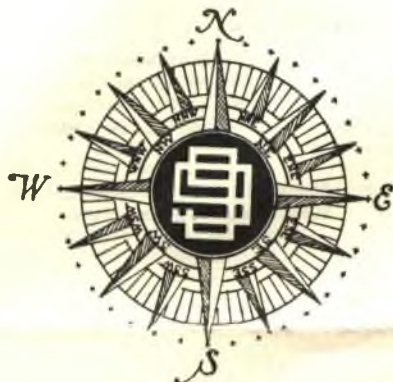


# NINETY- NINES



## NEWS LETTER

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April 15, 1950

DEADLINE  
5th of EACH MONTH

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This is Los Angeles, California, 25 hours and 31 minutes from Washington via Greenville, S. C. Never have I encountered such head and cross-head winds. I have been tossed about the sky so much the past week that I feel like a chef's salad, but between dust storms and rain storms there have been moments of exhilaration at the beauty of this wonderful country of ours. No matter how many times I fly over the mountains I never cease to be awed by their majestic splendor. The Sacramentos with their El Capitan, the miles and miles of salt flats; the beautiful mountain peaks, over 10,000 feet between Rodeo and Tucson, Arizona, with their rocks forming thousands of little castles; the Gila River with no water, just a little green vegetation at this time of the year, spreading around the mountains; the snowy San Jacinto Peaks, and Los Angeles.

I have watched the growth of our country from the air for 21 years; I have seen little dirt roads grow into six-lane highways; irrigation ditches turn brown soil into green farmlands; villages grow into cities; cow pastures into fifteen-million-dollar airports; the civil airways grow from a few stations to over 50,000 miles of radio ranges, and manned by alert operators who stand by to give you the latest weather via radio, or to tell you how to go around the mountain in place of over it, if your motor is laboring. To those unsung heroes, I doff my Lily Dache.

As I fly and God's wonder do behold, people seem so very small and my thoughts turn to peace and happiness through love and cooperation, and for the privilege of being the head of the Ninety-Nines, Bon Dieu, I thank you.

Blanche Noyes  
Your President

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The following information was forwarded to the President of the Ninety-Nines by Jacqueline Cochran and has been taken from a copy of a letter from Ralph V. Whitener, Organizational Director of the Air Force Assn.:

If a Ninety-Nine was a former WASP, she would automatically be eligible for membership in the Air Force Association.

For those who do not qualify under the above and who have never had any type of military service, they could become affiliated with AFA under two categories: (1) They could become "Associates" who have demonstrated their interest in airpower or the Association. Associate dues, as you know, are \$10.00 annually. They receive AIR FORCE Magazine monthly and a special identification card. We are presently designing an Associate pin and hope our Board of Directors will approve it at our next meeting for distribution. (2) Should the \$10.00 dues of Associates be too high, but they would like to get our publication, then I would suggest they become Subscribers to AIR FORCE Magazine. This would only cost them \$4.00 per year and they would have the benefit of up-to-date information carried in AIR FORCE each month.

### TEXAS BOUND?

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If you have not received your folder from the Ft. Clark Ranch regarding the Annual Meeting in June, it may be due to an incorrect address. Many have been returned. Write for yours today - Ama Lee Jameson, Box 446, Brackettville, Texas. SEE YOU THAR!!

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. If our  
present plans work out, you won't  
have to pay your expenses in  
Mexico, except for shopping. We  
are on the trail of some kind  
people to sponsor a banquet for  
us in Mexico. More about this  
in the next Newsletter, so watch  
for it. Transportation will be  
furnished.

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. It may be necessary for us to charge  
\$1.50 registration fee to take care of the clerical  
expense of the business session.

ATTENTION ALL DELEGATES - Delegates' credentials will be  
checked as they register in at the Convention. If for  
any reason a delegate is not checked at this time,  
report to the Ranch Club between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.  
on Thursday, June 22, 1950, and have this done. This  
will save a lot of time getting the General Meeting under  
way the next morning.

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

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 Con-  
vention 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.

TROPHY DONATED BY WAGGONER ESTATE

The Waggoner Estate of Vernon, Texas, has donated a  
large sterling silver platter to be given the girl who  
has flown the most solo hours for pleasure during the  
period May 30, 1949 to May 30, 1950. This means time  
with no man pilot in plane even as a passenger. If  
you wish to compete for this lovely trophy, be sure to  
bring your log book to be checked.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Ninety-Nines! Watch for the sample ballot which will  
appear in the May Newsletter! The names of the nominees  
for National Offices in the Ninety-Nines for the year  
1950-51 and their biographies will appear in the next  
issue of the Newsletter. Study it and then VOTE.

Eloise M. Smith, Chairman  
1950 Nominating Committee

ALL-WOMAN TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE BULLETINS

Already Announced:

Start of race -- San Diego, Calif., Sunday, June 11, 1950  
Terminus of race -- Greenville, S. C., Thursday noon,  
June 15, 1950.

Route -- San Diego, Calif.; Tucson, Ariz.; Columbus,  
N. M.; El Paso, Texas; Wink, Texas; Big Spring, Texas;  
Abilene, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Tyler, Texas; Shreveport,  
La.; Monroe, Miss.; Jackson, Miss.; Meridian, Miss.;  
Montgomery, Ala.; Atlanta, Ga.; Charleston, S. C.;  
Greenville, S. C.

Return by way of National meeting, Ft. Clark Ranch,  
Brackettville, Texas.

Entry -- Deadline midnight, June 6, 1950.

Fees -- NAA sanction & air race committee	-- \$10
FAI pilot's certificate	-- 10
FAI Sporting License	-- 2
	<u>\$22</u>

Plane -- Lightplanes of 0-300 hp handicapped according  
to manufacturer's advertised cruising speed.

Rules, regulations and entry blanks are available upon  
request. Write: Air Race Committee, 8617 Rindge Ave.,  
Playa Del Rey, Calif.

Sponsor -- This is a National Ninety-Nines annual  
event, and deserves the backing of every member. Both  
San Diego and Greenville have planned weekend cele-  
brations for the race entrants; free prizes; free  
banquet; free rooms, etc. Over-all sponsor and in-  
dividual prizes will be announced soon.

Tips on getting a sponsor for the individual entrant--  
Names of sponsors will be announced as they are sent  
in to the Race Committee. First sponsor is Star-Kist  
Tuna, Terminal Island, California, who will back the  
first two entries, Aileen Pickering of San Pedro, Calif.,  
and Irma Story of Lancaster, Calif.

Cost of sponsorship to the City or Company who can use  
this unusual type of nationwide publicity, is approxi-  
mately \$500. This covers the plane rental, gas and  
oil and expenses of entrant. The pilot so sponsored  
hands out pamphlets, going and returning, for the  
sponsor, and has the sponsor's name on the sides of the  
plane. Radio and news coverage en route have been  
terrific. Television, movie tone news, magazine article  
and picture coverage are anticipated this year. Wire  
services always follow the contestants across the  
country. An audience before the Ninety-Nines who attend  
the national meeting is practically assured all entrants  
on behalf of their sponsors. It has been found that  
Jr. Chamber's of Commerce are particularly eager to  
cooperate by sponsoring an entrant in the race when the  
publicity possibilities for their City have been pre-  
sented to them. It is a new, and not yet over-worked  
means of promotional advertising from the standpoint  
of a prospective sponsor.

GET IN THE RACE:



## CHAPTER NEWS

### NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

#### JAMESTOWN CHAPTER

By: Ruth Olson

On March 26, after two years of good intentions, your reporter finally got around to entertaining the Jamestown Ninety-Niners and they had a sadly high caloric breakfast with me at the Nurses Home.

Lucille and her Beech Bonanza buzzed back from Texas in time for the meeting and gave us a most glowing advance report on the Clark Ranch at Brackettville. We hope some of us can be there come convention time. Lucille also asked our help for her girls club and we voted to donate them a drinking fountain for the playground.

We had our usual session of Canasta before the 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'ers arrived to take their spouses home for Sunday dinner.

Our next meeting is going to be at the new Skyline Restaurant at the airport on April 30. If any Ninety-Niners happen to be in the vicinity, we'd be most happy to have them drop in on us.

### MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

#### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By: Leona A. McElroy

I heard Eastern Penn had a meeting back in March - was it the 5th? I think it was over in York and I believe Ena Snyder was hostess. Everybody I talked to said they really enjoyed the luncheon, but I can't remember where they said Ena held it. It seems to me they mentioned a business meeting, too - some talk about handicapping for races, and I guess they had to pick out candidates for the national offices.

Millie Zimmerman told me she gave all the members who were there books of chances on that Bolsey 35 mm. camera we're going to give away to some lucky person who donates two bits. If you didn't get your's, stop in at the Reading Municipal Airport. Millie lives on the edge of it, you know, and you can easily walk over to her house and pick them up.

Seems to me I heard something about the next meeting being held down Delaware-way around the end of April, but I'm not sure so you better watch for the notice from Marj.

#### MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Toby Lord

Our regular meeting was held March 15 at Jean Peden's where we discussed nomination of national officers, Middle Eastern Section meeting to be held sometime this summer and plans for the local chapter's appearance on television. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments which carried out the St. Patrick's Day theme. After the meeting, we were all happy to hear Margie Cook talk about her Florida vacation and, of course, we were green with envy to see her walk in so tan, so radiant and smiling as usual. Glad to have you back, Margie.

On Tuesday, March 21, the Meadville Chapter of 99's was presented on television station WICU in Erie, Pa., as a major portion of Hy Yaple's program, "Hy-Lights." There was approximately ten minutes devoted to the 99's during which time the following members were introduced: Ethel Brauns, Pauline Harabedian (a new member - glad to have you, Pauline), Vega Ihlsen, Betty Johnson, Lucille Parker, Mary Will Parker and Jean Peden. The handling of the program showed that women from various backgrounds and occupations can and do fly. Jean was spokesman for the group, but time did not allow a complete explanation of the 99's to the audience, but we feel that the fact that women flyers were presented in their own locality might

stimulate interest in aviation generally and this is one of the aims of our organization.

After the television program, ten of us attended the Erie Pilots Club dinner meeting at which time Vega Ihlsen and Lucille Parker were elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Congratulations, gals. Good work!

Mrs. Hugh Mosbacher of Meadville is to be our hostess on April 19 and Mrs. Mason Johnson of Erie, on May 17. We'd be glad to see any of you who could make it.

### SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

#### CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Amalie W. Stone

When we of the Carolinas Chapter joyfully received word that Greenville, S. C. had been selected as the terminal point for the 1950 Transcontinental Air Race of the 99's, we knew we were in for a lot of work, but were determined that this year's race would be the best ever.

The results of our planning have far exceeded expectations of the Carolinas Chapter and, while we don't mean to be patting ourselves on the back, we know that the four or five days the Ninety-Nine members will be in Greenville will long be remembered by those attending.

We're expecting the "early birds" to arrive in Greenville from San Diego on Wednesday, June 14, and that's when the entertainment schedule starts. The moment each individual plane lands, don't be surprised if you're swept off your feet with folks welcoming you to Greenville. That's the kind of hospitality we have in these parts.

There'll be a welcoming committee on hand as each plane lands, refreshments will be immediately available, skilled workers will take care of your plane, fill it with free gas and free oil, and roll it into a big hangar where it can stay free during the entire five days.

The entertainment program starts Wednesday night, June 14, with a reception. From then on until the end of the event, there'll be something for you to do and enjoy all the time. Thursday, June 15, will include various forms of recreation (tennis, golf, swimming, and the like), a cocktail party, dinner and radio programs. Friday, June 16, there'll be a trip through the Great Smokies and Western North Carolina, a cocktail party, the official welcoming banquet and a big hangar dance.

Saturday, June 17, there'll be boating, swimming, aquaplaning, cocktail parties, a special luncheon at which we expect the wife of South Carolina's governor to be among the guests, and a big banquet that night with former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes as the guest speaker. At that banquet, each race contestant will receive awards. We have a big array of trophies, cash prizes and awards. Each race contestant will receive prizes that she will always cherish and remember, and that is in addition to the free hotel rooms, free gas, free oil, free hangar space, free transportation, free entertainment and the finest hospitality that can be found anywhere.

On Sunday, there'll be a breakfast meeting of private fliers in North and South Carolina and Georgia to start the day's activities. We expect to have models of the latest type private planes on hand for your inspection, and on Sunday afternoon the annual Greenville Aviation Day air show is scheduled. We can't release full details on the air show yet, but all indications are that it will exceed last year's when 75,000 persons thrilled at a spectacular two-hour show.

We're leaving no stone unturned to have the best possible program. We've already received acceptances from many of our national officers and other dignitaries who expect to be on hand for the stupendous program.

And there'll be many who will fly from Greenville to Fort Clark Ranch at Brackettville, Texas for the National Convention. We hope to have a mass flight from Greenville to Fort Clark, possibly with other awards to be



presented at the end of that flight.

More news later on the Transcontinental Race, but make your plans now to participate and enjoy the big program we have all set.

#### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By: Ann Ross

Letters are in the mail to each of you explaining as much as possible about the inside facts of our plans for you at the All Women Air Maneuvers in West Palm Beach, June 17 and 18 and the Montreal-West Palm Beach International Race beginning June 14 and ending June 15. Entry blanks will be sent to you as soon as they are available.

We urge each of you to save the first letter sent to you as it is a good source of information, should you forget any particular fact of interest to you. Should you anticipate entering the Montreal-WPB Race or any of the closed course races, don't fail to send us your information concerning your flying background and a picture to be used by United and Associated Presses. These should be sent in without waiting for entry blanks to be sent you. We are working with shorter time this year, so please do this right away.

We also plan to get as many as possible to mass together after the last day of the show and fly to Texas for the Convention, so send in your letters to tell us if you intend to join this flight.

NOTE: The benefit AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FUND mentioned at the bottom of our stationery is a mistake, so disregard it please. It will be left off at the next printing.

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

#### NOTICE OF SPRING MEETING

Regina Devine

All members of the North Central Section are urged to attend the Spring meeting sponsored by the Greater St. Louis Chapter on April 29 and 30, 1950 in St. Louis. Parks Municipal Airport is recommended for landing. Reservations should be made with the De Soto Hotel immediately.

Ninety-Niners from all sections are most welcome.

#### REPORT FROM VIRGINIA EBERHART, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN, NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

Having just returned from an extended business and pleasure trip to St. Louis and Florida, I'll endeavor to catch up on my publicity news.

Appointments: Lillian Knight has been appointed Chairman of the North Central Section's Nominating Committee; Grace Harris has been appointed Contest Chairman for the Section.

Congratulations, Ruth Shimon, our Membership Booklet Chairman, on your wonderful job in getting so many pictures and brochures from the North Central members. Those of you who haven't sent them in, please hurry and do so before the booklet goes to press.

Governor Cocanougher attended the Ohio meeting in Akron in February and the Michigan meeting in Chicago in March. "Cokie" claims that she thoroughly enjoyed the meetings.

I am receiving quite a lot of material for the Publicity Book but have room for lots more. Come on your Publicity Chairmen, get your Chapter and individual members in print. The 99's need all the good publicity possible. I still haven't heard from all of you.

Bits of News: The Iowa Chapter sent me their Aviation Bulletin with a nice 99 write-up on their Air Marking

activities---I received a fine picture in the Chicago Tribune of "Cokie" and Austa Shepherd from the Kentucky Chapter, being greeted at the Chicago Airport by the Michigan members---Dorothy Christenson, stationed at Okinawa, writes that she is vacationing in Hongkong, China and Bangkok, Siam---Arlene Davis and husband are in Jamaica enjoying the sunshine---Ruth Reilly McCubbin Bauer is living in Fairbanks, Alaska---Upper Iowa Chapter reports that they had a nice broadcast on KICD Radio Station about the national and local 99's on Jan. 26, also a large front page article with picture in the Spencer Times---Virginia Hyatt who has recently moved to Germany with her Navy husband, wrote me asking for some 99's to please write to her. Here's her address and I hope some of you write: U. S. Navy 913, Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y.

Congratulations girls for your eight chapter reports in the March Newsletter.

#### ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By: Irene Leverton

Marion Niedert passed her flight test at Sky Harbor in a 140, and now has a brand new Commercial in her pocket. That's wonderful Marion; yours makes the number of Commercials in this Chapter come up to 13.

Welcome to new member Gladys Snyder of Rockford. She was past Air Marking Chairman for the WNAA, has 32 Air Markers to her credit and is at the present hard at work on the Zoning Commission for the new airport at Rockford.

Jessie Anderson, that active pilot out Elgin way, was recently interviewed on a radio program and spent the 15 minutes allotted to her telling of the activities and history of the 99s. Jessie did so nicely that she has been invited back every Thursday. That gal never misses a bet--look for her at 3:30, 1410 on our dials.

Evelyn "Sparkplug" Martin reports that the air show to be held during the dedication of Meigs Field will be a big affair this summer. The air show plans are coming along fine and we can hardly wait to hear what events the 99's will fly in.

Co-chairman Dora Dougherty, an AFR officer, is getting closer to the hp she used to fly in the WASP, by hopping out to the west coast and back in a C46 recently. Look up Dora if you are in Champaign; she instructs at the Univ. of Illinois flight school there.

March flying at O'Hare. We apologize for the Chicago weather but not for the fine turnout of 52 Wisconsin and Illinois gals. Governor Greenwood Cocanougher and Austa Shepheri of Lexington, Kentucky were the first to land thru a maize of Army B26s, C46s, 47s, F51s and various trainers plus several F84s. Fifteen other ships followed in, 6 of which were from Wisconsin. Mr. Karl Voelter of CAA, Assistant to the Administrator for Personal Flying gave us many ideas for 99 projects and suggested that 99s in this area could inject themselves into aviation more than they have in the past. We certainly appreciate the time and good advice given by Mr. Voelter. Greenwood Cocanougher then spoke to us; we don't see how anyone can resist your invitation to the Sectional in St. Louis. Snow caused most of the gals to takeoff so only 22 remained for the AF tour. An Army bus took us to where Lt. Klein and Capt. Kennedy conducted us thru the Aircraft Museum, weather station and a birds-eye view of the field from the Tower. Our thanks to Lt. Salk, Publicity, Lt. Dunnston and Col. Strahm, the C.O. for the tour. The Wisconsin gals were fashion plates and not helpless around aircraft as proved by little Readelle Morgan of Milwaukee who turned a mean handcrank on that stubborn T6. Thanks Real

Dora Fritzke, the Wisconsin Chairman, can be proud of that enthusiastic chapter of hers. Lucy Kalla did all the work for this meeting and Frances Rosenthal was in charge of publicity. Both gals deserve a lot of credit.

Bennie Bosler flew the only "fresh air job" to the meeting, a PT23; Esther Noffke and Pearl Nelson had the sweetest ships, Stagger Wing Beech's; Doris Langher, the small-



est ship, a Vagabond and Bea Siemon the most passengers from Illinois, Eleanor Deeming, Marion Niedert and Rosemary Gilles in her 170. Esther Holt was the only one to get lost on her first cross-country in a new Studebaker.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Dorothea E. Hendricks

Our March meeting was held at Newcastle. We have no members there, but we were royally entertained by the airport operator, Mrs. Western and Imogene Arnold. We had as guests fifteen ladies who are interested in flying and we hope to get some members from this group in the future.

Your reporter gave a history of the organization and our chapter and Betty Pettitt gave a very interesting talk on the Amelia Earhart Scholarship, her experiences in the WASP's, and her present work as secretary and skywriter. Betty is the only lady skywriter in the country as far as we know. She also has acquired a multi-engine rating recently.

Our Chairman, Charlotte Foland, got a wonderful write-up and picture in "Wing Tips", an Aviation column in a local paper. Charlotte obtained her commercial license soon after her 18th birthday and now holds a flight instructors rating.

What a wonderful surprise when our Chapter won first place for the membership booklet information; we didn't even know there were prizes. Our Chairman and Nellie Evans, Membership Booklet Chairman, are very proud of their gifts.

Rita Rickard and Doris Hurt have returned from a trip with the School of Aeronautics, Purdue University; Dot Perry has a new address--1107 W. 2nd St., Owensboro, Ky.; Ruth Congram hopes to have her Aeronca Chief ready to fly by summer; Virginia Eberhart is vacationing in Florida; Marie Thompson, Helen Outcoelt and Violet Bauermeister are also in Florida.

Myrtle Cox is really working on airmarking. She got Winchester and Lynn marked last fall and the paint is just waiting for good weather when Ridgeville and Union City will be done. Our hats are off to you, Myrtle.

Dorothy Shelton and Rita Rickard have invited us to Purdue on April 16. Dorothy is Secretary-Treasurer of the Kentucky Chapter and the Kentucky girls are coming up for a joint meeting. Sounds like fun; see you there!

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By: Virginia Koestner

The Upper Iowa Chapter gathered at Storm Lake for the March meeting. Our hostess, Millie Burt, stayed in tune with the St. Patricks day theme with the "wearing of the green shamrock" as a table decoration. A wonderful chicken dinner was served with all the trimmings. Since the meeting was held in Millie's club, the Jes-Mil, following the dinner the floor was cleared and the afternoon was spent in square dancing.

Bernie Eno was selected for the nominating committee from our Chapter for the North Central Section. Both Bernie and Ruth Shimon are making plans on attending the Spring meeting of the section at St. Louis. We hope some of the other girls will be able to be present.

Discussion on the forth coming traveling trophy for the summer months has again arisen with the breath of Spring. We only hope our flying weather will improve. Out of the past 90 days, we have had only 34 flying days and not many of these on free weekends.

That girl Ruth Shimon, who is already swamped with her many activities, was recently elected President of her Wa-Tan-Ye Club, a national organization of business women.

Now that the weather is getting warmer and the snow has melted, we'll have to begin our airmarking campaign with more vigor and vim. Let's all keep our eyes alert for good buildings.

#### KENTUCKY CHAPTER

By: Austa Shepherd

Such grand gals! Such a grand meeting of the Illinois Chapter at O'Hare Field in windy Chicago on March 16, with Wisconsin Chapter as guest. Greenwood Cocanougher, North Central Governor, and I flew up in her Stinson Voyager on Saturday afternoon and were met at Municipal Airport by Olive Tuttle and her very nice 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>er. Cokie and I were guests of Regina Devine overnight and here and now want to designate her mother as our choice for "Co-Pilot Mother."

We have received word that Dorothy Shelton, our Kentucky 99 member attending Purdue University, has helped plan a joint meeting of Kentucky and Indiana Chapters at Lafayette, Indiana, for April 16.

Another new member, Cleo Bryan, has been added to our little chapter down here in old Kentucky. Cleo's husband is co-owner of Cedar Hill Airport at Frankfort and she is bookkeeper for the flight school.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Bernice M. Easter

The March meeting of the 99's was held in the Women's League Building at Ann Arbor. Due to icy roads and illness of some of the members, there were about 26 members, 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>ers and guests present. After the meeting, we were taken through the Observatory of Astronomy at the Univ. of Michigan. An interesting lecture was given by the Professor of Astronomy. Later we were taken to the Willow Run Airport at Ypsilanti, Michigan, took a tour to the weather bureau station and control tower. Thanks again to Lenora McElroy for the arrangements of another interesting and enjoyable program.

From reports, we are happy to learn that Gloria Lynch, a 99 member, is progressing very nicely from her injuries. Sorry to hear Faye Kirk and her husband were in an auto accident. Faye is one of the oldest 99 members in the Michigan Chapter. Hoping to see you soon at our meetings, Faye.

Another new member to our Chapter is Edna Chapin of Flint, Michigan. Welcome, Edna.

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: M. Manuel

Tanners Lake was the beautiful winter scene for our March 12th fly-in breakfast and meeting. Marion Radtke was our hostess as it was at her place overlooking the lake that we met. There had been a fresh snow, but light, the nite before, so that the lake was good for both "skis and wheels" as we say in Minnesota. It was cold out but the early hour and the cold air whetted our appetites for all the bacon and eggs, coffee, toast and juice that we could eat. It was all on Marion, as she later insisted, so the girls put 50¢ each into the treasury to spend later. Even photographers appeared on the scene, I was told.

Helen Masterton is entertaining the group at her home for our evening meeting in April (the second Wednesday of every other month). Her home is in Minneapolis. Our next fly-in will be in Faribault with Betty Roberts in charge and Virginia Shaw invited our Chapter to her place on Lake Minnetonka for the July fly-in.

#### GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By: June Walsh

The regular April meeting of the Greater St. Louis Chapter was held at Lucy Drucker's home. A special election of officers was necessary because of the resignation of two. Our chairman, Rae Logsdon is "expecting" and our secretary, Maxine Randolph, is attending school on meeting nights. We'll miss both girls while they are temporarily out of circulation. They have both done grand jobs in their offices. The new chairman is Laura Sellinger, who was vice chairman. Florence Wildgen is now vice chairman and Loretta Slavick is secretary.



Plans for the sectional meeting are completed and we are expecting a large turnout. Among the activities planned are:

The first girl to arrive by private plane will be escorted to radio station KWK and interviewed; there will be a cash prize to the chapter with the most members present; a cocktail party to get better acquainted; wonderful dinner--soup to nuts; principal speaker at the dinner will be Roscoe Turner; breakfast and then the business meeting.

Don't miss the North Central Sectional Meeting in St. Louis, April 29 and 30 at the DeSoto Hotel.

#### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By: Ann Ash

As one of the hostesses for the March meeting at Mansfield Airport, let me first say thanks to all the Ohio girls for such a wonderful turnout and such splendid cooperation with the program committee. To highlight our meeting, our own first lady, Mrs. Frank Lausche, was the guest speaker, along with Mr. C.E.A. Brown of Columbus, State Aviation Director, their topic - Air Marking Ohio. Mrs. Lausche is keenly interested in aviation and especially in the Chapter's Air Marking project and after her most inspiring talk, I know we can't fall down on the great undertaking of marking the State now. Attendance for the luncheon numbered over 40 with other guests present including, Mr. Walker and his son of the Air Marking Company in Indiana, who were so impressed in our enthusiasm that they have offered a \$50.00 cash award toward National Convention in Texas to each girl who obtains 10 towns for Airmarking. The Governor's wife was flown from Cleveland, her former home town, to Mansfield by Arlene Davis in her Cessna, where she was greeted by the Mayor's wife, Mrs. Tom Wright, Mary Burke, Executive Secretary of Ohio Aviation Board, Helen Linn, Chairman Ohio Chapter and the co-hostesses, Jean Bonar and Ann Christine Ash.

Since the meeting in March, Mrs. Lausche has devoted many hours in Columbus furthering our Air Marking project, speaking before women's clubs and calling all service organizations for the cooperation and support. She arranged for a 30 minute television show over WTVN, Columbus, where she appeared along with Helen Linn, Mary Burke and myself and we spoke for 22 minutes of the 30 on air marking and the necessity of our campaign at this time. We are most grateful for her time and interest and I only hope that our chapter membership will get out this month and obtain those airmarkers. Helen Linn is appearing on TV shows and radio broadcasts trying to create more interest throughout the State.

Preceding the Sunday morning meeting, the Mansfield Aviation Club held a Dance at the Sky Club on Saturday night which was well attended by 99'ers and their guests.

The April meeting will be held the 3rd Sunday of the month at Cleveland Airport. We hope to see some of you gals who have been missing our splendid meetings lately. You have a part in our project--do come out and obtain your towns for marking.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By - Ruth C. Lembke

Doris Langher and her Illinois 99'ers invited the Wisconsin Chapter to their meeting on Sunday, March 19, at O'Hare Airport. They were indeed most gracious hostesses, for we were their guests at a most delicious lunch at the airport and were taken through that world-wonder The Air Museum, formerly the Douglas Bomber plant.

Although each detail was carefully planned and carried out, the girls could do nothing about the weather. Those who flew had to miss the Air Museum trip in order to beat the storm home again. Sally Lathrop and Estelle Hilgendorff took off for home in that group, but somehow Sally wasn't too sorry. You see, she had won the prize for landing at the secret landing time 10:29 a.m.--it was a perfectly beautiful compact with a compass on the cover. Pearl and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er Nelson brought Bernadette

Voelker in their plane. They had to leave so quickly that we had no time to talk to Pearl about Guatemala. Frances Strong and her niece, Mrs. Frie, had the longest flight to make back to Antigo. Leave it to Frances!

All of us went through that Air Museum with the keenest of interest. To see the history famous planes before us was an experience we will never forget. We carry away mental pictures of Enola Gay of atomic fame, the Odum Bonanza, the Kitty Hawk, still boxed for shipment, the Swoose of Philippine fame, captured planes of all variety.

Added to those mental pictures we have delightful memories of visiting with the refreshing Illinois girls. It seemed almost like a sectional meeting, for Governor "Cokie" was there too.

#### SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

##### COLORADO CHAPTER

By: Jane Nettleblad

The last meeting was held at the new home of Naomi Anderson. Frances Tepper of Arvada and Mary Collett of Denver were accepted into the chapter and two additional members were voted in; namely, Merridee Snively, an airport manager at Walden and Mary McMillan, a reporter from Greeley. This boosts our membership total to forty-five.

The main discussion of the evening was the Third Annual Ranch Dance to be held April 21 at Cresthaven Country Club. Naomi Anderson, the active chairman of the Dance Committee, announced that a prize of a 99 costume pin would be given to the girl selling the most tickets. Door prizes to be donated are hosiery from Betty Terrell, a hand-loomed dresser scarf from Rusty McLean, a miniature wooden propeller from Betty Clark, two dozen eggs from Frances Tepper, flight time from Clinton Aviation Company and dual instruction by Jennie Tschoep. The entire group is working hard to make the dance a great success.

##### MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Marjorie McBride

Our February meeting, which was to be held at Grand Island, Nebraska had to be cancelled because of a blizzard.

The March meeting was held in Omaha with nine 99's present, three 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'ers and two 24 3/4'ers. We met for dinner at the Omaha Athletic Club. All those present were from the Omaha area, as another storm kept the out-state girls outstate. At the business meeting we decided to hold another trophy contest this year to stimulate flying and add to the fun. Lois Boien, Pat DeLaney, and Dorothy Gilbert were chosen as a committee to decide on rules and prizes for the contest, which will probably start in May.

The next meeting will be at Grand Island, April 23rd.

##### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By: Ann Martin

March meeting was held the 19th at Hangar 1, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City. Main topic of discussion was the program for the sectional meeting April 14, 15 and 16 in Oklahoma City. Incidentally, we sincerely hope to see everyone at the meeting. Chapter meeting will not be held in April due to the sectional meeting.

Broneta Davis was in Fort Worth, March 10, for the Regional Flying Farmers Meeting (she's the Oklahoma Flying Farmer Secretary), and Anna Lee Jameson, Texas 99 Chairman and Texas Flying Farmer Secretary, was there also. The girls got together with Mary Ann Greer, Verna Burns, Josephine Allison, Cleve Godfrey, Marjorie Gray, Edna Whyte, Marie Nix, Martha Reading and Elsie Sellers. They met at the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth. Chatter was all about the national meeting at Fort Clark, Texas.

Emily Frost flew up to Wichita, March 14, in a Bonanza,



with the Air Knockers from the University of Oklahoma. She saw Veda Mauk and her 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>er there with their Cessna. The group toured the Beech and Cessna factories in Wichita.

Irby King Smart, Miami, Florida, spent the nite with Velma, March 15, and flew on to Minco the next day to visit with Broneta. From there she flew on to Frederick to see her mother and then to Omaha to see her daughter.

We're sorry to hear that Cecilia Jane Frew has been in the hospital with pneumonia. She and her husband flew to Ponca City, March 18, in their Navion, taking along a 210 pound passenger for his first private plane ride.

Mary Francis recently flew to Chicago to meet her husband, who was returning from Caracas, Venezuela. Her two young daughters accompanied her for their first airline trip.

The secret's out! Velma Woodward is now flying around in a red Stinson 165. She says it's not new since she's had it for quite a while, but we say that since it's been recently overhauled, the plane is as good as new.

Be seeing you at the Sectional Meeting in Oklahoma City.

#### TEXAS CHAPTER

By: Martha Ann Reading

A Flying Farmers meeting at the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth led to a perfectly grand impromptu 99 get together the evening of March 9th. We had dinner at the Hotel and then proceeded to the Jameson-Greer quarters and engaged in a gab-fest. Time was so limited and there was so much to talk about that we couldn't talk fast enough, but we had fun and, who knows, maybe we accomplished something too. The main topics of conversation were the meetings to be held in Oklahoma City, April 14-15, in El Paso April 21-23, and the National Convention in Brackettville, June 21-25.

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

#### OREGON CHAPTER

By: Kay Hoffmiller

Spring has sprung, which means that it is high time for all pilots to spring into planes and take-off. The Oregon Chapter is planning a small air tour to Vancouver B. C. It should be loads of fun. The tour will consist of women pilots only and lots of them, we hope.

April 16th is the time of our next meeting and the place will be Eugene. It will be a lunch flight, so come on gals, work up a good appetite, hop in a ship and flit on down to Eugene. Speaking of meetings, at our last meeting, March 25, the door prize was taken by our stunt girl Betty Bray--a snappy pair of sun glasses.

We hope to see a huge crowd of 99's at Eugene, April 16.

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

#### BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Monahan

The Bay Cities Chapter motto this season seems to be "Here today and gone tomorrow." Helen Menefee is down San Diego way, Ena Ayers in New York, Mayetta Wiedeman Behinger in Virginia, Patty Sherwood in Washington, D. C., Marion Dietrich at Sacramento and Ardele Hauk to Salinas.

Jan Dietrich replaced Mayetta as Chapter Chairman and Eleanor Wagner has taken over the duties of Treasurer.

Adele Chase is temporarily grounded, due to a broken ankle. She was flying too close to the ground on skis.

February Fly-in was scheduled for Monterey. Came the dawn of the day, 40 people assembled at various airports around the Bay waiting for the fog to clear. Mission unaccomplished.

The March 17 meeting was held at the Civic Center Library in San Francisco. Mr. Roger Q. Williams, author of "To the Moon and Half way Back" and other aviation books, was the speaker. Mr. Williams was the first pilot to fly from New York to Rome.

#### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By: De Thurmond

Fish Salmon, well-known Lockheed test pilot, showed movies of the midget racers and P-38 test flying at the February meeting at the Officer's Club on Wilshire Blvd. The chapter in return presented him with a colorful hand-painted aviation necktie.

Christy Carlton displayed the new 99 prop. It is a large wooden one with a blue and white 99 emblem in the hub. This is to be hung on the wall of our meeting room at the Officer's Club.

A large number of members filled the meeting room at the March meeting. Rules for the 1950 Transcontinental Air Race were handed out. Plans were discussed for future get togethers at the many beautiful desert resorts near Los Angeles. Ruth Downie informed the group of the formal initiation of new members to be held soon. Melba Beard gave a report on the national scholarship fund.

NOTES ON L.A. 99's: Mardo Crane has been honored by having the Inglewood, California girl scouts name their troupe the "Mardo Cadets" in her honor. Nice going Mardo. Incidentally, Mardo's Mom, who has been very ill, is on the upgrade we are happy to report. Delphine Bohn has started her own Beechcraft dealership at Clover Field, Santa Monica. Good luck, Delphine! Barbara London and Helen Thomure are both expecting Mr. Stork. Diana Bixby and her husband have just cancelled out their attempt to beat the late Bill Odom's round the world record. Diana and Bob got as far as Calcutta, India (ahead of schedule) when they were forced because of engine trouble to give up the record dash. Tough break but they flew a wonderful course until bad luck forced them back.

We were all very sad to hear of the death of Lauretta Foy's husband in the crash of a B25 near Phoenix last month. Bob Foy was one of the finest pilots, with an admirable war combat record.

Mother's Day cards to Mother Earhart would be a fine gesture on the part of every 99 throughout the United States. Her address is "Mother Earhart," Mrs. Lois Allen, 37 Mosswood, Berkeley, Calif.

Paul McCready, national glider champion, will be guest speaker at the April meeting at Grand Central Airport, Glendale, Calif.

#### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Doris Henry

Turlock was the scheduled meeting place of the Sacramento Valley Chapter on March 19, but due to bad weather only nine members were present. Leah Johnson and her two 24 3/4'ers motored from Stockton. Marjorie Fauth, Reta Hart, Miriam Brugh and Adele Chase from the Bay Cities Chapter came in the "Wistful Angel".

Mary Disney and 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>er flew in from Napa in their Luscombe. The chicken dinner at the Henry residence was prepared by the three Turlock 99's -- Alice Johnson, Helen Gatewood and Doris Henry.

Mr. Forest Fiorini, president of the California Flying Farmers, and his wife, Mary, were among the guests at the March meeting.

The battle to reopen Turlock's Air Park which was closed a year ago by surrounding neighbors through a court injunction, was discussed by the group present. Some helpful advice and information was given to the Turlock group by the Bay City girls.

The members of our chapter's Finance Committee -- Wanda Branstetter, Gerry Mickelsen and Ethel Sheehy -- report good progress in their "fund-raising" campaign.



SAN DIEGO CHAPTER  
By: Evelyn Briggs

The major activities of this group this year have had to do with building up funds and plans for the NINETY-NINE'S ALL WOMAN TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE. As this is the first year it has been a national activity of the Ninety-Nines, we hope this will be the biggest and best to date. We also anticipate the fact that all Ninety-Nines will help it to continue to grow until it is as well-known as the Bendix Race.

Contestants who entered last year reported that they had a wonderful time crossing the country because at all their stops everyone was so hospitable, treated them royally and did everything to help them on their way. This co-operation was possible because they were alerted in advance by trailblazer Mardo Crane, who plans again this year to fly ahead as a trail blazer to all places that may be RON or gas stops. She will confer with civic leaders about welcoming the women flyers and give advance publicity about the race.

Prizes will be given to all contestants, both by the San Diego Chapter and by the Greenville group. In San Diego arrangements have been completed for free lodging for all contestants the night before the race at the San Diego Hotel. Courtesy cars will take the girls back and forth between the field and the hotel which is about a five minute drive.

We've been so busy with Air Race projects, executive board meetings and regular meetings that I'm afraid some news has been skipped. Perhaps a brief summary will help us catch up:

Feb. 7--Meeting at Marian Mishler's. Reports on the individual projects for raising funds were given, discussion was held as to what part the Chamber of Commerce should take in plans for the race, and vote was taken for nominees for national offices.

Feb. 12--A very successful fly in day at Gillespie was held under the auspices of Mary Ring, Donna Davis and Julie Hale. We were pleased and surprised by a visit from our governor, Gerry Michelson, Helen Sheehy, both of Sacramento and K. Stevenson from Bakersfield.

Mar. 3--Betty Lambert entertained us by letting us see her new son, Robert Arthur. Of course, there was other business transacted.

Mar. 27--Dinner and a very interesting and awesome movie, "Bikini" or "Operation Crossroads" at the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences. This is a fine new building devoted to aviation.

Mar. 31--Lois Bartling's charming home served us this time. Again, Transcontinental Air Race projects and plans were the main topic. It was announced that on April 15 the National Air Race Committee will meet in San Diego with this chapter to perfect and check details.

Because our group is becoming too large to meet in many homes, and because the Institute of Aeronautical Science seems to be the very best place we could hope to find, we voted to try it out for regular meetings for awhile.

Future dates are:

April 11 - Trip through Greenwood--project chairman, Shirley Lannois  
April 12 - Opening Night Globe Theater party--project Co-chairmen, Anne Grogan and Evelyn Briggs  
April 15 - Rummage Sale--project chairman, Miriam Edelman

Don't Forget--Send all questions concerning the Transcontinental Race to Air Race Committee Headquarters, 8617 Rindge Ave., Playa Del Rey, California.

#### NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Judy Short

The Section held a small but pleasant meeting at 99 State

St., Boston on March 16. Proposed plans were discussed for Boston's Jubilee Week, May 14, and particularly the 99's share in the celebration. The Section Governor attended several meetings of the Planning Committee and told us that the main purpose of the gala week is to focus attention on Boston. May 20 is designated as Aviation Day, with Army, Air Force, Navy, National Guard and Commercial Aviation taking prominent parts in the program. Several exciting air races and inaugural flights are proposed.

The New England Section approves wholeheartedly of the slogan - "Once a 99'er always a 99'er". With the National Meeting in Texas coming up soon, let's get together on this issue. In this connection, it is our understanding that the great majority of the national delegates at the New York meeting were in favor of the amendment to our Constitution. There are many former 99's who, through accident, illness, or an altered financial status, have been forced to sacrifice membership in the organization--often the only solace left to grounded pilots--the contact and association with old friends and new in aviation, whose vision, enthusiasm and like interests keep them "looking outward in the same direction". Not all of us can put the necessary \$100.00 in the "kitty" to assure us of life membership in the 99's. Women who won their licenses and other ratings in the hardest way possible, in the days of real adventure before light, safe planes were available, hesitate even to attend meetings, having no membership status, and thus we lose the tremendously valuable asset of their rich experience. As it was pointed out, there can never be a question of the 99's degenerating into just another flying club for women, or an organization filled with "wing-strutters". Each and every member of the 99's has made the grade and membership was never attained without our high standards having been met. Let's make it an organization which will never grow weaker through lost membership. During the last war, had it not been for the change in ruling by the CAA Airman Division which made it possible for pilots to retain ratings by maintaining "physicals", how many of us would be members today. In case of disaster, another war, or like emergency, the CAA may not be able to give us that same break. Let's put it over this time--"Once a 99'er always a 99'er".

Sally Driver, Chairman of the Southern New England Chapter, and Rose Abbott, Governor, proposed that the Southern and Northern Chapters be merged once again in one group, The New England Section. Sally generously offered to relinquish her office as Chairman of Southern to accomplish this. We have a great incentive now, with our large Connecticut membership. Rose suggested having our meetings truly sectional, meeting each month in different States. On Connecticut Day the girls there would plan their own program for us and the same idea could be carried out on New Hampshire Day, Maine Day, etc.

At the Boston meeting in February, it was voted to send \$25.00 to the Gloria Lynch fund.

We were all delighted to have Mildred Morey back with us again and happy to know she is recovering so well from her recent illness. Ruth Anderberg is back on temporary duty with the WAC and is stationed at the South Boston Army Base. Rachael Williams and Carolyn Gullen are sunning themselves on the beach at Clearwater, Florida. Ruth Hamilton is recuperating from her illness brought on by the exposure and effort experienced in rescuing a couple of pilots who were adrift in the wind and helpless on glare ice at the Orange Airport. The complete chilling sent her to the hospital and thence to Florida. She was still in bed when we last heard from her but making good progress.

#### ALL CHAPTER REPORTERS--PLEASE NOTE

As the May issue will carry biographies of nominees for National Offices, information regarding the Convention and other important notices, there probably will not be space to print all copy submitted by the chapters. Will you kindly indicate on your copy which part may be deleted in the event it is necessary to cut.