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## NEWS LETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"Brickaero"

Dear Members;

Hurriedly I again packed by beautiful new leather hat box which bears the words "NINETY-NINE BOSTON TEA PARTY" in gold on the handle. I couldn't help but admire the appropriateness of the gift from the New England girls at the Installation. Back to mind flashed the vision of that evening in Boston and Mrs. Jane Lausche, Ohio's charming first lady presenting the silver tea service - and of Mr. and Mrs. Crimes who gave it - all of whom so generously came to Boston to be with the Ninety-Nines. But...visions don't stay, and planes don't wait...

It was off to OTTAWA with MARILYN LINK flying one of her brother's beautiful Grumman Widgeons. No stranger in Canada, she has been flying the bush for several summers.

Another page in our Ninety-Nine HISTORY was turned on October 7, 1950, in Ottawa, Canada. In presenting the CHARTER to the CANADIAN SECTION OF NINETY-NINES I felt that we were returning to them a "spark" generated there over thirty years ago. During World War I AMELIA EARHART trained under the Canadian Red Cross and served as a VAD at Spadina Hospital, Ontario. She often visited Armour Heights Flying Field. She says in her book, "Twenty Hours and Forty Minutes," that "those months in Toronto roused my interest in flying but I didn't realize it at the time." Upon her return to the United States she started her own flight training, the results of which have been such an inspiration to women the world over.

The friendliness of our Canadian Ninety-Nines - the beauty of Ottawa in autumn dress - the warm receptions accorded us will be memorable. Their Excellencies, the GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA, VISCOUNT ALEXANDER of Tunis and LADY ALEXANDER, granted us a generous audience at Government House. AMBASSADOR STANLEY WOODWARD received us at the U.S. Embassy Residence. LOIS FAIRBANK, N.Y.-N.J. Governor presented a letter of greeting from New York City's Mayor V. IMPELLITTERI to Mayor E. A. BOURQUE of OTTAWA. CLAIRE WILSON, U. S. Civil Air Attache to Canada entertained us. It is easy to understand why the ONLY woman air attache is so popular! Ninety-Nine Governor PHYLLIS KLOTZ and Vice-Governor NEVILLE ROBINSON gave parties in their lovely homes. And to ALL the CANADIAN NINETY-NINES we wish to say THANK YOU for the wonderful weekend of hospitality.

The FIRST Executive Board Meeting ever held outside the U.S. took place at the Chateau Laurier on October 7 at which time a Resolution was adopted to have the 99s go on record as approving the plan of the Aviation Development Advisory Committee. (See Cross Country News, Sept. 11, 1950).

While most of us must stop at the National boundaries of the Northern hemisphere, Executive Board member, Marjorie E. Fauth, will carry the 99 banner AROUND THE WORLD. May the 99 compass rose guide you, Marge, on a wonderful and happy year.

Enjoyed FRANCES NOLDE'S Reading, Pa. Air Show September 24 tremendously. An All-Woman solo 178 mile CROSS COUNTRY DASH was included and it just happened that all entrants were 99s. Thanks to her generosity I found myself dashing around the course in her lovely Navion. ALICE JEAN MAY held the lead throughout. This type of race has many good features whereby we could all improve our skill. But I'll leave that up to FRAN as CONTEST CHAIRMAN and DORA DOUGHERTY who is Chairman of the FLYING ACTIVITY COMMITTEE.

Dora was well indoctrinated as a Tow Target Squadron pilot in the WASPs and ended up in B-29's. Since then she has instructed with a bit of study at Northwestern and DPC ferrying thrown in. Today she is in charge of the Instrument Flight Training Project at the University of Illinois. She is just as well qualified in "pep and personality" and if you chapters can absorb a wee portion of her enthusiasm for flying, we'll make MORE HISTORY this year.

Bear in mind that if any "emergency" develops, you will all want to be ready so that you may serve. KEEP FLYING FIT!

Kay Menges Brick  
Your President

#### WHAT TO GET AND FROM WHERE

1. Membership Application Blanks - 99 Headquarters, 1025 Connecticut Avenue, Washington 6, D. C.
2. Membership Transfer Blanks - Ninety-Nine Headquarters
3. Contact for Dues problems - "
4. Official 99 Gold-plated pins with propeller - \$2.00 - "
5. 99 Compass Rose cuts for stationery - \$3.00 - "
6. History of the 99's - \$1.00 - "
7. 49½ Cards - no charge - write to: Vera Self, 641½, Ridgewood, Daytona Beach, Florida
8. 99 Matches - Check payable to N.Y.-N.J. Section 99's. Send to Kay Brick, Brickaero, Norwood, N.J. Chapters order no less than 6 boxes. Case of 50 - \$15 - sent collect. Chapters sell retail for \$1.25 each. Profit all to AE Fund or split with Chapter Treasury.
9. 99 Zippo Lighter with compass rose in blue \$3.50 (plus name or message \$4.00) Belle Heineman, The Westchester County Airport, Box 109, White Plains, N.Y. (postage 9¢)
10. Air Derby Game \$1.00, Helen Greinke, Hotel Rogers, Bloomington, Illinois. Retail direct or Chapters buy for \$7.20 per dozen, in dozen or more lots, profit to Chapter or AE Fund.
11. 99 Glasses with blue compass rose \$3.50 plus postage. Mrs. Marian Freund, 437½ Arch St., Meadville, Pa.
12. Contributions to AE Fund to: Melba Beard, 1981 Meadowbrook Rd., Altadena, California. Applications for AE Fund Award - same as above.
13. 99 Napkins, luncheon or cocktail size, 84 napkins in attractive box. Order of 25 boxes @ \$1.50 a box. Smaller order \$1.65 a box, including tax. Dorothea Hendricks, 416 Laurel Street, Pendleton, Indiana.
14. 99 Large costume Jewelry pin (gold filled or silver) \$6.00 including tax. Elizabeth M. Morgan, Morgan's Inc., 32 W. Randolph, Chicago, Illinois.
15. 99 Small official size pin with prop (10 karat gold) \$7.50 including tax and mailing. Weyhing Bros. Mfg. Co., 408 David Broderick Tower, Detroit 26, Mich.
16. 99 Auto Plates, blue and white, \$1.00. Marian Jane Ruth, RFD #4, Box 326, Airport Road, Lansing, Mich.
17. 99 Leather Patches in pearl grey, \$2.00. Julie's Leathercraft, Lone Tree, Iowa

NOTE: In ordering items from Headquarters, please include check payable to the Ninety-Nines, Inc., with order.

\*\* All items listed have been approved by a 99 Executive Board.

Dear Members:

Another year is underway for the Ninety-Nines and for us all - another year, in which I hope to serve our organization in a new and far-reaching way as well as in the customary service of an Executive Committee member.

I am sailing from San Francisco on October 22nd on a year's trip around the world, and I hope to carry news of the Ninety-Nines to all the places where women are flying. I expect to be in Burma, Siam and Indonesia until late in January, then sail from Singapore to Durban and spend about three months in South and East Africa. I have heard there are women flying in Durban and Johannesburg - wouldn't it be great if we could have a South African chapter of The Ninety-Nines!

If any of you know the names of any women pilots in Africa, Egypt, France, Scandinavia or England, please drop Kay Brick a line post-haste, with their addresses, and she will forward on to me, as she will have the addresses for me all along my route. I shall be reporting regularly to Kay, and would enjoy a line from any of you along my way.

I expect to be in Cairo around the first of May, then go to Cyprus, Greece and Italy, and to Paris late in June. A bus tour through the Low Countries will take me to Stockholm, a canal steamer to Oslo, then to Scotland, and to England late in August. I expect to be in New York some time in September for a personal accounting to President Brick, and will look forward to seeing other East Coast Ninety-Nines then, too. In the meantime, I shall be following with interest all the activities and progress of The Ninety-Nines here in the United States, even though I may be flying an Avian in Nairobi or soloing a camel in Cairo!

Marjorie E. Fauth

#### CHAPTER NEWSLETTER EDITORS

IN THE FUTURE please NUMBER EACH PARAGRAPH OF NEWS that you submit in the order of its importance. In case something has to be cut, the high numbered items will be deleted first. These will not automatically be entered next issue - you must resubmit.

AND RE ALL ITEMS other than the usual chapter news - send a carbon copy to the President as well.

An EDITORIAL POLICY is being worked out by the Board and an EDITOR is expected to take over soon. Any ideas you may have for making the Newsletter more enjoyable reading will be gratefully received.

#### NINETY-NINE CHECK OUT PARTY

Its PURPOSE is to get members who haven't flown much of late back in the air to recapture the "feel of it."

RECIPE: Take all 99 members in the Chapter - those who fly some; those who are rusty; those who hold instructor ratings; and those who own ships. Also, include the SHIPS!

SCRAMBLE them so that a ship owner takes a girl along who hasn't been flying recently and let her fly; or one of the girls with an instructor rating can go along.

The GAS bill is paid either by the girl owning the ship or those who get to fly with her. (This could be standardized locally).

Now Club ships could be used if available or perhaps an operator would lease a ship to a Chapter at a low rate in exchange for publicity, gas purchased, etc. Ninety-Nine operators could probably work out something on this.

For the girls who fly a lot - you can try to get them a chance to check out in a different type of snip.

Let's all CHECK OUT AGAIN soon so we'll be ready for any emergency. And have some fun, too!!

Dora Dougherty, Chairman  
Flying Activity Committee



**THE CANADIAN SECTION  
OF NINETY-NINES**

**PHYLLIS KLOTZ - Governor**

Born in Ottawa, Canada, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Cammell. Graduated from Toronto University in 1933 and while there took a very active part in undergraduate activities. She is a member of Delta Gamma and was president of its Alpha Gamma Chapter 1932-33. Married Dr. Max Klotz of Ottawa in 1935 and has a boy and a girl.

Phyllis obtained her Private License in 1946 and is now President of the Ottawa Flying Club after serving two years on its directorate. She is currently a member of the Ottawa Ski Club, the Ottawa Valley Hunt Club and first Governor of the Canadian 99's.

**NEVILLE ROBINSON - Vice Governor**

Born in Chevy Chase, Maryland, the daughter of Admiral and Mrs. Walter Gherardi. She was educated in Washington and abroad and in 1932 married Christopher Robinson of Toronto. A busy and active person Neville has four children - three boys and a girl.

In 1946 she became interested in flying and obtained her Private License in 1947. She is currently a director of the Ottawa Flying Club and first Vice-Governor of the Canadian 99's.

**DOROTHY MARGARET DREW - Secretary**

Born in Ottawa, Canada and educated at the Aylmer High School. In early teens became actively interested in aviation as a member of the local model aircraft club. During the war served on the staff of the Accidents Investigation Branch of the R.C.A.F. Resigned in the fall of 1945 to enter the Bank of Toronto as a secretary but returned to aviation in 1948 as Assistant Secretary of the Royal Canadian Flying Clubs Association.

An active member of the Ottawa Flying Club since early 1946, Dorothy holds a Private License, twice winner (1949 & 50) of the F. J. Grindley as well as the Hemlock Park Dairy trophies for spot landing competitions in light aircraft. Dorothy also takes an active interest in the Girl Guide movement and is a member of the Minto Skating Club.

**DOROTHY DAVIS - Treasurer**

Born in London, Ontario, where she graduated from London Central High School. Came to Ottawa to take up a position with the Dominion Civil Service.

Commenced flying in the fall of 1947 at the Ottawa Flying Club and received her Private License in 1948. An active worker with the Canadian Red Cross, Dorothy is now a supervisor of a stenographic pool for the R.C.A.F. Air Materiel Command and first Treasurer of the Canadian Section of the 99's.

**ALICE ELIZABETH (BETTY) McCANSE - Newsletter Editor**

Born in Cornwall, Ontario, where she graduated with honours from Cornwall Collegiate in 1945. Betty then came to Ottawa to become a lab technician with the National Film Board.

Commenced flying at the Ottawa Flying Club in 1948 and received her Private Pilot's License same year. Betty is presently chairman of the Wing Tips Committee - the Ottawa Club's bi-monthly bulletin - and news reporter for the Canadian Section.

In 1949 Betty was awarded the Barbara Ann Scott Trophy for the ladies annual spot landing competition at the Ottawa Flying Club and in 1950 was in fourth place with pilot Alice Jean May in the 99's International Air Race from Montreal to West Palm Beach.

**MARJORIE LAWS**

Born in Essex, England, and came to Canada in January, 1941, making her home in Moncton, New Brunswick. Is employed as an accountant by Gundry-Pymore Limited, wholesalers of commercial fishing equipment. Joined the Moncton Flying Club in August, 1946, and during the past three years has served on the Board of Directors as Secretary, Treasurer and director.

Began flying lessons in August 1946, soloed in 1947 and obtained Private Pilot's License in July 1948. In 1949 entered the Webster Memorial Trophy competition, winning the Club competition and the Zone trials, for which she received the R. J. Logue trophy for a period of one year. Also took part in the Dominion Finals that year, but was not placed. Became a Ninety-Nine on the invitation of Caroline Iverson in September 1949.

**KATHLEEN GRACE HARVEY**

Home town is Niagara Falls. Graduated University of Toronto in 1938. In 1940 married into the R.C.A.F. Since then has lived all over Canada in every conceivable type of dwelling. Three children are Jimmy 9, Peter 7, Joan 2. Obtained a Private Pilot's License in 1947 at Ottawa Flying Club. Is now living in Trenton where she is surrounded by military aircraft and "nary a one to fly" herself. Her only claim to fame, she says, is that she is the only Air Force wife who has a pilot's license.



CHARTER MEMBERS of the CANADIAN SECTION of NINETY-NINES taken at OTTAWA AIRPORT, October 8, 1950, following the presentation of the Charter by President Kay Brick and a delegation of U. S. Ninety-Nines. Left to right. Phyllis Klotz, Governor; Neville Robinson, Vice-Governor; Marjorie Laws; Kathleen G. Harvey; Dorothy Davis, Treasurer; Elizabeth McCanse, Newsletter Editor; Dorothy M. Drew, Secretary. (Photo by Davenport)

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

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER  
By: Vera Foster

The Washington Chapter met September 27th at the home of Jean Howard. The meeting was very pleasant, talk swirled about the room. Jean's refreshments vanished quickly. A Red Cross film on the wonderful work done in the field of donated blood was shown. Carried away by enthusiasm the whole bunch volunteered to donate a pint of blood (each of course) to the Red Cross on October 23rd. After leaving half our blood (tisk) at the Red Cross we plan to stagger around the corner for a dinner meeting. Steak rare, please.

Margy Harrison and Jean Howard are driving up to Ottawa, Canada (in Marge's Ercoupe) to take part in the presentation of the 99 Charter to the first Canadian Chapter of the 99's. It's going to be wonderful to have these Canadian girls in the organization.

Though the Louis/Charles fight, er-hem, must have prevented some of the ladies from attending the meeting, the 99's there discussed and suggested possible nominations for new chapter officers. At the next meeting the actual nomination and election will be completed.

Several 99's took part in the Washington Association of Flying Club's Air Fair over at Bailey's Cross Roads airport. Everyone enjoyed the contests and companionship of the day.

It was suggested several meetings ago that the 99's should furnish local newspapers, CAA, AP and UP, with up-to-date photographs of the Washington Chapter girls. We asked "why not 99's from all over the country?" "Why that would be terrific!" was our answer.

We really have let this go too long gals. The public's idea of a flying female is, at present to a large extent, based on flapper hairdos, bi-planes and pictures of Harriet Quimby! How about getting some nice glossy 8 x 10 inch photo's of your chapter into the local news office, CAA and the wire services' files? We can't let folks believe that we tried out flying in the 1920's and then quit.

Mitzi Moore's 49<sup>ger</sup>, Wendell, offered the Washington Chapter free portraits for this purpose! We are really fortunate to have this expert and talented photographer's services, hey?

EASTERN PENN CHAPTER  
By: Mildred Zimmerman

There was no meeting held by our chapter during the month of September. However, on the 24th of the month, the City of Reading held its 11th Annual Air Show, and staged a series of events which attracted many Ninety-Niners from other chapters. Caro Bayley and Betty Skelton were here, and as usual, performed beautifully.

This year the program included an all women's cross country race of 178 miles, open to Bellancas, Bonanzas, Navions, and Cessna 195's. The features of this race should have attracted considerable competition—a handicapped start, a race horse finish, and a purse of \$500, which was divided among the first three ships across the line—\$250, \$150, and \$100 respectively. Official handicapping speeds were obtained directly from the factories, and fully approved by all the participants. Pilots were required to contact the towers at Harrisburg, New Castle and Reading five minutes out. The weather of course, was not favorable for the Air Show...that unusual cloud bank which lay over sections of the United States for such a long time drifted in, and only six contestants finally participated. Jerry Gardiner flew down from Connecticut in her Bellanca; Betty Haas, third prize winner, and Alice May, 1st prize winner, from the New York Section, flew their Navions; President Kay Brick flew Fran Nolde's Navion; Barbara Schumacher from Allentown rented one of the Navions on the field, and Mildred Zimmerman, second prize winner, flew a Bonanza. The race seemed to have considerable spectator appeal as there was only a 20 second interval between

the first and second winners, and although the official time has not as yet been received on the other contestants, it was very close. The girls were of course permitted to fly open throttle, but most of them flew at the R.P.M.'s and inches of manifold pressure recommended by the manufacturer. This seems to include all the details, but should additional information be desired, Frances Nolde, who promoted the race, may be contacted. She has stated that it may be used in Cleveland and Miami. Hats off again to Fran, who seems to have the Midas Touch when it comes to staging better and bigger Air Shows.

Nell and "Red" Richards have adopted a baby boy. I hope this act of unselfish love will bring much happiness into the lives of these two swell people.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER  
By: Harriette Mosbacher

Our regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Marian Freund, a mighty hospitable hostess as well as an able treasurer.

The new chapter officers elected were; Chairman, Marjorie Cook; Vice Chairman, Toby Lord; Secretary, Jean Peden; Treasurer, Marian Freund; Membership, Vega Insen; News Reporter, Harriette Mosbacher.

Vega Insen and Pauline Harabedian, two 99's from Erie and Virginia Sandieson of Franklin, were the out of town members present.

SIDE SHOTS — Jean Peden is not only a very frequent visitor of the blue skies but now is spending considerable time on the blue waters of Lake Erie. In short our Jean is no land lubber. If she isn't in a plane you can just about count on finding her aboard a slick cabin cruiser.

Another venturesome lass is Vega Insen, who has recently opened her own Commercial Art Studio in Erie. We are all mighty proud of our Vega.

We owe, and deliver lustily, three cheers to our retiring chairman, Betty DeVore. Betty has given us a full year of excellent leadership. She has been associated with the Ninety-Nines organization longer than any other member of this chapter and was one of the original charter members of the Pittsburgh Chapter. Betty, in her quiet way, is without a doubt an outstanding member in this section. She and her 49<sup>ger</sup> were the original builders of Port Meadville Airport, which is just one of the many contributions to aviation which can be pointed to with pride. Betty is a little mite in stature—but a giant in accomplishments.

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

CAROLINAS CHAPTER  
By: Louise Smith

The Southeastern Section held the annual meeting at the King and Prince Hotel, St. Simons Island, Georgia, on Saturday and Sunday, September 9th and 10th. Due to threats of hurricane weather, the attendance was rather disappointing. But all the chapters were represented as follows; Helen McBride, Doris Zeagler, Florida; Marion Scott, Evelyn Greenblatt and Connie Reynolds, Georgia; Evelyn Bryan, Tennessee; Dorothy Shackelford, Caroline Hembel, Estelle Bradshaw and Louise Smith, Carolinas.

At the business meeting reports were made about the National Meeting in Texas and the Powder Puff Derby in Boston. The Nominating Committee reported the following officers for 1950-51; Governor, Marion Bertram, Florida; Vice-Governor, Betty Hamilton, Carolinas; Secretary-Treasurer, Evelyn Bryan, Tennessee.

The Brunswick Chamber of Commerce entertained with a cocktail party, welcome to Georgia, and "do come again." Swimming and fishing completed the week-end. It was a grand meeting and we wish that more could have been with us to enjoy St. Simons Island.



FLORIDA CHAPTER  
By: Kaddy Landry

For the third consecutive year the Florida Chapter election meeting was held at the Driftwood Hotel, Vero Beach, Florida on September 23-24, 1950. The meeting was well attended with 25 members present from all parts of the state--typical Florida CAVU weather being responsible for the large turnout. We were joined by the Florida Air Pilots Assoc. members which brought the total attendance to about 66 pilots and their guests.

The business meeting was held Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and our biggest concern was the election of officers for the coming year. After one of the hottest campaigns in the history of the Florida Chapter the outcome was as follows: Chairman, Kaddy Landry; Vice-Chairman, Verna Burke Kraft; Secretary-Treasurer, Elaine Mogelvang. We also made plans to hold our next meeting in Orlando, Florida on Oct. 21-22, 1950. The purpose of this meeting will be running off the Beverly Whitfield Trophy. It has not been decided just what type of event we will have, but we are planning something in which all members will be able to participate. This trophy is given by Mrs. Whitfield of Orlando in memory of her daughter Beverly, a former member of the Florida Chapter, who was lost on a flight from St. Petersburg several years ago. We hope there will be as many members present for this meeting as we had at Vero Beach. We would also like to invite all 99 members in the Southeastern Section, or anyone visiting in Florida from other chapters, to meet us in Orlando and take part in the events of the day.

We are setting up a program for the coming year to get more of our members flying and to increase the number of ratings they hold. Several of the operators in the Miami area have made attractive offers and rates for 99 members, among them a seaplane base. It is also in our plans to increase the treasury as soon as possible because at the present time the bottom of the barrel is in view. Suggestions from members will be more than welcome.

Since I am the new Chairman for Florida, I would like to take this opportunity to tell everyone they can find me at Sunny South Aircraft Service, Sunny South Airport, Miami, Florida just about every day from daylight to dark. As this is the best field in the city for transient private pilots, I would think so even if I didn't work here, stop in and see me. If there are any 99 members from other chapters making Florida their permanent residence--come on out to one of our meetings and maybe you will like us well enough to transfer to our chapter!!!

TENNESSEE CHAPTER  
By: Evelyn Bryan

The chapter meeting on Sunday, September 17 at Tri-Cities airport was one of the most successful meetings our chapter has had since we were organized. We had six of our eleven members present. We all enjoyed meeting Cora McDonald who transferred into our chapter a few months ago. We had not had that opportunity before. We were sorry that Jane Hilbert was called away a few hours before the meeting and could not be with us.

New officers were elected for the coming year, and are as follows: Chairman, Eddie Lee Griffin, 2 Maplehurst Park, Knoxville, Tenn.; Vice-Chairman, Jane Hilbert, Tri-Cities Airport, Johnson City, Tenn.; Secretary-Treasurer, Bonnie McDonald, 10 Maplehurst Park, Knoxville, Tenn.; Reporter, Evelyn Bryan, Box 667, Jefferson City, Tenn.

It was decided to only hold our meetings four times a year in an effort to get better attendance. The new dates are the first Sunday in November, February, May and August. The places have not been set except for the first one in November at Knoxville Municipal Airport. We hope to get members over in West and Middle Tennessee and will want to arrange the meeting places to be convenient to all.

We also voted to send a small donation, (small because we only have a small amount in our treasury) to the Race Committee, and hope our little bit will be of some benefit in their work. We hope to have one or two entrants in the race

next year ourselves.

The social side of the meeting consisted of our eating lunch at the airport cafe and adjourning to examine Ruth Thomas' new French Renault Automobile.

By driving 525 miles your reporter got to the Southeastern Section meeting at Saint Simon Island, Georgia. It was a delightful meeting in spite of the fact that bad weather kept many away who had planned to attend.

#### NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

HELLO GIRLS!!! I have been reappointed your Publicity Chairman for the coming year 1950-51 and hope that we can accomplish as much or more of the fine publicity which we achieved this past year, in this coming year. This is a word of thanks to each and every one of you who contributed to the furtherance of Aviation through Women of the 99's.

I know you will be glad to know whom our new North Central Section Officers are for 1950-51: Governor, Greenwood Cocanougher, Lexington, Ky.; Vice Governor, Eloise Smith, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Secretary, Ruth Shimon, Pocatong, Iowa; Treasurer, Dora Fritzke, Milwaukee, Wisc. Congratulations girls!

One of the North Central Section's largest achievements in 1949-50 was the origination of our Membership Booklet. Those of you who have received your Booklet must realize the value of it. There are 370 names, addresses and ratings, and over 200 pictures of our Section's members. This will make it so easy in the future to renew old acquaintances and make new friends in your travels. Carry it with you girls, whether traveling by plane, train, bus or car. Those who haven't sent for our booklet--you'd better hurry. You'll never know when you'll need it.

Now a word of thanks and congratulations to the girls of the Illinois Chapter for receiving and entertaining the members of the North Central Section at the Sectional meeting Sept. 23-24, 1950 in Champaign, Ill. The meeting was novel and entertaining from beginning to end.

I haven't yet received a list of your new Chapter Chairmen, but will you Chairmen please appoint a Publicity Chairman as soon as possible, (and let me know their names) so they can begin sending me news of your Chapter's activities.

Our Publicity Book this year was full to the brim with many, many articles and pictures. I'm so proud of you all. Let's do it again! With your help we can!

Virginia Eberhart  
Sectional Publicity Chairman

ILLINOIS CHAPTER  
By: Dora Dougherty

The Illinois Chapter is once more in a pink and purple cumulonimbus trying to get ready for its second annual air meet. If you should see a frantic, frustrated and headless 99 tearing around with no obvious plan or direction, fear not, it is undoubtedly one of our committee members trying to find a sponsor for one of the trophies, or some other last minute detail. In spite of the rush, everything should run smoothly on October 8th. We hope this year will be even more fun than last and that the all-round winner of our beautiful chapter trophy will be as fine a pilot and good sport as Mary Jane Dwyer, our first winner.

Our September meeting was a fly-in lunch at Du Page County Airport, St. Charles, Illinois. Twenty five of our group appeared and spent a few noisy hours chattering, planning for the air meet, eating our sandwiches picnic style on the grass behind our ships and devouring the wonderful beans Bea Siemon brought for everyone. It was a pleasant surprise to see Helen Budwash, one of the rocks on which the Chicago Chapter was founded (Helen, hope you don't mind being called a rock).

The Central Illinois Chapter was hostess to the North Central Sectional meeting held in Champaign, Illinois, and cheers should go to Hortense Harris and Bernice Schraeder for the wonderful job they did in organizing the meeting and carrying it out without a hitch. Would also like to put a note in for Cocanougher's brain child, our Membership Booklet...it is a wonderful help and nice remembrance of the entire section.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Joan Ferguson

The September meeting was held at the Aretz Airport, Lafayette, with a nice turnout as the weather was grand.

The Indiana chapter wishes to welcome two new members—Barbara Molden of Ft. Wayne and Opal Ledgerwood of the Madison Flying Service, Madison—also a new associate member from Rochester—Barbara Gooch.

Mrs. Mildred Hurt, our new Vice-Chairman, was awarded a gift for attending the most meetings last year.

Members attending the sectional meeting at Champaign, Urbana are as follows. Lois Whitney, Olive McCormick, Charlotte Foland, Joan Ferguson, Helen Outcalt, Rosemary and Carol Aretz, Helen Daniels, Marie Thompson, Rachel Sawyer, Barbara Gooch, Jane Shope, Virginia Eberhart and Violet Bauermiester were accompanied by their 49<sup>ers</sup>.

A wonderful time was had by all and the Central Illinois Chapter did a grand job arranging the sectional meeting.

Fern Rinker is just back from a trip through the Smoky Mountains, and reports the weather perfect and the scenery beautiful.

#### IOWA CHAPTER

By: Pauline Reece

We had our monthly meeting September 11th and elected officers for the coming year. They are; Chairman, Thelma Olson; Vice-Chairman, Irene Dalbey; Secretary-Treasurer, Eleanor Bennett; Membership Chairman, Margaret Boreman.

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By: Helen Flaherty

The regular meeting of the Upper Iowa Chapter was held Sunday, September 17th, in Mason City with Rachael Pieper as our hostess. Most of the members flew in as the weather was beautiful. Following a delicious luncheon at the Eadmar Hotel, we adjourned to Rachael's home for our business meeting. Announcement was made of the newly elected officers. Beulah Frotscher is our new Chairman, Mardie Noble, Vice Chairman and Bernice Eno, Secretary-Treasurer. Congratulations to all.

A copy of the Membership Booklet was passed around and the girls were highly pleased. Congratulations to Ruth Shimon, Membership Chairman, for her part in helping issue such a fine and interesting edition.

Ruth also flew to Champaign to represent the Upper Iowa Chapter at the Sectional Meeting. We are proud to learn that she was elected Secretary of the North Central Section. She reports an interesting meeting plus a wonderful time. Also that we were runner up by one point in the advertising contest.

Last week was "Women of Aviation Week in Iowa" per a proclamation issued by Governor Beardsley of the State of Iowa in recognition of the work in aviation promoted by women who fly. All members of the Upper Iowa Chapter from the various cities and towns were accountable for a window display in some downtown site, or by some other means, to publicize the 99's and their part in this great effort.

The contest for the trophy rages on and your writer won it again for the past month but still lags behind the leader, Beulah Frotscher, by nearly one hundred points. Bernice Eno is running a close third. We have the final month coming up and the permanent awarding will take place at our next

meeting on October 22nd at the Country Club at our annual dinner-dance.

#### KENTUCKY CHAPTER

By: Georgia Heitkemper

The biggest event during the past month for the Kentucky Chapter was the election of officers for the coming year. Austa Shepherd, newsletter correspondent last year, was elected Chairman; Cleo Bryan of Frankfort was chosen Vice-Chairman, and Virginia Gayle Smith of Louisville, Secretary-Treasurer.

Jane "Tommy" Ralston will continue to act as Membership Committee Chairman, Teresa Cecil as Speakers Bureau Chairman, while I was appointed to fill the role of correspondent.

Kentucky welcomes a new member, Kathryn Suchsland. Katie is a former WAVE and received the first of her flight training under the G.I. Bill. We're looking forward to knowing you better, Katie.

Our thanks to Hortense Harris and the girls of the Central Illinois Chapter for a wonderful time at Champaign last week-end. Kentucky was well represented by Cokie who flew in in her Stinson; Virginia Smith came in her Taylorcraft and felt right at home since University Airport was the place she learned to fly. Jane Ralston and I winged our way in a Cessna 120. We thought the program was especially well suited to the occasion, and as one Chief Tickler to another, it was fun meeting you all.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Thelma C. Lindzay

Margaret Windfuhr of Lansing was hostess to the Michigan Chapter for its September meeting at her summer home on Little Long Lake.

At this meeting Alleseba (Becky) Thatcher took over the controls as Chairman. At the moment Becky, with her 49<sup>er</sup> Harold, is big game hunting in Wyoming. Besides antelope, Becky has bagged a 750 pound elk. Will it be moose this time? Mary Creason, our new Vice-Chairman, is busy with plans for our October meeting to be held at the Grand Haven Airport, Grand Haven, Michigan. Margaret Napierala, our Secretary, has just returned from vacationing at Lake Louise and Jasper National Park in Canada. Mary West, our Treasurer, and her husband, manage and operate the airport at Clio, Michigan. Eloise Smith has been appointed Membership Chairman - Jeannette Sovereign is Program Chairman for the coming year and yours truly will try and report the many activities of our group.

Thirteen members and one 49<sup>er</sup> attended the Sectional meeting in Champaign, Illinois on September 23-24th. Any other chapter have more than that? Our thanks to Hortense Harris and her 49<sup>er</sup> for a wonderful time.

Lenore L. McElroy, Ann Arbor, had a very interesting visitor recently, Josephine Trinder of Steamboat Springs, Durango, Colorado. Jo and her 49<sup>er</sup> were married twenty years ago in Detroit and were flying back in a new Cessna 170 to celebrate their anniversary. Congratulations Jo.

Gloria Lynch has returned from Hurley hospital in Flint, after another session with surgeons, and is coming along nicely. It was so nice to have Gloria with us for our August meeting and to meet her future 49<sup>er</sup>, Elmer Fuston. We will all be very happy when we can present Elmer with his card.

Congratulations to Major Alice Hammond, whose new assignment is Public Relations Officer of the Michigan Wing, Civil Air Patrol. Congratulations to Eloise Smith, our former Chairman, who is now Vice-Governor of the North Central Section.

We are all interested in what you are doing. A penny post-card will keep me up to date, so please use them freely. I have a large mailbox and feel sure our postman has a strong back.



#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Novia Frey

Our September meeting was held on the 10th. Marilyn Kvalheim was hostess at the cottage she and some friends had rented for the summer.

After a very tasty brunch we settled down to business. Thirteen members and several 49'ers and friends were present. Taking over for the coming year were our new officers; Evelyn Knowlton of Rochester, Chairman; Kay Andrews of Faribault, Vice Chairman; Corretta Santrizos of Minneapolis, Secretary; and Marietta Sonnenberg of Rochester, Treasurer.

Several suggestions were made regarding our air marking program and we hope some will be brought about. We are working toward an improvement in Minnesota's signs for the skyways, not only for the local flyboys and girls but also to aid the flying tourist.

Marietta Sonnenberg told us about the new caps which each Minnesota 99'er will be receiving shortly (for a small sum, of course). They will be bright dark blue with a 99 in white. (Personally I hope they are flattering, I can use a little!!!)

The members voted to back the civil air defense program and to offer their services for any way they could be used. We had better do a little "homework" on airplane identification, first aid, etc.

It was voted that ten dollars be donated to the 99 Transcontinental Air Race.

#### GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By: Marie Kuhlman

Well I don't actually know why, but again this year I am greeting you on behalf of the Chapter, and I sincerely hope that I can make good the trust they have placed in me, by reporting the news of the gals each month as it happens.

First we would like to offer our sincere thanks to our newest member, Lois Bohrer, for the grand dinner at the August meeting, served at beautiful "Adrians" in the Merchandise Mart Building. Lois was hostess for the evening, and it is our opinion that the Carolinas Chapter will miss her. After dinner we had a brief business meeting and election of officers for the coming year. Our new officers, who we wish the best of luck to, are as follows; Chairman, Miss Marjory Farrell; Vice-Chairman, Miss Katherine Peck; Recording Secretary, Miss Rena Ryan; Correspondence Secretary, Mrs. Emily Crew; Treasurer, Miss Joan Cayot.

We were happy to have been represented at the National Convention by three members; Betty Sigge, Lavon Rukin and Rena Ryan who gave us a full report on all happenings, and our heartiest congratulations to our new National President, Kay Brick.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Ruth C. Lembke

The Sectional Meeting held September 23-24 at the Allerton Estate of the University of Illinois was indeed an outstanding event. The trip about Chanute Field, movies on the Helioplane, and the CAA demonstrations left us breathless. There isn't any way more pleasant than this to become aviationally educated. These Illinois girls surely know how to entertain and educate.

Deedo Heise initiated her Grims Navigator on the trip down. Dora Fritzsche, Mary Lou Thompson and yours truly highly approve of it. Dora, by the way is our newly elected Sectional Treasurer. Pearl Nelson and Gladys Dean flew down together sporting the newest and prettiest of fur neck pieces. Sally Lathrop and her son Lawrence flew down together. We have a feeling that he managed to do most of the flying, for he is about to take his private test soon. Readelle Morgan took Marion Wilhelm, a Journal reporter, with her. Elsie Peters and Jeannette Kapus drove down. We were thankful for the lifts Elsie was able to give us

all while we were at the convention.

It is a lady's prerogative to change her mind and Jeannette Kapus did. She has decided to keep her life flight-plan a solo one for the present.

Mayetta Wiedeman Behringer has a tiny future 99'er named Linda Christine.

#### SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

##### COLORADO CHAPTER

By: Marjory Cones

The September meeting and the first one of the 1950-51 fiscal year, was held at Jane Nettleblad's home, September the 8th, with our Chairman, Marilyn Nordstrom presiding. Those present were; Jennie Tschoep, Darlene Gray, Mary Collett, Rusty McLean, Jane Nettleblad, Naomi Anderson, Mary Wenholz, Marilyn Nordstrom, Betty Clark, and Donna Myers.

The following officers have been elected for the year. Marilyn Nordstrom, Chairman; Jane Nettleblad, Vice Chairman; Mary Wenholz, Secretary; and Claudia Perry, Treasurer.

Our Governor, Broneta Davis, has requested our most versatile member Donna Myers, to publish a South Central Bulletin, similar to our Colorado Chapter's "Crosswind Chatter". It was suggested that a reporter be appointed by each chapter chairman - and news of her chapter be sent in to Donna. This bulletin would go to each member of our section, and be published perhaps every three months.

##### MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Janie Bay (Pinch hitting for Pat DeLaney)

Out of the "prop wash" we're hearing wedding bells for our news reporter, Pat DeLaney. October 21st is the day. Pat will make her home in Oklahoma City. We are sorry to have you leave us Pat but know you will enjoy the Chapter there and the best to you, always.

And off in the distance about the time for Christmas Bells will be wedding bells for our Vice Chairman, Pennie Schmer. Pennie is engaged to Ray Branting of North Platte where they will make their home.

On September 17th our Chapter was the guest of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee at Hastings, Nebraska. They gave us a royal welcome and as we were having an ETA race they gave two beautiful prizes; a fountain pen engraved with "99 Hastings 1950" which was won by Marjorie McBride, who was only one-half minute off her ETA. Bea Mack won second prize which was an engraved compact.

We were taken to the Country Club for a "yummy" breakfast and then to the "House of Yesterday" Museum for our meeting and a tour of the museum. Two new members, Helen Nestle and Betty Clements, were welcomed into the Chapter. We are glad to have you with us Betty and Helen.

Mr. Sam Whiteman, Chairman of the Aviation Committee extended a cordial invitation to return next year and this writer, for one, is all for it!

##### OKLAHOMA CITY CHAPTER

By: Ann Martin

Regular meeting was held September 17 at the Catlin-Hutchinson Hangar, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City. One of the items of discussion was the tentative program for the coming year. It all sounds very interesting, and we hope everyone can attend every meeting.

We all want to welcome new member Wynema Masonhall, Minco, Okla. She is a Wasp, and also a former 99. Welcome back to our group, Nema.

Broneta Davis and Mary Francis were in Austin, Texas September 9 and 10, where they attended the Texas State Meeting. They said they had a wonderful time, and really

enjoyed that Texas hospitality.

Elizabeth Sewell is attending Oklahoma University this semester, where she is taking courses in Business Management.

#### TEXAS CHAPTER

By: Marie Nix

The Texas Chapter held it's state meeting in Austin, Texas September 9th and 10th. The new officers elected were; Chairman, Ama Lee Jamison, Brackettville, Texas; Vice Chairman, Martha Ann Reading, Dallas, Texas; Secretary-Treasurer, Verna Burns, Fort Worth, Texas; Reporter, Marie Nix, Dallas, Texas; Membership Chairman, Mildred Miller, Austin, Texas.

El Paso Unit — Mrs. Ruby Hays, the owner of a new Cessna airplane is the new unit director of the El Paso Ninety Nines Chapter. She was elected at a recent meeting at the home of the retiring director, Mrs. Ruth Deerman, who held that position for two years. Mrs. Anne Duthie, former secretary, is the new vice director. Other officers are; Mrs. Pan Sanders, Secretary and Treasurer; Florence McDermott, Reporter; Mrs. Wilma Dittmore, Membership Chairman.

August activities for the El Paso Chapter included the spot landing contest, and a breakfast flight to Esperanza down the Rio Grande from El Paso.

Dallas Unit — Jo Allison is a grandma. Ama Lee Jamison, our State Chairman, from Brackettville, Texas paid us a surprise visit in Dallas. She came up to make a broadcast recording on "Women Ranchers". Several of us were lucky enough to hear the interesting talk on the radio she made. Ama Lee is a busy little gal being our State Chairman and head of the Texas Flying Farmers. She is really doing all the good to promote aviation.

Jo Allison had a T-bone steak dinner for all the girls after the broadcast was over. We were going to have it in her patio but got rained out.

The Dallas gals changed their meeting time to the last Wednesday of each month to make it convenient for everyone. We held our regular meeting last nite in our club room at Garland Airport. Our officers elected were; Jo Allison, Director re-elected; Marie Nix, Vice Director re-elected; Clean Sellers, Secretary and Treasurer; Bonita Izard, Membership Chairman. Since I am state reporter the girls decided I could take care of the unit reporting too. Not having had any experience at this kind of job I hope everyone will help me out.

We have been beating the bushes around Dallas for new members and found two proud owners of pilot licenses. Doris Weller with Dallas Radio Tower and Mrs. Virginia Miller. Mrs. Miller owns her own Piper Pacer and hubby has a Stinson. We have decided to have our next meeting at the administration building on Love Field so Doris can conduct a tour for us through the Dallas Radio Tower. We are all anxious to watch her bring in those great big planes. Bonita Izard was Tower operator at El Paso before coming to Dallas. We really have some interesting girls.

### 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

El Curtola in Oakland was the setting for the September 15th dinner meeting. Eighteen members and one guest were present. A brief business meeting was held - Ruth Rueckart read the amendments to the sectional by-laws that were to be presented at sectional meeting on the 30th.

We are happy to announce that Jan Dietrich and Ruth Jacquot were second place winners in Chico Race. Jan and Ruth were only women that placed. They not only won the Second place trophy, but \$100. in cash, including the \$50 presented by Ruth Law. The San Mateo Airport Trophy, Chico Chamber of Commerce Perpetual Trophy, Trophy to first women to cross finish line and first women club representative to cross finish line, a total of four trophies and \$100 in cash.

Welcome to Betty J. Budde, a transferee from Sacramento Chapter and goodbye to Marion Dietrich who is transferring to Sacramento from Bay Cities.

#### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By: Trixie-Ann G. Schubert

The Los Angeles Chapter of 99's installed a 1950-51 slate of new officers at its October 2nd meeting at the Officers Club on Wilshire Blvd. Clara Davis was named Chairman; Anne Rambo, Vice Chairman; Yvette Kovary, Secretary; and Beatrice Medes, Treasurer.

Two of America's prominent women in aviation were paid special homage at the initiation dinner, to which 49ers also were invited. Mathilde Moisant, who holds women's pilot license number two and the 44th pilot license issued in the United States, and Grace Parkinson, sculptress who did the Amelia Earhart bust now reposing in the Smithsonian Institution, were made permanent honor guests of the Los Angeles Chapter of 99's.

Transcontinental race chairman, Mardo Crane, added to her aviation laurels a new title bestowed by the gals at the September 30th southwestern sectional meet in Bakersfield, Calif. Mardo was elected sectional Vice Governor, replacing outgoing Irma Story, also of the L.A. Chapter. Seven L.A. 99's attended the sectional meet which, with about 70 registered, turned out to be one of the largest sectionals ever held.

Incidentally, reports Mardo, over fifty dollars was donated by West Coast 99'ers to help defray initial costs of the 1951 cross-country race.

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By: Jane Page

The September business meeting was held at Isabelle McRae's home in Lemon Grove. Anne Grogan was co-hostess. The chapter voted to sponsor the La Jolla Wing Scout group. Helen Dick and Claire Hale are to be the 99's representatives on the Wing Scout executive board.

San Diego was well represented at the Southwest Sectional meeting in Bakersfield, September 30th and October 1st.

Betty Gillies took Julie Hale, Mary Ring, and Claire Hale in the Navion. Helen Dick went with Maxine Smith in her BT. Evelyn Briggs flew up with prospective member Jacqueline Trinfeldt in her Swift. Anne Grogan took the Mooney. Lois Bantling and husband Harry arrived in their Swift, and Dottie Saunders flew her Cessna 140.

#### LAS VEGAS CHAPTER

By: Helen "Casey" Cannon

Our September meeting was held at the lovely home of Florence Murphy, where refreshments included a birthday cake for Peg Crockett.

One absent member was our newly wed Barbara Taylor. She and Staff Sergeant Paul Albert were married in a candle-light ceremony at the Methodist Church Sunday evening, September 10th. A life-time of happy and successful years to you both, Barbara and Paul.

Martha Lundy's talk at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting telling of our airmarking plans was discussed, and those who had been present highly commended her. Martha plans to visit Bunkerville, Mesquite, and Overton, Nev., soon to try and interest the C of C's there in airmarking.

Helen McIntosh got her Commercial pilot's license August 31st, and is now working on her Instructor's rating.

Martha Lundy, her 49er, Ray, and Solange D'Hoaghe (Marian Brauer, Bay Cities, please note) flew to the Sectional Meeting at Bakersfield in Lundy's Navion, and after the meeting on to Los Angeles. Helen McIntosh and Helen Cannon flew a Cessna 140 to the meeting. We were very proud to bring home the prize for largest percentage of chapter members to fly in. We had a perfectly delightful time, were extremely glad we went, and wish to thank the Bakersfield Chapter for being such fine hostesses.