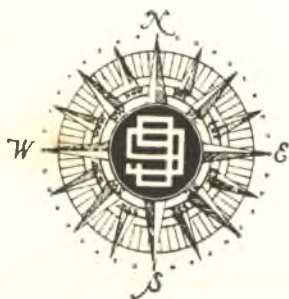


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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

December 1952

DEAR NINETY-NINES:

Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly! The Holiday Season is nigh upon us - a busy, busy time for everyone. But never too busy to wish each other the very best of everything - so here is my personal wish for each and every Ninety-Nine - wherever you are!

THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS YOU EVER DID SEE,  
AND TO ALL NINETY-NINES - SUCCESS IN FIFTY-THREE!

An easy way to take care of that last minute shopping by your family or frantic 49 1/2er is to hand them the "What to Get and Where" Column from the October News Letter. Or you can do your own selecting with that Christmas check - getting yourself some lovely Ninety-Nine things and helping the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund or some Chapter's treasury at the same time!

GERRY MICKELSEN will be celebrating the Holidays in one of the nicest ways we could think of. As a member of the International Executive Committee she will travel to Vancouver, British Columbia to present the Charter to the newest Canadian Chapter there on our behalf. LOIS PAIGE, Chairman of the new Chapter, moved out there some months ago - the sole Ninety-Nine in the area. Through her enthusiasm, she has enrolled FOURTEEN new members in the vicinity of Vancouver to form this new Chapter! This is certainly an outstanding example of personal achievement through loyal effort!

We are particularly pleased at this time to be able to announce some of the 1953 dates of importance to the Ninety-Nines, so you can all start making your plans for the Golden Anniversary Year of Powered Flight.

For the first time since 1936 the Ninety-Nines will hold their International Convention on the West Coast! The response from the survey of Chapters on the various possibilities for the time and locale for 1953 Convention was enthusiastic, and overwhelmingly in favor of San Diego for July. The Executive Committee has accepted the invitation of the San Diego Chapter to hold the 1953 International Convention there July 9-12 - so start your 1953 vacation plans a-rolling in that direction!

This issue of the News Letter also carries the announcement of the dates and places for the Start and Terminus of the 1953 All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race. Plans are also well along for this race and details will be forthcoming in an early issue of the News Letter.

DOROTHY DREW, the new Governor of the Canadian Section, has consented to take on the Chairmanship of the International Women Pilot's Liaison Committee to carry on the splendid contacts initiated by MARJORY LAWS during her two years in this capacity. Because of illness in her family, PHYLLIS KLOTZ was unable to carry on as 1953 International Nominating Committee Chairman, so DARLENE THURMOND has graciously agreed to assume this important responsibility. GERRY MICKELSEN will henceforth be in charge of our International Scrap Book - so PLEASE send all your clippings and publicity about Ninety-Nines to her at 1809 Wentworth, Sacramento, California instead to to our New York Headquarters, as we have been doing.

We know how pleased you all will be to read our Editor's announcement about having a full twelve issues of the News Letter this year! This has been made possible because we are arranging for the Membership Directory to be printed in the form of a small size handy booklet which will fit into your purse - so you can always have it with you as you fly here and there. It will be out sometime after the first of the year and will fill a long felt need.

The following telegram has been received and acknowledged by your President: "Extensive plans are being made to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Powered Flight, beginning on December 17, 1952. A National Committee is being formed to assist State and local groups to carry out a year of commemorative events. I have the honor of having been named to head this Committee. We believe the observance will be something to which the Ninety-Nines can appropriately give its wholehearted support. We should be greatly honored, therefore, to have you as President of the Ninety-Nines serve on the National Committee to observe the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight. We would like to call on you for counsel from time to time and to receive whatever advice or assistance you might wish to offer. Also we would like to list your name and office on the Committee letterhead. It is a real pleasure for me to extend this invitation and I hope that you will be able to accept. I shall look forward to your reply. Kindest personal regards." JAMES H. DOOLITTLE.

This is indeed genuine recognition of the stature of the Ninety-Nines and their place in today's aviation. I shall be most proud to represent you on this important Committee - and am journeying to Washington on December 16th to attend the initial briefing of the Committee. I shall keep you informed as to ways in which the Ninety-Nines can help to commemorate this significant milestone in the progress of aviation.

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

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

#### TAR NEWS

The Board of AWTAR Inc. is happy to announce that the 1953 Transcontinental Air Race will start at Lawrence, Mass., and will end at Long Beach, Calif. The excellent bids submitted by the New England Section and the Long Beach Chapter were very much appreciated and the Board is confident that all the many details will be handled smoothly and efficiently at both ends. The following dates have been set for the race:

Impounding Deadline at Lawrence.....June 30  
Take-off at Lawrence.....July 3  
Deadline to finish at Long Beach.....July 7  
Awards Dinner at Long Beach.....July 8

The route of the 1953 TAR will be announced in the near future. Watch this News Letter for information as to when and where to write for your copy of the Rules and Regulations and for Entry Blanks. Make your plans now.

Betty H. Gillies, Chairman  
AWTAR Inc.

#### ALL NEWS LETTER REPORTERS

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

This year we will have twelve issues of the News Letter instead of eleven as in the past. Because the 1953 Membership Directory is coming out in a new form, it will not take the place of one issue of the News Letter. SO BE SURE TO CONTINUE SENDING YOUR MATERIAL TO ME EVERY MONTH BY THE 1ST!

Helen Anderson  
E D I T O R

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The members of the International Membership Committee for 1952-1953 are as follows:

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The Sectional Membership Chairmen are as follows: New York-New Jersey Section, Lois Fairbanks, 62-98 Saunders St., Rego Park, L. I., N. Y.; Southeastern Section, Irma Price, 242 S.W. 8th St., Miami, Florida; North Central Section, Becky Thatcher, 502 N. Webster, Saginaw, Mich.; South Central Section, Pauline Hawks, Brunning, Nebraska; Southwestern Section, Isabelle McCrae, 7155 Mt. Vernon, Lemon Grove, Cal.

#### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

And, further than those included in my report at the International Meeting in Boston, the following additional contributions to the AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Fund were received before August 31st, concluding the fiscal year:

South Central Section  
Colorado Chapter.....\$18.75

Southeastern Section  
Carolinas Chapter  
From Myrtle Thompson, in memory  
of Greenwood Cocanougher, with  
whom she flew the 1950 Race.... 5.00

Caroline Hembel and Louise Smith  
who contributed their TAR prizes  
of \$25.00 each..... 50.00

Reported to 7/9/52..... \$73.75  
Total \$435.85  
\$509.60

Contributions received since August 31, 1952 will, of course, be included in the report for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1953.

The Board of Trustees have elected Jimmie Kolp Smith, Box 483 Hondo, Texas as treasurer and Jeannette L. Sovereign, 2136 Center Ave., Bay City, Michigan as Chairman for 1952-53.

Announcement of the 1953 Scholarship will soon appear. Watch for it!

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

#### CIVIL DEFENSE

To All Chapter Chairmen and Section Governors:

Please appoint Chairmen of Civil Defense and send their names to Jean Ross Howard, so Civil Defense booklets and suggested programs can be sent to them.

#### CHAPTER NEWS

#### NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Alice-Jean M. Starr

A large turnout welcomed the 1952-53 regime which officially took over at the November 3rd meeting at the 77th Division Association Club, New York City. New officers are Barbara J. Evans, Governor; Jeanne Spielberg, Vice-Governor; Betty Haight, Secretary; Peggy Norris, Treasurer. Four prospective members introduced were: Gertrude Alcock, Lyn Joseph, Josephine Nathan and Joan Rounds.

Our Christmas Party, December 12th, will be in the Hotel Shelton's Pompeian Room. Jimmy Blaine, singing star of TV, radio and records, who is also a pilot, will be our M.C.

This Section intends to do something about the catastrophe of limited flying activity of members by reserving block time at various convenient airports during weekends so our pantry pilots can go out and pop sticks and trim tabs, etc. If up comes a blizzard, we can always brush up on our Alfa, Bravo, Cocoa's. Betty Haight gave a vivid description of her initiation into the higher order of sailplaning. Those of us who haven't lived can do so by buying \$100 worth of stock in Betty's club or, if we don't care for the outlay, we can always be towed up to a thousand feet for four bucks.

Muriel Steinel, our only remaining link at Teterboro Airport, heads up the Air Marking Committee. Muriel's outfit has helicopters as well as puddle-jumpers. Now all she needs is a bucket of paint, a brush - and she can lean out of her helicopter to paint roofs of her choice.

Jean McClave, just back from Europe, did some private flying outside of London and told us, among other interesting things, that she likes their ships, the rates are comparable to those here, and their flying clubs have clubhouses right on the field where members can bunk over the weekends.

We forgot to tell you about the splendid time we had at the cookout held at Peg Norris' in September. Lawn games were played by Novie Davenport and Bunny Brick while the rest of us plopped in chaire around the keg-o-beer. Hot dogs and cool salads were eaten with gusto later on.

Nancy Bird Walton wrote Kay Brick for doings in the "Down Under" Continent. Check "International Corner," this issue, for details.

Our best to Beverly Dodge who was hospitalized in November.

Governor Evans has selected a staff or our specialists to handle meetings of distinction scheduled monthly until next May. Next meeting, after the Christmas party, is January 12th, with Cecile Hamilton in charge.

#### MIDDLE - EASTERN SECTION

#### MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Jean Peden Swartwood

Hoo-rah!! we had nearly all our chapter membership in the air on October 12th. A splendid turnout for a breakfast flight to Youngstown, Ohio. To Dorothy Miller and her 49 1/2er, a hearty "Thanks." As a result of



their efforts,,the group toured the CAA Radio Station, Weather Bureau, Control Tower and their Beech Bonanza was used for transportation. At the start of this flight we were very happy to meet our two new members, Rita Irene Wagner and Helen Zacherl, both of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. Hope to see you gals more often.

Election of officers was held, with the following result: Chairman, Toby Lord; Vice-Chairman, Jean Peden Swartwood; Secretary, Marjorie Cook; Treasurer, Vega Ihlen; Membership Chairman, Josephine Weaver; Chairman of sale of glasses, Marion Freund.

Vega Ihlen was hostess for the November meeting at her home in Fairview. Present were Toby Lord, Marjorie Cook, Berry Devere, Vega Ihlen and Jean Swartwood. After a business Meeting, the group sat around the fireplace and did a bit of hangar flying followed by a delicious lunch served by our hostess.

In the air these days we find Vega either in an Aeronca or doing a bit of co-piloting in a Sea-Bee with a tall, handsome one; Pauline Harabedian still cruising around in her Aeronca and yours truly at Port Meadville Airport doing a bit of instruction.

The December meeting has been cancelled due to so many of our gals going on vacation. The January 14th meeting will be held at the home of Betty Devere---Let's get on beam, Fly-gals, for a big turn-out. See you all then.

#### WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER By:

Three International Officers all at once! Were we proud! Our December meeting, Tuesday, the 16th, was especially in honor of International President Alice H. Hammond and International Treasurer, Lucile Wright, at the home of International Vice-President, Jean Ross Howard. Lucile and Alice were in town for the Wright Day Dinner, for which we have a 99 table reserved.

Our October 30 business meeting was held at the home of Ada Mitchell. The most delicious refreshments! Our hostess and secretary is one of our most active members, and is in charge of the Girl Cadet Drill Team for National Capital Wing, CAP. We took care of our business, including changing our meeting night to the second Thursday of each month, and then we had the pleasure of meeting Elvy Kalep, who showed us her unique new "Scribbles" doll. The dolls are dressed in plastics and have plastic faces on which you may draw features and wipe them off, so we had a grand time playing artist. The dolls come in several costumes, but naturally we bought more pilots! And the club treasury really made out, too, as Elvy allowed us a profit on each doll sold.

They come (hooray) and they go (darn it). We are very happy that Barbara Ward - now Mrs. Lazarsky - is back from India and has reapplied for membership; but we are certainly going to miss Barbara Jenison, who is transferring to Central Illinois.

Our Chairman, Louise Millican, is ferrying a CAP L-16 up to Olmstead Air Force Base at Middletown, Pa. And speaking of CAP, congratulations to Sectional Governor (and ex-chairman), Mitzi Moore, who now wears a CAP Captain's bars.

Jean Howard has improved her acquaintance with helicopters. Seems that the helicopter company she works for was giving demonstrations to local government and civic leaders. They flew more than 700 passengers and included a flight to Baltimore to show the feasibility of short hauls. Jean is quite sold on the 'copters.

And now, if we quote a paraphrase, to all Ninety-Nines - "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good flight" - also a very Happy New Year!

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

##### CAROLINAS CHAPTER By: Burnette S. Spencer

The Carolinas Chapter held its annual business meeting November 3d in Winston-Salem, N. C. at the Smith-Reynolds Airport. As usual we were plagued by weather. Smoke from the forest fires made central North Carolina as well as other parts of the United States instrument weather, postponing our meeting about an hour. The sun finally peeped through and our members came in.

The report of the election was: Burnette Spencer, Chairman; Frances Miller, Vice-Chairman; Estelle Bradshaw, Secretary and Treasurer.

Great things are being planned in our chapter. Our project for the year is - one new member for each old

member. An E.T.A. race and contests are being planned for our meeting January 18. Surrounding chapters are invited and we are hoping many of you will meet with our chapter in Selma, N. C. with Myrtle Thompson. On March 15 we meet in North Carolina's beautiful winter resort, Pinehurst, with Estelle Bradshaw. Sometime in Late July or August we will have our always delightful and carefree meeting on "The Spent Rooster," the Hembel's houseboat, on Lake Murray in South Carolina. We are also looking forward to a joint meeting with those grand Tennessee girls!

##### TENNESSEE CHAPTER by: Helen Deason

Cora McDonald is still working diligently trying to contact girls in Aviation in Alabama and Mississippi, in order that there may be a Chapter formed there.

Welcome to Nashville, Lieutenant Sarah Payne! Lt. Payne is stationed in Nashville, Tennessee with the Air Force Recruiting Service. She is a former WASP and in one of the few who is still eligible to wear her WASP wings. She is a member of Carolinas Chapter.

Helen Deason, Georgiana McConnell and Sarah Payne went on a sightseeing trip to Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, Sunday, Nov. 23. --- By Auto ---- Darn it!

Evelyn Bryan reports snow in East Tennessee.

Well, as we Tennessee girls have not experienced much excitement this month, we have not much to report. But, A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of YOU from all of us.

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

##### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER By: Edith Harmon

Fog blanketed Dayton Airport until early afternoon for our November 16th meeting. Early arrivals all drove in but by luncheon many of the girls were able to fly in. Ninety-Nines from Indiana who joined us were LaVerne Smith, Tannie Schlundt, Rae Cawdell, Betty Pettitt, Sophia Payton and Jane Shope of Indianapolis, and Rachel Meranda, Betty Lehmer, Flora Mae Newman, Lois Whitney and Olive McCormick of Muncie. All Indiana Ninety-Nines flew in except early arrival Rachel Meranda, who drove. LaVerne Smith flew in via TWA and arrived early, that is, over Dayton, but she had to wait out the fog down in Cincinnati.

Dayton is a possible site for the 1953 International Convention, just prior to the National Air Show over Labor Day weekend. However, even if the Convention is not held there, we expect to welcome all Ninety-Nines who attend the National Air Show.

Martha Walter took Nancy Fred of Lebanon to Drummond Island, Michigan in her Cessna for deer hunting with bow and arrow. The girls didn't even see a deer while hunting, but saw three at one of the airports on the way home. Smart deer!

Ann Ash and son, Billy, plan to join Major William Ash in Japan and hope to be there before Christmas.

Arlene Davis was in Chicago for an NAA Board Meeting, at the time of our November meeting. Virginia Ashelford was another recent Chicago visitor. She flew the Tri-Pacer to the Windy City.

Edythe Maxim and 49 1/2er John were weathered in Cincinnati the weekend of November 22. Your reporter had a nice visit with her. Edythe said she had attended the tea given for the Cleveland Chapter of NAA by Arlene Davis. She also advised that Mary Fecser had received some nice publicity for her work with Wing Scouts.

##### ILLINOIS CHAPTER By: Virginia Rabung

Sally Stremple was hostess at our November 16th Fly-In at Palwaukee Airport. Twenty-one women pilots were present in spite of a ceiling of 600 and visibility of 1 1/2. Helen Kaiser placed first in the spot landing contest and Evelyn Martin was second. Helen Kaiser won another spot landing contest in the women's division on November 9th, as well as placing second in the overall contest - in competition with forty men. Nice going, Helen!

Helen O'Hara recently acquired a companion for her Cessna 120 - an Ercoupe. She and 49 1/2er Jerry lost no time in putting it through its paces teaming it with the Cessna on a joint flight - destination, Cadillac, Mich. However, heavy haze moved in and Helen landed her Cessna

at Allegan, Michigan. Absence of airmarkers and lack of maintenance of the local airport shown as operative with full facilities on the latest sectional map, combined with almost zero visibility, made it necessary to land the Ercoupe in a wheat field. The Plainwell Municipal Airport (Michigan) proved to be a field partially planted in wheat and partially in corn - absolutely unrecognizable as an airport by other than local pilots. The softness of the field made it necessary to taxi the Ercoupe two miles on the highway to the local airport. How would the average motorist react if he saw an airplane taxiing toward him on the road? Helen and Jerry now have the answer to this intriguing question.

Marjorie Raglin received her Single Engine Seaplane Rating. Sally Stremple had a super trip to Coffeyville, Kansas in a 195 Cessna. In addition to instructing at Harlem Airport, Eleanor Deeming has been flying as a stewardess for a non-scheduled airline. Evelyn Martin and Alice Kudrna are working on their instrument ratings. Eleanor Deeming, Marjorie Raglin and Esther Noffke repainted the Harvey airmarker on the Whiting Corporation Building. We are very proud of our instructor members - Irene Leverton, Palwaukee; Eleanor Deeming, Harlem; Millie Carlson, LaGrange; Jane White, Sky Harbor.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER By: Margaret Windfuhr

The November meeting was held on the 9th in Jackson, with Barbara Cradit as hostess.

Chairman Berniece Trimble has a new job - tracking missions for radar gun sights for AC Spark Plug Co... Betty Little is the proud owner of a Bellanca... Virginia Bardeen was in the hospital for ten days, is fine now... Margaret Windfuhr got a spike horn buck her first day deer hunting this season.

The Michigan Chapter is sponsoring Gunella Tellander of Sweden, since she finds it difficult to send funds out of her country.

Our Annual Christmas party will be at Alice Hammond's on December 13th. January 11th meeting will be in Lansing.

#### CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Gladys Dean

This is to report that we had an excellent meeting Nov. 9th at Myrland's Sky Lodge at Montello, with Isabel and the "Colonel" as hosts.

It was "Ninety-Nine Family Day" with a pot-luck dinner at noon. Pete and Pearl Nelson, with their six-year old son David and a new member in the Chapter, Mrs. Irene Moore of Delavan, flew in. Mrs. Moore has her plane at Lakelawn near Delavan, but the Nelsons brought her along with them to introduce Irene to her "first" 99 meeting. This brings our chapter membership to 15, since re-activating it in September. Frank and Gladys Dean flew to the meeting with their sons Tom (14) and Jeff (12). All had something to carry - a picnic basket, guns, sling-shots, etc. Nellie Bilstad and Bernie Voelker with her future 49 1/2er drove up together - seems Bernie just couldn't find a plane with enough parts to it to fly today!

After lunch the men were invited to leave the premises during the business meeting and to hunt in the woods near Sky Lodge. However, after their "seconds and thirds" at the table, all they wanted to hunt for was a bed for a nap!

Pearl Nelson has given the chapter a large Smorgasbord Tray with Rosemaling decorations done by a Norwegian artist in Stoughton, to be used as a traveling trophy. It will be awarded each month to a Central Wisconsin Ninety-Nine for some unusual feat or experience in flying, or in the promotion of aviation, including air-marking.

The next meeting will be held December 6th at the Nelson's at Stoughton. This will be the Christmas dinner party, at which time members will bring a prospective member, a 49 1/2er, or a prospective 49 1/2er. Gayly wrapped Christmas packages will be auctioned off, for the benefit of the treasury.

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER By: Dorothy E. Anderson

This month Margaret Manual passed her written exam for ground school instructor and navigation. We are very proud of her.

At our last meeting, November 23d in Minneapolis at the home of Helen Masterton, Mary Heise became a new member

and Ella Stene was a guest. More news about Mary later - and we do hope that Ella likes us enough to become a member.

Helen Masterton flew to New York City in November and visited the Zahn Airport (which is supposed to be the busiest private airport in New York) where she first learned to fly. Funny how sentimental we all are about our "first" airport.

Margaret Manual had several kindergarten classes from the Northfield Schools interested in Air Age Education visit her at the Carleton College Airport... Marietta Sonnenberg, our regular reporter, is again on vacation this time Marietta is escaping some of our heavy Minnesota snow by flying to Texas to see her relatives. She spent most of her time in San Antonio - and we can bet that she saw all of TEXAS.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Elaine Francke

On October 26, Ninety-Nines in the Milwaukee area met at Curtiss-Wright Airport to elect officers and to set up a program from the coming year. These are the girls who will spur us on to a better year than ever: Chairman, Readelle Kellner; Vice-Chairman, Isabel Kress; Secretary, Mary Lou Thompson; Treasurer, Florence Toney. Chairman; Membership Committee, Gertrude Faust; Scrapbook, Francis Strong; Wing Scout Activities, Sally Lathrop; Historian, Elsie Peters; Publicity, Elaine Francke.

Isabel Kress entertained us (and our 49 1/2ers, too) for the November 23 meeting. Elsie Peters and Mary Lou Thompson were both welcomed back into the fold. Deedo Heise, unexpectedly present after an enforced vacation, came to give notice that she expected an engraved invitation to one of our meetings. Her guest, Marilyn Getz, has a brand-new private ticket. Jeannette Kapus reports that she is having a superb time as the only gal in a big class of men -- the boys fall over when she falls in. Elsie Peters recently airlined eastward to attend the wedding of her niece in New York. Elsie has all of the News Letters dating from 1940 and has offered them and her movies of Ninety-Nine activities to our chapter.

This past summer Deedo flew as the unseen pilot in an Air Age Education film produced by Charles Kruse in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin. The film is to be beamed at our space happy grade school chillun. The Heise's film of the Cessna Caravan to Hawaii was shown on "Woman's World," a half hour TV show. Deedo narrated - a beautiful job - but she does need an agent! I caught only the last half of it purely by chance.

Sally Lathrop who has been actively wing scouting in Waukesha now has outlined a program and selected discussion leaders for a troop in Milwaukee. Izzy and Fred Kress tried to fly to Miami for the Real Estate Convention, but had to leave their ship at Evansville and ride the rails. Forest fire smoke was their downfall. Readelle and Barnev have a new buggy - not sidewalk size.

In a letter to Milwaukee's Mayor Zeidler, our chapter went on record protesting the proposed abandonment of Maitland Field - our natural lake front airstrip - in order to extend the Lake Shore Drive southward over a high level bridge. (Use Maitland, Ninety-Nines, whenever you come to Milwaukee. It is right downtown - only 1/2 mile to the heart of the city. Aviation interests must prove its value or perhaps lose it.)

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

The South Central Section announce their new officers: Governor, Ama Lee Jameson, Box 446, Brackettville, Texas; Vice-Governor, Margaret Ash, 701 South Clifton, Wichita 17, Kansas; Secretary, Elizabeth V. Sewell, 2801 N.W. 31st Street, Oklahoma City 12, Okla.; Treasurer, Frances P. Warner, 2826 Eaton Street, Denver 14, Colo.

These were announced at the Fall Sectional Meeting, Sept. 19-21, at Lake Murray, Ardmore, Oklahoma.

#### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER By: Rita Eaves

The Oklahoma Chapter of the Ninety-Nines held their regular meeting Sunday, November 16, at Blackwell as the guests of Veda and her 49 1/2er Dewey of the Mauk Airport.

Our business of the day was "Scrapbook" and things-to-come-in-aviation.

We were the guests of the Mauks for a Thanksgiving dinner. No one had must to say from 12:30 until about 1:00 P.M. Then, with the delicious dinner out of the



way, conversation began with and ended about flying. Some of us later day pilots were listening and reveling in the glory of the open-cockpit-day pilots. How many clouds have you shot, "legally"?

On November 11 Fairview, Oklahoma sponsored a Fly-In. The lady pilots were given much recognition and corsages. The attending Ninety-Nines were Broneta Davis, Emily Frost, Ruth Harris and Dolly Sauter.

An understanding husband could be the theme for most any kind of story. Ours is about Velma Woodward and Irby Smart who, within two and a half hours after Dr. Woodward's suggestion that they go flying were on their way to Chicago. Reports were - main objective the Oklahoma U-Notre Dame football game - but a good time was had by both.

Plans are under way for our Christmas Party to be held at the Lake Hiwassee cabin of Ida Carter and Ruth Craig Jones. Needless to say we are all looking forward to it - but I'll say it anyway.

COLORADO CHAPTER  
By: Betty Stackhouse

The Nov. 7th meeting was a Hallowe'en (even though a week late) costume party at Donna Myers. The gals turned out in all kinds of rigging and with Marilyn Nordstrom in charge of entertainment, it was a huge success, with a dutch lunch, cider and beer completing the evening. 'Twas a nice surprise to have Betty Terrell over from Craig. Clara Lemons drove down from Boulder, and invited us to her home for the February meeting.

Mary Collett was presented with a large Ninety-Nine pin in recognition of her service to the chapter as chairman last year.

Chairman Jane Nettleblad advised that the Colorado Chapter will have the South Central Sectional meeting sometime in the spring, and asked Marilyn to make some preliminary plans along that line.

Mary C. and Clara brought all the instructions on air-markings...and Clara also had an airmarking board, all laid off in the proper lengths and widths for lettering. Clara has airmarked the Lemons' barn in Boulder and helped airmark Dighton, Kansas. Jane asked Betty T. and Clara to assist Mary C. on the airmarking projects. Mary recently received a list of the airmarkers in Colorado from the CAA here in Denver, and she will write several towns in the state, asking their cooperation on airmarking.

The Colorado Chapter will have its annual cocktail party for their 49 1/2ers and guests in December. Ruth Mugele and Pat Urling will be hostesses at Pat's new home.

#### TEXAS CHAPTER

Ark-La-Tex Unit  
By: Loraine Averett

Meeting for our Unit was held in Longview at the Triangle Cafe on Tuesday, November 13.

Marine Barnes, of Kilgore, brought two prospective members to the meeting: Miriam E. Young, Kilgore College public relations officer and a lieutenant (reserve) commander in the WAVES, and Janet J. Dirlam of Longview, an ex-WASP. No one is now interested in cattle ranching and is a member of the Aberdeen Angus Association. Her husband, Bill, is a company pilot for Mid-Valley Pipeline and they have a three year old son.

Members present for the meeting were Mildred Carney, Margaret Walker, Essie Mae Hollis, Barbara Williams, and Marie Barnes. Virginia McJilton was unable to attend due to her father's illness. We sincerely hope he is better.

There will be no meeting in December, due to the holidays. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 20th, at The Flame in Longview.

May we take this opportunity to welcome the Corpus Christi Unit. They are newly organized and had their first meeting in October...from reports, they had a wonderful meeting and are really going to work. Good Luck, Corpus Christi.. hope to meet some of you soon.

Dallas Unit  
By: Doris Weller

The Dallas Unit meeting gave way this month to the Texas Chapter Fall Meeting, held in Mineral Wells, Nov. 8-9.

Attending from Dallas were Josephine Allison, Martha Ann Reading, Janis Romanio and Doris Weller. Olean Sellers, a Dallas Unit member from Farmersville, was also there. We were glad to see so many of the girls from over the state, some of whom were on the All Texas Air Tour this fall.

Officers for the Texas Chapter were announced as follows: Chairman, Verna Burns; Vice-Chairman, Edna Gardner Whyte; Secretary-Treasurer, Doris Weller; Membership Chairman, Dorothy Weick; News Letter Reporter, Loraine Averett; Air Marking Chairman, Cleve Godfrey.

Headquarters for the meeting was the Baker Hotel, famous health spa for the Southwest - a number of us re-vitalized ourselves by taking the mineral and steam baths on "the morning after."

Josephine Allison has departed for North Carolina to become a grandmother again. She will stay until after Christmas and intends to see a number of eastern Ninety-Nines during her visit.

Fort Worth Unit  
By: Rowena Burns

The Fall Meeting of the Texas Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, held at Mineral Wells, was attended by Verna Burns, Bobbie Taylor, Edna Gardner Whyte, our two new members, Beulah Conn and Maybelle Fletcher, and your reporter. Congratulations to Verna and Edna, our newly-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The weather for the meeting wasn't the best, but it didn't dampen our fun.

Cleve Godfrey flew her husband, President of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, to Breckenridge, Texas, to make speeches to the Chamber of Commerce and Lions Clubs. Cleve also used her Stinson to fly her son Gaines to Bryan, where he is studying agriculture at Texas A. & M. She particularly enjoyed the 1 1/2 hours night flying on the return trip.

We are sorry that Edna Gardner Whyte has returned to her home in Aberdeen, Mississippi, where her husband is instructing at the Air Force Base. She has taken time off from her flying school since last August to nurse polio victims during the shortage of nurses. We will miss you, Edna.

Your reporter had a grand flying trip to Norman, Okla. in a DC-3, my 49 1/2er being the Captain, and our two children accompanying us. We visited my parents who live in nearby Oklahoma City.

The members of the Ft. Worth Unit wish to extend to each of you best wishes for a very Merry Christmas! And may 1953 be a Happy Flying Year!

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

We started November off with a weinie roast, for members, future members and our families. We all met at Calallen, Texas and had our party on the bank of the Nueces River - a wonderful spot for such.

The monthly meeting was held on the 14th of November at the home of Edith Foltz Stearns. Edith, you know, was one of the original Ninety-Nines - and we are very happy to have her in our unit. The main topic of discussion was fund raising projects and airmarking (which we definitely need in this part of Texas). Our meeting was closed by Edith serving hot apple pie with cheese and coffee, yum-yum!

Our guest at the meeting was Reanie Glasscock. She and her family will be moving to Corpus after the first of the year, and we hope to welcome her as a Ninety-Nine then.

The way has been paved for our first AIR MARKER. We will do this job after the first of the year at Refugio, Texas.

#### NORTHWESTERN SECTION

OREGON CHAPTER  
By: Joyce Hoberg Lee

Officers were announced at our meeting November 14th. Governor for the section will be Velma Richards. For the Oregon Chapter, Berna Girardot, Chairman; Mary Ann Stewart, Vice-Chairman; Ruth Wikander, Secretary-Treasurer.

Our dinner was preceded by a visit to the Portland Control Tower, where we watched its operation for about two hours. Thoroughly enjoying it, and crowding the tower, were Tad Greene, Virginia White, Helen Hansen, Betty Bray, Velma Richards, Bertha Girardot, Mary Ann Stewart, Ruth Wikander and myself. We were glad to have Helen Hansen from Rainier, with us, and hope to see more of her.

We will skip the December meeting and meet again after the first of the year.

Had a brief phone conversation with Marjy Crowl in Phoenix a couple of weeks ago. She tells me she has another Cessna.

Our Chapter wishes to extend its sympathy to Bertha and Mark on the recent loss of their son.

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

### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER By: Gerry Mickelsen

Our November meeting was held at the Hotel Marysville in Marysville. The most important business of the day was the election of officers, Margaret Callaway, Chairman; Edythe Phipps, Vice-Chairman; Ruth Hewitt, Secretary; Coral Bloom, Treasurer; Ethel Sheehy, Membership Chairman; Gerry Mickelsen, Civil Defense Chairman.

The Chapter voted to continue their sponsorship of the Sacramento Wing Scouts. Future meetings were set and the project of raising money was discussed. Our Christmas Party was set for Travis Air Force Base, Sunday, December 21 - Cocktails, 3 P.M., Dinner, 6 to 8, Dancing until 10. Guests are welcome. Margaret Callaway promises a most enjoyable time and all those who have enjoyed her hospitality in the past know what a wonderful party it will be.

Margaret Callaway flew to Tucson by way of Las Vegas, Phoenix and home by San Diego. She was accompanied by Lindy Boyes, Frances Dias and Billy Wyatt. Lindy and Margaret received their trophy for winning the first lap of the 1952 AWTAR from the Mayor of Tucson - and the Tucson girls. They report a wonderful time.

### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER By: Ruth Gamber

The regular monthly meeting of the San Diego Chapter was held at the home of Jessie Ostrander on November 19th, where it was announced that the results of both the Rummage Sale and the Ice Cycle Show were very gratifying.

The San Diego Chapter was pleased to welcome Margaret Callaway, Frances Dias and Billy Wyatt who R.O.N.'d here enroute from Tucson to Modesto and San Francisco.

Pat Gillies took a few days vacation from Stanford to spend Thanksgiving at home.

De Thurmond has been blizzard-bound in Des Moines, Iowa and Big Springs, Texas for a week while ferrying a Tri-Pacer to Long Beach. De received her Commercial Examiners Rating a couple of weeks ago.

Best wishes to the new Ninety-Nine brides - Marion Mishler, Charlotte Wallace and Pat Hutchinson. Marion has been appointed Air Activities Chairman.

Ethel Gainer and husband spent a very interesting vacation flying their Cessna 140 all over Arizona.

Several Ninety-Nines, including Dottie and Bob Sanders with their Cessna 140 and Lois and Harry Bartling with their Swift 125, are planning to fly to Las Vegas for an overnight stay December 6th and 7th.

### SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER By: Dottie Houghton

Our Chapter wishes to express its appreciation for being asked to hostess the September Sectional. We all enjoyed it and want to thank those who attended from other chapters. We were proud and very pleased to have been awarded the prizes for Air Age Education and attendance, and Ev Hendley, who received the award for attendance at all chapter meetings, was very happy with her lovely gift.

Our October meeting, held in Porterville, was an eventful meeting, inasmuch as we all love to picnic with Irmyl. We elected new officers for the coming year, Ev.

Monday will take over as our new chairman, Irmyl Fitzgerald, Vice-Chairman, Ethel Hieland, Secretary-Treasurer.

Also, along with other October news, the San Joaquin Valley Associated Flyers Club held an overnite fly-in at Richardson Hot Springs. Most of our chapter participated in this get-together, and we were all very grateful to Ninety-Nine Jean Vincent for helping to organize such a flight. Jean really put a lot of hours on their new Stinson preparing for this flight.

Laura Mae Crawford and Hazel Zimmerman and husband flew to Las Vegas over Armistice Day Holidays to take in the "Salton Sea" Speed Boat Races - the final for the year. Also, I would like to mention that Hazel, our new Membership Chairman, and Laura Mae, one of our newly appointed flight commanders, have really been working hard this past month. Hazel already has two new prospective members and Laura Mae is really buzzing around planning more and more flights for us.

Lillian Brown is our newly appointed Radio and Air Age Education Chairman. We are looking forward to an occasional Radio program this year in furthering flying and aiding our Wing Scouts on to another successful year.

Two of our members, Billie Wyatt, Chairman of the Sectional Air Age Education, and Frances Dias, Sectional Treasurer, accompanied Margaret Callaway, Chairman the Sacramento Valley Chapter on a goodwill flight on November 7th. In Las Vegas they visited with Martha Lundy and daughter, Clarice Bessent and Peggy Crockett. In Tucson, their destination, they were guests of the Tucson Chapter at a lovely banquet in honor of Margaret Callaway and Lindy Boyes. A trophy was presented to Margaret and Lindy for the best elapsed time from Santa Ana to Tucson on the first leg of the 1952 AWTAR.

Billie and Francis spent five days on this trip, covering 1600 miles and having a grand time visiting so many of the Ninety-Nines. In Tucson, Beatrice Edgerly Macpherson, Chairman of the Tucson Chapter, took them to visit her studio and art school. In Phoenix they had a lovely visit with Margy and Cliff Crowl, Betty Knier and Juanita Newell. In San Diego a group of the Ninety-Nines met them and they had a grand visit.

Last but not least - our November meeting, held at the home of Ethel Hieland in Merced - where by-laws were discussed, along with plans for a rummage sale. We need money!! Convention locations were discussed and big plans were made for our Christmas Party to be held December 14 at the home of Ev Hendley.

And a Merry Christmas to all from the San Joaquin Valley Chapter.

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

Katherine Wagner was hostess for the November meeting in her new home in Pasadena. She showed slides of the 1952 TAR take-off, along-the-race route, finish line and return trip.

Mary Ruth Rance is chairman of our new air marking committee. We plan to do some actual air marking in the near future, carrying the program into action.

Jean Parker is chairman of a money-maker rummage sale scheduled for sometime in early spring.

The same group of Wing Scouts sponsored by our chapter and so ably instructed by Barbara DeWees, now come under the wing of a new chairman, Anne Grogan Bledsoe.

Chapter Chairman Elsie Ringer lined up her committees for the year as follows: Clara Davis, membership, Lola Perkins, program, Norma Leenerts, transportation.

Clara Davis has been in Delta, Utah again--no pleasure flight this time as she has been at the bedside of her critically ill father, who was hit by a car last month.

We've been host to a number of pleasure flights to Los Angeles - Mayetta Behringer flew in from Corpus Christi, Texas in her Cessna 170 with her Navy Lieutenant hubby and two small daughters on a flying vacation. She was a guest of the Schuberts here and then went north to visit Ninety-Nines in her own chapter at Bay Cities. And down from Bay Cities to visit Margaret Standish were Pat Gladney and Patty Sherwood.

### BAY CITIES CHAPTER By: Geri Masinter

The Bay Cities Chapter had a combination business meeting and farewell party for Rita Hart on November 21st,



held in Rita's lovely new home in Sherman Acres. Rita is moving to Yuba City. This will be a great loss to our Chapter and we are going to miss Rita (who is not only a charter member of the chapter and darn near a charter member of the Ninety-Nines) but one of our most reliable and active members.

We thoroughly enjoyed renewing acquaintances since this was one of the best attended meetings in months (twenty-two present), and no one turned down seconds of the delicious buffet supper done in Rita's own lavish manner.

Among the many we hadn't seen for some time was Fran Grant, who was looking extremely well (after a long session with the medics) and assures us that she will soon have business and family life (young daughter starts to school next year) organized to the point where she will be flying and resuming Ninety-Nine activities again. Ruth Rueckert, our retiring membership chairman, had the pleasure of signing up Gladys Davies. Gladys and her 49 1/2er operate a flying school, charter service and crop dusting business out at Buchanan Airport. Gerry Michelson from Sacramento and Billy Wyatt from Modesto were welcome visitors.

Our newly elected officers assured us that we were headed for a big flying year. We hope to have several entrants in TAR.

Our next social event will be the big dinner dance held each year at the Alameda Naval Officers Club to celebrate Kitty Hawk Day. This the Ninety-Nines sponsor jointly with the other Bay Area aviation groups.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER  
By: Martha Lundy

Our last regular meeting was held at the home of Helen Cannon. We were indeed happy to welcome Claire McMillen Walters to our chapter. She is transferring here and her 49 1/2er is employed as a pilot for Bonanza Airlines. Her Mike, Jr. was a special guest at the meeting and behaved like an angel. In case anyone needs to be reminded, Claire won the 1951 AWTAR.

Committee heads appointed by our new chairman, Margaret Moore, are as follows: Membership, Helen Cannon; Program, Mary Ellen Davis; Ways and Means, Solange D'Hooghe; Air Marking, Lela Horn; Air Age Education and Publicity, Martha Lundy.

Since Solange D'Hooghe is expecting her little 24 3/4er come holiday time, the members presented her with a "grab bag" of necessities. We are so happy for Solange that the

stork is coming her way. Lucky Solange and lucky baby, too, we say.

Peg and George Crockett are literally up in the clouds. They have a Cessna 195 now, besides the new 170. They operate Alamo Airways at McCarran Field.

Ninety-Nines visiting here recently: Margaret Callaway, Chairman of the Sacramento Chapter; Billie Wyatt, Air Age Education Chairman for the Southwestern Section; and Frances Dias, Treasurer of the Southwestern Section. It was good to see them, and we were only sorry their stay was so brief. Come again, kids!

Margaret Moore had a rather special house guest recently. Her mother, Mrs. Bertha M. Herrick, of Long Beach, visited her and was a guest at our last meeting. Shouldn't mothers have a designation, such as 198-ers???

Our next meeting will be December 10th, and will start at the home of Martha Lundy, where we will have cocktails and exchange gifts, and from there we will go to one of the "strip" hotels for dinner and a floor show. 49 1/2ers are invited (somebody has to pay the check!). If there are any visiting Ninety-Nines in the vicinity at that time, please come!

TUCSON CHAPTER  
By: Gertrude G. Gelderman

A presentation dinner held at the Arizona Inn on November 8 was a very special event for us when Margaret Calloway and Lindy Boyes were awarded the Mayor's Trophy. The trophy was presented by Mayor Fred Emery for the best elapsed time to Tucson in the 1952 TAR. Others present, flying in two Piper Pacers from California were Rosemarie Gehling, Frances Dias, Alta Wyatt, Mr. Coulter and Mr. Flicker. Mrs. Fred Emery and the Tucson's 49 1/2ers made up nineteen at the dinner.

Saturday weather was clouds and rainshowers, and Sunday, rain in Tucson. The California group visited the art studios of Beatrice Edgerly on Sunday morning. By afternoon the weather cleared and Gertrude Gelderman saw them off to Phoenix.

The weather the next weekend was so rainy that three airliners by-passed Tucson. Why does this so often seem to happen on week-ends?

Congratulations to Janet Dietrich, and best wishes to her in the use of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award. And best wishes to Marion, too.



NINETY-NINES ATTENDING PRESENTATION DINNER AT TUCSON, NOV. 8, 1952

Seated (left to right): Beatrice Edgerly (MacPherson), Margaret Calloway, Faye Jones, Barbara Harris, Rosemarie Gehling. Standing: Billie Wyatt, Grace Pistor, Maggie Schock, Mary Johnston, Frances Dias, Lindy Boyes, Gertrude Gelderman.



UTAH CHAPTER  
By: Bobby Pratt

The month of November marked the second anniversary of the Utah Chapter. A luncheon was held at the Aviation Club in Salt Lake City on the 15th, and despite the fact that the first snow of the season made its appearance that morning, eleven of our members turned out for the occasion. The food was delicious and everyone had a piece of the attractively decorated birthday cake. Each member found at her place a plastic model jet plane and a charm bracelet--thanks to our secretary, Jane Davis. Present were Jane Davis, Alberta Hunt, Mickey Nebeker, Gerry Murray, June Raybould, Bobby Pratt, Eunice Naylor, Beth Lowell, Zada Arentz, Doris Eacret and Bea Helberg.

Election results were announced, our Chairman for the new year being June Raybould, Vice-Chairman, Doris Eacret; and Secretary, Jane Davis. June and Jane were re-elected; they have been doing such a fine job that we just couldn't let them go! Also elected were Alberta Hunt, Publicity; Eunice Naylor, Program; and Bobby Pratt, Reporter.

Speaking of birthdays, we learned that Zada Arentz was celebrating hers right along with the Chapter. Many happy returns, Zada!

Plans for the December meeting were made and it is to be held at Eunice Naylor's on December 29th. Eunice is Coordinator of Women's Activities, Utah Wing, CAP, and was recently promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel.

Yours Truly was also made very happy when she was presented with a certificate of promotion to First Lieutenant in the local CAP Squadron.

Jane Davis made a hop to San Francisco a couple of weeks ago - strictly a pleasure trip and plenty of fun.

Two new members have joined our Chapter: Ardith Cutts and Cora Grote. More about them next time.

#### C A N A D I A N   S E C T I O N

By: Phyllis Noble.

The meeting of the Canadian Section was held at the home of Phyllis Klotz in Ottawa, and officers elected for the forthcoming term as follows: Governor, Dorothy Drew; Vice-governor, Phyllis Noble; Secretary, Lorraine Cooper; Treasurer, Marion Reich.

Those attending were Dorothy Drew, Neville Robinson, Phyllis Klotz, Betty McCance and Lenore Dure from Ottawa, and Betty Smitham from London and Phyllis Noble from Guelph. Betty and I flew up for the meeting under most favourable weather conditions, but were faced with snow storms on the return journey, and were forced to stay grounded at the Ottawa (Uplands) Airport.

The meeting got under way after a most delicious Chinese dinner at Phyllis Klotz's lovely home. Two movies, one on Air Safety and the other on Airline Transportation were shown. Mrs. Klotz, the retiring Governor, summed up the year's activities in her very impressive speech, and then passed the charter on to the new, and most able Governor, Dorothy Drew. We all wish to thank the retiring officers for the wonderful job they have done during the past term.

No definite plans were made for the next meeting, due to the fact that winter weather has settled in Canada and the distance spread across the continent (from Alberta to Ottawa) of our new officers.

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

Editor's Note: Gunilla Tellander came to this country on a scholarship two years ago. She studied architecture, was particularly interested in Frank Lloyd Wright's style and met with him in Phoenix, Arizona. She worked for a year in an architectural firm in Los Angeles. The following is quoted from a recent letter from Gunilla to Trixie-Ann Schubert:

"...and I have asked the central club for the names of women fliers in Scandinavia. We are too few in Sweden to form a chapter. It would have to be one for the whole of Scandinavia. There are not even as many women pilots in Norway and Denmark as there are in Sweden. So you see how little air-minded our women are.

"I've taken part in some air competitions since I came home from the United States. There have been several kinds: flying an exact triangle with about 6-10 miles in each leg, on exact time. You get two points down for every second you are wrong. You are allowed to do

no turns. We are told what the conditions of competition are just ten minutes before the race.

"I am marrying an airforce officer in February...one of the best fighter pilots in Sweden. He is interested in art and wants me to keep on with my architecture.

"As you note by the postmark I am on a trip to South Africa with my mother before I marry. We have been in this pleasant country two months. But it's rather primitive.

"Just before working as an architect in Gothenburg I was sent over to England to study the WRAF, an organization similar to one we have in Sweden on a voluntary basis. I almost got to fly, as a passenger, or course, the Meteor. But there came some high officers visiting at the same time, so they were flown instead. I will get to fly a Jet here in South Africa. We are going to the Victoria Falls on the Comet. No vibration. No noise. And so fast.

"My regards to the women fliers in America."

Editor's Note: Following is an excerpt from a letter from Yvonne van den Dool, our South African member, to Jean Ross Howard:

"I am very proud to be a member of your wonderful organization, and I sincerely hope to be able to enter the Transcontinental Air Race in 2 or 3 years, if I can get over to the States.

"Next month we are again holding competitions for the DeHavilland and Steenkany Trophies, in Durban. These are for girls only, so when I am there I shall get as many prospective Ninety-Nine members as possible. They are a grand crowd of girls."

From a letter from Nancy Bird Walton, of Australia:

"I would greatly like to see a Section of the Ninety-Nines here...I will send you our Women Pilot's News Letter and I do hope some of it can find its way into your News Letter. Even though we are not a Section of the Ninety-Nines, we certainly are your offspring. The whole idea of our association here was the result of my connection with the Ninety-Nines and an attempt to capture the spirit and good fellowship I met amongst women pilots in the States for the women pilots here.

"No one who was at our last meeting in September could fail to have felt the birth of that spirit and the success of the meeting was a great thrill to me. As I have said in my report, I felt that in this last year we had caught up with the spirit of the Ninety-Nines. I can't tell you how thrilled I am about it, for I feel it is going to be something really worth while. I can see already what it means to the girls. One lass who has been flying for sixteen years said she only knew other women pilots by name - and now can count them amongst her best friends. One of them lives on a big sheep station [ranch to you] and flies her stockmen about from place to place. She is 400 miles from the nearest big town and 900 miles from a capital city. She would never have met many of the girls - now they are planning to visit one another and she is flying 1500 miles to the next meeting.

"Three of our girls are planning to fly in the handicap section of the England-New Zealand Air Race. Freda Thompson, who has flown the trip solo in a Moth, a mere cold 14,000 miles; Gertrude McKenzie and Constance Jordan, the latter a fully qualified ground engineer as well as pilot. We shall ask Jackie [Cochran] to return here after the race so we may entertain her.

"I hope you will be proud of your 'down under' baby as you watch it grow. We have awarded FOUR flying scholarships this year - two are at present under way, and we are taking 35 girls to the airdrome next Saturday for their first flights. As the result of the Victorian scholarships (they gave two) five girls are learning to fly and we hope the same thing will happen here. We have nothing, financially, but all scholarships have been donated, which shows what can be done when an organization exists."

Excerpts from a letter from Patty Shea Saxton:

"During the months, I have had the privilege of working with a group of (former) Japanese women pilots. This group was originally sponsored by Ninety-Nine Virginia Yates who left them 'in my care' when she returned to the States. I am now leaving Honshu and I believe that the new sponsor's [Capt. O. C. Brownie Kindig] enthusiasm and interest will motivate her continuing with these girls. Her background as a service pilot fit her admirably for working with these girls."