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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"Brickaero"

Dear Members:

We hope you're planning to CONVERGE ON MICHIGAN in AUGUST with the rest of us! With the TAR TERMINATION there, it promises to be the greatest gathering of women pilots yet. The North Central Section ALONE has about one-third the total membership so you can see why we have "GREAT EXPECTATIONS". International Headquarters will be at the famous GRAND HOTEL at MACKINAC ISLAND. Consult your APRIL Newsletter and make your reservations by June 1st. Picture yourself swimming in the Esther Williams' pool. See you there!

Perhaps some of you don't know that your Chairman of the Air Age Education Committee, ELIZABETH WARNOCK, has carved herself a notable position in this field. She is the SPECIALIST IN AVIATION EDUCATION in the State of Pennsylvania and the publication of her booklet, "Pennsylvania's Flying Classes" is an informative piece dealing with the program she has developed. She but recently returned from a two week "NAVY TOUR" which was offered her so that she might slant the Air Age program to the future needs of youth. AN HONOR!

At the National Aviation Education Conference held in Atlantic City in February, Betty was a commentator on the Panels. Other 99s attending were MARILYN LINK, who serves on Betty's 99 Committee, GLORIA HEATH and FRANCES NOLDE who, on behalf of the 99's, assured the Conference of our cooperation and stated that 99 efforts are directed towards the same aviation education goals.

The 99 Air Age Education program encompasses ALL PHASES of EDUCATION IN AVIATION - for TEACHERS, CIVIL AIR PATROL and WING SCOUTING. However, requests for assistance on CAP CADET programs should be directed to FRANCES NOLDE, and on WING SCOUTING to NOVETAH DAVENPORT, NATL. GIRL SCOUT HQ., 155 E. 44th St., NYC.

"Nove" is now National Program Advisor on Wing Scout and Mariner Girl Scouting in the Program Development Division. When she was a 99 back in '39, she incorporated aviation with her mariner troop program. Thus she was invited to participate in the FIRST WING SCOUT LEADER TRAINING COURSE held July 1942. RUTH SHAFER, Chairman of E. Penn. Chapter, TAUGHT navigation and theory of flight to the group. In '46 Nove, on behalf of Mrs. Thomas Beck, then Chairman of the Wing Scout Advisory Committee, took delivery of the first Cub donated to the Girl Scouts by Mr. Piper in Norwood, Mass. Contributors to the Wing Scout Manual you now use include NOVE, MARILYN LINK and ARLENE DAVIS, a former Chairman of the Wing Scout Advisory Committee.

You will be as pleased as I with the accompanying LETTER from Miss DOROTHY C. STRATTON, National Executive Director of the Girl Scouts and former head of the SPARS. The work you are doing is APPRECIATED.

From another source comes further RECOGNITION of the SERVICE 99s are rendering their COMMUNITIES. The New York Branch of the Women's Association of Aeronautics (WIAA) has been impressed with your work in Air Age, and in keeping with their objectives, which include support of worthy aviation projects, they are OFFERING AN AWARD to the 99 Chapter which accomplishes the most CONSTRUCTIVE AIR AGE PROGRAM this year. The AWARD will be presented in Michigan in August. More details will be supplied to you as to your REPORT on the year's work. NO EFFORT IS TOO SMALL TO BE CONSIDERED! Clip any pictures or publicity which may appear to be included in the final report.

The WIAA is a few months older than the 99s, being founded in 1929 by Mrs. Ulysses Grant McQueen of California. Its current International President is MRS. OLIVE ANN BEECH. They are

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9 The Army's first woman dentist, 99er, Dr. Helen E. Myers
9 of Philadelphia, has reported for duty. Helen is a
9 member of the Eastern Penn Chapter. She will be com-
9 missioned a Captain.
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National Executive Director

WANTED: Qualified 99s to bid for the job of taking Stenotypist minutes at the Annual Convention on August 24 and 25 at Mackinac Island. State METHOD you employ. Also PRICE per diem or page. We will need one original and one copy. Committee Chairmanned by Jean Howard and assisted by Becky Thatcher and Dorothy Reed, will review applicant's qualifications and make selection. Please forward the necessary information mentioning past experience to Secretary Howard immediately and no later than June 10th.

7. REMEMBER - Your aircraft must be of strictly stock status and must comply with manufacturer's specification in every detail. (Extra gas tanks and special propeller may be used if the aircraft is commercially certificated for same by

the CAA.) The aircraft must have been manufactured after January 1, 1946 and the engine must be within the horsepower limitations of 0 - 300 h.p. Two-way radio is mandatory.

The Air Race Committee is very appreciative of the recent donations made by the Meadville Chapter and the Bay Cities Chapter. Both these chapters donated \$10 to the Air Race Fund.

SEE YOU IN SANTA ANA BEFORE NOON (PST) AUGUST 13TH.

AIR RACE COMMITTEE
By: Betty H. Cillies

FLYING ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
By Dora Dougherty

Step aside gals while I haul Martha Lundy's soap box up here on the podium. No, this is not opera but a sudsy little lecture.

Martha, Chairman of the Las Vegas Chapter, sends us the revealing information that every member of the Las Vegas Chapter already has over 200 hours. It is my opinion that this is the kind of 99 chapter toward which we are all striving. It must also be the kind of chapter in which a Flying Activities Committee could function efficiently and happily. (I know the frustrated feeling that comes when a flying event is planned and then only one or two participants show up...lots of looker-oners, but few fly-gals).

Martha stressed the point that there is a large difference between licensed and qualified pilots, and that our emphasis should be on keeping our members qualified. I heartily agree! This was the idea in creating the Flying Activities Committee. The 200 hour mark is a convenient first goal.

It is only right to assume that a group which is held together by their mutual interest and experiences in aviation, should continue that activity. If we don't, we are apt to find ourselves with an unmeaningful organization, particularly at the chapter level.

Let's go gals. Even if your chapter isn't big, make it active. I'll send you all a firecracker for the 4th, you in turn are to set it off under the chapter. We'll see how much activity we can generate.

KANSAS CHAPTER OF 99'S STARTED

March 31, 1951, was a big day in Wichita for the women pilots. Through the sponsorship of the Oklahoma Chapter of 99's and the guidance of Broneta Davis, Governor of the South Central Section, the Kansas Chapter of 99's was organized.

The group held their first meeting, since officially launching the Kansas Chapter of 99's, Feb. 4th, at Cessna Aircraft Company's Pilots' Lounge. The meeting was attended by Mary Van Soyoc, Bobbe Slade, Margaret Ash and June Alter of Wichita; Helen Simmons of Abilene; Vivian Biddle of Great Bend; Ann Waddell of Garden City and Marian Hardman of Downs, Kansas. Guests were Arlene Davis, Cleveland, Ohio, International Vice President and Mary Francis, Oklahoma City, International Treasurer of 99's, Inc.; Broneta Davis, Emily Frost, Velma Woodward, Imogene Arnot, Elizabeth Sewell, Beth Smith, Ruth Jones and Ida Carter, all of the Oklahoma Chapter, who staged a mass flight from Oklahoma City to help the Kansas girls with their new adventure.

Following the meeting, the girls and their guests and 492'ers, attended a cocktail party for which they owe a heap o'thanks to Harry Herrington, Aero Instruments, Inc., Wichita. The party was held in the Aviation Room of the Allis Hotel. The Kansas group boasts ten Charter members who are Margaret Ash, Wichita, Vice Chairman; Bobbe Slade, Wichita, Secretary; Vivian Biddle, Great Bend, Treasurer; Helen Puffer, Wichita; Mary Van Soyoc and Hazel Guy of Augusta; Lucille Cheetham, Arkansas City and the three members that were members of the Oklahoma Chapter, Ann Waddell, who will be Chairman of the new Kansas Chapter, Helen Simmons, Membership Chairman and Bert Hare.

Entertainment for the evening was sponsored by Al Wilson of Yingling Aircraft Inc. Among those who helped organize the Kansas Chapter, thanks go to Bob Chatley, Cessna Aircraft Company's public relations and sales promotion director, who helped so much with publicity and entertainment, plus incidentals without which no meeting or party could possibly be a success.

Having been officially launched, the Kansas Chapter of 99's is looking forward to many contacts with other pilots around the world and lots of good times in the future.



Those attending the Kansas Chapter meeting are pictured above. Left to right (first row) Bert Hare, Hazel Guy, Mary Van Soyoc, Helen Simmons, Anne Waddell, Margaret Ash. Left to right (back row) Lucille Cheetham, Beth Smith, Ruby Bonds, Broneta Davis, Helen Puffer, Vivian Biddle, Elizabeth Sewell.

YOUR 1951 CONVENTION SITE

Last month's Newsletter gave you the vital statistics - written in dollars and cents - for our convention at Mackinac Island, August 22 - 26. Enough for the mundane. More for the soul.

First off, if you're a good little Indian, you'll consider the trip to Mackinac (pronounced Mackinaw) Island a trip to paradise.

Far long before the first white man arrived, the Indians had tagged Mackinac as a sacred spot. They believed the beautiful island had been chosen by the Manitou of the Lakes as his dwelling place. Which proved they had faith in his good sense.

A gem of an island 3 miles long and 2 miles wide (or 2 3/4 miles long and 1 1/2 miles wide, depending upon which guide book you read), Mackinac is irregularly shaped with high limestone cliffs along most of the shoreline. There are, however, some stretches of golden sandy beach. Altitude is approximately 760 feet.

The government has recognized Mackinac Island as having the purest air in the world, situated, as it is, at the crossroads of the Great Lakes, without land breezes. Not that there's anything wrong with the balsam-laden air of the land.

Jean Nicolet, the French explorer, paddling around in his bateau looking for a route of China (how he needed a World Aeronautical Chart!) is credited with "discovering" the island in 1634.

Father Jacques Marquette arrived in 1671. It was there, and at St. Ignace (on the mainland opposite), that he and Joliet mapped their trip to the Mississippi.

Until 1760, the Island was the French capital of the Old Northwest. Then, you'll remember, there was the French and Indian War, which the English finally won. In 1779 the English erected Fort Mackinac. The old fort is now a museum and open for visitors daily (free).

Two other historic, sight-seeing spots you won't want to miss are Ft. Holmes, built by the British in 1812 (War again), and restored in 1936, and the John Jacob Astor House.

The headquarters of John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company, through which passed millions of pelts, was built in 1817 and consists of the agent's house, the store, warehouse, and a building to house the employees.

For those who like such things, there's an old battlefield to pace and ponder over. For those who don't, there's the Grand Hotel's white, colonnaded porch - longest in the world - fully equipped with rockers and railing.

Now, just in case you don't believe all you've read, here's a final note of authority. The D.A.R. have designated Mackinac Island as Michigan's most historic spot.

Jean Pearson, Pub. Comm. Member
Ninety-Nines Convention

CHAPTER NEWS

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Mildred Morey

April meeting - weekend of 28, 29th. Held at Coonamessett Airport, Falmouth, Cape Cod, and Coonamessett Inn, Hostess, Shirley Mahn.

Shirley and Jean Adams Cook welcomed members and guests at the airport and took the group over to Otis AF Jet Base for a most interesting and heartening tour, escort Maj. Campbell. At dinner at the Inn, we had guests, Col. Chalek of the Fighter Defense Squadron and Mrs. Chalek, two courageous survivors of four years of internment in a Japanese prison camp in Manila, after their capture when Corregidor fell to the Japs.

After dinner we adjourned to the Officers' Club at Otis Field for refreshments and dancing until 3 a.m. Sunday to Coona-

messett Airport for the regular meeting. There the members heard Nancy Bird Walton, international 99'er, "The Amelia Earhart of Australia". Nancy, a charming blonde, was one of the original "bush" pilots of Australia, where before the war she flew many hazardous emergency missions. There are now 100 women pilots in Australia who pattern their organization after the 99s.

Lucky ones who shared this exciting weekend were Daisy and Harry Kirkpatrick, Judy and Marion Short, Joan and Mr. Rosenberger, Rose and Billy Abbott, Charlotte, with two prospective members, Shirley Pope, Helen Wright, Ann Theobald, Jean Adams Cook with Mary Snow and Marie Rowan, prospective members, Shirley Rideout Mahn and Nancy Bird Walton.

Our members were happy to find a two-column, front page feature story in the Boston Sunday Post of April 29, giving wonderful publicity to our plans for Civil Defense, written after an interview with Rose Abbott, Gov.

New England 99s plan a table at a dinner, May 15th, at the Statler, arranged by the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Jackie Cochran will be honored. Occasion is the "First Assembly of American Women of Achievement", for women who lead the nation in their own field of endeavor.

Jean Cook invites all members, all sections, to Nantucket in July.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Helen McChesney

We're delighted to welcome new member Muriell Steinell of North Bergen, N. J. Muriell has a commercial license and is now working for the Teterboro School of Aeronautics. The meeting in March was attended by four prospective members and we're looking forward to having them within the fold here long.

A dozen of our members are planning to attend the annual convention on Mackinac Island, Michigan in August.

LAST FLIGHT

Every 99 will gravely miss Bella Heineman, Governor of the New York-New Jersey Section of the 99's, who was killed in an airplane crash May 5. Her flying was respected and admired by men just as much as girls. She has probably achieved more ratings than any one of our members. Her ratings include Commercial, Instrument, Multi-Engine Land & Sea, Helicopter, Flight Instructor, Ground Instructor and only just recently had she returned from Ft. Worth, Texas, where she had obtained her Air Transport Rating. Her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Heineman, resides at the Essex House, New York City.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By: Vera Foster

The Washington Chapter met April 25th at Napoleon's Restaurant in Washington. About 17 members were present, among them Louise Calhoun, Claire Callahan, Jean Howard, Louise Kidd, Jean Major, Mary Jane Sassala. Mary Jane is a very popular gal with the chapter.

Blanche Noyes was present, just back from Mexico. Ana Luisa Branger told us a little about her altitude record. Ana's record is in a lighter weight category than that established by Florida's Caro Bayley. NAA noted "weight of pilot - 87 lbs". Chairman Mitzi Moore presented Mrs. Branger with a congratulatory orchid.

The Chapter decided to contribute to the Amelia Earhart Fund.

Margie Harrison is taking Air Age Education seriously. She

flew all but four of a class of 19 graduates of the Calyps, N. C. High School. Then she took the class home with her for a hot dog and deviled egg buffet supper.

Hope Howard is now a most welcome member of the D. C. Chapter. Hope had her first flight on Courtesy Flight Day last year. Now she has her Private license...a very striking example of the effectiveness of such courtesy flights.

EASTERN PENN CHAPTER
By: Mildred Zimmerman

In April a large group of 99s, husbands and beaus gathered at the beautiful new home of Nell Richards in Lancaster for a wonderful party. An evening party is a refreshing change from the regular Sunday afternoon meeting. A few ideas were suggested to the Flying Activities Committee. It was agreed to send \$10 to Ariene Davis for the Nat'l. Derby. Nice to see Ruth Shafer, Catherine Gaul, Georgianna Herdman, Marge Kodrich, Mary Jane Goodshall, Jane Morris, Mary Hostetter, Helen Jones, Vi Delp, Jessie Eckhart, Lillian Marks and Ena Snyder.

Everyone feels proud of Fran Nolde. Her accomplishments in aviation have always held our highest respect. Along with her new post comes our very best wishes. Another famous "first" to be congratulated is Dr. Helen Myers, who last month became the first woman dentist to be commissioned Capt. by the Army. Her address is Capt. Helen Myers, U.S. Army Hospital, D. C., Ft. Lee, Va.

Leona McElroy will soon move into her lovely new home in Greenfields, Reading; Vi Delp and Bud Blair will be saying their "I do's" on June 30th; yours truly flew into Northeast Airport last week in the Culver to see Ruth Shafer working busily in the tower. Saw Marge Kodrich and Betty Townson; Betty is happy over the prospect of moving into her new home.

For members who care to send in items of interest, my new address is 25 S. Roberts Ave., New Holland, Pa.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER
By: Harriette Mosbacher

The regular meeting of the Meadville Chapter was held at the home of our Chairman, Marjorie Cook. Although the evening was a bit dreary--the warm hospitality of our hostess plus the tropical atmosphere (Marjorie is raising palm trees and cactus in her indoor garden) certainly dispelled any effect old man weather had attempted to create.

After routine business matters were taken care of, we pounced into the "Air Age Education Program" with vigor. We have quite a schedule planned for this area to promote the "Air Age Education Program" with film and lectures. The month of May is going to be a very busy month for Jean Peden, Vega Ihlen and Pauline Harabedian. The three girls are splitting up the territory and making arrangements to keep the films and themselves very busy. Jean is really in this project all the way. With the CAP work she is doing, in addition to everything else, I guess we will have to start giving her Hadacol if she is to maintain such a high speed pace.

Our next meeting will be held in Fairview with Vega Ihlen as hostess. We hope all members will be present.

I had a grand vacation. Mexico is wonderful but it is good to be home. I want to thank the girls who wrote the news for our chapter while I was away.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER
By: Louise Smith

"April Showers" took charge of our meeting in Charleston. Jewel Bailey was hostess and enjoyed talking to visiting 99er Doris Phillips of Washington, D. C., who is with her 49ther, stationed in Charleston with the Navy. Amalie Stone and Frances Miller drove to the meeting from Columbia. Amalie is busy these days, lecturing in schools--on aviation, of course working on her instrument and multi-engine ratings and flying her newly acquired Cessna.

Dot and Shack are off in Cincinnati and the Smiths plan to fly to Atlantic City this week. Jim and Betty Hamilton made a flying trip to Phoenix to attend the Sportsman Pilot's Meet. Bird Eaton is now recuperating at her cottage at Myrtle Beach. I flew to Columbia this week, taking Becky Sheppard, a prospective member with me. We had a visit with Caroline Hembel and she is already making big plans for the July get-together. Caroline wants us to arrive early with swimming suits and fishing tackle for a day on Lake Murray. Land at Capitol Airport by 9:30---the date is tentatively Sunday, July 15th. More definite information later.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

Section Chairman for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund is: Miss Regina Devine, 633 Gunderson Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

Spring Sectional at Rochester, Minnesota, June 2 - 3.

Make your plans now to attend the National Convention at Mackinac Island, Michigan.

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ILLINOIS CHAPTER
By: Jessie Gronowski

Our March meeting was held informally at the home of Evelyn Martin who is fortunately tuned to the TV Phonevision. After our business meeting, we enjoyed a new movie through this new medium of television and were served a delicious buffet supper afterwards!

On April 12th we met in the United Air Lines Office in the Loop, and made final plans for our rummage sale. We learned that Lee Cook Feyen has been called to active Army duty and will report shortly to Hickam Field. Good luck, Lee.

Our Chairman, Doris Langher, has been laid up with a broken leg - "It happened at Sun Valley"! Dora Dougherty visited Kay Ferris last week and got Kay so enthused with the report on the work she is doing at the University of Illinois that Kay asked her to fly up and speak at our next meeting. It seems that there are a lot of new advanced training techniques that the University is using in their aviation courses. Irene Leverton leaves us shortly to attend a crop-dusting school in Arkansas. After that, she will be crop-dusting in that vicinity in a Stearman. Irene recently flew to Memphis in an AT-6, lucky gal!

Alice Kudrna and Evelyn Martin are doing some night flying in their Club's 140 Cessna at Chicago Midway Airport.

Our next meeting will be a fly-in breakfast at Elgin Airport on May 20th. We are hoping for CAVU and a record turnout.

INDIANA CHAPTER
By: Joan Ferguson

The April meeting was held at South Bend with 11 members in attendance. Yours truly missed the meeting, but I'm glad to report a lot of our members from the northern part of the State were able to attend. We wish to welcome two new members from South Bend, Maxine Fitterling and Betty Crons.

News bits: Alice McCormick of Muncie flew her Tri-Pacer to Santa Fe....Hazel Cutler of Muncie has been hospitalized in Chicago. We hope she is on the mend....Lois Whitney seems to be in the air all the time, having flown to Waterloo, Iowa and Chicago last week besides visiting our Chairman Charlotte Poland and yours truly here in Anderson....Dorothea Hendricks of Pendleton recently visited her parents in Bowling Green, Ky....Fern Rinker has had quite a bout with the flu. I'm glad to report she is much better....Dorothy Perry spent the week-end in Indianapolis recently. She is feeling much better and will be hostess for the May meeting to be held on the 20th at the Evansville Municipal Airport....Vithia Funkhouser announces the arrival of her 24 3/4er, a brand new baby girl.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER
By: Fern McKimmon

Our regular meeting was held April 8 at the Lions Den at

Treloars Inn at Fort Dodge, Iowa, with Virginia Koestner as hostess. Eight members and one 49^{er} were present.

Verna Mae Prochaska won the trophy for March--most points for contacting schools on Air Age Education. Helen Flaherty passed her A & E Commercial written exam and got the highest grade in the class. Helen is carrying on with Boy Wing Scouts - 14 aviation minded scouts ages 12-14. Beulah Frotscher secured literature and film "Seeing the Airport" from United Air Lines to be shown in Webster County Schools.

Future meetings - May 20th, business meeting, Pocahontas; June 10th, Air Age Education program, Cedar Falls.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Faye Davies Kirk

The April meeting of the Michigan Chapter was held on the 8th at Tri-City Airport with Bay City, Midland and Saginaw members as our hostesses. A delicious breakfast was served at a nearby hotel where our chairman Becky Thatcher conducted the business meeting. Beautiful American Beauty corsages were given each member by Betty Grohman's Mother. Betty has moved to California. Our best wishes go with her of course and we deeply regret losing her in the Michigan Chapter. Betty is a former WASP and has had many interesting flying experiences. Prospective members at this meeting were Lillian "Mike" McGuire of Ann Arbor and Lucille K. Schneider of Sagatuck. A brand new member we wish to welcome is Marian Hoffman of Bay City.

Mary Creason, our Vice-Chairman, has moved into her lovely new home at Grand Haven, Mich....Lucile Biscomb's 49^{er} Jack is now in Rapid City, S. D. with the Air Force....Gladys Hartung just returned from a week's stay in Atlanta, Ga....Nita Berry and 49^{er} Leslie are going to Madrid, Spain, Italy and Paris via TWA in May for a month's stay....Virginia Bardeen and 49^{er} Max from Kalamazoo are winging their way to Central America via Mexico in their Bonanza in April, joining the Sportsman Pilot's Association Spring cruise at Camelback Inn, Phoenix, Arizona on their return.

May meeting in Jackson, Michigan on the 20th. June in Fenton, Michigan and July in Stanton, Michigan. Won't you join us?

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Novia Frey

Our March meetings were omitted from the last newsletter to make room for Marietta's important announcement of the Sectional Meeting to be held in Rochester, June 2-3. It is the main topic of conversation hereabouts. Ev and Marietta are doing a bang-up job and we non-Rochester residents appreciate it. GET YOUR RESERVATION IN EARLY.

Our meeting on May 13th will be a breakfast fly-in at Rochester in order to acquaint the Minnesota hostesses with the city.

Our big news item this month concerns the annual meeting of the American Association of Airport Executives which was held in Minneapolis April 22-26 and the visit of Frances Nolde. The girls all think she is wonderful. The 99's participated in many of the activities. Tuesday evening, 99's were hostesses at dinner at the Minikanda Club in honor of Col. Nolde. 99's were also at the Wednesday luncheon, over which Mrs. Nolde presided. Jennings Randolph was the speaker.

So far we have two planes lined up for the TAR. Margaret Mamel and Marilyn Kvalheim will fly from "Mamuel Airport" and Evelyn Knowlton and Mariette Sonnenberg will enter Ev's Bonanza. Here's wishing them speed and good luck.

DON'T FORGET ROCHESTER JUNE 2-3 AND YOU'LL NEVER FORGET ROCHESTER 1951. SEE YOU IN ROCHESTER.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By: Marie Kuhlman

We had a grand turnout at our April dinner meeting in the banquet room at Fairfax Airport, and in honor of our very special guests; Neva Rea as hostess served her very special delicious champagne cocktails. Guests were Lt. Col. Edward Newberry, U.S. Army, planning dept. Central Air Defense Command; Maj. D. R. Desmore, pub. rel. officer, Air Training

Command, Scott Air Base, Ill., and Capt. S. M. Appleman also of Scott; Lt. Jean Green, charge of WAC-WAAF recruiting, St. Louis, and last but certainly not least, Sgt. Kay Stark, pub. rel. officer for Army Air Force recruiting.

We were sorry to lose Ruby Bonds as a member of our chapter; she will transfer to the Kansas Chapter...Chairman Marge Farrell has been making flying trips, her last one to Albuquerque; Connie Caraway has made many flying business trips to Jefferson City, Nebr., St. Louis and as our air marking chairman met with the St. Louis Chapter in Columbia, Mo. to discuss airmarking; Lavon Rukin flew her Bonanza to D. C. recently and points east on business; we have just organized a 99 Civil Air Defense Squadron, with Neva Rea as commander and Nancy Corrigan as deputy commander; your reporter and 49^{er} are the proud owners of a new 1951 Bellanca Cruise-master; newest member is Sarah Garelich.

ALL OHIO CHAPTER

By: Lore Kugler

Our April meeting was held in Vandalia amid 30 and 35 mile winds, and what do you know, two brave souls flew in...Arlene Davis in her Cessna 195 and Blanche O'Brien in the Cessna 170.

Had a lovely meeting and fine luncheon with Mildred Harshman pinch-hitting as hostess in the absence of Martha Walter who was ill. We've had several illnesses in our group, but are happy to announce that both Marge Miller and Mary Oetzel are home and on the road to health again.

Our Veep, Arlene Davis, is forever off to somewhere and we just can't keep up with her. Last we heard, she was to pick up Greenwood Cocanougher and fly west.

Marge Gorman had herself a trip to Florida. Good thing she didn't make it to the last meeting--we would have been so envious of that tan. However, we're about to go there ourselves and soak up a little health.

Ohio is quite proud to be the Chapter that is way out in the lead on airmarking for 1950. Virginia Ashelford headed the list and coped the trophy, while Jeanne Hunt ran her a mighty close second. You know these girls were neck and neck back in June and at that time jointly won a trip to the convention in Texas. We're real proud of them. And don't think Ohio has stopped working on airmarking. I should say not, it's still in there pitchin'. And we'd better pitch ourselves right out of here, so SEE YOU FLYING.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Dora M. Fritzsche

The 25 members and guests of the Wisconsin Chapter who attended the April meeting held in Madison at the Dutch Mill found themselves in for a surprise. Just 20 years ago another group of women, all aspiring to become glider pilots, had also held a meeting there. Gladys Dean, the only member of both groups, gave a very interesting summary of the earlier meeting which was also attended by the women participants of an air derby from Los Angeles to New York, and who made Madison one of the stops on this Transcontinental Air Race.

Mrs. Jean Henry, a bride since Easter and former member of the D. C. Chapter, was welcomed into our group; Elaine Francke gave a report on Milwaukee County Civil Defense; Isabel Myrland was appointed by our chairman as our Flying Activities Chairman; Gladys Dean was asked to represent the 99s in any discussion on State legislation concerning aviation. We're proud of you, Gladys, for being the first woman on panel at annual meeting of Wisc. Aero. Conf.; our candidates as nominees for international officers were selected and TAC was discussed.

Ruth Lembke was recently awarded a key for meritorious service by Columbia Scholastic Press Ass'n.; Edna Spaulding who is working hard for her private license attended our dinner; Pearl Nelson recently flew her Beech to Clinton, Okla. for five days. Pearl just received a beautiful square cut diamond from 49^{er} Pete for their 12th wedding anniversary.

Our next meeting will be held the third Sunday in May in Appleton. Out-of-state 99s are cordially invited to attend.

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

COLORADO CHAPTER

By: Jane Nettleblad

The Colorado Chapter has been busy as bees - mainly on our Annual Ranch Dance which was held April 27 - and was it a success - both financially and as an all round good time. The turnout was terrific and there is something about people coming in boots and blue jeans, and sorta letting their hair down that helps toward a wonderful evening. Our thanks to Naomi Anderson, who was chairman, and who did a whale of a job. Harriet Carter brought a group from Longmont and Dorothy and Bill Atkinson came in from Colorado Springs.

Mae Boettcher gave her yearly chinese dinner for the chapter in March. The food was out of this world as usual, and the evening was a success. We had six out-of-town members and voted in two new members that night--Harriet Carter, Longmont, Colorado and Frances Warner, Denver.

April's meeting was held at Frances Tepper's in Arvada. Frances furnished and cooked a superb turkey. Our special guest was one of the supervisors of the Denver Welfare Bureau who reported on the Chapter's protege - a woman who needed a bit of financial aid and moral support - our Christmas project.

The June and July meetings will be fly-ins, one at Clara Lemons, Boulder and the other at Dorothy Atkinson's, Colorado Springs.

We sincerely are sorry to lose one of our oldest members - a charter member - Marjory Cones. She and Bud have moved to Pasadena. Naomi and Andy Anderson have bought a ranch between Colorado Springs and Denver and plan to raise Angus cattle. Jane and Swede Nettleblad have bought an acreage in Arvada. Betty Clark and Rusty McLean aren't in Denver much as they are both instructing at Rifle, Colo.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Lois Boien

Our last two meetings have been weathered in in Omaha and believe it or not we finished all the business before us. The February meeting was a snowy, blowy meeting--even the airlines were grounded. April found us hopefully looking toward Mrs. Youngheim's hospitality at Norfolk, but wind, rain and snow kept us on the ground. However, we are not standing still. A new member, Janet Munkres of Weeping Water has already been talking of other new members.

The Missouri Valley Chapter has finally released the long-awaited roster and announcement booklet.

Then, too, the 99's were honored by the Nebraska Chapter of the Flying Farmers at their meeting in Beatrice on April 28th. Belle Hetzel, Marge McBride, Helen Moore and Florence Dunlavy were interviewed and Belle ably acted as MC. Lunch at the Country Club, a parade, a wonderful talk featuring Betty Siggs of the Kansas City Chapter made a most successful day.

Everyone else seems to be traveling or hiding out. I think Janie Bay is in Louisville, Ky.; Helen Nestle down South somewhere; Laura Russell is watching her new house; Lois Boien is getting some time in the J-3 owned by the SAC Aero Club.

The next meeting will be Creta, Nebraska on the 20th of May and it will be the start of the contest.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By: Ann Martin

All the Oklahoma 99's attending the Kansas Chapter Charter Celebration reported that the meeting was a tremendous success. There were 11 Oklahoma Chapter members present. Arlene Davis, Natl. Veep, was present and gave an interesting talk on the Transcontinental Air Race. All departed Wichita next morning with memories of a wonderful meeting and thanks to all the enthusiastic Kansas 99's. Best wishes - Kansas Chapter!

At our last meeting March 18, we were glad to have with us Edna Gardner Whyte and Roena Burns, Texas Chapter, and Margaret Ash, Kansas Chapter. The flight for the Kansas Chapter celebration was planned. Edna Whyte explained helicopter ratings.

Surely owe Delrose Sieber and Billie Lum a big vote of thanks for a pleasant meeting April 15, at the Legion Hut in Yukon. We adjourned to the track at Yukon, where we saw some beautiful dogs run. We were all glad to welcome Greenwood "Cokie" Coonaugher who was in town visiting her son.

Next meeting is scheduled to be in Norman during the Inter-collegiate Air Meet at Oklahoma University, where the Okla. Chapter will present a trophy to the outstanding girl pilot present.

TEXAS CHAPTER

By: Marie Nix

DALLAS UNIT: Our regular meeting was held the last Wednesday in April. The members present discussed plans for the Sectional Meeting, June 22-24. Keep those dates in mind girls. We are looking forward to them.

IN MEMORY OF RUTH ARTHUR HARE 1928-1951

The Dallas Girls are grieved over the lost of our dear friend Ruth Arthur Hare. Ruth was a secretary at Chance Vought and through her the Dallas Unit visited the plant. She was the only member of our group to hold a glider pilot's certificate. Her death will be a great loss to the 99's.

EL PASO UNIT: February was a flying month for the El Paso Chapter members. Highlight of the month was a hop to Douglas, Ariz., 190 miles west of El Paso. Eight members climbed into three airplanes. Chairman Ruby Hays and Mrs. Ruth Deerman made arrangements for the flight. The day of the flight, an unofficial, informal race evolved between Ruby's Cessna 170 and Ruth's 140, the "Cotton Clipper Jr." The 170 was the winner. In Ruby's plane were Mrs. Pat Sanders, Mrs. Dottie Blackham, Mrs. Louis Ziler, her co-pilot and navigator. In the competing plane were pilots Deerman and Florence McDermott. Mrs. Anne Duthie piloted her Ercoupe with Mrs. Wilma Ditmore as the passenger. The fliers were back in El Paso by 2 p.m. that afternoon.

Ruby Hays and Ruth Deerman took a flight to Wichita to fly back Ruby's new Cessna 140 "The Little Darling". The name was suggested by Ruby's husband, Newell, who feared control tower operations would start calling the new ship "The Little Doggie". Its license number is 1156-Dog.

AUSTIN UNIT: The Austin Unit got together for a cocktail party and dinner on March 20 at the Austin Club in the new Commodore Perry Hotel. Blanche Noyes was named guest of honor, but failed to arrive as scheduled. Edna Hammerman acted as hostess and the following members were presents: Madge Janes, Florine West, Claire Morehouse, Frankie Welborn, Pearl Ragsdale, Mildred Miller, Barbara Lamareaux and Ama Lee Jameson. Guests were B. J. Roberts, Tony Page and Joy Basey, who is working toward her private license and is a prospective new member. A short business meeting was held and plans were discussed for the State and Sectional meeting which will be held in Dallas in June.

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

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Monahan

Our business and social meeting for April was held at the home of Margaret Gerhardt. Those attending were Miriam Brugh, Lindy Boyes, Rita Hart, Esther Haney, Marfreda Coffin, Maxine Rollag, Adele & Jules Chase, Hazel & Fred Miles, Ruth Rueckert, and John Gerhardt. We were happy to have Lois Wilson of the Michigan Chapter as a guest.

News bits: Mildred Harris and Ardell Hauk have joined the ranks of the Commercial licensed, also have water wings (sea-plane ratings); Dorothy Estep has joined the CAP; Ruth Rueckert acting secretary for Maxine Christin who has moved to Chicago; Georgia Fraine is flying the wounded from Korea to Japan as a Navy Flight Nurse; Geri Masinter reports from Air Force Base that life is different from S. F. and the old WASP days; Spring having arrived, Rita and Al Hart are recovering the Navion.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By: Trixie-Ann G. Schubert

"Women should be flying in the United States Air Force," veteran movie stunt pilot Dick Grace told Los Angeles 99s at the April meeting held at the new Officers' Club on Sunset Strip next to Ciro's. Grace, who planned and executed almost fifty plane crashes for movies and wrote several of the scripts, broke his neck in one crash but lived to promote himself into active combat flying in World War II.

Grace told 99s "Women can fly jets as well, in some cases, better than men. Jet flying requires precision work at which women excel." He explained that there's no need for plane crashing to be fatal if you "keep control and fly into a crash." He said "you invariably can walk away from a crash if you dissipate the forces of crash by going into the crash landing at a slight angle, shearing off a wing or the landing gear if possible, first. This avoids instant deceleration and death."

He and Mrs. Grace, whom he calls Rabbitface, had dinner with the 99s, then autographed copies of Grace's new book VISIBILITY UNLIMITED.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Marion DeKellis

Members of Sacramento Valley Chapter were guests of Vivian Dalton, March 18, at Dalton's Airport in Williams, California. Vivian served a delicious Buffet Luncheon. Members present were, Edwina Wilson, Mary Disney, Wanda Branstetter, Doris Perkins and Louise Sue. Rita Hart and 49^{ger} Al, from Bay Cities Chapter, also attended the meeting.

Athene Giersch was hostess April 21, in Nevada City, Calif. Athene auctioned a cake, which sold for the sum of \$6.30 to a nice fellow by the name of Bill Myers. The girls enjoyed a picnic lunch. Members and guests attending were Lucille Swain, Libby Hilliard, Christine Jenkins, Bertha Charmicle, Edythe Phipps, Doris Perkins and Louise Sue.

C. A. and Zona King spent a nice vacation in Hawaii and returned via United Air Lines.

Tony Jacobson and Gerry Mickelsen flew to Honolulu via United for a two week vacation. Gerry and Tony saw the members of the Hawaii Chapter while they were there.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By: Julie Hale

San Diego started up Spring with a super dinner at the Hotel Manor, with treasurer Ruth Gamber collecting from Maxine and Gordon Smith, Julie Hale and Larry Culbert, Dottie Sanders, Lois Bartling, Amy Changnon, Betty and Art Lambert, Helen Dick, Betty and Bud Gillies, Claire and Kenny Hale; guests LoWanda and Jim Gabriel, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, Margaret Hayes, Evelyn Briggs, Janice Holzman, Louise Kraiger and Marian Mishler. LoWanda is a soon-to-be transfer from the Los Angeles Chapter. Betty Gillies reported on the status of the Air Race.

Our Wing Scouts checked out for a ride in a Convair 240 on April 16. They will receive their wings at the Court of Awards on May 14, after which we will entertain them and their parents at Lindbergh Field.

A joint breakfast with the Los Angeles Chapter is scheduled for Oceanside on May 20; visit to the seaplane tender Wantauk May 22 and a flight to Tucson on June 16th. We were so sorry not to have had a chance to honor Kay Brick on her way through.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Alice McPherson

Our February business meeting and brunch was held in the home of Hazel Zimmerman. We talked of a project to raise money for our club. Review flight to Palm Springs the 10th, 11th and 12th was given by Francis Dias. I wonder what mischief it was that Jerry Mickelsen was into?

Francis Dias was in charge of the April first meeting in her home in Newman. Plans were made for a Dinner Dance on the 28th

of April. Francis had a cute menu made out for her breakfast. She served waffles, hot cakes, pig sausages, bacon, ham and eggs, hot biscuits and coffee. At the bottom of her menu she had: "Ninety-Nines 9¢ Grill -- All you can eat for 9¢ -- All loot received for above will go for Amelia Earhart Fund, not for fun. Tips Too." Everyone had such a good time they didn't adjourn until late evening.

On the 28th of April, Dorothea Houghton hosted a dinner dance in one of our local night spots. Members and guests were invited to Billy Wyatt's for cocktails. If ever any one gets a chance to go to the Wyatt's, don't miss it. Billy's 49^{ger} is a born entertainer. Yes, we were quite late for our dinner.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER

By: Helen Cannon

The Southwest Sectional Meeting took place here in Las Vegas April 21st and 22nd. The members and 49^{gers} started arriving in the afternoon and were almost all here by 5:00 p.m. for the cocktail party Saturday afternoon. After that most of us went to the Hotel Flamingo for dinner and floor show. Sunday morning we met at the Hotel Last Frontier for English Hunt breakfast and a short meeting.

We were very honored to have charming and sincere Arlene Davis, International Vice President of the 99's, for the meeting. In Oklahoma she picked up and brought Greenwood Cocanougher (that story telling Louisville gal), Governor of the North Central Section, with her. Both talked for a short while at the meeting and I know we all had the same thought, "What a credit they are to the 99's".

We so enjoyed being hostess to you all, and hope that all of you who came had a good time and please come again soon!

Margaret Moore and 49^{ger} Tom spent eight days on a trip to Mexico in their Stinson Voyager. She reports that flying in Mexico is much more complicated than here in the U. S. The aerial maps are anything but accurate and reliable and such time-taking things as landing and take-off fees were annoying. The highlight of the trip was the beautiful scenery and the all important bull fights. Margaret brought back some lovely Mexican things in the way of silver, shoes, baskets and many colored pictures.

Martha Lundy was hostess in her home at our April meeting. We all agree that Martha should go in for professional interior decorating after seeing how lovely she decorates their home.

Joyce Failing told us how busy she was running the local C.A.P. of 23 members in Baker, California where she lives. We are very proud of Joyce. She is very regular at the meetings and really has to commute a great distance.

UTAH CHAPTER

By: June Raybould

Congratulations are in order for our Chapter Chairman, Genevieve Thornton, now Mrs. Bart Sogaard. Genevieve and Bart, who as a local flight instructor of many years, were married in Pierre, S. D. early this Spring. They are making their home in Minot, N. D. where Bart is running a flight service. We hope they will be very happy and can fly back to visit us.

Our March meeting was hurriedly called off when it was found that both Dorothy Allen and Peg Roundy were starting out for a trip to California and LaRue Redd was already down there. The April meeting was held at the home of your reporter and we discussed plans for summer activities. Present were Lucille Christopherson, Eunice Naylor, Bobbie Pratt, myself and prospective 99er Zada Arentz, wife of the well-known aviation writer, Bob Arentz.

We were sorry to miss seeing Doris Eabret, our Elko member, who was in town briefly. Doris' beautiful new Cessna 140A Patroller is the envy of all, especially those fancy yellow plastic wing and fuselage covers she and her local saddlemaker designed. Since Doris has her plane out at the ranch during part of the year, it was a struggle between her and the birds until she decided to design the covers.