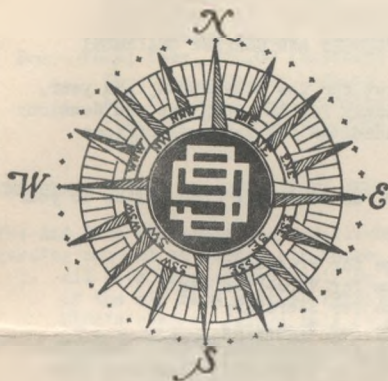


NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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February 15, 1950

DEADLINE
5th of EACH MONTH

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members:

Flew to Melbourne, Florida, for the International Florida Flying Alligator Club party. Many of our girls there, and a number initiated into the Alligator Club. Yours truly was initiated in 1936.

The Miami All American Air Maneuvers, January 13 to 15, under the direction of Col. S. C. "Jiggs" Huffman was a huge success. Our 99 Club members were very much in the spotlight, with Betty Skelton winning third place in the International Aerobatic contest, with famous Mr. Bevo Howard coming in second and Mr. Rodney Jocelyn, first. We are most happy to note that the bars have been broken down so that the women can compete with the men at the Miami Air Maneuvers. Congratulations, Betty.

The beautiful little Caro Bayley set an unofficial world's altitude record of 27,510 feet. Unfortunately, Caro had only one baregraph aboard and it is necessary to carry two for an official record. Great climbing, but tough luck, Caro.

The De-Icer contest--you know, Jack Mosley's "Smilin' Jack" comic strip--was one of the features of the Florida Air Pilot's Association ball. The winner was most attractive BUT I believe we have 99 Club members who could very easily walk off with any beauty prize. I can't understand why, with so many beautiful women fliers, beauty contests held in connection with aviation activities are not restricted to pilots. For while our young beauties don't always go around in sweaters, they do come equipped with De-Icers.

The Florida Chapter gave a cocktail party for the visiting 99's and Atlanta Women's Aero Club. Beautiful canapes, beautiful flowers--in fact a beautiful party. Thank you girls.

The Cuban good will flight was a huge success also. One hundred and seventy aircraft flew to Havana; Marjorie Harris an Erco Coupe, Arlene Davis a Cessna 195, Frances Nolde a Navion; am not sure what types of ships the other girls flew over. But, the 99 Club was well represented.

Returned to Atlanta, Georgia, to address the Women's Aero Club. Back to Washington for two days, then to New York City for the Eighth Anniversary luncheon at the Waldorf, of the Eighth Air Force and the premier of Twelve O'Clock High, which is the finest aviation picture I have ever seen. Don't miss it. You too, husbands! Even if you didn't fly B-17's or fighter planes in the Eighth Air Force, you will still get a kick out of the picture. The majority of the flying part of the picture was taken over the lines, during World War II, and some of the flying that the famous ace of ace's, Bob Johnson, now President of the Air Force Association, did will keep you on the edge of your seats. Cy Bartlett and Bernie Leigh did a wonderful job on the story. Both were war time pilots in the Eighth Air Force.

Jacqueline Cochran set a new international record for propeller driven planes over a 500-kilometer closed course. The speed was 444 miles per hour according to NAA, which timed the run. Congratulations, Jackie.

I leave on February 17 for Toledo, Cleveland, Akron, Chicago, Madison, Kansas City, Fort Worth, Shreveport, Little Rock and Nashville. Will be flying a CAA ship and hope to see many of you.

Blanche Noyes
Your President

** IMPORTANT **
NINETY-NINES - BUSINESS CORNER

"Calling ALL OFFICERS, GOVERNORS and CHAPTER CHAIRMEN, and -- MEMBERS, listen in!"

1. This is an OFFICIAL INVITATION (and the ONLY ONE you will receive) to send in business you would like taken up at the 1950 Annual Meeting. Bids for the 1951 Convention are due by the same deadline date -- April 1, 1950. Send in TRIPLICATE to Secretary Brick.

Also, bids for the TRANSCONTINENTAL Air Race for 1951 should be submitted in detail AT the 1950 Annual Meeting to facilitate coordination of events for 1951. These need NOT be submitted earlier.

2. MARCH FIRST marks the deadline set by the FACT FINDING COMMITTEE, Jimmie Kolp, Chairman, by which date her Committee must have the DETAILED PLANS for comparison and selection, the best of which will be submitted to the membership.

3. SECTIONAL REALIGNMENT COMMITTEE Chairman Clair Callaghan asks that proposed changes in the present boundaries of Sections and Chapters due to geographical features be submitted right away to her in triplicate. State fully present boundary, change requested and reasons for it.

4. ORDER THOSE NINETY-NINE MATCHES today! Minimum order of six boxes. Don't wait until you need them since they must be shipped railway express (safety reasons) and that takes time.

5. Does your 49¹/₂er (that's your husband, you know) need a membership card? Write Vera Self.

6. YIPPEE! AND HOWDY NINETY-NINE PODNERS, as the Texas gals put it. The Annual Meeting will be held at FORT CLARK GUEST RANCH, BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS, June 21-25.

We know it's a bit early for full plans but this litte guide may help delegates particularly.

NATIONAL NINETY-NINE CONVENTION
JUNE 21-25, 1950
FORT CLARK RANCH, BRACKETTVILLE
TEXAS

WEDNESDAY-June 21, 1950 - Fly-In Day.

2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. ----- Rodeo

THURSDAY-June 22, 1950

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Executive Committee and
Governors Meeting
4:00 p.m. ----- Trip to Mexico for shopping
and dinner across the River
Trip optional and each to
pay own expenses in Mexico.
Transportation will be fur-
nished.

FRIDAY-June 23, 1950

9:00 a.m.-12 Noon Annual Business Meeting
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Annual Business Meeting

SATURDAY-June 24, 1950

8:30 a.m.-12 Noon Annual Business Meeting
1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Cocktail Party
7:00 p.m. ----- Banquet

SUNDAY-June 25, 1950

Noon ----- Barbecue

Business Sessions will adjourn if completed in less time than that allowed.

NO FORMAL CLOTHES NEEDED. Play dresses, shorts, blue jeans, bathing suits. Bring your own golf clubs.

The ranch has lovely bridle paths, a nine hole golf course, tennis courts, canoeing on Las Moras Creek, a swimming pool the size of a football field, so you won't be crowded on swimming space, several miles of paved roads for bicycling, and many other forms of entertainment.

Bring the 49¹/₂er and make this your summer vacation.

NO REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE CHARGED.

ATTENTION: SECTION GOVERNORS AND CHAPTER CHAIRMEN!

Due to the early date set for the Convention this year, June 21-25, it is necessary for the Chapters and Sections to send in lists of candidates for National Offices IMMEDIATELY!

Not later than March 20, we must hear from you as to your choice for

One candidate for President
One candidate for Vice-President
One candidate for Secretary
One candidate for Treasurer
One candidate for Scholarship Fund Committee
One candidate for Nominating Committee from
each Section

Since our Constitution provides that "no officer shall serve more than two consecutive years in the same office", this year new people must be chosen for three out of the four offices as well as the two committees. Blanche Noyes is completing her second term as President, Kay Brick will not be eligible again as Secretary, nor will Marjorie Fauth be eligible for another term as Treasurer.

Each year one member must be chosen for the Scholarship Fund Committee. This Committee is composed of two Permanent Trustees, Alma Harwood and Margaret Manser, and three elected members on three year terms. Melba Beard and Marian Bertram continue in office but Alice Hammond's term expires in August of this year.

Former nominating committees have found it helpful when consent was obtained from the candidate before submitting her name to the committee. This will be doubly appreciated this year when the time is so short. Also, both to aid in choosing the nominees and for Newsletter publication before election, please submit a brief outline of the candidates qualifications with the name and consent.

Please send your list of candidates to me at the address given below and POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN MARCH 20, 1950.

Eloise M. Smith, Chairman
1950 Nominating Committee
R #6, Austin Lake Airport
Kalamazoo, Michigan

TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE

At the National Meeting in NYC in September, the delegates created an official Transcontinental Air Race Chairman, empowered to select four other Ninety-Nine members as a committee to plan and conduct this event each year. Elected was Mardo Crane, Chairman. Committee members appointed are: Bea Medes, Newport Beach, Calif.; Betty Loufek, Compton, Calif.; Barbara London, Long Beach, Calif.; and Evelyn Briggs, San Diego, Calif.

Data on this year's Transcontinental Air Race is:

Prizes and trophies - to be announced later.
Start - Lindberg Field, San Diego, Calif. (Mary Ring, Chairman of San Diego Chapter, in charge.)
Date - Sunday, June 11, 1950
Eastern Terminus - Greenville, South Carolina. (Amalie Stone, Chairman Carolinas Chapter, in charge.)
Route - San Diego, Tucson, El Paso, Dallas, Shreveport, Meridian, Montgomery, Atlanta, Charleston, Greenville. (Because the x-c was shorter this

year than last, the committee felt that in order to make the race truly transcontinental it could run to the coast and still end in Greenville, which offered so many inducements to entrants to come there.) RETURN via National Convention in Texas!

Rules - Women only; C-300 HP lightplanes; handicapped according to manufacturer's advertized cruising speed; entry must be filed by midnight, June 6; plane must be impounded at Lindberg Field by 12 o'clock noon the day before the race starts (June 10). (For complete rules, write Transcontinental Air Race Committee Headquarters, 8617 Rindge Avenue, Playa Del Rey, Calif.)

Fee - Total fees, \$22.00 (divided: \$10 -- FAI; \$2 -- Sporting License; both of these are required by NAA for sanctioned events; \$10 -- race committee fund for NAA race sanction fee, plus race conduct expense.)

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING NEXT YEAR'S RACE:

The Air Race Committee has established these policies regarding conduct of future air races:

1. All bids from cities desiring the start or finish of the air race must be submitted through a Ninety-Nine's chapter (since this is now a national 99's event), and the chapter submitting the bid must be willing to be responsible to the air race committee for the conduct of the race in said city or cities. First bid must be presented to the Air Race Committee at the time of the National Convention (this year, in Texas, June 21-25). Final details of bids, complete in writing, must be presented to the committee by September 1.
2. No chapter will be allowed to have the air race start or finish more than two years in succession, unless no other bid is received.

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

ATTENTION ALL NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTERS:

The Spring Sectional Meeting, which will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, has a special interest for you.

A PRIZE FOR THE VISITING CHAPTER WITH THE LARGEST BONA-FIDE MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE is being offered by Mary Jeffords and Del Scharr, made possible by the proceeds of their perfume sales in 1949. The chapter with the most members at this meeting in April will be given ONE DOLLAR for each member present. The prize will be divided in case of a tie in numbers. These two hostesses wish to do their share in helping to promote the strengthening of bonds between all of the chapters and make this beginning on a sectional level.

Come on, Ninety-Nines, and get to know your neighbors! Chapter chairmen will receive chapter invitations in the mail shortly. MEET ME IN SAINT LOUIS, and swell your chapter treasury.

REPORT FROM VIRGINIA EBERHART PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

Doris Langher of Chicago has been appointed Sectional History Chairman. She is compiling a history of the North Central Section, which she will distribute to all of our members of this Section. That's quite a job Doris. "Good Luck." I hope everyone helps you with information that you'll need.

I guess I did pull an "April Fool" on you girls. The North Central Sectional meeting will be held on April 29-30 instead of April 1-2. It was thought the weather would be much better the last of April which would cause better attendance. You might be interested to know that your Publicity Chairman is going to St. Louis, Feb. 9-19 on personal business at the Home Show and will confer with

Rae Sullivan, our Sectional Meeting Chairman and Rae Logsdon their Chairman and other members of their Chapter.

"Cokie" says she is going to begin her visiting around sometime in February, so all of you who are interested in having her visit you, drop her a line.

"Say," you Publicity Chairmen---don't think I've forgotten you because I haven't written much in the last two months, but believe me--when you get a daughter married off happily and successfully, get through the holidays, get the daughter and her husband off to Florida where they're settling, take care of the grandchild 24 hours a day, see her through having her tonsils out, and to say nothing of my helping my husband in his business--you find you don't have much time for other things. But I will have time from now on. You'll be hearing from me oftener.

"Hey," you girls in Florida, will someone write me, so I can look you up while I'm down there a few days. I'd like to tell you about our Publicity Program up here and perhaps you would like to do something similar down there this year. We're taking our grandchild down to Ft. Lauderdale sometime the last of February or first of March and will be there three or four days. Drop me a line at the Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, and we'll make plans to get together one of those days.

Publicity Chairmen--I mean ALL of you, Jeanne and Marjorie and Evelyn and Austa and Ethel and June and Allesaba and Mardie and Frances and any others whom I haven't been notified about,--Please--get your program started and send me your clippings or pictures or columns or any publicity you have received in the past or get in the future. Please notify me if your Chapter is participating for the prize money (with 25% donated per person--to go to the winning three Chapter's treasury). If you aren't participating for the prizes, send me highlights and publicity anyway. I will recognize your achievements and publish them because everyone is interested. Come on girls -- this is for the 99's.

C H A P T E R N E W S

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By: Irene Leverton

ATTENTION ILLINOIS: Meet the Wisconsin gals at our Fly-In this MARCH at O'HARE FIELD. Lunch and a swell get together. Come dressed for a T6.

Welcome to Anne Noggle, Bennie and Bob Bosler and Virginia Lindgren. They are new 99's, 49th year and transfer from Washington respectively. Anne an ex Wasp has several years of instructing in S&MEL and SES and two seasons of dusting to her credit. Bennie has a new private and flies a PT23 which she and husband Bob own. Bob is Capt. of a United DC6 run between Chicago and New York. Virginia co-pilots a DC3 for Monarch Air Service at Chicago Midway. She is working on an ATR now, nice going.

Chalk up another fine meeting at United's Link Room last December. Guest speaker Jane Robbins' talk on her experiences as a Bush Pilot in Alaska was an education in itself. Passengers, mining equipment, fish and polar bear hunters were among the assorted cargo she carried in the Pt. Barro, Nome, Fairbanks and Deering areas. We hope to see more of Jane soon. Glad to see Erlyn Conel and Ruth Spietz again among the 35 members present. Grab bag gifts and refreshments served by the Program Committee ended things with the proper X-Mas Spirit.

X-C Notes: Jessie Anderson got some T6 time in on a trip to Ponca City, Oklahoma and back. Bea and Vern Siemor completed a trip to the West Coast and back via the Grand Canyon in their Cessna 170. Marion Niedert hopped down to Champaign logging time for that commercial. As an ex-Wave she flies 140s on the G.I. Program at Sky Harbor. Evelyn and Glen Martin took 2nd place in The Flying Fish Club's all Seaplane E.T.A. Race with a J3. They finished minutes behind a Sea Bee. Olive and Arthur Tuttle scooted up to Janesville in a 140. Olive gave her nephews, 6, 9 and 12, their first aerial view of the snowy land-

scape. Millie Carlson of United's Meteorology Dept. joined the Riverside Flying Club and has checked out in their 140. She hopes to have a commercial this summer. Congratulations to Evelyn Staedeli of Peoria who is now a commercial pilot.

We're losing Mae Wilson who is going to Kansas to live. Most of her 5300 hours have been logged while instructing pilots hereabouts. Lots of luck to you Mae, from all of us. 2nd and 3rd place in the City and State Archery Championships went to Hazel Hackwith. She promptly flew to Minnesota's North Woods to try the bow and arrow on deer. Our archery champion of several years standing learned to use snow shoes and went fishing thru the ice. The cylinder head temperature of Hazel's favorite Luscombe has been on the Green Line since her arrival home. Doris Langer spent the holidays in L.A. doing a lot of skiing in the mountains and logging Bonanza time at Van Nuys Airport.

This chapter's thanks to Regina Devine and Jessie Anderson for spending so much time and energy on our behalf. Though teaching at Crane Tech, Regina has always found time to fulfill her duties efficiently and quietly. She is North Central Section Secretary and Chairman of our Ways and Means Committee. Jessie has long been an Air Marking leader and did a fine job as Program Chairman in '49, hardly ever missing a meeting though she lives in Elgin.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Dorothea E. Hendricks

Our Chairman, Charlotte Foland, has asked me to step into reporter Dot Perry's shoes. She stepped out of them when her company transferred her to St. Louis. We will miss you, Dot, and we will be looking forward to visits from you and more of those fascinating stories. Dot's new address is Catherine Springs Hotel, 220 N. Spring Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.

Quite a number of members, their 49^{ers}, and guests enjoyed a Christmas party at the lovely home of Violet Bauernmeister in West Terre Haute. What wonderful food! A gift exchange and a short business was held. Postal cards with our insignia were offered for sale to the members.

On January 15, fourteen members "floated" in for lunch in the Skyline Room at Weir Cook Airport, Indianapolis. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom of Capital Air Sales.

We were glad to see Doris Hurt at the meeting. She is working with Trans-Canada Airlines in Chicago since getting her degree at Purdue University.---Flight Instructor Evelyn Bottoma McGraw has deserted Florida for awhile, and has joined our chapter again. Welcome back, Lynn!---One of our new members is Delethia Nicholas of Indianapolis. She has a flock of ratings, Commerical, Instrument and Ground School. We are very proud to have her join us.---"Little Doc" Retherford and her 49^{er} took off in their Ercope in January for some sunshine at Bradenton Beach, Florida.---Marie Thompson spent the Christmas holidays with her parents in Florida.

Nellie Evans and Phyllis Haupt have invited us to Marion on February 19, for a hangar lunch and meeting. See you there!

KENTUCKY CHAPTER

By: Austa Shepherd

Kentucky Ninety-Nine Chapter although small in number is proud to have 100% renewal in membership this year.

Greenwood Cocanougher's door mat must have read "Welcome Pilots Only" on December 31 when her home was the setting for the marriage of Ann Heisler of Mansfield, Ohio, a member of the All Ohio Chapter to Major William O. Ash of Mansfield. The attendants were Marjorie Newcomer, also a member of Ohio Chapter and James Gorman III, both of Mansfield. The five members of the wedding party were all pilots with a total of approximately 12,000 hours.

Kentucky Chapter held the first meeting in 1950 in Louisville on Sunday, January 22. The business meeting was presided over by Georgia Heitkemper. The other new officers are Marilyn Haley, Vice-Chairman; Jane Ralston, Membership Chairman and Dorothy Shelton re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. All members were present except Dorothy Shelton who is away in college and Lt. Mayrell Johnson, serving active duty with the WAVES in Washington, D. C. Lt. Johnson is from Murray, Kentucky, and we hope to have her back with us soon.

The Connecting Link, the trade magazine of the Link Aviation, Inc., published last November carried a U. S. Air Force Photo of one of the Kentucky Ninety-Nines, Greenwood Cocanougher, and her son, Capt. Archie L. Roberts. The picture was taken last summer when Cokie landed at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, to visit her son who is Flying Safety Officer there.

Since the date of the convention in St. Louis has been changed from April 1 to April 29 and 30, we anticipate better flying weather and hope to have several members make the flight.

Our February meeting will be held in Frankfort, Kentucky at the Capital Hotel on the 26th.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Zita Snyder and Bernice Easter

Apologies for missing the November Newsletter, but due to the excitement of the 20 year celebration in New York and new appointments of officers, we just plain slipped up.

NOVEMBER REPORT: The clubhouse at the Cascades in Jackson, Michigan was the meeting point on November 13 under the efficient guidance of Velta Skutt, Barbara Credit and Jean Prins. An excellent luncheon was enjoyed by the 99ers and 49^{ers} present. Colored slides of 99 events, furnished by different members, were shown and much appreciated. Nita Barry had the kindness to tell us about her trip to Europe of last spring. Adele Binsfield reported on the New York convention trip. All this made the meeting a most interesting and enjoyable one.

DECEMBER MEETING: Alice Hammond, a gracious hostess as usual opened her Grosse Pointe Farms home wide to the annual Christmas party, Dec. 10th. Poor road conditions and worse flying weather cramped the style of many girls who would have liked to attend. But the 24 who could make it had a splendid time. After a delicious dinner, games were played and gifts exchanged.

JANUARY MEETING: The January meeting was held at the Lansing Airport with a breakfast at the airport restaurant. There were about 20 members and a full quota of 49^{ers} present and no wonder the husbands came! They were entertained by Col. Lester J. Maitland, Director of the Dept. of Aeronautics for Michigan, who took them on a tour of the airport, including a trip to the control tower. Guest of the 99's was the attractive wife of Michigan Governor Williams. Margaret Windfuhr and Marion Ruth were hostesses for the day, Margaret taking time out for it even with her husband leaving for Germany in a few days.

On the 12th of February and the 12th of March, Michigan girls will meet for breakfast in the Women's League Building at Ann Arbor. The program will be given by the Aeronautical Engineering School of the University.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By June Walsh

Remember the sectional meeting on April 29 and 30 in St. Louis! Wonderful plans are in the making. We'll tell you all about them in the March Newsletter.

Our chapter chairman, Rae Logsdon, Trudy DeVries, and Laura Sellinger flew to the races in Miami. In spite of the bad flying weather they had a good time.

A number of the members are attending ground school for their commercials and your reporter is starting on a

flight instructor's course. Those attending ground school are Loretta Slavik, Rita Van Coutren, Mary Leach and Mildred Robinson.

We have several new members: Lillian Sproull, who is a lieutenant in the CAP; Carol Newsome, a model; Loretta Slavik, an executive secretary and owner of a Piper Cruiser; Rita Van Coutren, who works for American Airlines; Mary Leach, owner of a Cessna 140; and Mildred Robinson, a nurse at Barnes Hospital.

We were shocked to hear that Dorothy Condon had been seriously injured in an automobile accident and hope that she will soon be able to be with us again. Our sincere sympathy goes to Shirley Duval whose father passed away.

An interesting bit of news just came our way that Emma Ware, former Wasp and mother of two children is taking nurse's training at Barnes Hospital and will receive her R.N. in another two years.

ALL OHIO CHAPTER

By: Ann Christine Ash

Seems rather late to be mentioning Christmas parties but I do want to tell briefly of our wonderful party at Mac Park Hangar, Columbus, Ohio. We had a grand attendance and the Columbus girls went all out to see that we enjoyed a true Christmas spirit. Thanks to all of you!

Sorry I missed the January meeting but my able assistant, Lore Kugler, sent a report of same which I submit herewith. I know that both Jeanne Hunt and Lore served as excellent hostesses for this meeting.

Rosalie Bracht and her guest Nancy Sholle, both of Akron, won prizes for coming the greatest distance as well as being first to arrive.

Our airmarking Chairman, Martha Walter, reported on her progress, and we're all "hepped" up on making Ohio the best airmarked state in the union. Had a look at the map the Ohio Aviation Board gave Martha with the towns and cities already marked, shown on the map, and believe we have a pretty good start.

Helen Linn, our Chairman, was conspicuously absent (there was illness in the family) since she had promised to bring movies of that wonderful Rose Bowl game. We're going to hold her to her promise however, and have made arrangements to give her all the room she needs at the next meeting which will be in Akron.

We also received the news that the 1950 Convention will be held in Texas instead of Columbus as we had originally hoped. We did want you to come, but since there are always other years, we will invite you again.

News at random: Our February meeting will be held at Akron with airmarking our chief topic of discussion. Dick Burwell, Ohio Aviation Board, will be our speaker. Response has been very good thus far to the North Central Section and Ohio Chapter membership booklets, which we hope to have in print before too long now. Don't forget those pictures gals!

Kay Semrau has been elected Chairman of Press and Editor of monthly publication, Theta Data, of Flora Stoe Mather College for year 1950. Congratulations, Kay. Just heard that Margaret Johnston is engaged to John Dustin of Westerville, Ohio. Sorry to hear that Marjorie Miller's hubby, Lee, has been very ill and hospitalized for over a month with appendectomy operation and serious after effects. We all wish you a speedy recovery. Arlene Davis flew her Cessna 195 to Miami Air Races, Havana, Cuba, Cat Cay and Bimini in the Bahamas; lectured on "Women in Aviation" in Miami and presented Wing Scout Manual to Miami Lecture Group. Cleveland pilots Peg McGraw and Mary Jane Sasala are starting commercial course and instrument courses respectively. Marie Ambus has been elected second vice-president of the Toledo Society of Crippled Children for which we save our sales tax stamps and render yearly at her wonderful summer parties on the beach. And in closing, I will confirm the report of my marriage which took place in the home of our North Central Section

Governor's home, Greenwood Cocanougher at Lexington, Kentucky, on December 31st. It was a lovely wedding with all pilots composing the wedding party and a total of over 10,000 flying hours represented. We are still pretty much up in the air and enjoying every day of our happy marriage.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Ruth C. Lembke

Pearle Nelson was awarded the Wisconsin 99 Traveling Tray this month. Pearl found all the Stoughton baby sitters busy one special Saturday evening when she and her 49^{er} had an important date, so she flew over to Detroit to pick up her mother who volunteered to do the job. Pearl brought her back and saved the "date". Can anyone else equal that jaunt for a baby sitter?

Deedo and Herm, the flying Heises, are Guatemala bound. The Milwaukee Journal photographers snapped their farewell at Mitchell Field as the two took off. Gladys and Frank Dean are on their way to Guatemala too. The four will meet in sunny Mexico and join the other Cessna fliers all going South.

At the January meeting a dinner was held in the sky room of Curtis Wright Airport at Milwaukee and pictures were taken for the North Central membership book. The photographer had photogenic subjects like Margaret Sliker, Elsie Peters, Dora Fritzke, Bernadette Voelker, who had a charming corsage of roses, Jeannette Kapus, Nellie and Ingeborg Bilstead, Mary Lou Thompson and Billie Pifer.

Edna Anderson has taken over the publicity for our chapter. Bernadette Voelker directs a group of singers she can well be proud of. They sang carols for the group last month.

Caroline Iverson Ackerman, our chapter founder, was married here December 31. Deedo and Herm entertained a huge party for her. Caroline's wedding was most beautiful. It couldn't be otherwise with her as the bride. Leslie is quite all right! We welcome him into the 49^{er} group, even though they have gone back to New York to live.

Dorothy Christenson continues to send interesting movies and news from Okinawa.

The February meetings will be divided--Madison and Milwaukee. We'll be expecting to hear from Gladys and Deedo about all points South.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

COLORADO CHAPTER

By: Jane Nettleblad

The first meeting of 1950 was held at the Denver University Air Center, thanks to our membership chairman, Marcia Fandrem who is in charge of the D. U. Air Center and aviation instructor for elementary education teachers and students. The girls all took turns at the Link and Marcia gave a speech on her activities at the Center. She also played parts of the recording, "Airborne Symphony, written by Marc Blitzstein.

Mary Collett was a guest at the January meeting. She is a nurse and her husband a doctor. We believe that Mary is a prospective member in our chapter. Betty Jo Honstein, who is in nurses training at Children's Hospital is the youngest and newest member.

Plans were made for the third annual 99 ranch dance for raising funds for the chapter. The next meeting will be a Chinese dinner at the Cathay Post, American Legion.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By: Ann Martin

There's a bit of "catching up" to do as far as reporting news is concerned, so we'll start with October 22 at Municipal Airport, Oklahoma City. The New York Convention was the main topic of discussion, with reports from Mary Francis, Velma Woodward, Elizabeth Sewell, and Broneta Davis.

November 20 we met at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club for a Guest Day Affair. Thelma Lindzey, of Michigan, was present to give our guests an interesting talk on 99's, the organization's purpose and activities. Sandra Mason, of Oklahoma City, was later introduced and told she had been chosen for an experimental flight training program sponsored jointly by the Oklahoma Aviation Commission and Link Aviation. Her training will include 6 to 8 hours of primary Link instruction and enough flying time to solo. Luncheon was served at noon and fly-in members were returned to Wiley Post Airpark for departure.

December 4th was the day for the first Annual Aerial Pow-Wow, held at Oklahoma City. A count of 269 airplanes, carrying between 700 and 800 pilots and passengers, arrived at Wiley Post Airpark for the occasion. Oklahoma 99's were in charge of registration. Over 120 dozen eggs, an unknown amount of bacon, some 100 gallons of coffee were served to keep the chow line moving. 99's were asked to speak over the Public Address system, and from the announcements made, we obtained the names of seven prospective members. No regular meeting was held later in the month due to holiday activities.

We will miss Lynden Magee who is moving to California. Lynden lost her husband, Ted, in the Eastern Airliner crash near Washington, D. C., last October. She is making her home at: 1838 South Beverly Glen Boulevard, Los Angeles 25, California.

The first meeting of the new year was held January 15 in the new home of Elizabeth Sewell, our chairman. A program for the coming year was outlined, including plans for our scrapbook which is to contain a snapshot and a brief sketch of each member.

We would like to welcome each of our four new members: Bertha Hare, Wichita, Kansas; Lucille Cheatham, Arkansas City, Kansas; Mrs. Harry Wiest, Lawton, Oklahoma; and Cecelia Jane Frew, Oklahoma City.

TULSA CHAPTER
By: Marthelle Best

Ninety-Nines and all birds were grounded the night we had our first meeting of this year. We had to drive in on instruments to the happiest and most successful event we have had in a long, long time. We completed the selection of officers--Una Faye Sullenger, Chairman; Jewell Pearce, Membership Chairman; and Jo Anne Roberts, Secretary-Treas.

There was much weeping and wailing over the loss of one of our most enthusiastic members, Cocile Maurer, to the lucky Florida Chapter. Our happy thoughts and good wishes go with you, Cocile.

Keewatin Ross (and her 49^{er}, Joe) are off to Aspen, Colorado for 2½ weeks of ski fun. We are standing by with liniment and bandages.

We have lost another of our members to Uncle Sam. Frances Blair is now a-wearing of the "Blues" at Great Lakes, Ill.

49^{er} Marvin Sullenger took our pictures and altho we are not at all vain, we can hardly wait to see the prints.

We had as a guest, Public Health Nurse, Margaret Johnson, who would be a valuable member and she is eligible. Here is hoping she can join in with our program for this year.

TEXAS CHAPTER
HOSTESS TO THE 1950 CONVENTION

By Martha Ann Reading

The Spring Texas Chapter meeting will be held in El Paso, Texas on April 21-23. The dates were advanced a month because of the National Convention. The program of the El Paso meeting is as follows:

Friday - Will be Fly-in day with coffee at Ann Duthie's new home across from the Airport. That evening you girls can go to Juarez or if not interested in Mexico can find

many other interesting things to do.
Saturday Morning - a Dutch treat breakfast at the Sky Chef to be followed by a Spot Landing Contest at 10:30. Dutch treat luncheon at the Sky Chef. 2:30-Business meeting at Ruby Hays' followed by a cocktail party at her home.
7:30 P.M. - a buffet supper at Ruth Deerman's and a Yatzie Party.
Sunday morning - Breakfast at Meas Cafe and Fly-out. Transportation will be furnished by El Paso 99ers to and from the Airport and to the meetings. We will all stay at the Mesa Courts. Prices of cottages are reasonable and will be given in notices sent by the secretary, and they would like all reservations to be in not later than April 20, if possible.

We hope for record attendance at this meeting as it will be our last chance to get together before the National Convention and get all the details of that event tied together.

DALLAS UNIT

The December meeting was held at the clubroom at Garland Airport a lovely buffet supper was served by Josephine Allison and Marie Nix. The girls paid yours truly, the retiring Director of the Dallas Unit, a very nice and deeply appreciated compliment with the presentation of a beautiful corsage and one of those perfectly lovely costume jewelry size 99 pins.

The January meeting was held in the home of Martha Ann Reading where plans were made for helping put over the National Convention in June.

EL PASO UNIT

During the Airshow the girls put on a shirt-tail race which certainly drew a large audience. We had five planes in the race and Lois Ziler flying with Dorothy Blackman running won the \$50.00 prize.

Starting last Nov. 28 the girls started having monthly spot landing contests. The beautiful trophy goes each month to the winner, her name is engraved on it and at the end of the year the girl who has her name on it the most times gets to keep it permanently. The first contest was won by Lois Hailey in an Ercoupe. Tony Page was one of the judges for the first contest. She was quite sold on the idea -- we will probably be reading about it in her column.

NORTHWESTERN SECTION

OREGON CHAPTER
By: Kay Hoffmiller

Wind, snow, ice, wrinkled fenders - that sums up the state-wide situation here in Oregon. A splendid week-end at Mt. Hood was cancelled in January because of snow and ice conditions throughout the state. We have hopes of having a meeting in February, the last Saturday of the month, in Portland. Notices will be sent soon.

We have another new member, Thelma Wildman of Oakgrove.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER
By: Betty Loufek

The Los Angeles Chapter started out the New Year with a swell dinner-meeting at the Los Alamitos Naval Air Base on January 11. We had a steak dinner--at a dollar apiece, gals--then members of the Naval Station personnel showed us the ultra-sonic radar trainer in operation. Then we saw the radar scanner in actual operation. We watched Santa Catalina Island flash on the viewing screen, and also a storm somewhere out to sea. Later that evening, we saw movies on the GCA landing procedures. These were fascinating to us all, but especially so to De Thurmond. She's already made a practice landing.

About thirty members and guests were present for this meeting.

Here's a real scoop - only 6 weeks old. Our chairman, Mary Jane Livingston, is back from Atlanta. I had dinner with her Thursday and she told me so. With this bit of enlightenment, I shall hurry and get this in the mail because I wouldn't want you-all not to know what's going on in Washington and, besides, Mary Jane will descend upon me in that T-Craft of hers.

See you at our next Chapter Meeting, to be held at Vera Foster's on February 16. By the way, before you see Vera, read her swell new article in "Air Facts" for February.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER
By: Leona A. McElroy

Great day in the morning! What a meeting we had at Lancaster on January 22nd! A good many members of our chapter must have taken my advice seriously to start the new year right by coming out to the January meeting because they sure turned out.

After cocktails at Roy Geltz's Garden Spot Airport we gravitated to Wiggins Restaurant downtown for delicious food salted with plenty of conversation, which ended on luscious mouthfuls of strawberry chiffon pie.

Those of us who weren't fortunate enough to get to Florida for the Air Maneuvers heard the highlights from Vi Delp, with corroboration from Ethel Evans. Incidentally, Ethel and her husband had a heartbreaking experience down there they came back to their Cessna to find the new omni-range receiver which Ethel had just given her husband for Christmas had been literally yanked out by the wires and carted off to parts unknown by some no-good, low-down, so-and-so.

In addition to all the other talking we did have a business meeting, and Chairman Ruth Shafer announced two committees:
Scrapbook - Ethel Evans
AE Scholarship Fund - Hazel Heist, Lillian Mark and Mary Jane Godshalk

Then to get us in the mood for our approaching vacation jaunts, Nell Richards and Howard Eckhart set up a projector from Nell's shop to show us how American Airlines could take us to the Scandinavian countries. That colored film was absolutely the next best thing to going there ourselves. Thank you, Lillian and Mary Jane, for arranging it.

"And so, with pleasant thoughts of Lancaster, in the heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch country, we leave you." The next feature of this travelogue series will be recorded in the fair city of York, Pennsylvania, about March 5th.

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

CAROLINAS CHAPTER
By: Caroline Hembel

The Carolinas Chapter held their first 1950 meeting in the sandhills of North Carolina at resort famous Pinehurst. The weather was balmy and perfect for flying. We were met at Knollwood airport by the hosts, Estelle and Carl Bradshaw and a prospective member, Margaret McKenzie. Fonda Hyatt, Northern New England member, but well known to the Carolinas charter members, also welcomed us.

Our business meeting and dutch luncheon was held at beautiful Mid-Pines Club, appropriately named because of its lovely surroundings of long-leafed pines, yellow jasmine and camellias.

Dot Shackelford, governor of the Southeastern Section, presided at the opening of the meeting since the chairman, Amalie Stone had not arrived. The minutes of the October meeting were read and treasurer's report given. Dot Shackelford presented the chapter with a beautiful scrap book. A motion was moved and seconded to allow the section governor and chapter chairman to set the date for section and chapter meeting in April.

Two prospective members, Harriet McGraw of Carthage and Margaret McKenzie of Pinehurst, were introduced to the

chapter by Estelle Bradshaw, member of the membership committee.

Due to the weather predictions and late hour, much business was omitted and the chapter adjourned to the airport to return home. There we found an enthusiastic crowd of on-lookers waiting to see the women pilots do spot landings.

There were ten members, four 49¹/₂'ers, two prospective members and one visitor present.

FLORIDA CHAPTER
By: Ann Ross

It's here again! Another all women air show--this one to be called THE NINETY-NINES' ALL WOMEN AIR MANEUVERS, co-sponsored by the West Palm Beach Aero Club and the CAP with the full assistance of the Chamber of Commerce, City of West Palm Beach, County of West Palm Beach and all other civic clubs. The dates of June 17 and 18 have been selected for the two-day show. We selected these dates because we feel that more members will attend and enter the events we offer if they can tie the show in with our convention dates in Texas, June 21-25. The international race from Montreal to West Palm Beach will be run again this year with the usual large prize money.. the dates for it being set for June 15 and 16. We hope to have the Powder Puff and other derbies again. There will be the usual closed course races in addition to many special features not used before.

West Palm Beach is going all out for this show and the races. There will be entertainment of all kinds that will out shine anything we have dreamed of before!! The city offers a free tank of gas, oil and tie-down, free room, entertainment and transportation for each participant and room as low as \$2.00 for all other Ninety-Nines who attend the show. And, last but not least, the money for this show has already been appropriated and we do not have to "beg and borrow." We feel that at last we can say, "those days are gone forever!"

Information will be sent to each of you as soon as it leaves the press and we will keep you informed of the progress through the NEWSLETTER.

Much to our disappointment this year we lost the Transcontinental Race to another chapter. Although we had hoped to have it come to Florida along with the other races and air show, we are sure they will be received royally by the chapter entertaining them this year.

Plan your vacation for June in Florida as usual, then on to Texas!

LAST FLIGHT

Friends of Kay Van Doozer, former RAF Ferry Pilot, will be saddened to know of her tragic death November 12th, when she was caught in the explosion and fire that destroyed her mountain cabin in Kernville, California. After ferrying in England, Kay came home to instruct for a time in the WASP program. After WASP deactivation, Kay taught aeronautical subjects in the Bakersfield High School System. She was a member of the Bakersfield, California, Ninety-Nine's Chapter.