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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members:

Just made the first entry in my blue 1951 Calendar - the one Buck Rowe of Gulf gave every Ninety-Nine at the Fort Clark Ranch Convention in June with her name et al inscribed thereon in gold. It reads - "THE NINETY-NINES, Inc., INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, MACKINAC ISLAND, AUGUST 23-27, 1951." By an overwhelming majority the chapters voted to accept Michigan's hospitality, and altho this is their first Ninety-Nine Convention, they are no novices at entertaining. You won't want to miss all they have in store for you! Ask for that vacation week TODAY!

An opportunity presents itself for the Ninety-Nines in every state to serve on CIVIL AIR DEFENSE COUNCILS now forming. This MOBILIZATION by all civil aviation groups puts us on the OFFENSIVE assuring private pilots continued MOBILITY in the event of emergency. It is only a short step from a defensive position to the grounding of all civil aviation. In my own state I was shocked to learn that a complete book on State Defense Plans was published without a single word mentioning the USE OF THE AIRPLANE. Our newly formed council has already presented its plan to the Governor. You have experienced the jamming of highways over holidays. Visualize the inescapable congestion caused by enemy damage and panic stricken evacuees. What other than the light plane fleet could check panic and direct rescue with the aid of public address equipment, bring in vital supplies and medical aid, or spray for decontamination to mention a few of the possibilities. Civil Aviation must SCREEN its ranks, MOBILIZE itself, stand prepared and UNIFIED. I'm sure you heartily agree that a COMPETENT AVIATION PERSON should be on every State Defense Council. Why not a Ninety-Nine? A letter with more details has gone to all Governors and Chapter Chairmen concerning the participation of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. on these Councils in each state. I hope you will discuss this at your very next meeting.

While most of us know that Santa will arrive by JET this year and that the tinkling sounds we hear at this early date are just made by Santa testing his ADF BELLS, there may be some CHILDREN in a HOSPITAL OR ORPHANAGE who are not happily aware of this phenemonon. Years back, the NY-NJ Section set up a table tree at their Xmas party. Everyone was instructed to bring gifts and the beautiful laden tree was later given to a children's ward. We hear that there is "too much cowboy and Indian" propaganda in this Air Age. What better way to combat this than to ask everyone to bring AVIATION TOYS, GAMES AND BOOKS only. Kids would love "Air Derby"! And then let some Ninety-Nine members personally present the tree. Arrange in advance and give them a thrill by telling them some of the experiences of "real live pilots". Their eyes will shine, they will picture themselves up in the clouds with you, and long after you have gone the stardust will remain.

The appointment of DONNA MYERS as INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN has been approved by the Board. The first woman in Colorado to obtain a license, Donna learned in a Curtiss Fledgling - the hard way - twenty minutes a week. Met her hubby when he was a flight instructor but is now a Captain for Frontier Airlines, for whom Donna is Secretary. She joined the Ninety-Nines in 1939 and helped start the Colorado Chapter in 1941. A whizz of a worker, Donna has been Chairman, is now Vice-Governor, publisher "Crosswind Chatter", a monthly Colorado Chapter Newsletter which was so successful that she is now putting out a South Central Sectional Newsletter by request. In her spare time - photography, fishing, writing and art.

That there is much to be done by our Membership Committee is evident in the figures released by CAA on May 1, 1950. It shows there were 9,678 WOMEN PILOTS, 1561 of whom hold commercial licenses and 16 are glider pilots. The largest

number is to be found in California, 1151, while Texas is runner-up with 473. In your zeal to ACQUIRE NEW MEMBERS which I know Donna is inspiring, remember that ours is a SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP on an individual basis. Tho we are many more than 99, and going higher, we still remain CLOSELY KNIT thru mutual objectives.

A mighty important and long needed appointee has been approved. VERA PREVETTE FOSTER, Vice Chairman of the Washington, D. C. Chapter is our NEWSLETTER EDITOR. Vera works in the Office of Information of the CAA and has recently organized a three plane Flying Club for them. She holds a commercial license with an instructor rating and is a member of the Aviation Writers Association. She hopes you will now even more eagerly await the arrival of the Newsletter each month. I know from talking with her in Washington recently that she is eager to know about the really IMPORTANT things YOU are doing. While at Headquarters this trip, I finally met Shirley Rapee who is as charming as she is capable.

Kay Menges Brick
Your President

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES? 1950-51 dues of \$5.00 are now payable and you have until November 30 to renew your membership. Fill in the renewal slip sent to you recently and return to the Washington office with your check. Those who allow their memberships to lapse will have to reapply as a new member and pay the initiation fee of \$1.00.

EDITORIAL POLICY

Since the Newsletter is the official publication of the 99's and is the medium through which the EXECUTIVE BOARD expresses its policies, the following policy has been approved:

1. While the Board discourages BIDS FOR MONEY, it will take under advisement any submitted.
2. ADVERTISING will not be carried at this time.
3. Copies of SPECIAL EVENT material submitted for publication, with the exception of the Chapter News, should be sent to the President as well as to Headquarters.
4. Chapter Chairman (or Chapter News Reporter) will NUMBER THE PARAGRAPHS of news submitted 1, 2, 3 etc. in order of importance, in the event the Newsletter editor finds it necessary to cut anything. News not carried should be re-submitted, if desired, for the next issue.
5. PICTURES - That the Newsletter may be more entertaining, the inclusion of pictures is permissible. A charge of \$4.00 is necessary to cover the extra cost, payable by the Chapter submitting the picture. First to receive consideration will be those dealing with the PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR. A story on your activity should accompany the picture, as well as the check. The Board reserves the right to return any it cannot use. If successful, it may be possible to include more than one picture a month. Pictures must be glossy, size 8x10 and mailed to Headquarters. (Carbon of story accompanying it should be sent to the President).
6. New DEADLINE DATE FOR NEWSLETTER MATERIAL is the 1st instead of 5th of month to give editor time to edit.

Vera Foster
Newsletter Editor

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER

We now have in our Ninety-Nine membership, our first International Section - Canada. I guess the best way to report the trip of the girls from the States up there is to tackle it just like a news report - otherwise I might miss some of the exciting things that happened to us.

There were 20 girls who went thru from the states: In Marilyn Link's Widgeon, Marilyn, Kay Brick, our President, Marjorie Davis and Novetah Davenport, who handled our public and press relations; in a Navion, Fran Nolde from Reading, Pa. and Betty Warnock from Harrisburg; in an

Erocupe, Marge Harrison and Jean Howard from Washington, D. C.; Arlene Davis in her Cessna 195; in a Stinson, Jeannette Sovereign, Alice Hammond and Helen Anderson from Michigan; by car, Augusta Roberts and Ethel Evans from Delaware and by Colonial Airlines and all from New York, Jeanne Spielberg, Clemy Bast, Helen McChesney, Bella Heineman and Lois Fairbank.

We all arrived at various times on Friday, the 6th, with the exception of the Stinson which spent the night in Trenton, Ontario. We were met at the airport by the Canadian 99's: from Ottawa, Mrs. Phyllis Klotz, Governor; Mrs. Neville Robinson, Vice Governor; Dorothy Drew, Secretary; Dorothy Davis, Treasurer and Betty McCanse; Marjorie Laws from Moncton, New Brunswick and Mrs. Kay Harvey from Trenton, Ontario. We had two 49ers with us and I would like to say our thanks to them. To Col. James Harvey of the RCAF at Trenton, Ontario for seeing that the gals who were down there with the Stinson were taken care of ... and to Dr. Max Klotz for going to work before the sun was up and disturbing his entire hospital staff by getting in so early, just so we could have his car to get around Ottawa for the many functions planned on Saturday. Hope he enjoyed the trolley ride. Our third 49er, Christopher Robinson, off on a plane trip to visit his daughter.

After getting us all established in the beautiful Chateau Laurier, we were whisked to the home of Neville Robinson for a buffet supper...delightful...and did we talk! I think that about covers Friday, at least for an itemization of events if minus the color.

Saturday found us busy and rushing to complete a full schedule and at the end of the day we all had tired and aching feet. Was this retaliation for the rush the girls had last October in New York? At 10:15 we were rushed to visit His Worship, Mr. E. A. Bourque, the Mayor of Ottawa. He greeted each of us, made a very charming speech about his very fair city and was presented with a letter of greeting from His Honor, Mr. Vincent Impellitteri, Mayor of the City of New York.

Off again to the cars and to the United States Embassy where we were warmly greeted by our Ambassador, Mr. Stanley Woodward...though it was just 11:00 a.m., champagne cocktails were served.

Off again to the cars and to the Governor General's residence to meet Their Excellencies The Governor General and Lady Alexander. A most charming visit. We are now up to 1:00 and the gals released us for lunch, shopping or just resting our already tired tootsies.

By 5:00 p.m. we were off again to the home of Phyllis Klotz where the charter was presented to the girls and Ninety-Nine lighters were given to them by their former instructor and sponsor, Bob Mullin. This was a tremendous cocktail party with so much top brass that I thought I would mention a few who were there. I know that I shall miss many. Among the guests were Chief Air Marshall and Mrs. Curtis; Lt. Col. Stuart Kotze, Military Air Attache for the Union of South Africa in Ottawa, and Mrs. Kotze; Mr. E. Lang, Civil Air Attache to the High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa in Ottawa and Mrs. Lang; Colonel Smallwood of the RCAF and Mrs. Smallwood and many, many others. The two parties from South Africa were much interested in the Ninety-Nines and were delighted to know that correspondence has been flying between the New York-New Jersey girls and the South African pilots with hopes of a new section there. They went away all enthused and with a promise to bring our good wishes to the girls.

From this party we were whisked away for coffee to the home of Miss Claire Wilson, Civil Air Attache to the U. S. Embassy--please note, a gal!...and most charming.

Sunday a.m. we were again the guest of Claire Wilson for breakfast and then off to the airport for take off to the States. The trip home is a story in itself and I shall leave that for a later newsletter.

It is hard to express our appreciation for the privilege of having these girls in the 99's and being their sponsor. May we once again extend our very best wishes to them

and hope that soon the whole of Canada will be dotted with chapters of 99 members.

To the girls who worked so hard to entertain us and planned so much, in the words of Hollywood, we had a Stupendous and Colossal time. Thanks.

Lois Fairbanks
New York-New Jersey Section

AIMS AND PURPOSE
of
INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

It was indeed an honor to be asked, by our President, to serve as Chairman of the International Membership Committee, and I speak for the entire committee in that we promise to do our very best for you during the coming year. It is a job that needs the backing of the entire membership, and every Ninety-Nine should consider herself a committee of one to

"GAIN A MEMBER - RETAIN A MEMBER"

which might be our slogan for the 1950 - 1951 fiscal year.

By this I mean, that we all want new members, but we want good members and girls who want to be members of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. It is a honor and a privilege to wear a Ninety-Nine pin. By retaining a member, I would like to stress the fact that all chapters have members who, for some reason, fail to attend meetings, who have lost interest in the organization. Let's bring back those girls - let's make them want to again become active. That can be as important as taking in a new member.

Help a neighboring group of women to form a new chapter or unit, if it is difficult for them to attend the local meetings. And by all means, make it a habit to wear your Ninety-Nine pin wherever you go - this is a wonderful way, even by accident, of meeting prospective applicants.

It is with pleasure that I list our committee - all of whom have exceptional past records in Ninety-Nine work, and who will make wonderful Membership Committee Workers - may I thank each and every one for accepting this responsibility:

Broneta Davis, Oklahoma Chapter, South Central Section
Geraldine Mickelsen, Sacramento Valley Chapter, Southwestern Section
Marjorie B. Davis, New York-New Jersey Chapter, New York-New Jersey Section
Dorothy Shakkelford, Carolinas Chapter, Southeastern Section
Marguerite Fenley, Oregon Chapter, Northwestern Section

Remember: "GAIN A MEMBER - RETAIN A MEMBER"

Donna Myers, Chairman
International Membership Committee

FLYING ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Now that the new year is under way, our committee work is beginning to get under way also and I hope we will be able to gather steam until we blow the lid off of all expectations for an active Activities Committee.

First of all, our main incentive is to get all our members 'in the blue'; to make a multitude of successful ascensions; and in more concrete terms try to get as many of our girls OVER THE 200 HOUR SOLO MARK as is possible.

To do this we have a little list as to the number of members in each chapter with 200 SOLO HOURS OR OVER. At the end of the year (just before the National Convention) we are going to make another list and see which chapter has shown the largest increase in 200 hour members in proportion to their membership. For this lucky chapter, we are planning great things.

Naturally, it isn't as easy to do as to say 'get in the blue'. For this reason we are trying to find incentives and modes of flying together that will make the gals want to save their money so they can participate and compete for flying time.

Let's make a Flying Activities Committee a part of every chapter and we will try to keep feeding new ideas to you every month.

Dora Dougherty
Committee Chairman

WASHINGTON, D. C. 99'S AIR-CONDITION TEACHERS ON "COURTESY FLIGHT DAY"

On May 21, the Washington Chapter of the 99's took an active part in the first "Courtesy Flight" day ever held in Washington. The Day was sponsored by the Washington Association of Flying Clubs, of which the Washington Chapter is a member. Flying club members, 99's and individual owners (giving their planes, gas and oil) were "at home" at 7 local airports from noon till 6 p.m. and gave "Courtesy Flights" to all comers on a first come, first served basis. This first Washington Air-Lift was such a success, 550 flights were given, and it was so enjoyed by the pilots as well as the passengers, that the members voted to do a repeat in the fall.

This second Courtesy Flight Day will be given late in November solely for high school students and teachers.

As a preview of the Day, members of the Washington Chapter gave flights to a select few teachers last Sunday, (November 5) at Congressional Airport. The Chapter is particularly eager to cooperate in this project, as member Perry Robinson was the first teacher for aviation and the one who planned the curricular for the course in the D. C. high schools.

If any of the other chapters would like to adapt the Courtesy Flight Day to their local air-age education program for teachers, we would be happy to send a copy of the release we required all passengers to sign and give any other details that might be helpful. It is fun - it gets 99's into the air and it promotes air-mindedness quickly and permanently!



In line with our 1950 national policy of Teachers' Air-Age Education, members of the Washington Chapter of the 99's gave Courtesy Flights, Sunday, November 5 to Washington teachers. Standing in front of Louise Millican's plane "B Sonny" at Congressional Airport are front row, left to right, Louise Millican, Mitsi Moore, Chapter Chairman, second row, Jean Ross Howard, International Secretary, Rosemary Lane, Perry Robinson, a 99 and teacher of aviation in the D. C. high schools, Mrs. Frances Carberry, teacher at Sousa Junior High School and Mrs. Alice Zerwick, teacher at Woodrow Wilson High School.

CHAPTER NEWS

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Judy Short

The October meeting was at Trumbull Airport, Groton, Connecticut on the 28th with about 15 gals present. The business meeting was held in the afternoon. That evening everyone had a wonderful time at a Halloween party.

On our new member list we have - Priscilla Turbush, Barbara Manchester, Charlotte Sullivan, Florence Besette and Jerry Gardner. Transfers - Barbara Parker. A hearty welcome to you all. We certainly are glad to have you with us.

BOSTON NINETY-NINE TEA PARTY

By: Rose Abbott

It was a great pleasure for the New England Section to welcome so many Ninety-Nines to the Boston 99 Tea Party held in connection with the Air Force Association Convention. Many plans were made to entertain our guests, and then were changed due to weather delay. First arrival was Arlene Davis; next was charming Frances Nolde. Then Jacqueline Cochran arrived in her Lodestar, and the other girls soon flew in despite the weather. That evening the New England Section entertained the 99's and their escorts at the Sheldon Roof Garden overlooking the Charles River. We were very sorry that Blanche Noyes was not able to be there, but her plane did not arrive until after 11:00 P.M. We missed her. We were able to welcome our new president Kay Brick and Mrs. Jane Lausch, Ohio's First Lady. The 99's left the Sheldon at 11:30 to attend the Air Force Wing Ding. At 2:30 A.M. the Derby fliers called it a day. Saturday's events included the Air Force Association's excellent Air Fair, the Air Force Airpower Banquet at which Jacqueline Cochran received a trophy, and later installation of officers with champagne in the Georgian Room. The New England Section presented Blanche Noyes a custom made mahogany and chrome tray for her wonderful work as President, and our new President Kay Brick a piece of specially inscribed luggage. As chairman of the Boston 99 Tea Party I wish to thank my committee and all the people who helped make the tea party a grand affair. We were honored to have with us Mrs. Leslie Cutler, our charming State Senator.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Dorothy Whiteman

Ever greet the Little Man Who Wasn't There? It almost happened to us -- our October meeting was mainly for the purpose of welcoming the new officers. EVERYONE was there - that is, everyone but the new officers. BELLA HEINEMAN, our new Governor, was delayed because of tire trouble with the Widgeon she was flying; HELEN MCCRESNEY, our new Vice-Governor, was so busy moving she almost forgot the meeting; CHARLOTTE ZUNDEL, our Secretary, looked all of her keys in the house and had to do some ladder climbing to procure them; but JEANNE SPIELBERG, our Treasurer, was right on time to collect all our spare cash. However, all eventually arrived, a bit disheveled and out of breath.

Plans for a Christmas party were discussed. It was decided to decorate a small tree with presents (preferably ones symbolic of flying). This tree will be given to a Children's Ward in one of the hospitals. It is a nice thought other chapters might also adopt.

Our deepest sympathy to ALMA HARWOOD on the loss of her husband, Charles. All who knew him loved him and each and every one of us will miss him greatly. It was Alma's wish to have a donation made to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund in lieu of flowers, as Charlie was always a very staunch supporter of the Ninety-Nines and their activities.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By: Rosemary Lane

I think that Mitzi Moore, Louise Calhoun and Vera Foster,

who were blood donors this month, deserve a special note of appreciation for their participation in this worthwhile program. At least honorable mention is to be accorded Jean Howard who volunteered only to be flunked out on account of she ain't got any (blood, that is) to give away.

Marge Harrison and Rosemary Lane aided the CAP in their search for two jet fighter planes known to have crashed in the Washington area. I should like to urge all 99's, whether members of the CAP or not, to make their services available to the CAP for rescue or emergency work.

Blanche Noyes is now back in Washington and recovering from her operation although she is still in a weakened condition and has been quite sick. We wish her a speedy come-back and hope to be seeing her soon at our meetings with her usual smile and good spirits.

Much excitement evolved around the recent ceremony conducted at National Airport for the christening of a Cessna 140 in the name of the Washington Chapter of the 99's. It was decided that Page Shamburger, 99 and representative of American Aviation Magazine, needed an airplane to continue her work interviewing airport operators. A cocktail party added the final touch.

The Washington Chapter is very fortunate in having elected the following capable members as new officers: Chairman, Mitzi Moore; Vice Chairman, Vera Foster; Secretary-Treasurer, Louise Calhoun; Membership Chairman, Marjorie Harrison.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Harriette Mosbacher

The regular monthly meeting of the Meadville Chapter, held at the home of Jean Peden, was largely devoted to finances. Due to an error in the News Letter several months ago, many girls have been sending the wrong amount of money for glasses so please note -- WHEN ORDERING YOUR NINETY-NINE GLASSES FOR XMAS, THE PRICE IS \$3.50 FOR A SET OF 8 GLASSES and, in the future, all shipments will be express collect.

We are all excited to know that Canada has a new chapter and we want to send our good old yankee welcome to our Canadian sisters of the Ninety-Nines.

Chairman Marjorie Cook requested the presentation of membership cards for 1950-51 at the next meeting of the Meadville Chapter.

The November meeting is to be held in Erie. Pauline Harabedian will be hostess to the chapter at her home at 1125 Poplar Street.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Caroline E. Hembel

The annual business meeting of the Carolinas Chapter of the 99's was held on October 15 at Charlotte, N. C. After a Dutch luncheon at the Airport Restaurant, we adjourned to the Air Reserve Club room for the business session.

After counting the ballots, Betty Hamilton, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the unanimous election of the following officers for the coming year: Chairman, Amalie Stone; Vice Chairman, Jewell Bailey; Secretary, and Treasurer, Burnette Spencer. These officers did such magnificent work last year that we are really delighted to have them serve another year.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By: Kaddy Landry

The Florida Chapter is again preparing to play hostess to all 99's who will be coming to Miami for the Miami Air Show which will be held January 6 and 7, 1951, sponsored by the Florida Air Pilots Association, a new type of air show catering to the sportsman pilots. Parties and fun will start on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd and continue until the big Aviation Ball on Saturday night, Jan. 6. The Air

Show flying events will be held on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Monday morning EARLY all planes will take off for the Havana Air Cruise, the annual mass flight to Cuba, where they will stay until Wednesday. From this itinerary I would suggest only hardy souls need apply. Come on in at Sunny South Airport and I will see that you get the welcome mat.

As most of the 99's in the Florida Chapter also belong to the FAPA we are planning special events for members coming down. Sunday, January 7, this chapter is having a cocktail party for all 99's at the Navy Officer's Club on Opa Locka Airport - right after the show. This party will be by invitation only, but just in case we miss a few, your 99 membership card will admit you. Be sure to register when you arrive in Miami so that you can be contacted for special events for members only.

The Air Show is planning a closed course race for women pilots using Cessna 120's and 140's. This event will be open to all women pilots. Beautiful trophies will be given to the first three place winners. Other race events will also be open to women who qualify - so plan on entering all the events you can. A state meeting is planned for December 3rd at Ft. Pierce, Florida.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By: Evelyn Bryan

The girls who failed to attend the Ninety-Nines meeting, held at Knoxville Municipal Airport, Sunday, Nov. 5, certainly missed a treat. The hostesses, Bonnie McDonald and Eddie Lee Griffin, took us out to the Anchorage for a delightful dinner. There was not enough business for a special session, so it was discussed around the dinner table. Visitors were Elinor Pearson of Griffin, Ga., who is a technician at the Experiment Station there, and Emma Farmer who has just moved to Knoxville from Memphis to become Superintendent of the new hospital.

Patricia Burnett has returned from a two weeks visit with relatives in Florida. Your reporter has made a couple of trips in her Piper Pacer in the past month--one to Greensburg, Indiana and the other to Louisville, Ky., where she was weathered in for the first time in six years flying.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By: Doris Langher

Our recent air meet was a success due to ideal weather, with Dora Dougherty capturing the bomb dropping trophy and Marian Niedert and Olive Tuttle the spot landing trophies for Commercial and Private licenses. Esther Noffke won the scavenger hunt trophy.

The second prize winners were Anne Noggle who placed in two events, Mary Jane Dwyer and Alice Kudrna. Anne also won the Chapter trophy.

Congratulations to Hazel Hackwith on receiving her Sea Plane rating recently - she has floating power now.

Bennie Bosler flew to Chanute Field in her Trojan to attend a general C.A.P. meeting. Virginia Jansen also flew down and represented her squadron. Lucy Kalla has been devoting a great deal of her spare time to C.A.P. headquarters.

Our October meeting was held at Rubinkam airport where we were the guests of Helen Budwash, Eryne Conel and Esther Holt. They served chicken barbecue with all the trimmings and Helen Budwash and Mr. Spooner, manager of the airport, donated prizes which were won by Mary Jane Dwyer and Evelyn Martin.

The new officers for the year are: Doris Langher, Chairman; Kay Ferris, Vice Chairman; Jessie Anderson, Secretary and Reporter; Bennie Bosler, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Joan Ferguson

Indiana's own skywriter, Betty Pettitt, had a nice write-up in the November issue of Flying Magazine by Betty Skelton. We're mighty proud of Betty here in the mid-west.

We all extend our deepest sympathy to Ginny Eberhart who recently lost her father.

Our flying secretary, Dorothy Perry, has been on the sick list. We all miss her at meetings.

Last month, Lois Whitney, Anna Jean Daughtry and Olive McCormick ferried three P.A. 18 trainers back from Lockhaven, Pennsylvania to Muncie.

We wish to welcome Laverne Smith of Indianapolis to our membership. She attended our first meeting at North Vernon. The weather was gorgeous and the fall scenery was at its best.

Lois Whitney, our new membership chairman, is really scouting for new prospects while building up her time for a commercial.

Meeting this month will be at Anderson and we're planning a surprise for all you gals. Let's have a big turnout.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By: Fern McKimmon

Sunday evening October 22nd - 46 persons helped celebrate our third birthday - a party held at the Fort Dodge Country Club.

After dinner our retiring Chairman Betty Barton welcomed all and asked each to rise and introduce themselves. Betty announced that Helen Flaherty had won our six months summer contest with a total of 1200 points. Beulah Frotscher was second with 1000 points - Betty Patterson, a new member, was commended for her efforts the last month. She had acquired 400 points. Mr. Kirkberg, donor of the trophy, lauded the chapter members for their work in aviation and the enthusiasm they had created in Upper Iowa. He has donated another trophy to us for the coming year.

Betty then thanked her officers and formally turned over the gavel to the new Chairman Beulah Frotscher. Beulah introduced her new officers: Vice-Chairman, Mardelle Noble and Secretary-Treas., Bernie Eno. Also gave her committee heads and briefly outlined her plans for the coming year.

Because of the inability of Norbert Locke, Director of Iowa Aeronautics Commission, to be with us Mr. Jorgenson, our guest speaker on Air Age Education, presented Ruth Shimon the CAA Air Marking Trophy - a beautiful trophy and one to be proud of.

November 19th we meet at Oelwein with Mardie Noble. December 17th will be our Christmas Party in Storm Lake. Upper Iowa Chapter members desiring Membership Booklets should contact Bernie Eno.

KENTUCKY CHAPTER

By: Georgia Heitkemper

The Kentucky Chapter wishes to welcome to its folds Meri M. Smith who transferred from the Hawaiian Chapter. We are looking forward to meeting her and wonder what tales she will have to tell of flying among the islands.

Cleo Bryan has invited us to meet at Frankfort on Dec. 3. Instead of the usual 11:00 a.m. arrival, we will meet at 12:30 p.m. at Cedar Hill Airport. We hope this change in time will bring more members to our meetings.

Our October meeting was held at Lexington, Ky. on Oct. 29 After a business meeting at Cool Meadow Airport, we had lunch in the gracious atmosphere of the Coach House in Lexington.

Since hind things are being put fore, we would like to tell you all that during the past few months we have had

two new additions...Austa Shepherd's Bel Air Chevrolet and Georgia Heitkemper's Studebaker Champion. Georgia was forced to get a drivers license in order to take full advantage of the new method of transportation. She has held her Private License since 1946. Such is Progress.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Thelma C. Lindzay

Mary Creason, our Vice-Chairman, was hostess and conducted the business meeting at Grand Haven on October 15th. Jeanette Sovereign gave a glowing account of the Charter presentation ceremonies in Ottawa, Canada the week-end of October 7th. A HEARTY WELCOME TO THE CANADIAN SECTION FROM THE MICHIGAN CHAPTER. Thirteen towns were represented at this meeting and a report of checks made on air marked towns as listed by CAA was made - we find there is still a lot of air-marking to be done. Sylvia Gardner who is in the control tower at Flint was Bernice Trimble's guest. Barbara Walsh Goff and her husband flew to the meeting. We were very happy to see Barbara again and meet Maurice. They are both out of school now and are making their home in Greenville, Michigan. The next meeting will be held in Midland with Faith McPeak as hostess on Nov. 12th.

Lenore McElroy, who is a former WASP and has a flying school in Ann Arbor received her orders to report at Scott Field for processing and then go on to Kelly Field in Texas for further assignment, on Nov. 1st. Her sister Ninety-Nines gave a dinner party at the Womens League in Ann Arbor in her honor, where she was presented with a gift. Good luck in the wild blue yonder, Lenore.

The December meeting, for members only, will be the Christmas Party at Alice Hammond's. The January meeting in Lansing, Michigan on the second Sunday morning of the month.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Novia Frey

On October 9th, the Minnesota 99'ers met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Brand in Redwood Falls. Bea Brand, our hostess, is one of our recently acquired members.

Four of the girls who were flying over from Rochester were grounded at St. Peter (Minnesota) and made the last lap by auto. After their arrival and subsequent enjoyment of "Little Red Riding Hood" - yes, there was a wolf in it somewhere - we ate a hearty breakfast. So hearty that the meeting following it is still a little hazy in my mind, and I am more than ever, an advocate of the siesta-after-eating program.

Pat O'Leary of Rochester and Lorraine Johnson of Northfield were welcomed as new members. Lorraine is a transfer of the San Diego Chapter although her first introduction to the 99'ers was at one of our first meetings in St. Paul.

Evelyn Knowlton, our chairman, reported on the NASAO meetings which were held in Minneapolis the early part of October. Evelyn flew from Rochester to take part in the convention and even gave a speech.

In November we will meet in Minneapolis. Martha Randolph will be our hostess.

ALL OHIO CHAPTER

By: Lore Kugler

Hi! Looks like the Ohio 99's are stuck with a new Editor. Don't know if we can do as good a job as Ann Ash, but sure will give it a try.

Our September meeting was held at Kelleys Island during their weekend Wing Ding and fish fry. A grand time was had by all attending - we had delicious fish, a dance in the ole winery and nice boat trip to and from Sandusky. Over 500 were in attendance for the weekend and our business meeting was held Sunday morning with Chairman Helen Linn presiding. Election ballots were opened and counted with the following elected for the year 1951: Chairman, Jeanne Hunt; Vice Chairman, Lillian Knight;

Secretary-Treasurer, Marjorie Gorman. We extend congratulations and promise our continued support. And, to our retiring hard working officers, chiefly our Chairman, may we say many thanks for a job well done. We have grown tremendously in the past year due to their leadership and have accomplished many worthwhile projects--airmarking, I think the most important. We have air-marked over 100 towns in the past year. Let us continue this project into '51.

We all met at Grimes Field in Urbana for the October meeting and a nice meeting it was. Our own Caro Bayley gave us a little exhibition...a thing which is always appreciated not only by us but by anybody else who happens to be around at the time.

About next month...we'll be looking forward to seeing any and all who can find it possible to join us at Findlay on the 3rd Sunday of November.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Dora M. Fritzke

The biggest event of the Oct. meeting was, of course, the announcement of the new officers who are: Chairman, Jeannette Kapus of Milwaukee; Vice-Chairman, Frances Strong of Antigo; Secretary, Helen Kunitz of Appleton; and Treasurer, Pearl Nelson of Stoughton. Committee chairmen appointed were: Membership, Rose Powell; Program, Deedo Heise; Scrap Book and Publicity, Gladys Dean; Supplies, Bernice Voelker; History, Elsie Peters; Air Marking, Gertrude Faust; and News Letter, Dora Fritzke. An engraved silver plate was presented to the retiring chairman.

Deedo Heise and Gladys Dean flew their Cessnas in a recent Cessna Caravan to Montreal and Quebec. Mary Lou Thompson and Readelle Morgan are busy studying and flying for commercial licenses; Deedo Heise is doing the same for an instrument rating.

Dorothy Christenson is at her new job in Washington, D.C., after spending 15 months in Okinawa with side trips to Hong Kong, Bangkok, and Tokyo. Isabelle Myrland was awarded our travelling tray this month for her flight to Boston, her first XC out of the state. The Badger Airway Beacon, a Wisconsin publication, is going to give the 99's a special news column in each edition, complete with our insignia at the top.

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

COLORADO CHAPTER

By: Marjory V. Cones

The October meeting was at Mary Collett's home and a delicious pot luck supper was had by all. We were both surprised and happy to have as our guests, Jo Mallon from Walden, Colorado and Rheda Short from Wheatland, Wyoming.

Clara Lemons of Boulder, Colorado invited us to her home for a get-together any time we find it convenient. We certainly wish to thank you Clara and hope we can make it soon.

Our Vice-Governor and Editor of Crosswind Chatter and the South Central Section Newsletters, Donna Myers, published the first copy of the "South Central Section Speaks" this month. This letter is certainly a fine piece of work. It's on the informal side and acquaints us with our neighboring states so very well. We not only learn of their activities, but also of their 49'ers, 24 3/4'ers and various items of importance. Even tho Donna is very modest about credit, we realize getting out a paper such as this involves a mighty lot of hard work. Our hats off to you.

Betty Clark is instructing for Radar Flying Service at Glenwood Springs. Jennie Tschopp is now a radio operator at Continental Airlines - we're pleased to know she loves the work. Received a letter from Margaret Hughes, now living in Scotland.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Lois Boien

October's bright blue weather certainly brought out the 'pilot wings' on all of us, and ten members arrived in Kearney for our meeting. While the wind bothered us a little, the sight of those seven thousand foot runways, and those beautiful hangars erased any worries from our minds. The Kearney Chamber of Commerce and the Airport Corporation were our hosts, and they really did themselves proud. A complete turkey dinner and beautiful door prizes were given to us. (Mine was a Ronson lighter!) We certainly appreciate the welcome that we received.

Our business meeting centered around the next Sectional and National meetings. The chapter is striving for 100% attendance at Wichita. We had the report on the Sectional at the Allerton Estate, and the wonderful time we had there has raised our enthusiasm. The discussion of boat trips, shopping tours, etc., kept us thoroughly entranced, and the final vote was in favor of the boat trip.

Belle Hetzel was appointed as our Publicity Chairman. Belle really rates orchids as a super salesman, judging from the size of the check she turned in to the treasury from the sale of the Air Derby Games. I think she is top winner at the game too!

Wichita is our next flight, and this is a warning that we're all coming!

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By: Ann Martin

The Oklahoma Chapter had a wonderful meeting at the Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Oklahoma, on October 22nd. The weather was perfect, in fact it was even warm enough that the idea of swimming was very tempting. There were eleven chapter members present, four 49ers, three 24 3/4ers, and four guests. We were all happy to have with us, Olean Sellers, Marie Nix and Joe Allison, of the Texas Chapter, and Velma Woodward's brother, Thad Hummel, new resident of Oklahoma City. We would all like to thank Ruth Harris of Ardmore for a wonderful get-together.

Ruth Jones and Ida Carter had been fishing over to Lake Texoma the day before. Emily Frost and Olean Sellers were horseback riding Sunday morning when yours truly and 49er arrived. Welcome to new member Helen Simmons, Abilene, Kansas. During the business meeting, members present voted in favor of having our next National Convention in Michigan, and voted against the boat trip proposed.

We would all like to extend a welcome to Irby Smart, who has returned to our chapter.

TEXAS CHAPTER (Dallas Unit)

By: Marie Nix

Josephine Allison, Olean Sellers and Marie Nix attended a meeting of the Oklahoma 99's on beautiful Lake Murray. The girls were entertained by Miss Ruth Harris of Ardmore, Okla. We had a wonderful time and if anyone can take time off I would suggest visiting the beautiful spot that Oklahoma has recently made into a State park.

Our last meeting (held on the last Wednesday of each month) took place at Love Field and our new member Doris Weller conducted a tour through the Weather Bureau and Radio Tower which was most interesting. We had dinner in the terminal dining room and presented Kay Pool with a large 99 pin. Kay is leaving us for Miami, Fla. We surely hate to lose her but our loss will be Miami's gain. We wish her all the luck and happiness at her future home. We had with us Helen Clark who recently moved to Dallas from Rochester, N.Y., Virginia Miller, prospective member, Josephine Allison, Martha Ann Reading, Olean Sellers, Kay Pool, Marion Peterson, Bonita Izard and Marie Nix. We have promises of several more new members at our next meeting. Barbara Williams of Gladewater, Texas, is bringing Virginia McJilton to our next meeting.

The Dallas girls are now the proud owners of a Piper Cub.

We purchased the ship in order that each girl get in flying time at a very low cost. We are having a lot of fun with our little "slow job" but getting the flying time in and that is what counts. We have hopes of a faster ship later on so that we might take trips.

NORTHWESTERN SECTION

OREGON CHAPTER

By: Joyce Hoberg

We had our October get-together in Portland, that is for dinner, and then Kay Hoffmiller and I invited the gals to our place for the evening. Plans were formulated for our annual December party. Gini Stover, my guest for the week-end, brought down her pictures from the Transcontinental Air Race. After seeing them many of us are determined to enter next year, and also attend the convention. Gini brought one more thing with her, an engagement ring, and Ralph Richardson is the lucky man.

A hearty welcome to Virginia White of Portland, who is our latest member. Virginia has a Private license. Betty and Gil Wikander are proud owners of a baby boy.

Eight of us flew up to Vancouver, B. C. the last of August, and were met by over twenty fly gals from there. They are quite interested in forming a 99's chapter there, and such enthusiasm for flying I have never seen.

We are sending in our contribution toward the Amelia Earhart scholarship fund next month. This money collected by having a door prize each month.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Monahan

Ruth Rueckert's home in San Francisco was the place of the October 20th meeting. We were given a report on the Bakersfield Sectional and we had an election of chapter officers. The results are as follows: Chairman, Miriam Brugh; Vice Chairman, Helen Menefee; Secretary, Maxine Christian and Treasurer, Helen Kelton. Entertainment was provided by Dr. Cecil Smith of NAA who showed colored films of his recent flight to Alaska with two companions, total of three ships.

There was a grand turnout for the Bakersfield Sectional and a wonderful time was had by all who were able to go. Flying down were Jan Dietrich, Miriam Brugh, Marge Fauth, Adele Chase, Rita Hart and 49er, Marion Barnick..49er and Baby Barnick, Pat Gladney, Patty Sherwood, Margaret Standish, Mary Disney, Ruth Rueckert and Marsha, Helen Kelton and 49er, Margaret Gerhardt and 49er, Marion Dietrich, Janet Buschmann, and Fran Grant. No wonder Bay Cities received an attendance prize. (I hope I didn't miss anyone).

COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Eleanor Wagner

At long last, organization is taking place and an election has been held in our new chapter. A short business meeting was held on November 2 at the Palm Springs Airport and the following officers were elected for the 1950-51 year: Chairman, Eleanor Wagner; Secretary, Winifred Wood; Treasurer, Kay King and Ethelyn Bushey as Historian and Membership Chairman. Due to the fact that our membership is somewhat limited for the time, the other offices will have to be filled at a later date and the duties for same carried out by the membership as a whole. Win Wood will be taking care of the plans for the Salton Sea Aircruise and will be working together with other of our members in a spot landing contest that is coming up in the near future between Indio Airport participants and Palm Springs Airport.

Let us know any time that you are planning a trip to this area and we will be happy to make reasonable accommodations available to you.

Kay King and Ethelyn Bushey were able to attend the

Sectional at Bakersfield in September and enjoyed meeting all of the representatives from the other chapters. This was their introduction to Ninety-Nines.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By: Trixie-Ann G. Schubert

This column produced from a maternity ward room. No stork for her; she came by jato. She's this reporter's fledgling daughter, Patrice-Ann. E.T.A. 8:02 p.m., October 21st. Payload, 7 pounds, 11 ounces. Co-piloted by 49^{er} Dr. Delwyn G. Schubert. Recently announcing another miniature 99er were Helen and Dudley Thomure. She's Sharon Lee who arrived March 26th and who, according to manny, has four teeth and "almost" can walk.

Jean Parker, 1950 transcontinental race winner, phoned a 99 meeting to report she might be late. Her excuse: she took a glider up for the first time, a wing came off and Jean came down wearing her parachute. She landed safe but shaken.

The air is pregnant with plans for an Orange County Airport breakfast fly-in, a rummage sale, and an Apple Valley fly-in with the Las Vegas 99 chapter.

Laboring under the delusion that chapter chairmanship need not be all work, Clara Davis is appointing the following chairmanships for the year. Programs, Ruth Downie; flying, Irma Story; social, Jean Strahl and Betty Glaser; membership, Melba Beard; historian, Helen Thomure; ways and mean, Barbara London; education, Margaret Standish; and publicity, Trixie-Ann Schubert.

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER

By: Ethel A. Sheehy

Presenting our new officers - Chairman, Dorothy Grieve of Hawthorne, Nevada; Vice-Chairman, Doris Perkins of Marysville, Calif.; Secretary, Dolores Morton of Marysville, Calif.; Treasurer, Mary Disney of Napa, Calif.

The Southwest Section Meeting at Bakersfield was attended by Gerry Mickelsen, Marian Dietrich, Doris Perkins, Edith Phipps and Ethel Sheehy from our Chapter. We are very proud that our Gerry Mickelsen was re-elected to the office of Governor by unanimous vote. This meeting was one of the best with representation from each Chapter, including our four new Chapters, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Santa Rosa and Salt Lake City. Thanks, Bakersfield Chapter for the arrangements which clicked off like clockwork.

Our newest member is Elaine Baldwin, housewife and mother, of Arcata, California, way up in the Northern part of the State. Before Elaine had logged 100 hours, she went to Lockhaven, took delivery of a Piper Cruiser, and returned solo via Florida. There is a fine group of women flyers in and around Eureka - charter soon, we hope.

Sacramento Chapter members were guests of Santa Rosa Chapter on September 14, with a buffet luncheon at the home of Anna Brenner. Such wonderful food!

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By: Jane Page

Our October meeting was held in the lounge at Friedkin School of Aeronautics, Lindberg Field. Thanks to Mr. Friedkin, this will be our regular meeting place.

On Saturday, October 21, the inauguration ceremony for the first Wing Scout Troop in San Diego county, sponsored by the San Diego 99's, was held at Del Mar Airport. Ninety-Nines flying over for the ceremony were: Dottie Saunders, Cessna; Julie Hale, T-Craft; Anne Grogan, Mooney; Dodie Prario, Stinson; Maxine Smith and Lois Bartling, Swift. Lois Bartling is Chairman of the Committee for the Wing Scout Troop; Claire Hale is the other 99 representative on the committee.

Isabelle MacRae had the honor of being elected Treasurer of the Southwestern Section at the meeting in Bakersfield.

On October 28 and 29, six 99's entered the Air-Games at Montgomery Field; Anne Grogan, Mooney; Lois Bartling, Swift; Claire Hale and Betty Lambert, Cessna; Dodie Prario, Stinson and Mary Ring, Aeronca. Mary Ring placed third in the spot-landing and efficiency cross-country contests. A number of 99's and 49^{ers} attended the buffet dinner and hangar dance the Jr. Chamber of Commerce gave after the Air Games.

Betty Gillies just returned from a trip in the Navion which took her to Washington and New York via the southern route, then back across the country to Corvallis for a visit with son Pete, in school at Oregon State.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER

By: Helen "Casey" Cannon

Our October meeting was held at the very nice home of Peg Crockett. We were very happy to have as guests Joy Miller and Mardo Crane of Los Angeles. Mardo was in town looking for sponsorship and a possible overnight stop for the forthcoming 1951 Air Races. We voted Mackinac Island as the terminus for the race.

The following chairmen were appointed for the coming year: Margaret Moore, publicity; Helen McIntosh, membership; Mary Ellen Davis, ways and means; Barbara Albert, courtesy; Helen Cannon, program.

Bits of News: Florence Murphy has been deep sea fishing off Balboa Island on a 40 foot Wheeler. Solange D'Hooghe is back after a wonderful week in Los Angeles. Clarisse Bessent is working at Skyhaven Airport. Barbara Albert and 49^{er} are moving to Indian Springs. Helen McIntosh is starting work on her Instructor's rating.

CANADIAN SECTION

By: Betty McCanse

This is the first opportunity we Canadian Ninety-Nines have had to tell all of you how pleased we are at becoming part of such a great organization. The weekend of Oct. 6-8 was a memorable occasion for us also and we were delighted to have such a swell group of girls come to Ottawa for the inauguration of the Canadian Section.

I would like to give you a brief outline of private flying in Canada. The greater percentage of flying training is done by the 34 member clubs of the Royal Canadian Flying Clubs Association and the balance is carried on by commercial schools. The Canadian Government has authorized these clubs and schools to train students to Private License standard under the subsidy scheme whereby the student receives a grant of \$100.00 upon the issuance of his license as well as the club or school conducting his training.

The requirements for a Private License are a minimum of 12 hours dual and 18 hours solo which includes both dual and solo cross-countries. Ten hours of ground lectures are compulsory and three written examinations must be passed on Airmanship; Air Regulations and Air Traffic Rules and Procedure; and Meteorology-Navigation.

A Private License is valid for all types of landplanes up to 4,000 lbs. gross weight and may be endorsed for types above that weight - single or multi-engine, land or water - and may also be endorsed for night and instrument ratings.

For a Commercial License 200 hours of day flying and 10 hours night flying are necessary. Seven written examinations must be passed and cross-country experience must not be less than 30 hours. If the License is to be valid for night flying, 10 hours of instrument flying are also a requisite. A Commercial License is necessary to hold an Instructor's Rating.

Private Licenses are revalidated by medical re-examination every twelve months, Commercial every six months - four months for women. In addition to these two types, there are also the Senior Commercial and Airline Transport Licenses in Canada.