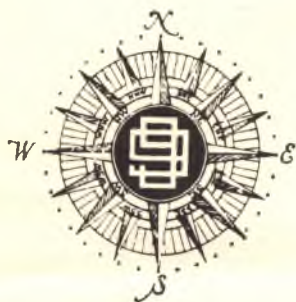


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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

March 1953

DEAR NINETY-NINES:

By the time you are reading this, the "Ides of March" will be behind you, your tax returns will be filed with Uncle Sam, and you will probably already be saving up for the next "day of reckoning"! Personally, wind and weather being what it is around the Great Lakes this time of year, I never thought March was much good for anything anyhow!

Delving into aviation history, however, I find that a couple of our feminine colleagues did make excellent use of what March had to offer them. On March 8, 1910, the Baroness Raymonde De La-roche, of Paris, became the first FAI licensed woman pilot in the world. And our own JACQUELINE COCHRAN set the women's national altitude record of 30,052.43 feet at Palm Springs in her Twin Wasp Beechcraft on the 24th of March, 1939.

In February I had the honor of being invited to speak on the program of the Alumnae Council at Wellesley College, which afforded a golden opportunity to bring the aviation story - especially as it pertains to us women - to some 300 women from all over the United States.

While in the East I visited SALLY DRIVER, governor of the New England Section and Chairman of the Start of the 1953 AWTAR at Lawrence, Mass. Enthusiasm is really running high in Lawrence, and they have been making beautiful arrangements and plans for the Race start. Sally gave a large reception and buffet supper the evening I arrived, attended by Mayor and Mrs. John J. Buckley of Lawrence and other city officials, members of the Airport Commission, the Merrimac Pilots Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Air Race Committee and Ninety-Nines. Though it was a mid-week night and New England Ninety-Nines are widely scattered, I was delighted to find ROSE ABBOTT, ANN CRATHERN and CHARLOTTE SULLIVAN KELLEY able to be there. BARBARA KIERNAN, New England's newest Ninety-Nine, who lives in nearby Andover, was also at the party.

We woke the next morning to find the Massachusetts countryside under a deep blanket of snow - and more falling! It was unbelievably beautiful, and couldn't have furnished a more fitting setting for the lovely fireside tea given that afternoon by Mrs. Buckley, wife of the Mayor, in their home.

In New York, LOUISE SMITH, JEAN HOWARD and KAY BRICK joined me for a meeting of the Executive Committee for a real work session on Sunday the 15th. Monday evening we were invited to New York-New Jersey's Sectional dinner meeting and spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening with them, discussing future plans and reminiscing. Seems like everywhere I went, plans are under way for the trip to the Convention in San Diego, and for flying in the AWTAR and the International, and the girls are busy as bees getting sponsors lined up.

A group of Detroit Ninety-Nines recently had the pleasure of entertaining Rachel Markowski at a luncheon at the Women's City Club. Mrs. Markowski is the pioneer woman pilot of Israel, having won her wings in 1940. During the war she flew for the Haganah, the Israeli underground, and flew reconnaissance during the Arab uprisings. She is rated as a single engine airplane pilot and a Class "C" glider pilot. As one of the leading lights in the Aero Club of Israel, Rachel is very much occupied with creating air consciousness and know-how among the youth of this new country, in a program similar in many respects to our Civil Air Patrol Cadet program. One of the things that surprised us most is that in Israel the girls as well as the boys are "drafted" into military service for 2 1/2 years as soon as they finish high school. The interesting thing to us is that qualified girls are trained as military pilots along with the boys! Quite a number of Israeli girls already have earned their military wings, Rachel said.

Like the Ninety-Nines, the Girl Scouts are already participating in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight. Perhaps you girls who are working with the Wing Scouts in your community might work out some really worthwhile projects with your troops in this connection. Those of you who happen to be along the routes of either the AWTAR or the International may find some way for your Scouts to be of special service to the contestants as they come through, or to the local air race committee.

Last month we mentioned the Aviation Education Workshop to be co-sponsored by the Civil Air Patrol and the University of Colorado at Boulder July 23-August 26 - and already we have heard from one Ninety-Nine Chapter which is interested in raising the necessary \$160 to furnish a scholarship to send one of the teachers from their area to the Workshop this summer! Ninety-Nines who qualify for application for the Amelia Farhart Memorial Scholarship as outlined in the February News Letter may apply for the 1953 Award to go to this workshop if they are teachers. Give it a thought!

Yours for the NINETY-NINES,

ALICE H. HAMMOND  
President

7th Annual ALL-WOMAN TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE  
Lawrence, Mass. to Long Beach, Cal.  
July 3, 1953 - July 7, 1953

Rules and Regulations are pouring out to those of you who have sent in your quarters. For those who haven't, the address is:

Mrs. Barbara London  
AWTAR Inc.  
624 Armando Drive  
Long Beach 7, Calif.  
(Please include 25¢ for postage!)

The route has been announced - the old Mohawk Trail; the dates have been set - July 3-7, 1953; the conditions are the same - STOCK aircraft of 0-300 hp.; so plan NOW to participate in this annual event.

Lola Perkins  
Publicity, AWTAR

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INTERNATIONAL AIR RACE

Committees have been working overtime at Welland, Ontario, Canada and we have at last laid out a program of entertainment for our visitors at the start of the 1953 All-Woman International Air Race which starts from Welland on June 10th and finishes at New Smyrna Beach, Fla., June 13. On June 8th there will be a banquet for contestants and visiting dignitaries. The evening of June 9th a buffet supper will be served to race contestants and in between handicapping during the daytime, we are working in a sight-seeing tour which will take in the huge power development now in progress at Niagara Falls, Ontario. While the girls will not be allowed to go down in the tunnels, due to the fact that the workmen are very superstitious about women bringing bad luck!, it still will be very interesting to view the whole thing from the top. A luncheon will be served to the sightseers at Niagara Falls.

On take-off day -- June 10th -- early afternoon will see quite a send-off, with R.C.A.F. in attendance and all the trimmings which a race of this sort deserves. We are also endeavoring to procure hotel accommodations at a cut rate for contestants and we are looking forward to having women pilots fill up all the hotel rooms in Welland.

Come one! Come all! Welland awaits you for a bang-up good time!

Dorothy Rungeling  
Canadian Chairman  
International Air Race

The deadline for entries to be received for the Fifth Annual All-Woman International Air Race is May 1, 1953 - so don't delay sending yours along to us.

The race is open to ALL women pilots. The restriction requiring membership in the Ninety-Nines has been removed.

Elizabeth F. Collins  
Race Chairman  
Florida Chapter  
848 Spring Grove Blvd.  
Ocala, Florida

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APRIL - CIVIL DEFENSE MONTH

Many of our chapters have appointed Civil Defense Chairmen, many of our members are serving on State Civil Defense Boards, but there are many that have taken no part in Civil Defense. Participation in Civil Defense is our individual responsibility, as Ninety-Nines and citizens we should be aware of the need and informed on plans. In an off-the-record talk today, I learned that the role plane owners and pilots can have in Civil Defense is being considered. The Federal Civil Defense Administration knows of the Ninety-Nines but it is important that the state and local directors learn of the potential air arm in their area.

Let's make April Civil Defense month for the Ninety-Nines. At your April meeting, why not invite your local Civil Defense official to be guest speaker, hear what is being done and what opportunities are open for your members. In turn, Civil Defense will learn of the Ninety-Nines. I'm sending each Chapter and Section two booklets - "Women in Civil Defense" and "What You Can Do Now" which give suggestions for Chapter Activities and programs.

Civil Defense is vital to our national security. Its effectiveness depends upon us as individuals.

"Civil Defense is every woman's job."

Jean Ross Howard  
Chairman - Civil Defense

TO: Chapter Chairmen and Governors of Sections

SUBJECT: Nominations for International Officers for fiscal year 1953-54.

Nominations are to be submitted no later than APRIL 20, 1953 for the following officers:

President	1 name
Vice-President	1 name
Secretary	1 name
Treasurer	1 name
Nominating Commitee	1 name

Send me a thumbnail sketch of your candidate (her aviation and Ninety-Nine background). Also, send a written consent by her to hold office if elected.

For your information regarding candidates for nomination:

President Alice Hammond is NOT eligible for re-nomination.  
Secretary Donna Myers IS eligible for another term as Secretary and has stated that she will serve if nominated and elected.  
Vice-President Jean Howard IS eligible for another term.  
Treasurer Lucile Wright IS eligible for another term.

On the ballot will also appear the names of two candidates for Trustee of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, which will be provided by the Executive Committee.

YOUR CANDIDATES' NAMES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE BEFORE APRIL 20, 1953. Send them - along with their written consent and a brief biographical sketch.

LET'S MAKE 1953 A BIG YEAR FOR NOMINATIONS. SEND IN THOSE NAMES!

De Thurmond, Chairman  
1953 Nominating Committee  
4894 Del Monte  
San Diego, Calif.

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#### NINETY-NINE CONVENTION

The San Diego Chapter wishes to extend a very warm welcome to you to attend the 1953 International Convention scheduled for July 9 through July 12 in San Diego. We feel greatly honored in having been selected as hostess for this meeting, which will follow the end of the TAR activities in Long Beach on July 8th. Invitations will be mailed to you in the near future and we would like you to fill out and return your reservations at your earliest convenience.

All 49 1/2ers, 24 3/4ers, and guests are welcome to take part in our social events, so start making your plans now for a vacation trip to California this summer. Plan to come to San Diego to visit and enjoy this area with its many alluring attractions (where ocean, seashore, mountains and desert offer every year-round activity):

QUAINT TIA JUANA, OLD MEXICO;

THE NAVY--NORTH ISLAND (San Diego is America's largest Navy base);

CORONADO, DEL MAR, and LA JOLLA (A view of San Diego's seaside resorts);

BEAUTIFUL BALBOA PARK;

HISTORIC OLD TOWN (Ramona's Marriage Place and the Serra Museum--where California began and where its early history is unveiled).

And many more too numerous to mention. Our Publicity Chairman, Maxine Smith, will supply you with more complete details as plans progress.

Hope to see you all in July!

Isabelle G. McCrae  
Convention Chairman

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#### HISTORY OF THE AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For several years following Amelia Earhart's last flight in 1937, the Ninety-Nines considered how they could best honor the memory of their first president. Suggestions were solicited from the chapters, and from the many excellent proposals, one emerged as being most typical of Amelia herself, of her interest in education, and devotion to the advancement of women in aviation: a Scholarship Fund.

Officially established by Resolution in 1940 "...the most ambitious united effort which the 99's have undertaken," the



plan was to set up a perpetual Fund, the income of which would provide for an annual Award to a deserving member to better her standing in aviation. Thus the memorial would continue to live, and benefit not only the award winners, but aviation itself.

Entered into enthusiastically, the Fund grew, fed by contributions from chapters, sections, individuals, from filling penny banks, sponsoring air-meets and dinner-dances, the sale of articles and from other sources. Originally established at \$150 for an instrument rating, the Award grew to \$200 and was expanded to include all advanced ratings, and still later, to other aeronautical fields besides piloting, such as Control Tower operator, Meteorologist, Dispatcher, Mechanic, Engineer, and Educator. Continued growth of the Fund has been necessary because of the reduction of interest rates below the 1940 estimates, and the increased cost of aeronautical training.

In selecting the winner of the Award, the five Trustees first screen the applications, then those receiving the highest votes are sent to three Honorary Judges, people outstanding in the field of aviation, who pick the final winner.

Since 1941, the Scholarship has been won by Patricia Thomas Gladney, Virginia Sweet and Janet Dietrich for their instrument ratings; Dorothy Broadfield Monahan for her instructor's rating; Elizabeth Sewell and Amalie Stone for combined commercial and instructor's ratings; Jean Hixson for her academic studies in aeronautics and journalism toward her Master's degree; and Jean Feden Swartwood for her multi-engine rating. These girls continue to make important contributions in the field of aviation in their chosen lines.

The Ninety-Nines can truly be proud of their Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship.

Melba Beard, Trustee  
AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

#### MISSOURI AIR TOUR

Plans are being made for an air-tour of Missouri on June 12-14, 1953. It will start at Columbia, Mo. and end at Grand Glaize-Linn Creek Airport. This is right on the famous Lake of the Ozarks and an excellent place to spend vacation time. The tour is being sponsored by both St. Louis and Kansas City Chapters of the Ninety-Nines, Missouri Operators' Association, Flying Farmers, St. Louis Chapter of NAA and WNAA, and Cape Girardeau Pilots Association. All Ninety-Nines are invited to participate. For further information, contact Mr. Dale Fearn, Division of Resources and Development, Jefferson City, Mo.

#### CHAPTER NEWS

#### CANADIAN SECTION

BRITISH-COLUMBIA CHAPTER  
By: Lois V. Paige

Greetings from the Blue Pacific! The gals up here have been bogged down with good old liquid sunshine (rain to you!) for the past month. This has prevented the participation in much flying. However, On Sunday, 15 February, 1953, we did manage to hold a fairly successful meeting in the lounge of the Aero Club of B.C.

The main topic of conversation was the very vulgar subject of how to raise money. Although many suggestions were made, we finally settled on a raffle. The drawing will be held at our next meeting on 19 April at the Victoria Flying Club, Victoria, B.C. So here is one big HOPE that we make a worthy showing!

Many matters were discussed during the meeting and the chairmen of the following committees were appointed: Peggy Sayle - publication...Phyllis Lowdell - contest... and Lois Paige - Air Age Education.

Lynette Hayes and Elaine Mitten from Westview, B.C. were present, both arriving by boat (for shame!). Making a much more appropriate arrival were Beverley Law and Tiny Bacon from Victoria. They travelled via T.C.A. - but by plane just the same!

The meeting was followed by a very enjoyable tea, furnished by the Aero Club's very wonderful canteen operator.

Bit by bit, we are trying to acquaint everyone with a short history of our chapter members. We would like to add three more to those previously reported:

Tiny Bacon - member of the Victoria Flying Club. A really sweet little 'chick' - occupation, receptionist. Started flying in 1949. Holds a private licence and radio licence.

Interest in flying began at the age of five while living at Mayo Landing, Yukon Territory. One day a bush pilot placed her in a cockpit of an old Tiger Moth and she was so thrilled by all the gadgets and do-dads that she decided that she would learn to operate one of those "things" at the very first opportunity.

Elaine Mitten - hails from Westview, B.C. Has a really pleasant smile and is most enthusiastic. Comes from a flying family. Occupation - housewife. Has a private licence which she received in 1946. Her father has been flying since the early '30's and has had his own plane since then. It seems only natural that she should catch the 'flying bug' from him.

Eleanor Jones - Langely Prairie, B.C. Occupation - Commercial Representative for the B.C. Telephone Co. On week-ends she acts as bookkeeper and dispatcher for the Langley Airport. Quite a busy gal! Obtained her commercial licence in 1946 and has many flying hours to her credit. She learned to fly through her desire to be up in 'them there clouds!'

#### NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Sally T. Driver

Barbara Kiernan, new Ninety-Nine as of last month, is flying in the AWTA and representing the City of Lawrence. The best of luck to her!

Alice Hammond honored us with a visit in February and on the 11th was guest of honor at a party for the Air Race Committee Chairmen, their wives, and Ninety-Nines. There wasn't too much notice, but Rose Abbott and Charlotte Sullivan Kelly, with their 49 1/2ers, Anne Crathern, Barbara Kiernan and myself represented the Ninety-Nines. About seventy guests greeted Alice and were charmed thereby.

#### NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Alice-Jean M. Starr

Thirty Ninety-Nines turned out for the February 16th meeting at the Women's National Republican Club in New York City. We had the use of the Club's cocktail lounge, dining room and private meeting room--a very snazzy place for a meeting.

Barbara Evans got the meeting under way and outlined the requirements for applicants for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship which must be in by April 15th. She also read a letter of thanks for the toys we sent to the children of Bellevue Hospital.

Our flying program was gone over--a rather dismal review it was, as no one made it out to Flushing Airport to fly. However, your reporter was a lucky Navion charter pilot last week. It took 1:45 to go 180 miles westward and 1:00 back. Nice wind!

Novie Davenport, just back from Atlantic City, reported seeing several other Ninety-Nines there for the National Aviation Executive Council. They were: Marilyn Link, Gloria Heath, June Walsh and Betty Warnock.

Alice Hammond, our guest of honor, had just been up to Lawrence, Mass. Their preparations, plans and overall enthusiasm ensures us, even at this early date, of a "bang up" time in Lawrence for the start of the TAR.

Alice read a very interesting report of the Ninety-Nines 1932 convention in Cleveland. Amelia Earhart was then president and 39 members were present. The minutes covered a page and a half compared to 14 typewritten pages of last year's convention. They had \$302.73 in the treasury and dues were only \$2.00 per year, half of which was retained by the local chapter!

Here's a funny story of Louise Smith's forced landing in Virginia. After she successfully completed the landing in a corn field, the usual small fry collected. She heard one small boy tell another, "Boy, did you see that airplane land? It didn't even have a pilot in it--just a woman!"

Louise also was at our meeting along with Helen Clark, who is moving from the Western New York Chapter to the Metropolitan area. Avanel Pinkley was also in attendance.

Peg McGraw is head of the fund-raising committee, assisted by Polly Alley.

The day after our meeting, Barbara Poole Shoemaker had a baby boy, Jenkins Edward Shoemaker.

Minnie Hanzlik is arranging our April 13th meeting. Those who read the Cross-Country News couldn't have missed the recent article about Minnie's husband, "Speed."



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

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER  
By: Hope Howard

Our February meeting featured a buffet supper at the home of Mitzi Moore, and we all had much fun, as always at Mitzi's. The supper of creamed chicken was delicious and we were surprised and delighted to have Ada Mitchell back with us after her accident. Vera Foster, a former Ninety-Nine, was with us for the first time since Junior was born.

Unfortunately our guest of honor, WAF Maj. June Everett, was unable to attend because of a sudden call to 48-hour duty. We hope to have her at a later meeting as she is now stationed in D.C. as the first WAF officer to be assigned to CAP national headquarters here.

Unexpected visitor was Betsy Woodward from California. Betsy is Women's National Soaring Champ, as well as a power pilot. Her present problem? -- a possible conflict on dates between the National Soaring meets at Elmira, N.Y., and the International Air Race! Ada Mitchell is hoping to be in the International, while Jean Howard and Eleanor Davis are displaying a lot of interest in the TAR.

Chairman Louise Millican appointed Betty Fisher as our flying activities chairman; and we learned that the section has chosen Nancy Moore as secretary. Our next meeting was scheduled for March 12th at Billie Cain's.

We have lost Pauline S. Martin to Illinois Chapter, but welcome to Dorothy Mitchell who is transferring to us from Wisconsin.

Traveling members: Blanche Noyes was off again in her Bonanza for Columbus, Cleveland, and OOOh-Pittsburgh (she won't explain that); Louise Millican, Eleanor Davis, Betty Fisher and Mitzi Moore attended the recent CAP Regional meeting in Charlotte, N. Car.; Katherine Stinson has been to an Engineering meeting in Cleveland; and Claire Callaghan is reported to be golfing at Vero Beach, Florida. And now we know what has been keeping MaryJane Sasala busy. An accomplished singer, she has collaborated with Max Conrad and the late John Magee, Jr., also pilots, in a new song, "High Flight," featured February 16 in a local concert!

MEADVILLE CHAPTER  
By: Betty DeVore

Jean Peden Swartwood was hostess for our February meeting which, in spite of a sleety rain, had a good turnout. Congratulations are in order for Virginia Sandieson of Franklin, Pa., who has been Mrs. John Huff, Jr. since November, and to her sister, Mrs. J. R. Lange, now in Chicago, for a recently adopted baby son. Marjorie Cook was head of the Mother's March on Polio in our town and they put on a very successful campaign.

Among the thirteen items Chairman Lord had on the agenda for the evening, plans were discussed for holding a dinner in commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Power Flight. We have hopes of making this a big affair and thus arouse more interest in aviation throughout this territory (it sure could use it!). Negotiations to reopen our airport, which has been closed for several months, are in progress and we also plan to Air Mark one of the hangars when the weather gets so we won't slide off the roof.

Refreshments and the Gavilan-Davies fight brought the meeting to a close. Our next meeting will be with Dorothy Miller in Meadville.

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

TENNESSEE CHAPTER  
By: Helen Deason

Well, it is about Spring again, Girls! That means more flying for most of us. It's a nice thought anyway.

Pat Burnett is recovering from an operation on her wrist. Jane and Louis Hilbert have been on a vacation in Florida - flew down in their Beech Bonanza. Ruby Knapp, of Nashville, has gone back to work.

Correction - on our next meeting place -- it will be at Lovell Field, Chattanooga, Sunday, March 1st, with lunch at the Grill, followed by the meeting.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER  
By: Myrtle Grey Thompson

The clouds were below "contact" January 18th, necessitating the postponement of our chapter meeting until the 25th. The petticoat handicap race was a tremendous success with

Edith Long, of Charlotte, winning the lovely 12 inch trophy.

Before leaving home, each contestant sealed in an envelope her estimated elapsed time from HER home to Myrtle Airport, Selma, N. C., and her estimated gasoline consumption. Edith was perfect on her flight time and only 4/10th of a gallon off on her gas. The air would have been smooth at 5,000' she learned after take-off, but she had planned her flight for 3,000' so wouldn't use the extra time and fuel to climb up but flew the bumpy 150 miles at 3,000'. When she got to Selma, she was right on schedule, so she made a short pattern and popped it on the ground. Congratulations, Edith, you did a swell job. Edith's 49 1/2er, Odell, came with her. She was flying their Bonanza.

Louise Smith flew her Bonanza down with Burnette Spencer as co-pilot and Louise's 49 1/2er Herman and 24 3/4er Randy as passengers. Dot Shackleford of Columbia won the prize for having flown the greatest distance. The prize? Why, a year's subscription to the Johnstonian-Sun, Selma's weekly paper. Dot is historian and will need excerpts from the aviation column for the scrapbook. Dot was flying her her Bonanza and 49 1/2er "Shack" was her copilot.

Maxine Walker, Winston-Salem, was first arrival, flying a Cessna 140. She was presented with airplane decorated panties and hand lotion.

A visitor, June Reynolds of Candor, wife of Jack Reynolds, well-known crop duster pilot, also entered the race. She was flying her green Tri-Pacer which Jack gave her for Christmas, along with a Cadillac convertible.

Gasoline was furnished the five planes in the race free by E S S C.

Estelle Bradshaw left her Cessna 170 in Pinehurst and "flew" with hubby, Carl, in the Chevy. Estelle is hostess for our next meeting, sometime in March at North Carolina's famous winter resort, Pinehurst.

The meeting was held in the pilot's lounge with a plate lunch following the meeting. Fried chicken, potato salad, deviled egg, cole slaw, hot biscuits and homemade devil's food cake made up the menu. Hot coffee was served all afternoon to those who stayed on to hangar fly. Another visitor, Bernadette Hoyle, Smithfield news correspondent, was present and made numerous photographs and interviewed each member. The results were a full page spread in 3 large daily newspapers about the Ninety-Nines and Carolinas Chapter.

We missed Betty Hamilton. She had an oil leak in the filler neck on her new Pacer. The factory is repairing it, so we are looking forward to seeing her, and our other members who didn't make the Selma meeting, at the Pinehurst meeting in March.



A TOAST TO THE WINNER

(Coffee, that is). Carolinas Chapter members raced from their home to Myrtle Airport, Selma, N. C., for their January 25th meeting. Pictured, left to right, back row: Dot Shackleford, Maxine Walker, Louise Smith; front row, Burnette Spencer, Chairman, Trophy Winner Edith Long, Secy.-Treas. Estelle Bradshaw, and Myrtle Thompson, hostess and race sponsor.

FLORIDA CHAPTER  
By: Alma B. Parker

Our February 22d meeting was held at the home of Irma Price, Miami. A delicious luncheon of ham and fried  
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chicked (with trimmin's) was served on the patio. The discussion we had on waist lines will not be forgotten soon because I'm sure they all increased at least two inches. Sorry I had to rush and miss the "after" gab.

Quite a few members were present and we were very happy to have Helen Mennitto, of the N.Y.-N.J. Section, and Jean McLean. We were also happy to welcome a prospective member, Peggy Benton. Glad Barbara Erickson and Betty Little are back with us. Good luck to former Ninety-Nine Peggy Lennox Finkle - on her way to France on the Windjammer - she is taking pictures.

Betsy Collins is doing a fine job as International Race Chairman and many thanks to the girls who volunteered to help. Phil Travis told us about some of the good things that are in store for us at the end of the race. So far: a scavenger hunt, a triangular cross-country race, the Beverly Whitfield Trophy race, open to any h.p. plane. Last but not least, the New Smyrna Beach Yacht Club will be turned over to us. The Flying Alligators (initiation, etc.), Air Pilots and Flying Farmers will be there. So start making plans to be at New Smyrna Beach the week-end of June 13-14.

#### 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

The February meeting was held in Cincinnati the 15th. Mark Savage, of the Ohio Aviation Board, spoke to us about air marking, and the Board's recommendation for distribution of the money collected for aircraft licenses for aviation purposes. Airmarking Chairman Virginia Ashelford launched the Ohio Ninety-Nines program for air-marking the state. Members present were given sections of the state to check on condition of existing markers and to recommend locations for new markers.

Blanche Noyes was in Ohio for a visit in February. She spent a week as house guest of Arlene Davis in Cleveland.

Edythe Maxim wrote from Buffalo, N.Y. Feb. 10th. Her 49 1/2er is doing a lot of traveling now and when it's more than a one-day trip, Edythe goes along as copilot of the "MG." She reports it a nice car for the road and somehow they just manage to get three pieces of luggage, a large briefcase, overshoes, chains and sandbag in the luggage compartment! Edythe and some of the other Cleveland Ninety-Nines attended a NAA luncheon February 3d, at which Blanche Noyes was guest speaker.

New Orleans was visited by at least two Ohio Ninety-Nines - Martha Wilcox and Marion Betzler.

The Cleveland Ninety-Nines helped with the registration for the National Model Plane Exhibit at the Higbee Auditorium in Cleveland. Mary Fecser and Arlene Davis were judges. Arlene was vice-chairman and Dr. Ray Sharp, from the NCAC Lac was chairman. An estimated 20,000 people visited the exhibit of 1550 model planes. This is the sixth year of Arlene's perpetual trophy to the girl with the highest number of points. Both boys and girls competed.

Ann Ash spent some time in Florida recently with her family. Ann is sailing March 16th from Seattle, Wash., to join her husband at Johnson Air Base, Tokyo, for a year.

Mary Fecser had a very stimulating meeting with the Girl Scouts. It was aimed at getting the girls interested in wing scouting.

Alice Schlott, who is a nurse, writes that the flu epidemic has tied both her and her doctor husband pretty close to home.

Plans for the Sectional Meeting May 9-10 are progressing nicely. We hope that many of you will plan to arrive Friday afternoon and spend the entire weekend with us. Mr. William Albers, president of Albers Super Market, will be our principal speaker.

INDIANA CHAPTER  
By: Joan Ferguson

The Indiana Ninety-Nines met Feb. 15th at the Muncie Airport and had eleven members and four guests present. Guests were Virginia Waldo, daughter of Vice-Chairman Rachel Meranda, Ruth Robbins of Valparaiso and Lucy Williams and Mary Sprenger of Indianapolis - the last three now being full-fledged Ninety-Nines.

A wonderful chicken dinner, complete to the last detail, was served in the Airport restaurant, and following that, the business meeting was held in one of the classrooms. The Pot of Gold, in the amount of \$3.30, was won by Rae

Cawdell. It was reported that our two hospitalized members, Dorothea Hendricks and Lois Whitney, would be back in their homes soon. Dorothea had a surgical operation and Lois is the proud mother of a new blonde daughter, Julia Gail.

Betty Pettitt's lovely mother is visiting her from New Jersey, and Joan Ferguson had the pleasure of their company at dinner on the 21st. Betty and Joan, as usual, celebrated their birthdays together.

Dorothy Perry's father is on the mend and Dotty is again going forward with her wedding plans for the 22d of March.

The March meeting will be held at Baer Field, Fort Wayne, Ind.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER  
By: Margaret Windfuhr

The February 8th meeting was held at the home of Jeannette Sovereign in Bay City. Because of icy highways, bad flying conditions in parts of Michigan, etc., a rather small group appeared. Ten members, a few 49 1/2ers, and two guests, Marian Elbinger of Bay City, and Marjorie Blackford of Flushing, enjoyed a wonderful lunch and the hospitality of the Sovereign's. For two months now, the members from the Detroit area have not been able to attend the meetings because of Old Man Weather. We miss them.

Jeannette gave the rules of our new contest and explained the point system. We hope the rest can come next time and get in on the fun.

A frantic telephone call to Jeannette Sovereign from our Chairman, Bernice Trimble, got her down to Lansing to make a speech at a committee hearing in the House of Representatives on bill 10 & 14. It is a bill to amend Sec. 126 of Act No. 327 of the Public Acts of 1945, entitled "Aeronautics Code of the State of Michigan." It has to do with new ways and means of acquiring land for airports and would greatly curtail the building of new ones. According to Bernice, who arrived just in time to hear Jeannette, she did the Ninety-Nines proud.

The April 12th meeting will be held in Pontiac.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER  
By: Dora Dougherty

The February meeting of the Central Illinois Chapter was held in the home of Hortense Harris. Hortense served a wonderful ham dinner, after which we were favored with a very fine talk by Mr. George Schutzbaugh, who is employed by Hortense's own Alloy Casting and Engineering Company. Mr. Schutzbaugh spoke on the new metal, titanium, and its place in the aviation industry. A wonderful time was had by all members and their 49 1/2ers. Our thanks to Hortense!

A second meeting (boy, are we eager!) was held later in the month at the home of Bernice Schrader Wilson. "Bunny," with the able help of her 49 1/234, dished up a very tasty spaghetti dinner to the 12 attending members and friends. This being a business meeting, no entertainment was planned but we indulged in the usual Ninety-Nine avocation of hangar flying. It was learned that Marilyn and Joe Jackson have purchased a cabin Waco and hope to put many good XC's on it in the future.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER  
By: Virginia Rabung

We were very happy to welcome to our Chapter Pauline Martin, who has forsaken Washington for Chicago. We are glad to have you with us, Pauline,

The snow country seems to be beckoning - our Doris Langer has deserted the Windy City for a weekend of skiing at Aspen. So far very little of the downy white flakes have fallen in and around Chicago area this year. Those of us who have been patiently waiting with skis in hand ready to remove the wheels from our planes in favor of skis have been somewhat disappointed.

Jane White is sporting a beautiful tan after her stay in the warm Florida sunshine. It sure looks good, especially to us palefaces here.

The February meeting was held at the downtown office of the United Air Lines. Plans for the coming rummage sale were discussed and everyone is looking forward to the March meeting at which the winner of the achievement award will be announced. We will have the name of the winner for you next month.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER  
By: Gladys Dean

For the second time a Madison Ninety-Nine has been asked to be the annual guest speaker at the Amelia Earhart Day



dinner-meeting of the Zonta International Club at Madison in January. Last Year, Gladys Dean was guest speaker and this year the honor went to Ethel Dresdow Christensen. This annual program commemorating Amelia Earhart Day is held each January by Zonta Chapters all over the World. Miss Earhart was a member of the New York chapter. In her memory, the organization established a scholarship fund, in 1940, which awards \$1,200 annually to a qualified young woman for graduate study in aeronautics. To date, Zonta has given thirteen such scholarships, and the 1953 winner will be announced March 1st.

Thus inspired, our February chapter meeting at Ethel's became "discussion" night, relative to what part the group can take in an effort to promote aviation education in our community. Grace Page is working with the Wisconsin State Aeronautics Education Consultant in an effort to arrive at some type of a program which will fit in with the existing efforts. Grace will report on her progress at the March meeting.

The traveling trophy, a large Smorgasborg tray, with Rose-milling by a Norwegian artist in Stoughton, and donated by Pearl Nelson, was awarded to Grace Page for her December "accomplishments:" the presentation of a future "99" and the fact that ten days afterward she was giving a flying lesson!

#### GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By: Loretta Slavick

We have been busy making plans for the best dance yet on April 25 at Alhambra Grotto. We have 10 candidates for "Miss Aviation," and the winner will be given 10 hours dual flight time. From the proceeds we are giving 9 Flight Experience scholarships to high school students to help promote interest in aviation courses in high schools.

June Walsh has been very busy flying all around the country on Air Age Education programs in the schools. She is very enthused with what is being done in some sections and especially with the work that the Ninety-Nines are doing. Sue Park is teaching this year and we are sure that her pupils will be well-informed on all phases of aviation. Jean Mull became Mrs. Jerry Ochornicky on Valentine's Day.

St. Louis Ninety-Nines, together with the Kansas City Ninety-Nines, are among the co-sponsors of a Missouri Air Tour, planned for June 12-14. All Ninety-Nines are invited to participate. An Air Fair to commemorate the Golden Anniversary of Powered Flight will be held at Lambert St. Louis Municipal Airport late this summer and the Ninety-Nines have been invited to take part in this exhibition.

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By: Beulah L. Frotscher

Spring was only around the corner by the festive air at our quarterly business meeting held at Treloar's Inn in Fort Dodge on Sunday, February 15th. Virginia Koestner, 49 1/2er Don, and Helen Flaherty were host and hostesses. A centerpiece of spring flowers and place cards of hats and flowers were table decorations. A lively social hour preceded the noon luncheon of the Midwest's famous ribs or chicken. Men guests and 49 1/2ers visited while Bernie Eno conducted an orderly and enlightening business meeting of committee chairmen reports and business for discussion.

Fern and Gordon McKinnon just recently returned from their trip to California. To date, no news of their trip other than post cards from Phoenix, Arizona, playing golf and having a wonderful time; Los Angeles - on the go every minute, M.G.M., Universal and Disney Studios, nice eating places, weather perfect.

Betty Barton has been reelected Secretary of the Spencer Flyer's Club. Virginia Koestner's 49 1/2er Don has been elected Vice-President of the Ft. Dodge Flyer's Club; Vicky K., 24 3/4er now weighs 18 pounds at 8 months. Jean and Quentin Wildman celebrated their 6th wedding anniversary Feb. 8th. The "Apron" Finance project is now back in Waterloo. Ruth Shimon's 49 1/2er, Albert, is much on the mend and back at work. Win Eno and 49 1/2er A.R. busy as bees with life at Fort Meyers, Florida. Beulah Frotscher donated blood to the Red Cross. Bernie Eno is now with Mr. Hugelin, Manager of Mason City Air Activities at the Municipal Airport.

Next meeting at Pocahontas with Ruth Shimon - March 15th. Back in Fort Dodge on April 19th with Jean Wildman - May 17th with Verna Mae Prochaska at Cedar Falls.

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Marietta Sonnenberg

The February meeting at Winona, with Rita Zbylicki as hostess, was very interesting. Dorothy Anderson showed a public health film, "Food As Children See It," and Marietta Sonnenberg showed movies of her trips. Marilyn Kavlheim conducted a quiz on flying facts for private pilots. The chapter voted to pay the cost of printing

the 1953 North Central sectional calendars, made out by Marietta. Plans were discussed to raise funds to sponsor a member in next year's TAR and plans were begun for several of us to attend the sectional meeting in Cincinnati in May.

Short notes: Next meeting is March 15th at Marion Radke's inn on Tanner's Lake near St. Paul; Margaret has received her ground school instructor's rating; Laura is deep in

plans for her trip to the Scandinavian countries this summer; Ev and Bob are selling their house in Rochester and may move to Minneapolis to be closer to his TV organ work; Lorraine reports a good time on her Christmas trip to see her family in San Diego; Irene Regan is off on a Western trip; special thanks go to the Post-Bulletin of Rochester which set up the type free for the sectional calendars again this year, and Quality Print Shop for printing them for the small charge of \$5.45.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Elaine Francke

Elsie Peters projected her movies of Ninety-Nine Sectional meetings at the February 15th meeting in her apartment. Trixie-Ann was with us again as we watched a film record of her acceptance of her "Mrs. Schubert" ticket.

Dotty Faust drove to Milwaukee from East Troy to attend the evening business and social session. Dora Fritzsche instructed our Wing Scouts in the how and why of flight in February. Her injured hand is free, after a month of mummy-like wrappings. Flu kept Readelle Kellner from preparing her fund raising quiz on CAR for the meeting, but come cross-winds or fog, she promised to stump us when we meet March 15.

Unbelievably perfect weather was the report from the Cessna Caravan to LaPaz. Deedo Heise reports that 19 ships carried 54 people on a 5,000 mile trip that was "the best Caravan yet." Dorothy and Steve Wittman flew with Herm and Deedo.

Note: Elaine would like to hear from girls who live in areas having downtown airstrips or ports, such as Chicago and Oklahoma City.

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

#### KANSAS CHAPTER

By: Susie Cheetham

We had a good turnout for the February meeting which was held at Hutchinson. Our thanks go to the Hutchinson girls for the planning and to Dorothy Wells for the coffee. We all enjoyed it on landing by plane and by car. The business meeting was held before noon and then lunch at the snack bar at the airport. We planned to airmark Zenith after noon but the wind got up to 48 m.p.h., with dust rolling in so airmarking was called off for the day.

Plans were discussed for our Chapter birthday party which will be held March 8 at Wichita.

Ninety-Nines attending the meeting were Helen Simmons, Bobbe Slade, Marian Hardman, Anne Waddell, June Alter, Dorothy Wells, Marge Cooper, Iona Smyer, Susie Cheetham, Pat Dufford, and Velma Wilson; guest Helen Comes, and 49 1/2ers Bob Alter and Roy Simmons.

#### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By: Rita Eaves

Our February meeting was held at Downtown Airpark in Oklahoma City. Those present were: Imogene Arnot, Ida Carter, Rita Eaves, Mary Francis, Cecilia Jane Frew, Emily Frost, Ruth Harris of Ardmore, Ruth Craig Jones, Dorothy Morgan, Beth Smith and Velma Woodward.

We are still concentrating our energies on forming an emergency squad of C.A.P. Again Col. Wm. H. Shockey, Commanding Officer - Oklahoma Wing of C.A.P., and Major John Roquemore met with us to give us information about forming this squad.

Ralph Cunningham, Manager of the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, invited us to hold another meeting there in the near future, so we could make a tour through the school.

Where the Ninety-Nines go - so goes excitement and our last meeting was no exception. Just after the business had been completed and we were just "talkin" it was noticed the grass was on fire and the high wind was driving the fire toward the planes that were tied down. Everyone available, including our chapter members, helped untie the planes and move them to a safe place. Fortunately the only damage - everyone smelled very "smokey."

#### COLORADO CHAPTER

By: Betty Stackhouse

Feb. 1, 1953 we awoke at 6:30 A.M. to hear Donna Myers being interviewed on Radio Station KLZ by Matt McEniry's "Wing-Tips" program. It was most fitting that Donna should



be a guest on the program and representing the Colorado Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, since she was the first woman pilot in Colorado, and she gave the club some very nice publicity.

South Central Sectional meeting at Denver, Colorado May 1-3. Jane Nettleblad, our chapter chairman, appointed the following committee to make all arrangements: Naomi Anderson, Chairman, Sarah Gorelick, Margaret Hughes and Marilyn Nordstrom. Accommodations will be at the ARGONAUT HOTEL, located directly across from our State Capitol and near many points of interest. A couple of highlights will be a tour of the U.S. Mint Friday morning or afternoon. On Sunday May 3, a day-long sightseeing trip through the mountains has been planned, and skiing for those who so desire. In the next News Letter will give a more detailed outline so you can all make final plans. We extend an invitation to ALL Ninety-Nines who might wish to attend.

Feb. 7th, we held a luncheon meeting at Clara Lemons' home near Boulder. It was pot-luck, with Clara furnishing the drinks, potatoes and barbecued beef - so very delicious, as was everything we had to eat. Verna Christopher flew in from Pueblo, bringing a cake very prettily decorated with "99's" and roses, and it tasted as good as it looked. Sarah Gorelick and Mary Collett flew up in Sarah's plane.

Present were: Frances Tepper, Jane Nettleblad, Lucia Jolliff, Verna Christopher, Mary Wenholtz, Naomi Anderson, Mary Collett, Clara Lemons, Betty Stackhouse, and guests, Kristy Jo Anderson, Jo Trinder (who has just moved back from Roswell, New Mexico), Sarah Gorelick, Daryl and Delmar Lemons. Our business consisted of a discussion as to plans for the Sectional Meeting, and final arrangements for the Rummage Sale. After the meeting we all enjoyed some color movies the Lemons took on a trip to and through Mexico with the Flying Farmers.

Feb. 19 we had our worst snow storm since 1949 and this was the day of the Rummage Sale, however \$66.00 was cleared so we feel grateful for that.

The March meeting will be a dinner at the Aviation Country Club and our 49 1/2ers and guests are welcome.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER  
By: Laura Russell

The February meeting and dinner of the Missouri Valley Chapter was held at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Feb. 22 where we were guests of Marilyn Link. Present: Janie Bay, Laura Russell, Pauline Hawks, Marge McBride, Jan Munkres, Helen Moore and Marilyn Link, 49 1/2er Neil Munkres and guest James Ramsey, State Aeronautics Director, who joined us for dinner.

\*Those present who had not yet contributed to our Christmas Fund, which was given to Grand Island's Cheer Fund this year, paid their share. Marge McBride, who is really taking her photography seriously, offered to take pictures of our members and their planes for our scrapbook. Evelyn Cihlar's new address is Walnut, Nebr. Lois Boien Durham and husband Bob are the proud parents of a baby boy, born January 30, 1953. Congratulations. We are sorry to report the death of Bea Mack's brother in South Bend, Ind. last month. 49 1/2er Claude Reed has been in the hospital, but we hope he is better and home by now.

Marge McBride, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee, suggested a benefit card party in the spring and got the green light to go ahead with her plans. Dorothy Reed, Dorothy Higbee and Clara Kruger were appointed on her Committee.

After the meeting, we went out to the University with Marilyn at which time she explained to us her work in the Air Age Education Department, showed us her laboratory, and let Marge "fly" the Link Trainer. She also reported on the Air Age Education Clinic which was held in Lincoln Feb. 6-7, and which two of our members, Janie Bay and Laura Russell, attended.

Our March meeting is scheduled for March 15th at Norfolk, Nebr., Laura Russell, hostess.

#### TEXAS CHAPTER

Dallas Unit  
By: Janis Romanio

The Dallas Unit met this month for Mexican food at El Chico, and ended the meeting with a brief business session. The following new officers were elected: Director of Dallas Unit, Doris Weller; Vice-Director, Olean Sellers; Secretary-Treasurer, Martha Ann Reading; Membership Chairman, Josephine Allison; and Reporter, Janis Romanio.

Plans were also discussed for decorating our new "home." CAP has given the Ninety-Nines a room in one of the CAP buildings at Love Field to be used as headquarters for the

Dallas Unit. Martha Ann's talents for carpentry should come in handy!

Several members have been out of town: we rather envy them their more glamorous activities. Marie Rushing has been at her home in Acapulco most of the time since Christmas. Josephine Allison, after becoming a grandmother again in North Carolina before Christmas, returned to Dallas briefly. She then took off in a new Cessna 170 to tour the Southwest. Most of the Dallas Ninety-Nines went on a practice SARCAP to South Texas Feb. 14-15. The mission was a success -- and so was the celebration trip to Reynosa, Mexico, on Saturday night. An air show provided the climax for the last day. Martha Ann and Olean flew as passengers in the Alb-tross (SA-16), which performed a JATO take-off and from which two para medics parachuted for the crowd of visitors. Doris had earlier flown the Regent Rocket, which was used to photograph the demonstration jumps. All in all, it was a very "large" occasion.

Corpus Christi Unit  
By: Fay Clampitte

Special thanks from all us girls and our 49 1/2ers to Pauline Mason Glasson for making arrangements with the Robstown Country Club for our first dance. Pauline is a Club member so we had special privileges that we would not have had otherwise. Date, Feb. 7; place, Robstown Country Club; Time, 9 P.M. 'til 1 A.M.; music, by Keel.

Ninety-Nines placed first, 49 1/2ers second, guests 3rd. Moscow Mule was in the race. There were floor show attractions by some of the members and guests. We had an unexpectedly large crowd, there were thoughts of putting tables in the swimming pool (drained). Breakfast was served at midnight...everybody happy...it was such a nice dance.

February meeting was held on the 21st at the home of Ardath McCreery in McAllen, Texas. She has a lovely home, and she is as pretty a hostess. Buffet lunch was waiting for eight out-of-towners. Bad weather prevented us from flying, but we made it by car.



Woodsboro, Texas, airmarked Jan. 19th, 1953. Picture taken by 49 1/2er Claud Glasson.

Two more down and many more to go. Swinton and Taft, Tex.

Ft. Worth Unit  
By: Rowena Burns

We are sorry to lose member Maybelle Fletcher, who has moved to Waco, Texas. She and her 49 1/2er have taken over the operation of Waco Aviation on the Municipal Airport. Both will be instructing students and doing crop spraying. Maybelle plans to continue her work in the 99's, and particularly wants to interest more girls in flying. We wish you success, Maybelle and Laurence.

Mary Helen Rattikin's mother has just returned home from three months in the hospital. We are happy to know she is getting along fine.

Bobbie Taylor has been doing much traveling this month, and she was "between trips" when we talked to her. Bobbie attended the Texas Aviation Trade Association meeting in San Antonio Feb. 14. Then she flew to Alpine for a visit. Feb. 28 she attended the Executive Council meeting of the State Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives in Midland, Texas. She was preparing for a trip to Amarillo to visit her mother when we called her.

We are happy to have Edna Gardner Whyte back in Fort Worth after two years in Aberdeen, Miss. Edna is Chief Pilot for the flying school at Southwest Aircraft on Meacham Field. They have a newly-completed hanger, equipped with beautiful pilot lounges, coffee shop, private offices and classrooms.

Verna Burns, Cleve Godfrey, Beulah and Tommy Conn flew to McKinney in the Conn's Cessna 170 to attend the TFFA meeting at the M. C. Martin ranch.



## NORTHWESTERN SECTION

### OREGON CHAPTER

By: Joyce Hoberg Lee

This year, our annual dinner-dance was held at the Aero Club in Portland, Oregon. The Oregon chapter of the Aero Club is the largest in the United States, and Al Vaughan took care of all the arrangements for us.

Ninety-Nines and 49 1/2ers in attendance included Velma Richard, Governor of the Northwestern Section, and Sam; Bertha Girardot, Chairman of Oregon Chapter, and Mark; Ruth Wikander; Mary Ann Stewart and Rebel; Joyce and Herb Lee. We also had some future prospects for membership in the Ninety-Nines in the feminine part of Mr. and Mrs. George Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sanger.

Our next meeting will be at the Hillsboro Airport. We've decided to hold an open house this spring and invite all the girls flying in Oregon and Washington. If this is as successful as we hope, it will also become an annual affair.

## SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

### LAS VEGAS CHAPTER

By: Lela Horn

Las Vegas Chapter met at Florence Murphy's Feb. 11, 1953. Florence is Vice-President, too, of Bonanza Airlines. Those present were Margaret Moore, Clarice Bessent, Claire Walters, Solange D'Hooghe and Lela Horn. \$3.50 was collected for our raffle gift, won by Clarice. Our membership agreed that we shall meet every two weeks, as it is quite a while between meetings, should we miss one.

Plans are steadily developing for Las Vegas Airmarking and come spring I'm sure pilots will see Las Vegas newly MARKED. Our Chapter is very grateful to BOBBE SLADE for a nice long letter on Airmarking, and most certainly appreciated by Lela, as it opened new avenues to be tackled.

Solange was present at our Feb. 11 meeting, her first meeting since her 24 3/4er came in on final, Nov. 27. We had our (two week) meeting Wed. Feb. 25 at Solange's home. Those present were Martha Lundy, Margaret Moore, Florence Murphy, Clarice Bessent, Clair Walters and Lela Horn. \$3.50 was again collected for our prize, won by Florence Murphy. You see, we don't get very much for each prize, but you would be surprised how our treasury has increased by this method.

Martha and Ray Lundy are taking their daughter Sharon's teacher and husband by Navion to Death Valley, Calif. next Sunday, March 1. Martha is flitting around quite a bit these days - went with her 49 1/2er on a Sheriff's Aero Squadron flight Feb. 22.

### UTAH CHAPTER

By: Bobby Pratt

The month of February seems to have sparked off a touch of wanderlust among our members. Onita and Mark Hoff flew their Cessna 120 to Furnace Creek in Death Valley with a group of Idaho Flying Farmers. Zada and Bob Arentz are vacationing in Idaho, and Lucille and Merrill Christopherson are having a grand time down in Texas. Doris Eacret has made a couple of trips to California in her Cessna, and flew here yesterday from her home at Bing Crosby's ranch in Elko, Nevada to attend our February meeting.

Yours Truly is regretting that she wasn't able to get to the meeting last night, as the girls had a session with the C.A.A. Link Trainer. Doris Eacret, June Raybould, Jane Davis, Eunice Naylor and visitor Ethel McDermott received some fine instruction on the finer points of Link flying, and all got a chance at the controls.

Eunice Naylor received a letter from our Marine, Mickey Nebeker. She is coming along fine with her basic training and seems to be enjoying herself. (Just wait until you've hopped out for reveille at 5:30 a few more weeks, Mickey!) We also learned that she got her commercial license on the day she left.

### SAGUARO CHAPTER

By: Betty Knier

Our March social flight will take place on the 15th. (Something else taking place on March 15th? Oh, yes, Income Tax Reports are due.) We are scheduled to meet at the American Helicopter Company on Falcon Field near Mesa. Juanita Newell is in charge of this event.

Our February meeting was held at the home of Bernice Jesperson. Bonnie Fugitt, Saguaro Civil Defense Chairman, announced a Civil Defense Contest beginning Feb. 1

and ending Aug. 1. The prizes are worth every effort for this vital need of preparing for any emergency that might arise. There are nine activities in which to participate and you only need to do at least three to qualify. For example: Have current first aid card, maintain Home Food Reserve, etc.

Our Feb. 22 social was held at Paradise Airport. Bonnie Fugitt was in charge of the bomb dropping and spot landing contests. Juanita Newell won the book "The 99 Club" for her spot landing, and Marjy Crowl, the bombardier, won a Log Book for her bull's-eye. The runners-up were Camille Shapley and Betty Knier.

Here is a review of the past events of our chapter: Our January meeting was held at the home of Melba Beard in Scottsdale to discuss our flight to Ethelind Woodhouse's ranch at Roll on the 18th. Ethelind has been elected President of the Arizona Flying Farmers.

### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By: Ruth Gamber

The February business meeting was held at the home of Claire Hale. Plans were made for the Spring Convention and the fund raising projects were discussed.

Dotty and Bob Sanders enjoyed a vacation in their Cessna 140 --covering Denver and the Rio Grande Valley.

Sue and Mrs. Edna Penners and Mickey and Bill Young are among the students studying Navigation under the instruction of Betty Lambert. Thelma Bishop was also attending the classes until the critical illness of her daughter, Joan, who is in the hospital with polio.

We are most happy to welcome Margaret Williamson as a prospective member. Margaret is the Secretary of the C.A.A. office on Lindbergh Field.

Caryl Stortz was in charge of the sale of 60 tickets for Moss Hart's play "Light Up The Sky" at the Globe Theatre.

### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Trixie-Ann G. Schubert

February 8th, the day of our flight to Santa Barbara, dawned bright and beautiful but the palm trees were flapping their fronds frantically, and the airport said it was a day for flying kites. So the breakfast flight was postponed until March 22d. One intrepid soul, Lola Perkins, took off from Santa Ana and managed to land safely at Santa Barbara. Margaret Sturges, chapter secretary, added a 49 1/2 to our chapter status January 31 when she married James Jepson.

The Valentine meeting was held at the home of Trixie-Ann Schubert with the Los Angeles Chapter as guests. Bette Glaser, a former member of the Los Angeles Chapter, gave a resume of her world air cruise, complete with color slides. Portugal, Spain, France, Turkey, Italy, Greece, Switzerland, Germany, Turkey, England, all the Scandinavian countries, Holland, Scotland, Ireland, Belgium were on the itinerary. With her facility for exacting the most exciting and unusual out of travel, Bette was guested by Prince Bertil of Sweden, who shared his box with her at the Olympic games, was sculpted by Aare Aaltonen, painted by a French artist at his request, lived a chapter from the Arabian Nights in Turkey, was included in a small audience with the Pope and so on and on.

Most important to Bette were the aviation contacts she made, the women fliers she met. In Holland she did a radio broadcast with one of Holland's two women fliers. In Turkey she spoke with the famed woman pilot, Sabiha Gochen, in Switzerland with a flier whose husband operates the Zurich Airport. In Germany she talked with Rosemarie Sponner, head of a U.S. occupation public relations staff. She took note of the enthusiasm of Spanish pilots and the limited aircraft at their command and was feted by Spain's air minister.

There were harrowing experiences too, like missing a sign on the Gotthard Pass and driving an American car over the iced, unopened and unpassable pass; like coming out of the opera in Berlin to find the front of her car machinegunned by the Russian soldiers "because it extended three feet over the zone line."

"It may sound trite, but oh, it's true," sums up Bette, "there's no place like home."

And here, as a postscript, is one more travel note of interest to Ninety-Nines. While viewing some slides taken by an American Ship Line photographer who recently returned from the Orient, I noticed a white woman surrounded by coolies in one street scene.

"Sure looks like Zona King," I said.

"That's who it is, an American aviatrix. Zona King; that's the gal," he said.