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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

MAY 1952

DEAR NINETY-NINES:

Just received a letter from AMALIE STONE, our vagabonding Veep, from which I would like to share a few excerpts with you:

"We are now exploring the intriguing Galapagos Islands. . . and what a fascinating story they tell! Charles Darwin's Origin of the Species idea originated here. Tropical along with Antarctic animals are found on these isolated volcanic isles. We will cross the Equator several times before our Tahitian departure, which will make me officially a Short-Snorter!

"I've seen a number of tuna fishing boats with airplanes attached for scouting. Since I'm completely off the Air Routes here, my heart reaches out to them, and I long for a hop over these Pacific Water. May do so yet! (Glad I got that seaplane rating with part of my Amelia Earhart Scholarship!)

"I've certainly gone from the very modern to the very ancient, switching to this mode of travel. It amazes me no end to see an island in the distance and yet be hours or even days reaching it. Give my best to all Ninety-Nines. I wish each of them could some day follow my path over these lovely Pacific waters. Next to flying, this is it!"

Not on the ocean blue, to be sure, but via the "wide blue yonder" your President has recently had the opportunity to spend many delightful hours with Ninety-Nines here and there. In April 49 1/2er John and I participated in the Spring Cruise and Rendezvous of the Sportsman Pilots Association at Houston, Texas and Fort Clark Ranch at Brackettsville, which many of you will remember happily from our 1950 Convention. There we saw a great deal of AMA LEE JAMESON, South Central Section Governor. One day she drove OLIVE McCORMICK, Indiana Ninety-Nine, and me with our 49 1/2ers to her lovely ranch home for a delicious luncheon and enjoyable visit with her mother and father.

Stopped off in Fort Worth for a whirlwind week-end with the Texas Chapter at their Spring Round-up at the beautiful Western Hills Hotel. Hostesses CLEVA GODFREY and VERA BURNS arranged the program, which started with a beautiful cocktail party Friday by Piper Aircraft Corporation. Saturday was an unforgettable day at Eagle Mountain Lake, where we sunbathed, picnicked, cruised all over the lake on Mr. Herbert Foster's fabulous 50 foot "Miss America," enjoyed cocktails as the guests of Buck Rowe of Gulf Oil Company, and a delicious dinner brought all the way from Fort Worth by the caterers!

"Texas is so BIG" prefaces everyone's remarks down there, and I am one to concede that it IS - and everything in it - but especially the hearts of its hospitable citizens - whose sole mission in life appears to be the pleasure and comfort of us "foreigners." Well, JOSEPHINE ALLISON, you and your Texas Chapter can be assured that this mission was certainly accomplished!

Close on the heels of this came the North Central Section meeting at Fort Wayne, Indiana - and I declare, those Hoosiers must have all been born in Texas, or vice versa! JANE SHOPE, Indiana Chairman, and her Committee had everything perfectly co-ordinated, even the weather! RUTH SHIMON, Governor, conducted a Round Table discussion at the Saturday luncheon which brought out a great deal of sound thinking among the members. DEEDO HEISE and 49 1/2er HERMAN then showed their exquisite colored movies of last winter's trip with the Cessna Caravan to the Hawaiian Islands, followed by popular request with a repeat showing of their entertaining film, "Flighty Lady." We were indeed honored to have Civil Aeronautics Administrator Charles F. Horn as our speaker at the banquet. He praised the work of the Ninety-Nines in Air Marking, Air Age Education and Civil Defense, but emphasized that the future of general aviation is counting on us for more of the same. (We know we can deliver!)

We've seen some beautifully compiled Scrap Books among the Chapters and Sections in our travels, and have discovered that most of our members are not aware that we are planning an INTERNATIONAL SCRAP BOOK at Headquarters. This, we hope, will be a very valuable source of information for our members, our Historian, the press and the public. It is dependent, of course, on all of us for its material. So let's remember, when we are gathering Ninety-Nines clippings, to send copies to International Headquarters, too!

To insure receiving your Ballot next month, be sure Headquarters has your latest name (!) and address!

Yours for the NINETY-NINES,

ALICE H. HAMMOND
President

Headquarters Committee wish to express to Viola Gentry their appreciation for her recent gift of her file of News Letters.

Viola, as we all know, is a Charter Member of the Ninety-Nines and her file, which is nearly complete, fills a need at Headquarters. We had only scattering copies of the last three years on file. Thank you again, Viola. As always, you have the interests of the Ninety-Nines at heart.

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SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Just a reminder about your contributions to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund for 1952:

May we have your contribution by July 1st so it can be included in the Annual Report of the Scholarship Board of Trustees to be read at the Annual International Meeting in Boston, July 11-13th.

Your checks or remittances for the contribution should be made in favor of

Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund

and mailed to:

Jeannette L. Sovereign, Chairman
2136 Center Ave.,
Bay City, Michigan.

If your chapter sponsors special projects for raising funds for the Scholarship contribution, please write me about it so the information can be incorporated into the annual report. Such information is always interesting to other chapters and may serve as suggestions for other chapters to follow in raising their funds.

Thank you,

Jeannette L. Sovereign
Chairman

TAR BULLETIN

There has been a major change in the system of handicapping for the 1952 TAR. All manufacturers of eligible personal aircraft were contacted for engineering performance data on their planes. In most cases the recommended "par" (or handicap) speeds were taken right off the power-altitude-airspeed curves supplied by the manufacturer. When these curves were not available standard formulas were used to convert known performance figures to this basic figure. All aircraft were handicapped on the basis of their true airspeed at 75% rated brake horsepower at sea level. Preliminary studies were conducted by engineers Carlos Wood and John Loufek. Final computations have been made by John Loufek, Douglas Aircraft Engineer.

It is with regret that the Board of Trustees accepted the resignations of Betty Gillies and Barbara London, who resigned in order to make themselves eligible to enter the 1952 race.

TAR Publicity head Anne Rombeau announces the addition to her west coast staff of Joana Leschin, who will handle radio and television. Novetah Davenport will handle east coast publicity, as previously announced by Anne.

The Wynn Oil Company of Azusa, California and the Santa Ana Junior Chamber of Commerce will jointly sponsor the Trail Blazer, who again is Anne Rombeau. The Simplex Time Company will donate mechanical Simplex clocks for use at all the designated airports, thus having uniformity in this important part of the race.

Mardo Crane
Chairman AWTAR, Inc.

To All Prospective Contestants in the AWTAR:

The deadline for final copy and pictures for the Official Program for the Air Race has been extended to

June 1st. We hope this extension will help some who could not have made the previous deadline. The Long Beach Chapter is most anxious to have as many of the contestants' pictures in the book as possible.

Pictures must be of only two sizes: 4 x 5 or 8 x 10, glossy. Please try, if at all possible, to make them "vertical" instead of "horizontal." They will fit in better in the space we have. (This does not matter for pictures in sponsors' ads.) The pictures will be reduced to 2 x 2 1/2, so be sure they are clear close-ups.

The picture and biography will cost you nothing. If your sponsor wants your picture in his ad it will cost him \$5.00 more than the cost of the ad. If your sponsor would like to place an ad (wishing you "Happy landings" or some such) but without your picture, he will not be charged for your picture, of course, but neither can we guarantee that your picture will be near his ad.

But: SPONSOR OR NOT, ADVERTISEMENT OR NOT, WE WANT YOUR PICTURE IN THE PROGRAM. SO, SEND IT IN!

Betty Loufek
5316 Carita Street
Long Beach 8, Calif.

ALL NINETY-NINES

Welcome to Teterboro Airport and New York City for festivities connected with the Terminus of the Sixth All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race.

Headquarters Teterboro Airport, Mallard Air Service. Kay Brick in charge at Airport. All Ninety-Nines arriving at Teterboro should taxi to yellow circle on ramp at north end of Mallard Hanger, at foot of control tower. Parking areas assigned by Ninety-Nine in charge. Facilities available for food, transportation, airport registration, messages and information.

We suggest that local charts (New York, Albany, Boston) be ordered in advance. Those not in race urged to bring stakes and tie-down.

Headquarters, New York City - Ninety-Nine Suite, Park Sheraton Hotel, 7th Avenue & 55th Street, Circle 7-8000. Marjorie B. Davis, Chairman Terminus Committee. Please register on arrival.

NOTE: We expect to have a demonstration of the new Dehnel Simulator, courtesy of Pan American Airlines, Inc. Using the frame of a Boeing Stratocruiser an entire crew can be trained under conditions that simulate over one hundred different emergencies or combinations thereof. The Dehnel Simulator cost over \$1,500,000 to create - was developed by the Army. Pan American is the first to put it into commercial use in aviation. Simulates failure on take off, all kinds of weather conditions, even odors and the screech of tires. A real treat and opportunity.

Full schedules of events and pertinent information will be available.

BE SURE TO WEAR NINETY-NINE PIN.

ANNUAL MEETING

We promised complete details on the 1952 Convention for this News Letter, but we are postponing this until June. We're still working on details, but we do want to add the following to the details given in the April News Letter:

1. Hotel cards were sent you with the April News Letter. These did not have the information about cots in rooms. These are available at \$2.50 each.
2. Transportation from Boston to Lawrence will be provided for anyone arriving in Boston directly, so that all may participate in the festivities at the airport.
3. Registration fee will be \$2.50 each for members and guests. Since registration is at both the Lawrence Airport and the Sheraton-Plaza, it will help us if you register by mail: i.e., send your \$2.50 and your card will be sent you in advance by mail, and your kit will be held for you at the hotel.
4. The price for the banquet is \$5.00, including tax and tip. Luncheon will be no more than \$1.65 -- probably less.

5. There will be a choice between a North Shore and a South Shore outing on Sunday and also a sightseeing trip in Boston proper.
6. The hosts in Boston will be the Civic Government, the Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, the Merrimac Valley Pilots Association, and the New England Section of the Ninety-Nines.

Look for the complete details in the June News Letter

Sally T. Driver
Governor, New England Section

It was a real honor to be asked by the Executive Board of the Ninety-Nines to serve as International Airmarking Chairman and I assure you I will do my very best on this project. Airmarking needs the participation of every Ninety-Nine to

HELP A LOST PILOT -- IT COULD BE YOU

Here is a brief outline of activities to carry out our intense AIRMARKING program for 1952:

1. AIRMARKING
 1. Contact for Promotion of the Airmarker:
 - A. State Aeronautics Director
 - B. Civic groups such as Mayor or City Councilmen, State, City and Jr. Chambers of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, American Legion, etc. - either for the complete job to include the painting of the airmarker, or for the approval and the cost of the paint if your Chapter plans to do the painting. (\$50 is the amount to plan on per Airmarker if you pay to have the Airmarker painted.)
 - C. The personal aircraft manufacturers' distributors.
 - D. The Flying Farmer President in your state (a list of these has been sent to each Chapter Chairman).
 - E. Major oil companies.
 - F. Aeronautical organizations in your state whose help might prove useful, such as GAP, President of your State Aero Club, if such a club exists, WNAA, etc.
 2. Locate building, etc., for the airmarker and obtain written approval from the owner of the building, etc. (Do not paint an airmarker on any kind of a defense building.)
 3. Write the CAA Regional Office covering your region giving them the complete information required for the airmarker. (Blanche Noyes is sending each Chapter Chairman and Governor a book containing specifications and all pertinent information.) The CAA will then give you measurements needed for painting the Airmarker, such as distance from edge, from top and bottom, etc.
 4. If your Chapter plans to do the painting, contact the CAP, Jr. Chamber of Commerce, Flying Clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Wing Scouts, etc., in the town where the Airmarker is to be painted and ask for their help with the painting. (A joint 99 and FF meeting might be a good idea.) A little over 2 gallons of paint is all that is required for an average size town name. (Avoid walking on roofs with high heels because of damage.)
 5. Report all finished airmarkers on the regular reporting form, which is included in the book Blanche Noyes has sent to the Chapter Chairmen.
 6. As you finish each Airmarker have your publicity chairman send the story to that town's newspaper, surrounding towns' newspapers and to the various aviation trade publications covering your state. This publicity is important for the Airmarking project as well as for the 99's as a whole.

II. SURVEY OF EXISTING AIRMARKERS

1. Every time a 99 makes a cross country flight she should check each town she flies over and make a note as to whether or not it is airmarked.
 - A. If the town is airmarked, write a postcard to the mayor of that town telling him how nice it was to look down and see that airmarker the other day as you flew over, etc. Blanche Noyes also likes to know when an

airmarker helps as she uses those stories for her magazine articles.

- B. If the town isn't airmarked, write Blanche Noyes (Chief, Air Route Marking Branch, C.A.A., Washington 25, D.C.) reprimanding her for that town not being airmarked. She can use that as a sales talk to promote an airmarker for that town.

Our aim -- to so airmark each state that a pilot won't have to fly more than 30 miles without a "road sign." They do it on the highways -- why not the skyways??

Many of you have done much good and successful work on this project and we'd like to have your suggestions and comments so we can come up with a successful airmarking program. Write me immediately so I can pass your suggestions on to the others.

We'd also like to have an Airmarking Chairman appointed in each State where there is none at present. Please let me know also who in your state will be handling this project.

AIRMARKING WEATHER IS UPON US! HELP A LOST PILOT -- IT COULD BE YOU!

Bobbe Slade
International Airmarking Chairman
c/o Cessna Aircraft Co.,
Wichita, Kansas

CHAPTER NEWS

M I D D L E - E A S T E R N S E C T I O N

MEADVILLE CHAPTER
By: Vega Insen

Our regular meeting was held April 9th at the home of Vega Insen in Fairview. Glad to see Toby Lord, Betty DeVore, Jean Swartwood and Chairman Marge Cook up from Meadville...also local denizens Pauline Harabedian and Betty Johnson.

During our business meeting Marian Freund was selected to have permanent charge of the sale of water glasses.

Betty Johnson and husband Mace are again preparing for the advent of camping season at their beautiful Great Lakes Camps for boys and girls, near Fairview.

Pauline recently flew to the Cleveland lake front airport in search of a ham sandwich. Too bad the restaurant was closed just then, but it was a nice flight anyway, wasn't it, Pauline!

Where are the girls from Franklin, Oil City and Elwood City? We know it's tough getting far afield during winter...but hope we'll see you soon. Drop us a line once in a while, won't you?

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER
By: Christine Siegl

Our April meeting was held on the 6th in Lancaster. Present were Helen Jones, Mildred Zimmerman, Jessie Eckert, Faye Altland, Ena Marie Snyder, Lillian Mark, Georgina Young, Mary Jane Godshalk, Leona McElroy, Frances Nolde, Violette Blair, Doris Wetherhold and myself. We expected Betty Warnock for a speaker but she was unable to come.

We have some news on our Dr. Helen E. Myers, the first and only woman dentist in the United States Army - far as we know. Helen is now a Captain and is serving overseas in the European Area. It's been a year since she closed her practice in Lancaster, Pa. and joined the ranks of those in uniform. She finds the Army dentist's life quite a challenge to her boundless energy. Best of luck to you, Captain (Doctor) Helen - we are proud to know you are a Ninety-Nine of the Eastern Pennsylvania group. For the records, in case anyone would like to reach her, the address is: Capt. Helen E. Myers, 0995360, USA Dental Corps, 7th Station Hospital, APO 209, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

It seems Fran Nolde is trying to see how many miles she can cover in the least amount of time. At the previous meeting, Fran had just returned from Hawaii and this time

she was just back from addressing the American Association of Airport Executives at their meeting in Texas. On April 25th, she left on a trip to the NAA and FAI meeting in Madrid with a stop in Paris.

Our Chairman, Millie Zimmerman, has gotten herself quite a job as Co-pilot for the New Holland Machine Company's Twin Beech. Her husband, 49 1/2er Reed, is Chief Pilot. Lots of luck, Millie.

Our next meeting will be held on June 22d at the Lake Susquehanna Airport at Blairstown, New Jersey. We hope the weather will be warm enough for swimming so bring your suits. Lunch will be at Rocco's.

We missed Ruth Shafer and Marge Kodrich at the last meeting, but they are enjoying a couple of weeks vacation in Florida. Hope they'll be at Blairstown to tell us all about it.

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

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Shackelford

High above the white-capped Atlantic, with my 49 1/2er taking over the flying duties and heading "59 Bravo" homeward, I write madly trying to beat the deadline. Rolls of alto-cumulus pass beneath us while cumulonimbus thicken above and nine-tenths of the time, I hang on the belt.

I am running late this month in order to include the Southeastern Section Meeting just over on Saint Simons Island, Georgia. During a whole month's travel in Florida, not a drop of rain had fallen, but Jupiter Pluvius got wind of the Ninety-Nine meeting to be held April 26-27 and arrived with his customary perfect timing and all-out enthusiasm. Planes were abandoned and the faithful of our Section struggled into Saint Simons on the usual airlines, cars and buses.

Agnes Herndon did a wonderful job as local hostess, fairly knocking herself out during the entire weekend and giving a beautiful cocktail party before the dinner Saturday night. On Sunday, the business meeting was held at the King and Prince Hotel, followed by a luncheon before we said goodbye. In spite of the weather, all the chapters were well represented and a good meeting was held with Betty Hamilton presiding. Florida reported working toward their International Race, which is still in the initial stages. Georgia Chapter has reorganized and is meeting again, I am happy to report. Tennessee gains momentum each year and Carolinas Chapter, though no larger this year than last, looks forward to the Get-Togethers in the good weather to come.

No word from Amalie Stone since Panama, but such an interesting article she wrote from Panama for the Greenville newspaper. Wish all of you could read it. It sounds like such an unbelievably wonderful adventure, her wanderings in the South Pacific on the Yacht Arthur Rogers.

Back home again, I shall start foraging for local news for you for next month, so 'til then, good flying.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By: Evelyn Bryan

The Southeastern Section spring meeting was held at St. Simons Island, Georgia, Saturday and Sunday, April 26th and 27th. As usual the weather turned on its fury and rained and rained. A few managed to fly in, but the larger number were forced to drive. Our chapter had four members present: Cora McDonald, Eddie Lee Griffin, Ruth Thomas and Evelyn Bryan. It was really an enjoyable meeting and gave all those present a lift, rather spurring us on to more activities.

We welcome a new member, Vivian Welter of Chattanooga. Vivian received her Private License in July of last year. She and her 49 1/2er Harold own an Ercoupe. They have two children, so with her family, helping operate their produce business, and flying, Vivian is very busy. We do welcome her and hope she will be able to fly to every one of our meetings.

May 17 and 18 will find us all in Chattanooga for the tenth annual Air Show. This National Pilots Meet and Races has become THE big event for all the pilots in this area. The Tennessee Chapter is planning to get together for a breakfast meeting on Sunday morning, May 18th, in the Coffee Shop of the Reid House. We hope to find every member there.

Our next scheduled meeting will not be until after the TAR and the International Convention. We hope to have

two planes in the race. Ruth Thomas and Dee Sidnor are planning to take Ruth's Cessna, and Evelyn Bryan and Patricia Burnett will use Evelyn's Piper Pacer.

Two of our members participated in the search mission of Civil Air Patrol, Monday, April 28th. An AF Pilot in an F-51 was last heard of late the evening before about ten miles below the Knoxville Municipal Airport. Monday morning the CAP in East Tennessee was called out to look for him. Evelyn Bryan and Patricia Burnett from the Morristown Flight participated in the search, which ended about 4 P.M. of the same day when the wreckage was located in the Smoky Mountains.

Helen Deason and Georganne McConnell of Nashville participated in CAP Maneuvers at Jackson, Tennessee the weekend of April 26 and 27.

Donna Myers, Chairman of the Membership Committee, announces that a new member of this committee is Hope Howard, 2495 Alabama Ave., S.E., Washington 20, D.C.

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

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By: Jessie Gronowski

We all had spring fever when we met for our most recent meeting on April 17th at the United Air Lines office in the loop. Regina Devine was wearing a lovely new bonnet, Doris Langher had a brand new hair-cut, Irene Leverton was telling of her CAP unit's night mission (what a perfect night they had for that -- I was there!). All in all, we were all pepped up and accomplished a good deal. Plans for our rummage sale are taking shape under the guidance of Hazel Hackwith. Virginia Jansen has been appointed air-marking chairman. Bennie Bosler announced she and her little family are moving to Los Angeles in the near future--how we hate to lose you, Bennie! Our Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund was enriched through a raffled prize donated by Evelyn Martin - a pretty desk letter-file.

Kay Ferris is back from a flying trip to Santa Fe, Mexico with Anne Noggle. Esther Noffke passed out the point sheets for the trophy to be awarded at the end of the year to the hardest-working Ninety-Nine. What a lot of work she and Irene have done on that point system! It was good to see Erlene Conel, Virginia Rabung, Betty Archibald Volk and Phyllis Reed again. Our next meeting will be the first fly-in of the year at Meigs Field--our lakefront strip--on Sunday, May 17th. Betty will attempt to have the landing fee waived for us that day--keep your fingers crossed! And see you then!

The meeting was brought to a close with the showing of a colored sound film from Beech Aircraft called "Nothing Like Fishing." It runs about 20 minutes and is a nice addition to any Ninety-Nine program--and available without charge from your nearest Beech dealer.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By: Loretta Slavick

Everyone in the St. Louis Chapter is hard at work on the Air Show which will be given on June 15 at Weiss Airport, at 2 P.M. Everyone is being very cooperative and we hope to have a nice show. It will be primarily to demonstrate the utility of light planes.

Events include formation flying spot landing and bomb dropping contests, such aerobatics as are approved and can be done in light aircraft, demonstration flights in various types of aircraft, an exhibition of crop dusting, and an aerial strip-tease. There will also be ground exhibits of various types of planes and the Missouri State Highway Patrol will have their planes on exhibit.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat wrote a feature article on the St. Louis Ninety-Nines and gave us excellent publicity, in a recent Sunday edition.

The St. Louis Chapter of NAA has had the mayor of St. Louis proclaim the week of May 17-23 "Spirit of St. Louis" week, in commemoration of Lindbergh's memorable flight, and the Ninety-Nines here are active in the preparations for this celebration.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Joan Ferguson

The April meeting of the Indiana Chapter was held on the 20th at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. As the weather was beautiful, a lot of us got to fly in. We had 14 members, 4 associates and 1 guest present. Betty Pettitt stopped in for the meeting on her way to the Filter Center at South Bend. The state was having a Civil Defense Spotting mission.

After lunch at the Orange House we returned to the field for our business meeting. Lois Whitney is sending in an application for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship and we hope she gets it. Of course we discussed last minute details for the Sectional and talked about the TAR. Several of us would like to enter if we could get a sponsor.

Virginia Eberhart gave a detailed report on our publicity for the Sectional--we are going to be in the papers over most of the state; also on radio and a possibility of a TV plug.

Joan Ferguson (yours truly) won the pot of gold, which I might add came to the exact amount of my lunch. I have so many wonderful prizes, thanks to the hard working Indiana girls, to take to the Sectional that I sure hope all the members in our Section can get to Ft. Wayne. See you there--

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Marietta Sonneberg

Minnesota members renewed their knowledge on first aid, new methods of artificial respiration, and what to do in case of an atomic attack through an interesting presentation by Vice Chairman Dorothy Anderson (a public health nursing director by profession) at the April meeting. Hostess Pete Frey was the envy of all with her culinary efforts...one of the most delicious and authentic Chinese dinners we'd ever enjoyed. Chairman Marietta Sonneberg regaled all with her tales of a two-month vacation in the West, including being a special guest on RKO, MGM, Columbia and Paramount studio lots.

With spring finally here, interest increasing for the fly-in meetings (one for a whole weekend in July), and for putting up our first airmarker...plans are underway, anyway. Pete Frey's traveling library idea is meeting with good response and we all feel more educated, "aviationally" speaking, by reading these informative semi-technical booklets available thru CAA and other agencies.

Marietta is bragging about winning the \$5 offered by North Central Sectional governor for naming the sectional news chatter sheet, "Tailwind Topics."

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Ruth Lembke

Milwaukee's CAVU weather, ordered especially for the first state wide meeting since the snow disappeared, brought into downtown Maitland Field girls from miles around, decked in beautiful new dresses and fancy hats. Dora Fritzke, the hatless girl, look right smart in a natural straw job. Gladys Dean was wearing a dainty pink corsage from Frank, of course. Pearl Nelson tells us the latest on David, her four year old, who now speaks Spanish and German as well as his native tongue. Can you top that? Bernie Voelker has burst into print and been pictured all over the "State Journal" 'cause she's the only woman pilot from her home town, Sun Prairie. The choir which she directs is fast gaining in fame.

Grace Page and her 49 1/2er flew in from Madison, too. She is working on her instructor's rating. Deedo Heise is a full-fledged instrument ticket holder - with it she won the tray! We are more proud than she. Elaine Francke will be with us at the Sectional Meeting. She's training her 49 1/2er to be baby sitter for her two cherubs. Today was that practice period - he passed!

Mary Lou Thompson had to leave early to return to Mitchell Field where she is working on her commercial. Readelle Kellner acted as chairman in the absence of Jeannette Kapus who was on duty with the Air Force.

Florence Pintak had done the work of arranging this April meeting and came briefly, but was off to points North on this flying day. After "hefty" business, we dined at the Pfister.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Faye D. Kirk

Again we had snow and ice, but those of us who were able to endure the slipping on the highway, finally reached Freeland for our April meeting.

Jeannette Sovereign and Becky Thatcher made cute favours, a tiny chicken popping out of an eggshell set in a nest of green.

After breakfast, Mr. Eugene Perrin, from the Dow Chemical Company, gave a very interesting talk on the effects of aviation on agriculture and the company's research projects in almost every field of human, animal and plant life. He also gave us each a bottle of lovely colored aspirin and a Cornelia Cloth.

Lucile Biscomb spent her Easter vacation with husband Jack, who is with the A.A.F. at Rapid City, S.D. Leah Higgins traveled by C. & S. to New Orleans. A Cessna 140 took Alice and John Hammond to Houston, and to Fort Clark Ranch on the Sportsman Pilots Spring Cruise. They report having had a wonderful time.

Come out to meetings, girls, and win points for your side.

June meeting will be the 18th at Hillsdale and July will be on the 20th - place not decided yet.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By: Blanche E. O'Brien

Our April meeting was held at Air Port Inn, just across from Port Columbus, with Marjorie Miller as hostess. After coffee at the Inn, we held our meeting in an adjoining room. We missed Edith Harmon, who is vacationing in Hawaii. The Cleveland girls, Celia Moslo, Arlene Davis, Alice Puller, Mary Fecser, Joan Hrubec, Helen Patrick and Helen Skerjaa are working with a new Wing Scout Troop in Cleveland. Air Marking plans were discussed (get busy with that Air Marking, gals, and win a \$50.00 prize). The Akron girls, Jean Hixson and Rosalie Bracht were there, Bonnie Butler from Zanesville, Bernita Moore from Harrod. Alice Schlott had radio trouble, turned back, had it fixed, and still made it to the meeting. Martha Walter and Gloria Strickland, a guest, flew from Dayton. This was the first really beautiful Sunday we've had this spring, and nearly every one flew.

We Ohio gals are looking forward to saying "hello" to the gals in the WTAR when they stop at Vandalia. Hope it's an overnight stop. Marge Gorman, who flew the WTAR last year, has a very new wing man, Jeffrey Scott Gorman.

We're hoping for a nice weekend so we can wing our way to the Sectional Meeting at Fort Wayne May 3-4...See you there, 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

We hosted the South Central Sectional Meeting in Wichita March 28, 29 and 30 and hope everybody who attended had as good a time as we did. We had Ninety-Nines and guests representing Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri, Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Iowa and Kansas and were thrilled to have our International President, Alice Hammond, our International Treasurer, Mary Francis, Blanche Hoyes who was able to arrange her traveling schedule to be here, Ruth Shimon, Governor of the North Central Section, and Arlene Davis, former International Vice President. All in all 46 Ninety-Nines and 43 husbands and guests attended. Our biggest disappointment was that Ama Lee Jameson, Governor of the South Central Section, was weathered in and couldn't make it.

Friday evening Lowell Waddell, Chairman Anne's 49 1/2er, and Ray Irwin hosted a cocktail party for those who arrived on Friday. Saturday morning we had a tour through the Wichita Air Force Base where they let us get a close-up of the B-47 and T-33 jets. We had lunch and a business meeting at the Dobbs House at the Airport Saturday noon, and Saturday evening was our dinner at the Broadview Hotel, preceded by a cocktail party. Frank Trumbauer and Blanche Noyes were our speakers and then the prizes were awarded (the next time any of you see Jo Allison, ask her if she wants to match). The Oklahoma Chapter won the prize for having the most members there. We had typical good old Kansas weather for the girls with a slight Kansas breeze (45 to 50) blowing Saturday and Sunday. We had so many wonderful and generous sponsors that they are too numerous to list but it's to them and to all the swell people who came that we owe thanks for the meeting being such a success.

We have numerous airmarking plans in mind for the next few weeks, if the weatherman cooperates. We plan to paint Arkansas City, repaint Larned, and paint Junction City, one each weekend if weather is O.K. Junction City painting will be our regular May meeting, on May 18th, and the others are just in-betweens.

The stork was almost as busy as we were this last month - congratulations to Harold and Doris Hall and to Mary and Leo Eiler, both families being blessed with a boy in March.

Our European traveler, Marian Hardman, is back and we're anxious to get the lowdown on her travels.

COLORADO CHAPTER
By: Donna Myers

Mary Collett, our chairman, had the April meeting - a pot luck supper - much fun.

The big news is our annual Ranch dance which was held April 25 at Cresthaven Country Club - and it was a huge success, thanks to Marilyn Nordstrom, dance chairman. We have found, over a period of four years of holding these dances, that the same people are anxious to come - even though they may have no connection with the Ninety-Nines. Dorothy (Oklahoma Chapter) and Paul Young arranged their vacation so that they could arrive in time for the dance - driving up in their sleek Jaguar car.

Don't know just how much money we made as yet, since I haven't talked with Marilyn - she and her 49 1/2er Harold took off for the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs for the weekend right after the dance. No doubt but that Marilyn needed the rest.

Mary Collett, Sarah Gorelick and Mary Wenholtz report a very wonderful time at the South Central Section meeting in Wichita.

Marilyn Link, of the Air Age Education Division at the University of Nebraska, flew in for a conference with the University of Denver Air Age members April 18. Our chapter had so hoped to have a luncheon for Marilyn, but she advised that she was so tied up she honestly didn't have a spare minute. However, I was very fortunate in that I did get to meet her as the girl working with her had worked with me until a year ago when she got married and moved to Nebraska (Jane Bridgman Voight) and Jane sorta found two spare minutes for me to spend with Marilyn, at their hotel. We got a lot of talking done in that two minutes. She is a most gracious person - and she has promised to return later and really meet all our gals out here.

We are all making convention plans - hope we can bring several members with us this year. And our May breakfast is shaping up - for members and 49 1/2 ers.

See you next month.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
By: Beth Smith

First and foremost we want to congratulate the Kansas Chapter on their First Birthday, their outstanding progress in one year, and their exceptional party and sectional meeting. Our Chapter not only had a glorious time, but got paid for doing it - in the form of an award of twenty-five silver dollars for having the largest attendance. Thanks again. We have informally marked the "silver" for our Oklahoma City TAR Fund, for a welcome mat when the contestants stop at our designated airport.

Several members had the pleasure of visiting a few hours with Belle Hetzel on her overnight stop with Broneta Davis in Minco on April 24th. I might say that Belle was a little "pooped" after her trip to Mexico, but I won't.

This is our second year to donate a trophy to the "Best Girl Pilot" at the National Inter-Collegiate Air Meet, which will be held in Stillwater, Oklahoma this year. Emily Frost will make the presentation at the banquet, while the majority of our members are weekendng at Lake Murray Lodge, where reservations had to be made months in advance and the event in Stillwater could not be anticipated.

TEXAS CHAPTER
Dallas Unit -
By: Doris Weller

The annual Spring Meeting of the Texas Chapter was held in Fort Worth the last week end in April. Headquarters were at beautiful Western Hills Hotel which offers so much in the way of comfort and recreation. The weather was just right for swimming in the Patio Pool.

Things got off to a good start with a cocktail party Friday evening, given by Piper Aircraft Company. During the party, Mr. Jack Robinson, Ft. Worth Piper distributor, announced he would sponsor Josephine Allison and Doris Weller in the W.N.A.A. race from Dallas to Topeka in May. He is supplying a brand new Tri-Pacer for their use.

The entire day Saturday was spent at Eagle Mountain Lake near Ft. Worth. Lunch was served at Eagle Nest Lodge,

and then an afternoon cruise on the Lake in a 50 foot yacht. Another cocktail party at the Lodge in the evening was sponsored by Gulf Oil Co., and was followed by dinner and dancing. Bobbie Taylor, a Ft. Worth Ninety-Nine, and a very talented gal, spent hours playing the piano for dancing and singing all our favorite tunes. Bobbie operates Mid-west Airport at Ft. Worth. She and Cleve Godfrey, Verna Burns and Mary Helen Rattikin are responsible for the well-planned and successful meeting.

On Sunday morning a brunch at the Western Hills Hotel was followed by the business meeting.

The whole event was blessed with perfect flying weather. We were very honored to have our International President, Alice Hammond, and her 49 1/2er John in attendance. Also our International Treasurer, Mary Francis, from Oklahoma City, was present. Other out-of-state Ninety-Nines were Helen Simmons and 49 1/2er Roy from Abilene, Kansas; Olive McCormick and her 49 1/2er Cass from Muncie, Indiana; Florine Hayes from Oklahoma; and Broneta Davis, past South Central Sectional Governor, also from Oklahoma.

Our Governor, Ama Lee Jameson, flew in from her ranch near Brackettsville, and Ruby Hays and Ruth Deerman winged in all the way from El Paso. Flying up from Austin were Madge Janes and 49 1/2er, Edna Hammerman, Ziggy Hunter, and Joy Basey.

From Dallas came Olean Sellers, Martha Ann Reading, Marie Rushing, Josephine Allison who is Texas Chapter Chairman, and Doris Weller with guest Janis Romanio.

It was a very successful meeting and we are so glad for the number of out-state Ninety-Nines who were able to attend.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER
By: Nellie A. Palmer

Our April meeting was a fly in to Ukiah. Billie Wyatt, Ninety-Nine chairman and her 49 1/2er from Modesto, flew up to join us. Our new member, Meta Pool, wife of the Ukiah Airport manager, invited us up to her beautiful new home, high up on the mountain, overlooking the airport, for cocktails. We certainly enjoyed her hospitality and welcome her as a new member. Meta has her commercial license and is finishing up her instructor's while she assists her husband at the airport.

Dinner was enjoyed at the "House of Garner," where we had a short business meeting. We then adjourned from there to the Elks Hall where the CAA was having a Private Pilots Conference. We had been asked to join them, together with the members of the AOPA. The panel of experts which consisted of representatives of Communications, Airport Traffic Control, Air Route Traffic Control, Aviation Safety, and Regional Administrator, answered questions which were submitted. It was a very educational meeting and well attended.

Our Chapter is planning to have a float in the "Rose Parade" of Santa Rosa May 10th.

The May meeting of the Redwood Chapter will be held at the Sonoma County Airport, Santa Rosa, May 18th.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER
By: Monie Dye

France, Italy, Spain, Sweden, South Africa - how many of us have longed to visit these faraway places, steeped in beauty and rich in ancient lore! These are just a few of the countries included in the itinerary of Elizabeth Glaser, Los Angeles Chapter member. With a copy of the latest roster, Betty left the states a few weeks ago and plans to get in touch with Ninety-Nines in the countries she will visit. With the help of these flying sisters, she plans to contact women flyers in these countries. Her nine months tour will certainly do much toward furthering this worthy endeavor.

Because of measles in her family, this reporter was unable to attend the April meeting held on the 15th at the home of Lee Morrow. Yvette Kovary, former New York member who kindly substituted, reports that one of the topics discussed was the possibility of our obtaining a used projector. With this we'd be able to show informative movies from CAA, etc. Mardo Crane suggested that we have an "all out" membership drive to build our chapter to the size it was before we divided to form the Long Beach and San Fernando Valley Chapters.



A LAS VEGAS SUNDAY MORNING GET-TOGETHER AT SKY HAVEN AIRPORT

Left to right: Clarice Bessent, Helen Cannon, Martha Lundy, Solange D'Hooghe, "Peggy" Crockett and Mary Ellen Davis.

Taking part in the discussions were Chairman Mary Kitson, Mardo Crane, Lee Morrow, Yvette Kovary, Val Warne, Anna Saudeh, Betty Woodward and Jackie Wonsetler.

With promises to meet at the San Diego Sectional May 3-4, the girls adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

By the way, New York may be justly proud of Yvette-- (We are!), for she recently obtained her commercial, multi-engine and instructor's ratings at Hawthorne Municipal Airport. Does this account for the sudden increase in student pilots?

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER
By: Martha Lundy

Our new member, Lela Holiday, became the bride of Bill Horn, operator at the Sky Haven Airport, sometime between our March and April meetings. Maybe Lela was a bit inarticulate because she didn't reveal the exact date.

Our Chapter is celebrating its second birthday with a dinner and swimming party at the McNeil Ranch on May 12th, for members and 49 1/2ers. Peg Crockett is in charge so we are assured that things will be done - and properly. Any Ninety-Nines in this vicinity at the time are cordially invited to help us express our pleasure and appreciation for the privilege of being Ninety-Nines.

Was surprised to receive a card from our chapter treasurer, Mary Ellen Davis, from LaPaz, Mexico. She and her 49 1/2er Jerry took time off from their furniture store to enjoy a vacation in Mexico, flying their Navion to San Diego and going the rest of the way by airlines.

We were happy to hear that the Spring Sectional meeting will be in San Diego. Of course all of us want to go, but I am afraid we won't have 100% attendance. The energy, teamwork and good sound judgement of the San Diego Chapter is a marvel to me and should be source of inspiration to all smaller chapters. See you San Diego gals soon!

LONG BEACH CHAPTER
By: Betty Loufek

The April meeting was held at the attractive home of Mrs. Barbara London in Long Beach. Business cornered all the time for the evening. The start of the TAR is fast approaching, and so are all the other deadlines we are dealing with.

Several Official Program cover designs were displayed and the members chose a composite one. This is the final showing - the next drawing we see will be the one ready for the engraver. The members also selected the cover stock for the Program. This is to be white, instead of the light blue we had previously had in mind. The printing will be dark blue, and the gold in the insignia will be embossed. Sounds gorgeous, huh? The Chapter is really putting its heart into this business.

A report was given by the members present on the selling of ads. The first third has just been sold, two-thirds more to go. Anybody out there in the audience want to buy an ad???

Aileen Pickering, Chairman, and the Santa Ana Junior Chamber of Commerce are working together on the contestants' banquet plans. It will be free to the contestants (only) and will take place again at the fabulous Balboa Bay Club.

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

Belle Young, of Temple City, California, took her final flight Easter Sunday when the Piper Cruiser she was flying home from Banning, California crashed on takeoff. It burned before help could reach her. Private funeral services were held. Bell is survived by her husband, Dr. Dale Young. She was one of the most beloved and industrious girls in our newly formed chapter. Bell flew in the 1951 TAR with Elsie Ringer.

Clara Davis flew in the trophy race to the Holiday on Wings in Death Valley. The weekend fliers' frolic is sponsored by the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce. Clara, who flew a Cessna 170, said about 350 attended.

Clara and Jean Parker are scheduled to take the girls of the Wing Scout group sponsored by our chapter up for their first airplane rides this month. The group has been receiving aviation instruction from Barbara DeWees.

Chairman Margaret Standish spent a weekend in Palo Alto visiting Bay Cities Ninety-Nines Pat Gladney and Pat Sherwood, and logging some flying time. And - to wind up the travel news for April - this report with one-and-a-half year old daughter is flying (airlines this time) to Denver and Colorado Springs for a week. Last extended trip before arrival of Schubert Secundus.

April meeting was cancelled in lieu of the sectional meet scheduled for April and then postponed until the first week of May. San Diego is hosting.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

By:

Our April 19th meeting was to be a fly in to the new Turlock Municipal Airport, but the weatherman decided otherwise. Thus our treasury was boosted somewhat as word had been sent out that anyone driving would be fined! Hostess Laura Mae Crawford braved the gale in her Navion, but Frances Dias, Ev Hendley and Billie Wyatt drove. Now what to do with those who wouldn't drive. Al Zimmerman, Hazel's 49 1/2er, drove also and paid a fine as proxy for Hazel who has been in the hospital.

The Turlock Journal was on hand to take our picture and give the Ninety-Nines a write-up in their paper. Those attending voted to attend the dedication of this Airport to be held sometime in May.

Plans were completed for the picnic flight to be held June 8th to Columbia. Flight Chairman Ev Hendley announced prizes will be given for the Ninety-Nine flying the longest distance, the Chapter having the most members attending, spot-landing on arrival, and some very secret ones, also. There will be a prize for a 49 1/2er too, so be sure to bring him along.

Jean Vincent, Ev Hendley and Alice McPherson attended a flight of the associated San Joaquin Valley Flying Clubs to Avenal on April 20. Fifty-six planes and 140 people took part in the flight.

Billie Wyatt and her 49 1/2er flew to Ukiah on April 20 and attended a meeting of the Redwood Empire Chapter. Following this meeting, the Wyatts flew over to Lakeport and picked up two passengers who had never been on a cross-country flight. They had the passengers home to Modesto in 1 hr. 5 min. It had taken these same people five and one-half hours to make the same trip by car that morning. With the Golden Gate bridge and the blue Pacific Ocean visible 60 miles to the west, and the snow-capped Sierra Mountains seen 90 miles to the east and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys covered with a carpet of golden California poppies, is it any wonder these people exclaimed it was the biggest thrill of their lives and so two more people were sold on private flying.

Aileen Pickering, Chairman of Long Beach Chapter, was a recent visitor in Modesto.

Doris Henry of Turlock has received her commercial license.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By: Lindy Boyes

Dorothy Estep was hostess for this month's meeting of the Bay Cities Chapter in her San Francisco Peninsula home. From three sides of the Bay, seventeen members made their way to Dorothy's attractive new home. The Oakland-Berkeley-Piedmont side was represented by Adele Chase, Rosemarie Gehling, Miriam Brugh, Hazel Miles, Ann Rodgers and Yours Truly. While the San Jose to San Francisco end and side of the Bay had Marian Barnick, Helen Kelton, Jan Buschman, Ruth Rueckert, Marge Fauth, Margaret Gerhardt, Helen Menefee, Dorothy Monahan and two guests.

On the distinguished visitor list, Ninety-Nine Blanche Noyes was in the Bay area on CAA business re air route markings. She gave a kudo to this chapter for its work in airport marking. The credit goes to several girls, but at the top of this list are Adele Chase and Miriam Brugh.

Several planes will be flying to the Southwestern Section meeting in San Diego, which means at least 10 gals will be getting in some flying time.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By: Betty Lambert

With the Southwestern Sectional meeting, the rummage sale, and the Aviation Ball in the offing, members of the San Diego Chapter are going to be busy during the month of May. Our May business meeting is scheduled for the sixteenth at the home of Mary Ring.

In addition to chapter activities, several of our members are busy with their own plans for entering the 1952 TAR. Others are going strong on CAP activities. Lois

Bartling was in charge on an Air Echelon group for a flight to DelMar for a south section state-side encampment of cadets and senior members. Lois is also setting up cadet training activities for a group from Ocean Beach area.

Lorraine Johnson, former Minnesota and San Diego Ninety-Nine, has joined the Air Force and is now getting her officers training course at San Antonio.

Nancy Krause, a student pilot who flew in the 1950 TAR with Iris Critchell, has also joined the Air Force. Nancy is just finishing a Radio Mechanics Course at Scott AFB in St. Louis. We hear it's tough - but she likes it.

Lieutenant Georgia Fraine, former Bay Cities Chapter member, is now stationed at the Naval Hospital in San Diego. Lieut. Fraine is a navy nurse--welcome to San Diego Chapter, Georgia.

Dee Thurmond and I are trying to wear grooves in the range courses of San Diego radio while Dee builds up her hood time for those ATR requirements. As for me, I am just trying to shine up that rusty old Instrument ticket.

CANADIAN SECTION

FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

By: Betty McCanse

April showers poured forth with all their might on the week-end of April 5th, so we were quite content to pile into Phyllis Klotz' station wagon and hit Highway No. 15 for Trenton to visit Kay Harvey, who was hostess for the April meeting. Those attending were Phyllis Klotz, Neville Robinson, Dot Drew, Dean Smallwood, Lenore Dure and Dot Chapman. During the meeting Kay's "Report on the Air Ranger Company" was discussed and we were given an opportunity to chat with these very enterprising young girls. Also a tour of Trenton Air Base added to the enjoyment of the week-end. We are going to miss Kay in our Chapter when she leaves for London, England in July. Her 49 1/2er, G/C Harvey, has been posted there for two years.

Phyllis Klotz sails the end of April for a ten weeks holiday in England and France.

Also, we hear that Dorothy Rungeling, 49 1/2er, 24 3/4er and CF-GNX, have all been basking in the Florida sun.

Seen around the airport quite frequently is Lenore Dure. Leo and her 49 1/2er John are among the staunch supporters of the Gatineau Gliding Club who have been working so faithfully preparing their gliders for the coming summer.

CALGARY-EDMONTON CHAPTER

By: Margaret Littlewood

On April 10th, the Calgary-Edmonton Chapter of the Ninety-Nines sponsored an informal cocktail party and dinner at the Airlines Hotel, Edmonton, in honor of Miss Claire Wilson, U. S. Civil Air Attache to Canada.

We partook of a delicious "western" steak dinner amid all sorts of flying chatter and so-called "hangar flying." The toast to the queen was proposed by Lorraine Cooper of Calgary and the toast to the President of the United States by Doris Taylor of Edmonton.

Our guest of honor was welcomed by Chapter Chairman Lorraine Cooper and Miss Wilson's remarks were brief but her comments on the aims and ideals of the Ninety-Nines very encouraging and inspiring. Miss Wilson presented the Calgary-Edmonton Chapter with their official charter, and gave each member a Ninety-Nine Official Pin.

The girls retired from the dinner table to the lounge where an informal visit enabled us all to chat personally with "Claire" while she was deluged with requests for her autograph on our personal menus, which had been very artistically designed by our Chapter Secretary, Shirley Goldring.

We did enjoy meeting Miss Wilson and her interesting talk of experiences in line with her work kept everyone "all ears." We do hope she will visit us again in the not-too-distant future.

At our party-meeting, Phyllis Drysdale announced her resignation as publicity director, since she is taking off for the west coast where she will instruct for Skyway Air Service at Langley, B.C. We regret her departure but wish her all the luck in the future. Happy Landings, Phyl, and keep 'em flying!

Margaret Littlewood and Renee Lamoureux were chosen to take over the club publicity and membership work.