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## P R E S I D E N T ' S   C O L U M N

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### DEAR NINETY-NINES:

On behalf of your officers and the members of the Executive Committee I am taking this opportunity to report on their decision regarding the request of the Washington, D.C. Chapter to ballot the entire membership by mail to ratify the decision of the delegates at the 1951 Convention to discontinue the affiliation of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. with the National Aeronautic Association, and to set up their own headquarters elsewhere.

One member of the Executive Committee did not vote on the question, and the other six unanimously disapproved the request.

A thorough study of the questions and points raised by the Washington, D.C. Chapter resulted in the following findings:

It was determined that the delegates exercised their power to vote in the proper manner, and that they, as delegates, legally represented the Chapters and Sections by whom their credentials were authenticated, directly or by proxies they held.

If there were delegates or members present who believed that a written ballot was in order on the question, or a roll call vote, or that the entire membership should be canvassed on the subject in question, they did not call for it during any session of the Convention, nor challenge the manner in which the matter was decided.

The subject was discussed in detail during the Friday afternoon session, but not voted upon until the following day.

As was mentioned in this column in October, the question of affiliation with NAA was not on the ballots this year because it did not belong there--it was put on during the War because there were no conventions during that period at which the delegates could vote on it. It was put on after the War against the instructions of the Ninety-Nines.

There still seems to be considerable misunderstanding in the minds of some of our members as to the real status of our NAA affiliation. In 1940, with the country on the threshold of war, the entire membership of the Ninety-Nines numbered 386, hardly enough to support a national headquarters service. NAA asked us to affiliate with them at \$3.00 per member - in return for which they would take care of routine mailings and correspondence, and would include each Ninety-Nine as a member of the NAA. This arrangement was to be renewed annually to the satisfaction of both parties. During the ensuing years, Ninety-Nines have tripled their number, while the NAA membership has shrunk to about one-third, in recent years.

A review of the minutes of previous conventions reveals that this question of affiliation has come up for considerable discussion every year, and that it has been continued only because no satisfactory alternate headquarters were available within our means.

The delegates at the 1951 convention directed that your Executive Committee appoint a committee to arrange for a new business headquarters, which was done. Accordingly the handling of our business has been contracted for, again on an annual basis, but with a business organization.

It is the studied opinion of your Executive Committee that the interests of our members and of aviation in general can best be served if the Ninety-Nines continue to cooperate in their communities with the other aeronautical organizations in any endeavor which is for the benefit of aviation - whether it be the NAA, WIAA, Flying Farmers, CAP, Wing Scouts, local Aero Clubs or others - but that they avoid affiliation or other entanglements which only cause misunderstandings when they are discontinued by either party.

The Season's Best Wishes to each and every one of you, and may the New Year find the Ninety-Nines continuing to grow in strength and stature - and in their contribution to aviation everywhere.

Yours for THE NINETY-NINES,

Alice H. Hammond  
President

TO ALL GOVERNORS AND CHAPTER CHAIRMEN

List of new officers and committee chairmen must be sent to 99 Headquarters as soon as possible to be included in the Membership Roster.

Members must send any address changes immediately.

FLYING ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Great Gods and Little Fish Hooks!!! I guess we didn't succeed in confusing you into a state of complete lassitude last year and Alice Hammond (brave girl that she is) has asked us to return. We lost the fight so here we are, but without a new idea in our feeble brain. This year, more than ever, we will have to count on you (and I do mean YOU) to help us out in the idea department.

For 1952 let's stress the idea of being really "active" as opposed to the twittering type of woman pilot who is not willing to go out to the local hangar harbor and get her hands a little oily. Come on down out of that pink chiffon cloud you've been floating around in and let's be prepared for "the call" - a call, any old call. Preen your chapterial feathers and let's get all the little 99 birds on the wing.

Do let us hear from you as to the flight activities of your chapter. Write me, Dora Dougherty, at the University of Illinois Airport, Savoy, Illinois - or my able cohort in this plot against the ground pounders, Doris Langher at the Link Department, United Air Lines, Chicago Midway Airport, Chicago, Illinois.

Help! Help!!

Dora Dougherty

NOTICE TO ALL CHAPTER REPORTERS

The February issue of the NEWS LETTER will contain the Membership Roster. Be sure to get your Christmas news in to ME for the January issue by January 1, 1952.

Helen Anderson  
NEWS LETTER EDITOR

NATIONAL FLYING FARMERS ASSOCIATION invites 99s to join their invitational good will tour to Mexico February 4th thru 17th, financed in part by Mexican Government. 99s interested should contact William Janssen, Mexican Good Will Tour Chairman, Extension Bldg., A. and M. Campus, Stillwater, Oklahoma immediately.

Patty Shea Saxton is now in Japan. She would like to contact Ninety-Nines in that area. Your wings may be temporarily clipped, but if you would like to hangar-fly with her, call Johnson Air Base 5995.

CORRECTION

In the November News Letter, we erroneously credited the Washington, D.C. Chapter News to Jean Howard.

These were written by Barbara Jenison.

Sorry, Barbara!

CHAPTER NEWS

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: A. Ann Cutler

Our November meeting was held at the Worcester Airport on November 24th. Votes were cast for the new officers and after lunch at a nearby restaurant the girls were invited to Anne Crathern's home for the installation of the officers: Governor, Sally Driver; Vice-Governor, Lucille Dingley; Secretary, Mildred Morey; Treasurer, Anne Crathern; Ann Cutler, News Reporter; Membership Committee, Jerry Gardiner, Ruth Hamilton and Rose Abbot.

Lucille Dingley has the distinction of being the Chairman of the Aeronautics Commission in Maine, the first woman to hold this office. Marion Tibbetts returned recently for a flying visit from her Air Force Base at Fort Worth. Rose Abbott is Chairman of the Naval Aviation Cadet Program. The Ninety-Nines are assisting the Navy in this recruiting program.

The rest of our news reads like a hospital list. Judy Short is having an operation this week and so is Charlotte Sullivan. Sally Driver had her finger nearly chopped off while carving the turkey on Thanksgiving Day. Catherine Hiller's mother died recently; in her memory our Section sent a gift to the Damon Runyan Cancer Fund. Ann Cutler's mother is in the hospital recovering from an operation.

More cheerful news: Ann has announced her engagement to Casmier Steven Swalgen. She is marrying a pilot, commercial license and twin engine rating, in May.

Isabel Fenton has returned to active duty in the Army.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Vega Ihlsen

Our regular meeting was held November 14th at the lovely home of Toby Lord in Meadville, Pa. Present were Dorothy Miller, Jean Peden Swartwood, Marian Freund, Betty DeVore, Toby Lord, Marge Cook, Virginia Sandieson and Vega Ihlsen. We were sorry not to have seen all you girls who were unable to attend.

This was a "paste-up" night. We spent the evening sorting and compiling clippings, snapshots and other items concerning our Chapter activities. Now we have a right tolerable scrap account of all our flying news within the past several years. Please continue to save all Ninety-Nine items of interest that you may have, girls, and we'll add to the scrap book from time to time.

Weather permitting, Dorothy Miller and her 49 1/2er hope to fly their own plane to Chicago one of these weekends. Virginia Sandieson reports she is taking dual in the Cessna 120, these days, down in Franklin...yours truly soloed the Piper Vagabond last week, and hope that week-ends continue as nicely as they have been for additional solo time.

During our business meeting we crystalized plans for the forthcoming 99 - 491/2er dinner which will be held prior to the Erie Pilots Association Dance on Saturday, December 1st. Betty Johnson is taking care of reservations for this dinner. Hope the weather will be favorable for the attendance of a large group!

SOUTH EASTERN SECTION

By: Dorothy Shackelford

Because of unavoidable complications, which made a full-fledged Sectional meeting impossible this fall, a purely business meeting of Southeastern Section was held at Atlanta, Georgia on Sunday, November 18, 1951. A good and representative group of girls from all Chapters flew in.

The Tennessee group was forced to drive because snow blanketed their mountains and continued, obstinately, to fall. A number of girls flew in Saturday to be sure to be on hand and a party developed at the Paradise Room of the Henry Grady Hotel.

Evelyn Greenblatt did her usual wonderful job as local hostess and Sunday morning, bright and oh-so-cold for our Sunny South, started off with Chapter meetings. Burnette Spencer, new and very capable Carolinas Chapter Chairman, presided at her first meeting of the year. She appointed nine committees complete with chairmen, and if they function with the enthusiasm I am sure they will, under Burnette's guidance, Carolinas Chapter is due for a boom year. Further business was transacted as quickly as possible to make way for the Section Meeting to follow.

A delicious picnic lunch was served before the Section Meeting was called to order by new Governor Betty Hamilton, of Charlotte, N. C. Betty, a charter member of Carolinas Chapter, is our flying grandmother, and as proud of that distinction as of her two fine grandchildren.

An unusually interesting meeting was held with fine reports from all chapters: Tennessee, in particular, showing steady growth and spreading from the original east Tennessee group out into the vast stretches of west Tennessee. Good work, girls, keep it up - and we shall surely grow as great as our northern sister chapters. Florida, our largest and very active chapter, with Elaine Mogelvang at its helm, this year is buzzing with activity as always and pointing with high hope to getting the 1952 International Convention. Good work, Florida. Georgia came up with new members at the meeting and plans for really getting organized a chapter plagued with bad luck. This year, with Evelyn Greenblatt as chairman, we feel sure they'll blossom again into a full-fledged, well rounded chapter. We'll be pulling for you, Georgia.

A report was received from Helen McBride of Florida and one from Dorothy Shackelford of Carolina on their mighty but so far unsuccessful efforts to get an Alabama Chapter formed.

The meeting in the spring was planned: this one to be a full weekend meeting complete with parties and entertainment. And this time, with the Southeastern Section boom on, we want not only representatives from the chapters but the entire chapters to plan to have their meetings with the Section meeting; and to fly in in groups so that all of us can get together and go forward as the most united and enthusiastic Section of them all. Much more about the meeting later - but start planning now to come.

The short winter day forced us to break up much too soon and part with friends whom distance forces us to see so seldom and who, but for the Section Meetings, we might not see at all. So till Spring - in spite of wintry blasts - keep 'em flying, girls.

#### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By: Elaine Mogelvang

In our last News Letter you were told some of the plans for the Miami Air Show to be held January 5th and 6th, which will be followed by the Havana Cruise for light aircraft, January 7th through 10th -- now there is something else that is very important as far as we Ninety-Nines are concerned... the QUEEN OF AVIATION should by all means be a Ninety-Nine, and the best way to assure us of making one the Queen is to have your chapters select their prettiest young lady and send her to Miami to compete in the contest which will take place Thursday, January 3rd. The costume will not be a bathing suit this year for we are really after a queen and a beautiful evening dress is far more royal than any sarong Lamore ever wore. There is to be a cocktail party prior to the judging. On Friday, another cocktail party and the Queen's Ball; Saturday, the world famous Alligator Initiation will take place in the Municipal Auditorium and another ball following that. For those of you who like to be really kept busy and entertained from the minute your foot touches the Florida soil, this is the chance of a lifetime.

The show this year will be outstanding and we have another Ninety-Nine competing for the World Aerobatic Championship in Miss Myrtle Thomson of the Carolinas Chapter. If there are others who are interested in entering this or any of the other events, please contact me or Jess Bristow, Everglades Hotel, Miami, Florida. There will be a Sportsman Pilot race open to all. Second place was taken by a lady-bird last year and we hope to see one take first place this time.

A truly grand time was had by all who attended the Chapter meeting at Ruth Hubert's the 25th, and for our Guest speaker we had Colonel Joseph F. Moody, CAP Florida Wing Commander, who read a letter from Colonel Frances Nolde, National Director of Women's Activities in CAP, and asked that the Florida Chapter work with the Florida Wing to help make possible the accomplishment of the proposed projects. Colonel Moody said the combined efforts of the Florida Wing CAP and the Florida Chapter of the Ninety-Nines could well prepare us for Civil Defense work in organized group which would know its job and how to go about getting the job done with no lost motion.

Our next meeting will be in Daytona Beach on December 16th, where groundwork for the 1952 International Convention, International Air Race, and TAR will be laid - if we are the fortunate one chosen for hosts to all you wonderful lady birds this year.

The Cocktail Party for visiting Ninety-Nines and Air Show winners, which always closes the show, has been changed from the Officers' Club to one of the hangars. You will be told which one when you register. Registration fee for all events is \$5.00.

SEE YOU IN MIAMI? AT THE EVERGLADES!

#### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By: Evelyn Bryan

Welcome to our four new members! Mary Jane Livingston comes to our chapter as a transfer from the Washington, D.C. Chapter; Georganne McConnell, of Nashville, who has a private license and has been flying for the past seven years; Helen Deason, also of Nashville, who has a Commercial license; Mary Jane Quarles, of Morristown, a student of mine who joined the very day she received her private license. This brings our membership up to fourteen.

It was really a pleasure to meet so many other Ninety-Nines at the Southeastern Section Meeting in Atlanta, November 18.

Betty Hamilton, our new Governor, had each Chapter Chairman tell of the progress and plans carried out. It should be a great year for the Southeastern Section.

Our Chapter had five members present.

#### NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

Arlene Davis, of Cleveland, Ohio played Santa Claus to the North Central Ninety-Nines, and sent them a nice check to buy office equipment. A new portable addresser and mimeograph has been ordered, the balance to be used for postage and supplies. The members, and especially the officers, are deeply appreciative. Thank you, Arlene Davis.

The North Central Section is printing a Calendar of all the Chapters, their meeting place and time of meeting. Marietta Sonnenberg of Minnesota is the Chairman. She is spending a great deal of time and work on this project. These Calendars will be sent to all members of the North Central Section the first week in December. When you receive yours, READ IT, SAVE IT and USE IT. Plan to attend other meetings. How about sending a card to your Governor, if you do go visiting, so we will know how useful the project is.

The North Central Section Special Projects and the Chairmen of each are as follows:

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund, Regina Devine, Illinois  
Air-Marking, Arlene Davis, Ohio  
Arbitration and Grievance, Bernice Schraeder, Illinois  
Air-Age Education, Beulah Frotscher, Iowa  
Calendar, Marietta Sonnenberg, Minnesota  
Civil Air Defense, Eloise B. Smith, Michigan  
History, Doris Langher, Illinois  
Insignia, Thelma Lindzay, Michigan  
Membership Chairman and Co-Chairman, June Walsh, Missouri  
and Loretta Slavick, Missouri  
Public Relations and Scrap Book, Jane Shope, Indiana  
Ways and Means Committee, Betty Morgan, Illinois

Ruth Shimon, Governor

MICHIGAN CHAPTER  
By: Paye D. Kirk

In spite of the fog that made us travel the highways, 25 members and guests arrived at the Michigan League, on the University of Michigan campus, for our November meeting. Among our guests were four prospective members. However, we were not without "fly-ins." Betty Parmenter, Mary Creason and Carol Conn were able to fly, arriving a bit late. We who don't fly pay, you know. Mike McGuire Brewer was our hostess.

Ray Eggen, Cessna distributor, showed us the movie of the Cessna Caravan to Guatemala. We all enjoyed it, even those of us who had seen it at Madison, where Dr. and Deedo Heise showed it. This movie was made by Dr. Heise.

We made plans for our Christmas party, which will be at Alice Hammond's on December 8th, 6 P.M. We decided that for our Christmas gift, we would contribute to the A. E. Fund.

January 13th, we will meet at Bishop Airport, Flint, Beatrice Trimble, hostess; 9:30 is the time. In February, we will meet at Capitol City Airport, Lansing, with Marion Ruth as hostess. The time is 9:30 A.M. and the date is the 10th. Guests are always welcome. Come and visit us.

Thelma and Burt Lindzay have returned from a three-week motor trip to Oklahoma City and the Lake Texhoma country.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER  
By: Jeanne Hunt

The All-Ohio chapter of Ninety-Nines had a most enjoyable meeting in Cincinnati in October. This was our annual meeting and new officers were elected. The new Chairman is Blanche O'Brien, of Greenville; Vice-Chairman is Marjorie Miller, of Columbus; and Secretary-Treasurer is Marge Gorman of Mansfield.

Our meetings will be the third Sunday of each month and we welcome visiting Ninety-Nines. Here is our schedule for the next four months: November, Akron; December, Columbus; January, Urbana; February, Dayton.

We missed Arlene Davis. You know she is going back to college to get a degree in engineering. Welcome to new member Alice Schlott of Alliance, also to Lillian Knight who has been fighting a long illness. Glad to have her back. Sue Halls' broken leg is mending nicely and she was able to get to the meeting. Thanks to Edith Harmon for being such a wonderful hostess.

Old man winter was the uninvited guest at our November meeting in Akron. Orchids to our chairman Blanche O'Brien, who drove over two hundred miles on icy roads to get there. Edith Harmon came by auto, plane and dog sled, while Marge Miller and Alice Schlott flew their trusty 170's. The turkey dinner the Akron gals served made us doubly glad we bucked the weather.

The November issue of the American Girl magazine has a picture and story of Blanche O'Brien and her Girl Scout Troop painting an airmarker at Greenville, Ohio. Look it up.

Come out, come out! for the wonderful Christmas party the Columbus girls are planning. Sounds grand, a party you don't want to miss. It's at Illonka's Party House on December 16th at 11:00 A.M. See you then.

IOWA CHAPTER  
By: Helen R. Gallentine

The Iowa Chapter of the Ninety-Nines met at Des Moines, Iowa on November 17th at the Orchard Inn, with the following present: Thelma Olson, Irene Dalbey, Pauline Reece, Lavinia Boreman, Betty Bengel, Helen Gallentine, and Mary Lou Fischer, a guest from the Upper Iowa Chapter. Mary Lou has moved to Marshalltown, and we hope to have her transfer to our Chapter.

Those of us present voted for our new officers. The rest of our members will be sent ballots so that they, too, may vote.

We received a nice letter of appreciation from Ric Jorgensen, Head of the Air Age Education Department, for the work some of our girls did Sunday, September 23rd,

during the Civil Defense Airlift at Des Moines. Some of the Upper Iowa girls were able to help also.

Our next meeting will be held December 8th at Niederhauser Airways, Marshalltown, Iowa. Then and there we hope to set up a schedule of our meetings for the coming year.

Esther Niederhauser spent several days in the hospital recently. She is home now and feeling fine.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER  
By: Virginia Koestner

The Upper Iowa Chapter met Sunday, November 18th, at the Waukonsa Hotel in Fort Dodge for a noon luncheon. Following luncheon, we adjourned to Bernie Eno's apartment for our regular business meeting. Seven members and one guest were present.

We were all happy to have Ruth Shimon with us. We know she is indeed busy in her new post as Governor of the North Central Section. We also know she has made progress with her work in a Scout Troop (girls 8-11) in her own home town. Ruth and her 49 1/2er worked together on planning a tour of the airport, examination of an airplane and information pertaining to flights, but imagine their surprise when some forty people, adults and children, arrived at the airport. They showed great enthusiasm and both Ruth and her 49 1/2 er were amazed at the sharp questions asked.

Civil Air Defense is off to a good start in the Chapter. Ruth Shimon has sent out ADIZ cards to all the members and has written Norb Locke, Director of Iowa Aeronautics in Des Moines, regarding the program in Iowa. The Pocahontas County Chairman at Laurens reported that First Aid Classes would be activated again soon. Plans are now underway to write other County Chairmen throughout the State.

Ric Jorgensen, of the Air Age Education Department of Iowa Aeronautics, is scheduled for Career Day on November 21st in Spencer, Iowa. Betty Barton has greatly furthered the interest in Aeronautics through the Spencer schools.

Our newest member, Jean Wildman of Fort Dodge, is working for her Commercial ticket under the G. I. course. Between the weather and her two young sons, she is quite a busy gal. Helen Flaherty is now taking exams and trying to complete her Commercial before another cold Iowa winter sets in.

The December meeting will be a Christmas Party, December 16th, Riverview Club in Fort Dodge. A wonderful buffet style dinner is planned, with a Grab Bag and the spirit of Yuletide present. All 99s and their guests are welcome.

INDIANA CHAPTER  
By: Joan Ferguson

The November meeting of the Indiana Chapter was held on the 11th at the Anderson Airport, Anderson, Indiana, in conjunction with the Flying Farmers, Civil Air Patrol, and the State Aeronautics Commission. We all put on a "Kiddie Air Lift" and got state-wide publicity on it.

Saturday night, December 15th, we will hold our Christmas party at Jane Shope's home, 7002 Westfield Blvd., Indianapolis. Dinner at 7:30 - and then a gift exchange. Bring your family and come down!

ILLINOIS CHAPTER  
By: Jessie Gronowski

We had one of our best turnouts for the last meeting which was held at the United Air Lines Offices at Midway Airport on November 18th. The meeting began with an excellent movie showing scheduled flight and maintenance of a UAL DC-6. We were then escorted through one of the UAL's DC-6 aircraft by our own Doris Langher, who is a Link instructor there. We then went to the Link Room where Doris answered questions and explained procedure practiced in the Link, including GCA. After coffee and cookies from United's canteen, there was a short business meeting. We decided to find out how the Ninety-Nines might assist Civil Defense as aircraft spotters.

Irene Leverton has just earned her Instrument Rating. Congratulations, Irene. Guess those long hours of crop-dusting helped pay for that, huh? Irene is now instructing Primary and Instruments for the Fox Valley Aviation at DuPage Airport near St. Charles.

Congratulations are also in order for Millie Carlson who just got her Instructor's rating. Our girls are really "racking 'em up" these past few months.

We all envy Betty Archibald who now owns a Piper Cruiser, which she keeps at Meigs Field, our lakefront airport.

Our Christmas meeting will be a social affair held at the home of Betty Morgan in River Forest. She will be assisted by Regina Devine.

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Marietta Sonnenberg

Ten members and three guests (one of them a prospective member, Janet Stenborg of St. Paul) enjoyed the wonderful November meeting planned by Marilyn Kvalheim at Brown and Bigelow's huge novelty printing plant in St. Paul. Besides a tour of the place, the group saw the new Beechcraft movie, "Nothing Like Fishing."

The business included plans to hold a weekend meeting next July, to try out the idea, so successful in the New England section, of going to a resort or cabin for a Saturday night; furthering an idea of Treasurer "Pete" Fry to get the traveling chapter aviation library started with some recently acquired CAA booklets; election of Dorothy Anderson of Rochester as vice-chairman to replace Virginia Shaw and the appointment of Rita Zbylich of Winona as News Letter reporter to replace Pat O'Leary of Rochester who has moved to Phoenix, Arizona. We'll miss Pat but know that Phoenix 99's will greet her.

The December meeting will be the chapter's big annual Christmas party in Minneapolis, with plenty of food, square dancing and Yule "spirits." Gals of the Gopher State are looking forward, too, to the January meeting when Dr. and Mrs. Herm Heise of Milwaukee (Mrs. H.H. being Deedo, North Central Sectional secretary) plan to be our guests and show us their wonderful Guatemalan and "Flighty Lady" movies that were so enjoyed at the Sectional meeting in Madison.

We envy the Malcolm Manual's their two-week flying trip (by Cessna 170) with another flying couple (Dr. and Mrs. John Bohrer of Minneapolis) to Wyoming, Utah, California and Nevada (with aerial pictures taken over the Grand Canyon). Margaret Manual is our chapter membership chairman. Audrey Baird and husband (a 7-Up man) attended the bottlers' convention in Washington, D.C. Minnesota members Irene Regan and Helen Murphy sold their Luscombe recently, but we hope they keep up their flying!

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Mary Lou Thompson

Our October meeting was held in Milwaukee at Curtis Wright Airport. The result of our election for officers for next year was: Jeannette Kapus, Chairman; Frances Strong, Vice-Chairman; Readelle Kellner, Secretary; and Isabel Myrland, Treasurer.

The November meeting was held in Racine. It was a pretty day so several flew in--Deedo Heise, Dora Fritzke and Jeannette Kapus flew in from Milwaukee in the Heise Cessna 170; Mr. and Mrs. Kress also flew in. The meeting was held after an excellent dinner at the Breakers, a place we highly recommend.

We were thrilled to learn of the marriage in August of Dorothy Christianson. She is not Mrs. F. H. Mitchell, 2526 S. Adams, Apt. 3, Alexandria, Va.

Dr. Herm and Deedo Heise are flying to Los Angeles November 28. They will stop in Stillwater, Oklahoma en route to see their daughter, Bini, who is attending the University there.

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

#### KANSAS CHAPTER

By: Bobbe Slade

Our new member, Mrs. Betsy Woodward, of Coffeyville, Kansas, was the only good thing that happened to us this past

month--our airmarker-painting day at Arkansas City, November 11th, turned out to be zero-zero practically all over the State of Kansas, so we had to give it up. We cordially welcome Betsy and hope we can all get acquainted with you real soon. Only two members, Bert Hare with her 49 1/2er Bill, and Anne Waddell with her 49 1/2er Lowell, managed to get to Arkansas City (by the old mode of transportation, the automobile). They had lunch with Susie Cheetham and Iona Smer and 49 1/2er Jim, with one eye out the window - hoping. They finally gave up hopes of it improving enough for anyone to come in and headed for home. Anne reports that Iona and Susie had a nice lunch planned with Armistice Day decorations and all the trimmings. They also tried the airmarker again on November 25th but the Weatherman didn't cooperate again, so we're hoping the third time will be a charm.

Plans are now being made for our Christmas party meeting in Wichita December 14th with the Wichita girls as hostesses.

#### MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Higbee

Due to low ceiling, Sunday, October 23rd, our Chapter had to cancel their flight planned to Bruning to the Hawks Airport that day. Instead we held our meeting at the Omaha Municipal Airport with a noon luncheon in the lovely Hayden House dining room of the Administration Building. Because of the weather conditions, none of the out-state members were able to fly in - including the Chairman, Penny Schmer, of North Platte.

Since Penny Schmer, our Chairman, was not present, Janie Bay, Vice-Chairman, presided at the meeting following the luncheon. Seven members were present: Janie Bay, Dorothy Reed, Lois Boien, Laura Russell, Bea Mack, Marjorie McBride and Dorothy Higbee.

Marjorie McBride announced that the monthly prizes for the winners of the Trophy Contest for flying this summer are tiny gold airplane pins.

As usual, we find our members reporting on recent exciting cross-country trips they have made. Belle Hetzel flew to Madison, Wisconsin in her Cessna for the North Central Sectional Meeting. Janie and Curly Bay flew their Stinson Voyager to New York October 14th and returned on the 19th. In September, Dorothy and Claude Reed flew to Cleveland, Ohio in their Stinson for a week's pleasure and business trip. All made successful flights and reported a wonderful time.

On Sunday, November 18th, we held our regular monthly meeting at the Omaha Municipal Airport. A noon luncheon was served in the dining room of the airport restaurant. Following the luncheon, the group held their meeting in the airport manager's office in the Administration Building. Ten members were in attendance.

On the basis of points submitted, Belle Hetzel was the summer's winner and Janie Bay won second place.

During the meeting much new business was covered. The committees for the new year were announced as follows: Year Book, Wilda Wilson, Marguerite Durbin and Penny Schmer; Membership, Laura Russell, Marge McBride and Janie Bay; Publicity, Belle Hetzel and Clara Spindler; Historian, Belle Hetzel; State Civil Defense, Belle Hetzel and Janie Bay; Air Age Education, Marilyn Link and Belle Hetzel; Social, Dorothy Gilbert; Flying Activities and Trophy, Ruth Kees, Dorothy Reed and Bea Mack; C.A.R. Alerter, Marilyn Link, Marguerite Durbin; Fund Raising, Lois Durham, Pauline Hawks, Helen Moore and Jan Munkres.

Some personal notes: Lois Boien, our chapter secretary, became Mrs. Robert Durham on November 4th. Congratulations and best wishes to them both. Also congratulations to Wilda Wilson and her husband on the baby girl born November 20th and to Helen Nestle and her husband on their recently arrived baby girl. (That's two future 99's.)

Our December meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 9th with Marguerite Durbin of North Platte as hostess.

#### COLORADO CHAPTER

By: Donna Tracy Myers

A quick resume of the fall activities of the Colorado Chapter include the presentation of a costume jewelry

Ninety-Nine pin to our out-going chairman, Marilyn Nordstrom, who has served us so ably for the past two years; the authorization of a \$25 Defense Bond to be sent to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund; a vote to cancel chapter dues which was inaugurated last year; the appointment of Jane Nettleblad as a committee of one to select a worthy charitable organization to which the Chapter will contribute a Christmas donation.

Mary Collett, our chairman, was featured on the radio broadcast, "Wing Tips," a Sunday morning program on KOA, recently.

The November meeting was outstanding - a Chinese Dinner at the Cathay Legion Post. Four out-of-town members came in for the meeting - one over a very icy pass, one flew in from Craig, Colorado, one from Pueblo, and the other flew in from Meeker. Over these high hills, in the winter time - we feel that is being a real Ninety-Nine. They were Dorothy Schaeffer, Betty Terrell, Verna Christopher and Rusty McLean.

After the meeting at which the December cocktail party was discussed, Margaret Hughes, our gal who has just returned from Scotland where she has been an exchange teacher, showed color slides of her year in Europe. They were strictly professional - her color was excellent and the make-up of each slide was out of this world. Her running commentary was something to hear. She didn't get warm the entire year over there, she says, and her letters from home were quite a morale builder. She toured Switzerland, France, Germany, Italy, and, of course, the British Isles. She did some flying over there - and met some women pilots. We gather that she was a one-woman ambassador for the Ninety-Nines.

The Colorado Chapter will give a cocktail party for their 49 1/2ers and guests December 16 - no business meeting, but just a nice Christmas party for the long-suffering (?) husbands and escorts who so ably support us in our projects.

#### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By: Ann Martin

We all extend our most sincere sympathy to Ruth Jones in the loss of her husband, Lee, who passed away suddenly in November at the Great Lakes Training Center, where he was on duty in the Navy.

Oklahoma Chapter met in Blackwell November 18, as guests of Veda and Walter Mauk. Everyone reports Veda just outdid herself, serving a wonderful dinner, turkey and all the trimmings. And that table was just elegant with silver and candles. Helen and Roy Simmons from Kansas Chapter were present, besides the Oklahoma Chapter members.

The following committee chairmen were appointed: Flying Activities, Ruth Harris; Civil Defense, Imogene Arnot.

Next regular meeting will be Saturday night, December 15, at Elizabeth Sewell's home, Oklahoma City, which will be our Christmas party.

Everyone welcomes Grave Stevenson back to Oklahoma. She is now residing at 524 North Hinckley, in Holdenville.

#### TEXAS CHAPTER

Ark-La-Tex Unit  
By: Barbara Williams

A warm welcome to WAF Lieutenant Sara Payne, a former WASP and a member of the Carolinas Chapter. She attended the November meeting of our Unit, held Tuesday, November 13, at the Westerner in Shreveport. We listened, fascinated, as she and Margaret Walker, another ex-WASP, reminisced about their training days. Sara is WAC-WAF procurement officer for northern Louisiana, with headquarters in Shreveport.

Our hostesses for the meeting, Margaret, and Mildred Carney, had favors at every place. Others attending were Virginia McJilton and Barbara Williams of Glade-water and Essie May Hollis of Henderson.

Lorraine AVerett has moved from Mt. Pleasant to Daingerfield. Margaret Walker is a colonel in the Confederate Air Force (we think it started to pass a rainy day away at the Shreveport downtown airport). Essie Mae Hollis and her husband flew to Manhattan, Kansas to see his folks. Virginia McJilton has been elected recording secretary of the Three Arts Club in Glade-water.

#### DALLAS UNIT

By: Doris Weller

The Dallas 99's were invited to meet with the Fort Worth Unit on Armistice Day at Verna Burns' ranch west of Fort Worth. The day was spent in riding horseback, playing records, square dancing, and eating the delicious food Verna had prepared. Several 49 1/2ers and 24 3/4ers were also included in the party.

The Dallas Unit met at the home of Al Rose Gately this month and spent the evening swimming, eating hamburgers and having a good time. A short business meeting was held after lunch. Some of the Fort Worth girls also attended.

#### EL PASO UNIT

By: Florence McDermott

The Tucson Chamber of Commerce will have a hard time selling El Paso Ninety-Nines on the idea of clear skies and sunny Tucson weather from now on.

El Paso members took off from El Paso in clear weather and landed in Tucson recently with the clouds practically down to their landing gears. The clouds didn't do much lifting until two days later, after some of the El Pasoans took busses and airlines back.

The Tucson and Phoenix members made up for the weather. They arranged a dinner with plenty of square dancing at a dude ranch and a business session the next day.

On the flight were Chairman Ruby Hays who flew Florence McDermott, Mrs. Lela Carwardine and Anne Duthie as her passengers; Mrs. Ruth Deerman, whose passenger was her husband, Charlie; Jim Duthie who teamed with Mrs. Hays' son, Leslie, for the flight; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Champney, of Champ's Flying Service in El Paso; and Howard and Neva Peters. Down from Phoenix came Rita Gibson, W. R. and Wilma Bland, and Marjy Crowl.

In spite of the weather, the Tucson group provided a sunny reception. Acting as hosts and hostesses were Ray and Maggie Schock, Faye Jones, Carl and Grace Pistor, Gertrude Gelderman and Beatrice Edgerly MacPherson.

El Paso members plan to celebrate Christmas this year with a party where the giving of gifts will be replaced by a Christmas dinner for some needy family. Lois Ziler suggested that El Paso members dispense with gift trading and contribute \$1.00 each towards a dinner for a poor family.

The winner of a second spot landing cup will be settled December 8 when members aim for a 100-foot circle at International Airport. The odds are with Anne Duthie since she's won the monthly landing contest four times, and won the last time in November.

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

#### UTAH CHAPTER

By: Zada Fillmore Arentz

The new Utah Chapter of the Ninety-Nines celebrated its first anniversary of the presentation of their charter on Saturday, November 6th, by having luncheon in the quiet elegance of the Salt Lake Aviation Club. Attending were June Raybould, Mickey Nebeker, Dorothy Allen, Gerry Murry, Alberta Hunt, Eunice Naylor, Onita Hoff, Bea Lowell, Zada Arentz, Larue Johnson, Jane Davis and our guest Bernice Helberg.

Laura Hale has moved to the Bay Area. Don't get lost!

Onita Hoff flew her 120 in from Idaho Falls, 250 miles north, to Salt Lake for THE luncheon. Back the same day, usual weather, 30 mph winds and cold.

June Raybould left Salt Lake to attend the last Idaho Breakfast Flight for the year at Challis, Idaho, October 21. Beyond Pocatello she was forced to turn back because of increasingly low ceiling and snow flurries, conditions which resulted in a very poor attendance--54 planes. The traditional breakfast of venison, sour dough hotcakes with choke cherry syrup amid snow flurries. Returning, some

12 planes made it home. Most got as far away as Mackey, Idaho, where they were weathered for 24 hours or more. The small town was already overflowing with seasonal hunters and tourists. They tell me that every possible accommodation was utilized, including emergency measures such as cots added to hotel corridors and lobby. They say out-of-towners were even sleeping in the bar. Don't remember them saying whether or not the bar had cots. More fun next season.

#### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER By: Trixie-Ann G. Schubert

Unduly long distances to travel, lack of centralized meeting place, extra large membership in the Los Angeles Chapter of Ninety-Nines have resulted in a division of the Chapter into three separate groups. They are the Los Angeles Chapter, the San Fernando Valley Chapter, and the Long Beach Chapter. Boundaries have not been designated--women pilots may join whichever chapter is nearest to them.

Newly elected officers are: Los Angeles Chapter, Chairman, Mary Kitson; Vice-Chairman, Mary Elgin; Secretary, Monie Dye; and Treasurer, Lee Morrow. Long Beach Chapter, Chairman, Aileen Pickering; Vice-Chairman, Diana Bixby; Secretary and Treasurer, Betty Loufek. San Fernando Valley Chapter, Chairman, Margaret Standish; Vice-Chairman, Trixie-Ann G. Schubert; Secretary, Elsie Ringer; and Treasurer, Jean Parker.

The sympathy of the Ninety-Nines goes to Bette Glaser whose dad, A. B. Cohn, died recently.

#### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER By: Trixie-Ann G. Schubert

This inaugurates the first News Letter column of the new San Fernando Valley Chapter, composed mostly, however of long-time Ninety-Nines. Ninety-Nines becoming Charter Members of the new Chapter are: Margaret Standish, Clara Davis, Anne Rambo, Jean Parker, Elsie Ringer, Irma Story, Jeanne Strahl, Margaret Sturges, Katherine Wagner, Roberta Smith, Barbara DeWees, Margaret Cook, Belle Young, and Trixie-Ann Schubert. Lola Perkins is a prospective Ninety-Nine and member of the group.

The November meeting at the home of Clara Davis brought together fourteen Ninety-Nines who decided on a program of aviation education and sponsorship of three groups of Girl Wing Scouts.

December 9th, we're having a breakfast fly-in at Anne Rambo's home in Sepulveda. And January 10th we'll gather at Belle Young's home to see TAR pictures of the 1950 and 1951 races. That's at Temple City.

Margaret Standish, Jean Parker, Jean Reimer, Lola Perkins and Irma Story were guests of Jacqueline Cochran at her ranch at Indio, California, November 17th. Also attending the party for ex-WASP's were Jackie's husband, Floyd Odum, and General and Mrs. Carl Spaatz.

#### REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER By: Anna H. Brenner

The November meeting of the Redwood Empire Chapter was held November 25th at the Napa Airport, Napa, California. Due to weather, it was a "drive-to" instead of a "fly-in" meeting.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Nellie Anna Palmer; Vice-Chairman, Helen Haldane Nicolos; Secretary, Doris K. Petty; Treasurer, Geraldine H. Schick; Membership Chairman, Velma Phelps; Historian, Mary C. Hastings.

We are very sorry to have Esther Stone living at Las Vegas, but her husband has charge of Alamo Airways, McCarran Field, so Las Vegas Chapter has a new member. We all wish Esther much happiness in her new home.

Doris Petty is very busy in the Civil Air Patrol activities.

The December 16th meeting will be held at the apartment of Nellie Palmer at 11:00 A.M. It is to be a Christmas party. Those flying in please land at the Sonoma County Airport and Anna Brenner will meet you there and drive you into town. Please come!

#### BAY CITIES CHAPTER By: Lindy Boyes

November was marked by two auspicious occasions: the return of Marge Fauth from a year-long trip during which she circled the globe, and a dinner party hosted by Ruth Wakeman honoring new and prospective members.

To celebrate Marge's return from the interlands, Rita Hart held a week-end long open house in her new home located near Concord in a recently developed suburban area that used to be "in the country." Marge had collected many interesting and lovely souvenirs en route, mainly in the Asiatic area -- Hong Kong, Siam, Bali, etc.

Another of our wandering members, Janet Bushman, made her first public appearance at Rita's party, since her return from a three months' trip in and around Mexico.

Thirty persons attended the dinner party at Ruth Wakeman's home in Burlingame, down the Peninsula from San Francisco. Dinner was followed by reminiscing about "the old days" of the Ninety-Nines. Ruth Rueckert showed some humorous movies that cover the time since she started flying.

#### COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER By Eleanor Wagner

At a recent Chapter meeting, the following officers were elected: Chairman, Eleanor Wagner; Secretary-Treasurer, Shirley Butvidas; Flight Chairman, Kay King; Historian and Membership Chairman, Ethelyn Bushey.

Now to catch up on past events and future plans: Kay King and Vi Nisley came home with encouraging reports from the Bakersfield Sectional and thoroughly enjoyed their flight up in Don Green's Cessna 140. Kay is the flying member of this group and will have us all back in the air, we hope. The same goes for Mary Nelson who has been putting her new Bonanza through the bright blue yonder so often these past months.

On October 20, Jimmy Palozzi and Kay King hopped off to Needles to visit Aileen Miller at Riverview Airport there. Aileen had planned a grand reception for them, what with luncheon in the company of several of the aviation-minded people in Needles, along with members of the Chamber of Commerce and the local newspaper. Kay and Jimmy had to sit down in Blythe on the way home, due to winds and blowing dust--their stay in Blythe was a pleasant one, they said, due to the considerate help of the airport operator and friends there.

Our Wing Scout program will swing into action very soon now that Shirley Butvidas has all the data and has made the necessary contacts in Indio. It is hoped that we will be able to do the same in Palm Springs area this winter.

In view of the fact that yours truly has been more than busy lately, I trust that a seeming neglect of Ninety-Nine activities will be overlooked by my understanding friends. I have recently taken over the lease on the Thermal Air Base, at Thermal, California, in the heart of the Coachella Valley. It is a former Navy Base and a spot which we hope will prove of service to this flourishing community. At least, we are going to try and it's all a single-handed undertaking at this writing. Many of our Ninety-Nines from Indio and the immediate area will be flying from here and we will certainly welcome with open arms any of the rest of you who happen to be passing through or who are visiting here in the Valley. Let us know, when you can, if there are accommodations or any such services which we can arrange for you.

We are very happy to welcome a new neighbor from the Bay Cities Chapter, Jan Dietrich. Jan is living in Coachella and will be on our roll call now.

The November business meeting is to be held on November 4th at the home of Ethlyn Bushey in Indio, and new Ninety-Nine member, Mary Lou Buck, will undertake the serving of refreshments.

SAGUARO CHAPTER  
By: Bonnie Fugitt

Of all the days for the skies to weep on Arizona! We had planned our flight this month for Sunday, the 11th, so that we could meet with the Tucson and El Paso Chapters in Tucson. But the usual sunny Arizona skies turned to gray and the rain and low ceilings prevented several of our members from attending. However, one plane from Phoenix did brave the storm and the girls reported having a wonderful time in spite of the weather. Wilma Bland and her 49 1/2er, Bill, Marjy Crowl and Rita Gibson flew down in the Bland's Stinson on Sunday morning and were met at Gilpin Airport by the Tucson girls, who provided transportation to the Ghost Ranch for dinner.

The Saguaro Chapter has adopted a Christmas family again this year and plan on providing not only a Christmas dinner but also any clothing, extra food and even furniture we can collect for them. This project will take the place of our December flight. Our next business meeting will be December 5th at the home of Virginia Hash.

The Arizona Flying Farmers invited our Chapter to participate in a flight Sunday, the 25th, to Litchfield Naval Air Station, which is about twenty miles west of Phoenix. Upon arrival, pilots were taken to the "Ready Room" for coffee. Lieutenant Commander West explained the work being done at the Base which, at this time, consists mainly of preservation and de-preservation of Navy planes. Next on the program was a tour of the field by bus and an inspection of the planes. After a generous chicken dinner in the mess hall, the visitors were treated to a Navy movie, "Fighting Lady." Ninety-Nines attending were Betty Knier, Ethlind Woodhouse and her 49 1/2er, Wilma Bland, Marjy Crowl, Rita Gibson and her 49 1/2er and three 24 3/4ers. Also accompanying Marjy Crowl was one of our most enthusiastic Wing Scouts, Pat Hendricks.

TUCSON CHAPTER  
By: Beatrice Edgerly

Saturday, November 10th, twelve fliers from El Paso flew in to Tucson to join the local Chapter for an overnight meeting, with dinner and a square dance at the Triple H Guest Ranch. Tucson Ninety-Nines present were Chairman Maggie Schock, Gertrude Gelderman, Faye Jones, Grace and Carl Pistor and Beatrice Edgerly (Macpherson).

A genuinely "unusual" weather situation worked itself up for the occasion and got in the way of plans for Sunday morning - as also in the way of the return flight to El Paso. The Texans were grand, good sports, however, and seemed to enjoy the unpredictable rainy day in Tucson. Phoenix Ninety-Nines Margy Crowl, Rita Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Bland, not to be daunted by Ceiling Zero plus bursts of rain, flew down at telephone pole height along the highway and joined the crowd for brunch at the Ghost Ranch Lodge.

Neva Peters and her husband had to return to El Paso Sunday and made it back, flying along the railroad track, level with the trains, most of the way. Two others returned by bus and airlines and were seen off in style, but the rest stayed over for an Italian dinner with the Tucson group and left next morning.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER  
By: Billy Wyatt

Jean Vincent was hostess for our October 10th meeting at her very lovely home in Ceres, California. Jean served a most delicious luncheon on her delightful sun porch to eleven members and five 59 1/2ers.

A business meeting and election of officers was held. Chairman Billie Wyatt, Vice-Chairman Frances Dias, and Secretary-Treasurer Hazel Zimmerman were re-elected to their respective offices.

Chairman Billie Wyatt offered prizes to the member bringing the most new members into the chapter and to the member attending the most chapter meetings during the year.

Billie raffled off her 99 pin which proved quite a boost to the treasury--Jean Vincent was the lucky winner.

Lora Mae Crawford of Hughson was welcomed as a new member; she has two planes, a Navion and an Ercoupe.

Hazel Zimmerman and her 49 1/2er made recent flights to Reno and the Delano breakfast flight.

Ev Hendley, Jean Vincent, Alice McPherson and 49 1/2ers flew to the Yuba City fair recently.

Lillian Brown has been logging time in her Bonanza with flights to Santa Cruz and Los Angeles.

Frances and Billie, who set a record the past year by attending all chapter and sectional meetings, besides visiting other chapters and going in the air race and to the International Convention are busy digging out from under all the work piled upon them while they were gone.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER  
By: Frances J. Dias

Irmyl Fitzgearl and her 49 1/2er of Porterville were hosts for the November meeting. Chairman Billie Wyatt and her 49 1/2er flew down from Modesto, accompanied by Jean Vincent and her 49 1/2er. Hazel Zimmerman flew down with Ev Hendley, who also landed at Merced and picked up Ethel Heiland. Irmyl served a delicious lunch on the airport lawn. The Navy had a PBV on the field and they escorted the Ninety-Nines on a tour through the ship.

KBOXm a new radio station in Modesto, is owned and operated by Lillian Brown's 49 1/2er, Assemblyman Ralph Brown. He is an avid aviation fan (they own a Bonanza) and every Monday evening at 8:30 is aviation time on KBOX. Ralph invited Billie Wyatt and Frances Dias to inaugurate the program on November 5th by telling about the 99s and TAR. The following Monday night, Ev Hendly and Dottie Houghton described our Chapter's work with the Wing Scouts. On November 26th, a tape recording made at the airport with Billie Wyatt interviewing Elizabeth and Charlie Pollard on their flying activities, was broadcast.

Hazel Zimmerman and Laura Mae Crawford and their 49 1/2ers flew down to the Salton Sea boat races over Armistice weekend. From there, Laura Mae and her husband flew on down to Guaymas, Mexico for some fishing. Dottie Houghton and her 49 1/2er flew to Las Vegas for the weekend. Frances Dias spent the weekend with Ruth Rueckert in San Francisco. On Sunday they motored to Walnut Creek to visit with Miriam Brugh, Marjorie Fauth and Rita Hart. Ruth's history and scrap books of the Ninety-Nines is absolutely wonderful. Alice McPherson, Hazel Zimmerman, Jean Vincent and their 49 1/2ers flew up to Napa County Airport one Sunday for dinner.

On December 15th, Billie Wyatt is having a Christmas luncheon and in January Ev Hendly will hostess our Chapter's first year anniversary with a dinner dance in the Fable room of the Hotel Covell.

HUMBOLDT CHAPTER  
By: Z. Lange

In order to meet the required number to form a chapter and to be Charter members, two of our group, Lois Speier and Vivian Marlin, worked very hard to get their "private" in time and deserve special mention. Vivian received hers just the day before we were given our charter.

Vivian admits that she never had a desire to even have a ride in an airplane, in fact she was frightened at the very thought of flying. After the war her husband got air-minded and took up flying. Vivian got tired of just waiting around at the airport so after her husband bought an Aeronca Champion, she figured she might just as well begin. It didn't take long until she was thoroughly enjoying it and she determined to have her license in time to be a Charter member. Her last hours were handicapped when her husband sold the Aeronca. The "Blue Goose" in which she finished her time became unavailable on the day of her flight test! A friend offered his Super-Cruiser and she jumped in with a 20 mile-an-hour wind with gusts up to 35 and did some practicing. Then the examiner gave her a real work-out and her license and praise for an excellent job in a strange ship on a windy day. Vivian has also passed her Commercial Navigation examination and is now taking Meteorology.

Lois Speier, our Treasurer, is really going places learning to fly their Cessna 195, after receiving her license in a smaller plane. Mr. Speier, who owns and operates lumber mills in Humboldt County, purchased a Cessna in 1947 before there were any airlines servicing this area. The following summer, the family made a trip through the Mid-west and Canada. Lois' husband was so displeased with her "back-seat flying" that he presented her with a block of time and told her to go out and learn something about flying! She has passed her Commercial Navigation test with flying colors and is now studying Meteorology.