

NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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DEADLINE
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members:

Since I talked to you last month, I flew to San Francisco, took an airline to Honolulu, then flew a CAA ship over the Islands, took an airline back to the mainland, picked up my ship at San Jose, flew to Portland, over to Boise, Salt Lake City, and managed to be in Des Moines for the 90 mile gale, arriving back in Washington, May 8. I sincerely hope that I will never again have to fly the weather that I had on that trip.

Well, everything is set for our twenty-first convention at Fort Clark Ranch, Brackettville, Texas. Things certainly look as if we are going to have a wonderful time, as well as a good meeting. We have planned a little more time for our meetings, as we did not have time enough in New York to take care of all the business that should have come up. Ama Lee Jameson is certainly knocking herself out making arrangements for your pleasure.

The Transcontinental Derby is coming along in great shape. The Florida All-Women Air Maneuvers at West Palm Beach and the Montreal-West Palm Beach International race are also coming along in fine style, but I am going to let Ama Lee Jameson, Mardo Crane and Dorothea Vermorel tell you about the National Convention, the Transcontinental Derby and the Florida Air Maneuvers.

Blanche Noyes
Your President

155 Boulevard Montparnasse
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April 15, 1950

Dear Blanche:

This letter is by way of being a report from France, a request for information and an invitation to all 99's, their families and friends to contact me this summer if they have the good fortune to come to Paris.

Another Spring is beginning and there is nothing lovelier in the world than right here and right now.....

Last summer when I first arrived, and as yet spoke no French, I went out to a small local airport. Through a series of gestures, we arrived at an understanding that I wanted to fly. A man went up with me in a British Auster. In about 15 minutes I returned to the airport and landed. The man, still silent, left the plane, got in a car and drove off rapidly. I still don't know if he preferred not to ride or decided that I could fly and therefore his job was finished. I do know that all the French are slightly appalled by women who fly. In any event, that started the merry-go-round of licenses. The French do not recognize an American license. In order to get a French license, it is necessary to fly three hours solo. In order to fly solo, it is necessary to have a French license. Of course, one solution is to start at the beginning as if no hours and no license existed and eventually one would arrive at a French license. However, that solution is not practical when one is a student on the GI Bill; so with the assistance or rather the cooperation between the CAA, an American owner of two planes here in France and me, we hope to be so organized in a short time that the French will recognize the club and give it a charter. That will make it possible for Americans to fly at the lowest price and with a minimum of formality. Many concessions will

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"SECRETARY'S CORNER"

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Constitution says: "The Fiscal Year of this Club shall begin September first and close August 31st of each year." Hence, officers will remain until that date and the newly elected, announced in June, officers will go in September first.

All reports called for at the Annual Meeting in June shall be as up-to-date as possible dated "as of" may be labeled "Interim", and it is requested that a SUPPLEMENTARY report be submitted in triplicate to cover part of June, July and August, and that in September these be sent to the NEW secretary and one extra copy to the NEW president.

Attention is herewith drawn to the appointment of MELBA BEARD as "Record Librarian" for the Ninety-Nines. Any old 99 records filed in attics should be sent to her for proper classification.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICES

Here are the biographical sketches of the candidates for National offices for the coming year. The 1950 Nominating Committee is happy to present the names of girls so well qualified to represent you in the Ninety-Nines.

PRESIDENT:

Helen Anderson, North Central Section, has been an active member for ten years. In that time she has been Chairman of both Indiana and Michigan Chapters, Governor of the North Central Section and Chairman of the International Nominating Committee. This past year she has been a member of the Executive Committee, following two terms as International Vice-President. She flies for fun and hardly ever misses a meeting, whether it be Chapter, Section or National. Busy in local aviation activities, she has been Chairman of the Committee for Women's Activities during Michigan Aviation Week for the past two years.

Kay Brick, New York-New Jersey Section, your International Secretary for the last two years, has been an active 99'er since 1941. She gained experience for her present office as Secretary of the New York-New Jersey Section and then was elected for two successive years to the office of Governor for that Section. She holds a Commercial license with single and multi-engine land and Instructor ratings. During the war she served 23 months as a WASP attached to a Tow Target Squadron. Racing has attracted her, and she won the Nolde Derby and placed in the first Montreal to Miami race last year. The Aviation Writers Association has this year admitted her to its membership.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Arlene Davis, North Central Section, a member since 1932, has served as her Chapter's Chairman and on the International Executive Committee. At present she is Chairman of the North Central Section Airmarking Committee and is again on the Executive Committee. You may remember her as the first woman to receive a 4M rating. She was active in the war years, selling bonds from a plane, teaching instrument flying in the Army, and Commander of the Cleveland Squadron of CAP. She has finished in the money in many races, including the Bendix. The NAA has acknowledged her work with youth in aviation and the Wing Scouts are indebted to her for the Wing Scout Manual for which she was largely responsible.

Marjorie Fauth, Southwestern Section, has served the past two years as International Treasurer. She has had a long apprenticeship in her 17½ years of membership, having held all Chapter and all Section offices. She has been on the International Nominating and Executive Committees as well. With the exception of the war years when flying was

forbidden on the West Coast, she has flown continuously since 1931. She uses a Cessna 170 in her work of payroll auditing and hospital inspection and flies to the Annual Meetings for fun.

SECRETARY:

Jean Ross Howard, Middle Eastern Section, in the second term as Governor of the Section, has acted as Chairman of Publicity and then as Chairman of her Chapter. Very active in Washington flying activities, she has represented that city's 99s on several important committees. At present she is Secretary of both the Aero Club of Washington and the Washington Association of Flying Clubs. The CAP knows her as its Public Information Officer. During the war she was Program Director with the Red Cross at the Air Force Rest Camp on the Isle of Capri. She is now employed as Staff Assistant in Public Relations and Administration for the Aircraft Industries Association.

Donna Myers, South Central Section, Colorado's first woman pilot, was Chairman of the Colorado Chapter for two years and is now Vice Governor of the South Central Section. She joined the 99s in 1939 and in 1940 put on the National Convention in Denver practically single handed. When the meeting was again held in that city in 1947, Donna was in charge of arrangements. Her work as assistant Secretary of Monarch Airlines keeps her active in aviation.

TREASURER:

Broneta Davis, South Central Section, during her six years of membership has been Chairman of the Oklahoma Chapter, Vice Governor of the South Central Section, and then Governor, which job she now holds. She and her husband have owned some 14 planes since 1927, with a Stinson 165 top favorite at present. Acquiring a Commercial ticket in 1944, she immediately took over the job of Secretary-Treasurer of the Oklahoma Flying Farmer's Organization which she has handled ever since.

Mary Francis, South Central Section, has had experience as Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairman for her Chapter and as Secretary-Treasurer of the South Central Section. Besides this, she has served as Treasurer of the National Association of Women Lawyers and also for Kappa Beta Pi, International Legal Sorority. CAP, Oklahoma Wing, made Frances its Fiscal Officer, and then Adjutant with the rank of Major. Ninety-Nines consults with her this year in her capacity of legal adviser. With all this she finds time to use her Commercial license and her share of a Cessna 140.

AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP FUND TRUSTEE:

Adela Scharr, North Central Section, active member since 1940, was first Chairman of the Eastern Missouri Chapter, serving two years. Later on she again served the chapter as Vice Chairman and her Section as Constitutional Committee Chairman. Adela began to fly in 1935 and spent 27 months of the war years in the WAFS and WASPS. A Commercial License with single and multi-engine land and instrument ratings together with five ground school ratings qualified her to operate her own flight and ground school at Lambert Field. She is Chairman of the Aviation Council of Greater St. Louis.

Jeannette Lempke Sovereign, North Central Section, for seventeen years has had the Ninety-Nines at heart. She was North Central Section's Secretary and Governor and International Treasurer, Vice-President and President. She has been on the International Executive Committee and last year was Chairman of the Nominating Committee. During her two years as International President, she covered practically all of the United States in her Stinson. It was during her terms of office, following the war years, that the Scholarship Fund was increased to the point of usefulness and largely through her instrumentality, is now functioning smoothly.

1951 NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Jill McCormick, New England Section, joined the 99's nine years ago. In the Southern New England Chapter,

she has served as Chapter Reporter. While with the WASPS she flew 23 different types of airplanes and for a time after the war she ferried in Europe for the Office of Foreign Liquidation.

Marjorie B. Davis, New York-New Jersey Section, needs no introduction to the 99 membership. She has been active with the 99's for many years serving both local and national. She has been Section Governor of the New England Group and was for 2 years our National Treasurer. You who came to New York during the 20th Anniversary Celebration will remember the gala week that Marjorie planned for us.

Norma Jean Peden, Middle Eastern Section, although active but four years, was the first Chairman of the Meadville Chapter and is now Secretary to that chapter. For the past two years, she has been Secretary to the Section also. With a Commercial license and Instructor's rating, she is employed as instructor and assistant manager at the Port Meadville Airport.

Louise Smith, Southeastern Section, became a 99 in 1941 and since then has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Carolinas Chapter, Chairman for two years, and has served on the Membership and Nominating Committees. She has been Governor of the Southeastern Section twice and twice Secretary-Treasurer. During her 10 years of flying she has acquired a Commercial license and a Bonanza to use it on.

Thelma Lindzay, North Central Section, since joining in 1942 has spent two years as Chairman for the Michigan Chapter and two years as Governor of the Section. She has attended many Section meetings and the past four Annual meetings as a delegate. Thelma was commissioned to read and approve the minutes of the Kansas City and New York meetings. She has owned her own plane but declares she flies solely for the fun of it.

Verna Burns, South Central Section, has been Chairman of her local unit, Treasurer of the Chapter, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Section in her 7 years of active membership. She holds a Commercial license with Instructor's rating and in eight years of plane owning, figures she has covered over 58,000 miles of these United States.

Betty Gillies, Southwestern Section, was a charter member and fifth President of the Ninety-Nines. She learned to fly in 1928 and is still active, holding a Commercial license with Instructor and Instrument ratings. She has been an executive in the Gillies Aviation Corporation and during the war was commanding officer of the WASP squadron at Newcastle Army Air Base.

Eloise M. Smith, Chairman
1950 Nominating Committee

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's 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.

FILE YOUR FLIGHT PLAN

The Texas Aeronautics Commission is urging that every Ninety-Nine flying into Texas for the national convention at Brackettville in June file a flight plan. In addition to the safety factor involved, a filed flight plan will serve notice to the host gals as to arrival times of those flying in. Be sure to file a flight plan!

NATIONAL NINETY-NINE CONVENTION

June 21-25, 1950

FORT CLARK RANCH, BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS

REGISTRATION FEE \$1.50

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 Meetings.

3:00 p.m. Trip to Mexico. This trip is being sponsored by the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce, Eagle Pass, Texas, and the Texas Chapter 99's. Time has been advanced one hour to give ample time for everything. Eagle Pass is furnishing our transportation to Mexico and back and giving us a cocktail party in Eagle Pass before going across the River. Dinner is on the house. Time has been allotted for shopping.

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

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, courtesy Gulf Oil Corp., Houston, Texas

7:00 p.m. Banquet--Awarding of Trophies.

SUNDAY - JUNE 25, 1950... Noon Barbecue

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

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, and have this done. This will save a lot of time getting the General Meeting under way the next morning.

TROPHIES

Silver Pitcher and 4 Goblets - From W. T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon, Texas - Girl with most solo hours for pleasure - NO MAN PILOT IN PLANE even as a passenger - for period May 30, 1949 to May 30, 1950. Be sure to bring a log book if wishing to compete for this.

Silver Tray, Cream and Sugar - From Electra State Bank, Electra, Texas - Girl attending most National Conventions.

Silver Lazy Susan - From 6666 Ranch - Girl with most hours flown.

Four Seiberling Tires - From Robert Moore Service Station, Electra, Texas - Girl traveling furthest distance to attend convention.

Silver Supper Dish - Texas Private Fliers - Girl attending most consecutive conventions.

Weather Guide - Ziggy Hunter, Austin, Texas - Newest Private License.

Western Glasses - Tony and Holland Page, Austin, Texas, - Smallest girl attending convention.

Neiman-Marcus of Dallas, Texas, is donating a trophy to girl with most CAA ratings.

AND, by convention time there will be other trophies for other things.

NO FORMAL CLOTHES NEEDED. Cottons most suitable. Play dresses, shorts, blue jeans, bathing suits.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

NINETY-NINES ALL-WOMAN TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE

June 11 - 18

REMEMBER --- Deadline for entry is June 6, when entry blanks must be in the hands of the air race committee. If these are mailed after May 29, mail them to Barbara London, 5838 Parkcrest, Long Beach, Calif.

NEW INFORMATION --- The City of Odessa, Texas, has put up a \$1500 purse for the race. Check your rules and add Odessa as a "designated" stop where all pilots must have their logs punched on the mechanical time clocks. (Prizes: 1st, \$750; 2nd, \$500; 3rd, \$250).

All contestants will receive free gas and oil at San Diego and at Greenville. (At San Diego, it is through the courtesy of the Standard Oil Company's representative, Howard Fisher, that this is made possible.) It is expected that there will be other stops where free gas and oil will be made available.

More than twenty valuable prizes have already been donated to the San Diego Ninety-Nines, (in addition to the main purse), by business firms and individuals, for distribution to air race entrants and winners. We hope to have "leg" prizes of cash from certain cities en route also, so the race should bring some reward, other than the fun of it, for all entrants!

NEXT YEAR'S BIDS for the race start or finish points should be presented to the Air Race Committee in preliminary form at the time of the National Meeting in Brackettville, Texas, June 21-25. These bids should include the following data: Name of 99s chapter making the bid; name of city of race start or finish as proposed by the 99s chapter; list of what will be offered race entrants, such as free gas and oil, free accommodations, etc.. A bid from any city MUST be presented through a 99s chapter, and said chapter MUST be willing to take the responsibility for the race start or finish, as the case may be.

ENTER THE RACE THIS YEAR. If you wish race rules and blanks mailed to you (if air mailed, please enclose postage. There are no funds set up for this as yet.) write to Air Race Headquarters, 8617 Rindge Avenue, Playa Del Rey, Calif.

CHAPTER NEWS

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Lois Fairbank

It's been a long time since you've heard from us, so please excuse while we go back a little into what has happened since the month of March.

Our March meeting was in honor of Amy Andrews who has been with the 99's for many years and who is leaving New York for the wide open spaces of the West. We shall surely miss Amy for her charm, her guidance and her financial wizardry.

Our March meeting was to have been a big affair with Les Morris, #1 Helicopter pilot in the U. S., to tell us about the Hiller #360 and show us the color film. Les was down with flu like everyone else in New York, so Bella Heineman, who is flying the helicopter with Les, took over. That gal! She'll fly anything. Incidentally, that color movie is grand--you might check the Hiller Plant in Palo Alto, California, about having it shown at your meetings.

We raffled a Philco table radio for the AE fund. Dorothy Wakefield was the lucky gal. The radio was thru the courtesy of Nan Spears and her 49^{er}. Thanks Nan. Wish I'd been the lucky one.

We have just gotten the officers for the Canadian group which New York-New Jersey is sponsoring. They are Phyllis Klotz, Chairman; Neville Robinson, Vice-Chairman; Dorothy Davis, Treasurer and Dorothy Drew, Secretary. They are anxious to come to the National Convention in Texas and we hope to see them again at that time.

We welcome two new members to our Chapter; Constance Hahn who is a math teacher in the high school at Tarrytown, N. Y. and Helena Price who was a member of the 99's a few years ago.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER
By: Rosemary Lane

Did you all see the grand story in the paper recently which featured Pauline Martin and her job with the National Airport weather station? I think Pauline deserves all the credit in the world for her ability as analyst of the elements, but gee, Pauline, why can't you do something about this rain we've been having? I'm sure that the Washington Association of Flying Clubs would have been very appreciative if Pauline could have arranged to have held off that front last Sunday, resulting in the Association having to postpone Courtesy Flight Day until May 21. Pauline promises to do better this time and several 99's have pledged their support in order to make the day a success.

Sunday, the 7th, the Washington Air Derby Association held their annual Langley Day Air Show. Marjorie Harrison was second in the Ercoupe race and also competed in the 100 hp race but she couldn't keep ahead of those Swifts and Cessnas. Believe me, I can appreciate her dilemma because in the Women's Free-for-All I took off in a T-Craft between Mitzi Moore in her Swift and Vera Foster in a Cessna 140. The only time I was with them was on the first pylon; after that I looked as if I was racing with the pigeons, and losing at that. But it was loads of fun and I wouldn't have missed it for anything. Vera came in first in the most beautiful Cessna I ever set eyes on. Mitzi was flying her first race and did a good, safe job of it. We're all looking forward to another chance at a trophy.

Our Venezuelan good neighbor and member of the Washington Chapter, Mrs. Ana Luisa Branger, set a new altitude record reaching 24,504 feet on March 31. The NAA announced that Mrs. Branger set an official U.S. record for light-planes and an unofficial international record. Many congratulations, Anita! We're very proud of you.

For members of the Washington Chapter who aren't up on the latest - Mary Jane Livingston is back again and you may expect to have a meeting very soon. As a matter of fact, you will probably have the notices by the time you read this Newsletter.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER
By: Toby Lord

Betty DeVore kindly invited us to her home for this month's meeting. It was a treat to watch the television and although Arthur Godfrey didn't talk flying, we all did enjoy his show. Between Arthur and the wrestling matches, we managed to have a short business meeting and plans were discussed for the Sectional Meeting, tentatively

set for August 5th and 6th. By the time you read this Newsletter, you will have been informed of details through your chapter chairman.

Sunday was a perfect day for pilots and this is just to let you know that with spring practically here, we are expecting a lot of activity and hope that one of these Sundays you will find your way to Meadville. This shouldn't be so hard to do since our chapter airmarked Meadville last summer, which marking we expect to go over and brighten up for all you visitors. And remember, Powder Puff Peden will be on hand at the airport to greet you all.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Amalie W. Stone

We've been awfully busy the past few weeks, doing our best to wind up many of the final details for entertaining entrants in the Transcontinental Air Race and our guests. It truly will be a big deal in Greenville the week the air race contestants are here, and as the time for the race nears, the Carolinas Chapter becomes more confident that this will be THE year for the race.

As reported in the last issue of the Newsletter, our entertainment program and air show plans have progressed to the stage where our enthusiasm is bubbling over. Our entertainment program will cover four full days. There'll be something for everybody to do and enjoy every minute. The air show will be more thrilling than ever, and those trophies are out of the world--to say nothing of the many additional prizes.

We're expecting a lot of you to be with us, even if you aren't able to enter the race. We're sending out letters to each and every Ninety-Niner giving the full details. We are also enclosing a form we hope everyone who plans to attend will return to us as soon as possible.

Stop in Greenville en route to the National Convention. You'll always remember your stay in the Textile Center of the South.

Looking forward to seeing many of you here June 14-18.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By: Dorothea Vermorel

There's quite a stir in Florida aviation circles these days, mostly because of the Florida 99 Chapter's activity calendar for the coming months which includes the Second International Air Race from Montreal, Canada to West Palm Beach, which will be climaxed with the Fourth Annual All-Woman's Air Maneuvers to be held at Palm Beach County International Airport at West Palm Beach.

The international hop, of course, is open to all feminine flyers who want to put up a \$10 entry fee and compete for the \$2,000 cash prizes. The race will be run under NAA sanction as will four closed course races to be staged during the two-day air show.

There isn't room to go into the details here, but if any of you Ninety-Niners from across the nation are interested in getting into the race, drop a line to Dorothea Vermorel at 1015 Olympia Bldg., Miami, who is handling entries for the races.

In connection with the show, the Calvert Distillers Corporation is again sponsoring the selection of "Aviation's Man of Distinction." The national award was won last year by Zack Mosley of Stuart, Florida, creator of the Smilin' Jack comic strip and a very good friend of the 99 members. Final judging of Aviation's Man of Distinction will be made by a board of women flyers from the Florida 99 Chapter. They are: Ann Ross, Dorothea Vermorel, Verna Burke, Evelyn Moorehouse and Pinky Fairchild. Promotion of the nation-wide contest is being handled again by B. M. "Buzz" Cooper, Calvert representative, who is also a good friend of the Ninety-Nines.

Any one can be nominated for the Calvert award and all that is needed is a nomination, so if any of you girls know a flyer--man of course--who has done something outstanding in aviation during the past year, send in his name along with details of the achievement. Nominations should be addressed to Baxter Goodlett, air show director, West Palm Beach.

There are lots more interesting things to report about the West Palm Beach event, but there is little room this month to keep you posted on the details. If you are interested in coming to the show and want further information or want to enter the competition, write to a Florida Ninety-Nine for latest developments.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

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

I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the North Central Sectional meeting in St. Louis, April 29-30. Considering the absolutely foul weather we had that week-end, we had a fine representation from the Chapters and the St. Louis girls really out-did themselves as our hostesses. Here is my report given on the Publicity accomplished since last October.

I was appointed Publicity Chairman for the North Central Section by our Governor, Greenwood Cocanougher, last fall. I knocked my brains out trying to put together a plan of workable "Suggestions" for the Chapters to follow for the coming year. This list of "Suggestions" was offered to and approved by our Governor before it was submitted to the Chapter Chairmen and their Publicity Chairmen.

I had many letters approving of this plan of "Suggestions" and only a few letters, saying that their Chapter members didn't care to participate in the contest for prizes, but that they would help in the Publicity of the 99's. Out of our twelve Chapters, four were unheard from, eight were heard from and approved of the publicity plan in general. Seven Chapters have contributed publicity information. Three Chapters of the seven have donated towards the Publicity prize award.

Out of over 400 Ninety-Nine members of the North Central Section, over one third of our total International Membership, we only seem to have approximately 10 or 15 girls who are working on PUBLICITY for the 99's.

2 Chapters have sent in seven articles or reports apiece
2 Chapters sent in six articles apiece
1 Chapter sent in five articles
1 Chapter sent in three articles
1 Chapter sent in two articles

Two of the aims of the 99's are to further women in aviation, and to further Aviation in every way possible. One of the biggest boosts we can give ourselves is PLENTY OF PUBLICITY, CONSTRUCTIVE PUBLICITY, and GOOD PUBLICITY. Let's add to every social meeting, something that will benefit us, teach us, or help us.

Between now and the National Convention in June, send me those clippings, or notices, or pictures, or articles about your activities and let's get this PUBLICITY book bulging. Thank you girls and Chapters for co-operating with me as you have to date, but let me hear oftener in the future.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By: Irene Leverton

Notice all 99s! If you're planning on flying down to the Convention in Texas, watch for an invitation from the Illinois gals to join them in a Race!! Lots of surprises all the way.

Hazel Hackwith was in charge of the April Rummage Sale which brought \$108 into our Treasury, \$75 of which was sent to that grand gal in Michigan, Gloria Lynch. Mrs. Edna Wix, Evelyn Martin's sister, not only gave the gals a lot of help at the sale but gave a cocktail party

for the 99s at her home afterwards. Everyone had a swell time and Edna is certainly a fine hostess.

Future 99, Timothea Taggart, three-point landed here in February. Sally and Jimmy say it is "Timmy" for short.

We want to welcome our new member Jane Robbins. Jane flew B25s as a WASP and is an accomplished lecturer now. She holds a Commercial S and MEL Rating, and has flown as a "Bush Pilot" in Alaska for several summers and winters. It's wonderful to have you with us, Jane!

The Illinois Chapter won \$8 for having the most members at the St. Louis Sectional. Regina DeVine, Geannie Nachtwey, Jessie Anderson, Lucy Kalla, Doris Langher, Frances Rosenthal, Bennie Bosler and Evelyn Martin represented our chapter there. The gals really enjoyed the chance to get together at the reception tea given by Arlene Davis of Cleveland, and had a wonderful time throughout their stay.

News Notes: Kay Ferris made the newspapers by being among the top six of a class of 55 graduate nurses at the Presbyterian Hospital. She received special honors too. Mary Jane Dwyer was chosen Queen of the Aviation Ball held in Chicago. Marion Niedert has had a Link Operators Rating for over a year and a half. Dorothy Hutcheson has become Mrs. John Booth of Yakutat, Alaska. Esther Noffke has been giving dual and checkouts in the Staggerwing Beech.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Dorothea E. Hendricks

Our joint meeting on April 16, with the Kentucky Chapter, found the weatherman smiling on us, and almost all the girls flew into Purdue Airport at Lafayette. Perhaps he smiled too much, for some of our airport operators couldn't get away. This included our Chairman, Charlotte Foland, who combines bookkeeping and secretarial duties with flight instructing.

We were honored with the presence of our Governor, Greenwood Coconaugh, Lexington, Ky. She brought Austa Shepherd and Marilyn Haley in her Stinson.

Members who attended the North Central Section Meeting in St. Louis were, Jane Shope, Helen Outcalt, Virginia Eberhart, Dorothy Perry, and Rita Rickard and Dorothy Shelton from Purdue University.

We bow to Betty Pettit who has been working with the "Navion Troop" of the Wing Scouts in Indianapolis for some time, and Doris Hasler who has recently started with the "Bonanza Troop". The Navion Troop has covered CFR and is now in navigation. Also, they recently made a tour of Weir Cook Airport.

Our May meeting will be held at Logansport with the Wing Scouts and their adult leaders of that city as our guests.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By: Virginia Koestner

Our April meeting brought us back to Ft. Dodge with Buelah Frotscher as our hostess. With the spring like weather, we had a very good turnout from our various cities. A noon luncheon was served at the Wakonsa Hotel Dining Room.

Following our lunch, we hurried to our Ft. Dodge radio station, KVFD, for a fifteen minute interview. This gave us time for a personal interview with each member present and also a short explanation on both the Ninety-Nines as an international group and our own Upper Iowa Chapter. We were very happy for this opportunity for a little publicity.

On the Wednesday previous to this, Bernie Eno and Buelah Frotscher were given a half hour interview during a morning broadcast. Bernie discussed quite thoroughly the origination and growth of the Ninety-Nines, purposes served by them and requirements to become a Ninety-Nine. Buelah went on to explain Airmarking--it's uses to both the pilot and a community, the part our chapter has played

in our state, the proposed national skyway and the Hawk-eye Airways No. 1.

Following the broadcast, we adjourned to Bernie Eno's lovely apartment. Our regular business meeting was held. Bernie Eno was appointed delegate to the convention.

Ruth Shimon will have a new type of job in the forthcoming Cancer drive. She will be dropping leaflets from her Cessna. Ruth was also appointed a member of the Library Board of Pocahontas to serve thru July of '52.

Our May meeting will be in the form of a Flight Breakfast on May 28th, Eagle Grove, Iowa. Hope some visitors can join us. In June we have another Flight Breakfast in Spencer, Iowa. Let's have some early risers and big gatherings.

KENTUCKY CHAPTER

By: Austa Shepherd

Indiana Chapter was hostess to our members on April 16, at Lafayette. Beautiful weather permitted us to fly in to Purdue Airport and we enjoyed a delicious luncheon in the Sky Room after our meeting.

Dorothy Shelton, Kentucky 99'er, is working toward a bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering at Purdue University. Dot already has her Commercial license and we are real proud of that little girl.

Our new member for this month is Teresa Cecil of Bardstown, Kentucky. Welcome, Teresa!

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Bernice M. Easter

The April meeting was held at the Airport Inn at Ionia, Michigan, with a breakfast. Mr. William, Highway Engineer of Ionia Co. was a guest at breakfast, who is interested in the improvements of airports. Mr. Robert Brown, president of the Wovelerine Aviation Club of Ionia was also guest at breakfast. He presented to our chairman admiration from their club to our chapter.

Wedding bells will ring some day for Gloria Lynch. Gloria was taking part in an air show at Flint, Michigan, last August when the accident happened. Her left foot was amputated. She is confined to a wheel chair while being fitted for an artificial foot. She wants to walk to the altar unassisted. The date of the wedding has not been set. Gloria, 25, was Miss Michigan Aviation of 1946.

Velta Skutt flew to Nashville, Tennessee, visited Marjorie Johnson, a former 99er from Belding, Michigan, and then flew on to Pensacola, Florida. Reported a pleasant trip.

Jean Prins Reynolds (Mrs. Edward Reynolds) returned from a three week honeymoon trip in Acapulco and Mexico City. Her new address is 710 W. Ganson, Jackson, Mich.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Margaret Manuel

Stork Heir Lines LTD announced that Janice Marie Orr arrived on April 28. Our last chapter meeting was in honor of Janice's expected arrival - a surprise baby shower for Rita Bondy Orr, our Chapter Chairman. Dr. Burton Orr also attended the meeting and was equally surprised. Helen Masterton was our hostess and the meeting was held in her home in south Minneapolis. Due to her generosity, the treasury was richer by 50¢ per member who attended. Thanks Helen!

We are very proud of our newest member, Phyllis Schilling. The pictures she took during our meeting, shower, and social and developed on the spot kept us all entertained. They are proof of the good time everyone was having.

Helen Masterton, an instructor at Surfside, Inc., Rice Lake Seaplane Base near the Twin Cities, brought to the group's attention the organization called Outdoor America,

United. We, as a group, are interested, as one of the objectives of this organization is to fight the ban put on airplanes landing in the Wilderness Area in Minnesota. This ban was made by executive order of the President and such bans can be made elsewhere in the U. S. Our members present immediately responded by applying for a club membership. Also, individuals were urged to become members.

Coretta Santrizos brought some of our new stationery and the remainder will be ready soon. We were sorry to hear that Laura Black was unable to attend our meeting as she was ill in the hospital. Hope you are feeling fine by now, Laura. Our Chairman, Rita Orr, appointed Coretta Santrizos as Chairman of the Nominating Committee to furnish a slate for election of officers. The slate is to be presented at our July meeting. Our loyal groups from Rochester and from Faribault drove to the cities for this evening meeting. Betty Roberts was there to personally extend the invitation to the May meeting, a Fly-in to Faribault. We were told we will be entertained in her new home in the process of being built. She also has invited everyone to plan on a golf game on the golf course in her back yard (or maybe front yard, who can tell these days).

See you in Faribault gals!

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
By: Marie Kuhlman

Our regular April meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Inwood on the 5th. Elizabeth served a lovely buffet dinner featuring Chow Mein with all the trimmings, and needless to say, all the girls had a second helping. Of course, the topic of the evening was the National Convention, but at this time I still cannot say how many of our girls will be there, but we are sure planning. Thanks Elizabeth, for a grand evening--may we come again soon?

The Kansas City Chapter sponsored a breakfast flight April 2nd to Ottawa, Kansas at the Conrad Airport. We had a turn out of 36 Ninety-Nines and guests. Thanks to one of our newest members, Joan Cayot, for arranging for the delicious breakfast served. Joan, of course, received her Private license at Ottawa.

Activities of the girls: Darlene Eno just returned from a two week vacation in Tampa, Florida; Connie Caraway from a business trip to New York and New Jersey; Grace Harris from a business trip to Fort Payne, Alabama and Evansville, Indiana; Lavonne Rukin attended the North Central Sectional meeting at St. Louis and yours truly just returned from a business trip to Chicago via airlines; however, I will add this situation has been corrected as my 49^{er} has just returned with a brand spanking new 1950 Bellanca Cruisair which I hope to keep busy this summer.

Flash: Grace Harris has just given me the information that she will enter the Transcontinental Air Race from San Diego to Greenville, South Carolina and then on to the National Convention.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER
By: Ruth C. Lembke

Gladys Dean made her radio debut over WHA at Madison, April 1st when she talked about her flight to Guatemala. Deedo Heise and Ione Hankwitz with their 49^{ers} flew with the CAC group to Biloxi, Miss. over the week-end recently.

At the Oshkosh April meeting slides and movies were shown of the Guatemala trip. Steve Wittman arranged to have Bill Brennand fly "Buster" for the 99's. The members described the demonstration flight in vivid terms.

The Sectional Meeting held at St. Louis, April 29-30, was a most memorable one. The St. Louis chapter certainly showed all those who came in spite of the deplorable weather such a grand time that we all forgot the weather and thought nothing of the hours on end we had to spend on the ground in order to reach the meeting. We came home with \$6 credit for our treasury, because

we represented one of the three states to have the most members at the event. Deedo Heise took her Buick by ground and loaded Dora Fritzke, Jeannette Kapus, Readelle Morgan, Mary Lou Thompson, and me into it. We arrived in the downpour of rain crawling under the ceiling that came down to meet us as we approached St. Louis.

Arlene Davis' tea was a pleasant time where old acquaintances renewed their friendships and new ones were formed. The dinner and breakfast at the DeSoto were high points of the week-end.

Future meetings:

May 20-21 will be a Fly-in Meeting at Sky Lodge, Montello.

June 18 we fly to Morey's Airport at Middleton

July 16 it is Antigo and the Strongs.

August 20 Nelson's Airport at Stoughton, the picnic.

Each bring her own lunch.

If you are in Wisconsin, come to the meetings listed above. We shall be happy to see you there.

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

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
By: Ann Martin

Surely missed everyone unable to attend our Sectional meeting in Oklahoma City, April 14, 15 and 16. It's a shame more of the sectional members were not here to enjoy all the good times we had. The tour of the Aeronautical Center was quite a success. Incidentally, the 99's got a nice write-up covering the tour in the Center newspaper. The cocktail party at Mary and Ingram's home was really swell, and the dinner at the Sleepy Hollow was delicious. Section business could not be transacted because there was not enough representation from other chapters.

In addition to the members from Oklahoma City, out-of-town members present were Olean Sellers, Farmersville, Texas; Ruth Harris, Ardmore; Ruth Harris, Clinton; Glenna Olson, Clinton; Broneta Davis, Minco; Ruth Banfield, Tulsa; and Emily Frost, Norman.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Saturday Night, June 17, summer social meeting and barbecue at the picnic grounds of Mary Francis and Ingram Jones' home, 1401 N. E. 70th, Oklahoma City, business meeting to follow. All 49^{ers} cordially invited to attend.

TEXAS CHAPTER
By: Martha Ann Reading

El Paso, State Meeting: Enthusiastic reports indicate those El Paso gals can certainly brew up a State Convention program. We've been told that every one of those six or seven hundred miles some of the gals would have had to fly across Big Texas to get there would have been worth it.

The program opened with a coffee at Anne Duthie's on Fly-in Day, a trip to Mexico that night and included a breakfast at the Sky-Chef on the airport Saturday morning. A spot landing contest highlighted the morning events with Lois Ziler taking the honors. Ziggy reported a thrill in her first try at flying GCA at Biggs Field. Chairman Ama Lee Jameson sandbagged and lent moral support. Other 99's observed the flight through the GCA radar unit and got some pointers on procedure.

At the business meeting Saturday afternoon more plans were completed for more fun at the national convention in Brackettville beginning June 21. A cocktail party Saturday night at Ruby Hays got every one prepared for the wonderful buffet dinner and Yatzie party at Ruth Deerman's later. And if you're still wondering what Yatzie is, well if you can make the ivories gallop pretty, you'd do all right. Out-of-town members included

Ama Lee Jameson, Ziggy Hunter, Jimmie Kolp from Electra, and Helen Stoddard from Wink.

"Grandmother out-flies the Sky Patrol".--was the heading in the El Paso paper recently. Anne Duthie writes that she is the proud possessor of their spot landing trophy, but best of all it was on the date the Sky Patrol challenged them. She says they insisted on putting up \$1.00 each for the winner, so she collected \$18.00 cash for a one foot miss and a lot of red faces from the Sky Patrol.

Olean Sellers, Farmersville, reports a super super weekend April 14, 15 and 16, at the Sectional Meeting in Oklahoma City. She reports a most interesting tour of the C.A.A. Standardization Center at Will Rogers Field and a lovely party in the beautiful home of Mary Francis and Ingram Jones. Olean expresses great appreciation for the royal reception given her and those of us who missed the meeting are unfortunate indeed.

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

OREGON CHAPTER

By: Kay Hoffmiller

Weather permitted a small, special meeting to be held at Scappoose, Oregon Airport, situated along the Columbia River with it's big Salmon Derby. Three new visitors were present at the meeting: Katherine Green and Virginia White of Portland and Bertha Girardot of Kelso, Washington.

Bertha and Virginia are on the verge of becoming Private Pilots in a short while. Virginia was one of the lucky people who took part in the Cuban Air Tour.

Loads of good luck to Ginny Stover of Seattle, who is entering the 99 cross-country race to North Carolina. We all hope that Ginny has plenty of good luck and a wonderful time down South. This is all the news for now.

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

Southwestern Sections' Spring Sectional Meeting with Bay Cities Chapter as hostess was held April 29th and 30th at El Nido, near Oakland. Esther Haney was Chairman in charge of the program. Saturday lunch and sightseeing in old San Francisco or swimming and sunning at El Nido. An evening cocktail party proceeded a gala dinner with KNBC radio announcer Ed Brady as M. C. Dancing followed.

Sunday-Breakfast at El Nido, then flying exhibitions at Buchanan Field. A goodly number of the public was present to watch the Women with Wings. First place in spot landing contest - Erma Storey, Lancaster in a Cessna; Second place - Gerry Mickelsen - Marysville in a Bonanza; Third place - Marge Fauth, San Francisco in a Cessna.

Mary Packard gave a ribbon cutting demonstration in a Luscombe.

April meeting was held at San Mateo Airport with Helen Kelton as hostess. A delicious chicken buffet supper with all the trimmings was served. Maxine Thompson was in charge of the program. Interesting films on soaring were shown by glider club members and a real powered glider was set up for display.

We welcome Hazel Miles, a transferee from the Michigan Chapter and Jerry Jordan, a former member of the Washington, D. C. Chapter. Our newest member is Janet Buschman. We're delighted to have you, Janet.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By: De Thurmond

Los Angeles Ninety-Nines were extremely honored to have Matilda Moisant as guest speaker at the April meeting

at Grand Central Airport, Glendale. Miss Moisant holds the #2 license in the United States. She was also the first woman to be honored by the Smithsonian Institute. She belongs to the original order of Early Birds (those who flew prior to 1916). Moisant International Airport at New Orleans is named after Matilda's brother who was killed in an air crash in 1911.

A survey of the members present revealed a very interesting note, as to members' jobs. They included computer for jet propulsion, radio operator for Lockheed Aircraft, aircraft instruments and blue print worker, statistician in aircraft testing, engineering draftsman at Lockheed Aircraft and, of course, numerous flight instructors.

Many of the local Ninety-Nines are turning out for the numerous soft ball teams in the city league.

Melba Beard flew a new Piper Vagabond from Pomona to the Holiday on Wings at Phoenix, Arizona last month. Melba said the trip was uneventful. While there she saw 99's Julie Hale from San Diego and Delphine Bohn, Santa Monica.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Wanda Branstetter

Sunday, April 16th, saw California at its sunniest and loveliest in the Sacramento Valley. Warm, calm and clear weather helped to bring twenty people and eight airplanes to the Branstetter Airport in Sacramento for the Chapter meeting.

Among those present were the following 99's: Leah Johnson, Dorothy Grieve, Doris Henry, Gerry Mickelson, Ethel Sheehy, Dolores Morton, Doris Perkins, Athene Giersch, Mary Disney, Mary Packard and Wanda Branstetter.

The following 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'ers were present: Floyd Grieve, Dr. Ames Henry, L. V. Disney, Pat Packard and Charles Branstetter.

After lunch, the meeting was held. The Spring Sectional, the National, and the Air Races were discussed and plans made for all who can attend.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By: Evelyn Briggs

Girls on the Prize Committee have been working very hard to secure many prizes for the Transcontinental Air Race. The prizes range from airplane table lighters to cookers through radios, a marker beacon receiver and installation to a fine watch. Last and biggest is a \$1500 purse donated by Odessa, Texas and divided as follows: 1st place, \$750; 2nd place \$500; 3rd place, \$250.

San Diego race entries who are definitely sponsored are Ann Grogan by Southern California Airmotive, flying a Mooney; Betty Lambert and Claire Hale by Gibbs Flying Service, flying a Cessna; Betty Gillies and daughter Pat by Acme Saw and Supply Company, flying their Navion. We hear that other entries from New York, Illinois, Northern California, etc., are coming into the committee. Come in the fun.

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have to be made because of the difference in regulations and because of the transient quality of club members, but nevertheless, I would sincerely appreciate any information that any 99's have obtained through experience in operation of flying clubs. It is my hope that the club can be so organized as to permit visitors here, perhaps only a few days, to take short trips to other cities and other countries by small planes. It is truly a most delightful way to see things.....In the meantime, I really wish you could pass on the news that I would enjoy talking to any 99's who come over here and will be more than glad to do what I can to make their visit in Paris enjoyable.

Thanking you in advance for any club information, I am

Sincerely yours,

Betsy Ross