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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

NOVEMBER 1952

DEAR NINETY-NINES:

Do you all look forward to your News Letter each month as eagerly as I do? In its pages are unfolded the living story of our organization, its members, activities and accomplishments. It is our one means of keeping ourselves informed and up to date about the Ninety-Nines, even though we have missed that last Chapter or Section meeting. For this reason the responsibility of the News Letter Reporters is great - as ours is also to keep our reporters informed on up-to-the-minute items which will be of interest to other Ninety-Nines.

Our members in Canada and the United States are well represented by their Chapter Reporters, but it has often occurred to me that we seldom have news from our sister Ninety-Nines across the seas unless someone shares a letter with us. And so this message is addressed to you Ninety-Nines living outside the United States and Canada, temporarily or permanently. We are all most anxious for you to tell us of your activities and the opportunities for women in aviation in the country where you are. Please send us your story which we will publish as INTERNATIONAL ITEMS. Remember - the News Letter goes to every member - wherever she may be!

Another feature which I am sure would be of interest and value to us all would be sketches of some of the outstanding careers our members are following in aviation. Will some of your career girls please send the News Letter Editor a brief story of your work, how you got into it, why you chose it, how your aviation background is of value in it, and any other features which will be of interest and value so others on the way up. These will be featured in a new CAREER CORNER. I know we have members active in the WAF, Crop Dusting, Industrial Flying, Aviation Education, Airline Stewardesses, State Aviation Departments, Aviation Industry, etc. Come on, girls, give!

MARILYN LINK, Coordinator of the Air Age Education Division of the Department of Educational Services of the University of Nebraska, was instrumental in the preparation of the programs dealing with the Air Age World portion of the Nebraska School of the Air. This fine program, designed for Grades 4-9, is a daily public service feature of Radio Station KRVN at 1010 kc. The Air Age World material is broadcast every Friday morning from 10:15-10:30 CST and will continue through January - maybe longer. KRVN has a wide following throughout the Central States and MARILYN would appreciate hearing from any of you able to listen in.

Ninety-Nines in many areas have contributed substantially to Air Age Education in their communities - but it is important for us to remember that this is a very broad field. Naturally our first thoughts turn to the school children when we think of "Air Age Education" - and rightly so. But our work with the Air Scouts, Civil Air Patrol Cadets, wing Scouts, Model Airplane builders, Kiddie Lifts, etc., all fall within the scope of our Air Age Education program as well as our efforts to have this field included in the curricula of our Schools. Perhaps the most neglected group in Air Age Education is still the adults - the people we are in touch with every day. Let us never miss an opportunity to keep people informed on the meaning of the Air Age and its significance in their daily lives. Women's Clubs and Church Groups, etc., are always looking for good speakers on timely subjects for their programs. Some of our Chapters have taken advantage of this to tell the story of the Air World to lay people - and that is where our Air Age Education really starts, regardless of the age or the generation with which they identify themselves:

As Ninety-Nines we all realize the value of publicity in implementing our programs - this is amply demonstrated by the many fine clippings we have received. Whenever or wherever. Ninety-Nines are putting on or participating in aviation activity, good publicity is usually forthcoming. But there is another angle which it is well for individual members to keep in mind. So many of our Ninety-Nines are active in their communities in non-aviation interests, and are prominent in other fields. When being interviewed or written up in these other connections - bring out the fact that you are a Ninety-Nine - and what that means. This is just another way to "air educate" the public and render a service to aviation in general.

Incidentally, BERNICE TRIMBLE, Michigan Chapter Chairman, was taking off from Bishop Airport at Flint recently when she noticed a curl of smoke rising from a house roof near the airport. She picked up her mike, reported this to the Tower, asking them to call the fire department. When she returned from her flight, the tower operator told BERNICE that, due to her quick action, the firemen reached the burning house in time to save it - and that the owner had phoned the Airport in grateful appreciation!

Our very best wishes and congratulations to JAN DIETRICH, winner of the 1952 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship - as announced in this News Letter. Every success to you, JAN, in your chosen aviation career! The Ninety-Nines will be proud of you!

Remember everyone - NOVEMBER 30th - the deadline to get your dues and renewal slips to Headquarters for 1952-53. Let's make it.100%!

Yours for the NINETY-NINES, ALICE H. HAMMOND President



1952 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Janet Christine Dietrich, Coachella, California (left) and her twin sister, Marion

Janet Christine Dietrich, a NINETY-NINE member of the Bay Cities Chapter, has been declared the winner of the 1952 AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Award by the Board of Trustees governing the Scholarship Fund and by the three Honorary Judges distinguished for their sincere interest in aviation and well known for their wisdom, namely:

Charles F. Horne, Administrator of Civil Aeronautics Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Frank E. Sorenson, Director of the Education Staff Technical Co-operation Administration, Department of State, Washington, D.C.

Gill Robb Wilson, Editor and Publisher of FLYING Magazine, New York, New York.

Janet is a commercial pilot and a flight instructor and will use the award toward attaining an instrument rating which will be another step toward her goal of an airline transport rating. With the instrument rating she will be better qualified to do more charter work for Coachella Valley Air Service at Thermal Air Base in addition to instructing both on flight and on instrument. Aside from her flying activities (during her spare time, shall we say?), Janet is an administrative assistant for the Coachella Valley County Water District.

It has been her "will to advance" that has set up for her a place in today's field of aviation. Always teaming with her twin sister, Marion, she received her student pilot certificate at the age of 16 and the sisters received their private tickets of consecutive numbers in 1945. With no task at the airport too menial for them to tackle, they worked together early mornings, evenings, vacations, holidays and week ends to earn their flying.

While studying at the University of California for her A.B. degree in Psychology, Janet participated in all flying activities, such as the Chico-Mateo Air Races and found time to officiate for the local NINETY-NINE Chapter, to work for Civil Air Patrol and to organize intercollegiate flying meets.

For her 1951 and 1952 vacations, she and Marion flew the TAR and she shared the honor with Marion of placing second in the 1951 Race. And, last but not least, the Wing Scouts in her locality are fortunate to have her services as their technical advisor.

Jeannette L. Sovereign, Chairman Board of Trustees AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

#### INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

When you receive this issue of the News Letter, there will be about one week left before the deadline for renewals of Ninety-Nine Membership. After November 30th, these girls will be dropped from the organization. There is still time to send your dues air mail. We have a wonderful year coming up, with fun for all - DON'T MISS IT!!! Thank you for your cooperation.

Ruth Shimon, Chairman International Membership

#### TAR NEWS

The Board of Trustees has established the following policy in regard to accepting awards and trophies for the annual Transcontinental Air Race. This policy is being released to the membership for the information and guidance of all those chapters which help to make this great race possible.

- Awards and Trophies can be accepted for the TAR only by the Board of Trustees. No other individual is authorized to accept an award or trophy to be given for any category in the TAR.
- No Trophy or Award shall be accepted which bears the name of any individual or is given in the name of any individual.
- 3. Prizes shall be awarded in the TAR solely on the handicap basis as outlined in the Rules and Regulations. No awards shall be given for "fastest time," "first to arrive," etc., nor for any traits of character, personality, sportsmanship, etc.
- 4. Any gifts or prizes (with the exception of Lap prizes as covered in the next paragraph) donated by Ninety-Nine Chapters or other persons along the route of the TAR shall be given locally as the race is going through.
- 5. Lap Prizes, which can only be awarded on the handicap basis as outlined in the Rules and Regulations, shall be presented at the Terminus Awards Dinner. (This is necessary as the ground speeds must be calculated from the Official Logs in order to make these awards.) Any such Lap Prizes shall not, however, have a cash value of less than \$25.00.

The next issue of the Ninety-Nines News Letter will bring you the all-important news of WHERE and WHEN the 7th Annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race will take place. Watch for this news and make your plans early to participate in this great annual sporting event.

Betty H. Gillies, Chairman Board of Trustees, AWTAR Inc.

#### AIR-MARKING

With the ending of airmarking weather in part of the country, well earned credit should be given to all the Ninety-Nines who played such a great part in getting our intensified airmarking program for 1952 underway and for their important job in conveying to the public the importance of this program. With a total of 50 airmarkers reported for which the Ninety-Nines were responsible over a period of only six months, I'd say we are making progress in our aim to assist Blanche Noyes in the CAA's immense airmarking project and with the good start this year we should really make Blanche proud of us by the end of next year.

The gals in Ohio (who were high in the number of airmarkers with a total of 24 promoted), Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota and the Coachella Valley Chapter have airmarkers to their credit, having either promoted or painted them themselves. Arlene Davis and Virginia Ashelford, Jane Shope, Marge Cooper, Marietta Sonnenberg and Eleanor Wagner, respectively, handled the airmarking activities in those states. Some of the other Chapters who plan to begin their airmarking activities this fall are Arizona, Georgia, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, Greater Kansas City, Tennessee and Washington. They'll no doubt set a fast pace next year for the other chapters to beat. Some of our other Chapters,

Illinois, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, where the state carries on its own airmarking and checking program, are unable to participate actively but they have offered their services to their respective state aviation officials for use any time they can be of help.

of course, the chapters in the "deep South" will be able to paint right on through the Winter so they'll be ahead of some of us "Yankees" until we can start painting next Spring. We "Yankees" plan to use the Winter months to make our contacts and get everything lines up for the painting to be done next Spring - and except when we have a snow we can ALL check airmarkers during the Winter even if we can't paint them. How many airmarkers have you checked and reported recently?

HELP A LOST PILOT -- IT COULD BE YOU!

Bobbe Slade, Chairman International Airmarking

#### SECTION NEWS

## MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER By: Doris M. Wetherhold

Your reporter wishes more Ninety-Nines were able to attend the meeting at York on August 3rd. The weather interfered with most of the girls flying, but Chris Siegl and your reporter waited for blue skies to appear, then hopped into our planes. What a beautiful, ideal place for a summer get-together. Sitting around the swimming pool, eating luscious charcoal steaks, baked potatoes, corn-on-the-cob, and watermelon. Officers are - Chairman, Chris Siegl; Vice-Chairman, Ina Young; Secretary, Katherine Gaul; Treasurer, Lillian Marks.

A grand time was had by all attending the Sectional meeting at the Kenmore Club in Bethesda, Maryland on September 27th. Chris and I flew down in the Taylor-craft and we couldn't have asked for more ideal flying weather. At Congressional Airport we met Augusta Roberts and Mary Hoch. They flew down in Mary's Stinson. Mitzie Moore, of the Washington Chapter, greeted us and was our chauffeur to the Kenmore Club. Around the luncheon table, Gussy Roberts was the life of the party, telling us about her farm and pets and the good old days. What a sweet, wonderful lady she is. Fran Nolde, our Sectional Governor, presided at the meeting after lunch. The Washington Chapter is going to send in a bid for the start of the TAR next year. They ask for our help if they are so honored. Sectional officers for the coming year are as follows: Governor, Mitzie Moore; Vice-Governor, Leona McElroy; Secretary-Treasurer, Toby Lord; Membership Chairman, Chris Siegl. The cocktail party which preceded the banquet, was literally "out of this world." Blanche Noyes served as toastmaster at the banquet.

At our Chapter meeting in Feasterville on October 4th, the following members were present: Louise Sacchi, Ruth Shafer, Ina Young, Bettie Townson, Katherine Gaul, Lillian Marks, Ann Shields, Chris Siegl, a guest, Lucette Y. Keene and your reporter. After a delicious dinner at the Buck Hotel, we discussed the problems debated at the sectional meeting. Plans for getting more people to the convention next year were presented to the group.

Our next chapter meeting will be in Reading, Dec. 8th.

Leona McElroy wants to express her sincere appreciation for all the sympathetic understanding and kindness shown during her recent bereavement, when her son lost his life on June 17th.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER By: Hope Howard

It was a lot of fun having the Middle Eastern Sectional meeting in our town. It was held Saturday, September 27th, at nearby Kenwood Country Club. Kenwood offers golf and tennis facilities as well as proximity to Congressional Airport.

After a l P.M. luncheon, the business meeting was held, with our past chairman, Mitzi Moore, being elected as Governor or the Section. Shell Oil gave us a grand cocktail party before dinner, and Mr. Jennings Randolph of Capital Airlines, former congressman from West Virginia, entertained us with a very interesting speech after dinner.

Washington so enjoyed hostessing the Sectional that we have been considering making a bid for the beginning of next year's TAR. Chairman Louise Millican has been taking a telephone poll because the bids are due, and our October meeting isn't scheduled until the 30th.

We are sorry to be losing Manila D. Talley, who has moved north. However, she has requested a transfer, so she won't be lost to the Ninety-Nines.

#### SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

TENNESSEE CHAPTER By: Helen Deason

We are very proud to have the only Lady Flight Examiner in Tennessee in our Chapter. Evelyn Bryan, of Jefferson City, was recently made a CAA Flight Examiner. Congratulations, Evelyn!

Our Fall Sectional Meeting was held in Knoxville, Tenn. on October 4-5. On Saturday evening we entertained the members and guests at a Cocktail Party and Buffet Supper at the home of Gene Dunn, Maryville, Tennessee, President of the East Tennessee Flyers Club. On Sunday we had luncheon at the Farragut Hotel, with Mr. Jerry Lathan (Senior CAA Inspector at Nashville, Tenn.) as guest speaker. We gave Betty Hamilton, our outgoing Governor, a gift of our appreciation - also gave prizes for Oldest Pilot's License (Jane Hilbert, Tennessee Chapter), Newest Filot's License (Sarah Duke, Tennessee Chapter), Attending Most Sectional Meetings (Evelyn Greenblatt, Georgia Chapter), The Newest Ninety-Nine (Mary Edwards, Georgia Chapter).

Congratulations, Evelyn and Sarah! Evelyn Bryan was elected new Governor of the Southeastern Section and Sarah Duke was elected Vice-Governor.

Misses Helen Deason and Georgiana McConnell have just returned from a ferrying flight for the C.A.P. They went with a group of five to ferry some Army L-5's (Stinson), from Newark, N. J. to Nashville, Tennessee.

How do they do it? Pat and Buster Burnette have a new Bellanca and a new Cadillac Convertible! Nice going, Pat and Buster.

Welcome, Ruby Knapp, a new Ninety-Nine in our Chapter. She holds a Commercial License and has been flying for more than 10 years.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER
By: Dorothy Shackelford

On the first weekend in October, the weatherman undoubtedly got his signals mixed and gave us a weekend of perfect weather. The amazed Ninety-Nines of the Southeastern Section took to their planes instead of the usual buses and cars and flew to the Sectional meeting, landing on one of the most unusual and attractive airports I have ever seen. This is Island Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee. The well kept strip

in the very heart of the city or Knoxville, is located on a tiny island in the river, just large enough to contain it and connected to the mainland by a swinging mountain bridge only.

Tennessee Chapter, our hostesses, met us en masse and entertained us royally with a lovely cocktail party and buffet supper Saturday night and after the Sectional Meeting Sunday, a beautiful luncheon. They gave many attractive prizes, among them a gift to our very capable outgoing Governor, Betty Hamilton, who turned over the gavel to the incoming governor, Evelyn Bryan of Tennessee. The new Vice-Governor is Sarah Duke of Tennessee Chapter, and the Secretary and Treasurer, Caroline Hembel of Carolinas Chapter. Georgia Chapter had five girls present at the meeting as did Carolinas Chapter. We were sorry that Florida could not be represented. Many thanks to Tennessee Chapter for a most delightful weekend.

Wasn't it grand seeing Lt. Sara Payne, very natty in her Air Force uniform, as she caught the meeting on her way from Charlotte back to her base in Nashville, Tennessee? I hear that Louise and Herman Smith and Betty and Jim Hamilton flew down to Myrtle Beach this past weekend. We, The Shacklefords, attempted to do likewise but were turned back by a blanket of smoke so heavy that we were completely on instruments when scarcely over a thousand feet. I also hear that Edith and Odell Long were to leave this past Sunday, October 26, with the Columbia Aero Club for a week's flight to Mexico. Sounds wonder-

ful, doesn't it?. Did you read Edith's article "Cafe con Leche" in the October Air Facts, a most interesting account of their flight to the Virgin Islands?

We of Carolinas Chapter are off again this Sunday, Nov. 2d for Winston Salem, N. C. for our annual business meeting. With old man winter already breathing down our necks, let's try to get in all the flying we can while the beautiful Indian Summer lingers.

## NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

Once again the North Central Section has had a very successful meeting. Orchids are in order for the Illinois girls, headed by Regina Devine, who gave us all such a wonderful welcome and weekend at the Del Frado Hotel, Chicago, on October 4-5. The girls certainly went all out to coordinate things beautifully, including ordering especially fine weather. A guided tour of points of interest, movies, and shopping trips in the Loop made up the Saturday activities, followed by a cocktail party (angeled by United Airlines) and a most sumptious banquet in the Crystal Ballroom.

Congressman Peter Mack, Jr., was the printipal speaker of the evening and related his experiences on his trip around the world. To add to the general interest was the fact that he is a most eligible and handsome young bachelor.

Several distinguished guests were in evidence, including Alice H. Hammond, International President of the Ninety-Nines, Blanche Noyes, Chief of Airmarking, Washington, D.C., and Karl E. Voelter, Regional Office, Chicago.

A beautiful gold trophy was awarded Virginia Ashelford, Ohio, for her work in Airmarking, and individual gold cups awarded to eight girls from the Indiana Chapter for their part in the Airmarking program. A lovely prize was awarded to Marion Betzler for writing the winning letter based on a past hilarious experience while flying.

Sunday, October 5, was given over to a breakfast, followed by the business meeting, at which time the newly elected officers of the Section were introduced: Governor, Eugenia Heise, Wisconsin; Vice-Governor, Dora Fritzke, Wisconsin; Secretary, Jane Shope, Indiana, and Treasurer, Eloise Smith, Michigan.

By a curious coincidence, there were exactly 99 who registered for this meeting, making it truly a meeting of Ninety-Nines. In addition to the nine states represented by the members of the North Central Section, there were also representatives from Florida, Virginia, Nebraska and Kansas.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Please send all clippings for the Sectional Scrapbook to Gladys Dean, 24 Paget Road, Madison 4, Wis.

Jane E. Shope

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER By: Edith Harmon

Plans are under way for the spring meeting of the North Central Section to be held in Cincinnati. The date has been set for May 9-10. Circle it on your calendars, girls, we want to see you all there.

Wedding bells are in the air. The lucky bridegroom is Major Stanley Andreasen and by the time you read this, Lore Kugler will be Mrs. Andreasen. Lore writes that the wedding will be November 15th in Springfield and they will leave for San Francisco the first of the year to live there. Hate to see you go, Lore, but wish you lots of happiness.

The October meeting was held in Akron with Jean Hixon and Rosalie Bracht as hostesses. The girls made arrangements for the airport restaurant to open for the day and serve us a very delicious dinner. At the business meeting committee reports were given for the year just completed.

Celia Moslo has been on the sick list. Hope you're feeling up-to-par now, Celia.

Marge Miller and her 49 1/2 Lee were planning a vacation trip to the Smokies after the October meeting.

Our November meeting should be most interesting. The Indiana Ninety-Nines will meet us at Dayton for a joint meeting. Officials of both Indiana and Ohio Aviation Boards will be our guests.

Congratulations to the new sectional officers and best wishes for a most successful year.

INDIANA CHAPTER By: Joan Ferguson

the pot of gold.

The October meeting of the Indiana Chapter was held on the 19th at Billie Smith's farm, near North Vernon. The weather was wonderful and the scenery gorgeous. Billie and her 49 1/2er have 101 acres, with 65 acres acres in apples and peaches. We all had the biggest and best apples to eat all day. Their farm is rather hilly and washed by a creek running through it. We all took a hike through the orchard before dinner and Billie had a most sumptious meal. We all ate so much fried chicken that we all were in a horizontal position during the meeting. We had 16 members turn out and we have three new members - Flora Mae Newman, Betty Lehmer and Martha Ozbun, all of Muncie. Flora Mae won

The November meeting will be held on the 16th at the Vandalia Airport, Dayton, Ohio, in conjunction with the Ohio Chapter.

The Indiana Chapter is having white flying caps with "Indiana 99's" on them. We hope to have them to wear to Ohio.

Fern Rinker's flying club has purchased a Stinson Station Wagon which Fern, Dorotha Hendricks and myself flew to the meeting today. Sure is a nice flying air plane and we made a quick trip.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER By: Margaret Windfuhr

For the extraordinary month of October we had an extraordinary meeting by being guests at the Naval Air Station on Grosse Tie. Plans were made by Bernice Trimble and Edna Chapin in cooperation with Lt. Bill Luddy, Liaison Officer, Lt. Comdr. Smith, Capt. Sanders and Lt. Comdr. Dallas. 22 Members, 7 guests and 5 49 1/2ers were present. In spite of limited visibility six planes flew in on flight plan.

After a nice breakfast, a movie was shown on GCA which was most interesting and  $1 \underline{\text{locks}} \underline{\text{so}} \underline{\text{easy}}$ . A tour of the base was made - very interesting and informative. A talk on  $\underline{\text{omni}}$  was appreciated and last, but not least, a look at the GCA equipment which, incidentally, was used in the Berlin Air Lift. A chance to make GCA landings was permitted to those brave enough to try. It was a wonderful experience to be on Grosse Ile and we will long remember the courtesy and thoughtfulness of the officers.

Congratulations: Eloise Smith now has her multi engine rating.

One day recently, as Bernice Trimble took off from the Flint Airport in her plane, she noticed smoke coming from the roof of a house and upon closer inspection saw it was on fire. She called the Flint tower and told them to send a fire truck out there. Later the owner of the house called and thanked them for sending help in time to save it.

The November meeting will be in Jackson, and the December one at Alice Hammond's in Detroit. Make plans to come.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER By: Beulah Frotscher

Upper Iowa reporting: Our monthly meeting was held in Fort Dodge with the Fort Dodge girls as hostesses with "glorified weiners" and all the makings for a fall picnic at Hydro-Electric Park cabin. The Halloween theme for atmpsphere and hangar flying for conversation with catch-up sociability was the program of the day. Betty Barton of Spencer, with her escort Darrell Place, was the only fly-in of the day. Mildred Burt and Ray Peck of Storm Lake Oldsmobiled their way down. Rachel and Don Pieper and the three Pieper cubs of Fort Dodge were guests and we are looking to the future for Rachel to be back with us again. Fort Dodgers were: Jean Wildman and 49 1/2er Quentin with their two 24 3/4ers, Ginny Koestner and 49 1/2er Don but minus the 24 3/4er Vicky, Helen Flaherty, Bernie Eno, and Beulah Frotscher. Ruth Shimon and 49 1/2er were off to St. Louis -- pleasure - business?

Betty, to our knowledge, is the first woman to land at the new municipal airport at Fort Dodge, she flew down to the meeting here. Betty is a Spencer school nurse and has been very active in promoting air age education in

the Spencer schools. Her most recent effort was in securing from United Airlines the films of "Highway to Hawaii" and "Skyway to Yosemite" and screening them in five schools to eighteen teachers and five hundred students of the fourth and ninth grades inclusive. Also a health film from the Iowa Public Health Department "Student Flyers" to 275 students fourth and eighth grades inclusive.

Eddie Howard (the well-known band leader???) didn't see our way and as a result Bernie was not chosen airport queen for the dedication of the Fort Dodge airport. We had fun anyway. Bernie and I, as very enthusiastic aviation promoters, flipped pancakes from 7 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. in a very cold, windy tent; assisting our colleagues Helen and Ginny of the Flyer's Club. Helen was the champeen dishwasher, Ginny a bacon fryer assisted by a very sleepy 99 Jean Wildman. The flight breakfast was the success of the week-end.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER By: Virginia Rabung

It is my honor to take over the torch from Our Jessie Gronowski and attempt to carry on her good work in reporting activities of the Illinois Chapter. Although I am somewhat timid about following her in this capacity, I will try at least come close to excellent coverage she gave our chapter.

First, all of the members of the Chicago Chapter want all of those who attended the Sectional in Chicago on October 4-5 to know how thrilled we were to have the pleasure of greeting so many of our fellow members and how honored we were to entertain you. We can only hope that all of you had an enjoyable time here in the Windy City.

Mrs. Marion Betzler of Ohio won the prize at the Sectional in Chicago on October 4 for her story of her most embarrassing experience. Her prize was a double strand of pearls. Her story provided a hearty laugh for the 220 banquet guests.

We want also to extend our most sincere thanks to United Airlines which sponsored the wonderful cocktail party at the Sectional. It was a very fine gesture and we are all very grateful.

As those of you know, who attended the sectional, there was a breakfast and a business meeting on Sunday, October 5th. There were 95 present for this event. A door prize was awarded and many of the girls left with replicas of the medal awarded Amelia Barhart for being the first woman to fly the Atlantic Ocean solo. These were raffled off and we who were lucky enough to win them are proud of this possession.

We want to commend Harriet Noah for her good work in getting the Chapter some new members.

As for flying activities, we are gaining momentum. Hazel Hackwith flew a fellow pilot to Montello, Wisconsin to pick up an airplane in a Super Cub. She reported a fine trip both ways, though Chicago was enveloped in smoke and haze. Sylvia Roth and Inger Johnson, two of our new members, joined forces in a cross country which took them first to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where they met Sylvia's friends, and then to Detroit, just ahead of a cold front, to stay with some of Inger's friends. The hop back, they reported, was much smoother as the cold front had passed.

Plans are going shead for awarding of achievement honors next spring under the able leadership of Esther Noffke. I think when the award is made it will be a hard choice with all the activity in which the girls are involved.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Gladys P. Dean

Wisconsin's new chapter, CENTRAL WISCONSIN, is the 13th of the North Central Section of the Ninety-Nines.

We feel we should be called the "Lucky 13th" because all of the members from this Chapter who went to the Chicago Sectional won a gold replica of the souvenir medal which was presented to Amelia Barhart Just 20 years ago, Sunday, October 5th, at a testimonial banwuet in Philadelphia honoring her as the first woman in the world to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean.

We were well represented by Nellie Bilstad, Vice-Chairman, Isabel Myrland, Secretary, Pearl Nelson, Treasurer, and Gladys Dean, Public Relations. Mrs.

Dean was the lucky person who won the main prize, a large silver bowl with the "99" insignia, at the drawing of prizes at the breakfast.

Isabel Myrland flew to Chicago in her plane with Nellie Bilstad, and Pearl Nelson flew with Gladys Dean in the Dean plane.

The November meeting will be held at Sky Lodge, on Sunday, November 9. It will be "Family Day," and noon pot-luck dinner. While the business meeting is being held, husbands and 49 1/2ers and other guests can go shooting grouse, or fish in the nearby river which borders Sky Lodge. Isabel Myrland, the Chapter's Secretary and co-operator with her husband, the "Colonel," of Sky Lodge, will be hostess for the meeting.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER By: Marietta Sonnenberg

October was a busy month for us. Margaret Manuel picked up Marilyn Kvalheim, Ritz Zbylicki and Marietta Sonnenberg in a Cessna 170 and flew down to Chicago for the fall Sectional Meeting and a lot of fun. A week later, 13 members and 6 guests came to Rochester for the regular monthly chapter meeting and bridal shower for Evelyn Knowiton, hosted by Dorothy Anderson and Marietta, and featured by a visit to the new home Ev and Bob Paige will now occupy...we saw lovely gifts from many Ninety-Nines around the country and got a peek at Ev's beautiful trousseau. Attending the meeting (besides those mentioned above) were Florence Scriver, Helen Murphy, Helen Masterton, Laura Black, Marion Radke, Rita Orr, Audrey Baird, and Pete Frey... Then a week after that was the big wedding in Rochester.

Our November meeting is set for Helen Masterton's house in Minneapolis on the 27rd.... Rita Z. is on air watch in Winona... Marietta is serving again as calendar chairman for North Central Section.... Dot A. spent a week in Cleveland at National Public Health Convention.... and she's also been busy on a special polio study in Rochester. She's director of public health nursing for the county. Marietta covered the appearances of both Ike and Adlai for the Rochester paper when they visited there recently... and Virginia Shaw's husband Bill, a NWA pilot, flew Ike's campaign plane on one hop.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER For: Neva Rea

News Letter Reporter Neva Rea is so busy with her oneweek old Georgian Court Coffee Shop that we're writing the letter for her this month. It's an "about-face" in her successful business career, but the versatile and capable Neva is bound to succeed in any undertaking... heap big best wishes from all of us, Neva!

In our last month's letter we told of our FLYING PRO-JECT...and we are still flying every Sunday...with really fine results. Not only is it a world of fun, but the girls are flying! And we're mighty proud of some of the girls who hadn't flown in too-oo-oo long and are now back in the air enjoying every minute of it. Our loyal Jane Emerson Carter is on the job every Sunday, as instructor gratis, when needed. We couldn't have done it without her.

Our river boat party two weeks ago, with 49 1/2ers and guests, was lots of fun...our first party of that kind ...and a real success. Kathryn Peck, Emily Crew, and Joan Cayot did the grand planning job.

Betty Gillies, San Diego, was in K.C. for our October meeting...wonderful to have her with us...wonderful to have her enthusiasm for the AWTAR spread through our chapter. Thank you, Betty, for your evening with us!

Had five student pilots at the meeting also...maybe we can encourage them to get their licenses. Rena Ryan and Kathryn Peck were co-hostesses, and the meeting was delightful.

Grace Harris and Verna Wilson flew in Grace's Bonanza to the Chicago Sectional Meeting, and are still talking about Congressman Peter Mack's fascinating talk on his solo flight around the world, and of what wonderful hostesses the Chicago girls were.

#### SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

TEXAS CHAPTER Dallas Unit By: Doris Weller

There were 17 Ninety-Nines taking off in the All-Texas Air Tour this fall. The Fourth Annual Air Tour was held the second week in October, and Temple, Texas was again chosen as the starting point. On hand at Temple were Ruby Hays and Ann Duthie from El Paso; Pearle Ragsdale and Mildred Miller from Austin; Marion

Guiberson, Josephine Allison, Martha Ann Reading and Doris Weller from Dallas; Verna Burns, Cleva Godfrey and Edna Gardner Whyte from Ft. Worth; Jimmie Kolp Smith from Hondo; Pat O'Bannon from Eagle Lake; Dorothy Weick from College Station; Mary Ann Greer from San Antonio; Ama Lee Jameson from Brackettville; and Loretta Slavick from St. Louis, Mo.

Several others joined the tour at intervals along the way: Ziggy Hunter from Austin, and Marie Rushing from Dallas. Pauline Glasson was on hand to greet us at Corpus Christi, and Barbara Williams and Marie Barnes met us at Longview.

The eight of us who made the entire tour which lasted for eight days and 42 Texas towns were: Martha Ann, Ama Lee, Edna, Cleva, Verna, Josephine, Mildred and Doris.

Another woman pilot making the entire trip was Carmen Guarjardo of Monterrey, Mexico, who flew a Stinson with her husband Alex. Carmen is a prospective 99.

Edna Whyte was sponsored on the tour by the Texas Chapter, and did a fine job of representing the Ninety-Nines and also the March of Dimes Campaign. Edna (who is a registered nurse) has been doing polio nuring all summer in Dallas and Ft. Worth. Some of her aeronautical ratings are: Commercial Pilot, Single and Multi-Engine, Land and Seaplane, Instrument, Instructor, and Helicopter. She is Chairman of the Ninety-Nine Contest Committee and placed Third in the 1951 TAR. In 1952, after 2400 miles or racing, she was weathered in at Wheeling, which made her eligible for the Turtle Club.

Ama Lee was sponsored by the Shahan Angus Ranch of Southwest Texas, and Jo and Doris were sponsored by Southwest Airmotive Co., on Love Field at Dallas.

A wonderful time was had by everyone on the trip - so many old acquaintances were renewed and new friends made. One of the attractions of the tour was the Rose Festival at Longview where we danced to the sweet music of Clyde McCoy's band until the wee hours.

We wish more of you Ninety-Nines could join us next year. We are practically assured of perfect flying weather during the month of October in Texas. Besides having so much fun we acquire lots of good cross country flying time!

Fort Worth Unit By: Rowens Burns

Our clear skies and lack of rain have made October an ideal flying month - tho not so good for crops and lawns.

The 4th Annual Texas Air Tour was reported a big success. Those flying it logged between 20 and 30 hours flying time. Verna Burns and Cleva Godfrey flew Cleva's Stinson; Beulah Conn (a prospective member) and her husband flew their Cessna 140; Edna Gardner Whyte flew her Cessna 140, accompanied by Mildred Miller of Austin, secretary of Texas Aeronautics Commission. Edna gave radio talks, distributed pamphlets and answered questions at each stop in support of the 1953 March of Dimes drive.

Bobbie Taylor recently returned from a vacation in Tucson. She is working hard on the Annual Fall Meeting of the Texas Chapter, which will be held at the Baker Hotel in Mineral Wells, November 8-9. This is the business meeting at which Chapter officers for the coming year will be announced. A cute idea for the program is planned--it's in the form of a flight and promises to be lots of fun. Pre-take Off meeting (Registration) is at 1300 November 8.

Ark-La-Tex Unit By: Barbara Williams

Our unit had a dinner meeting at The Westerner in Shreveport on Tuesday, October 21, with Margaret Walker, Virginia McJilton, Barbara Williams, Marie Barnes and Essie Mae Hollis attending. Essie Mae brought a guest, her cousin, Mrs. Frances Lockwood of Texarkana.

Our brand new director, Mildred Carney, sent her regrets -- she was ferrying another new car to California. That makes the second one this year.

New committee chairmen for the unit are, Reporter, Loraine Averett; Membership, Virginia McJilton and Barbara Williams; and Scholarship, Syble Sanders.

We voted to eliminate the December meeting this year but will meet in November as usual.

Corpus Christi Unit By: Pauline Dunnam and Fay M. Clampitte



NINETY-NINES AT THE TAKE-OFF OF THE 4th ANNUAL ALL-TEXAS AIR TOUR

Seated: Mildred Miller, Doris Weller, Edna Whyte, Cleva Godfrey, Verna Burns, Pat O'Bannon, Ama Lee
Jameson

Standing: Loretta Slavick, Jimmie Kolp Smith, Dorothy Weick, Mary Ann Greer, Marian Guiberson,
Martha Ann Reading, Josephine Allison, Ruby Hays, Pearle Ragsdale, Ann Duthie

On October 9, 1952 our first meeting was held at the home of Pauline Mason Glasson. Following a delicious dinner (enjoyed by all!) officers were elected and Mr. Glasson took a picture of the group.

The new officers of this Unit are, Director, Pauline Mason Glasson; Vice-Director, Murle Dunnam; Secretary and Treasurer, Elaine Gault; Amelia Earhart Fund, Edith Foltz Stearns; News Letter Reporters, Pauline Dunnam and Fay M. Clampitte; Foreign Correspondent, Mary Frances Blair.

We all met at Murle Dunnam's on Oct. 23d to continue the first meeting - chose our unit name, discussed air marking, and did some hangar flying.

Ardath McCreery flew up from McAllen, Texas for the meeting in her Cessna 140. She slso got in on part of the Texas Air Tour.

Dr. Mary O. Ghormley was late for our first meeting she was having a baby (said it was black as tar). She is going to contact high school and college girls for further interest in aviation.

Our Director, Pauline Mason Glasson, is in the Blue Grass State for a family visit. Her troop of Wing Scouts are anxious to help us with our Air Marking and we are anxious to have them.

Mary Frances Blair, who is with the U.S.N., has been transferred to Hawaii. Eager to have a news letter from her.

OKALHOMA CHAPTER By: Rita Eaves

At our last meeting the Oklahoma Chapter installed their new officers. The meeting took place at the Municipal Airport in Stillwater. After the meeting, we were taken to the Student Union on the campus of the Oklahoma A & M College by the airport manager, Mr. Hoyt Walkup, and our Ninety-Nine Emily Frost. We dined in the Mural room and were entertained by Hawaiian students, the Hu Mali Hu Mali trio (means "Kid 'em along") who sang native songs and played their native instruments. We were then conducted on a tour of the new Union building by Mr. Walkup.

Some of us are wondering how our Dorothy Morgan ever navigated from the landing strip to the park apron. During the tour through the Student Union, things seemed to be a little more interesting to Dorothy than the rest of us and she kept getting lost.

Some of us have had forced landings in an airplane, but not many can claim the distinction of having a forced landing in an elevator. Emily Frost can claim "fame" to both. At the Student Union building at Oklahoma A & M she was flying an elevator with several hundred hours of Ninety-Nines as passengers. She was trying to go from the third to fourth floors but ended up at the first floor. Next time Emily will get a check ride from an electrician, I betcha.

KANSAS CHAPTER
By: Lucile "Susie" Cheetham

The October meeting of Kansas Chapter was held at the Augusta Airport at the home of Hazel and Al Quy. Early arrivals played golf in the morning. We were entertained by an exhibition of Ju-Jitsu and Judo by an instructor and two students from the Wichita School of Ju-Jitsu and Judo. A delicious picnic lunch was served at noon by Hazel Guy. The business meeting followed. Present were Helen Simmons and 49 1/2er Roy, Anne Waddell and 49 1/2er Lowell, June Alter and 49 1/2er Bob and daughter Margaret, Helen Puffer and son Bobbie, Bobbe Slade and mother, Pat Dufford and friend Pat Tiede, Marian Hardman, Susie Cheetham and the hostess and host, Hazel and Al Quy.

Bobbe Slade and Anne Waddell flew a Cessna 170 to Long Beach, California in October and reported having a Wonderful time in Long Beach, Los Angeles and Hollywood. COLORADO CHAPTER By: Betty Stackhouse

Saturday, Oct. 4th we had a luncheon meeting at Sky Ranch Airport, located a few miles east of Denver, Colorado. Mr. G. Hall McKay, General Manager, took us on an extended tour of the airport facilities and hangars - it is a wonderful field for the private pilot. Sarah Gorelcik, a member of Greater Kansas City Chapter, and Frances Warner gave us detailed highlights of the TAR which were enjoyable and amusing. Frances flew her plane in for the meeting from the Englewood Airport at Englewood, Colorado, and before the meeting Sarah Gorelick and Mary Collett logged some time. Our business consisted of plans for increasing our treasury and it was decided we should start collecting items for

a Rummage Sale, to be held after the first of the year. Those present were Jane Nettleblad, Donna Myers, Marilyn Nordstrom, Mary Collett, Margaret Hughes, Pat Urling, Ruth Mugele, Frances Warner, Naomi Anderson, Mary Wenholz and guest Jewell Mock, a potential member; Sarah Gorelick and Betty Stackhouse.

Our November meeting will be a Halloween Costume Party and Dutch Buffet Supper at Donna Myers' home

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tepper flew their Cessna to Chicago recently.

Rusty McLean is flying scheduled airline mervice in northwestern Colorado for the Eskridge Airline Service, Craig, Colorado.

#### NORTHWESTERN SECTION

OREGON CHAPTER
By: Joyce Hoberg Lee

Our last meeting was a luncheon at the Montecello Hotel in Longview, Washington. Saw gals we hadn't seen all summer, including Velma Richards, Bertha Girardot, Mary Ann Stewart, Bettie Bray, Virginia White and I flew down together. We had nominations for next year's officers, and they will be announced at the next meeting.

Mary Ann and husband were leaving on a hunting trip the next day.

Our next meeting will be November 14th, at Portland-Columbia Airport. We plan to spend about 2 hours in the control tower. We hope to have quite a few educational meetings this winter.

## SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER By: Lindy Boyes

Ocops! I forgot! The September deadline left me behind. So I'll try to make up for my error now.

Bay Cities was well represented at the Sectional Meeting held at Fresno last month. Among those present were Chapter Chairman Miriam Brugh, Pat Gladney, Rosemarie Gehling, Margaret Gerhardt, Lou Kroll, Dorothy Monahan, Ann Rodgers, and Yours Truly. Our impromptu hostesses, the San Joaquin Valley Chapter, did a grand Job of carrying out the necessities and niceties on last minute notice.

The following week-end, chapter members Eleanor Bjorkman, Rodgers and Boyes were among those who flew north to Chico and famed resort Richardson Springs to participage in the San Joaquin Valley Flying Clubs Associationand-CAA-plus-other-groups sponsored week-end. Another most enjoyable fly-away.

This month was made notable by the Election of officers. Hostess for the meeting was Ann Rodgers (TAR pilot) of Oakland. Those elected were Lindy Boyes, Chairman; Rosemarie Gehling, Vice-Chairman; Lou Kroll, Secretary; and Laura Hale. Treasurer.

UTAH CHAPTER By: June Raybould

The we have been absent from the News Letter for several months, we have been busy, so we'll try to bring you up to date.

We miss Dorothy Allen, one of our most active members, who couldn't resist the opportunity to rejoin the Army. An ex-Wasp, Dorothy is at present stationed at Roslyn,

New York. Before she left, chapter members gave a farewell Chinese dinner for her and presented her with a going away gift. Please hurry back soon, Dorothy.

We are proud of Elko, Nevada member Doris Eacret who piloted a Cessna 140A to place second in the TAR. This was Doris' second try. Co-pilot Helen McIntosh is from Las Vegas Chapter. The girls really had a marvelous time both years and we're sorry that the whole chapter couldn't be in the race too - it sounds like such fun;

Doris also hostessed our spring fly-in meeting, held at Elko. Dorothy Allen, Mickey Nebeker, Jane Davis and June Raybould flew the 200-odd miles to Elko, while Eunice Naylor and Bobby Pratt drove over to enjoy a delicious lunch followed by flying movies.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER By: Martha Lundy

Our chapter sent two delegates, Helen Cannon and Martha Lundy, to the fall Sectional Meeting held at Fresno.

Our October meeting was held at Martha Lundy's home with eight of our "lucky thirteen" present. Election of officers was held, with the following result: Margaret Moore, Chairman; Lela Horn, Vice-Chairman; Helen Cameron, Secretary; and Martha Lundy, Treasurer.

Today is United Nations Day and the Las Vegas Chapter is proud to have had an entry in the parade here. A good many more Las Vegans know what the Ninety-Nines are and we felt it was most appropriate that an international organization be represented on such an occasion.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER By: Mary J. O'Connor

The regular monthly meeting of Redwood Empire Chapter was held at the home of Mary J. O'Connor on October 19. A brunch was served and after the business meeting the members adjourned to the patio for an afternoon of social chatter and hangar flying in the beautiful California sunshine.

Election of officers was held and many plans made for the next few months. Nellie Palmer will be Chairman again this year, and Helen Nichols and Geraldine Schick will do a repeat performance as Vice-Chairman and Treasurer. Mary J. O'Connor and Anna Brenner will be new in their offices as Secretary and Membership Chairman.

The November meeting of the Chapter will be held at Noyo, a little picturesque fishing village close to Ft. Bragg.

Plans are underway for a meeting of all pilots in this area. A CAA man will give us the latest dope on CAR and accident prevention. This meeting will probably be held in December or January at the Sonoma County Airport.

TUCSON CHAPTER
By: Gertrude G. Gelderman

Barbara Harris, now a full-fledged member of our chapter, has been appointed Air Activities Chairman, and Faye Jones is Membership Chairman.

On October 20, our chapter (all seven of us) and our 49 1/2ers visited Grand Central Aircraft Co. where modification of B-29's and B-47's takes place. Mr. William Hawes Smith pointed out many interesting facts on this tour. We know that the pilot is the boss of the airplane but in this B=47 electronic job the "brains" in the airplane can overrule the pilot. It was a wonderful treat for all of us.

SAGUARO CHAPTER By: Marjy Crowl

Ethelind Woodhouse and Betty Knier were unanimously reelected Chairman and Vide-Chairman, respectively; Melba Beard is our new Secretary; and Camile Shapley our new Treasurer. Wilma Bland will continue her good work as Membership Chairman.

Notice of her appointment as Sectional Director of Civilian Defense has been received by Ethelind Woodhouse. Bonnie Fugitt, who is with the state agency, holds the Chapter office. Bonnie found she was too busy in that respect to report to the News Letter, so I just inherited the job. Our Airmarking Chairman is Babe Williams.

Ethel and Harold Woodhouse flew their new 170 to Fresno to the Sectional Meeting, and Betty Knier and yours truly went up in the 140 which formerly belonged to "The Flying Woodhouses." We were happy that our chapter received the "Flying Trophy".

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER By: Ruth Gamber

The Chapter started the fall season on October 17th with the Halloween theme, at a business meeting hostessed by De Thurmond and Ruth Gamber. Plans were discussed for fund raising projects including a Rummage Sale and the sale of a block of seats for the Globe Theatre and Ice Cycle Show. We were happy to have Allison (Sunny) Burns, ex-Wasp, as a guest.

Several Ninety-Nines entered the Air Games held at Gibbs Airport, Montgomery Field, and the week-end was climaxed by the WFA's invitation to their dance at the Terrace Room, Manor Hotel.

De Thurmond delivered a Super Cub Duster from the factory at Lockhaven to Long Beach, and is still talking about the plush Super-Connie Ambassador Flight with the red rolled carpets, French Champagne and colorful Smörgas-bord.

Ninety-Nines attending a weekly Air Traffic Control class conducted by Mr. Hummer, CAA Chief, include Claire Hale, Carly Stortz, De Thurmond, Lois Bartling, Betty Gillies, Betty Lambert and Ruth Gamber.

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

The new chairman of the San Fernando Valley Ninety-Nines is Elsie Ringer of Duarte. Elsie has a commercial license and usually she and her 49 1/2er have their own plane. Right now they're scouting around for a new one, and are building a duplex home in Monrovia, California. Other officers elected at the October meeting at Norma Leanerts' home in Alhambra are: Vice-Chairman, Lola Perkins; Secretary, Margaret Sturges; and Treasurer, Jean Parker.

Norma served dinner deluxe to 15 Ninety-Nines on the occasion of the elections, a very ambitious undertaking for a gal who also puts in a full working day away from home.

October 26th, some of the gals attended the Coachells Valley Chuck Wagon fly-in breakfast at Thermal Airport.

Anne Rambo, re-elected Governor at the Sectional meet, reports that one of the largest aviation libraries in the country will open this month at Claremont College, Claremont, California.o A section is set aside for women in aviation. Ruth Rueckert heads the collection of material for this division; she's a Bay Cities Chapter Ninety-Nine. And Ethel Sheehy, past International President of the Ninety-Nines, is writing the history of the air race for the library annals.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER By: Margaret Callaway

Our October meeting held at Camital Inn was a visiting and swimming get-together. Gerry Mickelsen and Ethel Sheehy of Sacramento were hostesses. Lunch was served on the patio around the pool. Members and guests baked and sun-bathed while eating. Informality was the key

Billy Wyatt and Frances Dias flew in from Modesto, representing San Joaquin Valley Chapter. Miriam Brugh and Ruth Rueckert, with daughter Marsha, drove up from San Francisco representing Bay Cities Chapter. It was fun having all of you. Be sure to come again.

Our furthermost members arrived by car and plane -Athene Giersch, Sonoma, flew into Capital City Sky
Park bringing one guest. and Coral Bloom drove up
from Walnut Creek. Coral is now teaching at the Junior
College in the Walnut Creek Area - aviation subjects.
Nice going, Coral. Rita Sutherland drove up from San
Francisco where she has been some some research at the
University of California for the last couple of years.
We have missed you, Rita. Hope you will bet to more
meetings soon.

Marge Ludwigsen has taken her Bar Exams in San Francisco recently. Good Luck, Marge! I hope this won't mean we'll lose you to some other chapter, as we're looking forward to the time you'll have more time to attend our meetings.

Gerry Mickelsen and Marcia Fandrem of the Bakersfield Chapter, formerly of the Colorado Chapter, attended the California Aviation Education Association Directors meeting held at Mather Air Force Base, Oct.18-19 Both women have been asked to serve on the Curriculum Committee of the Air Age Education Program at the elementary school level.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER By: Edna Stennett

The October meeting of Long Beach Chapter was held at the home of the chairman, Barbara London, the evening of the 29th.

A preview was had of a motion picture on civilian flying, with some of the shots being of the beginning and end of the ALL WOMAN TRANSCONTINENTAL ATR RACE. The working copy was shown so that members present might give suggestions on the improvement of the film so that it would be in demand by Ninety-Nine groups throughout the nation to interest the general public in the sporting as well as the practical side of flying in civilian life.

Chairman Barbara London announced that a formal bid is being sponsored by the Long Beach Chapter for the finish of the 1953 AWTAR at Long Beach Municipal Airport. Full cooperation is being offered by the City Council, Junior and Senior Chambers of Commerce, the Airport Management, and others concerned. The decision of the AWTAR trustees is being awaited with impatience, to say the least.