

# NINETY- NINES



## NEWS LETTER

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5th of EACH MONTH

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members:

Left Washington, D. C., on February 18, so that I would be sure and be in Akron, Ohio, on the 19th for the All-Ohio meeting and air marking program kick-off. Weather on Sunday was very sour, so left the Navion in Cleveland and took the Greyhound over. Was met at the station by a State Highway Patrol car. Dashed out to the airport for brunch and a very fine meeting. The plans which had been worked out by the air marking committee and Ohio Aviation Board really look good and should bring results. I must tell you how handsome Lt. E. P. Webb, of the State Highway Patrol, Columbus, Ohio, looked as he delivered a very interesting talk on the part that the Highway Patrol is playing in the proper marking of airports. Richard Burwell, the air marking specialist, from the Ohio Aviation Board, made every feminine heart flutter as he set forth the method the 99's are to follow in their air marking campaign. Mary Burke, editor of WING TIPS, was a picture in a new spring outfit.

Spent four days in Toledo, Ohio, due to snow storms which kept even the air lines out. However, the time was not wasted as I worked with an inventor of an audible air marker.

Then on to Kansas City for a grand 99 dinner meeting, which included many of the WNAA members. Had official CAA business which I attended to Friday and Saturday.

Managed to contract a terrific cold, so took off Saturday afternoon for Oklahoma City, with my head beating like a drum in rhythm with the motor. Had a meeting with Jimmie Kolp and Mary Francis, the fact finding committee. I sincerely hope some constructive ideas were submitted after February 25, for certainly up to that date not very much had been submitted and March 1 was the deadline.

Saw a number of the girls on Sunday and that tireless worker, Broneta Davis, Governor of the South Central Section, drove up from Minco after having flown all day on a scouting trip.

On to Fort Worth and over to Dallas to help greet the Oregon Fliers, who were on their way to Mexico and Cuba. Went to the Texas Private Fliers cocktail party, which they gave for the Oregon Fliers; but my cold had me down, so didn't stay long.

On to Shreveport for a meeting of the Fifth Louisiana Aviation Conference, and I believe many constructive things came out of the meeting. Mildred Carney was on hand for the meeting; Gale Baker telephoned me, but could not make it as she was instructing a "Seven-months-old baby."

As weather was coming in, I dashed out to the field and up to Little Rock where I attended a meeting of the WNAA. Met two girls who I think will be very fine 99 Club members.

Over to Nashville, then back to Washington. Head winds, low ceiling, sleet and snow storms be-set me the entire route; but Madison, Wisconsin, was the only cancellation I had to make on the entire trip. Will take off again the first of next month for the west coast, and will stop in Madison en route.

Blanche Noyes  
Your President

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

MEMBERS ---- The Minutes for the 1949 Meeting in New York City have been sent to your Chairmen and Governors. All Chapters should go over them when they work out items to be included in the Agenda this year, deadline April 1.

N. B. ---- If you have not elected officers this year, you will not get National notices or refunds which go to Chapters holding regular meetings. Warnings have been sent to all former Chairmen and this year's Governors.

### REPORT ON NATIONAL AVIATION EDUCATION CONFERENCE Atlantic City, N.J., FEB. 23-24, 1950

While President Noyes was covering the 47 states, your Secretary attended the National Aviation Education Conference for her on behalf of the 99's in the 48th. It is significant that three other 99's were also there. Elizabeth Warnock, Specialist in Aviation, Penn. State Dept. of Education, as Researcher and Gloria Heath, representing the Flight Safety Foundation, Inc., attended the group meetings on the Role of Government in Aviation Education. Marilyn Link attended those dealing with the Role of Education in Aviation Education and Secretary Brick with those dealing with the Role of Industry and Labor. The points of view of Education, Labor, Industry and Government were well represented at each of the group meetings.

Joint action led to the passing of a resolution which has approved the selecting of the NAE Council which will form future plans for the Air Age Education Program throughout the USA. On it will be three members each representing Industry, Labor, Government and National Organizations interested in aviation education (which includes us as 99's) and nine from the field of education. This 21 man council will prepare reports to be submitted to similar conferences at which all organizations, companies and agencies related to aviation education will send delegates.

Altho the girls felt that no "detailed" action took place, the groundwork has been laid. Prior to this conference which was the broadest yet undertaken, several years of hard preparatory work have transpired as Elizabeth and Marilyn will tell you since they have been working along on it for some time.

A report of a committee of the American Association of School Administrators, under whose auspices this conference was held, (and thanks to CAA's Secretariat), published by the American Council on Education in cooperation with CAA is available to summarize its conclusions and recommendations. Contains sources of aid and materials of instruction also. For a copy write to: Aviation Education, Education Division, Office of Aviation Development, CAA, Wash., D. C.

Since all our members are affected in one capacity or another, and don't forget the parents among us, I am going to briefly quote from the recommendations so succinctly put. "Due to the major social and economic changes which are vitally affecting the lives of those now attending schools the committee recommends:

"1. That the schools should increase their efforts to equip the children of today to face conditions in the world in which they live.

2. That school systems should cooperate with various agencies such as governmental departments, industrial concerns and publishing houses in providing adequate instructional materials for air education.

3. That in order to make aviation education an integral part of the total school program in America, curriculum workshops and courses in instruction be established at both state and local levels.

4. That recognition be given those teachers who are equipped to incorporate aviation education in their regular programs, and that attendance of supervisory personnel at orientation conferences be encouraged.

5. That all departments of the National Education Association with an interest in the school curriculum and in aviation should work together to organize a clearing house through which to maintain contacts both with the aviation industry and the agencies of the federal government dealing with aviation."

It was brought out in the discussions several times that educators wished certain materials were available while industry already had the material for distribution. One airline said it had 93,000 requests for materials from teachers in one year. You can readily see that a clearing house is needed and ONE source to which educators may go to find material they seek.

Industry, as we all know, has been hounding itself to "sell aviation to the layman rather than to each other", and here it recognizes its opportunity to "sell" it to students, parents and teachers.

I am going to conclude this briefie on the conference with a suggestion made by Marilyn. She would like the 99's to formally report at the conference another year describing their work on such things as the Scholarship Fund. She suggests that the 99's might do something for their local schools by arranging airport tours or inviting teachers to attend some of their constructive meetings (for instance like the All-Ohio one on Air Marking; Los Angeles' visit to the Naval Air Station where the ultra-sonic radar trainer was in operation; New York and its GCA program, etc.) "That by doing these things we will be fostering the development of future 99's as well". Contributions of what YOU have been doing and what more we can do along this line may be submitted at the Convention in writing (triplicate).

As Mr. Mertes of United so aptly put it: It is time to remedy the situation of "two-dimensional teachers teaching three-dimensional kids". And may I conclude that the 99's represent a great force for progress in helping the American people to be "fully cognizant of all that Air Power means to them". (Admiral Ramsey).

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay A. Brick, Secy. 99's

### 1950 AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Included with this issue of the Newsletter you will find an application form for the 1950 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Award.

Please read the following qualifications carefully, and if you meet them you are eligible to apply for the Award, regardless of whether or not you have ever applied previously, providing that you have never won the Award.

1. The application must have been a Ninety-Nine in good standing for at least the past two years, and be no more than 43 years of age.
2. She must have a minimum of 200 hours, and hold a Private rating or better.
3. She must be earning not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,500 per year. The income of a husband will be considered this year, but as no definite rules have yet been formulated, each case will be evaluated individually.
4. If applying for an airman rating, she must agree to keep up the rating or certification acquired through the Award for at least two years.
5. She must intend to work in the field of aviation.
6. The application must be notarized.
7. She must mail her application so that it will be postmarked not later than midnight April 10th.

The money accompanying the Award certificate (\$200) may be applied toward tuition for any course of study or training in the school or institution of the winner's choice, to advance her training for some career in the aeronautical fields. For example, it may be used for training in aeronautical engineering, aviation journalism, aerial photography, research, meteorologist, aviation



medicine, aircraft or engine mechanic, advanced airman's ratings, etc.

After each application has been read and carefully considered by each of the five Scholarship Fund Trustees, they are sent to three judges, selected by the Trustees, who are men of outstanding experience in aviation, and they are the ones who pick the winner.

The 1950 Award will probably be made at the time of our annual meeting in June, but awaits final vote by the Trustees. As time is shorter this year, do get your applications in as early as possible, and postmarked no later than April 10th.

Good luck to each of you.

Melba M. Beard, Chairman  
AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP TRUSTEES

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

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 furnish-  
ed.

FRIDAY-June 23, 1950  
9:00 a.m.-12 Noon....Annual Business Meeting  
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m....Annual Business Meeting  
8:00 p.m.....Rodeo (CHANGED FROM WEDNESDAY)

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. Cottons most suitable. 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 49½'er and make this your summer vacation.

TEXAS AIR ROUTES TO THE CONVENTION

The Texas Aeronautics Commission, through the courtesy of A. W. Meadows, Director, is working out an inventory of airport facilities on air-routes across the state. This information will be available for all 99'ers who wish to make use of it in flying to the National Convention at Fort Clark, Brackettville, Texas, June 21-25.

The different routes are as follows:

1. From El Paso, via Highway 90, to Ft. Clark
2. From El Paso, via Airway Green 5 to Midland, then South to Ft. Clark

3. From Dalhart to Amarillo, to Lubbock, to Big Spring, to San Angelo and to Ft. Clark
4. From Gainesville to either Ft. Worth or Dallas, to Waco, to Austin, to San Antonio and to Ft. Clark
5. From Texarkana to Dallas or Ft. Worth, Thence (via No. 4, above) to Ft. Clark
6. From Texarkana to Henderson, to Bryan, to Seguin, to San Antonio, and thence to Ft. Clark
7. From Orange, to Beaumont, to Houston, to San Antonio, then to Ft. Clark

If you contemplate flying to the meeting, please write at once to the Texas Aeronautics Commission, Municipal Airport, Austin, Texas, for your copy.

49½'er CARDS

CHAPTER CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS requiring 49½'er cards for your husband or father. Please submit through your Chapter chairman, the name and address of the Ninety-Niner requesting a membership card, as well as the name of your 49½'er. These cards will be returned to your Chapter Chairman for distribution. Cards will be mailed on the first day of each month.

Vera Self  
641½ S. Ridgewood  
Daytona Beach, Florida

FLASH! FLASH!

Boston will celebrate Jubilee Week during May. May 20th will be Jubilee Airport Day. Boston Apron Building will be dedicated by President Truman. Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guards will have many events. Ninety-Nines invited to participate, as Boston's Amelia Earhart was first president of Ninety-Nines. Suggest flight of Ninety-Nine planes to be flown by Ninety-Nines to Boston or possibly a Powder Puff Derby. More details later.

Rose Abbott, Governor  
New England Section

CHAPTER NEWS

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

JAMESTOWN CHAPTER  
By: Ruth Olson

With all of our Jamestown members accounted for, the Jamestown Chapter held its February meeting at the home of Florce Andeer. Had a nice breakfast and a session of Canasta before the business meeting.

Officers elected for 1950 were as follows: Chairman, Florce Andeer; Vice Chairman, Betty Boniface; Secretary Treasurer, Ruth Olson; Membership Chairman, Lucille Wright.

Our meeting date was changed from the first to the last Sunday of each month to make it easier for the Secretary to beat the deadline.

Next meeting--March 26 at the General Hospital Nurses' Home.

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Judy Short

The section held a dinner meeting on February 16th at the 99 Club in Boston. There were ten members and three guests present.

This was the first meeting since before Christmas, hence the lack of news from our part of the country in the last Newsletter. Our weather has been mostly rain, snow and ice, which is not conducive to digging oneself out to go flying unless you're headed for the Southlands.

A few lucky ones have headed in that direction. Dot Hayes and Gloria Powell went to Florida. Isobel Blodgett and her 49½'er flew down in their Cessna and thence to Cuba after the Miami Air Maneuvers. They had a grand trip. Jill McCormick is off to Mexico on a vacation from her job as link operator and crew scheduler for TWA at Logan Airport. I can also count myself in on a trip South taking off March 11th for a two weeks trip in our newly acquired Howard.

Daisy Kirkpatrick's daughter-in-law, Marion, whom she brought as a guest, has soloed and we hope she'll be a 99er one of these days.

We were all sorry to hear of Ruth Hamilton's illness and hope she is well on the way to recovery. Good luck from us all, Ruth.

## M I D D L E   E A S T E R N   S E C T I O N

### WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By: Rosemary Lane

What do you-all think of Perry Robinson's winning the Washington Air Derby Association trophy for outstanding contribution to private flying? I think it's pretty darned swell! The recognition was well-deserved for her unrelenting fight for legislation to teach aviation in public schools. I know we're all especially proud of her for setting the precedent by being the first woman ever to receive this award.

The last meeting on February 16 was another farewell to our Chairman, Mary Jane Livingston. It looks like the whole Chapter will have to move to Savannah to keep track of her. The important business of the day included the selection of a slate of national officers.

Sorry I missed that mass flight to Havana, Cuba. Large Harrison's Ercoupe did it again, and from what she tells me, it was really a wonderful trip.

I'm looking forward to meeting our two newest members, Shirley Redding and Page Shamburger at the next meeting on March 15. So let's sneer at income taxes and put on what green we have left; and begorie, I'll see you at the house of that other good Irishman, Katie Stinson.

### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By: Leona A. McElroy

We're between meetings this month, but here are some tidbits I picked up to feed to you.

A note from Dot Leah told of being on her feet again--thank goodness. From the grapevine route came news of Emily Hiester Harden and a new little Harden, Martha Bruce. From the same route, but by a different vine, we heard of the engagement of Gene Landis, one of those lucky girls who went through the course at Stephen's College. Bettie Townson, at our last meeting, invited us to drop in at Buehl Field at Eddington, Penna., where she and 49½'er George are sharing the manager's office.

Millie Zimmerman and little Kathy certainly had a scare! Driving peacefully down the road from the airport about 45 MPH, with Reed at the wheel and Millie and Kathy on the back seat, the door flew open, Kathy fell out and Millie, trying to grab her, followed. They fell in the opposite lane of traffic but, thank heavens, there were no cars approaching. Both Millie and Kathy fortunately escaped with only scratches and bruises, but it only goes to prove you're safer in an airplane!

It seems to me the Eastern Penn Chapter could set up a speaker's bureau with Fran Nolde and Millie Zimmerman. Those two have been getting plenty of engagements. The latest was in Burlington, N. J., on Ladies' Night at the Young Men's Club. Millie told them of her official record altitude flight and Frannie gave the principal address of the evening on "Women in Aviation" to quite a sizeable gathering.

At long last Betty Warnock is getting some of the well-deserved credit for the work she is doing. Betty's been working for over a year as Aviation Specialist in the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction setting up an aeronautical course for all grades of the public schools of Pennsylvania. She now has the course of instruction completed for the first six grades.

In addition, she has developed an aviation manual to be used by the Civil Air Patrol, and last month she was honored at luncheon by Maj. Robert A. Trennert, deputy chief of staff and director of operations and training, and Lt. Col. Frank E. Smith, director of supplies and maintenance for the CAP. They were both deeply impressed by Betty's capabilities.

A few days later Betty was a delegate to the Aviation Education Conference held in Atlantic City under the sponsorship of the American Association of School Administrators. And recently, she was a member of the panel in Harrisburg over radio station WHP in a series of forum discussions held throughout the state.

Such brains! Do you think we dare invite her to our Eastern Penn meetings while she is in Harrisburg? Seriously, Betty, we'd be darn proud to have you. Secretary Marge Kodrich, please add Betty to your list. You can probably reach her at the Department of Public Instruction, State Capitol, Harrisburg.

### MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Jean Peden

Our regular writin' gal, Harriette Mosbacher, is in Valles, Mexico, vacationing with her hubbie. Now, in every issue Harriette does a thumb-nail sketch--and very flattering, indeed--of one of the gals. So, while she's gone seems to be a good time to talk about Harriette.

Harriette is the living and breathing proof that glamour girls can be successful housewives and still be glamour girls. She is married to Hugh Mosbacher, handsome, successful businessman. Both are pilots and together they put a lot of hours on their Ercoupe. Harriette is as modest as she is lovely--as efficient as she is capable. A real spark plug in the 99's, we feel it's a real privilege to have her for a friend.

Our last meeting was held at the home of Lucille Parker in Erie on February 15. Refreshments were served in a Valentine motif--very clever and very tasty. We even managed to discuss our publicity campaign, the Texas convention, the coming election of National officers and our current membership drive.

We are proud to welcome two new members this month. They are Virginia Sandieson, a brand new Private Pilot, of Franklin, and Vega Ishen, commercial artist, who resides in Erie. Congratulations, kids, and many happy landings.

Our last two meetings were not reported in the Newsletter...somehow we missed the boat. Toby Lord entertained in December and Marian Freund was our hostess in January. Jean Peden will hold open house at 253 North St., Meadville, on March 15th--for the 99's, that is!

Odds and ends of flight line news; Marjorie Cook and her family are vacationing in Florida...Dorothy Miller and her 49½'er left today on a flight to Birmingham, Ala...Betty DeVore, who is an amateur trapper, bagged a thirty-five pound beaver the other day--about one third of a new fur coat for Betty.

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

### CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Amalie W. Stone

Attention Ninety-Nines! By this time, you all know about the All Woman Transcontinental Air Race which starts in San Diego, June 11 and ending here in Greenville, S. C., June 15 - 18. The Carolinas Chapter is



up to its ears in gala plans for the event with plenty of enthusiasm from our Chamber of Commerce and other civic leagues. I herewith quote an open letter to you Ninety-Nines:

"To Members of the Ninety-Nines:

We of the Greenville, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee were highly pleased when our City was selected as the terminal point for the annual Transcontinental Air Race of the Ninety-Nines.

We pledged our support and cooperation in staging the race with full recognition that it is a national project and, as such, is the national event of its kind sanctioned by the Ninety-Nines.

We, of the Aviation Committee, in cooperation with the Carolinas Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, are determined that this year's race and the program immediately following, will be the most outstanding in the history of your organization. Members of our committee already have scheduled entertainment, and other events, beginning June 14th and continuing through June 18th, with the highlights of the program falling on June 16th, 17th and 18th. A gigantic air show, which was attended by 75,000 persons in 1949, will be staged Sunday, June 18th.

We sincerely hope that a large number of Ninety-Nines will participate in the Transcontinental Race. There will be splendid prizes and trophies and each entrant will receive a prize. For those not able to participate in the race, we hope you will be able to visit in Greenville during the program of events that will follow the race. As Chairman of the Aviation Committee, may I extend you a most cordial invitation to visit here at that time.

Greenville, situated in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, is well known for its hospitality, recreation facilities and other features that make it a tourist center. The Great Smoky Mountains are only a few miles away and our program of events includes a trip to that area.

We hope that you will give us an opportunity to demonstrate the hospitality that has made this City famous, and if there is anything this committee can do to be of help to you, don't hesitate to call on us.

Cordially yours,  
/s/ W. S. Judy, Chairman  
Aviation Committee"

Thank you Mr. Judy and all other prominent Greenvillians who have written letters to us.

We feel sure that all you Ninety-Nines will receive a wonderful welcome to our fair city. Hope to see each and everyone present on this momentous occasion.

FLORIDA CHAPTER  
By: Verna Burke

Ann Ross, Chairman, has asked me to write this month's Newsletter copy in my capacity as Contact Chairman between the Florida Chapter of 99's and West Palm Beach, Florida, to give you the latest developments on the forthcoming 99's All Woman Air Maneuvers at Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, June 17 and 18. West Palm Beach is preparing to roll out the welcome mat and give a royal reception to the 99's attending the All Woman Air Maneuvers. There will be a gentleman assigned each incoming plane to meet and greet you, possibly introduce you to civic officials, and we have been assured that there will be enough dates for each girl at the Aviation Ball Saturday night. The city is also offering a free tank of gas, oil and tie-down, entertainment and transportation to each participant, as well as adequate, though not luxurious, free sleeping accommodations in a barracks right at the field for 300 99's.

As usual, a percentage of the profits will go to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship fund, Damon Runyon Cancer Fund, and the Florida Chapter. The big cross-country race will be the International from Montreal, Canada, to West Palm Beach, for planes from 0 to 250 horsepower, with a total purse of \$2000.00. Dates for this race are

June 15 and 16, entry fee is \$10.00, and deadline for entries is June 7, 12 Noon, at Miami, Florida. We expect to have four closed-course races; the largest with a total purse of \$1000 for AT-6 and SNJ type planes. Horsepower limitations for the other three races will be announced later.

The closed-course races will be the only competitive features of the show, all others will be exhibition only. If you have any comedy or novelty act you would like to book, please send pictures, description, background, and price of act for the two days.

We hope each member will help us by saving and forwarding all newspaper and magazine clippings as the cost for clipping service is prohibitive. Within a very short time there will be a letter sent to each member giving a more complete description of the program and entertainment planned, with information and qualifications on all the races. Please watch for and save this membership letter for your future reference.

Those of you who are planning to attend the International Convention in Texas this year should not fail to come by way of the 99's All Woman Air Maneuvers in West Palm Beach as we expect a mass flight to form here after the show to proceed to the convention spot. Be sure to arrange your arrival in West Palm Beach by the evening of Friday, June 16, as a wonderful Press and Pilot Cocktail party is being planned for you.

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

TO MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By: Ruth Shimon  
Membership Booklet Chairman

The Membership Booklet work has been a delightful experience. Your splendid cooperation is a fine tribute to our Governor, Mrs. Greenwood Cocanougher. My sincere thanks to all of you for your assistance. Prizes were awarded as follows:

Larger Chapters, Indiana 1st. Mrs. Nellie Evans, Membership Booklet Chairman. Chapter Chairman, Mrs. Charlotte Foland. Chicago or Northern Illinois Chapter, 2nd. Marion Niedert, Membership Booklet Chairman. Chapter Chairman, Doris Langher.

Smaller Chapters, Upper Iowa, 1st. Berniece Eno, Membership Booklet Chairman. Chapter Chairman, Betty Barton. Wisconsin, 2nd. Pearl Nelson, Membership Booklet Chairman. Chapter Chairman, Dora Fritzke.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER  
By: Irene Leverton

February found us planning for the O'Hare Fly-In. Helen Budwash showed films of Air Shows given in Chicago before the war by the Chicago Girls Flying Club. Helen, Hazel Backwith, Doris Langher, Alice DeWitt, Mae Wilson, all belonged to this Club and most of them did a lot of flying in the Shows. Food for thought in these films! Meeting ended with the members talking over candidates for National offices.

The first of several snowfalls here found the gals flying on skis, after two winters of not enough snow, its certainly a treat. Frances Rosenthal and Doris Langher seldom miss a weekend of "Family Cruiser" flying with the Club at Elmhurst. A high x-wind at Bloomington didn't stop Olive Tuttle and 49½'er Arthur from landing and taking off on the single SW NE strip. They made a GS of 139 down and GS of 83 back. They swear by that x-wind gear on the 140. Lucy Kalla rode along while Irene Leverton was being checked out in Elmhurst's Cessna T-50. The T-50 has two sweet 300 horse Lycomings, swinging Constant Speed Props.

Air Force Reserve Officers Lee Cook and Anne Woggle stationed at O'Hare Field flew to Miami and back via C-46. Anne has her Instrument written out of the way and is at work on a Link Operators Rating as are Lee and

Dora Dougherty. Ground Instructors Ratings are next on the schedule. Esther Noffke while instructing Primary and Instruments for Priestner Aviation has found enough time to acquire a Link Operators Rating and Ground Instructors Rating for engines. These four ex-Wasps are setting a fine example for the rest of us.

Five of us met in the Loop one evening to initiate plans for a race down to National from Chicago for the girls up north. Mary Jane Dwyer, Bea Siemon, Evelyn Martin, Eleanor Deeming and Irene Leverton talked over the route and type of race to be flown. The Lake Front Strip is being contemplated as a starting point for publicity reasons. St. Louis to Oklahoma City for the nite, thence to San Antonio. Let's hear from any of you going to National who could go via Chicago flying in a race. Your ideas will be appreciated; the Middle West needs something of this sort! Details will be available next trip.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS send your news notes to me; we're interested in what you are doing down there.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Dorothea E. Hendricks

Our February meeting was held at Marion with a lovely lunch served at the airport by Nellie Evans and Phyllis Haupt. Our Chairman, Charlotte Foland, flew in from Anderson and Marie Thompson from Terre Haute.

What a wonderful picture and write up in the INDIANAPOLIS NEWS on Doris Hurt! The heading was -- JILL OF ALL TRADES -- Airline Salesgirl Is Pilot, Athlete, Musician, Actress, Model and More, Too---. As we reported last month, Doris is now traffic and sales representative of the Chicago office of Trans Canada Airlines. Her job is to convince prospective air travelers "it's wonderful to fly". Who could do this better than an enthusiastic pilot and 99'er who soloed at the age of 16, and now holds a flight instructors rating?

Our Chairman has appointed Dorothea Hendricks as History Chairman, and any information on those early years will be appreciated.

Now for a report on some of our wandering girls--Fern Rinker has returned from a six weeks tour of the west. She saw all points of interest from Indiana to California. Marie Thompson and her 49<sup>er</sup> flew their Bonanza to San Antonio, Brownsville, and Houston, Texas last month on business. Violet Bauermeister is enjoying the Florida sunshine with her two children. Helen House Outcalt, her 49<sup>er</sup>, and two friends warmed up their Beechcraft and headed south. They enjoyed deep sea fishing, sightseeing, and of course, the sunshine. Rosemary Aretz has returned to Lafayette from a five month stay in California. How we do envy you girls, but we also love to hear about all your travels, so don't keep any secrets.

Remember our meetings are scheduled for the remainder of the year: March, Newcastle; April, Elkhart; May, Logansport; June, Indianapolis; July, Rochester; August, Terre Haute.

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By: Virginia Koestner

Our first meeting of 1960 was held in Spencer. We had a good turnout even though several of our members are winter vacationing. A very enjoyable dinner was served at the Tangney after which we returned to the home of our chairman, Betty Barton, for a short business meeting.

Our vacationists are Win Eno traveling down around Louisiana; Fern McKinnon leaving soon for Florida; Elsie Williams taking off for Mexico and Mardy Noble just returning from Coral Gables, Florida.

February brought our gathering back to our wonderful hostess, Ruth Shimon. We met at Ruth's home for cocktails and gossip then on to a delicious dinner at the Pocahontas Cafe. We returned to Ruth's home for a combination of a business and social meeting.

The Spencer Flyers Club really appreciates our chairman. As secretary of the club, she was awarded \$25.00 flying time for her work with them and also re-elected to the post. Our versatile Ruth appeared Sunday in a handmade felt circle skirt decorated in hangars, airplanes, compasses and mortar and pistols representing their drug store business. This only goes to explain why Ruth received the honor of being judged the best dressed Pocahontas woman of Rotary Ann's.

Bernie Eno is about to compile the chapter history to be sent in to the section head. She also came out on top with a prize for the first material personnel and pictures turned in. Betty Barton was also one of the girls to receive a prize.

Ruth, the sectional chairman on the Membership Booklet, has a big job on her hands. We'll all have to get our pencils moving.

The following meetings have been lined up for March and April--Millie Burt's night club in Storm Lake, a St. Patrick's party, we think. April--we return to Fort Dodge with Buelah Frotcher as hostess.

#### KENTUCKY CHAPTER

By: Austa Shepherd

Kentucky Chapter is very proud of its newest member, Virginia Gayle Smith. "Jenny" lives in Louisville and commutes to her job in Hodgenville in her little red Taylorcraft, landing in a field shared by Kentucky thoroughbred horses. She teaches piano and glee club in the Hodgenville grade and high schools.

A beautiful day added to our February meet at Frankfort on the 26th. The business meeting, held in the Governor's suite of the Capital Hotel, was presided over by our Chairman, Georgia Heitkemper. Five members and one guest enjoyed a lovely luncheon in the Colonial Room following the meeting.

Apologies to Phyllis A. Burckart for not being mentioned in listing our members in last month's Newsletter. Phyllis, we are so glad that you are still one of us even though your duties with CAA take you a way up there to Lake Vermillion, Minnesota.

Watch us, girls! We have nine members in Kentucky Chapter now and Membership Chairman Jane Ralston is working overtime to add more.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Bernice M. Easter

We had a wonderful February meeting. After breakfast and our meeting at the Women's League in Ann Arbor, we went to Willow Run and were shown through the experimental laboratories that the University of Michigan has over there. Professor Conlin and Professor Like were our guides. Our March meeting will again be in Ann Arbor and we will be educated some more by the University of Michigan's Aeronautical Engineering Department. Lenore McElroy deserves many thanks for arranging the program.

And, speaking of Lenore, she has been doing a little driving - New York to Washington, D. C. to Chicago and back. She has been looking for an opening in CAA - hopes to hear the results of her trip soon.

Seems as though everyone is traveling and most of the travel is headed South. Dorothy Woodhams and her husband flew down to Florida for a week in a Beech Bonanza. They had a grand time except for a few days of bad weather in Georgia. Jeannette Sovereign was in Florida for the whole month of January. She saw Blanche Noyes and many other 99's at the Miami Maneuvers. And by this time, Barbara Credit is probably basking in the sunshine of Florida. She was planning on leaving the 19th of February and staying a month. Loma May was different, not only in direction of travel but in mode. She and her husband took a little trip up to Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin in a semi-truck.



Congratulations to Jean Prins, now officially known as Mrs. Edward Reynolds. The new name was acquired Feb. 25th. They were planning a 3 week trip to Mexico and California.

Alice Hammond presented the Christmas fund check of \$1,000 to Gloria Lynch. This money was contributed not only by 99's but by others who are interested in Gloria and her recovery. Those who are interested may still contribute to the Gloria Lynch Fund.

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Margaret Mamuel

The December meeting was a Xmas party, business meeting and a square dance. Marilyn Kvalheim was chairman and a mighty fine party it was. It was held on the airport at Wold-Chamberlain Field, the large airport for the Twin Cities so that 99ers from all over the state could come in after sunset. The dinner was excellent and the food plentiful. Lende Anderson, an instructor at St. Olaf College and an enthusiastic pilot, donated his services as the caller for the square dance. Everybody had a work out and if the lateness of the hour was any indication, they had a good time.

Our Vice-Chairman, Helen Beadie, found it necessary to resign and Kay Andrews was elected to fill the vacancy. Kay has brought more new members into our little group than any other one of us.

Many thanks to our Minnesota Chairman, Rita Orr, who presented each of us with a personally made Xmas present, a little blue booklet with the names, addresses and phone numbers of our Minnesota members.

Our January Fly-in breakfast meeting at Stanton, Minnesota turned out to be a drive-in since old man winter served up a dish of particularly high winds and snow. Nevertheless, 12 members and guests were present and we spent a leisurely morning sipping hot coffee as the meeting progressed. All members were urged to send their pictures to the Membership Booklet Chairman. Plans were discussed for ways and means of raising funds for our depleted treasury.

February found this reporter and her 49½'er treading the skyways to New Orleans, Florida and Cuba, so I was unable to attend the February meeting but from reports received, it was a huge success.

Coretta Santrizos opened the doors of her home to 13 members and guests for a delicious pot-luck supper. Coretta furnished spaghetti supreme and the frills were furnished by those attending. The remaining cakes, etc. were auctioned and the proceeds quickly dumped into our Treasury for a good start on our fund raising campaign.

We were happy to have Ruth Isaac back with us and hope to see more of her.

Our March meeting will be at Tanners Lake, Minn. A fly-in breakfast with Marion Radke acting as our hostess. The April meeting will be at the home of Helen Masterton. With spring rapidly approaching, we are looking forward to a record attendance and a host of new members.

#### GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By: Marie Kuhlman

Well girls--sorry to have let my own Chapter down by not reporting any news last month, but after a brief stay in the hospital I just wasn't up to it, so will try and sketch briefly our last meetings.

Our January meeting was held at the home of our chapter chairman, Betty Siggs. I am sorry the icy weather prevented so many of the gals from being present, as Betty and her husband Stan really had the welcome mat out for us, and this being a social affair we who have 49½'ers took them along. Betty served a delicious buffet supper and every one had a wonderful evening.

Thanks again to Betty and her 49½'er - a grand host and hostess.

The February meeting was held on the 1st at the Advertising & Sales Executive Club. After a delicious dinner, we settled down to a serious business meeting. Our Chairman Betty reported she had turned over to the Red Shield Day Nursery, the sum of \$300.00 from the proceeds of our Christmas party; so--besides having a lot of fun, we were happy to be able to give that amount to purchase milk for the needy children. Plans were also discussed and made for our regular meetings for the coming months, and hereafter, I will try and report them to you ahead of time so some of you out-of-town members can try and join us.

On February 24th we had an extra special meeting at the El Cantina Room, Bellerive Hotel, and an extra special guest--Blanche Noyes. Blanche gave us an interesting talk on Air Marking, and with Connie Caraway as our Air Marking Chairman, I believe we will be seeing markers around Kansas City soon. We were tickled to have two members who came in from Joplin, Missouri for this meeting, Hortense Hackbarth and Ruby Bonds. Nancy Corrigan of the Columbia, Missouri Chapter was also present. Nancy is now Flight Instructor at the Kansas University, Lawrence, Kansas. We were proud also, to welcome Ruth Banfield from Tulsa. Ruth has come to Kansas City for two of our meetings in the recent months and we are always glad to have her.

Our March 1st meeting was held at the Downtowner with Rena Ryan as hostess. We had 13 members present and the highlight of the evening was an informal talk by Capt. C. L. Odum, Selfridge Air Force Base, Detroit. Capt. Odum enlightened us on the Air Force Training Program and the job they are doing. I think we all really enjoyed his talk as we kept asking numerous questions to be answered. We were also shown an excellent actual combat film by Sgt. Sipes of the Army and Air Force Recruiting Office. Thanks again, Rena, for the good fried chicken and an interesting evening.

Our next meeting will be April 2nd with JoAnn Cayot as hostess on a Flight Breakfast to Ottawa, Kansas.

Grace Harris has just returned from Lake Wales, Florida on a business trip, but I am sure after Grace braved the elements of bad weather, she enjoyed the Florida sunshine.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Ruth C. Lembke

The March meeting of the Wisconsin Chapter was held in two sections, one in Madison at the home of Gladys Dean, the other in Milwaukee at the home of Elaine Francke.

In Madison, the big business of the evening after national nominations were complete was hearing from Gladys about the Guatemala trip. The girls felt it must have been a trip packed with events--like flying in a different world. Pearl Nelson has not yet returned from her Mexican trip. She and her 49½'er flew down in their new staggered wing Beech. Bernadette Voelker just recently left for Florida.

In Milwaukee, after we recovered from oh's and ah's about Elaine and Elmer's adorable rustic home, we too did the national nominations up. We heard about activities our girls are engaged in. Major Sally Lathrop, Lt. Nellie Bilestead, Lt. Jeannette Kapus were pictured in the Waukesha Freeman at the organization of the Nation's first all women sr. unit of the CAP auxiliary. Elsie Peters has a new Ford.

Dora Fritzke had brought all of Deedo Heise's treasures from Guatemala and showed them to us. Readelle Morgan was very impressed with the beautiful dresses hand woven which came back. All of us were intrigued by the maps and proceeded to locate Brackettville with the June meeting in mind.

Helen Kunitz, they tell us, went to Guatemala too. She boosts the list of Wisconsinites to seven.

## 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 February meeting of the Colorado Chapter was held at the Cathay Legion Post and a delicious Chinese dinner was served. Following dinner the meeting was held and a committee was appointed by our chairman, Marilyn Nordstrom to select the national nominations for the coming year. It was moved and passed to have one meeting a year for all out of town members. Twenty members were present at the meeting and the guests attending were Frances Tepper, a prospective member and Miss Johnson, a guest of Betty Jo Hohnstein.

The March meeting was held at the Aviation Country Club with several 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>'ers present. After cocktails and dinner, the evening was spent in dancing and playing the one armed bandits. About twenty people were present for this event.

The annual Ranch Dance will be held at Cresthaven Country Club, April 21. Any visiting 99'ers are welcome. Door prizes are being donated.

### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By: Ann Martin

February meeting was held the 19th at Mauks Airpark, Blackwell, Oklahoma. There were fifteen members present and three guests. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful luncheon prepared by Vida Mauk and her mother. A few of the girls had the opportunity to fly the new all metal four-place Cessna 170 before they departed for home. We would like to welcome Marilyn Roodenburg, Stephens College, Kansas member, and Jean Reimer, Wisconsin Chapter member, into our chapter. Jean came here to Oklahoma City from San Francisco.

We were very happy to welcome Blanche Noyes to Oklahoma City, February 25 and 26. She arrived at the airport the afternoon of the 25th, and after meeting some of the girls over the two days, departed February 27. We are sorry that more of the girls couldn't get together to meet her during her visit.

Would like to announce here and now that our South Central Sectional Meeting will be held in Oklahoma City, April 14, 15 and 16. The program promises to be really entertaining, with a tour of the CAA Aeronautical Center included. Members from the other sections are cordially invited. Headquarters will be at the Black Hotel. Please write directly to the hotel for reservations. For further information, contact Broneta Davis, Minco, Oklahoma, South Central Governor. Invitational cards will be mailed in the near future, when plans for the program will be more definite.

Vida Mauk and 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>'er have been to Florida in their Cessna 195. While there, they flew to Cuba for a visit.

Edah Chinn, Oklahoma Chapter member from Williams, Arizona, visited in Ardmore for about a week around February 3. She would like very much to hear from members in her vicinity.

Broneta Davis visited a few of the Tulsa Chapter members February 26 and was happy to find they've reorganized and are active again. Elizabeth Sewell flew over to Cushing the same day in search of new members and found none there.

Correction: The address of Gale East, Oklahoma Chapter member, shown in the Membership Roster, should be 1023 Bletcher Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico, instead of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### TEXAS CHAPTER

By: Martha Ann Reading

First call for reservations at Fort Clark Ranch for the National Convention, June 21-25.

And probably last call for reservations for the Spring Chapter meeting in El Paso. By the time the next Newsletter gets here the April meeting will be upon us so get your reservation in to Anne Duthie, 6339 Airport Road, El Paso, Texas. Remember the dates, April 21-23.

The February meeting of the Dallas Unit was held in the home of Lillian Milam. Bad weather and ice prevented many of the girls from coming. They don't know what they missed. We were served a lovely supper then we insisted on a conducted tour of Lillian's new home. It is indeed beautiful but the objects of greatest admiration were numerous paintings by her talented son.

A very welcome long distance call from Fort Worth came recently from Verna Burns who said the gals over there were having a meeting and were in a huddle thinking up ways and means of adding the Cow Town touch to the National Convention.

No news of the Austin-San Antonio Unit but they have been buzzing around so much lately they probably haven't had time to send in a communique.---But you will next time, won't you girls?

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

### OREGON CHAPTER

By: Kay Hoffmiller

The Oregon Chapter finally got together in Portland on February 25th for a meeting. It consisted mainly of business and obtaining ideas on activities for the coming summer months. We are hoping that a few short breakfast hops can be lined up, so any of you members with big ideas, please contact your secretary and give her the lowdown and we'll plan something.

We will now have a mascot present at all meetings---a nice, hungry piggy bank. It will hold money for a special fund and at each meeting all members will gladly deposit a coin towards this fund.

A guest, Ginny Stover, formerly of the Washington Chapter, gave a brief but very interesting story on her experiences as co-pilot with non-sked lines. The gal really gets around, what with flying in Alaska and many different parts of the States.

Two of our members are participating in the Oregon Air Tour to Cuba via Las Vegas, Tucson, Dallas and so on. We all are positive that both Leona Bump and Trilby Lee Langmack are having a bang-up time and will return with many good stories.

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

### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By: Melba Beard

Our national convention in 1949 will long be remembered, but I always felt that the 21 California girls who attended never received the great credit they deserved. I think we had both the largest number in attendance and the greatest flying-in, from any one state. Checking back I see that most the names were mentioned briefly in individual chapter news, except the following five. May I take this belated chance to record for future 99 records that Mardo Crane flew a Spartan, Irma Story a Cessna 120, Claire McMillen and I flew a Cessna 140, and Anne Rambo went by airline.