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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

January 1953

DEAR NINETY-NINES:

Now that we all have nice new calendars installed in our various "quarters," let's circle those IMPORTANT DATES for NINETY-NINES in 1953:

June 11-13 (Tentative) Fifth Annual Women's International Air Race from Welland, Ontario to New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

July 3-7 Seventh Annual All Woman Transcontinental Air Race from Lawrence, Mass. to Long Beach, Calif.

July 9-12 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION and ANNUAL MEETING of the NINETY-NINES, Inc., San Diego, California

These and other events and activities of the Ninety-Nines, both locally and Internationally during 1953 will be tied in with the Commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Powered Flight. At the briefing of the National Committee for this Celebration in Washington last month, Chairman General Doolittle set forth the following objectives for the Commemorative Program:

1. To encourage National Tribute to the Wright Brothers and the pioneers of aviation.
2. To fix firmly in the public mind an appreciation of the great contributions of aviation to civilization and human welfare.
3. To increase public appreciation and support for Air Power, both as our first line of defense and our hope for world peace.
4. To contribute in every way to the further advancement of all branches of aviation through public understanding and support.
5. To encourage air travel, air commerce and more private flying.
6. To stimulate education and interest of youth in career opportunities in aviation, especially engineering and operations.
7. To stimulate interest of youth in military aviation, both for patriotic and career motives.
8. To identify and clarify the problems and obstacles hindering the progress of both civil and military aviation.

From the foregoing it can readily be seen where Ninety-Nines as individuals and as Chapters can do much to help attain these objectives. Governors of the states and territories are being asked to appoint State Committees to foster and promote adequate celebrations and activities during the Anniversary Year. Ninety-Nines will no doubt be called upon to participate in their own localities. It is important that you keep me posted on what you are doing in recognition of this Golden Jubilee of Powered Flight - so I can report back to the National Committee on behalf of the Ninety-Nines!

Mr. Paul E. Garber, Head Curator of the National Air Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., has asked the Ninety-Nines to prepare a permanent exhibit about our organization for the National Air Museum. RUTH RUECKERT, our Historian, assisted by ANNE RAMBO are starting to work on this project for us. They may require some material or other assistance from some of the rest of us - so please cooperate promptly if asked to do so. This is another signal honor for the Ninety-Nines and we are anxious to make a creditable showing.

With recent demonstrations of the effectiveness of blood-derived gamma globulin in prevention of paralysis in polio victims the need for volunteer blood donors is greater than ever. In addition to meeting the needs of about half of the nation's civilian hospitals, of the Korea-wounded, of maintaining a national plasma reserve for military and civil defense needs - this new demand for gamma globulin will necessitate the collection of over 5,000,000 pints of blood during 1953! An amount equal to peak blood collections during any year of World War II! So - PLEASE let's make a little extra effort this year to do our share in seeing that these vital needs are fulfilled!

It certainly was wonderful seeing so many Ninety-Nines from other than the Washington, D.C. Chapter attending the Wright Memorial Dinner in Washington December 17th. I spotted BETTY WARNOCK and FRANCES NOLDE from Pennsylvania, ETHEL FEDDERS, JACQUELINE COCHRAN and LUCILE WRIGHT from New York State, ARLENE DAVIS from Ohio and BARBARA JENISON, now of Illinois, who had just landed from Panama that day! And what a delightful Christmas meeting with the D.C. girls at JEAN HOWARD'S the evening before the Dinner!

Yours for the NINETY-NINES,

ALICE H. HAMMOND
President

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE
Lawrence, Massachusetts to Long Beach, California
July 3, 1953 - July 7, 1953

The TAR is limited to STOCK model aircraft only, not exceeding 300 horsepower. Two-way radio is mandatory.

All participating aircraft must be turned over to the Race Committee at Richard F. Condon Airport, Lawrence, Massachusetts before 1700 EST on Tuesday, June 30, 1953. At that time they will be impounded for inspection.

The Rules and Regulations for the 1953 TAR will be ready for distribution by the 1st of February. Send your requests for copies to:

Mrs. Barbara London
AWTAR Inc.
624 Armando Drive
Long Beach 7, California.
(PLEASE send 25¢ for postage!)

A maximum of 80 Applications for Entry will be accepted so get yours in early. Make your plans now for participating in this great annual aviation event.

Barbara London will keep a list of those girls looking for a pilot or a co-pilot so if you write to her she will put you in touch with each other. Send a brief outline of your flying experience.

Watch the News Letter for additional information. The ROUTE from Lawrence to Long Beach will be given in the next issue.

Don't forget to send your 25¢ with your requests for the Rules and Regulations and Applications for Entry.

See you on June 30th!

Betty H. Gillies, Chairman
AWTAR Inc.

MEMBERSHIP

A warm and hearty welcome to the new British Columbia Chapter! We all wish you success.

Thanks to Billy Wyatt of Modesto, California for going up and presenting the Charter. An emergency illness in my family grounded me.

Thanks to all Membership Chairmen for their good work so far. If we continue the team work between Chapters, Sections and International, this will be a banner year for Membership in the Ninety-Nines!

Happy New Year to all of you, from the International Committee!

Ruth Shimon, Chairman
International Membership
The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

TELEGRAM

Plans for 1953 All-Women International Air Race now in final stages. New Smyrna Beach, Florida has invited us to terminate the race there. The Flying Alligators joining us for their annual convention and initiation. Beach activities and sightseeing trips arranged. Entry blanks may be obtained from Mrs. Margaret Pitt, 823 Vassar Ave., Orlando, Fla. Full information will be in February News Letter.

(Signed) Elizabeth Collins
Race Chairman, Florida Chapter
The 99's Inc.

TO NINETY-NINES:

Do you own - and wear - a Ninety-Nine pin? If not, remember that they can be supplied by Headquarters. Gold plated with movable propeller - price \$2.00.

And - do you know the fascinating story of the founding of the Ninety-Nines on November 2, 1929? The story is contained in the booklet "The 99 Club" for sale by International Headquarters - \$1.00 each.

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

From a letter to President Hammond from Amalie Stone, air-mailed from Tahiti December 28th:

"Again - 'hello from Tahiti!' Three months in this tropical paradise and I find it more difficult than ever to leave..... I've picked up a bit of French, a bronze sultan and 16 pounds! . . . I was invited to make a special flight from Tahiti over several of the surrounding islands in the giant four-engined seaplane that commutes from here to Australia twice a month. . . . So far, I've located one woman pilot in Panama - Mrs. John Litton (Jean) and one in Tahiti, Mrs. Kim Powell (Peggy). The latter learned to fly while attending Stephens College. Both are inactive now, for little private flying is done in Panama and none in Tahiti.

"I'm leaving the yacht here since it must remain until well after the hurricane season, and fly down to New Zealand and Australia. Of course I shall look up women pilots wherever I roam, preaching the 'gospel of the Ninety-Nines' to them! There is a chance that I might catch a liner from Australia to Italy via Singapore and Suez - then travel on up through Italy, Switzerland, France and England!

"Best wishes to all the Ninety-Nines back home - I'll see you in the New Year!"

(Air-mail letters will reach Amalie, c/o Poste Restante, Sydney, Australia, marked "To Await Arrival.")

SECTION AND CHAPTER NEWS

CANADIAN SECTION

BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER
By: Lois V. Paige

Sunday, December 28, 1952 at the Aero Club of British Columbia was a memorable day for woman pilots. The British Columbia Chapter of the Ninety-Nines was presented with their Charter by Billie Wyatt, from Modesto, California, a member of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter. A cocktail party and dinner followed the presentation.

Members of the British Columbia Chapter present were: Lois Paige, Chairman, Phyllis Lowdell, Vice-Chairman, Beverley Law, Secretary, Helen Shelton, Treasurer, Helen Glass, Lynette Hayes, Ruth Johnson, Sheila Lush, Peggy Sayle, Betty Hutchinson, Audrey Tilt.

Other members unable to attend because of weather conditions were: Helen Dixon, June Hines, Eleanor Jones, Beverley Brett, Tiny Bacon and Elaine Mitten.

Congratulations were presented to the Chapter by Lionel Goodman, President Aero Club of British Columbia; Ben Valerie, Secretary-Manager Aero Club of British Columbia; Stuart Law, Director Victoria Flying Club and Len Milne, Department of Transport.

Betsy Flaherty and Alma Gaudreau (Flying Sevens) were on hand to extend congratulations.

The chapter was presented with a beautifully leather-bound log book from Gerry Mickelsen, Sacramento, California, International Executive Committee. (Gerry was to have presented the Charter, but at the last minute had to cancel her trip, so the presentation was made by Billie Wyatt.) This was followed with a brief history of the Ninety-Nines.

We realize that we have a long struggle ahead of us but we hope that we will be a credit to the Ninety-Nines in the years to come. We wish to thank all of the members of the Ninety-Nines who have been so helpful to us during the last few months.

Following is a brief history of our members--

Lois Paige - Chapter Chairman. Joe Boy has been flying for 1 1/2 years - holds private and radio license. Occupation, employment officer. Although women pilots are not used commercially in Canada to any great extent, she has found that the knowledge and general fellowship encountered around an airport is something added to a person's life which is beyond compare.

Phyllis Lowdell - Vice Chairman. Jovial, witty, helpful. Holds private license - has been flying for four years. Occupation - secretary. Says that from the time she was a little girl it fascinated her to look up in the sky and watch the flight of an aeroplane.

Beverley Law - Secretary. Enthusiastic and helpful, has a wonderfully co-operative flyer husband who makes delicious coffee royals! She is a member of the Victoria Flying Club - holds private license. Occupation - medical secretary. While working on Manhattan District Project during the war she became interested in flying as transportation in and out was by air. It took another three years to get around to flying herself.



PRESENTATION OF CHARTER TO BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER NINETY-NINES
VANCOUVER, B. C., DECEMBER 28, 1952

Front Row, left to right: Peggy Sayle, Lynette Hayes, Helen Shelton, Billie Wyatt of San Joaquin Valley Chapter, Lois Paige, Beverley Law.
Second row: Phyllis Lowdell, Audrey Tilt, Ruth Johnson, Betty Hutchinson, Helen Glass, Sheila Lush

Helen Shelton - Treasurer. Always busy and ready to help. Holds private license. Flying since 1950. Occupation - hostess. Has found flying a great help and a wonderful hobby as she has been interested in flying for many years.

Helen Glass Gracious and very enthusiastic. Married. Housewife and part-time nurse. Obtained private license - 1952. Has very few hours but loves every minute of it. Finds it very thrilling. Has been flying as a hobby but hopes for more than that. Husband is a flying instructor and she hopes to join him in this.

Lynette Hayes Private license. Has been flying for 4 1/2 years. Occupation - housewife. Has always been interested in flying.

Betty Hutchinson Private license. 5 years flying. Occupation - bookkeeper. Flying is something she always wanted to do and even the expense has not detracted from the pleasure.

Ruth Johnson Private license. Flying since 1946. Occupation - air-line hostess. Interest in flying developed as a child and has found it a great enjoyment as a hobby.

Sheila Lush Private license. Has been flying for nearly two years. Occupation - Red Cross driver. Interest in flying developed through a friend.

Peggy Sayle Private license. Has been flying for four years. Occupation - real estate agent. She has always been interested in flying but never had the chance when she lived in China. Her two brothers joined the R.A.F. so when she came to Canada she took the opportunity to fulfill her dreams.

Audrey Tilt Quiet and shy. Holds private license. Has been flying for two years. Occupation - diamond setter. Likes as a hobby.

Details on our other members will be sent on as it is secured. Very few of our women fly for other reasons than pleasure. None own their own planes as they are nearly all working girls and our aircraft here is such a terrific price. Three of the girls from Westview are fortunate as their father owns two aircraft and they are able to take advantage of that factor.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

NY: Alice-Jean M. Starr

The Pompeian Room of New York's Hotel Shelton was transformed by Christmas decorations, sixty gay members and

guests, plus a wonderful holiday spirit! We all deposited the gifts we brought for the children of Bellevue Hospital in a huge red paper chimney. If the kids have as much fun with them as we did in choosing them they should be up and around in no time.

Ena Ayers, Alma Harwood and Selma Cronan really did a terrific job of decorating, arranging, etc. Ena made the place cards of shiny silver paper with "glitter dust" 99's on them. All the tables had centerpieces of evergreen boughs--some were mighty spikey as we found out when trying to reach a morsel across the way.

After we finished our cocktails, soup, turkey with trimmings, ice cream, cake and coffee, Barbara Evans introduced Margaret Johnson, a friend of hers and a member of the TV and radio "Song Spinners." Margaret played the guitar and sang catchy songs to our heartiest approval.

Selma Cronan emceed the aviation quiz and gave points and disqualified answers in a most professional manner. In the game of charades the antics of some of us baffled even those who knew the answers. Several of New York's leading stores donated attractive prizes for the winners of the games.

Clara Adams, of the Women's International Association of Aeronautics, entertained us with her two-finger piano renditions - interrupted now and then by some of her amusing stories. Barbara and Margaret told some pretty good stories, too.

We gathered around the piano to sing carols and popular songs -- the latter inspired a few members to do solo acts on the dance floor.

You'll hear about our Westchester meeting, January 12th, next issue. Gloria Heath is arranging an interesting program for February 16th.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER
BY: Hope Howard

The Wright Day Dinner has been the biggest recent news in Washington, D.C. Chapter. Held on December 17, it was reported to be the best and best-attended (400-500) of these annual dinners. Overflow diners, outside of the main room, even had to watch proceedings on TV. The Ninety-Nine table was honored by several visiting mem-

bers. Some of those who flew in were President Alice Hammond, Treasurer Lucile Wright, Arlene Davis, Col. Fran Nolde, Betty Warnock, Ethel Fedders - and please forgive the names that must have been omitted.

We had the opportunity to become better acquainted with some of these visitors at pre-Wright-Day cocktail parties, meetings and dinners. Local girls and some 49 1/2ers at the dinner included Barbara and Ed Jenison, Mitzi and Wendell Moore, Nancy and Lee Moore, Louise Calhoun, Blanche Noyes and Vice-President Jean Howard. Many aviation notables were in attendance to see the presentation of the three awards, and to hear President Truman address the gathering. A suitable preview and celebration for 1955 - the Golden Anniversary of Aviation!

Jean Howard has been asked to be a Junior Hostess at the Inaugural Ball. We're as proud as Jean herself is of this coveted invitation. Jean has been a very active Ike supporter, and she and Nancy Moore were sponsored by the "Citizens for Ike" in the TAR last summer.

Blanche Noyes brought back race news from a recent trip to Florida and Charlotte, N.C., where she presented a posthumous air-marking award to a CAP Wing Commander. During her trip she attended a meeting of the Florida 99 International Air Race Committee. New Smyrna Beach has bid for the end of the race, and city officials from the Mayor on down were present to extend their all-out support. Welland, Ontario, Canada will be the starting point, and Blanche is enthusiastic about prospects for the biggest and best International Race. It is expected that the prize money will be the largest amount yet, and many cities along the route are also offering prizes.

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

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Myrtle Grey Thompson

INVITATION TO ALL 99's

January 18th - Carolinas Chapter meeting at Myrtle Airport, Selma, N. C. Air race from YOUR home to Selma, N.C. You simply estimate your elapsed time and fuel consumption from where you are to Selma, seal it in an envelope and mail or bring it with you to us. Honesty is the policy and it should be great fun. We have prizes, too! You gals that will be down Miami way for the airshow could come by way of Selma on your way home and race from Miami. We are expecting a big turn out from our Chapter and hope that other chapters will join in the fun.

Land by 10 A.M. The Chapter will hold a business meeting in the pilots' lounge and a gab fest, then lunch will be served at 12:30. A breakfast flight is being held by the men pilots to Myrtle Airport that same day, and they usually stay and have contests. It would be kinda fun for the girls to enter these, too. There will be ribbon cutting, balloon bursting, spot landing, and a pants race.

You girls that will be flying down some distance from other states might like to come on Saturday. Selma is on Highway 301 and there are excellent tourist accommodations here. I will be glad to make reservations for you. When my house gets full, I'll have to let the rest go to the hotel or tourist courts.

Check your latest Airman's Guide and you will see that our runway has been extended to 2350 feet by removal of power lines. Use the runway if you wish, the field is smooth and you can land anywhere, in any direction, on the entire airport. For those who don't know where Selma is, it is between Raleigh and Goldsboro. The Southern and Atlantic Coast Line Railroads cross here. The airport is easy to find, it's in the east quadrant of the rail crossing and very close to town. The hangar roof has a sign in 10 foot black letters: WELCOME TO SELMA.

Please plan to be with us. A big old warm welcome from the whole town awaits you. And there will be enough chicken legs to go around, too. If the weather is so bad that the birds aren't even flying, the meeting will be held the following Sunday, January 25th. DON'T FORGET TO COME.

The March 15th meeting is at Pinehurst, North Carolina's famous winter resort. I think it would be fun to dash up there on Saturday and get in some golf and horseback riding, if we can get hotel reservations. Estelle Bradshaw is the hostess and I know she will be helpful in wangling hotel rooms for us if there are any available at all.

Freddie Hayes Grindall is spending three months in Charleston while her Lt. Hubby is on a cruise with the

Navy. They recently purchased a beautiful home at Cossatine, Maine. She has two pretty children now. Her Charleston address is: 3310 Orange Ave.

I'm sure all of you had a wonderful Christmas and that Old Santa brought you something pretty for your airplane. Dot Shackelford, Burnette Spencer and Estelle Bradshaw sent lovely Christmas cards to all the members of our chapter. See you Sunday, January 18th!

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

BY: Helen Deason

Virginia Carey finished her college course at Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, December 19, 1952. She is opening the New Athens Field soon after Christmas.

Cora McDonald is spending the Christmas Holidays with her parents in Mississippi.

Also - Pat Burnett is visiting her mother and sisters in Florida.

Evelyn Bryan and her business partner (Tommy Moore) have been given a five-year contract to operate the New Morris-town Airport. It will not be opened officially until sometime in the Spring. We are very happy for you, Evelyn!

We had planned a December Chapter meeting, but have postponed it until sometime in January or February...due to all the Christmas festivities and such.

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

Old Man Weather seems to know that the Ohio Ninety-Nines regular meeting is the third Sunday of every month and saves some bad weather over the state for that day. The December meeting was not without a sample -- snow flurries at Urbana. Virginia Ashelford, Mary-Ann Kurtz, Jean Bonar and Marge Gorman flew in and Blanche O'Brien drove. Sarah Chambliss of Xenia was a guest. Your reporter missed the meeting as it was necessary to be in Chicago over the weekend.

Future Ninety-Nine Karen Beth Line was born on December 6th to Major and Mrs. Albert Line of Mansfield. Cute announcement, Irma.

Ann Ash and son Billy didn't make it to Japan by Christmas. Are now "sweating out" a January or February departure.

Dorothea Greene of Columbus recently received her Master of Fine Arts Degree from Ohio State University.

Chairman Blanche O'Brien and family spent the holidays at Daytona Beach, Florida. The trip down was via Washington, D.C., Williamsburg, Charleston, Savannah and Jacksonville. Our chairman called Blanche Noyes while in Washington and reports that Miss Noyes is planning to join us for the January meeting in Columbus.

Gerry Mickelson's was one of the cleverest Christmas cards I've seen. Load up the Belanca and come to our Sectional Meeting May 9-10, Gerry.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER

BY: Gladys P. Dean

The combined Christmas Party and December meeting of the Central Wisconsin Chapter was held at the home of Pete and Pearl Nelson in Stoughton on Saturday, December 6. The Nelsons, always delightful hosts to Ninety-Nines, their 49 1/2ers and "prospective" 49 1/2ers, ordered Santa early, so the guests were ushered into the '52 Christmas holiday season by a glittering, ceiling-high Christmas tree and other festive decorations. The rest of the recently remodeled home was decorated with pine boughs, red candles in a huge pair of wrought-iron candelabra which flanked the fireplace, a copper and bronze angel on the maple hutch in the dining area which were brought back by the Nelsons from recent Mexican trips. David, not to be outdone in hospitality, passed out old Christmas cards to the guests!

After cocktails and supper, an auction of the colorfully wrapped Christmas gifts was conducted by Col. Myrland, for the benefit of the young chapter's treasury! The 49 1/2ers then presented their "gifts" (Just purchased) to their "99's". Carols were sung, and games and stunts were played. As the guest departed, they all wished the Nelsons a truly "Merry Christmas."

The January meeting will be held at Madison's old and well-known Simon House, which has recently been renovated and modernized without, however, the loss of its old-fashioned charm.

Several of the chapter's members will be missing from the dinner meeting: Pearl, Pete and David will be in Taxco, Mexico for their annual vacation and the Myrlands will be in Florida for their winter vacation. We hope Bernie Voelker will be back from California and the Rose Bowl festivities in time for the meeting. Gladys and Frank Dean may leave the end of January with the Cessna Caravan for the annual winter flight - this time to LaPas, Mexico. So, like the birds, our "flyers" are also taking to the Southland!

Grace Page's daughter missed her E.T.A. by one day! She was "checked-in" for Christmas Day, but chose December 26th as her birthday instead. Wise girl - might get more presents that way! However, it was very early on the morning of December 26th at that. Congratulations, Pages, on your future "Ninety-Nine"!

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER BY: Neva Rea

We have been busy in the Air Age Education line these days. Two visiting Ninety-Nines jaunted into town to observe the efforts of one of our members to bring the influence of airplanes, jets, rockets and - YES - space ships into the classroom. Marilyn Link, of the University of Nebraska visited the school of Marjory Farrell (a summer session pupil of the University) as her class took off from Kitty Hawk for Venus. Greater St. Louis June Walsh timed her visit from the University of Illinois to meet the class as they returned to Earth.

As our stint in educating the public in this Air Age, our chapter used a force of four films to portray the impacts of aviation to the citizens of Kansas City who came to the Aviation Exhibit in the Public Library building. This exhibit, a starting point for the Golden Year of Aviation, was sponsored by the Board of Education with CAA assistance, and included exhibits from the major aviation interests of this area.

The December meeting and Christmas party was at the new home of member Marie Kuhlman - a lovely evening followed a very delicious dinner.

Sarah Gorelick, home from Denver University, is entertaining the chapter for dinner in her home December 29th.

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU FOR 1953.

IOWA CHAPTER BY: Helen R. Gallentine

Pauline Reece was our hostess for the November meeting. She entertained at the Bohemian Club in Des Moines, with nine members present and three guests - Ruth Shimon, Nora Stout and Mrs. Beechetti.

The calendar for the coming year was discussed and written up. Irene Dalbey was appointed membership chairman for 1953.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER BY: Beulah L. Frotscher

At this late date, congrats and best wishes from this chapter to new sectional officers Deedo, Dora, Eloise and Jane. Thanks to Ruth, Regina, Deedo and Dora for jobs well done.

December 14th, we held our Christmas party at Millie's Jes-Mil Club in Storm Lake. After a delicious one o'clock dinner, a gift exchange, an informal afternoon and hangar flying was enjoyed by members and guests. Attendance prizes were won by Quentin Wildman and Beulah Frotscher. Those attending were: Fern and Gordon McKinnon, Betty Barton, Darrel Place, Virginia and Don Koestner, Jean and Quentin Wildman, Dorothy and Wayne Hunt, Bernie Eno, Beulah Frotscher, Ray Peck, our hostess Millie Burt and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burt and son Robert, who were also very gracious hosts and hostesses.

Another air age education program is under our belts and the ever-spreading word being initiated to educators and the public. On the evening of November 4th we met, as guests, with members of the Storm Lake chapter of the American Association of University Women in Swope Hall on the Buena Vista College campus. Bernie Eno, Chapter Chairman and Air Age Education Chairman, introduced chapter members and gave a short summary of their aviation history. Mr. Ric Jorgenson, air age edu-

cation director of the Iowa Aeronautics Commission, gave a very enlightening talk covering many factors in the correlation of the fields of aviation and school curricula. A slide film of "Let's Go To China" was shown to demonstrate the method used in some schools. Lunch was served after an informal question and answer period. Preceding the program, Millie Burt entertained the Ninety-Nines at a steak dinner. In attendance were: Jean Wildman, Bernie Eno, Beulah Frotscher, Fern McKinnon and Betty Barton, and guests Mr. and Mrs. Ric Jorgenson.

Millie Burt was our contact for this meeting; she was called upon by the organization to arrange an aviation program for them, requesting a meeting with the Ninety-Nines. Millie seems to be "The Ninety-Nine" Of the Month" at this writing. Her avocation is the Ninety-Nines and bowling; her career at the present time is co-owner and co-operator of the Jes-Mil Club, a well-known eating place in these here parts. Millie walks into her kitchen and cultures steak or fried chicken for a plate as well as she turns the "English" on her bowling ball. Bowling? For 18 years a bowler and at the recent St. Louis, Missouri meet she made history for herself by qualifying again for the "600 Club" and has since received her official papers and membership card. On a recent bowling night and Halloween Party for Women Bowlers, judging of the costumes nearly suspended the experts. Millie, as "Miss America of 1890," was winner on the first shift. Her costume was an 1890 model bathing suit with gay, unmatched, wide elastic leg garters styled in the 1800's. She is also an avid sports fan, baseball being her preference and on a three day vacation she took in three World Series games in Chicago. Active in the Upper Iowa Chapter as much as possible, she did a good monetary job as financial chairman last year and this year is Vice-Chairman of the Chapter, having previously been secretary and also treasurer. Millie was also responsible for the airmarker at Storm Lake.

Fern McKinnon writes family affairs are keeping her away; Ruth Schleusner hopes they will have an airplane next summer so she can attend more meetings; Verna Mae Frochaska, busy with Stanley Products Co. and family illnesses, also informs us a new financial project is to be under way soon; new member, Dorothy Hunt, home from Rochester and feeling on the mend; Virginia Koestner and Helen Flaherty are taking advantage of the last whisper of the wonderful fall weather we have been having; Bernie and Beulah flew via charter to Iowa City for the Iowa City-Notre Dame football game on November 22 and watched Notre Dame win 27-0. Spectators stated the best game of the season.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER BY: Margaret Windfuhr

A most delightful Christmas party was enjoyed by 25 members at the home of Alice Hammond in Grosse Pointe Farms. After a lovely dinner, a short business meeting was held and then Santa Claus arrived in the person of Jeannette Sovereign.

For the past year we have been divided into two teams, I and II, for which we received points for such things as flying to meetings, wearing our Ninety-Nine Pins, donating blood and many other things. Number I Team won and will be given a dinner by the losers at the next meeting in January.

Each year our Chapter has donated gifts or money to some charitable organization, and this year we took up a collection at the Christmas party to help the women patients of Ward G 301 of Eloise Wayne County Hospital have a happier holiday. We bought them a ping pong table and accessories, and a personal gift of cologne stick and talcum for each of the 65 patients. With a little money which was left, we bought decorations for their Christmas tree.

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

COLORADO CHAPTER BY: Betty Stackhouse

Our annual cocktail party was superb - we wish all members and their 49 1/2ers could have attended the festive affair. Pat Urling and Ruth Mugele were the perfect hostesses and their husbands were very able bartenders. The treat of the evening was a tour of the Urling home, which is luxurious and modern to the last detail. We wish to thank Pat and Harry Urling for their hospitality.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Nettleblad, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Nordstrom, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Stackhouse, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Tepper, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wenholz, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mugele, Mr. and Mrs.

Jolliff, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Urling, Verna Christopher, Donna Myers, and Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Collett. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Brad Hurd.

A little late, but nevertheless we wish each and every Ninety-Nine and their families a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.



OFFICERS - OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Seated, Ruth Harris, Chairman, Emily Frost, Vice-Chairman. Standing, Rita Eaves, Secretary, Ida Carter, Treasurer

KANSAS CHAPTER
BY: Lucille Cheetham

We all wish to extend our sympathy to Mrs. Iona Smyer whose husband, James Smyer, passed away November 30. Mr. and Mrs. Smyer operated the Smyer Aircraft Company at Strother Field, Arkansas City-Winfield Joint Municipal Airport.

Our December meeting was a combined business meeting and Christmas party held December 14 at the home of Helen and Roy Simmons in Abilene. We enjoyed a delicious lunch of turkey and ham and all the trimmings. A gift exchange was held afterwards. Present were Ninety-Nines Anne Waddell, June Alter, Ann Hertlein, Pat Dufford, Marian Hardman, Margaret Ash, Helen Puffer, Susie Cheetham and Helen Simmons, and 49 1/2ers Lowell Waddell, Bob Alter, Bud Hertlein and Roy Simmons.

Anne and Lowell Waddell are the proud owners of a new Beech Bonanza.

TEXAS CHAPTER
Ft. Worth Unit
BY: Rowena Burns

The biggest news item we have is that all the Ninety-Nines had a BIG Christmas. Thanks to all who remembered us with Christmas cards.

Verna Burns flew to Galveston with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bowen in their Bonanza on the Saturday before Christmas. They spent the week-end and Verna was home the 25th, eating turkey.

Bobbie Taylor spent Christmas in Amarillo.

Maybelle Fletcher, her husband and daughter, Sandy, flew to Waco in their Taylorcraft to spend Christmas with Maybelle's parents. They flew back again the Saturday after Christmas to attend a party.

Beulah Conn believes in Santa Claus now. Her husband went to Miami, Oklahoma and flew a Cessna 170 home on Christmas Day. It came already "wrapped" in silver and red.

Your reporter believes in Santa too! He squeezed down our chimney with an automatic washer and a dryer. He left a DC-4 and a Fairchild XC 120 Pack Plane --model ones--for our two-year-old boy.

Mary Helen Rattikin did lots of "hangar flying" this month. Her boy friend from Malden Air Force Base, Missouri spent Christmas here and gave her the word on the jet training he is getting at Malden.

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

ATTENTION: SOUTHWESTERN SECTION MEMBERS

I was honored by the appointment of Air Age Education Chairman for the Southwestern Section for the coming year.

Anne Rambo has given an Air Age Education Trophy for the year from September 1, 1952 to September 1, 1953.

While visiting six chapters in three states in two weeks, I found the majority of Ninety-Nines quite vague about Air Age Education and the requirements needed to win the Trophy.

Air Age Education credits are given for any event that brings aviation to the attention of a group or an individual by a Chapter or one of its members.

This includes sponsoring Wing Scouts - subjects taught and hours flown; public appearances; total hours of lectures, talks, radio and television appearances; total space of newspaper publicity; flight contests - AWTAR and other competitive events; spectacular flights, etc.; flights with other groups; teaching flight or ground school; membership in CAP, etc.; taking individuals for first flights, etc.

Every Chapter Chairman should appoint an Air Age Education chairman for the chapter. Her duties are to keep accurate records of the events accomplished by her chapter and members - also to prepare an Air Age Education program to be carried out by the chapter.

Each chapter will be mailed a contest blank later in the year.

Billie Wyatt, Chairman
Air Age Education, Southwestern
Section

TUCSON CHAPTER
BY: Gertrude G. Gelderman

Arizona's Wing of the CAP conducted a demonstration flight of missions, known as "OPERATION NAVAJO," combining a test of light aircraft flying missions in isolated territory with a good-will drop of Christmas gifts to the Navajo Indians.

Based at Winslow, 37 CAP pilots flew 55 missions over 25,000 acres of the snow-bound wilderness of Navajo Reservation December 6-7.

Beatrice Edgerly (Macpherson), Tucson Ninety-Nines Chairman, was the only woman pilot flying "Operation Navajo." She flew a Pacer on three missions, with Al Hudgin and Fred Finney as observers and 'chute operators. Left Tucson at daylight - flew 200 miles to Winslow and there took orders for the first mission: to Tolani Lake dwellings - a schoolhouse designated 45 miles distant. The entire village was assembled - a welcoming audience - and perfect drops were made on five runs.

Sunday's mission, 75 miles northwest to Hard Rock, was especially interesting: skirting between mesas to the snowy wastes where the hogans were to be found - small junipers camouflaging the small, shadowless hogans. But the visit was looked for and circling low to make a possible pattern for the "runs," countless mirrors flashed welcoming signals here and there like wintry fireflies. A few circles over the sparkling, wide-spread village, then five runs and perfect drops were made and the chutes eagerly picked up.

The Navajos were wonderfully cooperative in helping with all plans. Only candy, soft toys and tobacco could be included as gifts. Complete and valuable statistics for all the missions are being examined.

Bee reported seeing Etheline Woodhouse, Saguaro Ninety-Nine Chairman, at Winslow - in from a mission with her husband.

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

We welcome a prospective 49 1/2er: Margaret Sturges, Chapter Secretary who does computing at Pasadena Jet Propulsion Lab, has announced her engagement to James Jepson of Pasadena. He's a Cal Tech research engineer.

Irma "Babe" Story has just returned from a vacation trip to Kilgore, Texas and Pence Springs, West Virginia.

Anne Bledsoe reports she took the Wing Scout troop, sponsored by the San Fernando Chapter, to March Field to show them the Link Trainers and airplanes. Bus transportation was furnished and free lunches were served to the Scouts.

Mary Ruth Rance is making progress on plans for airmarking. Arcadia is first to get air-identification.

The Chapter voted to pay the 1953 dues of Swedish pilot Gunilla Tellander who is sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Chapter. So did the Colorado Chapter! But the Michigan Chapter beat us all to it. Gunilla hasn't been able to get Swedish money out of the country to pay her dues. This should leave little doubt in Gunilla's mind that she's warmly - and trebly - welcomed as an international member of the International Organization of Licensed Women Pilots.

Patrice-Ann Schubert, age two, got her first airplane ride (non-commercial, that is) with Mommy at the controls from Los Angeles to San Diego. She augurs well for becoming a Ninety-Nine in about 14 years.

Roberta Smith of Van Nuys will be hostess at the January meeting.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER

BY: Martha Lundy

Our Chapter started off the holiday season with a Christmas cocktail party at the home of Martha Lundy. After gifts had been exchanged and the fund raising prize disposed of (Ruth Hillman won it), we adjourned to the Last Frontier Hotel for dinner and a floor show.

Phil Spitalney's "Hour of Charm" was the entertainment. Mr. Spitalney dedicated a medley of western songs to the Ninety-Nines. We liked the line "and the skies are not cloudy all day." Place cards at the dinner were special gifts from Hotel Last Frontier.

Those attending were: Ruth Hillman and Ben, Peg Crockett and George, Mary Ellen Davis and Jerry, Lela Horn and Bill, Margaret Moore and guest Irene Mulvaney, Helen Cannon and Ray, and Martha Lundy.

Our congratulations to Solange D'Hooghe. Her son arrived on Thanksgiving Day - a bouncing 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds.

Clarice Bessent has her son Lucky home from military academy for the holidays.

Our next meeting will be a business session at the home of Lela Horn on January 14th.

Happy New Year, everybody!

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

BY: Geri Masinter

The Bay Cities Chapter held its Christmas party at Lou Kroll's home on December 21. Lou did a beautiful job of hostessing and everyone had a marvelous time.

Margaret Gerhardt had her fourth child - a boy this time.

To all the Ninety-Nines, the Bay Cities Chapter sends wishes for a Happy New Year and good flying in 1953.



OFFICERS - BAY CITIES CHAPTER

Lou Kroll, Secretary, Rosemarie Gehling, Vice-Chairman, Lindy Boyes, Chairman and Laura Hale, Treasurer



CHRISTMAS PARTY - LAS VEGAS CHAPTER - HOTEL LAST FRONTIER

(Left to right) Martha Lundy, Ray Lundy, Lela Horn, William Horn, Mary Ellen Davis, Jerry Davis, Margaret Moore, Irene Mulvaney, George Crockett, Peg Crockett, Helen Cannon, Ben Hillman, Ruth Hillman.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTIONAL MEETING

At the Fall Sectional Meeting of the Southwestern Section, held at Fresno, California on September 27-28, 1952, San Joaquin Valley Chapter, Hostess, twelve of the fifteen chapters in the section were represented. The four Sectional Trophies were presented to the three winning chapters, as follows:

SAGUARA CHAPTER - Ethelind Woodhouse, Chairman - The Mardo Crane Trophy for the most flying time per member --120 hours.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER - Alta Laura Wyatt, Chairman - The Anne Rambo Trophy for Air Age Education - Wing Scouts, radio program, fly-ins, speeches, newspaper publicity, and hostess chapter for Fall Sectional.

The Gerry Mickelsen Trophy for Attendance - best average for attending regular meetings and fly-ins per member.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER - Miriam Brugh, Chairman - The Ethel Sheehy Trophy for Largest Number of New Members.



Ethelind Woodhouse, Chairman Saguaro Chapter, with the Mardo Crane Trophy; Alta Laura Wyatt, Chairman San Joaquin Valley Chapter, with the Anne Rambo Trophy and the Gerry Mickelsen Trophy; Miriam Brugh, Chairman Bay Cities Chapter, with the Ethel Sheehy Trophy.



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