique with the "Spook" his Goodyear racer. Due to smog most everyone drove in, but Doris Langher, Kay Ferris, Frances Rosenthal and Lucy Kalla came in a Family Cruiser, Evelyn and Glen Martin in a 140 and Laverne Siemon in her 170. Emma Schweer came in from Crete and Geannie Nachtwey left her instructing chores at Elmhurst to come.

Lydia Harlan is back in Oklahoma, her home state. She has been confined to bed for a while due to illness. We know that she will come thru this with flying colors too, as she did in the Airmeet when she took a first and second place trophy.

Dora Dougherty is instructing in Champaign for the University of Illinois. She has 12 students and a Champion assigned to her. Bonny Bryant is back in town after instructing in Missouri for quite a while. Rosemary Gilles returned via TWA from a vacation in California. Dot Hutcheson will be logging time soon up in Yakutat, Alaska as there are three private ships on the CAA field there. Esther Holt is membership chairman for the southside.

Elmhurst: Esther Noffke checked out in a Beech D17S preparatory to charter work. Joan Clark completed a vacation thru Wisconsin in her Fairchild 24. Chicago-land: Virginia Jansen checked out in a Stinson 165. Irene Leverton put some test hop time on an 85 hp Rose Parekeet. Laverne Siemon and Geannie Nachtwey took their first glider dual. Palwaukee: Bernice Sirovatka checked out in an Ercoupe with an eye to replacing her Chief with it. Jeanne King sharpening up in a T-craft Deluxe. Ruth Spietz getting back into the swing of things in a J3.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Perry

Our chapter had its October meeting at Anderson, Ind., on October 16th with the new officers in command and "Old Sol" really blessed us with a superb day and most of the girls came in on a wing. We had nineteen members and four guests in attendance. One of the guests was Dorothy Lynn Shelton who is a member of the Kentucky Chapter. We shall expect to see more of her at our meetings while she is attending Purdue University.

One of our members, Anna Jean Dowling of Muncie took that final step on the road to happiness and bliss. Her new name is now Anna Jean Daugherty. Congratulations and the most happiness ever to you both.

Joan Johnson had entered the Powder Puff Derby and told us all about her flight. Sure must have been a lot of fun and exciting too. It seems that they were royally entertained at each stop along the way and also in New York.

Our chairman, Charlotte Poland, gave a resume of the National Meeting while the rest of us unfortunate members turned green-eyed with envy at not getting to attend.

Virginia Eberhart entertained and was hostess for a mass flight of eleven planes from California. The girls landed at Municipal in Indianapolis. Bad weather had prevented several from making the tour, but those who did were a grand bunch. Virginia was also appointed Sectional Publicity Chairman of North-Central Section by our Governor, Greenwood Cocanougher.

Betty Pettitt, one of our flying secretaries, is now part owner of an Ercoupe. She just recently took to the wild blue for a trip to New Jersey to visit relatives and friends.

We'll be looking forward to our next visit to Anderson because those girls sure know how to entertain. Lunch was served picnic style in the large hangar which had on its best bib and tucker for the occasion and included hot dogs, three kinds of pie, potato chips, coffee, cokes, etc.

IOWA CHAPTER

By: Dorothy E. Evans

Hello! Hello! Sure do hope you have missed us, as we have been absent from the News Letter for about a year. I will not bother to go back into last year, as we did nothing outstanding - or that is nothing to brag about, but we do hope this year will be better and that we will have lots of new members. (We could use some of you old members, too.)

In September, we and our 49¹/₂'ers and boy friends were guests of Mrs. Betty Frey Bengel. Betty had a lovely party, cocktails and late supper. We had several potential members present that we are hoping will become active in the near future. Belle Hetzel was Betty's house guest for the weekend and the party was a complete success with Belle there.

Our October meeting was a luncheon held at Casar's Orchard Inn. I am sorry all of you couldn't have been there. We discussed our plans for the coming year and they look very good. We have our new officers in now and they really have a big year planned.

I want to introduce you to our new officers--Chairman, Mrs. Betty Frey Bengel. Betty has been a "99" for a good many years, a very active member always willing to help. She has a 49¹/₂'er named Tom and a very lovely little daughter. (Betty spent a good many years taking dancing lessons to go on the stage and she gave it all up for a man. Now, she spends her time building houses in the sand for her little daughter.) Our Vice-

Chairman is Esther Neiderhauser of Marshalltown. Esther and her husband have the airport at Marshalltown, Iowa. I am in favor of more get-togethers where Esther and her husband are; they seem to be the life of the party. Our Secretary-Treasurer is Pauline Reece. Pauline-- you have to know her to appreciate her. A good strong breeze would blow her away, but she has more pep and energy than anyone I know. She is in the dog business now, you know, you raise 'em to win ribbons. (she brings home the ribbons too.) Oh Yes! She has a 49¹/₂'er named Bob.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER
By: Virginia Vinsand

The second annual dinner dance and awarding of the traveling trophy of our chapter were celebrated Sunday evening, October 16th, at the Fort Dodge Country Club. There were nine members and their guests, a total of thirty-one present. Besides our own members, we had two visiting 99'ers with us, Mrs. Thelma Olson of Des Moines and Miss Belle Hetzel of Omaha.

For our guest speaker we were happy to have our past national president of the Ninety-Nines, Belle Hetzel. The awarding of this year's trophy, a sterling silver sandwich tray engraved with the 99 insignia and the names of the six who had won the tray for the past six months, to Bernie Eno, honors being done by Mr. Waldo Mich of Pocahontas, highlighted the program.

Following the awarding of the trophy, Ruth Shimon of Pocahontas, our retiring chairman presented a new gavel to her successor, Betty Barton of Spencer. A gift of appreciation was also given by Ruth to each of the girls who worked with her during the past year. Betty Barton proceeded to introduce the new officers for this year. They are: Virginia Vinsand, vice-chairman, Helen Flaherty, secretary-treasurer and Euelah Frotscher, membership chairman.

Plans have been made for our November meeting to be held in Oelwein, where Mardie Noble will be our hostess. This will be a noon meeting but Mardie has agreed to take care of us if we come in on Saturday evening. There is a great possibility of this being a duck dinner. According to a 49¹/₂'er we know.

Ruth Shimon, our delegate to the National Convention has time to relate only part of her trip to us but it sounded like a wonderful time. She did say that our chapter was one of the few to be mentioned for their work on airmarking. Of this we are proud; we only hope we may continue as well in the future.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER
By: Margaret Manuel

The October meeting was a dinner meeting at the Dyckman Hotel in Minneapolis. The program was highlighted by three movies developed by the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation of their Jet fighters, the Banshee, the Parasite and their new F88. Mr. and Mrs. Hickman of Shokopee not only loaned their equipment to show the films but did the work of operating the equipment.

There were two prospective members present -- Betty Roberts and Adeline Machacek from Faribault. They were guests of Kay Andrews from Faribault. Audrey Baird brought her 49¹/₂'er as well as Rita Orr and Martha Randolph. Evelyn Knowlton and her father arrived from Rochester and Margaret Manuel from Stanton. Marion Radke, Helen Masterton, Florence Scriver and Marilyn Kvalheim attended from the Twin Cities area. The proportion of Fly-in meetings to the evening meetings was discussed. One suggestion was made that Fly-in meetings be continued but that the business meetings be held separately, the second Wednesday evening in each month. It was decided that the suggestions be drawn up in form of a questionnaire to be sent each member.

A special meeting has been arranged to hear all about the National New York meeting. Our Minnesota delegate, Virginia Shaw, has invited the group to her home in Wayzata, Friday, November 4, to tell us all about the meeting.

The November meeting has been arranged for a Fly-in Breakfast at Rochester Airport on Sunday, Nov. 13th. The December meeting will be a Christmas Party to be held in Minneapolis the second Wednesday evening. Arrangements for transportation from Wold-Chamberlain Airport will be made. Bring your 49¹/₂'ers and flying friends as there will be a square dance. Wear gay colorful clothes - not too warm because you'll get quite a work out.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
By: Marie Kuhlman

On October 12th we joined hands with W.N.A.A. for a banquet in the Crystal Room, Hotel Phillips in honor of Grace Harris -- we're still so proud of her. Grace had her beautiful trophy there for everyone to admire. Thanks to Neva Rea, our speaker for the evening was none other than Col. Roscoe Turner of Indianapolis. As you all know, Col. Turner is one of the real pioneers of the aviation industry and was a very interesting speaker. It practically took a police escort to bring him from the airport to the hotel before the toast had been given, as it usually goes, pilots are late and Col. Turner was no exception but the writer got him there on time and our sincere thanks goes to him. Thanks again to Neva Rea who accomplished her goal of having 99 present at the dinner.

We are happy to have with us again CONNIE CARAWAY who was a former member and has again renewed her membership. Connie holds a Commercial and Instructors rating, and she certainly is a flying gal -- so you will hear more of her in the future.

Our regular meeting was held October 15th at the Municipal Airport starting with breakfast and Grace Harris gave a full report on the National Convention in New York which must have been a lot of fun, too bad so many of us had to miss it.

We were very much surprised, but pleased, to have with us at the October 12th dinner a former members Mrs. Lois Trunk of Clarion, Penna. and Ruth Bamfield of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Ruth flew in just for the dinner, and we would like to extend a welcome to her to come back again.

It was voted at a recent meeting that our next contribution to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund would be given in memoriam of Rita Robison who made her last flight on July 31st. Rita was an ardent Ninety-Nine and we will miss her for a long time.

Elizabeth Inwood has just returned from vacationing in Florida and Havana, Cuba. While in Florida, she was presented an engraved key to the City of Miami Beach by Mayor Turk which she prizes highly.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER
By: June Walsh

The St. Louis Ninety-Nines are logging hours of practice time preparing for the first annual St. Charles Airport Regatta on Nov. 6. The Regatta is sponsored by Universal Flight School. Among the events will be a cross country race and a spot landing contest. There will also be a barbecue and dance.

On October 16, members of the chapter were the guests of the Navy Air Base at Lambert Field. We were shown a Navy film on GCA and then were escorted by "caravan" to the GCA unit and witnessed its actual operation on the field. Ras Logsdon was responsible for arranging the interesting tour for us.

The October meeting was held at Nadja Wilson's home in Webster Groves, Missouri. Burnette gave her delegate's report of the convention and Laura Sellinger gave us the highlights of the social events held for the visiting Ninety-Nines. We had as guests at the meeting, Mrs. Loretta Slavik and Mrs. Gil Newsome, both prospective members. We were glad to welcome back some old members, Shirley Duval and Mrs. Margaret Walker (Marge Needam).

In the statistics department: Dorcas Stark became the wife of Dr. Carl Beisbarth. June Appell married Robert Sloss. Dorothy Wheeler is the proud mother of another boy. Del Scharr is teaching a night class in aviation at Hadley Tech. Burnette McNamee represented "the women in aviation" at a luncheon in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER
By: Ann Heisler

I have just fallen 'heir' to the job of reporter for the Ohio Chapter and hope to keep you well informed of news in the State.

First off, our October Meeting at Cincinnati Airport, where we were the guests of the Greater Cincinnati Airmen's Association was one of the best yet. Our lovely hostesses, Sue Hall and Virginia Ruffing, donated a beautiful cake with the 99 insignia iced on top. We had over 30 members in attendance and all of them flew in, bringing guests, 49¹/₂'ers and prospective members with net result one grand time. The room was certainly a-buzz with results of the New York Convention and our much advertised "Powder-Puff Derby". We had 13 members and 3 guests from Ohio at New York and thought we had first place on attendance but results showed we were nozed out by California gals.

Arlene Davis, bless her generosity, still had a few trophies to present to winners in the Derby. Mary L. Oetzel was presented a Thompson Products Trophy for a grand job as hostess. Jean Bonar and Ann Heisler, Mansfield, Ohio were presented similar trophies for "Glamour Gals in the Bucket of Bolts". We all voted that the annual Convention was the best yet and a rising vote of thanks was rendered Arlene for her untiring efforts in the Powder-Puff Derby. The "spirit of friendliness" will never be forgotten.

We are proud to have Arlene elected to the Executive Committee of the National Board and she is also representing us on the Frank G. Brewer Trophy Committee.

Results of our annual election were read at the October Meeting with the following officers elected for 1950: Helen Linn, Columbus, Chairman; Jean Hunt, Springfield, Vice-Chairman and Louise Clark, Dayton, Secretary-Treasurer. Committee Chairmen and Committees will be announced at the next meeting which will be held at Bucyrus Airport, November 20th. We hope this will be another 100% fly-in meeting and this is the incentive - a large turkey will be awarded to the pilot landing at the secret arrival time. Another treat - our new Sectional Chairman, Greenwood Cocanougher, Lexington, Ky. will attend our meeting and present new plans for the North Central Section. Let's give her a grand reception!

Our new Chairman has arranged a meeting with State Aviation Director, C.E.A. Brown and Chapter Chairman of Air Marking, Martha Walter, Dayton, and Sectional Chairman, Arlene Davis for November 12th which should help put Ohio on the Air Marking Map.

Sophia Peters, our All-Ohio Air Tour Queen, one of the twins chosen, will be married on the Bride & Groom Program, in California, November 18th, at 2:30. This program is broadcast over a coast-to-coast network. Best wishes Sophia and we hope she plugs the 99's, as we'll all be tuned in. That's all for this month.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER
By: Ruth C. Lembke

For the October meeting sixteen of our members plus one 49¹/₂'er flew into the Walworth County Airport. Ed Hausch, manager, then took us into Elkhorn where we were served lunch at Ramble Inn. In the center of the table stood Deedo Heise's two recently acquired trophies, the Arlene Davis Powder Puff Derby award and the Cessna 170 Trophy both earned on the New York flight.

We heard Deedo tell in glowing terms what a wonderful week she, Sally Lathrop, Dora Fritzke, Jeannette Kapus, and Mary Lou Thompson had had at the 99 twentieth anniversary convention. Election returns showed that Dora Fritzke will again be our chairman, Jeannette Kapus takes up her second term as vice-chairman, Sally Lathrop will act as our new secretary, while Deedo Heise retains her treasurer post. Gladys Dean of Madison was appointed Program Chairman to plan all the flights for the year. Pearl Nelson of Stoughton, is Membership Chairman, Ethel Dresdow will act as publicity Chairman, and Dottie Orttel, both of Madison, will take over the scrap book.

Karen Persson is our newest pilot. She received her license May 15th at Waukesha. Helen Kuntz was there from Appleton. Bernadette Voelker flew in from Madison. She is a native of Sun Prairie where she holds the distinction of being the first woman pilot in town. Nellie Bilstead came with Gladys Dean. Gertrude Faust flew in in her Erocoupe from Lake Buelah. Just before we left Margaret Sliker, Harold, and tiny Paula Rae (youngest 99 possibility for 1965) stopped in. It was our first glimpse of Paula Rae; we all approve.

Deedo Heise was voted the outstanding pilot of the month. She was awarded the 99 copper tray which is given to the most distinguished 99'er of the chapter. Jeannette Kapus, Spin Queen, held it last.

The November 20th meeting will be a fly-in to Stoughton. Pearl Nelson has graciously invited us.

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 October meeting was held at Darlene Young's new home with the chairman, Marilyn Nordstrom, presiding. Each girl brought a box lunch which was auctioned off to bolster our treasury. The girls present were the hostess Darlene Young, Mary Wenholz, Georgia White, Dorothy Schaeffer, Jane Nettleblad, Marcile Young, Eloise Skinner, Kati Kelly and her two guests, Connie Van Noy and Eloise Laird. The guests sang for the group with an accordion for accompaniment. Darlene Young played several pieces on a new Hammond organ and everyone joined in for an old-fashioned song-fest.

Marcile Young, who last summer was a counselor at a camp for under-privileged children, report that if the chapter wanted another worth-while project any contributions to this worthy organization would be greatly appreciated. We hope to be able to sponsor this project.

The Pueblo unit had a wonderful breakfast flight to Colorado Springs. This group is an up and coming organization which has had two meetings since their organization. There is a possibility of a new unit being started in Colorado Springs.

Dorothy and Bill Atkinson have purchased a winter home in Colorado. Dot said there would be room for a landing strip. Caroline Rose reported from Alaska that Nita Carter, a former Colorado member is now married. Flying there is getting slower as the days get both shorter and colder.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Lois Boien

Our October meeting was held at Elgin, Nebraska, on Sunday, October 16th. Perfect flying weather brought out a crowd, and no one was disappointed. A combination of delicious food, gracious hosts, and the addition of a new member made the meeting a decided success.

Chief discussion of course, centered around the New York convention, who was there, what did they decide, and what did they wear.

Besides meeting very formally for our meeting, we have been greeting travelers thru our territory. We were most pleased to have had Ruth Rueckert stop and chat with us, and altho most of us missed greeting the gals going East, we did get to see your pictures in the evening editions, so know that Belle got to see you.

Our members have been going all directions lately. Janey Bay and 49¹/₂'er took off for New York, Dorothy and Claude Reed arrived from there the same week. Helen and Earl Bass missed New York, but have the Kansas City Royal on the flight schedule for the month. The Al Johnson family have returned from Pennsylvania and Wyoming. Jo Farmer wrote us that she was going to South America. No other details were given, but we understand that it might be permanent. Marge McBride has been attending football games in Ames, Iowa. She must like that airport over there. Her Luscombe seems to navigate there automatically. Our gals out in the western part of the state complain because they don't seem to get time to travel the way that some of the members do, but Mrs. Dunlevy, the mother of our mother-daughter combination, flew 300 miles to attend our October meeting. 'That's just a little jaunt' says she. We're all waiting to see that new airplane! Alice Riss and I have been spending one night a week getting acquainted with the Air Force Reserve. We feel pretty proud of those commissions, even if we don't have an MOS that means anything.

We want to welcome our newest member, Pat Delaney into the 99's. She received her license this month.

TEXAS CHAPTER
By: Martha Ann Reading

The Twentieth Anniversary Celebration was a never to be forgotten event. It is too bad all you Texans couldn't have been there to enjoy the well planned activities and the completely charming hospitality offered by the New Yorkers.

Start now to make your plans to attend the Spring Chapter meeting in El Paso. We don't have a program set up as yet but the tentative date is for the last weekend in May.

We have a brand new Texan and Ninety-Niner. Her name is Ruth Arthur and her address is 4022 West Jefferson Avenue, Dallas, Texas. Ruth works at Chance-Vought Aircraft Co. and is also a Glider pilot. Welcome to the Ninety-Nines and to Texas, Ruth.

El Paso Unit

The El Paso Unit elected officers at a meeting held in the home of Ruth Deerman, September 3. Ruth Deerman was reelected Director, Ruby Hays, Vice Director and Anne Duthie was reelected secretary and custodian of the pink piggy bank.

Dallas Unit

The Dallas Unit held an election October 19 at a meeting held in the Club Room at Garland Airport. The results were as follows: Josephine Allison, Director; Marie Nix, Vice Director; Marie Rushing, Secretary-Treasurer; Olean Sellers, Membership Chairman; Martha Ann Reading, Reporter.

The balance of the meeting consisted of a stream of chatter from yours truly about the New York convention.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER
By: Eleanor Wagner

Now that the New York convention is just a memory and a pleasant one too, it looks as if all of us will have to get down to the business of preparing for another successful year.

All of the gals who flew to New York from this area have returned by now, most of them broke but happy and enthusiastic over the wonderful reception that was given them there. Mayetta Wiedeman of Palo Alto and Trixie Schubert of Los Angeles, progressed toward the convention in Mayetta's Cessna 120, "Power Puff", as far as Indianapolis and hopped the airlines from there. Marjorie Fauth in "Wistful Angel", and accompanied by Fran Grant, and Helen Menefee were the first to arrive -- made it just in time for the initial luncheon. Pat Gladney in her 170, "Pandora", encountered a slight delay along the way. With her were Pattie Sherwood, Marjorie Standish and Esther Haney. Ruth Rueckert and Jerry Masinter certainly meant well, but had a heck of a time getting to where they were going. They were ferrying a T-craft back to New Jersey and intended taking in the convention at the same time; however, along with a bad streak of luck and weather, they were detained sufficiently to void all plans for meeting the rest of the girls in New York. Somewhere, somehow along the way Jerry and Ruth lost a part of the fabric underneath the fuselage and didn't discover the loss until they were in the air, what with a terrific draft blowing up all of a sudden plus a bird's eye view of the terrain below as seen from the baggage compartment of said T-craft. What a shock that must have been. Anyway, the girls did well and said that the experience taught them a lot about cross-country flying as it shouldn't happen to a dog.

On the 30th of October the Bay Cities Ninety-Nines along with 49¹/₂'ers and friends had a bang-up luncheon fly-in at Holman's Guest Ranch in the Carmel Valley. What a spot, and such hospitality!

In the Bay Cities Chapter recent election of officers, we are proud to announce the following are now in command: Mayetta Wiedeman, Chairman; Miriam Brugh, Vice Chairman; Pat Gladney, Secretary and Helen Menefee, Treasurer.

In closing, our chapter wants to take this opportunity to thank the New York chapter and all concerned with engineering the recent convention, for the wonderful hospitality shown those attending. Also a huge vote of thanks from us to the Westchester County Airport for their generous consideration and free tie down during the convention.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Wanda Branstetter

Zona King and Dorothy Grieve, our two delegates to the National Convention in New York City, reported a very successful as well as wonderful trip. They made the flight in Zona's Cessna 140.

Hawthorne, Nevada held its annual celebration the 23rd of October, and our Chapter contributed to the activities. Dorothy Grieve was hostess to the following 99's and 49¹/₂'ers: Irene and Mr. Baldwin, Doris and Dr. Henry, Reta and Al Hart, Zona and C. A. King, Gerry and Mick Mickelsen, and Ethel Sheehy.

Upon arrival at the Hawthorne airport, the guests were taken to town for a huge (free) breakfast. They then watched a parade, in which Dorothy and Zona rode in the Cessna which made the trip to New York City. After an eventful Nevada day (enough said), Dorothy Grieve served a venison barbecue at the airport.