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PRESIDENT'S GOLUMN

"Brickaero"

Dear Members:

A fairy-book trip came true: ALICE JEAN MAY had a blue and cream dream to ferry and I had a red and cream one - brand new Ryan Navion 260s. But aside from seeing her plane on the line at Phoenix, we didn't see each other.

I flew up to Massachusetts via ORA KING STEVENS and her Navion to leave BUNNY BRICK with her Grandmother. Took a Convair from Providence, R. I. to LaGuardia Airport; connected with a DC6 for Los Angeles; woke up about 5:15 somebody's time, ship at 16,000. Below, a soft white rolling curtain opened allowing us to peek onto the towering white crags. As we came upon the marble floors of the canyons, the sun rose catching just the ridges of the mountains leaving a brown dawn in the valleys. The pilot circled remote red Monument Valley in both directions and when we hit the Grand Canyon with the morning sun striking its multicolored formations, he essed giving us a lingering view. If you've never seen these gorgeous, rugged parts of our country, make it an ambition!

MARDO CRANE met me at Los Angeles and we enjoyed a long chat on the TAR. Met her gallant and charming Mother. VYETTE KOVARY carried me to the hotel where CLARA DAVIS and a grand group of 99s had planned a lovely luncheon. We continued with 99 business at Clara's new home and then MELBA BEARD, who had alerted everyone as to my arrival, "essed" about Los Angeles showing me the sights en route to catch a DC3 for San Diego where BETTY GILLIES met me. At Betty and Bud's RANCHO del CIELO we further discussed the TAR. The Newsletter releases give little indication of the tremendous planning involved. Already I had started lamenting that time didn't permit me to see MORE 99s.

Phoenix, Arizona next day and RUTH REINHOLD and 49 er took me in tow. SHE has had a chance to fly a "rain maker"! Met Betty Knier and Juanita Newell. El Paso, Texas where LOIS ZILER met me and RUBY HAYS planned a grand 99 airport breakfast. Wichita, Kansas to leave my special good wishes with MARGARET ASH for the new KANSAS CHAPTER receiving their Charter TODAY! ALL THE BEST TO A LIVELY NEW GROUP! Those huge hand colored photos of Cessnas are painted by Margaret. At St. Louis, Missouri enjoyed chats with FLORENCE WILDGREN and PAT SHEA. Indianapolis, attended a CAP Wing Staff meeting with BETTY PETTITT and met some more grand 99s. Not til Pittsburgh did I lose those "visibility seven-zero and four-zero" reports. From "2 miles" I met snow on the ridges and spent the night in LATROBE where I met FLORENCE KNIGHT (ferrying a Cessna 170) who had already been weathered in a day. But bright and early next morn that western weather caught up with us and we sprinted home. Flew 8-12,000 almost entire trip, some headwinds at best, but even with conservative settings, averaged 160.

The fact that many 99s can't even make Sectional meetings was brought out and those 99s I talked with agreed that a HAPPY SOLUTION is for EVERY CHAPTER to MEET JOINTLY WITH NEIGHBORING CHAPTERS periodically. El Paso 99s are going to Albuquerque and Tucson. Arizona gals may be there same days. Indianapolis! St. Louis hopes to hear from you. Let's all try it more!

It seems necessary to call attention to ARTICLE XII, Section 1,2. They're on page 7 in the 1950 Minutes which Secretary Howard has worked long and hard to get mimeod and out to you. These were passed as Resolutions in New York City 1949 and considered so important that in Texas 1950 they were incorporated into the Constitution and By Laws:

ARTICLE XII, Section 1. * "That the AFFILIATION of the 99s as

an organization with any other organized or duly constituted group for the purpose of promoting either the interests of the other group or that of the 99s shall require a 2/3 vote of all REGISTERED DELEGATES." To cite a specific example: Individual 99s may join CAP but any "group" of 99s MAY NOT DO IT WITHOUT DELEGATE ACTION. On Civil Defense Councils 99s are to represent themselves, altho COOPERATION with other organizations is admirable, e.g., San Diego 99s join CAP on Search and Rescue Missions. Here is the report promised in March.....Mitzi Moore

Section 2 * "That all activities carried on under the sponsorship of the 99s or using the name of the 99s shall require 2/3 wote of the members present of the Chapter or Section in which any such activity takes place, notice in writing having previously been given." For example: Handling the start or finish of a race, or planning of trophy presentations must be cleared thru the Chapter or Section as specified. Thru the CONSENT of ALL, greater COOPERATION of ALL is anticipated. If there are any questions don't hesitate to write for further clarification.

We have been asked to enclose this new QUESTIONNAIRE (and return envelope) which deals with SPECIFIC FLIGHT EXPERIENCE AND AVAILABILITY. Your immediate reponse may have a direct bearing on the future of women in military aviation. DID YOU NOTICE in March Newsletter, Michigan Chapter, CAPT. LENORE McELROY's present activity? DID YOU KNOW that the "law already permits women to go on flying status except for combat work whenever the Secretary of Air so determines?" Advisedly the need should grow from within the Air Force itself ..

Too many requests have poured in for me to answer personally so I'd best recount a certain "incident" right here: On March 19, a North American Navion carrying 2 passengers was purring along under an overcast in a light rain, viz 15 miles, en route from NY to DCA. In sight of Harbor Airport, Baltimore, it gave 6-8 convulsive shudders (as it swallowed the intake walve on the 3rd cylinder) and was SILEMT. Much cockpit activity by the pilot of course to no avail except to continue on the downwind leg of the SELECTED spot (City Hospital grounds). Flaps TOO latent, no time to pump and needed STEEP approach so gear saved the day. A "rock" sans power, gear down and steep final turn must have convinced passengers they were with a kamakazi! You've heard about maintaining flying speed - you'd be surprised what it takes! We hit on the upgrade as hoped but brakes just marked the trail. Sod too wet. After steering between trees and poles it seemed wise NOT to join the flow of traffic on Eastern Avenue, altho some lovely space had just been hurriedly vacated. So best after brakes is a good stout wing on a metal pole when you can't ground loop. NO ONE HURT we're thankful to say. CAA said with dry ground, ship would have stopped in the clear. IF there can be humor - of all the poles in town, this one bore a yellow sign, "Friendship International Airport" with arrow pointing same as nose of ship!

An AMAZING RECOUNT of this appeared in the BALTIMORE SUN, March 20th in which the reporter recounted the actual story in a manner-of-fact way, mentioned "witnesses praised pilot's skill" and referred to it as an "INCIDENT" rather than an "accident". You know what the press usually does to such events regardless of the cause. Perhaps aviation is maturing at that.

There is a VAST difference between an "emergency" and a "forced landing". The margin of survival seems slim in retrospect. Perhaps the Good Lord was Willin' in order that I might check up on ALL OF YOU. Do YOU give serious thought in a routine way to its constant possibility, especially now that you no longer have an instructor ready to surprise you? When he did, he ALWAYS had a good field in mind himself. Thoughtless engines make no such survey first. As you fly,periodically call "forced landing"; then pick your field and approach with reference to wind, mentally. You'll be surprised how often you'll say, don't see any decent spot. Oh, well." But you must FORCE YOURSELF TO MAKE A DECISION of some kind, even if you have to go back and circle to do it. It may pay off some day - I know!

Know your particular ship and ALL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES so you can check 1,2,3. Know what can be done and which is preferable and the circumstances will dictate your instant choice. Above all, be sitting comfortably. My ship had a "sliding" seat but with passengers I insisted that day that they lock it in place even if it couldn't be moved thereafter. Had that not been done, I would have lost control when I leveled from the "dive". My tip toes would never have given the necessary pressure to steer us clear.

Please, individual 99s, CHECK YOUR PREPAREDNESS. And Chapters, how about a good session of EMERGENCY PROCEDURES!

> Kay Menges Brick Your President

HOUR CLASSIFICATION OF CURRENT MEMBERS AS OF December, 1950

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION	0-200	200-500	600-1000	1000 plus
Washington	12	10	9	8
Meadville	10	3	-	1
Eastern Penn	12	8	4	9
Western Penn	1	1	-	2
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SOUTHEASTERN SECTION		7.7		
Carolinas	6	11	3	3
Florida	15	17	5	6
Georgia Tennessee	1	1	-	2 2
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NY-NJ SECTION				
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Jamestown	ī		1	1
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HONOLULU	3	4		4
CANADA	6	-		-
NEW ENGLAND SECTION				
Combined	13	8	8	5
SOUTHWESTERN SECTION				
Arizona	4	1	-	4
Bakersfield	2	1	7	-
Bay Cities	11 3	15 5		3
Coachella Valley	3 19	12	6	3 13
Los Angeles	4	12	1	13
Redwood Empire	9	5	5	4
Sacramento Valley	17	5	4	3
San Diego	2	2	2	2
Las Vogas Utah	3	3	1	_
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NORTHWESTERN SECTION				
Oregon	8	4	4	1
Washington	2	-	-	1
NORTH CENTRAL SECTION				
Central Illinois	10	4	1	_
Illinois	16	10	4	4
Indiana	16	11	8	3
Iowa	10	4	ĭ	_
Upper Iowa	10	3	ī	_
Kentucky	6	3	_	1
Michigan	28	20	3	11
Minnesota	4	9	2	- 3
Gt. St. Louis	9	6	1	-
Gt. Kansas City	6	7	4	2
All Ohio	14	17	5	6
Wisconsin	16	11	5	1
SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION		_	_	_
Colorado	17	8	3	3
Missouri Valley	10	7	2	3
Oklahoma	8	8	8	5
Tulsa	2	1	1	1
Texas(Dallas & El Paso)	23	15	8	10
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Totals	387	259	126	149

All members, please note: The 99 Membership ROSTER is, as always, CONFIDENTIAL, for use of members 1 1 ONLY.

FINAL NOTICE

Members applying for the 1951 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Award of \$200 will please remember the deadline of midnight, May 15, for mailing their completed application forms. Those wishing a blank should read the qualifications as listed in the March NEWSLETTER, then write to me for the application forms. Chapters having a deserving and qualified member may request that a form be sent to her. Remember, deadline for postmark on completed forms is midnight, May 15, 1951.

Melba M. Beard, Chairman Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund 1981 Meadowbrook Rd., Altadena, Calif.

5th ANNUAL ALL-WOMAN TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE
"OPERATION TAR"
Santa Ana, Calif. - Detroit, Mich.
August 15 to August 19, 1951

Rules and Regulations and Applications for Entry may be obtained by writing to: Air Race Committee, 5838 Parkcrest St., Long Beach 8, California. (Please send 10% for postage as funds are limited.)

The 5th Annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race (sanctioned by the Ninety-Nines, Inc.) is scheduled for August 15 - 19.
Take-off on August 15th will be from Orange County Airport,
Santa Ana, Calif. The Finish Line will be at Detroit City
Airport, Detroit, Michigan. The deadline for crossing the
finish line will be 5:00 p.m. EST on August 19.

Members of the 1951 Air Race Committee are: Mardo Crane, Chair-man; Betty Loufek, Bea Medes, Clara Davis, Amalie Stone, Frances Nolde.

The AWTAR is a cross-country race for stock model aircraft, 0 - 300 horsepower, and is flown during daylight hours and under VFR only. Aircraft will be handicapped in accordance with the manufacturer's ADVERTISED cruising speed. The total distance of the course divided by the manufacturer's ADVERTISED cruising speed of each aircraft will give "par" for that aircraft. The total elapsed time divided into "par" will give the score for each aircraft. The aircraft with the highest score will be declared the winner.

The Air Race Committee extends a big vote of thanks to each of the following chapters and individuals who, by their donations, are making this race possible: Texas, El Paso Unit; Minnesota; Illinois; New York-New Jersey; Florida; Carolinas; Michigan; Kansas City; Las Vegas; Indiana; San Diego; Los Angeles; Temmessee; Eastern Penn and Wisconsin. (each of the foregoing chapters contributed \$10) Individuals who have contributed are: Southwestern Section members \$\mathbb{Q}\$ \$1.00 each (\$43); Lois Haley and Lois Ziler-\$10.00; Los Angeles and San Diego members \$\mathbb{Q}\$ \$1.00 each (\$26); Arlene Davis-\$100. The Air Race Committee is deeply appreciative of this expression of interest and faith in the TAR, and promises to do everything possible to make this the greatest race yet?

Don't forget August 15 - 19. The race is limited to 50 entries so get ready to mail your application on June 15th. Applications for Entry must be post-marked not earlier than June 15th and not later than July 31st.

Betty H. Gillies
For: Mardo Crane, Chairman Air
Race Committee

FLYING ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE By: Dora Dougherty

The season cometh when our little birds will be peering forth from their winter hiball-hibernation. They will smell of the Spring air and say "Humm, wonder if that ol' rundown airport is still out there?"

Ah... Hah!!! Now is the time for the Flying Acitivites Committee to strike ... while the proverbial thought is still in the proverbial head. Do not let it get away!!!

We have been feeding you all bits of info on many activities

and ideas for flying get-togethers. Take these, mix well with a large dish of Wheaties, a shot of gin and a dash of bitters. feed to the chapter at your next meeting (call a special one even) and watch the little ideas grow.

There are a few chapters which I do not have on my little list, namely because headquarters has not been informed as to officers and all that. As for the other chapters, until I am notified that a FAC Chairman has been appointed I have been sending my little billet-doux to the chapter chairmen who, I assume, are super active this year. Carry on ol'gals, let not thy diligence be thwarted.

As per the latest release...do take the scholarship idea to heart, this bleary—eyed one thinks it is the best to be offered in a long time.

Word for the month ... STRIKEWHILETHEIRONISHOT

Q FRANCES NOLDE has just received the rank of Colonel 9 9 in the CAP. This initiates her new duties in the 9 organization as ADVISOR TO THE NATIONAL COMMANDER 9 q Q (Maj. Gen. Lucas V. Beau) on women's CAP activities. 9 9 She will give special attention to the girl members 9 of the CAP Cadet Corps. q Q Congratulations, Frant q q

99 CONVENTION

HOTEL INFORMATION - MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN

GRAND HOTEL - American Plan (Meals included)

DeLuxe Rooms, twin beds Lakeview " " " Northern " " "	\$16.50 15.00 13.00	per n	person
Single Rooms with bath, a few with connecting bath Rooms with lavatory	15.00	19	99
Double	11.50	11	91
Single	13.00	11	19

Fifteen percent (15%) of hotel charges should be added for tips. Employees who are generally given tips include waiters, dining room head waiter, captains, maids, bellmen, elevator operators, dock porters, convention porters, houseman, doormen, etc.

Reservations should be sent to: The Grand Hotel, 902 North Michigan, Chicago 11, Illinois, before June 1st. After June 1st to Mackinac Island, Michigan.

ISLAND HOUSE (5% off for 99's)

	Each	Two in Room
Room with private bath Semi-private, connecting	\$10.00	\$25.00
bath	5.00	8.00
Room with running water	4.00	7.00
Room (using public bath)	2.50	4.00
Suite (bedroom, bath, sitting room) (\$10.	.00 for 2	persons)

sitting room) (\$10.00 for 2 persons)
(Extra cots put in each of above rooms \$2.50 each per day)

The above charges are for room only. If all meals are taken at the Island House, the rate is \$5.00 per day for food added to room charge. Meals can be ordered a la carte-breakfast \$.75 up; lunch \$1.00 up; dinner \$1.50 up.

Reservations must be sent in by June 1st, with \$10.00 deposit to the Island House, 2527 Cadillac Tower, Detroit 26, Michigan. After June 1st address mail to Island House at Mackinaw Island, Michigan. Ten days notice of cancellation must be given to be sure of getting deposit back.

There is a 3% tax on meals in Michigan.

Other charges to be expected are:

Transfer of all baggage to and from hotel (round trip) Bus & carriage service between dock	\$1.50	per	person
and hotel	• 50	11	m
Golf (greens fee) daily	2.25	99	11
Swimming pool, showers & looker	.90	29	11
Room service of meals	.50	99	*
Bicycles	.50	per	hour
Rolling chairs	1.00	19	Ħ
Saddle horses	2.00	11	Ħ
Tennis	.50	m	71

The Island House does not have a bar, but does sell set-ups and has a "bottle club" for parties.

Rooms are available at fifteen small hotels on the Island, with rates ranging from \$2.50 to \$6.00 daily per person on the European plan. Meals are available at Grand Hotel at charges of \$2.00 for breakfast, \$3.00 for luncheon, and \$4.00 for dinner, plus the 3% sales tax. Meals are also available at the village hotels and cafes

Transportation is available to Mackinaw City by New York Central, Pennsylvania, Milwaukee railroads; Capitol Airlines; Trans-Canada Air Lines; Chicago, Duluth and Georgian Bay, and Detroit and Cleveland steamship lines.

A 40 minute ferry trip takes you to the Island from Mackinaw City. Prices on the ferry trip will be given later. Speed-boats and Seabee service to and from the Island at any hour of the day or night if weather permits.

Automobiles are not permitted on the Island. Garage and parking service at reasonable prices on the mainland.

Fishing boats can be rented for deep sea trolling in the Straits.

Carriages for drives around the island, and a trip through the Mackinac State Park is \$1.75.

The historic spots and sightseeing trips will be covered in the next issue of the Newsletter.

The clothes required will be sport clothes, a warm jacket or coat, dinner dress, and bathing suit. The nights will probably be cool.

Hope this gives everyone a general idea of expenses at the Island so you will know what to plan on. Will include hotel costs, etc., in Detroit in a later communication for all of you who plan to come to the International Air Fair.

Helen Anderson, Publicity Chairman Michigan Chapter, 99's

VIRGINIA ASHELFORD of Ohio wins the Air Marking Trophy for 1950, BLANCHE NOYES, Chief, Air Route Marking announces. Congratulations to YOU, Virginia; HELEN LINN, Ohio Chapter Chairman; MARTHA WALTERS, Air Marking Chairman Ohio; and ARLENE DAVIS, Air Marking Chairman North Central Section.



The San Joaquin Valley Chapter charter was presented January 28 by the Southwestern Section Governor, Geraldine Mickelson. The picture was taken at the Modesto Municipal Airport. Left to Right, seated are: Leah Johnson of Stockton; Alice McPherson, publicity chairman, of Modesto; Francis Dias, vice chairman, of Newman; "Dotty" Houghton, membership chairman, of Modesto; and Lillian Brown. Standing, left to right, are Doris Henry, Alice Johnson, and Helen Gatewood of Turlock; Ethel Sheehy of Sacramento, section membership chairman; "Billie" Wyatt, chairman, of Modesto; Evelyn Hendley, of Modesto; "Gerry" Mickelson, Governor, Southwestern Section and Hazel Zimmerman, secretary-treasurer, of Modesto.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

LAURA ALTA (BILLIE) WYATT....is chairman. Mrs. Wyatt numbers swimming, canceing, and a scientific interest in wild plant life among her interests. Her chief ambition is to do "more and better flying" with her recently purchased Piper Pacer 125. She took her first ride in 1947 and now admits it's hard to keep her feet on the ground. She is married and helps her husband in his office "a job I have never succeeded in losing" she comments. She is a very active member and news bulletin editor of the Modesto Airmen's Association and received her private license in 1950.

FRANCES J. DIAS....is vice-chairman. Frances began flying in 1934 in a Kitty Hawk. She joined a flying club in 1936 and soloed that year. She flew OX Wacos, an OX 5 Robin and Challenger Robin. In 1941 she became a partner in a flying school and a seaplene base. In 1942 she attended an Air Force Training School at Houston, Texas and by 1943 was based at 5th Ferrying Group, ATC, at Dallas. In 1945 she worked at Sacramento Sky Ranch and 1947 found her working at the Metropolitan Airport in Van Nuys. 1948, however, brought Frances J. back home to Newman.

HAZEL R. ZIMMERMAN....is secretary-treasurer. Hazel is from Missouri. She traveled all over the State of California to race in inboard runabout boat races and is a member of the Modesto Yacht Club. She began flying in 1948 when her pilot husband "pushed me into it"! She must have been good at it for she received her license in Oct. 1950. She has flown T-crafts and now the family owns a Cessna 140. The Zimmerman's have a little boy and girl and belong to the Modesto Airmen Association. Her hobby is sewing.

DOROTHIETTA (DOTTIE) HOUGHTON....is membership chairman. Dottie was born and educated in Colorado. She has an A.B. degree in Psychology and Personnel and is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. She married and spent three years traveling with her navigator husband while he was in the service. Both of the Houghton's little girls, Susan and Marsha, have a number of hours in the air. Dottie received her pilot's license in May 1949 and is a member of Airmen's Association. She has an active interest in skiing and is a member of the National Ski Association. She spent two years skiing at Aspen, Colorado, 1950 location of International Ski meet.

ALICE O. McPHERSON....is news reporter and publicity chairman. She is a native Californian with many friends, activities and hobbies. "I'd rather surf-ride than eat" she said, "until I looked up one day and saw a plane flying low overhead!" Her first ride included loops, spins and the works. This only enhanced flying for her! After meeting and marrying her pilot husband, Clyds, she took her first lesson in 1941. Though the war caused Alice O. to postpone receiving her license she began flying again in 1946 and earned her license the same year. The McPhersons now own their third airplane, a Cruiser, and spend their spare time in the air. Mrs. McPherson is a talented dress designer and seamstress, longs to fly to New York solo, and is a member of three fine organizations—Warrant Office in the CAP, member American Airwomen and member of Modesto Airmen's Association.

LILLIAN BROWN....Is a graduate of Pomona College and has done graduate work in Psychology at Stanford. Lillian was originally from Wisconsin but migrated to the West Coast at an early age. Her husband, Ralph M. Brown, is an attorney. They have a daughter, Valerie. Though Mrs. Brown has been a president of American Association of University Women, she found time to earn her private license August 1947. She owns and flies a Beech Bonanza today. She is active in work with Guide Dogs for the blind which is very unusual and very much needed activity. She is also an active Girl Scout worker.

EVELYN (EV) HENDLEY....Became interested in flying in Merced in 1930 and 1932. "Active hangar flying" was her role then she says. Evelyn, a native Californian, married her husband Walter in 1933. The Hendley's have three sons, David, Phillip and Stephen. In April 1946 Evelyn started flying and obtained her license in January 1947, not quite a year later. She is a member of the Modesto Airmen's Association, the American Airwomen and the CAP.

CHAPTER NEWS

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Mildred E. Morey

Now that your reporter has touched wheels long enough to record the winter partying of the Section, perhaps we can backtrack to January and take it from there. Like the Filliloo Bird, flying backward, we don't care where we're going, we only want to know where we've been.

We met at the Aviation Training School, Copley Square, Boston, with Charlotte Sullivan as hostess. We were shown a stirring colored movie of Hawaii. During the business meeting, we decided to hold fly-ins throughout all New England states, to meet twice a month for some real fun during spring, summer and autumn months, with honors for efficiency in ETA, gas consumption, etc. After the meeting we adjourned to Steuben's Vienna Room for floor show, dinner and dancing.

Our February meeting took the form of a ski weekend at Fox Chase in New Hampshire. Cynthia Coonley, hostess and proprietress of the charming Inn, is a pilot and prospective 99'er. Cynthia gave the gals a refreshing weekend, providing delicious food and a beautiful skiing locale. Betty Condict and Lillian Putnam added to the fun by entertaining at their nearby Bass Point Seaplane Base on Blaisdell Lake, Bradford. Their Base is maintained as a most attractive club, with all the fixin's. Members from New Hampshire who came in for the weekend were Alma Gallagher, Ruth Hamilton, Lillian Putnam and Betty Condict. Drucilla Rowell came over from Burlington, Vermont; Marian Tibbetts and Rose Abbott from Massachusetts. Rose reports that Ruth Hamilton is now wonderfully fit. We're all so happy to get this news and that Ruth is flying again, commercially, at Concord, N. H.

New England 99's had a table at the March luncheon meeting of the Aeronautic Association of Bosten, held at the Copley Plaza. Our able representative at the speaker's table was New England Section Governor, Rose Crowley Abbott. Two hundred members of AAB and their guests heard Casey Jones, guest of honor, explain the organization and purpose of the famous Wings Club of New York. Casey, distinguished and colorful pioneer barnstorming pilot of early flying days, founder of the schools of Aeronautics which bear his name, is President of Wings. His suggestion that a Wings Club of Boston be organized was enthusiastically received.

Marian Tibbetts has been accepted as First Lt., Air Force. She is to report to Bedford Base, May 1st for transportation orders to Offutt Air Base, Omaha, Nebraska, for a two months refresher course. Fair winds, Tibbie!

The deep sympathy of 99'ers goes to Jean Adams Cook, manager of Nantucket Memorial Airport, whose father, Winthrop Adams, passed on in March. Rose Abbott, as official representative of New England 99's, accompanied by a delegation of members, attended the funeral services. A donation to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund was sent in by our members, in memory of Mr. Adams.

Rose would like very much to have a report from each Section member of New England, giving personal flying data and news of ourrent activities. This will be used as a record of the progress and history of accomplishment of our own Section.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Lois Fairbank

Our first business meeting of this year was held in a little French restaurant in the heart of Greenwich Village, where the bartender joined in our conversation as he too is a pilot. Two big items were on the agenda: the convention next August and Civilian Defense.

Cecile Hamilton, 99er with the New York Herald Tribune, made a special request for volunteers to help man the filter centers of the Aircraft Warning System. The centers are in desperate need of help and 99's with aviation background could be of considerable assistance. So, if you have some spare time, call your local Civil Defense unit and find out where you can go to help guard our shores from enemy attack.

Beverly Dodge also expressed a desire to have girls join with the Auxiliary Police as "gal cops". Beverly will soon be seen in complete regalia - whistle and all.

The New York-New Jersey group has expressed an intense interest in this defense work - let's all get going.

Now for some tid-bits: Nan Spears just back from a most exciting trip all thru South America...Clemy Bast is now one-half owner of Paradise Airport in Phoenix, Arizona where she plans to live soon...Nancy Price has her second grandaughter...Kay Brick, Alice Jean May and Muriel Steinel were on Harry Marvel's program "Hits and Misses", winning lots of money and giving a wonderful plug to the 99's and aviation....Wedding bells have rung for Bernice Falk, now Mrs. Joseph Haydh....Marion Nye will be married in June....J. Priscilla Bint is showing off her new Commercial license which she got at Flushing Airport....Better late than never, Nancy Hopkins Tier has a 9 months old son, David.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER By: Vera Foster

The April 1st Fly-Day for the Washington Chapter was "rather limited", shall we say. It's a start though, so better attendance next time.

Louise Calhoun the week before began checking out in an Ercoupe. Our Rosemary Lane has a bright new job in the Pentagon--keeping the supply lines unsarled for the Army aviation division. Rosemary and Louise Millican are breaking in a swank new apartment in Alexandria, Va.

Jean Howard aided in the demonstration of an ambulance attachment for the Piper Tri-Pacer. She modeled the stretchers... three men lifted her into the plane.

Barbara Ward has accepted a State Department position which sounds definitely glamourous. She leaves soon for a post in New Delhi, India.

Blanche Noyes is still out of town on CAA business, and is using a Beech Bonanza for transportation. There's a lady who keeps her flying up.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER By: Toby Lord

Continuing to pinch-hit as reporter, I should like to inform all interested gals in our area that meetings have been changed, starting with April, from the third Wednesday of the month to the second. Consequently, Margie Cook will entertain us at her home on April 11th at 8 p.m. Out-of-towners, please note:

After considerable discussion, we decided to support the Trans-Continental Air Race and are sending in the suggested \$10.00. The financial requirements of this race perhaps should be discussed at the convention.

Jean Peden made a preliminary report of her research into the Air Age Education program. We hope sometime this spring to get started more definitely on a program of our own. Jean's talks with some of the school authorities would seem to indicate that they would at least give us a hearing. More on this later, we hope.

We hear that wings are sprouting again in Pittsburgh. With all of the increased interest in women's flying, let's keep our fingers crossed and hope hard for enough interest to be generated so as to reactivate the Pittsburgh Chapter.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

FLORIDA CHAPTER By: Kaddy Landry

The Florida Chapter suffered a great loss when Louise King Harris was killed in a Stearman crash at Ft. Lauderdale April 1st. Louise was a well liked and most respected member of the Florida Chapter and we will all miss her very much.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

STOP LOOK AND READ

Ninety-Nines of the North Central Section: get your engines tuned up and your courses charted to Rochester, Minnesota, for the big spring sectional meeting June 2 and 3.

The list of prizes, sponsors and gifts is growing every day... Bulova watches, travel clocks, fishing, sporting and picnic equipment, Munsingwear gown and other articles of clothing, as prizes; corsages, useful and cute favors for all. AND banquet and cocktail party sponsored by firms of Rochester interested in aviation.

You won't want to miss the wonderful talks by Dr. Jan Tillisch of the Mayo Clinic, noted aviation medicine authority, and Leslie Schroeder, Minnesota Commissioner of Aeronautics and civil air defense director for Minnesota; and the tours of the Mayo Clinic and Mayo Medicine Science building.

Very soon you gals of the North Central Section will be receiving a full program of the meeting and a reservation card that should be filled out and returned AT ONCE to Evelyn Knowlton, Minnesota chapter chairman, or Marietta Sommenberg, Minnesota chapter treasurer, both of Rochester. If through oversight, you do not receive an announcement and reservation card, write Ev or Marietta and we'll send them to you immediately.

Let's make this the biggest, best meeting ever held in our section...an enthusiastic prelude to our national meeting in Michigan in August. Put a circle around JUNE 2 and 3 on your calendar now. We hope you all can come..and bring your 492ers.

And let this be an invitation to our flying girl friends in the other sections to attend if they're going to be in the "neighborhood". We'd love to have you visit us. Just drop us a line soon as you can so hotel and other arrangements can be made.

WE'LL BE SEEING YOU IN ROCHESTER JUNE 2 and 3.

The Minnesota Ninety-Nines
By: Marietta Sonnenberg, Treas.

INDIANA CHAPTER
By: Joan Ferguson

The March meeting of the Indiana Chapter was held on the 18th at Smith Field, Ft. Wayne. Our attendance was small as the weather was zero zero. We wish to welcome Joan White, a new associate member from Ft. Wayne. Dorothy Gettle, our hostess at Ft. Wayne, has been working with the Chamber of Commerce and airport manager at Smith Field on the Air Age Education program for teachers during the past year even before we started on it. She has also been participating in projects of the Wing Scouts, so I feel that Ft. Wayne has done just about everything already. The rest of us have quite a bit ahead of

Indiana was honored by a visit from our International President Kay Brick on March 16th. She was flying from San Diego to New Jersey and stopped over in Indianapolis for an overnight visit with Betty Pettitt.

Blanche Noyes, International Past President, arrived in Indianapolis on March 17th on her way to Mexico. She was entertained over the weekend by Mildred Hurt, our Vice-Chairman.

Olive McCormick of Muncie is the proud owner of a new tri-cycle Pacer. She ferried it back from Lockhaven herself.

Lois Whitney of Muncie has just returned from a flying trip with her 49ger to Mexico City and Alcupulco. She brought back some gorgeous handmade things.

It is with great regret that I write of the death of Deletha Nicholas of Indianapolis on March 20th. Though Dee had not been a 99 too long, we all loved her and looked forward to her charming presence every month. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER By: Fern McKinnon

Due to a terrific blizzard over all of Iowa, our regular meeting for March in Waterloo was cancelled. This was the first month since the Chapter was formed that no meeting was held. A big Air Age Education Indoctrinization program had been planned by Verna Mae, Mary Lou and Ruth Schleusner. Rio Jorgensen was to have been guest speaker, but this same program will be held at our next meeting in April at Ft. Dodge.

On March 22nd, Ric Jorgensen, head of the Iowa Air Age Education Program, spoke over radio station WHO, Des Moines, on Air Age Education and gave our chapter and very capable Chairman Beulah Frotscher a terrific pat on the back for the amount of work accomplished so fare

Trophy Winners - January and February, Beulah Frotscher. Helen Flaherty was a very close runner-up.

Beulah has been selected by the Iowa Aeronautics Commission to speak at the Iowa Safety Congress, to be held in Des Moines in April. She will discuss the Ninety-Nine accomplishments in regard to safety, Air Marking and Air Age Education.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER By: Gertrude Prochaska

On March 11th, the Michigan Chapter held its regular meeting in Grand Rapids with Leora Stroup acting as hostess. About thirty members and guests enjoyed breakfast at the airport restaurant, newspaper interviews, etc., after which Becky Thatcher, our chairman, conducted the business meeting.

Barbara Cradit is back in Jackson again after spending three months in Florida..welcome home Barb. We are sorry to learn that Harry Smith is having a sojourn in the hospital. Our best wishes to both Harry and Eloise. A most welcome newsy letter from Frances Bera. Says she is flying and working in an office at Bellflower Airport on the East side of L. A. Good luck, Frances miss you. Her new address is 4813 Dunrobin St., Long Beach 8, Calif.

The April meeting will be held at Tri-City Airport, Freeland, Michigan with members from Saginaw, Bay City and Midland as hostesses.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER By: Rae E. Logsdon

The Greater St. Louis Chapter felt very honored at their meeting held April 1 at the Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport when our Vice President, Arlene Davis came winging in in her beautiful Cessna 195. All the girls enjoyed her visit so much and such wonderful stimulation was received from her that I am sure that each and every one of us will be working much harder from now on trying to do a little more to equal her efforts in doing so much for the 99s all over the country. We only regret that she wasn't with us longer and we could have entertained her in the manner that she deserves, but come back Arlene and we will go all out and show you the hospitality that exists in St. Louis.

Our dance tickets are soaring like mad. All the girls that are running for queen are working like beavers and the event should be a hugh success. Please attend if possible - April 6 - DeSoto Hotel, St. Louis.

Two of our newer members, Dorothy Schuler and Jean Mull have been appointed associate editors by the W.N.A.A. in publishing their new paper called Wing-Tips, a letter mailed to everyone belonging to any aviation organization once a month. It contains news of every aviation event in the metropolitan area and any organization that wishes to have an event published in it may do so.

We are jumping in with both feet to help with the air-marking program and will be most busy in this for the next few months.

Our sympathies to Eileen Hastings who lost her Mother this last month. We hope that she will feel able to be back with us scon.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Dora M. Fritzke

After two months of meetings of various local groups during the uncertain weather of Wisconsin winters, Dorothy Wittman was hostess at the March 11 meeting of the entire chapter in Oshkosh. In spite of the perfectly awful weather forecasts which kept anyone from flying in, a fair number of the girls attended. During dinner at the Town Grill, Steve Wittman (Dorothy's 49½er) was prodded into telling us some interesting and some harrowing stories of his flights in his own designed and built midget racing planes - such as being shot down over the Tennessee mountains! Dorothy gave us some details about their delivery of planes to South American countries, and also about the recent trip to the Hawaiian Islands. We still have to hear from Deedo Heise and Gladys Dean about the latter trip.

We were happy to see Lois Joyce and Rose Powell at the meeting. It's been a long time since either was with us, but we'll see more of them from now on. Lois and Mary Lou Thompson were comparing notes on their Mexican trips. Mary Lou just returned from a wonderful two week's flight down there and almost met Pearl Nelson as both were in Taxco at the same time. Although, Pearl, too has returned, the only official word we have had of her is, The sunshine, she is wonderful."

Readelle Morgan Kellner was accompanied by Barney who was presented with his $49\frac{1}{2}$ er card. He has been eligible for only a month. The wedding took place on February 3. It's nice to have him officially in our "family".

Chairman Jeannette Kapus appointed Elaine Francke as our Civilian Defense representative on both County and State Civilian Defense Councils. As Elaine's husband is also serving on these Councils, we feel we will be ably represented.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

TEXAS CHAPTER
By: (Pinch Hitters) Jo Allison & Martha Reading

Dallas Unit: Dallas Unit will be hostess for the South Central Section Meeting, June 24-25, 1951. Plans are now being formulated for a big time. Hope we have a big turn-out.

The Dallas Unit held their business meeting March 28 at the Barbecue House, with six members present: Martha Ann Reading, Olean Sellers, Marian Peterson, Bonitz Izard, Doris Weller, Jo Allison.

Our reporter, Marie Nix, is vacationing in California. Last report was she was coming home on a slow boat via Panama Canal.

Austin Unit: The Austin-San Antonio girls had a dinner in Austin for Blanche Noyes. Blanche didn't get there but a good time was had by all. Ziggy Hunter was in Dallas, March 20th, representing the Texas Aeronautical Commission. She is assisting the local governments in organizing their Civilian Defense Program. She urges all 99's to participate in this program.

Chairman Ama Lee Jameson has a new baby. Relax (its called an Ercoupe). She has already made several cross countries and says she is flying the wings off it. "Congratulations Mama".

El Paso Unit: Our apologies to the El Paso group. Due to my Illness and Marie's vacation, we do not have your news.

NORTHWESTERN SECTION

OREGON CHAPTER
By: Joyce Hoberg

We waited until the last of February to have a meeting, thinking weather should be flyable, but picked the wrong Sunday, it snowed. Kay Hoffmiller and myself drove to Kelso, wash. where we had our first meeting of the year. Bettie Bray of Longview had her Ryan in the shop so we got a look at it. She is going to have a good acrobatic ship come spring.

We discussed plans for a scavenger hunt, flight of course, in June for the gals and their $49\frac{1}{2}$ ers. It should be a lot of fun. Members attending were: Velma Richards, Bettie Bray, Mary Ann

Stewart, Martha Girardot, Kay Hoffmiller and myself. We had three guests, who are interested in joining our group, Mary Jerome, Ramona Shotwell and Marge Davenport, who started flying in 1940.

Virginia White is beautifully tanned after a trip with the Oregon Air Tour down to Mexico. Leona Bump and her husband made the trip too, and we are anxious to hear about it. Gini Richardson and 49 ger Ralph stopped by for the nite on their way back to Yakima, Washington, after a honeymoon trip to Texas. Of course, honeymoon or not, they had a trailer on the back, hauling a P & W 450 engine back for their dusting operation.

Our next meeting will be on Portland Airport in April and we will have some radio demonstrations available.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER By: Dorothy Monahan

The 19th birthday of the Bay Cities Chapter was celebrated on the 16th of March with a dinner dance at Planters Dock, Lafayette. Rita Hart and Ruth Rueckert were co-hostesses. A grand time was had by all 38 members and guests present. Of the nine chapter members, 1/3 are still active members of the Bay Cities Chapter...Lillian Anderson, Rita Hart and Ruth Rueckert. Those attending the meeting were: Marfreda and Fred Coffin; Ruth and Fred Rueckert; Barbara and Chet Hector, Lindy Boyes and escort; Ruth and Lyle Jacquot, Adele and Jules Chase; Marian and Herm Barnick; Rita and Al Hart; Margaret and John Gerhardt; Miriam Brugh, Tommy Christian, Kay and Ernie Nidick; Evelyn and Leo Esser; Betty and Fred Budde; Ces(Brav) Rose and Adrian; Jan and Harvey Ruffell; Esther and Gayle Stone; Gladys and Tom Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Risso (guests of Ces Brav Rose); Tony Martin (guest of the Rueckert's); Mick Mickelsen.

Geri Masinter's new address is 4729 W.A.F. Sqdn, George Air Force Base, Victorville, Calif.

Miriam Brugh and Ruth Rueckert attended the Sacramento Valley meeting on March 10 and the Redwood Empire meeting at Napa County Airport on March 18th.

COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER By: Eleanor Wagner

Tuesday, March 27 was the day set aside for an afternoon meeting of the Coachella Valley Chapter. We had an excellent turn-out, considering the fact that the meeting was held during the day. Ethelyn Bushey was our hostess for the afternoon, assisted at serving coffee and cake by her mother, Mrs. Williams. Homemade cake, too. Ethelyn's home is in Indio---and right across the way from the Indio Airport.

Aileen Miller, now a member of the Coachella Valley Chapter, flew in from Needles with her guest, Betty Ramsey. Betty has just purchased a Stinson and is learning to fly and is looking forward to being a 99 as soon as she is qualified. Aileen Miller presented her ideas and her program for the Needles fly-in over the weekend of April 13-14. Sounds great and I hope that many of us can go.

Ninety-Nine memberships for Ruby Souleles of Beaumond and Shirley Butvidus of Indio were accepted by membership chairman, Ethelyn Bushey, to be sent to National Headquarters. Welcome to the 99s, girls. We in this chapter already know that you are a worthwhile addition to our organization.

Shirley Butvidas was unanimously appointed assistant Secretary to take over at meetings when Win Wood is not able to be present.

Modene Story and Eleanor Wagner reported on their progress with the Wing Scout project and that is just now taking shape. More on that later.

Of course, there is much talk about the Air Race this year, and if all goes well, this chapter should be well represented for its size. We hope to see a great turn-out in Las Vegas on April 21-22. Let's get back in the blue---yours truly has finally made it again.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER
By: Trixie Ann G. Schubert

"She came, she conquered," might aptly be said of Kay Brick for those of us who had not yet met 99's national president. She arrived in Los Angeles within twenty-four hours of a wire announcing her arrival. She was dined by a dozen 99s at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel and wined later on the patic of chairman Clara Davis' new home in Burbank. "One fine gal" is the sentiment Kay stirred among west coast 99s.

Which brings us to some cradle news. Barbara Thisted and hubby Dale introduced fledgling Ronald Aaron, seven pounds $13\frac{1}{2}$ cunces, on March 2. As Dale will be enlisting in the service soon, they will sell their operation share of Del Mar Airport and become Angelenos.

Lee and Bill Morrow sent up smoke signals March 20th announcing the arrival of papoose Gregory Alan, 8 pounds 2-3/4 ounces.

The March meeting, at Betty Glaser's home, was concerned with detailed planning for the 1951 races scheduled to start Aug. 18 at noon from Orange County Airport, Santa Ana, and terminate in convention city, Detroit.

While guesting at the Schubert home, Swedish architect Gunilla Tellander revealed casually that she is one of Sweden's top ranking women pilots, the first woman to win the Silver C for glider flying, and the holder of power plane ratings. The 99s? She had not known they were international. With quick enthusiasm she is joining as a member at large, and is enroute to Sweden (via the Hawaiian Islands, Fiji Islands, Japan and Australia) to organize a 99 chapter in her country. The Swedish chapter will be sponsored by L.A.'s 99s.

Ruth Downie spent February seeing some of the world, compliments of the Venezuelan airlines for whom her husband is writing a series of air travelogues. Trip highlights were Bermuda "where water is more expensive than liquor because of its scarcity", Lisbon, Venezuela, Rome, Paris. They traveled the Flying Tigers, a cargo line "where the presence of a woman is strictly a novelty", and made over-water flight from New York to Bermuda on Pan American.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER By: Julie Hale

Our Wing Scouts are doing us proud and are scheduled to receive their wings at a "Court of Awards" the last of May. Ruth Gamber has wound up their training with a lecture on maps, and Lois Bartling, chairman of the Wing Scout committee, will graduate them all with a tour of Lindbergh Field.

Fair warning to all Air Race contestants: Mary Ring has bought a T-craft and this year will be in the race. After her tour of the route in the Aeronca last year, she is determined to improve her 60 mile an hour average. Dodie Prario, who was copilot in the 5th place winner's plane, had a boy, of all things, on March 23rd. Named Bruce Lee.

"Mickey" Collins, now stationed at Wiesbaden, Germany, is a gal who makes us really proud. She went to Paris last month and got a French pilot's license--flying being strictly verboten in Germany. Checked out by the instructor in a Cub--and aside from not speaking a word of French, she's doing swell.

Louise Kraiger was recalled by the Waves in January and is now teleman at the Naval District Headquarters Communication Center. She has her multi-engine rating now and is working on her instructor's. Donna Davis found a man from Texas and is now Mrs. Kenneth Sheridan.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER By: Helen Cannon

The Annual Spring Section Meeting of the Southwestern Section is scheduled for the weekend of April 21st and 22nd here in Las Vegas. Saturday, the Vegas Chapter will give a occktail party from 5:00 to 7:00 for the guests. The rest of the evening they will be on their own to have dinner and see a show at one of the five beautiful resort hotels or "do the town". There will be breakfast Sunday morning at one of the hotels where a small amount of business will be discussed. We hope there will be a good turn out as Las Vegas has much to offer in "Fun in the Sun".