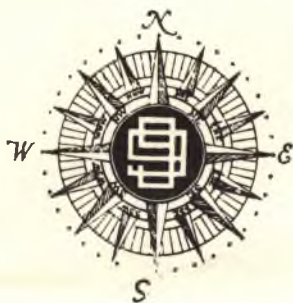


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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

April, 1953

DEAR NINETY-NINES:

As we are about to swing into the wind for our season of greatest activity - both Ninety-Nine wise and air-wise, we have so many opportunities to develop! In fact, our opportunities - HORIZONS from our viewpoint - are almost unlimited!

For those of us not able to participate in the big events, such as the All Woman Transcontinental Air Race, or the International Air Race this summer, there are unlimited opportunities for interesting aerial Treasure Hunts, Scavenger Hunts, closed course Time-and-Gas Consumption Regattas, and numerous other contests to keep our flying skills sharp - on the local level. Remember, girls, it's what we do with what we've got that counts - and no matter what type of equipment we may have available for our own personal flying, we CAN and SHOULD keep sharp in the utilization of it.

Other opportunities also come to our attention from time to time more career-wise, and some of you have even inquired as to whether the News Letter could carry "want ads" to make these opportunities known to our membership. Well, this is your News Letter, girls, and not a magazine - and long ago the policy was established that we would not carry paid advertising in it. However, since it should serve our members in every appropriate way to their benefit, we are willing to publicize bona fide "job opportunities" as they come to our attention in order that Nines-Nines, qualified for a particular opening, might have a chance at it. So-o-o-o here is a dandy one to start out with:

THE U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION has notified us of an examination for Airways Operation Specialist (Communications) with an annual salary of \$3,310.00 PLUS cost-of-living differential. Spots are open in Alaska, Hawaiian Islands, Canton, Wake and Guam. SOME OPENINGS FOR WOMEN! Application blanks may be obtained from your nearest Civil Service Regional Headquarters or at first and second class post offices. There is no closing date for filing.

So many of you have written to tell me what an inspiration it has been to read what women have been doing through the years making aviation history that I have decided to continue to include the little month-by-month historical notes about women's accomplishments as our gesture toward the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight.

In 1912 on April 16th, Harriet Quimby, first U. S. licensed woman pilot, flew the English Channel. On April 24, in 1929, Elinor Smith made a women's solo endurance record of 26 hours 21 minutes and 32 seconds at Roosevelt Field on Long Island. Our own founding member AMELIA EARHART chose April to make several records herself. In 1931 on April 8th she made two altitude flights in an autogiro at Pitcairn Field near Philadelphia. The first to 18,500 feet, and the second to 19,000 feet. April 19-20, 1935, AMELIA flew from Burbank, California to Central Airport, Mexico City with one stop in 13 hours and 33 minutes elapsed time. And just two years ago on April 24, 1951, ANA LUISA BRANGER of the Washington, D.C. Chapter set the international altitude record of 26,820 feet in the minus 1,130 pound category.

Your Executive Committee is happy to announce the election to Membership-at-Large of Mrs. RACHEL MARKOWSKI, Israel's pioneer woman pilot, about whom we wrote in the March News Letter. Good luck to you, RACHEL, in your fine work with the young people in your so-new country - and we hope you build a fine new Ninety-Nine Section among those young women pilots there!

By now you all should have your 1953 Membership Directory - late this year though no fault of ours - but due to purely local troubles of the printer's own! This little "pocket-book size" directory represents a new Ninety-Nines publication, enabling us to provide you with 12 issues of the News Letter instead of 11 as heretofore with the old type "Roster." We hope you like it, and welcome your comments and suggestions.

Also we hope (!) the new Ninety-Nines information brochure, on which KAY BRICK and ALICE-JEAN STARR have lavished long hours of their skills, will be off the press in time to be enclosed with this issue. (If not, you will get it shortly.) This brochure has been produced to fill a long felt need - for telling the story of the Ninety-Nines to prospective members, to the press, to the public, etc., and represents another one of the organizational services we are bringing you in the hope of making your membership more meaningful.

You western Ninety-Nines might be interested in the Aviation Education Workshops being offered this summer by the California State Department of Education in August. For information write to the California Aviation Education Advisory Committee, 855 North Vermont Avenue, Box 657, Los Angeles 29, California. (ANN RAMBO, Southwestern Section Governor, is on this Committee.)

Yours for the NINETY-NINES,

ALICE H. HAMMOND
President

SECRETARY'S CORNER

STENOYPIST FOR 1953 ANNUAL MEETING

All other considerations being equal, Ninety-Nines will be given preference in designating the official stenotypist for the 1953 Annual Convention to be held in San Diego, California July 9-12.

Therefore, will any qualified Ninety-Nines wishing to make application for this position please submit their bids to President Hammond by May 20th, with a copy to me. Stenotypist services will be required for the business sessions on July 10th, and possibly for part of the day on the 11th. Bids must be specific, giving the type of recording used and references.

Donna Tracy Myers
Secretary

SEVENTH ANNUAL ALL WOMAN TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE
Lawrence, Mass. to Long Beach, California
July 3, 1953 - July 7, 1953
For Stock Aircraft 0-300 hp.

"Cleared for Takeoff" - a 14 minute, 16 mm sound film showing the TAR in action is ready. The film may be obtained by writing to John W. Raymond, 901 W. 34th St., Los Angeles 7. The film rents for \$5 (postage paid one way), or sells for \$45. AWTAR Inc. will share in profits after cost of production is offset. Highly recommended film.

Again Slick Airways has offered to transport luggage of contestants from Lawrence, Mass. no later than 0700 July 3, to Long Beach. It's all gratis.

American Radio Relay League members will provide a supplementary coast to coast communications net for the TAR. The net is being set up by Mrs. Viola Grossman, W2JZX of East Rockaway, New York.

Start your plans for the TAR rolling by getting 1953 rules and regulations from:

Mrs. Barbara London
624 Armando Drive
Long Beach 7, California
(include 25 cents for postage)

Designated airports enroute will be:

1. Schenectady County Airport
2. Rochester Municipal Airport
3. Detroit City Airport
4. St. Joseph County Airport, South Bend
5. Peoria Municipal Airport
6. Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Airport
7. Wichita New Municipal Airport
8. Tradewinds Airport, Amarillo
9. West Mesa Airport, Albuquerque
10. Winslow Municipal Airport
11. Palm Springs Municipal Airport

Trixie-Ann Schubert
AWTAR Publicity

SPECIAL NOTICE FROM TERMINUS OF THE TAR LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

The Hotel Lafayette will be our headquarters for the terminus of the 7th Annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race. Accommodations are available there for all contestants and friends. You must make your own arrangements for rooms and this is to be done directly with the hotel. The rates are from \$5.00 to \$6.00 for single rooms and \$7.50 to \$9.00 for double rooms. You may make your arrangements any time after you are notified that your entry is accepted.

Big plans are afoot--the Awards Banquet will be the best yet and we have a tour of our "Port of Long Beach" planned and several parties to keep you happy and busy. Also tickets are available to Radio shows and TV shows in Hollywood.

For any information regarding the terminus of the race or for information for entry in the TAR write to:

Mrs. Barbara London
624 Armando Drive
Long Beach 7, California

COME AND JOIN US THIS YEAR

FIFTH ANNUAL ALL-WOMAN INTERNATIONAL AIR RACE
Welland, Ontario, Canada to New Smyrna Beach, Florida
June 11 - 13, 1953

The IAR Committee is happy to announce that this year, in addition to the \$2,000 in cash prizes, contestants will

vie for the "Rickenbacker Trophy" donated by Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker and Eastern Air Lines, Inc. During this year celebrating the Golden Anniversary of Powered Flight, Captain Eddie, whose Eastern Air Lines is celebrating its Silver Anniversary of air line service to the public, is honoring our own Fifth Anniversary of the All-Woman's International Air Race.

The route for the race has been established as follows: Takeoff from Welland Thursday morning June 11th, customs stop at Buffalo, check points going south at either Harrisburg or Allentown, Richmond, Raleigh, Columbia and Jacksonville. Deadline for finishing at New Smyrna Beach, Florida, 1200 EST Saturday, June 13th.

Since the majority of planes, weather permitting, will be in New Smyrna Beach Friday, the festivities will start then. Friday evening there will be a giant Bar-B-Q on the airport for all contestants, visiting flyers, and the general public. Saturday morning there will be a fly-in breakfast for all, including the Flying Alligators and Flying Farmers. Saturday afternoon there will be a flying scavenger hunt and other contests. Saturday evening the Awards Banquet, followed by the Gator initiation and a dance. Sunday the Southeastern Section will hold its summer meeting and we hope all the girls from the Section will fly the race to get here and join in the whole weekend of fun. Ample transportation is being provided, and in addition to the planned activities there will be boating, fishing, sightseeing, swimming and sun bathing on the sand. Advance reservations for accommodations for those other than contestants should be made early.

We have an addition to the pre-race festivities to announce also. On Sunday June 7th all the contestants will land at Jamestown, N. Y. where they will be entertained for dinner and overnight by our International Treasurer Lucile Wright and the City of Jamestown. Monday morning the group will fly on to Welland where the handicapping will take place. This stop has been taken from the race proper and added to the pre-race social activities to make for a more direct route and a faster race.

At the time of this writing, March 25th, we have entries from Florida, Canada, and from Arlene Davis in Ohio. Race numbers are assigned consecutively as entries are received so hurry with your entry, send it to Mrs. Margaret Pitt, 823 Vassar Ave., Orlando, Fla. Get it in before the May 1st deadline.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Fly West, fly West, or drive, take a train, hitch-hike! But plan to come to the International Convention at San Diego, July 9 through 12. If you compete in TAR, plan to join the mass flight into Lindbergh Field on July 9th. Fisher Aircraft Company is furnishing free tie-down and parking space but asks that everyone bring ropes if they can. You will be greeted and welcomed at Lindbergh, and Fisher and Standard Oil Company are giving a cocktail party in your honor at the beautiful La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club, where dinner is also planned for Thursday evening. Chairman Claire Hale has almost complete transportation lined up for the four days, and Isabelle McCrae and her committees have all kinds of interesting events, entertainment and fun planned for you. Friday is reserved for the business meeting with lunch at Hotel Manor, with a tour to Tijuana for dinner and the exciting Jai Alai games that evening. Expenses will be kept to a minimum and details will be sent for the MAY NEWS LETTER. Hotel Manor has its own swimming pool, our July weather is ideal for swimming, but you will need a coat for evening use. So come one, come all, to San Diego!

"REPORT FROM WASHINGTON"

The pin of the Ninety-Nines was seen at the White House twice during March and I was very proud to be behind it, representing our President and you.

The first occasion on March 4 was at the invitation of the Federal Civil Defense Administration for representatives of national women's organizations to meet with the Assistant Regional Directors of Civil Defense and the newly appointed Administrator, former Governor Val Peterson of Nebraska. We were asked to meet at the White House in the afternoon where the group was most graciously received by Mrs. Eisenhower. She was keenly interested in the organizations we represented and had a personal word for each of us. From there we adjourned to the Statler Hotel for a dinner-meeting, Governor Peterson gave his first speech as Administrator. (He had been sworn in that day at the White House.) He pointed out, as did the Regional Directors who followed him on the program, that our National Security is seriously threatened and our country is less vulnerable to attack if we maintain a

strong, trained civil defense. The Regional Directors reported on the training programs all over the country and stressed the tremendous selling job needed to maintain continuing interest and activity in Civil Defense. During the dinner, we who represented national organizations were introduced and once again I was impressed in the interest in, but ignorance of the Ninety-Nines.

On March 21, the National Federation of Business and Professional Women invited representatives of national women's organizations to meet with Mrs. India Edwards, Vice Chairman of the Democratic National Committee and Miss Bertha Adkins, Assistant Chairman of the Republican National Committee to discuss the opportunities in public office available to qualified women. Frank Paschal of the Civil Service Commission, first presented a resume of the jobs presently available. Then Mrs. Edwards, from her past experience, and Miss Adkins, from her present experience, spoke on the procedures to be followed in appointing women to policy level positions. Space doesn't permit a full account of this session, but I assure you it was lively and most illuminating. Then the national officers of the B.P. & W. and we representatives adjourned to the White House to meet Mrs. Eisenhower. Once again, she was a charming hostess. Then on to the luncheon at the Statler "Honoring Women in Government." It really was an impressive sight, about 1,000 guests, and seated at the two-tiered head table were Mrs. Richard Nixon, Cabinet wives, women members of the Senate and the House of Representatives. We of the national organizations were fortunate to be seated at tables just in front of the head table and were introduced during the program. The Honorable Walter Williams, Under Secretary of Commerce (the lone man present) headed the list of speakers who were introduced by Miss Helen G. Irwin, National President of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs. Other speakers were Hon. Ivy Baker Priest, Treasurer of the United States, Hon. Gracie Pfoot, Representative from Idaho and Hon. Frances P. Bolton, Representative from Ohio. It was a privilege to meet and hear these women who have achieved in our Government and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to represent our organization. I felt again "It is a privilege to be a Ninety-Nine."

Jean Ross Howard
Vice President and
Civil Defense Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

When you receive this News Letter, there will be approximately 68 days until the International Convention in San Diego, Calif. Startling, isn't it! Now is the time to get those pending memberships signed up and mailed in.

The Membership Committee now own a master list of all women pilots in the United States. We are deeply appreciative to Helen Mary Clark of New York for her efforts in getting it for us. THANK YOU HELEN MARY.

Ruth Shimon, Chairman
International Membership

WANTED: A NINETY-NINE COMPOSER

BEATRICE EDGERLY (Mac Pherson), Chairman of the Tucson Chapter and a Painter and writer of national renown, has sent us this charming poem, with the thought that some of our musical members might enjoy putting it to music! We're delighted with the prospect of using it as a song at Convention in July. IF some of you Ninety-Nines will PLEASE put your genius to work on a catchy tune! How about it? Send your music to me as soon as possible, so we can make the necessary arrangements well in advance of the July Convention Dates.

ALICE H. HAMMOND

NEW BOUNDARIES

There's new glory in the message of the dawn
When you're flying there alone above the earth;
Then the sun comes slowly creeping
While the land below is sleeping
And a new and lovely day is given birth.

There's new beauty in the twilight as you fly
Down the lonely western skies into the night;
Then the sun's last faint surrender
Leaves the hills in dusky splendor
And the little rivers point your course in light.

There's new peace up there at night among the stars,
While the town below as lesser starlight shines.
Every pilot learns to love it
Flying high and fast above it,-
And it's joy unending to the Ninety-Nines.

There's new meaning in the mystery of life -
And -- fair or foul -- you take it as it comes,-
There's new music in the singing
Of the winds as you go winging,-
And new music in your engine as it hums.

There's new magic, then, - wherever we are flying,-
Over mountains, deserts, rivers, palms and pines....
There's new light upon the faces
Of the gals who fly the races,
For they're bringing new acclaim to Ninety-Nines.

Beatrice Edgerly

CAREER CORNER



EDNA GARDNER WHYTE

Who believes the helicopter is here to stay and will replace light planes on short trips, and even cars in congested traffic areas. Edna has helicopter rating, along with Clara Livingston, and Jean Pearson USNR, who is in the Administrative Personnel of Helicopter Squadron HU731 at Grosse Ile Naval Air Station, Michigan.

SECTION NEWS

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Muriel Steinel

The March 16th meeting was called to order by Governor Barbara Evans at 9 P.M.

Polly Alley was called upon to give a report of the Fund-Raising Campaign. Suggestions included a bake sale, talent sale and a "pig-in-a-poke" grab-bag. At Lois Fairbank's suggestion, it was decided that the grab-bag will be available at the next meeting.

Also as a money-making idea, Willie Hanzlik suggested a dinner-dance which met with great enthusiasm. Willie was appointed Chairlady with Eleanor Witchell as her assistant.

A letter was read from Donna Myers extending an invitation to all Ninety-Nines in this Section to attend the South Central Section meeting May 1-3 in Denver.

Marge Davis read excerpts of a letter from the Australian girls describing the hazardous flying conditions in New Guinea which sounded almost fantastic.

Three soon-to-be-members were present, Joan Napfen, Lyn Joseph, and Mrs. Wallace Cohoe, as well as Vivian Crozier and Eleanor Witchell who are prospects.

Clara Adams of the WIAA was a guest and offered to help in the "talent sale" with some of her beautiful handiwork.

As a grand climax to the meeting we were shown a film on Jets, and slides on rockets by Major James R. Randolph, one of the earliest rocket experimenters, and Thomas Mulvey, Chairman of Committee for Experimental Rockets. Major Randolph gave a very informative talk on outer-space and the use of rockets to reach it. The meeting ended with the majority of us still up on Mars.

JAMESTOWN CHAPTER
By: Floroe Andeer

The regular meeting of the Jamestown Chapter was held on Saturday evening, March 7 at the home of Jeanne Skelton. It is the first time she has entertained since moving into her new home so we were all most interested in seeing it.

Election of officers was held, with results as follows: Arlene Hanna, Chairman; Florence Fryer, Vice Chairman; Floroe Andeer, Secretary-Treasurer; Lucile M. Wright, Membership Chairman.

The International All Women Air Race was discussed and tabled until the next meeting.

Lucile Wright has just returned from a holiday in South America, so she gave a very interesting account of her trip. At some future meeting she will show us her pictures.

The next meeting will be held at the Snack Shop of the local airport April 11th at 10 A.M.

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

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER
By: Doris M. Wetherhold

Our regular chapter meeting was held March 14, in Allentown at the White Horse Inn. Sorry more Ninety-Nines weren't able to attend. Chris Siegl, our chairman, presented plans for future meetings, which were passed upon by the officers of our chapter at a get-together on February 14th. The schedule is as follows:

May 2.....	Lancaster
June 13.....	Philadelphia
July 25.....	Reading
Sept. 5.....	York
October 17.....	Allentown
November 28.....	Lancaster
Dec. ?	Open

You will note that meetings are scheduled every six weeks. The officers feel having get-togethers every two months would make a four months period between meetings - if a Ninety-Nine failed to attend a scheduled meeting.

Jane Morris is flying to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico City and Acapulco. Will return home April 1st. Jane sure gets around. Fran Nolde is vacationing in Winter Haven, Florida.

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER
By: Hope Howard

Half-a-dozen Washington Chapter Ninety-Nines form about half of a new all-member, all-girl, CAP Squadron. It is the first all-girl squadron in this area, and Ninety-Nine Ada Mitchell is Squadronhead. Our lawyer-member, Gladys Kefauver, is legal officer, and Louise Calhoun will handle communications. Swearing-in was to be March 31, 1953.

A downpour dampened attendance but not spirits at our March meeting at Billie Cain's. We saw a very good aviation movie covering the field from the Wright Bros. through helicopters. Others chapters can get the film, through costs only, from Shell Oil Co., 50 West 50th St., New York City.

The April meeting was scheduled for Nancy Moore's home, with guest speaker, Thalia Woods, who heads Women's Participation for Federal Civil Defense.

Several of our members were planning to participate in the CAP inaugural D.C. - to Charlottesville blood lift on April 4. There will be a lift of 150 pints (3 lbs. a pint) every Saturday thereafter.

Jean Howard has been appointed to the District's Fiftieth Anniversary of Flight Committee!

That busy Ada mentioned in paragraph one is also reported to be teaching First Aid at a local High School!

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

CAROLINAS CHAPTER
By: Myrtle Thompson

Joe Btfspk, Al Capp's comic strip character, must know when our chapter is going to meet. The little black cloud is always there! The Pinehurst meeting at North

Carolina's famous winter resort was no exception, Sunday, March 15. The ones attending DROVE, cutting the attendance to four members. Chairman Burnette Spencer and Louise Smith of High Point were there with Louise's 49 1/2er Herman and 24 3/4er Randy. Fonda Hyatt of the New England Section, who is wintering at Pinehurst, also attended. Estelle Bradshaw was hostess, assisted by 49 1/2er Carl. They went out to Estelle's home for cocktails and the business session, and lunched at the Gray Fox. When the weatherman said "hail," I pushed my cruiser back in the hangar and went to church.

Committee appointments were: Membership, Frances Miller, Louise Smith and Betty Hamilton; Nominating, Louise Smith, Dot Shackelford and Burnette Spencer; Historian, Betty Hamilton; Publicity and Scrapbook, Dot Shackelford; Civil Defense and Flying Activity, Maxine Walker; Air Education and Air Marking, Edith Long; Amelia Earhart Fund and Projects, Estelle Bradshaw.

The next meeting will be at the Greensboro-High Point Airport, either the first or third Sunday in May.

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 All-Ohio Chapter invites you to attend the spring meeting of the North Central Section at Cincinnati, May 8-10. Mr. William Albers will be the speaker at the banquet. Mr. Albers now a member of the Executive Board of Super Market Institute, a national association of super market operators, was President during its first seven years.

Register on the fourth floor of the Netherland Plaza Hotel Saturday. Early arrivals check the bulletin board at the Netherland Plaza or contact Blanche O'Brien, All-Ohio Chairman, who will be registered at the Netherland Plaza. Transportation furnished from Lunken Airport. Make hotel reservations direct with the Netherland Plaza on hotel reservation card sent to you. If you desire to stay at the Terrace Plaza, write the hotel direct but be sure to indicate you are a Ninety-Nine.

Weekend activities include tickets for Al Morgan's TV show at 7 Friday night; evening at Beverly Hills Country Club; Mel Martin TV Breakfast Club Saturday morning; a tour of the city; shopping; Ladies Day (Saturday) at Crosley Field - St. Louis Cardinals vs Cincinnati Reds; fun and food at Coney Island; Cocktail Party; Banquet; and business meeting Sunday morning. Plenty to do for those who stay over Sunday afternoon. For any further information contact your Cincinnati Hostess, Edith Harmon, 2944 Hackberry, Cincinnati 16, Ohio.

The March meeting of All-Ohio Chapter was held at Urbana March 15th. Those present were Martha Walter, Martha Wilcox, Helen Ailes, Marion Betzler, Virginia Ashelford, Blanche O'Brien, Mary-Ann Kurtz, Marjorie Miller and Edith Harmon. A call from Arlene Davis advised us the Cleveland girls were grounded as were the Mansfield Ninety-Nines.

Jeanne Hunt brought her wing Scout Troop to the Urbana Airport while we were eating lunch and Jeanne got in on some mealtime chatter and sectional plans.

Card from Edythe Maxim from Los Angeles. She and John flew out. They were very impressed with Denver Airport.

Blanche O'Brien has been asked by the Governor to serve as a member of the Ohio Committee on the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight.

Have reports from the Airport Managers Conference at Kansas City that the Ninety-Nines met them and furnished transportation. They were highly impressed.

Blanche O'Brien, Marjorie Miller and Marion Betzler flew down to Cincinnati March 30th to work on plans for the sectional. We'll see all of you in May!

MICHIGAN CHAPTER
By: Margaret Windfuhr

The March 8th meeting was held at the Grand Rapids Airport with Becky Thatcher as hostess. There are no Ninety-Nine members in Grand Rapids but 10 members, 1 49 1/2er and 1 guest enjoyed a very nice breakfast. The only officer present was our Treasurer, Velta Skutt. Flu and sundry other reasons kept them away.

Addy Binsfield of Detroit attended a Federal Government Civilian Defense meeting at the Veterans' Memorial Build-

ing. The purpose was to inform the agency heads of the importance of preparing for Civilian Defense.

Edna Frisbey Helms has a fine baby boy.

At long last the Detroit area gals could attend a meeting even though they had to drive because of low ceiling. Babe Weyant Ruth and yours truly almost didn't make the meeting. We started out in one car, ended up in another, but finally made it.

May 17th meeting - Selfridge Field; June 14th - Flint or Fenton.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER
By: Virginia Rabung

March has been a busy month for the Illinois Chapter. We were the subject of some nice publicity in the Chicago Herald-American recently. Jane White, Marge Raglin, Evelyn Martin, Nell Brown, Betty Archibald, Lucy Kalla, Esther Noffke and Irene Leverton took time out from their usual activities to be on hand at Chicago's own Meigs Field (those of you who flew in to the North Central Section's meeting in Chicago and landed at Meigs will remember it well) to cooperate with the press. Irene Leverton and Esther Noffke flew the Tri-Pacer into Meigs for the event.

March 12th was the date when the first of the annual achievement awards was made. Our illustrious winners were Third Place, Evelyn Martin (our night flying member); Second Place, Doris Langher; and the First Place Winner, Irene Leverton. The choice was a hard one to make and we are all grateful to Esther Noffke for perfecting the point system for judging winners and for the beautiful trophy which she contributed for the winner. The presentation was made at a dinner in a charming aeronautical setting, the walls being decorated with historic pictures of pilots, planes and airports from the early days of aviation. We are all very very proud of our winners and we are all striving hard to be in the running for next year's awards.

A great big hearty welcome to our new members - Pauline Martin, formerly of the Washington Chapter, and Patricia Herzeg. (Pauline, about a month ago Helen O'Hara and the writer flew down to South Bend. There in the CAA weather station, where we stopped to check on the forecast and to study the relief map which they have in the office, we met a fellow Ninety-Nine - none other than your sister! She was busy drawing weather maps at the time but stopped to have a nice visit with us.) We also welcome Helen Kaiser who flies at Palwaukee Airport.

Our prospective members are increasing and we are looking forward to the time when we can welcome them into the organization. Odette Browning made her first solo about a week ago. Keep up the good work.

Kay Ferris is back at work at Hinsdale Sanitarium after a vacation in California and Florida.

There have been a lot of flying vacations to the southland. Hazel Hackwich has just returned from a trip to Cuba and Jamaica via airliner; Jane White flew her Bonanza to Florida to recover from the flu; Bea Silemon has just returned from Texas - the girls are really flying.

Many thanks to Harriette Noah - our one-man membership drive. Good luck with the youngsters at the Lutheran Children's Home. Certainly in spite of the fact that you are not a jet pilot you are a real inspiration to these children.

There is much activity hereabouts regarding the TAR. Those members of the Illinois Chapter who will be fortunate enough to take part in the race are looking forward to meeting all you Ninety-Nines at the various stops along the way and in California.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER
By: Elaine Bromley Francke

The Ninety-Nines are enhancing Grab-Aires display at the Sport Show in Milwaukee's Auditorium.

Sally Lathrop has a new commercial - received on her birthday, St. Patrick's Day. Deedo is expecting her new baby - the 180 - to be ready for the trip home from Wichita momentarily. She brought each Ninety-Nine a tiny silver fork from Baja California -- for spearing that elusive sumpin in the bottom of those tall glasses Toney served in her apartment on March 15th.

May 8-10 are the dates for the spring sectional meeting in Cincinnati. We'll be there!

****How about those downtown strips -- ? Do any of you feel they are of value? Drop me a line if you do - a testimonial if you wish.****

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER
By: Isabel Myrland

The March meeting was held on Sunday, the 15th, in Madison at Gest's Inn, and Bernie Voelker, our Chairman and hostess for this meeting, had the luncheon tables traditionally covered with green. Further - it being her birthday on the following Tuesday, St. Patrick's Day - she had a luscious white frosted birthday cake appropriately decorated with green shamrocks. There were six members and four guests present.

The weather was bad, as usual in March, so no one was able to flap their wings, but we were delighted to have as guests our North Central Governor, Deedo Heise and the Vice-Governor, Dora Fritzsche, who drove in from Milwaukee. Deedo further surprised us with the news that she was flying down to Wichita, Kansas the next day to pick up her new 180 Cessna! How exciting!

As Gladys is working so hard on the plans for her new home she has asked me to pinch-hit for her for the balance of the year in writing this column. Will be glad to do so if you-all will help to keep me posted, so I pass on the news.

Our traveling tray was given to Bernie Voelker for her outstanding "accomplishments" this past month. Ask her what they were?!!!

After the business meeting, the group adjourned to meet again on April 17th, or thereabouts, Grace Page to be our hostess.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER
By: Marietta Sonnenberg

Out of our less-than-30 members we find Minnesota is going to be well "represented" by three girls on trips to Europe this summer. Laura Black plans to sail June 30, Marietta Sonnenberg on July 1, and Marilyn Kvalheim on September 9. So we should have plenty of tall tales and pictures for our winter meetings! ... Florence Scriver has been promoted to a crew chief at Minneapolis air filter center and Laura is beginning training there... Ev Knowlton Paige and hubby Bob have moved into new home at 2435 Arona Ave., St. Paul. The welcome mat is out... Helen Masterson expressed interest in applying for the Amelia Earhart scholarship. We sure hope she does. This gal's a career pilot! ... Marietta was named the Chapter's nominating chairman... Dot Anderson is on a three-week motor trip through the Southwest and West in April.

Nice turnout for Marian Radke's annual delicious flight breakfast at her Chick Inn west of St. Paul, March 15. Present were Marilyn K, Laura B, Dot A, Marietta S, Florence S, Ev and Bob Paige, Helen M, Margaret Manual and two children, Pete Frey and son, Phyllis Schilling, and Major Robert Smith and Master Sergeant John Cizmas of the area air force aviation cadet selection team who gave very interesting information to the Ninety-Nines.

Sergeant Cizmas said the Ninety-Nines can fill a great need in the country for national defense and urged us to help the air force by serving in the ground observer corps at the radar and filter centers, the "eyes" for the Air Force. "You are not on the first line of defense, but you are like the man behind the man behind the man behind the gun," he said. "We wouldn't be anywhere without you. Serve in the corps not for glory but for protection."

He explained the work of the AF cadet selection teams. There are 11 in operation in the country, visiting all colleges with over 150 enrollment to carry the air force story to America's young men to "tell them aviation is here to stay and their part is in it."

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER
By: Beulah L. Frotscher

For those of us who were fortunate enough to be able to attend our regular month meeting with Ruth Shimon and her 49 1/2er, Albert, as hosts, let me say we had a very enjoyable day. The day was ceiling zero and everyone drove.

A social hour of luncheon "lead-offs" was enjoyed before journeying to the Town Pump where we had a good home cooked dinner. Thence back to the Shimon house where Albert showed his movies of "History of Flight," "Hawaii" and "New York City" with the appropriate background music supplied by the ever-dexterous hand of Ruth. Albert is starting an interesting hobby of a library of aviation and scenic films with accompanying records.

Virginia Koestner won the door prize for the ladies and Quentin Wildman for the men. In attendance were: Don and Virginia Koestner, Quentin and Jean Wildman, Bernie Eng, Darrel Picht and yours truly.

April meeting will be in Fort Dodge with Jean Wildman as hostess.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
By: Neva Rea

The March meeting was a dinner meeting at the home of Chairman Verna Wilson, with Grace Harris as co-hostess. A delicious dinner was served, and a very interesting meeting followed. We had four guests that evening - prospective Ninety-Nines - we hope they will be members by our April meeting, and their names will be in great large print.

Marg Farrell gave an interesting talk on Station KMBC last week - regarding space flying instructions in the schools.

Delegates arriving Sunday, March 22nd. for the Congress of Civil Aviation Conference were welcomed to Kansas City by the Ninety-Nines at the Airport and taken by car to their hotels. Several of our members will attend the banquet Thursday night and hear Dr. Walter Berchtold of Swiss-Air Transport Company, the speaker of the evening.

Chairman Verna Wilson is recuperating from an operation at St. Mary's Hospital - will be home in a few days.

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

COLORADO CHAPTER
By: Betty Stackhouse

Final plans for the Spring Meeting of the South Central Section in Denver May 1-3 are completed, and letters giving full details have gone out to all Governors, International officers and chapter chairmen of the Section. A letter will go out to each member of the section shortly. Many wonderful prizes have been donated and all in all it should be a wonderful meeting with some fun mixed in.

Our March meeting was a dinner party March 6 at the Aviation Country Club with 49 1/2's and guests invited. Attending were: Frances and Ed Tepper, Mary and Bob Wenholtz, Naomi and Andy Anderson, Mary and Dr. Collett, Betty and Bert Stackhouse, Jane Nettleblad, Donna Meyers, Dorothy Atkinson and guests Katy Kelly, Sarah Gorelick and Mary Jo Higgins. Sorry more couldn't attend as we had a wonderful time.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
By: Rita Eaves

The March meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter was held in the home of Mary Francis. Mary served delicious hot cinnamon rolls and coffee.

Imogene Arnot and Elizabeth Sewell are preparing the plans for an Oklahoma Ninety-Nine booth to be at the Air Fair at Will Rogers Airport, in Oklahoma City, May 8-10.

Broneta Davis is one of our "going-east" members. She is going to school, taking the Dale Carnegie Public Speaking Course, and in the last month has made two flying trips in her Stinson: one to Kansas City and the other to Frederick. Irby Smart accompanied her on both.

Emily Frost has just solved another future Ninety-Nine.

Elizabeth Sewell is organizing a new club of airport secretaries.

Marie Hall is our newest member. We are very happy to have you, Marie.

Our annual "Guest Day" meeting will be held April 17 at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club.

TEXAS CHAPTER
Ft. Worth Unit
By: Rowena Burns

Ver Burns, our unit chairman, flew a Cessna 170 to the TPFA "Fly-In" party March 20-23, at the Ft. Clark ranch in Brackettville, Texas. Other Ninety-Nines attending were Ama Lee Jameson, Edna Hammerman, and Mary Ann Greer and her 49 1/2er. Those of you who attended the Interna-

tional Convention in 1950 know the activities and fun at that dude ranch.

Edna Gardner Whyte went to Kennedy, Texas to fly a 90 hp. Champion duster to Ft. Worth for maintenance. She has been doing much ferry work while the dusting season is in full swing. Edna is sporting a conspicuous license plate on her car - number "99." A student who taught to fly works in the license bureau and saved it for her!

We were very happy to have Blanche Noyes as a Ft. Worth visitor this month. Verna Burns and your reporter enjoyed a wonderful dinner and talk with Blanche at the Western Hills Hotel. Having always admired Blanche, it was fun to get to know her better. We hope she will stay longer on her next visit.

Corpus Christi Unit
By: Fay Clamptite

Louise Clarkson has been appointed assistant to the News Letter reporter for our unit. With two of us working at it we should be able to find some interesting bits to report. Louise is a geologist, lately from Lexington, Kentucky, where she was initiated into flying.

It seems we may have something to do in the future besides work. Mayetta Behringer has been appointed entertainment chairman and started her program by having our March meeting at her home. We were fortunate in having Blanche Noyes, from CAA, with us for the meeting. Blanche had to drive in from Beaumont in order to get her in time for the meeting -- gulf coast spring winds! We discussed air marking and received much guidance and advice from Blanche. Several of the girls who knew Blanche, had dinner with her before the meeting. This group included Edith Foltz-Stearns who used to fly in the races with Blanche.

Ardath McCreery, our only Valley member, flew in from McAllen for the meeting, bringing with her as guest Lillian Rantz. Lillian is district governor of Zonta Club, and she and Blanche are flying friends of long standing.

We expect to have a new member of the Corpus Christi Ninety-Nines, soon - Reanie Glasscock, who was initiated by being handed a paint brush and being assigned the letter "R" in Freer in the air marking program. During March, three more towns were added to the number marked by our group -- Freer, Alice and San Diego.

KANSAS CHAPTER
By: Susie Cheetham

The March meeting which was also our second annual Birthday Party was held at Wichita at the Wichita University Epsilon Kappa Rho Sorority House with the Wichita girls acting as hostesses. After flying in to Wilson Field, we toured the Cessna Aircraft Plant and then went over to the Sorority House for lunch. Following lunch, June Alter gave a reading, "Henry Schnibble Complains To The Air Force," and then introduced guest speaker, Dick Taylor, an engineering test pilot for Boeing, who enlightened us somewhat on B47 flight test projects.

Present were Ninety-Nines Helen Simmons, Bobbe Slade, Helen Puffer, Marian Hardman, June Alter, Marge Gooper, Susie Cheetham, Iona Smyer, Pat Dufford, Ruby Bonds, Margaret Ash, Anne Waddell and Velma Wilson; 49 1/2ers Roy Simmons, Lowell Waddell and Bob Alter; guests Dick Taylor, Joan Legant, Helen Comes, Tom Mathis and Bob Martin; Prospective members Lucille Dienst (and Raymond), Helen Chandler (and Otis), Irene Crittler, Dorothy Stanbrough, Jean Hutton, Wynona Sheheen and Margaret Yourdon.

Hazel Guy and Helen Simmons have been on the sick list - Hazel recovering from surgery in Wesley Hospital and Helen being in a hospital at Salina for several days.

Sad news for Kansas Ninety-Nines - We are losing membership chairman June Alter to the Kansas City Chapter. Bob has a new job in Kansas City with General Motors.

Bobbe Slade has a brand new instrument rating, which she received on St. Patrick's day. Congratulations, Bobbe. She also ferried another Cessna 170 to Long Beach, California this month with Marian Hardman and Anne Waddell acting as co-pilots.

Blanche Noyes was in Wichita where she and Marge Cooper and Bobbe Slade had a conference on Air-Marking. Blanche was on one of her scheduled trips for CAA.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the March issue, Betty Glaser was identified as a former member of the Los Angeles Chapter because her membership had lapsed while she was abroad. We are happy to say that Bette - a Ninety-Nine for many years - has since been reinstated.]

UTAH CHAPTER By: Bobby Pratt

"The March wind doth blow" -- but it didn't stop the Utah Chapter from having a good attendance at our March meeting, held at the Salt Lake Airport, where John Forsey of the CAA gave a very interesting talk on the part CAA plays in modern aviation. Present were Zada Arentz, June Raybould, Eunice Naylor, Jane Davis, Doris Eacret, Onita Hoff, and guests Dr. Swigert from the U. of Utah, Beth Goodsell, Ethel McDermott and Jean Lyon from Idaho Falls. Jean came down with Onita and we understand she holds a commercial instructor's rating.

A new little "future 99" has been added to the home of Ardith and Fred Cutts. Congratulations!

Alberta Hunt told us about her new job. She is conducting recreational activities at the new Veterans' Hospital here in Salt Lake and plans songfests, parties, games, etc. for the boys.

Latest subject of conversation among our members is the AWTAR, which Doris Eacret plans to fly again this year. Best of luck to you, Doris!

The gals are laying a lot of plans for the summer, which will include a fly-in and tour of Hill Air Force Base, another visit to Bing Crosby's ranch in Elko, Nevada, and a tour of the southern Utah parks. More on this later.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER By: Lela Horn

The March 25 meeting was held at Martha Lundy's home and plenty of plans discussed which are being carried out, such as posting a notice at our local airports (by Margaret Moore) to welcome all visiting Ninety-Nines; also having our next meeting at Margaret's and inviting our 49 1/2ers, with lots of surprises for them (such as raffling off mysterious gift packages to the 49 1/2ers, which really is their most prized possession!). Won't they be surprised when the open the gifts.

Bette Budde, visiting Ninety-Nine from Bay Cities, was house guest of Martha Lundy. She and Martha are former WASPS.

Our Chapter has the finances for tuition for Air-Age Workshop -- now to find the TEACHER.

We are negotiating with Bonanza Airlines on a project whereby Bonanza will take five pupils from each of our local schools for a "Promotion to Aviation Education" ride.

Claire Walters is transferring to the Las Vegas Chapter, for which we are very happy, and she will apply for the Scholarship award.

In about sixty days the Ninety-Nines of Las Vegas are planning a joint social with the Las Vegas Sheriff Aero Squadron.

Our attendance is very good since we have our meetings every two weeks, and we are hoping to have two of our members in the TAR.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER By: Geri Masinter

In February, the Bay Cities Chapter met for Chinese Dinner in San Francisco's Chinatown. Marj Fauth, who was the hostess and made all of the very delightful arrangements, had to miss the dinner because her office called a "command performance" dinner for the same night. Nineteen were present, including four 49 1/2ers (Davis, Gearhardt, Kroll and Whitman), and Marsha Rueckert, who is one of our most welcomed visitors and is, we believe, the youngest "woman" to participate in the TAR.

The Bay Cities Chapter feel that airmarking is a most important phase of our program and plans to do at least one airmarker this year. Miriam Brugh, who is Southwestern Section Airmarking Chairman, has worked out a new and wonderful system for airmarking. She claims it eliminates back aches, those sore and protesting leg muscles, and accentuates the fun and that fine feeling of accomplish-

ment. If you are interested, contact her at 1623 Scenic, Berkeley, California.

Ann Rodgers has just graduated from United Air Lines Stewardess Training at Cheyenne, Wyoming. She has been assigned to Washington, D.C. - Chicago run, and plans to live between D.C. and Baltimore. We will miss Ann, but want to wish her lots of success and to congratulate the Washington Chapter who will shortly acquire a very fine member.

On March 20, the Bay Cities Chapter celebrated their 20th anniversary at The Italian Village. Fifteen were present, including 49 1/2ers and guests, to toast the event. Of the original nine members, only Ruth Rueckert managed to be present. Everyone had a good time and we are looking forward to building a larger and more active chapter during the coming twenty years.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER By: Geraldine W. Mickelsen

Our February meeting was a surprise housewarming and Valentine party for Rita Hart at the Hart's new home in Yuba City. A pot luck dinner was served, furnished by the attending members. Fun was had by all. Members and 49 1/2ers attending were: Toni and Mel Jacobson, Edith and Bill Phipps, Ruth and Zane Hewitt, Louise and Frank Sue, Marjorie Fauth, Delores Morton Spexer, Mick Mickelsen (representing his frau); guests were Doris and Sherman Perkins, Kay and Jack Hansen, Gene and Grover Wing, and Jay Gofford. Music superbe was furnished by the inimitable Alvah Hart (he'll shoot when he learns we've revealed all). This event also served as a welcoming to the Sacramento Valley of the Harts.

Our March meeting took place at the Hawaiian Lanai adjoining the Municipal airport. Plans were made for our Southwestern Spring Sectional which will be held at the Travis Airforce Base, May 16-17. Sacramento Valley Chapter will play hostess.

Mary Jane Meikle, of the New York - New Jersey Section, is transferring to our chapter. Welcome aboard, Mary Jane.

Fly-ins were: Margaret Callaway, Louise Sue, Ruth Hewitt, Rita Hart, Athene Giersch, and guest Genevieve Love. Ethel Sheehy, Mary Jane Meikle and this reporter welcomed the group.

Margaret Callaway, our chairman, has been elected president of the Toastmistress group at Travis Airforce Base. Congratulations, Margaret.

The meeting was concluded with an emergency Sacramento-to-Reno flight by Rita Hart and yours truly. We encountered beautiful weather both ways. Ethel Sheehy and (me again!) flew to Fresno to join the San Joaquin Chapter for lunch and their March meeting.

LATE FLASH! Doris Eckert, of the Bing Crosby Ranch, Elko, Nevada dropped in to Sacramento for a brief visit and helped brighten our day. Come back again Doris!

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER By: Nellie Palmer

Our March meeting was held at the Sonoma County Airport. We welcomed home Lucy Welles, from a year's study in Europe, who flew in to join our ranks again. We were happy to have Lucy with us, and she has expressed her desire to enter in the AWTAR with her 170 Cessna.

The report of the Private Pilots' Safety Conference, sponsored by the Ninety-Nines, was of interest to all. The meeting was held in the CAP building at the County Airport on Feb. 25. A panel of experts answered questions from the audience, which were confined to safety in flying. Mr. Gene Portugal, head of the Aviation Education Department at the Santa Rosa Junior College, was discussion leader, and on the panel were Neil Marby and Kent Davis of CAA, Ray Emenegger, of Santa Rosa Junior College, Wally Thompson of Thompson Aviation and Mike Pardee of the Press Democrat. This meeting was well attended and we feel much good came out of it. Refreshments were served by the Ninety-Nines.

A Fly-In to Modesto is planned for the April meeting.

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

The dinner meeting at the Shangri-La March 9th brought together 40 Ninety-Nines, prospective Ninety-Nines and guests. It was a joint meeting of the Los Angeles, Long Beach, and San Fernando Valley Chapters, initiated by Elsie Ringer, chairman of the latter group. From as far away as Lancaster (Babe Story) and San Bernardino (Margaret Cook) and Colton (Dorothy Grieve and her 49 1/2er) came Ninety-Nines.

Margie Cones, recently of the Colorado Chapter, attended with her 49 1/2er and announces she would transfer soon to the San Fernando Chapter. Margie is living in Woodland Hills. A near neighbor of hers, Jeanne Strahl, flew a Navion to Salt Lake City, Utah for a brief vacation from her duties at Hughes Aviation.

Lola Perkins leaves the first of April for Alexandria, Virginia, where she joins the first photo group of MATS in the Women's Air Force. First Lieut. Perkins will drive to her destination with her mother, Mrs. Monk, who has been visiting her from Foley, Alabama. Lola was a WASP in the 43-W-6 group and has been in the Air Force Reserve since then. Somewhat belatedly, Lola informs us that she flew a Bonanza to Acapulco and Mexico City last month with a girlfriend; then returned a week later on a flight to Mazatlan. Nice to know the Ninety-Nines will be represented in WAF by so able an asset as Lola.

"Escaping" our balmy breezes and high 70 temperatures, Jean Parker and Betty Meers are heading for Sun Valley for a session of skiing. Betty's sister, Katherine Wagner, now covets a commercial rating - granted this month. Only recently she got her instrument rating.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Dottie Houghton

A little past due is news of our February meeting, held Feb. 8 at the home of Dottie Houghton. Luncheon was followed by the business meeting, at which time the Convention discussion took over. We are all looking forward to attending and are now counting the weeks. Plans were also made for the coming Wing Scout Flight to be held early in April.

Washington's Birthday brought a holiday week-end for our chairman, Ev. Hendley and her husband, Walt. They flew to Long Beach and visited with former Modesto flyers, Max and Ginger Teaford. After landing at the Long Beach Municipal Airport and getting a taxi for an expected long trip to the Teaford's home, they found they had flown practically over their house in approaching the airport and could have walked to their destination.

March and nice weather has brought more flying activities among all of our members. Our March meeting, held in Fresno, was our first chance to become acquainted with one of our new members, Dorothy Briden. We also welcomed two guests who flew down from Sacramento, Ethel Sheehy and Jerry Mickelsen. We lunched at the airport and enjoyed our meeting in the lounge there. Names to be submitted to the Nominating Committee for our International Officers were read and decided upon. Also there was much discussion concerning our coming Sectional. We are looking forward to joining with Sacramento in April. At least I know we will be there for the dining and dancing.

In trying to catch up with everyone on their air-trips and vacations, I find that Hazel Zimmerma and "Zim", her 49 1/2er, also Laura Mae Crawford and Zane, returned recently from a wonderful trip to Mexico. They left March 1st for two weeks of flying and regretted they didn't have more time so that they might have stopped to see Ninety-Nines at their various stops. The Crawfords and son Stanley flew their Beach while the "Zims" took their Cessna 140. Except that they wished several times that they could speak something besides English, they enjoyed every minute of the trip. Some of their stops were Mazatlan, Guaymas and Hermansilla, Mexico. Returning, the Zimmermans spent one night in Tucson, while the Crawfords extended their trip by way of Las Vegas.

Lillian Brown's flying activities have recently centered on trips between Modesto and Palo Alto as Valerie, her daughter, now attends Stanford U. Lillian says the hospitality extended her by Jean Pryor at Palo Alto is greatly appreciated.

How nice it is to be a Ninety-Nine and meet other Ninety-Nines in various parts of the country.

In closing I might add that Ev Hendley and Walt are still talking about that last week-end spent at Fort Bragg. They attended an annual dinner with a group of Modesto flyers. More details on that will come in the next News Letter.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER
By: Edna Stennett

The Long Beach Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is experiencing strenuous activities, with our chairman, Barbara London, not only planning the "finish" of AWTAR at Long Beach, but also active on the AWTAR Board of Trustees in planning the entire race program which starts at Lawrence, Mass.

In spite of this Barbara, and vice-chairman, Betty Loufek, conducted a successful RUMMAGE sale at the "House of Sales," Long Beach, in January where we held a very successful dinner-dance at the Lakewood Country Club. Program chairman was Rita Gibson, with co-chairman, Mary Drummond.

Then Barbara was hostess to the February meeting at her home where glider pilot Betty Loufek showed motion pictures of glider meets at Bishop, Calif., where she was a participant, and at San Diego's Torrey Pines, the first at the High Sierras and the second at the Pacific Ocean.

The March meeting was a joint meeting with the San Fernando and Los Angeles Chapters, on March 9th at the Shangri-La Cafe. Barbara London made available copies of the Rules and Regulations of the Seventh Annual AWTAR. Past and present participants commented on various phases of the race, and special plans were announced for the "finish" of the race in Long Beach, including a banquet Wednesday evening, followed by a mass flight to San Diego for the annual convention of the Ninety-Nines the following morning, Thursday, July 8th.

BY THE WAY -- I am wondering if I am "scooping" Edith Harmon of the All-Ohio Chapter, by announcing that Jeanne Naatz, a Ninety-Nine member of that chapter, is Secretary of the National Real Estate Fliers Association. (I am looking forward to seeing you at the National Realtor's Convention in Los Angeles, Jeanne. Edna Stennett, Flying Realtor.)

We hope everyone will be able to see "Cleared for Action," a professional 16 mm. sound film on the AWTAR. Pictures from last year's TAR were used in the film. We think it is really great.

We welcome into our chapter Helen Hope, who transferred from the Florida Chapter.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
By: Ruth Gamber

Thanks to the efforts of Thelma Bishop and Joan Lovett Bishop, we had a very successful White Elephant Sale at the last Chapter meeting. We were very happy to have Carolyn Cullen and Rachel Williams as guests at the last meeting. They were on vacation from Trade-Wind Flying Service, Oak Bluff Airport, Marthas Vineyard, Mass.

Joan Lovett Bishop has started a new job this week as one of the line crew at Pacific Southwest Airlines.

De Thurmond is now operating a flight service at Lindbergh Airport with Jim's Aircraft Service and Maintenance.

The Rummage Sale held yesterday proved to be another good project towards our fund raising campaign.

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Many pilots are unaware of the danger involved in landing or taking off behind large or multi-engine aircraft who have just landed or departed. Extreme turbulence behind these aircraft is caused by "prop wash" and wing tip disturbances which can be so severe as to cause complete loss of directional control in light aircraft. In still air, this turbulence may exist for a considerable period of time after the aircraft has left the runway, either landing or taking off. Hundreds of "case histories" have been recorded ranging from near misses to total washout of the aircraft.

Recently a pilot flying a light aircraft, confused the tower's take off instructions and made a night departure from a wrong runway behind a DC-6. Complete loss of control was experienced resulting in a total washout of the aircraft. Fortunately, the pilot received only minor, but painful, injuries.

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