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## NEWS LETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

April 1952

DEAR NINETY-NINES:

Spring is here! Or so the calendars tell us - but in some of these parts we are still having "snow flurries." However, in the Spring a Ninety-Nine's fancy lightly turns to -- the airport, of course!

But before you all get too far up in the wide blue yonder, let me ask you again to leave a pint of blood with the Red Cross! You will recall we made an appeal to the Ninety-Nines to give whenever and wherever possible, and to please let me know. To date I have heard from a number of you, but also I know of others who give regularly - but fail to let me know. PLEASE - DO THIS, send me a post card TODAY telling me how many pints you have given since September 1, 1951 - and then ALSO please drop me a postcard every time you have given another pint. I am most anxious to know how many pints of desperately needed blood are given by Ninety-Nines during this fiscal year - so help by making an appointment with your local Red Cross today - and then furnishing me with the facts.

Did you know that your Executive Committee voted to give \$25.00 to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of MARGARET MANSEY in lieu of sending flowers at the time of her funeral? MARGARET, who succeeded AMELIA EARHART as President of the Ninety-Nines, was one of the founding trustees of the Scholarship Fund, and served as Permanent Trustee until the time of her death last November.

Remember, girls, MAY 15TH is the deadline to have your applications postmarked if you wish to apply for the 1952 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship of \$200. (See March News Letter)

We are so sorry that RUTH RUEKERT'S name was omitted from the Membership Roster list of Chairmen as Historian. Ruth has been doing a tremendous amount of work assembling our history these past few years, with the most gratifying results.

When AMALIE STONE, our Vice President, left on her trip last month she resigned as Air Age Education Chairman, and we are pleased to announce the appointment of ZIGGY HUNTER (402B E. 12th, Austin, Texas) to take her place. BOBBE SLADE (2520 Twin Oaks Rd., Wichita 16, Kansas) is already hard at work as our new Air Marking Chairman. You will be hearing shortly from both of these girls. Incidentally, do you know that the CAA is having the mileage to the nearest airport left off of all Air Markers put in in 1952 and 1953 to eliminate confusion between Nautical Miles and Statute Miles? Old markers with Statute Miles will be left as is until repainting is necessary - then Nautical Miles will be used.

ANNE WADDELL and her capable Kansas Chapter planned the perfect program for the South Central Sectional Meeting. It included a trip through the Cessna Factory, a visit to the B-47 jet bomber Base personally conducted by the AF PIO, a beautiful luncheon, two cocktail parties, and a Happy Birthday Banquet expertly emceed by JUNE ALTER who skillfully introduced speakers BLANCHE NOYES and Frank Tuumbauer (CAA Assistant to the Administrator Region 5) and so charmingly gave out the many coveted prizes to the lucky winners. All of this in two days, mind you, with plenty of free time for us to visit with each other.

Yes, your President is still breathless from the hospitality of those Sunflower Ninety-Nines down in Kansas. They were celebrating the first anniversary of their Chapter which was Chartered one year ago with 11 girls, and boasted 30 names on their Roster at the end of their first year! Each Kansas Chapter girl was identified by a huge felt Sunflower with her name in the center - a gift from the Flying Farmers.

Those South Central Ninety-Nines are the flyingest girls - their Chapter reports were full of Treasure Hunts, Scavenger Hunts, Spot Landing Contests, Hat Derby's, etc., and when the meeting was over the surface wind was 54 mph. They had to taxi out with an anchor man on each wing, but they all got off for Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Colorado and home that blustery Sunday!

DEEDO HEISE (5019 N. Cumberland Blvd., Milwaukee 11, Wis.) will serve as our Parliamentary Advisor, and BRONETA DAVIS (Minco, Oklahoma) as her alternate. We hear these two girls are going to bed now with "Roberts" under their pillows!

Are you wearing your Ninety-Nine pin? Especially around Airports and at meetings, Cruises and Air Tours - where there may be other Ninety-Nines who would love to get acquainted.

Yours for the NINETY-NINES,

ALICE H. HAMMOND  
President



## NOMINATIONS

TO: Chapter Chairmen and Governors of New York-New Jersey and New England Sections (other Sections will send their nominations through Chapters)

RE: Nominations for election of International Officers for fiscal year 1952-1953.

Nominations are to be submitted no later than April 30, 1952, for the following offices:

President	1 name
Vice President	1 name
Secretary	1 name
Treasurer	1 name
Nominating Committee	1 name

Please note that the candidate submitted by any chapter or section for the Nominating Committee must be a member in good standing of that chapter or section.

It is requested that a candidate's name for any of the above offices be accompanied by her written consent to hold office if elected, and also by a brief sketch of her aeronautical and 99 experience.

Your attention is directed to the fact that, according to the 99 Constitution, Secretary Jean Ross Howard and Treasurer Mary Francis are ineligible for re-nomination to the office of Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

It is earnestly urged that every chapter and section be represented by candidates' names submitted to the Nominating Committee before April 30, 1952, and that these names be accompanied by their written consent and brief biographical sketch. Replies should be sent to

Frances W. Nolde, Chairman  
1952 Nominating Committee, 99's  
Box 804  
Reading, Penna.

The Indiana Chapter wishes to make the following corrections in the notice of the paper napkins which they have for sale (See #12 November 1951 News Letter):

99 Napkins - white with blue compass rose and lettering, luncheon or cocktail size - 80 - 84 for \$1.65. Send payment with order to Dorothe E. Hendricks, 409 Laurel Street, Pendleton, Indiana.

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

### T A R TERMINUS ACTIVITIES

The New York-New Jersey Section is looking forward with pleasure to entertaining the TAR contestants and all Ninety-Nines July 5-11, 1952 in New York City, prior to the Annual Meeting in Boston July 11-13th.

This year the TAR should be the "biggest and best" so far. Since the Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the race, Ninety-Nines will be able to attend both events with little additional travel. The mass flight from New York City to Lawrence (Mass.) Municipal Airport will provide fun for anyone who can join the flight. Gas tanks will be "topped" for air race contestants at Teterboro Airport (New York terminus) and for all Ninety-Nines at Lawrence Airport. No landing fees.

Race contestants will be met upon arrival at Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, New Jersey and transportation provided to New York City. Other Ninety-Nines will be provided with the same courtesies when they arrive. Pilots arriving on July 10th will please advise us so that arrangements can be made for transportation. Those arriving July 11th to join the flight to Boston will please advise us too, that they may be included for the "brunch" and briefing prior to take-off. All pilots except race contestants are asked to bring tie-down equipment.

Headquarters: Teterboro Airport - Mallart Air Service  
Headquarters: New York City: Hotel Park-Sheraton  
202 West 56th Street  
New York City

Rates: Singles, \$6.00; doubles, \$9.00; Three in a room, \$12.00; Four in a room suite, \$15.00.

Please signify accommodation desired and room assignment will be made. Suites are very large rooms and very comfortable - so four Ninety-Nines can be assured of low rates at maximum comfort. Every room equipped with television at no extra cost. Swimming pool and other accommodations at no extra cost. Write hotel direct for reservations. The hotel is centrally located and within walking distance of stores, theatres and the "Great White Way."

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 1952

A.M. - Free for tours, shopping, United Nations, etc.  
10 A.M. - 2 P.M. - Open House at Ninety-Nines Headquarters, Room 2, 68 Fifth Avenue, New York.  
5 P.M. - Cocktail Party  
Evening - Free for theatre (write direct to theatres for tickets). Theatres are air-conditioned.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 1952

A.M. - Free for tours, United Nations, shopping, etc.  
1 P.M. - Luncheon - Tavern-on-the-Green, Central Park  
5 P.M. - Cocktail Party  
Evening - Small parties can be arranged for dinners at interesting restaurants featuring the cuisine of many different countries.

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1952

9 A.M. - Breakfast and fashion talk, B. Altman & Co., of Fifth Avenue  
- Free for shopping, tours, etc.  
5 P.M. - Cocktail Party  
7 P.M. - Awards Dinner - Park-Sheraton Hotel.

FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1952

9 A.M. - Brunch - Park Sheraton Hotel. Briefing for mass flight to Lawrence Municipal Airport. Transportation to Teterboro Airport. Take - off.  
P.M. - Arrive at Lawrence Municipal Airport as guests of the Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce and the Merrimac Valley Pilot's Association. Bus transportation provided to Sheraton Copley Hotel, Boston for annual meeting. (See New England Section announcement for detailed plans.)

### Additional information:

Ninety-Nines, 49 1/2ers and friends are invited to all events. Race contestants will be entertained insofar as possible; others will be charged at as low a cost as is possible: Hotel Park Sheraton provides breakfasts from 35¢, lunch from 65¢ and dinners from 75¢ in the luncheonette, cafeteria, coffee shop or dining room.

Ninety-Nines arriving by commercial plane, train or car should go to the Park Sheraton and register as soon as they arrive. Road mileage New York City to Lawrence is approximately 175 miles over fast super-highway.

Marjorie B. Davis, Chairman  
TAR Terminus Committee

A few excerpts from the "Australian Women Pilots' News-letter #2":

Since our last General Meeting in Sydney Miss Jennie Broad has been overseas doing some flying in South Africa.

Dorothy Herbert and Joan Trudgett have sailed for England and expect to be away about eighteen months. Whilst overseas they will be visiting Ann Lewis who is at present flying on the R.A.F. Reserve and is stationed at No. 18 R.F.S. at Fair Oaks in Surrey.

Here at Bankstown Senja Harvard has received her "Dragon" endorsement and is a keen entrant in her Club competitions.

Sister Dawn O'Mara, with the issue of her Private License, is well on the way to attaining her ambition to open a flying Baby Clinic in the outback.

Norma Harvey of Griffith is now on her way to England where she will be doing some flying.

Our Federal President, Mrs. Charles Walton (Nancy Bird) is accompanying her husband on a world tour. In Mrs. Walton's absence Nancy Ellis and myself (Jacqueline Jones,



editor) have been deputising for her. Nancy Ellis is very busy these days. She has turned her energies from the wool lift and is now flying as First Officer on the Lockheed Lodestar on the interstate run, operating mainly between Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide, and Tasmania. For a holiday, she took time off from the heavies to train pupils in the isolated areas of the West. This is of course the first time flying instruction has been taken to the outback by a woman.

"Before Mrs. Walton went overseas negotiations were under way with the Ninety-Nines of America and Australian Women Pilots for an affiliation. Nancy visited their headquarters whilst in America to discuss this affiliation on our behalf. She reports that the Ninety-Nines cannot affiliate with any other organization - have a constitutional clause to that effect, but will consider a nominal fee for Australian members at their next General Meeting. We are hoping that Nancy may have further details on her return."

## CHAPTER NEWS

### NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Sally T. Driver

Complete details on the 1952 Convention of the Ninety-Nines will be in the May News Letter, but we list below the preliminary program:

1. Air Route to Boston  
Most Direct - Teterboro, Hartford, Worcester, Lawrence

Most scenic and smoothest in summer - Up Long Island Sound and Narragansett Bay by Providence and Boston to Lawrence

2. Airport Plan will be supplied later  
Runway #14 - 32 has slight grade  
Mill Chimney (marked with red lights) off SW end of runway 23 - 5. Not dangerous but should be noted
3. Normal Left Hand pattern is observed with traffic pattern 800 feet.
4. Best for drivers  
From New York - Merritt Parkway, Wilbur Cross Parkway to U. S. #20 - to #9.  
This takes you directly to the Sheraton-Plaza, Boston.

Anyone driving directly to the Lawrence Airport - leave #9 at #128 - #128 to exit reading - "Reading, Andover, Lawrence" (exit 28). This puts you on Route #28 - There are many Lawrence Airport signs from Andover on.

5. Hotel leaflets will be mailed.  
There will be someone at both the hotel and the airport to receive drivers and pilots from early Friday morning on. Anyone arriving on Thursday will be taken care of as long as notice is sent in advance.
6. There will be tie-downs provided for race contestants and probably for everyone.
7. The only addition to March News Letter material is that there will probably be a clam bake on either the north or South shore on Sunday and there will be a choice of sightseeing trips that day.

All Sunday events will start from the Hotel.

Complete details on everything will be in May News Letter.

### NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Lois Fairbank

On March 24th we had a dinner meeting at the 77th Regiment Headquarters in New York City...a delicious dinner of roast beef. After dinner we were shown two very fine films. The first was a release from the Air Force on Omni-Range, and we are now all professionals. Sure makes it look easy. The other film was from Great Britain and showed their planes from the earliest days to the modern jet airliner. The old film was delightful...the planes

looking more like bicycles...and what contraptions they had to build to get the planes off the ground. Those early pilots were real pioneers. Suggest that if you haven't seen 49 1/2ers at your recent meetings you show similar films...brought some of ours out. Hope we see them again soon.

Have you New York-New Jersey 99's sold your chance books yet? Hurry! Hurry! Don't forget to get them in and if you need any more Amy Andrews will be glad to oblige - Amy Andrews, 47 East 64th St., New York City.

A prospective member at the meeting was Mrs. Clara Hutton, a private pilot from Armonk, New York. Cards from Ethel Pedders, Ethel Peckham and Ruby Sadler from Florida...also hear that Alma Harwood is enjoying Florida sun...Novetah Davenport in Puerto Rico...Priscilla Bint sent her regrets that she was unable to attend but she is working for a few months in Toledo.

Sorry that Agnes Crean is so ill with pneumonia in the Stamford Hospital, Stamford, Conn. and hope that she is fully recovered by the time this reaches her. Fleur-de-lys Loesch all well after her bout with a taxi. Marjorie Gray sporting a cane but discarding it soon.

Loyalty! Augusta Roberts drove to the meeting from Delaware and back the same night. Hope that the Jersey Turnpike made her trip so speedy that she gives us a repeat performance.

Thanks to Wilhelmina Hanzlik for her contribution to the AE Fund in memory of Bella Heineman.

### MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Vega Ihnen

Our regular meeting was held at the home of Dorothy Miller in Meadville. Those attending were Marge Cook, Marian Freund, Toby Lord, Harriette Mosbacher, Jean Swartwood, hostess Dorothy, and Vega Ihnen.

Marian Freund reported the receipt of an order for drinking glasses with the 99 insignia. They're beautiful glasses, girls, made of fine, crystal clear glass; and the 99 insignia appears in rich royal blue on each one. Send in your orders -- we'll see that they're promptly filled.

During our business meeting, brought to order by Chairman Cook, we selected names of girls whom we thought would best serve as national officers. Our secretary was instructed to write these girls for their written consent to serve, if elected.

Following our meeting, Dorothy served us delicious refreshments. Flying and general travel talk was exchanged; and we were particularly interested to hear Harriette's account of the Mexican trip which she and Hugh recently took....Dottie Miller mentioned that she and her hubby recently flew to Florida in their Bonanza and expect to wing their way to Georgia before too long.

Jean Swartwood and her 49 1/2er are busy decorating their home on Loomis Street, into which they recently moved.

Our April meeting will be held at the home of Vega Ihnen in Fairview. This will be the second Wednesday evening. See you then!

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By: Barbara Jenison

Our February meeting was held at the New Athens Restaurant. We had two guests, Major Johnston, USAF, and Captain Ahlstrom, CAP, who told us about the Civil Air Patrol. They also showed us a movie of CAP activities. We were glad to welcome Ruth Barkley as a new member at this meeting.

On March 20, we had a very interesting meeting at Jean Howard's home. Major Dora Drews, Public Relations Officer in the Department of the Air Force, stationed at the Pentagon, talked about the WAF program and explained it to us.

Katharine Stinson has received new honors in her field as an engineer. She represented the Washington Chapter of the Society of Women Engineers at the national meeting held in New York, and was elected national vice president. Katharine, the only woman speaker at the meeting, spoke on "New Horizons in Aeronautical Engineering."



We very much regret that Manila Talley is leaving us for New York. Her husband, Colonel B. B. Talley, has been made Division Engineer for the North Atlantic Division, U.S.A., with headquarters in New York City. -- Congratulations to Cy and Don Beers - a baby girl. Perry Robinson has been elected vice president of the Aero Club of Washington. She is also special advisor in aviation education for the National Capital Wing of CAP in relation to local public high schools.

We are very proud of the work that two of our members did in the last search and rescue mission that we had here. Eleanor Davis was at the airport at 5:30 A.M. getting the pilots together and briefing them before they took off. It was a pilot from her squadron that found the wreck and reported it before the Air Force planes arrived to aid in the search. Jean Howard was also at work at 5:30 A.M. contacting the radio stations in an effort to reach as many pilots as possible by the broadcasts.

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

### CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Caroline E. Hembel

Bad weather is hounding the Carolinas Chapter. The tornados in Tennessee, Alabama, etc. sent zero-zero weather into North and South Carolina. Despite the fact that no one could fly in we had a well attended meeting in High Point, North Carolina on March 23. Louise Smith entertained us with a wonderful luncheon in her beautiful English home.

Our meeting was held in her recreation room. On the wall she has a map of the United States. Louise is spending a great deal of time planning the TAR flight from Santa Ana, California to Teterboro, New Jersey. She plans to enter in her Bonanza with Burnette Spencer as co-pilot.

Edith Long is likewise considering entering the race in her Bonanza.

Those driving were Caroline and Les Hembel, Estelle and Carl Bradshaw, Burnette and John Spencer, Edith and Odell Long, Betty Hamilton and Nancy Mays.

Dot and Harry Shackelford have had several nice flying trips lately, one to Miami, and one to Beaufort.

Anne Briscoe is back in Charleston, making plans to join Dick overseas.

Amalie Stone, globe-trotting International Vice-President, is writing a series of articles that are being published in the Greenville News. On her flight to Panama one engine of the DC-6 failed. They were met by crash wagons, firetrucks and all the fanfare that goes with an almost crack up. She went aboard the yacht at Panama, and is on her way to Tahiti and the Samoan Islands for a six months cruise.

Governor Hamilton is planning our section meeting in May at Sea Island, Georgia. The Georgia girls are helping make the arrangements. Let us make it the biggest meeting ever.

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

### SPRING SECTIONAL MEETING

Come Onna Our House!!

The Indiana Chapter of the Ninety-Nines will be Hostess to the North Central Section for the Spring Sectional Meeting, scheduled for May 3-4, 1952, at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Come share our Hoosier hospitality! Prizes, fun, entertainment, and a unique program have been arranged. Bring your 49 1/2ers as they are eligible for prizes too.

Airport: Smith Field. All activities at Hotel Van Orman.

Saturday: luncheon - 1:00 == Heise movies - 2:30 == cocktail party - 5:30 == Banquet - 7:00.

Sunday - Breakfast - 8:00 - followed by business meeting. Luncheon - 12:00.

Transportation furnished by Indiana 99's.

Make reservations directly with Hotel Van Orman.

Get out your airplanes, helicopters, or come by automobile, train, bus or rollerskates, but don't miss the Spring Sectional Meeting at Fort Wayne, Indiana, on May 3-4.

### INDIANA CHAPTER

Jane Shope, General Chairman  
Mildred Hurt  
Helen Daniels  
Lois Whitney

### INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Joan Ferguson

The March meeting was held at the Kokomo Airport on the 16th. Luncheon and the business meeting was held at the Cupboard. We had 15 members, 2 guests, 2 children, 3 associate members in attendance. The day was cold and clear, but very windy so not many girls flew in.

Mildred Hurt has been appointed Civil Defense Chairman to represent the 99's in all Civil defense activities.

Betty Pettitt has been appointed Air Education Chairman and is also coordinator of Women's Activities in CAP, with rating of Lieutenant Colonel. Jane Shope, our Chairman, is her assistant with rank of Captain.

Plans for the Sectional are about completed with some wonderful prizes to be given away. We hope to see all the girls from the North Central Section at the meeting, May 3-4, 1952.

The April meeting will be held on the 20th at Fort Wayne. Smith Field will be hostess and we hope to see all Indiana girls to complete our plans for the Sectional.

### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Faye D. Kirk

On the second Sunday of March, we met at Kellogg Field, Battle Creek. Again we had snow and poor visibility, so most of us had to take to the highways.

Mr. Mast, Airport Manager, arranged the program. Mr. Rider, of the Eaton Manufacturing Company, told us about the parts they manufacture for Airplane and Jet Engines. He gave each of us an engine valve and a plate from a jet turbine (rejects of course!) as souvenirs.

Following the meeting we had lunch at the Hart Hotel.

Welcome to new member Elaine Ferris, of Owosso. We were glad to see Virginia Bardeen out. We also are glad to hear that Elinor Peterson is recovering nicely from her recent operation and is convalescing in Florida. Thelma Lindzey has returned from a trip to Florida.

Jean Pearson and Dr. Arthur Stenius of Wayne University are conducting an Adult Education Course on spotting propaganda on radio and TV, and in magazines, newspapers and motion pictures.

May meeting will be on the 18th, due to Mothers' Day, at Alpena. June meeting at Hillsdale.

### KENTUCKY CHAPTER

By: Teresa Cecil

As this reporter sold her plane right out from under her to one of the Flying Farmers who was eager to make the Rio Grande Valley trip, the Kentucky Ninety-Nines came to Bardstown for the meeting held March 23rd.

The day previous to the meeting, Kentucky had calling cards from a tornado, a flood, and a blizzard, but all this didn't keep the Kentucky Chapter from finally reaching their destination, historic Old Talbott Tavern in Bardstown.

As our Chairman, Cleo Bryan, was ill with the flu and unable to attend the meeting, very little business was discussed, however, we did agree to aid the Chairmen of the different committees - Air Age Education, Civil Air Defense, Air Marking -- to the best of our ability.

Austa Shepherd Young has contributed a 49 1/2er to the Kentucky Chapter. Welcome George. While on their honeymoon in Puerto Rico and Cuba, Austa had the pleasure of





CONTESTANTS FOR THE TITLE OF "MISS AVIATION" BESTOWED AT THE DANCE GIVEN BY THE GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER, FEBRUARY 16, 1952

Left to right: Miss Pat Shea, "Miss Kratz Airport", Miss Jean Mull, "Miss N.A.A.", Miss Elizabeth Spurr, "Miss C.A.P.", Miss Sue Park, "Miss Parks Airport", Miss Dorothy Schluer, "Miss Weiss Airport", Miss Molly Uhlemeyer, "Miss W.N.A.A.", Miss Dorothy Condon, "Miss Basiman Flying School", Miss Nancy Rice, "Miss Mississippi Valley School of Aeronautics", Miss Lee Evans, "Miss Ozark Airlines", Miss Evans was the winner of the title, "Miss Aviation".

meeting Martha Randolph of the Minnesota Chapter of 99's. She and her husband are in charge of all aviation on the island of Puerto Rico.

We were all sincerely sorry to hear of the death of Jane Ralston's mother. Our deepest sympathy to you, Jane.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER  
By: Loretta Slavick

Crowded out of the March News Letter, but still very much news, was the story of our dance, held on February 16th at the Alhambra Grotto. Among our guests that night was Ruth Shimon, Governor of the North Central Section, who flew in for the dance.

From the proceeds, we plan to give a scholarship to some girl in the area, to assist her in obtaining her private license. All entrants for this award (\$100) must submit an essay or article on "A Woman's Future in Aviation." The final judges will be Mr. Neils Beck, Dean of Parks College, Mr. A. Paul Vance, President of the St. Louis Chapter NAA, and Mr. Sidney F. McCullough, supervising agent of the St. Louis office of the CAA.

At the dance, we held a contest to select "Miss Aviation" and the picture of the contestants appears herewith. All candidates for the award are in the picture and all have at least soloed and are on an active flying program.

Miss Aviation was awarded to Lee Evans, who represented the Ozark Airlines.

Most of the women in St. Louis who have a valid pilot's license are already members of the Ninety-Nines, however, Dorothy Condon, our membership chairman, has worked out a familiarization program for women, in which one of the 99's will take 3 women in a 4-place plane and teach them something about the controls, radio navigation and landing at a controlled airport. June Walsh uses this plan with her aviation club at high school and it has led to many of her students becoming interested and going on and getting a license. One of her former students, now only 21 years old, has gotten his ratings for Flight Instructor, Multi-engine, and instructor ratings for all ground-school

subjects and also Link. He has been an instructor at Columbus, Mississippi for almost a year. Another, now about 19 years old, is already working on his instructor rating. Several have commercial licenses.

Besides our annual scavenger hunt which will be held this summer we also are planning to put on an all-woman air show. If any members of other chapters would like to participate in this, please get in touch with June Walsh, our chairman. We are hoping to get someone to give a demonstration of crop-spraying or dusting.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER  
By: Rita Zbylicki

The February meeting of the Minnesota Ninety-Nines was held Sunday, February 17th, at the Hotel Winona, Winona, Minnesota, Rita Zbylicki, hostess.

Evelyn Knowlton, Rochester, presided at the business session, in the absence of the chairman, Marietta Sonnenberg, Rochester, who is spending a two months vacation in Texas, California and other points west.

Those in attendance at the meeting were Evelyn Knowlton, Rita Zbylicki, Novia Frey, Dorothy Anderson, Audrey Baird, Margaret Manuel, Marilyn Kvalheim, Laura Black, Florence Scriver and Rita Orr. Mary Drake, a prospective member from Winona, was also a guest at the meeting.

Topics for discussion were Civil Defense, Membership and Air Marking.

A program of motion pictures was furnished by Major Willard Webb, Air Force Reserve, which followed brunch and the business meeting. The movies shown were the Army Air Force "Screen Report" and the Air Force Review "7777th Honor Guard."

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

KANSAS CHAPTER  
By: Bobbe Slade

Final plans for the Spring South Central Sectional Meeting in Wichita March 28, 29 and 30 were made at the Municipal Airport in Salina, March 9th, over coffee,



compliments of Ray Moore, Moore Flying Service. Ninety-Nines present were Anne Waddell, Helen Simmons, Margaret Ash, Bert Lowe, June Alter, Rosemary Potter, Helen Comes, Marge Cooper, Virginia Sheppard, Ann Hertelein. 49 1/2ers Roy Simmons, Bud Potter, Bud Hertlein and Bob Alter, and guest Pat Dufford or Manhattan, completed the group. Prizes for the Sectional are rolling in and it looks like a much big party, with Alice Hammond, Blanche Noyes, Ruth Shimon and Arlene Davis already having accepted our invitation, to say nothing of many South Central Section members. All we're praying for now is CAVU weather over the whole 8-state area.

Two airmarkers in one week is our record for February. We flew to Abilene on February 10th and 'painted the town' at our regular monthly meeting there and earlier that week Chairman Anne Waddell and her 49 1/2er Lowell airmarked their home in Garden City. Anne and Lowell



did all the work on that airmarker themselves and they deserve a lot of credit for such a big job. Members who helped paint the town in Abilene were Anne Waddell, Helen Simmons, Marian Hardman, Margaret Ash, Iona Smyer, Susie Cheetham, Helen Comes, Velma Wilson, Helen Puffer, June Alter, Anne Hertlein and Bobbe Slade. 49 1/2ers Lowell Waddell, Roy Simmons, Bud Potter and Bud Hertlein gave their able assistance, as did guest Doris Downs of Wichita and Helen Puffer's 24 3/4er, Bobby. We again give Bud Potter a big thanks for his coming up to help us even though Rosemary couldn't because of bowling tournament. Bud especially deserves thanks because of the handicap under which he was painting -- he leaned over a little too far a little too fast on his first swipe of paint so he was at quite a disadvantage the rest of the day -- to say nothing of the extra cold ventilation he had while painting.

Glenn Tabor, of the Kanas Industrial Development Commission, has offered his help in our airmarking project and he has already told us of 36 Kansas towns which have indicated that they would like to be airmarked, so that's a good start for 1952. After our Spring Sectional here in March we're going to start in on those other 34 towns (Abilene and Garden City were two of them).

The CAA has asked us to check existing airmarkers in Kansas to bring their list up-to-date on condition, etc., of those airmarkers so we are doing that in conjunction with our airmarking project. We feel quite complimented that the CAA has given us this job to do. We plan to airmark Larned (or rather, repaint it) April 12 and Ann Hertlein is repainting Belleville all by herself.

Congratulations to Doris and Harold Hall on the arrival of their 24 3/4er, Nick, March 17th.

#### MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Higbee

Nine members attended our March 16th meeting at the Omaha Municipal Airport. Marilyn Link flew up from Lincoln in a Bonanza, accompanied by a guest, Mrs. Long, a teacher at Randolph School in Lincoln. The meeting was at 11 A.M., followed by lunch later at the airport's Hayden House restaurant. Janie Bay, Vice-Chairman, presided in the absence of the Chapter Chairman. Since Lois Boien Durham moved to St. Joseph, Missouri with her 49 1/2er, we have had to appoint a new Chapter Secretary. Marjorie McBride, who had been appointed, does not feel she will have time since she and her aerial photography business partner, Roma Brown, will be getting ready for their summer's work. Laura Russell volunteered to be Chapter Secretary for the remainder of the time, until our election of new officers in the fall. We miss having Belle Hetzel taking part in our meetings and activities, but we know she is having a wonderful time on her air tour of South America.

On April 20th we plan to fly to Grand Island for our monthly meeting. This will be at 10:30 A.M., with lunch following at the Airport Cafe. If the weather does not permit flying that day, then we shall plan the flight the next Sunday, April 27th. Should the weather be bad on the 27th, the meeting will be held in Omaha the same day.

At this writing several of our members are making preparations to fly down to attend the South Central Spring Sectional meeting to be held in Wichita, Kansas March 28, 29 and 30. Marilyn Link, Laura Russell and Bea Mack all plan to go by plane. Some of the other girls around the state may be able to get away too. Wish we could all go as the program the Wichita girls sent us sounds like an exciting and busy weekend. We know they are putting a lot of work into their plans for flying contests and other entertainment.

#### COLORADO CHAPTER

By: Donna Myers

February was a busy month for the Colorado Chapter. The regular meeting was held at Lucia Jolliff's - strictly business. Claudia Perry, membership Chairman, advised that she had contacted by letter or telephone, all Colorado Chapter members who had not renewed. Marilyn Nordstrom announced that she had received a letter from Governor Ama Lee Jameson concerning the Spring Sectional meeting. Mary Collett, Chapter Chairman, announced that at the January meeting, it was voted to sponsor a foreign member, financially.

The 'fun' meeting for both members and their 49 1/2ers was held at Steamboat Springs during the Ski Carnival, February 9 and 10. The weather was good - and the driving was easy. (Steamboat Springs is not one of the places you fly into, in our state.) Skiing events were really something to see, and a few of the more daring tried some skiing themselves. It was a two-day affair - most successful trip and lots of fun for all. Those who attended were: Marilyn and Harold Nordstrom; Jane and Swede Nettleblad; Lucia Jolliff; Mary and Bob Collett; Rusty McLean and Margaret Hughes; Pat and Harry Urling; Ruth and Ed Mugele, all from Denver. Dorothy Schaeffer came over from Glenwood Springs, and Betty Terrell drove over from Craig.

The March meeting was held at the home of Frances Tepper - who served her own birthday cake to the girls. Chairman Collett stated that International nominations are due shortly. She also is having the April meeting - a pot luck supper (with a \$1.00 charge to help the treasury) in her new home.

Dance Chairman Marilyn Nordstrom announced that the annual Ranch Dance will be held April 25 at the Cresthaven Country Club, and she urged all the girls to get busy selling tickets. A set of Ninety-Nine drinking glasses will be given to the member selling the most tickets.

It was decided to have a May breakfast for members and their 49 1/2ers at the Aviation Country Club.

Our guest at the March meeting was Sarah Gorelick, a member of the Greater Kansas City Chapter. Sarah got a nice piece of publicity this week in the Denver newspapers showing her leaving for Kansas City in her own plane for spring vacation, with Mary Collett bidding her goodbye.

Mary Collett and Mary Wenholz plan to attend the South Central Sectional meeting at Wichita March 28 and 29, and Mary Collett will hitch a ride back with Sarah.

Had a nice surprise a couple of weeks ago - Anne Waddell, Chairman of the Kansas Chapter, was in Denver and stopped in to see us. And Florence Dunlavy called us on the phone when she was in Denver this week. Sure love to hear from these visiting firemen.

#### TEXAS CHAPTER

##### DALLAS UNIT

By: Doris Weller

As our meeting this month coincided with the South Central Sectional meeting in Wichita, Kansas, we went to that instead. Olean Sellers, Josephine Allison, Martha Ann Reading and Doris Weller attended -- also two other Texas Ninety-Nines from Fort Worth, Cleve Godfrey and Verna Burns, flew to Wichita.

The Kansas Chapter is to be congratulated upon having such a successful and well-prepared meeting. The entertainment, prizes, and big attendance all made for much



fun and good fellowship for the 99's, their 49 1/2ers and guests.

Many Happy Returns of your First Birthday, Kansas Chapter! And thanks for a wonderful week-end.

ARK-LA-TEX UNIT  
By: Barbara Williams

Mexican food was the order of the day for Ark-La-Tex Unit members at their March 18th dinner meeting held in El Chico Restaurant, Longview. Present were

Mildred Carney, Margaret Walker and Sara Payne of Shreveport, Marie Barnes of Kilgore, Essie Mae Hollis and her guest, Mary Webb, of Henderson, and Barbara Williams and Virginia McJilton of Gladewater. Next meeting was set for April 15th in Marshall.

EL PASO UNIT  
By: Florence McDermott

Chapter Chairman Jo Allison flew over the big mountains between El Paso and Dallas last month for her first glimpse at both the mountains and the El Paso Unit members. Purpose of her visit was to get acquainted, to fly a passenger to El Paso from Dallas, and to lay the groundwork for the re-activation of the chapter in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mrs. Allison was the guest of Mrs. Ruby Hays, the El Paso Unit Director, where she met the El Paso Ninety-Nines and their husbands at a buffet dinner. Guests include Mrs. Hays, her sons, Mrs. Allison, Charlie and Ruth Deerman, Lois Ziler, Lois Hailey, and Lela Carwardine, who journeyed forty miles from her Las Cruces, New Mexico home for the party, Pat Saunders, Captain Pat and Doris Powers; Anne and Jim Duthie.

Jo managed to get out of El Paso the following day just a few minutes ahead of a 50-mile-an-hour dust storm. She's planning to return April 17th with Ama Lee Jameson for a flight to Albuquerque to get this chapter organized.

It was a 49 1/2er - not a 99 - who won a bombing contest here last month sponsored by the El Paso Sheriff's Skyway Patrol. Jim Duthie was the winner, outbombing wife Anne and some 15 others in the contest.

Chairman Ruby Hays drove to Phoenix recently for a golf tournament where she visited briefly with Marjy Crowell of Phoenix. Both the Tucson and Phoenix members plan to fly to Albuquerque for the organizational meeting.

## SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER  
By: Lindy Boyes

Bay Cities Chapter members flew to Sonoma County Airport at Santa Rosa (a short hop north of San Francisco Bay) the second Sunday of March for lunch and a tour through the Swiss Colony Winery. The invitation was extended by Nellie Palmer, Chairman of the Redwood Empire Chapter. Among those who accepted were Miriam Brugh, Marge Fauth, Ruth Rueckert and Rita Hart.

The chapter's celebration of its 20th anniversary was in the form of a dinner-dance at one of the San Francisco peninsula night spots. More than 40 members and guests attended the affair. The list includes Anne Rambo, Southwestern Section governor, G. Byron Douglass, field representative of the California State Aeronautic Commission, Geraldine Mickelsen, Executive Committee Member, Miriam Brugh, Chapter Chairman, and Margaret Rusted, Helen Kelton, Adele Chase, Lu Kroll, Ardele Hauk, Marge Fauth and Billie Wyatt, San Joaquin Valley Chapter Chairman.

A morning-after breakfast get-together included Noble "Buck" Newsom, manager of the Contra Costa County (Buchanan Field) Airport. Needless to say, a Fine Time was Had by All.

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

A valentine party was held at this reporter's home the middle of February. Anne Rambo showed pictures of a trip below the border she made a number of years ago.

Several of us from the San Fernando Valley Chapter attended the cocktail party for France's top woman pilot, Jackie Auriol. Found her petite, pretty, delightful.

The Green Hotel in Pasadena was locale for our March dinner meeting with members of the Los Angeles and Long Beach Chapters invited. Jean Parker, just returned from an 8,930 mile flight down to Colombia, South America and back, gave a resume of her exciting and sometimes hazardous trip. She flew a Bellanca over some of the most wild and treacherous territory of Central and South America. Jean pictorialized her talk with some excellent color slides which she took.



Some of the members of the newly-formed San Fernando Valley Chapter. Left to right: (seated) Belle Young, Mary Ruth Ranse, Elsie Ringer, Margaret Standish, Trixie-Ann Schubert; (standing) Roberta Smith, Katherine Wagner, Clara Davis, Anne Rambo, Margaret Sturges. Members not included: Jean Parker, Jeanne Strahl, Barbara DeWees, Lola Perkins, Irma Story.



Our chapter members have been invited to fly members of the International Spearfishing Organization to the International Olympics which will be held in Baja California early in August. First time for the deep sea spearfishing Olympics.

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER By: Betty Lambert

The San Diego Chapter is happy to learn that our Chapter's bid for the Spring Sectional has been accepted. Headquarters will be the Manor Hotel, complete with swimming pool. Date will be May 3rd.

March meeting was held at the home of Maxine Smith. We welcomed new member Ethel Gainer and prospective member Pat Hutchinson.

April meeting will be a dinner party at Valle's Restaurant followed by a business meeting at Jessie Ostrander's. May 9th we are having a rummage sale--seems to have become an annual event. We find it a good money-raiser.

June 14th will be that date for our Fourth Annual Aviation Ball at the San Diego Hotel. This project has proved so successful as a social event as well as a way to raise some money that the Chapter decided last year that it should be continued as a regular annual affair. Isabelle McCrae is in charge.

San Diego Chapter tried twice to hold a fly-day at famed Thermal Airport where we were anticipating one of those Chuck Wagon breakfasts through arrangements with Eleanor Wagner, but weather interfered.

My latest class in Advanced Navigation includes Dee Thurmond, Claire Hale, and 49 1/2er Jim Gabriel. Dee is working toward her Airline Transport Certificate; Claire toward the Instrument Rating and the Ground Instructors Certificate.

Claire Hale and Helen Dick are teaching Meteorology to a Wing Scout Group. Isabelle McCrae is teaching Navigation to Civil Air Patrol Cadets.

Jacqueline Trenfel, Isabelle McCrae, Dotty Sanders, and Lois Bartling participated in Filtrack Mission #10 with the Civil Air Patrol. Object of filtrack is to give practice to ground observers and communications crews. Our C.A.P. 99's are now studying for First Aid licenses.

We understand that Betty Gillies is planning to make good use of that advanced radio license she is working on by installing a ham radio station on her airstrip.

Amy Changnon announced the arrival of Carol Ann born March 6th.

Apologies to Julie Hale Culbert for forgetting the addition of the "Culbert" when I mentioned her in the last Chapter news.

#### SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER By:

Hazel Zimmerman was hostess to our March 23rd meeting held in the Snack Shack at the Modesto Airport. Lunch preceded the business meeting. Ev Hendley was presented with a birthday cake. Reluctant goodbyes were said to Dottie Houghton, a charter member and our Wing Scout Leader. She is moving to Greeley, Colorado. Our loss and Colorado's gain! Ethel Heiland flew in from Merced and Irmyl Fitzgearl from Porterville.

Jean Vincent has been elected Vice-president of the Associated Flying Clubs of the San Joaquin Valley. This organization is being formed by the C.A.A. in this district as an experiment, and if proven successful will be carried out in other parts of the United States. Their purpose is to promote more safety and enthusiasm among private flyers. We are very proud to have one of our Ninety-Nines on the list of officers

Frances Dias, Alice McPherson, Billie Wyatt and Irmyl Fitzgearl flew to Sacramento March 9th to attend the first anniversary party of Sacramento Wing Scouts. Our own Wing Scouts were flown to the party by 99's. This was their first long flight. On March 11th, the Modesto Wing Scouts were interviewed on Radio Station KBOX and gave their impressions of their first flights, etc. Some very interesting and amusing comments were made.

Laura Mae Crawford, Hazel Zimmerman, Ev Hendley and Billie Wyatt and 49 1/2ers attended the Bay Cities Fly-in to Santa Rosa March 2nd. A tour through the Italian Swiss Colony Winery was the highlight of this day. Nellie Palmer and Anna Brenner were hostesses for the day.

Jean Vincent and Ev Hendley and 49 1/2ers flew to Las Vegas for a weekend of fun. They report some harrowing weather along the way, but say the fun had in Las Vegas was worth it.

Flight Chairman Ev Hendley is busy working on our chapter's picnic fly-in to Columbia State Park for all 99's. There will be prizes for pilot coming longest distance, spot landing on arrival, etc. Hope to see 99's from our section June 8, in Columbia.

#### LONG BEACH CHAPTER By: Claire McMillen Walters

The March 17th meeting was held at the lovely Belmont Shores home of new member Virginia Culter. Present for the evening were Donna Evans, Iris Critchell, Barbara London, Betty Loufek, Aileen Pickering, Shirley Blocki, Marge Blake and Claire Walters.

Chairman Aileen opened the meeting with a report on our recent and very successful rummage sale. We cleared approximately \$70 the one day of the sale. It was decided that we would hold another sale in May.

The main business topic of the evening was the matter of selling ads for the 1952 Air Race Program. The Long Beach Chapter has taken over the publishing of the program this year, and has elaborate plans for it. The cover, for instance, will be blue leatherette paper with an embossed design. A commercial artist has been commissioned to work out the design and layout. We hope to make the program a beautiful souvenir for the gals. You girls might like to have your sponsors place an ad, or perhaps your local airport would like to place one. The prices are as follows: one-quarter page, \$20, one-half page, \$40; full-page \$75. All cuts or plates will be extra unless supplied by the advertiser. Come on, girls, advertise your town.

Plans are also going forward for the start of the race. This Chapter of 15 members is a mighty busy one.

Marge and Shirley are presently instructing for the James L. Most Aviation at Bellflower Airport. Claire Walters is also still instructing there--despite the fact that Mike, Jr. will be born in June. Betty Loufek is kept busy by her new baby and with the air race duties. Aileen is still hard at her studies in law at Long Beach University and is working overtime on the program. Barbara London works part-time in her husband's business and the rest of the time selling Program ads and getting ready for the TAR.

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

#### WASHINGTON CHAPTER By: Gini Stover Richardson

We are happy to welcome into our chapter Kathleen Hitchcock who has moved here recently from Oregon.

Joyce Hoberg, from Portland, who recently obtained an instrument rating at my flight school, has many interesting stories to relate of her recent trips to Alaska.

We are looking forward to our next meeting when we will be hosts to the Northwestern Sectional meeting.

#### C A N A D I A N   S E C T I O N

#### CALGARY-EDMONTON CHAPTER By: Phyllis Drysdale

Our first meeting was held on March 1, 1952, in Edmonton, Alberta. The officers elected were, Chairman, Lorraine Cooper; Vice-chairman, Jean E. MacLean; Secretary-Treasurer, Shirley H. Goldring; Executive Committee, the officers and Phyllis Drysdale, Publicity and Membership; Doris A. Taylor, Margaret F. Littlewood, Barbara Webb and Rene Lamoureux.

Plans were discussed, and we hope to have an entry in the Transcontinental Air Race.