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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Ninety-Nines:

Here we are already in the "Moon of the Falling Leaf," as the Indians used to call October. In this part of the country Nature has put on her glorious autumn raiment - the coloring becoming more vibrant each day - and we call it Indian Summer! And truly this year it is just that. Detroit basked in an unseasonable 88 this week, an all-time record for October, and it hit 106 in Fort Worth!

Speaking of Texas - did you know that the spark plugs in the Texas Chapter are sponsoring an entry in the All-Texas Air Tour this month to be flown by Ninety-Nines Josephine Allison and Doris Well-er of Dallas? The Chapter is backing them to the extent of gas and oil. Remember those handsome gold bracelets with the Map-of-Texas bangle the TAR girls were presented in Fort Worth? Well, the November News Letter will tell you from whom you can order them in the Texas Chapter. Proceeds from this project will be used for above fuel and lubricants. What an honest to goodness FLYING promoting activity this is - let's have more of this kind of program in our Chapters!

Here's another suggestion for a Chapter or individual project, not directly flying to be sure, but oh, how essential! You know as pilots we are a pretty healthy lot. We all get our "engines" and "airframes" checked at least once every 24 months - or we wouldn't be eligible to continue as active members of the Ninety-Nines. So why aren't Ninety-Nines ideal prospects as Blood Donors in the Red Cross Program? Certainly we are all aware that the need is acute, and quotas are far short of the minimum for overseas and domestic requirements. How about taking this on as a Chapter project, and where there is no local Blood Bank, find out from your Red Cross Chapter when and where mobile units will be in your vicinity. Help save a life in the Name of the Ninety-Nines. Please let me know when you have given a pint of blood, and let's see how many the Ninety-Nines can rack up by the end of a year!

As you all know now, your Executive Committee has contracted with Miss Alice E. Klutas of New York City to handle our Headquarters business and correspondence for the next year. This is a year to year contract, just as we had for 11 years with NAA, and, like that, must be renewed annually to the mutual satisfaction of both parties. Since affiliation with another organization is no longer involved, the responsibility for renewing the contract rests with the Executive Committee.

Someone asked the other day why the renewal of our contract with NAA wasn't on the ballot this year. The answer is that it never belonged on the ballot, but was put on as a wartime expedient to poll the membership during the period when no conventions were held. Headquarters was instructed to leave it off the ballots when our first post-war convention was called in 1946, but NAA printed it on anyway and continued to do so contrary to Ninety-Nines procedure until this year. Our original Headquarters agreement with NAA in 1940 specified that its renewal was to be voted by the delegates each year.

A note to all of you from Shirley Rapee who so

faithfully handled our correspondence in recent years at Washington Headquarters says, in acknowledgment of our wedding gift, "The silver compote which the Ninety-Nines, Inc. sent us is beautiful. Jimmie and I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness, and we thank you so very, very much. - Shirley Rapee Malloy."

Sent in your RENEWAL???

Alice H. Hammond  
President

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#### THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

The Florida Chapter extended a most cordial invitation to the Ninety-Nines at the convention to hold our 1952 annual meeting at Daytona Beach, Florida in June, August or September. Although not definitely decided, Daytona Beach is tentatively planning to bid for the Finish of the 1952 All Women's Transcontinental Air Race. The Florida Chapter is therefore hopeful of having the convention and the finish of both the TAR and the International Air Race in 1952.

In the event your chapter was unable to send in your bid for the 1952 convention in time for presentation at Mackinac, additional bids may be submitted to the Executive Board for consideration - deadline November 15th.

Jean Ross Howard  
Secretary

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#### CHAPTER NEWS LETTER EDITORS

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

Regarding all items other than the usual chapter news - send a carbon copy to the President as well.

All news to be in the hands of the NEWS LETTER EDITOR by the FIRST of each month, so we can get the NEWS LETTER out earlier in the month. Send items to Helen Anderson; 4740 John R Street, Detroit 1, Mich.

When writing direct to International Headquarters, the address is - The Ninety-Nines, Inc., 68 Fifth Avenue, Room 2, New York 11, N. Y.

\$4.00 must be sent with each picture to be printed in the News Letter. Send pictures and check (made out to the Ninety-Nines, Inc.) to Helen Anderson.

ATTENTION: All Chapter Chairmen:

Work has already begun on the 1952 All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race which we know will be the biggest and best yet. The Board of Trustees is anxious to receive bids for the Start and Finish of the 1952 TAR so that the route can be determined as early as possible. If your chapter is interested in sponsoring either the Start or the Finish, please get your bid in immediately so that it can be considered at the next meeting of the Board, scheduled for November 3rd. Past experience indicates that racing weather is best in early July so plan your bid around that time, if possible.

All bids must be received by October 31st. Please may we hear from you soon. Your cooperation is needed and will be very much appreciated.

Mardo Crane, Chairman  
AWTAR, Inc.  
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#### THE AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP WINNER-1951

As requested by the president, Alice Hammond, I am sending you information on my Multi-engine rating.

On September 2, I started the Multi-engine course at Holt Flying Service, Meadville, Pennsylvania, using a Twin Cessna T-50. On September 15th I completed the course and received my rating for same.

I give my undying gratitude to the 99's and the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustees for the confidence and honor they have bestowed upon me in awarding me the 1951 award. Had it not been for these fine people and Mr. Holt of this school, who so generously gave me the balance of the time required for the course at no cost to me, I am sure I would have been unable to receive my rating at such an early date.

As of now, I have only used the rating for local flying but will be using it to a great extent on Charter trips and Multi-engine instructing in the future.

Jean Peden Swartwood

#### LEGAL ASPECTS OF FLYING

Excerpts from a talk prepared by MADELINE C. DINU and read at Friday luncheon during convention. Miss Dinu is an outstanding authority on Aviation Law and was formerly Assistant Attorney General for Air in Michigan.

I was particularly anxious to meet with you to ask you a few questions on the everyday involvements you are encountering in your flying.



Law is not something remote and separate from daily activities. It touches everything you do, flying or otherwise. And it can be an instrument for progress and elimination of undue burdens to you, if constructively approached. Law can be your friend - if you will remember that if you inform yourself in advance what it provides for your protection, your problem will either have been non-existent or greatly simplified.

The basic fundamental of law is that it is a written record of the habits, customs, and mores of individuals living in a group society. If what the record shows is not in keeping with justice and equity, or with changes in daily life, then do something concretely to change it by legislation or regulations which have the force and effect of law. And I have found that with patience and strength in group activity nothing is impossible. For example: when you have a Chapter or Regional meeting of Ninety-Nines, invite a member or two of your state legislature to be your guest - fly him to your meeting and let him hear you discuss a particular subject which has legal-legislative aspects. Ask him to guide you in framing your proposal, and you will find he will be flattered to introduce and support it in sessions of your state legislatures. Correlate what you are doing with the state aviation agency, and you will be encouragingly amazed at the reception you will receive from such persons, who, after all, are your voice in local, state and national governmental affairs.

Getting down to practical everyday matters you may encounter. In the past, there has been a feeling of protective brotherhood among persons in the aviation field, and you feel secure in the oral word or promise of each other. Lately, more and more cases are appearing in courts involving "breach of contract," and believe me, they quite frequently result in injustice, because "proof" must be substantial to win your case. The other side may not be averse to "perjury" or the making of false statements in court, which you cannot counteract without good proof, evidence, or witnesses of your own. You would do well to have a short memorandum in writing of any agreement or contract, whether on or off the airport, where either you or the other fellow are to perform services or receive benefits. This applies even to such small details as a check of, or repairs to your aircraft, rental of space at an airport, even if only for tie downs, or use of aircraft owned by another. Be sure you inquire if the operator or owner of the airport or service has public liability and property damage insurance to cover your aircraft in case of accident, fire or storm, and include that in the writing. It need not be a formal lengthy legal document. Plain English is sufficient, if it clearly sets out the intention of the parties. And a witness or two on the document always helps, should the matter come up for interpretation of the meaning of the words in the contract in the light of the circumstances when it was

written. It is a good idea never, never, to assume that the other fellow is doing, or has done what is required of him. Ask him. You are entitled to know - for you are putting forward a consideration, whether money, time or services. And if possible, get it in writing!

A cardinal point to remember is never to sign your name to any kind of instrument, document, or paper, unless you read every word in it, including the fine print. It is a good habit to get into - besides being the source of information on what you and the other party obligate yourselves to do, and how to govern your actions as a result of it. This particularly applies to insurance.

On the matter of life insurance, remember that most policies have an exclusion clause regarding flying, and death benefits are canceled if the insured flies in an aircraft. Some policies have endorsements which cover flying in scheduled airlines on the payment of a small additional premium. So, if you take someone up in your plane for a ride, and his or her life insurance policy does not cover him or her, you, as the "instrument being the proximate cause of the accident or death" are liable and answerable in damages. Personal judgments collected in some cases have ruined individuals financially for many long years, if not for life--the only safe procedure is to cover your activities with public liability and property damage insurance. That is not the so-called "hull" insurance which is so costly. I was amazed to find that public liability and property damage insurance premiums on aircraft are not only comparable in cost to that for automobiles, but in some areas, because of the low ratio of fatalities, the premiums covering aircraft are lower than those for automobiles!

If you have questions having legal aspects send them to Helen Anderson. Those which have general interest and application I shall be happy to answer in short resumes, through your next News Letter.

#### CIVIL DEFENSE THROUGH CAP

I have been asked to write briefly concerning my new job as National Advisor and Director of Women in Civil Air Patrol. I am more than happy to have heard from many of you regarding your own activities in CAP and some Chapter activities as well.

There is much that can be done by 99 members which will contribute immeasurably to our National Civil Defense through CAP.

The Aviation Education and Training Program of CAP is of especial importance and is similar to our 99 program. One of the greatest assets this country has, is the enthusiasm of our young people for aviation. They deserve the very best in Aviation Education and Training that we can

give them. Through the CAP Cadet program, boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 18 receive courses of study which cover the entire ground school curricula and provide a splendid background for the air age in which they live. There are over 30,000 cadets enrolled in CAP. The number is growing steadily. We need many senior women members in CAP to provide the necessary leadership in enrolling girl cadets.

The Civil Defense Program needs a vigorous aviation educational and training program for our boys and girls. As 99's you are well equipped to assume aviation leadership. The Wing Scouts, the All-Girl Flights such as Sally Lathrop has in Wisconsin, the Air Search and Rescue, all provide an excellent opportunity for us to prove the contribution women can make to aviation and to the Civil Defense Program of our nation.

There are 52 Wings of CAP, one in each state, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. The Wing Commander of your state, or the Squadron Commander in your city will be glad to hear from you. If you need information as to his name and address, write to me and I'll be happy to send it to you.

Frances W. Nolde  
Box 804  
Reading, Pa.

### C R O P   D U S T I N G

Am just sitting here watching my "duster" thru the window. It's really storming outside. I'm glad to have this chance to just sit because we've been going for the last two weeks.

We start dusting at 5 a.m. till the wind gets too high and then usually spray until 12; then we get in another hour or so at spraying before it's calm enough to dust again. My log book surely is getting filled in now. Both my sprayer and duster are Stearmans with 225 Lycomings. Sixty-five gallons and 600 to 700 lbs. are tops for my two ships. I'm logging night time and cross-country, too.

It's like an Army Air Base here--a flashing beacon and runway lights, and twenty dusters coming in after dark--half of them in various formation on one runway makes for an interesting approach and landing. My first few attempts at night formation were out of this world!

When out in the field dusting, one gets into some of the weirdest strips from which to haul out a load! Some of them curve, sometimes in two directions on one strip!

I've also discovered certain unusual details about ground fog. Went across the river to Mississippi one morning looking for my "lightning patch" when I got fogged out. So the Stearman and I found the top

of a 43 foot levee near the river to sit down on - and did. It was the only thing except trees in the nearby swamp that showed above the fog. One pilot went over on his back that morning when it closed in on him just after he had taken off with his first load.

My best day was yesterday when I flew 7 hours and 15 minutes. I have some wonderful color films to show at a meeting this winter!

Irene Leverton

(Irene says her boss was very pleased with his women pilots, and will be looking for more next season.)

## C H A P T E R   N E W S

### CANADIAN SECTION

By: Betty McCanse

The Annual Meeting of the Canadian Section will be held on Saturday, October 27. We plan our business meeting and a dinner at Neville Robinson's home and later adjourn to a Masquerade Party at the Ottawa Flying Club. We hope to have a good-sized meeting and that many of our out-of-town members can attend.

Here is an introduction to the members of the newly formed Edmonton-Calgary Chapter: Shirley Goldring, private pilot and secretary at the Canadian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service in Edmonton. Margaret Littlewood from Edmonton, who has a Public Transport license with single, multi-engine and instructor's ratings. She also has over 1000 hours of Link Trainer instruction. At present she is doing secretarial work at the postmaster's office in Edmonton. Mrs. Jean MacLean, a private pilot from Edmonton. Mrs. Barbara Webb, holder of a private pilot's license and housewife from Cochrane, Alberta. Doris Ann Tailor, private pilot from Edmonton, and Renee Lamoureux, a private pilot from Edmonton, who is traffic assistant for Canadian Pacific Airlines.

### SOUTH WESTERN SECTION

#### UTAH CHAPTER

By: June Raybould

Our Chapter had a busy weekend September 14-15 with a business meeting at your reporter's home the evening of the 14th. It wasn't all work, tho, as Nevada member Doris Eacret flew over and told us some of her wonderful experiences on the TAR. Like the other contestants, she was very enthusiastic about the race itself and the wonderful hospitality the contestants met with along the way. On the way home Doris made a stop at Fort Worth where she was Nevada Flying Farmer Queen. The next day, a beautiful Indian Summer Saturday, Lucile Christopherson from Provo, Micky Nebeker, Jane Davis, Gerry Murray and June Raybould from Salt Lake flew the 200 miles to



meet with Idaho member, Onita Hoff, at Idaho Falls. Onita hosted the Utah girls plus four women pilots from Idaho at a delicious luncheon of Chinese food at the recently remodeled Hoff ranch. Assisting her was daughter Marilyn who got her license several years ago just after she turned sixteen.

Just a week later Lucile, Mickey, Jane, myself and Dorothy were off to attend the fall Sectional at the beautiful Bakersfield Inn. It was a long trip but we all had a wonderful time and enjoyed meeting all the other 99's attending. We were sorry that Gerry Mickelson concluded her second term as Governor but welcomed Anne Rambo, her charming successor. Gerry has done a wonderful job and is loved by everyone who has been associated with her.

We want to welcome several new members this month. Mickey Nebeker, a teletype operator, is one of our most earnest members. She is working hard for her commercial and has already taken and passed part of the tests. Laura Hale, photographer specialist, is a veteran of many years flying. She has been active in the Utah Wing, CAP, and has an adorable son, Robbie. Jane Davis was secretary to the Cessna distributor on Salt Lake Municipal field for several years before she gave in and decided to get her private license, which she received recently. We are also glad to welcome another Idaho member, Mrs. Gayle Evans of Pocatello. Gayle and her doctor husband drove up to the Idaho Falls meeting which is the first time we have had a chance to meet her. Some of our members, especially those living the several hundred miles that their state is from Salt Lake, have been handicapped because of distance in attending meetings so we were especially glad to a chance to get together with them.

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

BY: Betty Lambert

The San Diego Chapter has elected officers for the coming year, as follows: Claire Hale, Chairman; Betty Lambert, Vice-Chairman; Jackie Trenfel, Secretary, Ruth Gamber, Treasurer.

The following members attended the fall Sectional meeting at Bakersfield: Maxine Smith, Betty Gillies, Dottie Sanders, Ern Stanley, Claire Hale, Mary Ring, Jackie Trenfel, Evie Briggs, Isabelle McCrae, Lois Bartling. Also prospective member Pat Hutchinson, and 49 1/2er Harry Bartling.

Isabelle McCrae is working on her instrument rating. Claire Hale, Lowanda Gabriel, and Pat Gillies have passed several writtens on the way to commercial licenses. We believe the transcontinental air race is a fine stimulus toward getting the girls busy working on their flying.

Julie Hale has become Mrs. Larry Culbert, 3009 Hermosa Ave., Hermosa Beach, Calif. Our Chapter will lose a very active mem-

ber. Donna Davis is now at Apt. 3, Hilton Apts., Alpine, Texas. Texans take note-- another good 99 leaving our area.

#### BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Monahan

Hazel Miles was hostess for the September 14th meeting at her home in Oakland. Reports on the International meeting and the adventures of our TAR contestants were the program for the evening. 14 members were in attendance.

The latest additions to the membership (Bay Cities Chapter) list are Margarite Husted and Ann O'Connor.

Margarite Husted was winner of the women's perpetual trophy in the Annual Chico Race, Ruth Jacquet was second.

Nine Bay Cities members flew to Bakersfield to attend the Sectional.

#### SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Alice McPherson

I was hostess to our meeting held in Legion Park on September 9th. We had a weiner roast and picnic lunch. Billy Wyatt, our Chairman, presided. She and Francis Llias reviewed their race trip and experiences for us. Ermyl Fitzgerald and her 49 1/2er flew in from Palmdale to attend the meeting. We voted to have a flight some place for lunch each Thursday.

It was suggested we have all our members names, phone numbers and addresses posted on the bulletin board at the airport. Jean Vincent promptly made the list and framed it in a blue and white frame and put it up. Any 99 wishing to contact one of us will find our names on the list.

Ev Hindley had to fly her father-in-law to San Mateo airport where they were met by an ambulance to take him to the hospital for an emergency operation. Ev flew in under the fog to make it but she knew it was a matter of saving a life so she said she didn't stop to think until she was safely on the field.

Jean Vincent, Hazel Zimmerman and 49 1/2er recently flew to Fort Bragg to take peaches from their ranch to the Fort Bragg flyers. Hazel Zimmerman and 49 1/2er, Alice McPherson and 49 1/2er flew to Willits where they were met by the Fort Bragg flyers in cars to take them over to Fort Bragg for "Paul Bunyan Day" celebration. It was fog clear to the ground so they couldn't land in Fort Bragg.

The Vincents and the McPhersons flew to Santa Rosa for the weekend.

The Wyatts, the Zimmermans and Francis Dias all flew to Bakersfield to the Sectional meeting.

Ruth Ruckert stopped in to spend a few hours with us while she was waiting for the fog to lift so she could go on home. She had quite an interesting trip.

We will have nomination of officers at our meeting in October.

#### NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Mildred E. Morey

Our Section meeting, September 29th, was a fly-in at Lawrence Hanscom Airport, Bedford, Mass. Luncheon, a very special affair, was arranged around a log fire in the historic Hartwell Farmhouse, adjoining the airport. Discussion centered upon the Mackinac meeting - Michigan's superb hospitality - the September Nantucket jaunt, always a date to remember when we get too old to loop.

Jerry Gardiner of Waterford, Conn. gave us a vivid description of the warm greetings of members along the course of the TAR. Deborah Knight, one of our new members, was with us at Bedford, where she is a flight instructor. We had, as guests, two feature writers, Miss Grace Davidson of the Boston Post, with her photographer, and Mrs. Annekath Peterson, free lance writer, whose daughter, Usbeck Peterson, is a new member from Belmont.

The Aeronautic Association of Boston, with predominantly male membership, has named Charlotte Sullivan chairman of the Aviation Women's Day luncheon, to be held at 12 noon, November 13th, at the Bradford Roof. All 99s are urged to assist in presenting a strong delegation, as a special table will be reserved for our members.

October weekend at Trumbull Airport. Details later from Rose.

#### SOUTH EASTERN SECTION

##### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By: Evelyn Bryan

We had our September meeting on the last day of the month. It had been scheduled for the Morristown airport with yours truly as hostess. The only one who showed up was Cora McDonald from Bristol, Va. A phone call came in from Eddie Lee Griffin in Knoxville saying the girls down there could not get up here. So Cora and I hopped in my Piper Pacer and flew down to Knoxville. We all had dinner at the Sky Chef and had our business meeting there. The following officers were elected: Cora McDonald, Chairman; Ruth Thomas, Vice-Chairman; Patricia Burnett, Secretary and Treasurer; Sara Duke, Membership Chairman; Evelyn Bryan, News Reporter.

##### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By: Elaine Mogelvang

The annual combined meeting of the 99s and

Florida Air Pilots was again held at the Driftwood with our wonderful host Winnie (Mr. Winnieburger to you) doing more than his share to make this our outstanding get-together of the year.

Just a word about the Driftwood - that wonderful place where every room is a museum of curios, junk and authentic, antique and modern. You will see an old tarnished brass ship's lantern hanging alongside a beautiful gold plated mantle imported from South America and valued at \$2,000, with ordinary twin beds opposite a solid mahogany antique settee, vintage unknown. A team of Swiss bellringers would go berserk as there are at least a hundred and fifty bells, all sizes and shapes, dispersed about the balconies for any passing visitor to ring, if the notion strikes.

So...as you've probably guessed...every one had fun - swimming in the Atlantic and relaxing in general. We were invited to the Elks Club for dancing Saturday night by P. O. Clements, manager of the Vero Beach Airport. All came home tired and looking happily forward to next September and another lovely week-end of play and work.

An invitation was received to co-sponsor the Florida-to-Mexico flight with the Jacksonville Aero Club from Mr. Waldron (Wally) Schantz, State Director of Aviation. The Florida Chapter decided it was a wonderful opportunity for all Ninety-Nines who really love to fly to come to Florida and make the entire tour with us, or join us at any one of the gas stops, Tallahassee, Mobile, Lafayette, Houston, Palacios and Tampico, Mexico. Or RON with us at either New Orleans or Brownsville, Texas. Full information may be obtained from Mr. Arthur Stone, Cruise Director, P.O. Box 5097, Jacksonville, Florida. The Cruise leaves Jacksonville November 6th, and will last approximately 10 days.

Officers elected for the next year are Elaine Mogelvang, Chairman; Ruth Hubert, Vice-Chairman; and Mary Lee, Secretary and Treasurer.

Seventeen members attended, two new members were admitted, and two potential new members were visitors.

The next meeting will be in Miami, October 21st.

#### NORTH WESTERN SECTION

##### OREGON CHAPTER

By: Joyce Hoberg

I was hard at work at the airport, and looked up to see Kathleen Hitchcock and 49 1/2er Maurice approaching in their Cessna 195. They have moved this past winter to White Swan, Wash., and have a strip right by their home. In fact Kathleen said they built the strip and then the house.



She has invited us up there next month for our meeting.

We had a wonderful week-end on the 16th of September. The 99s from the Kelso-Longview area had arranged with Paul Sanger, former operator at Kelso airport, to have us over to his island on Silver Lake. He is planning on putting a runway in, and seaplanes can land there now. We really had a good time, such an interesting history. Many thanks to Bettie Bray, Mary Ann Stewart, Velma Richards and Bertha Giradot for the week-end. We had nomination of officers for next year. Your ballot will be coming thru the mail, gals, so if you can't make every meeting at least you can all vote.

Virginia White says now that she has her family back in school she can devote more time to flying. Virginia and Tad Green have a Cessna 140.

Kay Hoffmiller, our Secretary, has been vacationing the past two weeks in Colorado.

Velma Richards and 49 1/2er Sam are looking forward to a hunting trip this season.

Our next meeting is planned for the middle of October at White Swan, Washington.

#### WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By: Gini Stover Richardson

Due to a late notice, only two members were present at our September meeting held in Seattle on the 21st, Mildred Mandeville and yours truly.

I would like to say "thank you" to the Michigan Chapter for being such wonderful hostesses at our International Convention, and congratulations to the new International officers.

Also I would like to say "Thanks again" to the TAR committee and all of those who made this race possible again this year. It is a privilege to be a contestant and not enough praise can be given to Mardo Crane and her committee.

Our next meeting will be a dinner meeting in Seattle, October 20th.

#### MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

#### MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Vega Ihsen

The Evergreens, at Meadville, was the lo-



Left to right: Virginia Sandieson, Betty DeVore, Marian Freund, Jean Peden Swartwood (winner of the 1951 Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award), Florence (Toby) Lord, Vega Ihsen and Harriette Mosbacher. This is about a third of the membership of the Meadville Chapter.

cale of our September dinner meeting. Present were Marge Cook, Marian Freund, Toby Lord, Harriette Mosbacher, Jean Swartwood and visitor Cree Keck, all of Meadville; out of town members included Eleu Miller and Virginia Sandieson from Franklin and Vega Ihssen from Fairview.

We are all very proud and happy to know that Jean Swartwood has been selected as winner of the 1951 Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award. It is a great honor both to Jean and to our chapter. She intends to apply the gift toward completion of her twin-engine work, and Jean tells us that Elwood Holt, operator of the Meadville airport, deserves grateful thanks for his help toward this achievement.

Over our shrimp and celery at the Evergreens, we listened to Jean's fascinating report of the convention at Mackinac. She and Pauline Harabedian of Erie were our delegates. Both reported having had a wonderful and inspiring time while there, in spite of a few rainy episodes.

In compliance with the suggestion from Headquarters that each chapter maintain a history, Virginia Sandieson was appointed to the position of Historian for our group.

Our October meeting will be in the form of a fly-in breakfast at Erie County Airport, Sunday, October 7, at 11 a.m. Hope to see you there.

#### WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER

A large number of members of the Washington Chapter enjoyed a dinner meeting at O'Donnell's restaurant Wednesday evening, Sept. 19. Officers were elected and plans discussed for programs and special events during the coming year.

Officers chosen are: Mrs. Mitzi Moore, re-elected Chairman; Mrs. Barbara Jenison, Vice-Chairman; Eleanor Davis, Treasurer; and Louise Calhoun, Secretary.

Daisy Vaughn was named Membership Chairman; Ada Mitchel, Chairman of Flying Activities; Perry Robertson in charge of the Air Age Education program; and Jean Howard, Publicity Chairman. Mary Jane Sasala was named Program Chairman for the new year.

An advisory committee was named by the Chairman, to include Blanche Noyes, Katherine Stinson and Jean Howard.

It was decided to change the regular monthly meeting to the third Thursday in each month.

A report on national convention activities at Mackinac Island presented by Mrs. Noyes and Miss Howard. The members present also enjoyed a report on the two races--transcontinental and international--by the Washington Chapter members who competed in each one.

## SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

### TEXAS CHAPTER

Dallas Unit - by Doris Weller. Our August meeting was held too late to be reported in last month's News Letter. It was held at the home of Martha Ann Reading, and the following unit officers were elected for the coming year: Olean Sellers, Director; Virginia Miller, Vice-Director; Doris Weller, Secretary and Treasurer; Josephine Allison, Program Chairman. We welcomed back Kay Poole who has been in Florida for some time, and we're glad to have her associated with the Texas Chapter again.

The September meeting was held at the Reserve Officers Club at Love Field. Nine members, including two new ones, were present. Several money making schemes for the coming year were discussed.

A number of Texas 99s accepted the generous invitation of the Oklahoma City Chapter to join them in their fall meeting at beautiful Lake Murray, south of Ardmore, Oklahoma. A special Texas cabin was reserved near the Lodge for Josephine Allison, Olean Sellers, Virginia Miller, Martha Ann Reading and Doris Weller. Loads of fun and relaxation was had by everyone.

Don't forget the fall meeting of the Texas Chapter October 26-28 at the Circle R Sky Ranch, Medina Texas. Reservations can be made direct to that address, and EVERYONE is invited!

El Paso Unit - by Florence McDermott. El Paso Ninety-Nines will give local pilots a flying riddle to answer this month. The reward: a breakfast.

It will be a flying treasure hunt sponsored by the Ninety-Nines and promoted by Director Ruby Hays. Each participant will be given papers containing a jingle. Mrs. Hays lapsed into poetry to give the flyers hints and clues on what they're to find at scattered airports near El Paso.

They must fly over each field, spot the object, and describe it on the papers. When they spot the final one, then they may land and eat breakfast.

Only the Director and her assistant, Mrs. Ruth Deerman, are in on the secret.

Invited guests will include members of the El Paso Sheriff's Skyway Patrol and any local pilot interested in flying and hunting for his breakfast.

Mrs. Hays will head the El Paso Unit for her second year, having been re-elected at a meeting at International Airport September 29th. Other officers are: Mrs. Anne Duthie, Vice-Director; Mrs. Neva Peters, Secretary; Mrs. Lois Ziler, Membership Chairman; and Florence McDermott, Reporter.

The day after the election, the Ninety-Nines celebrated with a spot landing



contest. Winners were Mrs. Lois Hailey and Mrs. Duthie.

There will be a double spot landing contest later this month. In November, El Paso members plan to wing to Tucson for a joint meeting with Tucson and Phoenix Ninety-Nines.

There are also plans for a similar flight to Albuquerque to help organize a chapter there.

Welcome to a new member, Mrs. Doris Powers, formerly with the Indianapolis Chapter.

All members of the Hays family here have sprouted wings. It started in 1941 when the husband, Newell, learned to fly. Seven years later, Ruby took to the air and began sharing time with her flying husband in the family airplane. The flying bug then bit their two sons--Raymond and Leslie. Raymond, 19, now has a log book fat with flying hours. Leslie, 17, got his license last month.

Ruby is Director of the El Paso Unit. She and her flying chum, Mrs. Ruth Deerman, will represent El Paso in the air race. Ruth is the former El Paso Director.

Mrs. Neva Peters returned from an aerial vacation with her policeman-husband, Howard. The two flew over the flooded areas in Kansas and Missouri on their return from a hop to St. Louis.

One member, Mrs. Lela Carwardine, flies more than 40 miles to attend each meeting. She wings down from Las Cruces, just over the New Mexico border from Texas, in her Cessna 140.

Lela reported a calamity to her hangar in Las Cruces recently. The building which she had helped to construct collapsed during a rain and wind storm. Her plane was not damaged.

Ark-La-Tex Unit - by Barbara Williams. This tri-state area is proud to have a brand-new unit of the Texas chapter, named for Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. Members come from four East Texas towns and one west Louisiana city. There are none from Arkansas as yet, but Texarkana is next on the recruiting list.

Virginia McJilton of Gladewater was elected Director of the new unit at its first meeting, September 18, in the Flame restaurant at Gregg County Airport, Longview. Other new officers are Mildred Castle Carney, of Shreveport, Vice-Director; Marie Barnes, of Kilgore, Corresponding Secretary; Barbara Williams, of Gladewater, Recording Secretary and Reporter; Margaret Walker, of Shreveport, Treasurer; Loraine Averett of Mount Pleasant, Membership Chairman, and Essie Mae Hollis of Henderson, Scholarship Chairman. (We gave every member a job!)

Meeting date was set for the third Tuesday of every month.

Organizing of the new Unit was done by two Gladewater private pilots, who flew to nearby airports in a rented Cub in search of more women pilots. They were amazed at the quick response, and concluded that it is pretty lonesome being the only female flyer in a small town. To Josephine Allison, Dallas Unit Director, goes the credit for suggesting East Texas as a good spot for a new group of Ninety-Nines.

We are still bragging about our two flight instructors, Margaret Walker and Mildred Carney. A former WASP, Margaret has nearly every rating in the books except seaplane. She and her husband are both instructors for Southern Aviation in Shreveport. Now she's trying to start a glider club. Mildred, grandmother of two, taught flying and ground school during the war, soloed her own daughter. Nearly all the new members have husbands who fly. Marie Barnes is the wife of the commander of Gregg County's Civil Air Patrol. Essie Mae Hollis's husband is the airport operator at Henderson. Husbands of Virginia McJilton and Loraine Averett have private licenses.

## SOUTH WESTERN SECTION

### LAS VEGAS CHAPTER

By: Helen Cannon

Our July meeting was held at the home of Margaret Moore. Besides being an executive's secretary, housewife, and flying for her commercial license, Margaret still finds time to back delicious cakes.

At our August meeting, held at the home of Mary Ellen Davis, Eleanor Wagner from Palm Springs was our guest. We hope she stays in Las Vegas and joins our group.

A surprise baby shower was held for Peggy Crocket and Helen Cannon who are both expecting early in September.

Mary Ellen told about taking her grandmother, 71, for her first airplane ride in their Navion to Enterprise, Utah. Grandma is a confirmed air passenger after that ride. Mary Ellen and family flew to Bryce Canyon, Kanabe Forest and Colorado for their vacation.

Helen McIntosh has just received her seaplane rating--good for her!

"It made me really proud to be a member of the 99s after that convention in Detroit. We have no idea how much time, effort and money those Michigan girls spent on that convention. It was wonderful, and everything ran like clockwork," were the comments Martha Lundy made after returning from the International Convention with her family.

"What a perfectly wonderful trip. Never expect to have anything like that happen to me again in my life," were Helen McIntosh's enthusiastic remarks after her return from the TAR and convention. Helen

flew with Doris Eacret of Elko, Nevada who was sponsored by the Crumley Hotels. Helen and Doris made a flying trip to New York City in a Grumman Mallard and each got an hour of co-pilot time in. A day in New York and a sight-seeing trip over Staten Island, Statue of Liberty, Fifth Avenue, Wall Street - "and it would take me two weeks to tell about the whole trip." Helen gave high praise to the TAR committee and was very much impressed by the welcome and courtesies received all along the way.

Joyce Failing also flew in the race, but being unable to contact her, we shall hear from her in the next News Letter.

#### TUCSON CHAPTER

By: Beatrice Edgerly

Appointed delegate to represent Tucson at the Southwestern Conference, Beatrice Edgerly (Macpherson) flew a 4 place Pacer to Bakersfield, California with Gertrude Gelderman as passenger and assisting delegate.

The September meeting of this Chapter, held in the studio of Beatrice Edgerly, Vice-Chairman, brought about the re-election of the officers installed at the organization of this Chapter in June, the only change being the election of Faye Jones as Treasurer - this office formerly held in double-office by Gertrude Gelderman as Secretary-Treasurer.

Reported at the meeting was Gertrude Gelderman's flight to Mackinac Island and attendance at the International meeting.

Also reported was the Tucson wedding of TAR winner Claire McMillen, who chose to arrive here to officially accept the Mayor's trophy and to become Mrs. Mike Walters on the same day. Chapter Chairman Maggie Schock and Grace Pistor met, assisted and attended the couple on their eventful stopover in Tucson.

#### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By: Trixie-Ann G. Schubert

The September meet at the Officers Club on Sunset Strip was a dinner session to honor TAR winners Claire McMillen Walters (new bride) and Frances Bera, Fourth Place winner Jean Parker, and the eight other Los Angeles race participants.

Prospective Ninety-Nines attending were Joana Leschin and Edna Sennett. Ninety-Nine guests were Evelyn Briggs of the San Diego Chapter and Jean Reimer of the Wisconsin Chapter.

Clara Davis, Monie Dye, Margaret Standish, Anne Rambo, Betty Loufek, Mardo Crane, Aileen Pickering, and Barbara London attended the Southwest Sectional meet at Bakersfield the weekend of September 21-23. Anne Rambo was elected Governor of the Section, and Mardo Crane, Vice-Governor.

The Los Angeles Chapter shares sympathy on the death of that gallant little woman, Mardo Crane's mother.

The Los Angeles gals also extend heap big western congratulations to the new international officers and offer them congratulations in all prospective plans for '52.

#### SAGUARO CHAPTER

By: Rita Gibson

Our September social meeting was held at the home of Betty Knier. Betty flew to Mexico on an August vacation trip, and had taken colored movies of the many points of interest. We all enjoyed the movies, as well as Betty's accompanying narration. We were glad to have Ethelind Woodhouse, from Roll, Arizona with us again. Ethelind had a busy summer with CAP activities and her daughter's marriage!

We are planning monthly flights again, now that the summer is over. Plans were begun at the September business meeting, an outdoor meeting hostessed by Bonnie Fugitt at Encanto Park, to arrange a 3-way meeting of Saguaro, El Paso and Tucson, to be held at Tucson.

#### NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

#### ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By: Jessie Gronowski

We have another successful 99 air meet to our credit on the activities list! Over 20 girls participated in the event which was held on Sunday, September 9th, at Elmhurst Airport. Again we are indebted to Lea Frey for his time and cooperation in judging the contests.

The Commercial Spot Landing Contest was won by Esther Noffke - who also won the revolving trophy for scoring the most points in the day's events. Virginia Jansen won the Private Spot Landing contest; Kay Ferris won the bomb dropping event, and Evelyn Martin won the scavenger hunt.

Kay Ferris was responsible for getting out our advertising on the affair, and managed to get some most attractive posters to all the Chicago area airports. It looked good to walk into an airport and see "99's Airmeet" being noticed by other pilots.

Irene Leverton was back in time for the airmeet, flying a Stearman, and telling of her dusting experiences in between contests. We also heard from Doris Langher on her cross-country experience with the Navion in the TAR. Regina and Betty Morgan related happenings at Mackinac. Hazel Wakefield was with us again - good to see you, Hazel! Dora Dougherty is still her usual dynamic self and promises to visit us more often.



Our new officers are Regina Deine, Chairman; Kay Ferris, Vice-Chairman, Bennie Boxler, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; and yours truly, Recording Secretary and Reporter.

My 49 1/2er and I attended a party at the Elgin Airport a few nights ago - a real Texas-style barbeque. Had I known in time, I could have invited all the 99s to join in for an evening of fun and good fellowship. Over 300 were there and dancing on the ramp under a full moon highlighted the party.

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By: Bernie Eno

Sunday, September 16, we held our regular meeting at Waterloo, where we were guests of the Waterloo Airport Commission and the Waterloo Chamber of Commerce at a noon luncheon in the Cloud Room in the Administration Building at Municipal Airport. All members and guests flew to the meeting and included Beulah Frotscher, Bernie Eno, Virginia Koestner, Thelma Liebee, Ruth Schleusner, Verna Mae Prochaska, and prospective members Jean Wildman and Nina Cran. Guests from the Iowa Chapter were Thelma Olson, Irene Dalby and 49 1/2er, and Helen Gallentine. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Latta, Mr. and Mrs. Ric Jorgensen, Mr. Liebee and Verna Mae's three charming daughters.

Following luncheon, short talks of welcome were extended by Walter Betsworth, Airport Manager, and C. A. Morris, head of the Aviation Division of the Chamber of Commerce. Our Chapter Chairman responded to the welcome. Verna Mae, our hostess, presented door prizes which were won by Beulah, Bernie, Mrs. Jorgensen, Mr. Liebee and Mr. Dalby. Mr. Ric Jorgensen, Air Age Education Division of the Iowa Aeronautics Commission, was introduced and carried on the afternoon's program. He praised the Chapter for the work already accomplished in the Air Age field, and complimented them for winning the Award given by the New York Branch of the Women's International Association of Aeronautics at the International Convention. A slide film, "High Flight for 5th Graders," and a sound movie, "Youth Trains for Aviation," were shown. Mr. Jorgensen stated 80 teachers were enrolled in the A.A.E. workshop at Drake University during the summer short course and that statistics showed 89% of the teachers were directly interested in aviation. This is encouraging for our program.

It was announced that Beulah again won our traveling trophy. Several members are planning to attend the North Central Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, October 6-7. Beulah, Bernie, Helen Flaherty, Ruth Shimon, and prospective member Jean Wildman participated in the Civil Air Defense Mission, Sunday, September 23d, when Des Moines, Iowa was theoretically bombed. They remained for the dedication services of Municipal Airport Terminal and the evening dance.

Our election has been held with the following results: Beulah Frotscher, re-elected Chairman; Virginia Koestner, Vice-Chairman; Bernie Eno, re-elected Secretary; Betty Patterson, Treasurer.

The following are the dates and places for our next three meetings: October 20, Dinner and dance, Jes Mil Club, Storm Lake, Iowa; November 18, Business and Social Meeting, Fort Dodge, Iowa; December 16, Christmas Party, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Marietta Sonnenberg

Minnesota girls increased their treasury early this month by appearing on the CCCO radio program, "Quiz of The Twin Cities," with cash prizes given to the winning team. With 99s on both teams, we couldn't lose! Participants were Florence Scriver, Audrey Baird, Pat O'Leary, Rita Orr, Laura Black, Helen Masterton, Margaret Manual and Marietta Sonnenberg. The other girls were in the cheering section at the Minneapolis and St. Paul studios. There was a big party afterward.

Many of us plan to go to the Sectional meet in Madison, Wis., Oct. 6-7.

Members of the two Iowa chapters have been invited to attend the October 21 brunch fly-in at Faribault. We hope a lot of the gals from the "corn" state can join us neighbors to the north.

The November meeting is set for the 14th at Marilyn Kvalheim's home in Minneapolis, and the December meeting will be a Christmas party at Wold-Chamberlain field on the 19th.

The September meeting was held in Rochester with Marietta as hostess. The weather was so bad that only one plane got in...the others arrived by car. A visit to the new Rochester-Olmsted county public health center highlighted the meeting, with Dorothy Anderson, 99 and public health nursing director, as guide de luxe. All were happy to learn that Rita Orr and her husband and little girl will continue to be Minnesota residents. They'll settle in Faribault where Dr. Burt Orr will practice.

Chairman Marietta announced the following as chairmen of the various activities for the new year: Civil Defense, Irene Regan and Virginia Shaw; Flying Activities and Program, Dorothy Sanderson and Rita Orr; Air Age Education, Rita Zbylich; Air-marking, Florence Scriver; Membership, Margaret Manual; projects for the treasury, Phyllis Schilling; News Letter reporter, Laura Black; Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, Pete Frey; Scrapbook, Evelyn Knowlton; History, Marilyn Kvalheim; Publicity, Audrey Baird. Each member was named to a committee or two.

## WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Dora M. Fritzke

Our September meeting was held in the Lorraine Hotel in Madison. After an excellent dinner we got busy discussing the coming Fall Sectional meeting (which will be history when this is printed, but we hope many of you came).

Elsie Peters gave a complete and interesting report on the International Convention at Mackinac. It is very evident all who attended had a very good time.

Deedo Heise was appointed chairman of the nominating committee for chapter officers. Results of our election are to be announced at the October meeting.

Did we mention that Elaine Francke now has another little girl? Congratulations!

A number of us participated to the extent of a "Style Show Thru the Years" of women's flying apparel at an Air Show at Curtiss Wright Airport on September 9-10. In addition to having a good time, the 99s received some publicity in the form of newspaper pictures and telecasts.

Wilma Pifer, a Wisconsin 99, will retain her membership in the Wisconsin chapter even though she has gone to Puerto Rico to live. "Billy" married S/Sgt Don Julson on September 5th.

## KENTUCKY CHAPTER

By: Greenwood Cocanougher

The Kentucky Chapter of the Ninety-Nines met at Frankfort, Kentucky on September 24 at the Southern Hotel with Cleo Bryan as hostess for dinner. The members attended a Civil Air Patrol Breakfast at the Silver Lake Airport prior to the meeting. Greenwood Cocanougher received a compact for being the only woman in the spot-landing contest. The following are the officers for the coming year: Mrs. Cleo Bruan, Chairman; Miss Georgia Heitkemper, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Austa Shepherd, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Jane Ralston, Membership Chairman, and Mrs. Greenwood Cocanougher, Publicity Chairman.

Mrs. Cocanougher gave a report of the International convention at Mackinac Island, and of the International Air Race.

Some of the Kentucky girls are planning to attend the North Central Sectional meeting in Madison, Wisconsin on October 6-7.

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Helen McBride wishes to add to her report on the International Air Race: "The perfectly grand job that Betty Warnock did in assisting with the timing in Windsor was omitted. This was a sin of omission and not commission. I want to thank her personally as do all the girls who participated in the race, for her wonderful cooperation."  
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## GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By: Loretta Slavick

For the first time, St. Louis was a designated stop for the TAR and we were delighted to greet the girls who made a stop here. Those of our members who were able to be at the airport said they enjoyed meeting the entrants. This was our first experience and we hope that next year, if the race comes this way, we can have everything better organized.

At the July meeting, we had a barbeque party, at which members of the local CAA office were guests.

Rita Van Coutren is now Mrs. Byron (Mickey) Scott and is living in Dallas. Ida Bell Rice is now Mrs. August Sedlack.

At the September meeting, June Walsh was re-elected Chairman; Dorothy Wheeler, Vice-Chairman; Jean Mull, Secretary; Sue Park, Treasurer.

## MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Faye D. Kirk.

Now that the Convention is history we are relaxing a bit. We enjoyed being hostesses to the 1951 convention and have enjoyed all the lovely letters.

Barbara Walsh Goff and her hubby have welcomed a new little 24 3/4er.

Congratulations to Alice Hammond who has been appointed Director of Women's Activities for the Michigan Wing of the CAP, and to Helen Anderson who is now Wing Adjutant.

Captain Lenore McElroy is now Adjutant of the 1737th Ferrying Squadron at Kelly Air Force Base. She flies a T-33 Jet.

Gloria Lynch Smith and Hubby Jim are nicely settled in their trailer home in Dearborn.

## INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Joan Ferguson

Sept. 16th was the meeting of the Indiana Chapter at Weir Cook Municipal Airport in Indianapolis. Our new Chairman Jane Shope presided. Lois Whitney, our new Secretary will continue as membership chairman for next year. Jane awarded Lois a gold loving cup for only missing one meeting last year, and I received a silver one for only missing two meetings.

Ferr Rinker has just returned from a trip through the west and Yellowstone National Park....she is always on the go!

Fern Rinker, Charlotte Foland and I plan to be at the Sectional meeting in Madison.

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Have you sent in your renewal???