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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

May 1953

DEAR NINETY-NINES:

From where we sit, the first of May brings us an overwhelming sense of expectancy. Trees and bushes on the verge of leafing out, fruit trees and flowering shrubs about to burst into blossom, and the stately tulips with their buds poised, waiting for that one full day of warm sunshine to show forth their colors!

This feeling of expectancy is so strong upon us that it carries over into our Ninety-Nine affairs! The culmination of our year's efforts are about to start unfolding. Right now the winner of the 1953 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship is in the process of being selected by the Trustees and outside judges! Right now 21 Ninety-Nines are readying themselves and their airplanes for the June 11 take-off from Welland, Ontario for the Fifth Annual International Race! Right now entries are open for the Seventh Annual Transcontinental Air Race, and the TAR Committees are swinging into the home stretch of final arrangements for that classic! And right now your International Nominating Committee is selecting the candidates for International offices for 1953-1954!

All of these activities are very vital functions of the Ninety-Nines, and very dear to our hearts, but without a doubt that of the greatest significance to our organization is our annual election. This is the time we select those to whom we shall entrust the responsibility for the administration of Ninety-Nine affairs. When you receive your ballot, be sure to read the information on the candidates furnished with them and select the one for each office whom you considered best qualified to carry out the duties of that office. Mark your ballot and get it promptly in the mail to the Secretary - well before the deadline. Be sure to VOTE! Remember the "MAJORITY THAT COUNTS IS THE MAJORITY THAT VOTES!"

Mrs. R. G. Casey, Patron of the Australian Women Pilot's Association, stopped in New York briefly on her way to England. A group of New York-New Jersey Ninety-Nines entertained her at a luncheon and thoroughly enjoyed their visit with this charming envoy from our sister pilots "down under." In addition to her flying interests, Mrs. Casey has a husband and a son who fly, and has recently written a book on art! Wish she could have spent more time in the States - perhaps next time!

A note from our newest Member-at-Large, RACHEL MARKOWSKI, says, "I assure you it makes me most proud to belong to this unique organization of yours. I fully intend to get in touch with Miss Klutas and secure the necessary applications for the formation of a Chapter in Israel. I am sure that our girls there will welcome this affiliation and the sharing of mutual interests. Perhaps some day some of our American members will visit in Israel and have the pleasure of observing first hand the operation of our Aero Club. We are most anxious to welcome them there."

And while we are in worldwide focus, let's see where our AMALIE STONE is now! From Madrid comes this message, "everywhere I go here, I peer under mantillas, hoping to discover a prospective Ninety-Nine!"

The women's historical flights for May were all made by two former Presidents of the Ninety-Nines - AMELIA EARHART and JACQUELINE COCHRAN. May 8, 1935, Amelia made the first non-stop flight from Mexico City to Newark in 14 hours 19 minutes, and on the 20th in 1935 she took off on the now famous first solo flight across the North Atlantic by a woman. In 1948 Jackie set two world records in May. On the 22nd in her P-51 she made 447 mph over the 2,000 km closed circuit at Palm Springs, California; two days later she set a record of 432 mph for propeller-driven planes over the 1,300 km closed circuit.

Your current President will never be a record breaker, but it so happens that May has special significance for "first" in the Hammond family! On May 4th your President celebrated the 25th anniversary of her first flight, and her 16 year old son commemorated the occasion by taking his first flying lesson that day!

From the many, many compliments that have been pouring in from all sides, we know you must be as delighted as we are with the new size Membership Directories, and with the handsome information Brochures. Should any of you need additional copies of the Brochure for the press, prospective members or sponsors, they are available on request from our Headquarters in New York.

We are proud to learn of the splendid exhibit depicting the Ninety-Nines put on by the Oklahoma Chapter at the Oklahoma City Air Fair May 9-10. Michigan Chapter is launching a project of conducting non-aviation groups on tours of their local airports. These are their projects in connection with observing the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight. What are yours? Please keep us posted!

Yours for the NINETY-NINES,

ALICE H. HAMMOND
President

TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE NEWS

PURSE: \$2,000

TROPHIES: for first five places

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

Plans for the 1953 All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race are progressing very rapidly. The dates are July 3-7. The Route is Lawrence, Mass., to Long Beach, Calif., via Detroit, Kansas City, Amarillo and Winslow. (See April News Letter for list of designated airports.) The AWTAR Board of Directors wishes to draw attention to the following points:

1. Rules and Regulations and Applications for Entry may be obtained by writing to Mrs. Barbara London, 624 Armando Drive, Long Beach 7, Calif. Entries "open" May 1st and "close" June 20th.
2. Be sure to note in the Rules and Regs that all participating aircraft must be turned over to the Race Committee at Condon Airport, Lawrence, by 1700 EST June 30th at which time they will be impounded for inspection. Allow plenty of time to make this deadline when you make your plans.
3. Look in this issue of the News Letter for the schedule of events at Lawrence and at Long Beach. Many plans are being made for your pleasure at both ends of the race as well as along the route.
4. REMEMBER: Your aircraft must be strictly STOCK and must comply with manufacturer's specifications in every detail. Two-way radio is mandatory. Aircraft must carry public liability and property damage insurance as specified in the Rules and Regs.
5. Slick Airways will carry your excess baggage direct from Lawrence to Long Beach - gratis! Travel light!
6. Mrs. Trixie-Ann Schubert of Los Angeles is doing an outstanding job of arranging nation-wide publicity for all contestants. Many top radio and television programs are lined up for contestant participation. AP, UP, INS, Acme and all aviation magazines are following the race. All en route stops are alerted and making extensive plans. Jack Bailey would like to crown the winner "Queen for a Day" on his coast-to-coast "Queen for a Day" program. Undoubtedly the race will receive more publicity this year than ever before. (Watch for feature story on the TAR in the June issue of Business Flying.)

AWARDS: \$800 for First Place, \$500 for Second Place, \$400 for Third Place, \$200 for Fourth Place and \$100 for Fifth Place. In addition to the big Over-All purse, there will be \$50 cash awards for the best Bonanza Score, the best Navion score, the best Cessna score and the best Piper score. (Others may be offered as well between now and race time!) There will be a \$50 cash award for the best score made by a pilot flying her first TAR. There will be "for keeps" trophies for the top five winners.

GREAT FUN. GREAT EXPERIENCE. RACE COAST-TO-COAST in the TAR.

Betty H. Gillies, Chairman
AWTAR Inc.

The City of LAWRENCE, MASS. and the NEW ENGLAND NINETY-NINES are ready to greet all AWTAR contestants for the start of the 1953 Race. All events COMPLIMENTARY except where specified:

- June 30 - TIE DOWN DAY - Space and stakes furnished but bring own ropes.
8 P.M. ANDOVER COUNTRY CLUB - Cocktail party, reception and Smorgasbord
- July 1 - Inspection of all aircraft by C.A.A.
LUNCHEON served at Airport.
4 P.M. - Mrs. Barbara London, Lawrence's official entry in the race, will be hostess at a COCKTAIL party at her home, for all contestants.
7 P.M. - BANQUET - CRYSTAL BALL ROOM, Andover.
- July 2 - MERCHANTS' DAY in LAWRENCE - All contestants will be guests of the merchants thruout the day.
Plane inspections will continue throughout the day
LUNCHEON - Combined Service Clubs of Lawrence will be your hosts.
7 P.M. - Formal DEDICATION of RICHARD F. CONDON AIRPORT in which all the Ninety-Nines will participate. (1 hour)

July 3 - 6 A.M. BRIEFING BREAKFAST at "YANKEE DOODLE", Lawrence.

7 A.M. Weather briefing - Mr. Crocker Snow, Chief of Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, will fly a meteorologist in from Logan for this.

9 A.M. TAKE-OFF which will be covered by Radio and TV.

HONORARY STARTER * GEN. HOYT VANDENBERG has tentatively agreed to serve in this capacity.

OFFICIAL STARTER * LT. COL. JOSEPH W. MAHONEY, Comdr. 101st Fighter Interceptor Squadron, National Guard, stationed at Logan Air Force Base. Prior to race he will give a Safety Talk.

HOUSING - Arrangements will be made for all contestants automatically with their entry into the race. Room charges will be nominal.

TRANSPORTATION - Will be furnished.

ALL CHURCHES - of Greater Lawrence will hold PRAYERS for "safe flights" on the Sunday before the take-off.

PROGRAM - A fine program is in the making. A picture of each entrant will be included. If you wish to place an AD for your SPONSOR: Size 8 1/2 x 10 1/2; Prices - Full Page, \$100 - Half Page, \$60.00 - Quarter Page, \$35.00. Contact: Mr. Melvin Kirkman, 5 Royal Street, Lawrence, Mass. Phone: Lawrence 2-4634. DEADLINE - June 12. (Ed. will check possible extension to June 20 for later entries.)

REQUEST - Will any Ninety-Nine who sees any releases appearing in their local papers, kindly send a copy to Mr. Kirkman - be sure to MARK NAME and DATE of publication.

AND -- ENTER THE RACE. LAWRENCE IS EAGER TO GREET YOU.

Kay Brick
AWTAR East Coast Representative

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

RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE POURING OUT STILL 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, California
(Please include 25¢ for postage)

AT THE TERMINUS OF THE AIR RACE - LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Tickets will be available for TV and RADIO shows.
WINNER OF THE RACE will appear on QUEEN FOR A DAY PROGRAM, HOLLYWOOD.
Free Boat Trip of the Long Beach Harbor planned.
Arrangements made for Girls to use Beach Facilities.
LAFAYETTE HOTEL is HEADQUARTERS/
Cocktail Party and Buffet Supper, being sponsored by OPERATORS AT THE AIRPORT, Tuesday evening, July 7th.
AWARDS BANQUET scheduled for Wednesday evening, July 8th
MASS FLIGHT to annual convention of the Ninety-Nines, San Diego - Thursday morning, July 9th.

EDNA STENNETT, Publicity Chairman
Terminus of the Air Race

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

By this time you have received your invitations and detailed reservation information from the Convention Bureau and Isabelle McCrae. DON'T FORGET TO SEND THAT CARD BACK TO THE HOTEL BY JUNE 1ST! Since they require no deposit, let's cooperate in every possible way with reservations and cancellations. Here is a summary of the schedule since details were mailed to each Ninety-Nine:

Thursday, July 9 - Morning - MASS FLY-IN from Long Beach to Lindbergh Field. Free tie-down courtesy Fisher Aircraft Co. Bring your own ropes if possible. Afternoon - Registration, visiting, swimming,

at Hotel Manor with Executive Board meeting at 3 PM. Meeting called by President Alice Hammond. Registration fee is \$2.50.

Evening - Cocktail party courtesy Howard Fisher and Standard Oil Co. at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club, remaining there for dinner.

Friday, July 10 - Business Meeting all day with lunch at Hotel Manor. A trip to Tijuana, Old Mexico, for those who wish, for dinner and dog racing.

Saturday, July 11 - Morning - Business Meeting continued if necessary, with surprise programs and entertainment later. The Convention Banquet will be Saturday evening at Hotel Manor.

Sunday, July 12 - Reserved for interesting tours. For those who plan the trip to Mexico, immigration laws cover three categories: Native born citizens of the U.S.A. should bring their birth certificates. Naturalized citizens must have their naturalization papers (or a certified copy thereof), and aliens must have evidence of their lawful admission to the United States, preferably registration cards. Although these papers may or may not be checked at the border, to be on the safe side please have these documents with you.

Be sure to wear your Ninety-Nine pins and bring any Ninety-Nine articles you have for sale to display.

Dottie Sanders, who is in charge of programs, has engaged some extremely interesting speakers and entertainment to surprise you with, and the entire San Diego Chapter is ready to welcome you and help you have fun.

SO REMEMBER - CONVENTION BOUND - JULY 9th through 12th.

Maxine L. Smith
San Diego Chapter

Below is the list of candidates for International Officers for 1953-1954:

For President:

GERRY MICKELSEN (Sacramento Valley Chapter)
99 member since 1937; has held all chapter offices; vice-governor Southwestern Section for two years; governor Southwestern Section for two years; Member of International Executive Committee for two years; served on International Membership Committee. Had attended four international conventions. Started flying in 1935. Now owns a Bellanca and flies to all conventions. Is working on Master's Degree in Psychology. Will teach at the Aviation Education School at Boulder, Colorado (Univ. of Colo.) this summer. Waiting opening to teach Aviation Education in California schools.

JEAN HOWARD (Washington, D.C. Chapter)
99 member since 1941. Incumbent vice-president; chairman Washington, D.C. Chapter; governor Middle Eastern Section; International Secretary. Was secretary for Washington (D.C.) Assn. of Flying Clubs. Is a graduate student in air transportation at American University. Is employed by Aircraft Industries Assoc., helicopter division, as assistant to the director.

For Vice-President:

EDNA GARDNER WHYTE (Texas Chapter)
99 member since 1931. Vice-chairman Texas Chapter; chairman International Contest Committee. Has been flying since 1927; Is a graduate registered nurse and served 7 years with army and navy nurses corps during World War II. One of few women to hold helicopter rating.

LOUISE SMITH (Carolinas Chapter)

99 member since 1942; has served as Chapter Chairman and Governor of Southeastern Section; member of International Nominating Committee; member of International Executive Committee. Owns and flies a Bonanza.

For Secretary:

DONNA MEYERS (Colorado Chapter)
99 member since 1939. Incumbent secretary; chairman Colorado Chapter; governor South Central Section; chairman International Membership Committee. Received pilot's license in 1937. Was secretary Frontier Airlines until last year.

BECKY THATCHER (Michigan Chapter)
99 member since 1942. Chairman and vice-chairman Michigan Chapter; secretary Michigan Chapter. Chairman International Convention 1951.

For Treasurer:

LUCILE WRIGHT (Jamestown Chapter)
99 member since 1945. Incumbent treasurer; founded Jamestown Chapter; Chairman Jamestown Airport Commission.

BRONETA DAVIS (Oklahoma Chapter)
99 member since 1944. Oklahoma Chapter Secretary, Vice-Chairman and Chairman; Vice-governor and Governor, South Central Section. Is a National Director of Flying Farmers.

For Trustee, Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund:

MARJORIE FAUTH (Bay Cities Chapter)
99 member since 1933. Has held all chapter offices in Bay Cities, all offices in Southwestern Section; International Treasurer for 2 years; member International Executive Committee. Flying since 1933.

ELIZABETH BROWNE HAMILTON (Carolinas Chapter)
99 member since 1940. Has been chapter chairman; governor Southeastern Section. Active in chapter committee work.

For Nominating Committee:

THELMA LINDZAY (North Central Section)
99 member since 1942. Has been chairman Michigan Chapter; Vice-Governor and Governor North Central Section; member International Nominating Committee.

JANE NETTLEBLAD (South Central Section)
99 member since 1940. Chairman Colorado Chapter. Has held all chapter offices except secretary.

CORA McDONALD (Southeastern Section)
99 member since 1941. Chairman of Tennessee Chapter; treasurer Southeastern Section. Commercial pilot.

PHYLLIS NOBLE (Canadian Section)
99 member since 1952. Received license in 1950. Instructor Edmonton Flying School.

BARBARA EVANS (New York - New Jersey Section)
99 member since 1951. Received license in 1948. Has flown in all but 6 of United States, also in Canada and Mexico. Governor NY-NJ Section.

DE THURMOND (Southwestern Section)
99 member since 1944. Incumbent Chairman International Nominating Committee; Chairman(Seattle) Washington Chapter; chairman AWTAR race 1949.

AIR MARKING

Since our last report several more chapters have been added to the list of those "on the ball" getting their airmarking program rolling and now that Spring is here, those chapters who haven't yet laid their plans will want to hurry and start planning to keep up with the others. El Paso and Corpus Christi Units of the Texas Chapter, Saguaro Chapter, the (soon-to-be-reactivated-we-hope) New Mexico Chapter, New York-New Jersey Section and Las Vegas have either started on their program or have plans outlined to start in the next few weeks. These - in addition to the chapters who already have their programs going, Minnesota, Colorado, Georgia, Kansas, Tennessee, Indiana, Ohio, California and Washington, - should make 1953 a big year for Ninety-Nines and airmarking. What more appropriate way can the Ninety-Nines commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight than by doing their part to mark the skyways of the country?

Some of the girls working on airmarking report they have received very fine cooperation from the press and radio people by reaching Mr. John Q. Public with our crusade on airmarking. Where it can be arranged insurance-wise, etc., the Ninety-Nines have invited these people to fly with them to an airmarking job to see how the job is done, what it looks like after it is completed, etc. The newspaper people then write up very nice stories with pictures and the radio people tell their audience by describing the program and job or by use of a tape recording made while the job was in process, of course, including the city officials of the town involved and anyone else in the town responsible for the airmarker. In addition to getting these newspaper and radio people flying, which is one of our big steps forward, each story and broadcast on airmarking in turn promotes more airmarkers. You'll be surprised to find how enthusiastic these press and radio people will be about going with you and writing about airmarking. Call your newspaper and radio people and tell them about your airmarking program, after you have it in full swing.

IMPORTANT

So that your chapter will receive all the credit it deserves for its participation in the Airmarking Program, please write me by June 15th reporting on what you have done so far this year and what plans you have for airmarking the rest of the year. This information will be included in a report to be given at the International Convention in July. If there has been any change in your Airmarking Chairman, please also include that information in your report, as well as any suggestions you have for improving our over-all program. Let's make this an airmarking report like they have never seen before!

Bobbe Slade
International Airmarking Chairman

Lt. Harold Nelson, Chief of the Civil Air Patrol News Bureau - died suddenly, Sunday night, April 5, of a heart attack. He was young and this is a real shock and loss to CAP, and to the Ninety-Nines, in whom he had a genuine interest.

INTERNATIONAL CORNER

In a note to Kay Brick, ADA ROGATO mentions her flight last year to La Paz, Bolivia in her small Cessna. It was the first time in history that a small plane (90 hp) had landed on the highest commercial airport in the world (13,500 ft.). The Bolivian government decorated her with "Condor de los Andes," Bolivia's highest medal.

CHAPTER NEWS

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Muriel Steinel.

After a delicious dinner at the Beaux Arts Hotel in New York City, on April 13th, a short business meeting was held. Jeanne Spielberg gave the report of the Nominating Committee.

Selma Cronan, an active worker in CAP, invited all the girls to join. Newest setup offered by this organization is an Aerial Nurses Aide Unit - a floating evacuation unit. All interested were asked to apply at nearest CAP headquarters.

Betty Haas, last year's winner of the International Race, stirred up interest in this year's race, to be held June 10-13. Additional information regarding the Race may be had by contacting Betty. Lynn Joseph, one of our new members, expressed her desire to enter. Barbara Evans also reminded the girls of the TAR. We hope to have two or three members entering this year.

Clara Adams, of WIAA, was a guest at the meeting and introduced Thea Rasche, great German stunt flier, and a charter member of the Ninety-Nines. She plans to re-activate her license and again become a Ninety-Nine.

The speaker of the evening Mr. Frank Harvey, contributing editor for ARGOSY Magazine, was introduced by Lois Fairbank. Mr. Harvey flies a Super Cub, with a modified shoulder harness and safety belt installed in it. He pointed out the importance of pilot's harness while flying in rugged territory. He gave an account of his assignment to cover a "typical jet pilot" at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada, for an article which will soon appear in "Argosy" regarding "Operation Tiger," a government-plan to recruit boys for the purpose of flying jet fighters. His description, from his landing at the Air Force Base with a Super Cub in a jet pattern, to his ride in the T-33 jet, thrilled all those present.

(§ Congratulations to Barbara and Ed Evans on the arrival at their home of Craig and Carol - TWINS (Adopted).)

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER
By: Hope Howard

Chairman Louise Millican, passed on the word that we hope to have the movies on last year's TAR for our May meeting. Our gals, Nancy Moore and Jean Howard, are almost surely in it.

The talk that Thalia Woods gave on Civil Defense at the April meeting was very vital and interesting. And we accidentally found out that Katherine Stinson has had her own neighborhood completely organized for civil defense for several months - on her own initiative - fire equipment located, invalids counted, everything. We could use more people like that.

Visitors-in-Town Dept. Miss New England Aviation, Nancy Holmes, was awarded a trip to D. C. by the Aero Club of New England - flown down by CAP, dined by Ninety-Nines. And Alwyn Valentin of the Australian Women Pilot's Association was given a trip here by her employer, Pan-Am. Pan-Am here we come!

We hear from Louise Millican that the CAP bloodlift to Charlottesville was very successful. Louise and Eleanor Davis were the only Ninety-Nines present - Louise in a CAP plane and Eleanor in her 8½ Luscombe. If she can find a gap in her schedule, Louise is planning a well-earned week's vacation in Williamsburg.

Notes: Ada Mitchell with Louise Kidd are in for the International for sure! Blue Note: Mary Kay Willis has been ill; best wishes for a quick recovery, Mary Kay. --Jean Howard has been appointed by the D.C. 50th Anniversary of Flight Committee to contact local women's organizations and help them plan programs around the occasion.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By: Helen Deason

Our April meeting was held at Murfreesboro, Tenn., with Sally Jackson as our most gracious hostess. We had lunch at the College Cafeteria as guest of Mrs. Jackson (Sally's mother), and held our business meeting (along with our idle chatter) after lunch. Members present: Georgiana McConnell, Evelyn Bryan, Cora McDonald, Ruby Knapp, Sally Jackson, Sara Payne (Carolinas Chapter), and I. We had as guests, Mrs. Wilkes, from Fayetteville, Tenn., also Margaret Wood, of Lebanon, Tenn. - both prospective members. Thanks Sally! for such a lovely meeting.

All Ninety-nines have been invited to the Birmingham Air Show, May 16-17.

Another May Event: Evelyn's Airport is opening the latter part of May. We plan to have our chapter meeting at the same time.

Ruth Thomas is entering the International Race. Her school closed June 5th, and she is going to hi-tail it to Canada to enter. Hope you win, Ruth! We will all see you at the end of the race.

Jan Warrick, the lone Alabama Ninety-Nine, is shopping for a Cessna 140. Until You All Alabamans have enough members to form a chapter, we will just take you under our wing. Also, Jane Johnson, Mississippi member, seems to be a very busy girl, flitting here and yon. Hope both your girls make the next meeting in Tennessee.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By: Edith Harmon

By the time you read this, the sectional meeting will be over. We hope all who attended had a wonderful time. Our thanks go to the following people and organizations who have cooperated in carrying out plans for the meeting: Airport Manager Howard Crush and his secretary Rose Mary Roetker; Champion Paper and Fibre Company, Cincinnati Convention Bureau, Mr. William Mashburn and the Coca Cola Company, Civil Air Patrol, Fashion Frocks, Inc., Greater Cincinnati Airmen's Club, Proctor and Gamble and the aircraft operators on Lunken Airport.

The April meeting was held at the Gables Restaurant in Cleveland April 19th. Hostess Mary Fecser really had a lovely meeting with the able assistance of the Cleveland Ninety-Nines and Helen Sammon's 49 1/2. Lt. Gov. Brown spoke to the group about aviation legislation and opened the meeting to questions. An interesting and informative discussion ensued. A business meeting followed. Marge Gorman and Helen Venskus of Mansfield left early to beat the forecasted snowstorm. Marge Miller and Marion Betzler stayed and had to wait until it passed. Glad to see Irma Line and her friend Fay Berner again. Also glad to welcome prospective member Florence Wiggle of Massillon. Other members who attended were Martha Wilcox, Alice Schlott and Helen Ailes who drove up together; Virginia Ashelford and your reporter who took a train up when a blizzard hit southern Ohio Saturday; and Clevelanders Jeanne Neatz, Edythe Maxim, Joan Hrubec, Helen Sammon,

Arlene Davis and Mary Fecser. Chapter Chairman Blanche O'Brien was unable to attend account illness.

Martha Wilcox and 49 1/2 flew to Philadelphia and Atlantic City over a weekend recently. Missed seeing Arthur Godfrey at an Air Show in Atlantic City by a few hours.

Mildred Harshman flew to Colorado Springs in her Bonanza in April. Had a wonderful time.

Virginia Ashelford and Joan Hrubec made plans to fly the Tri-Pacer to Florida April 21st. Blanche received a card from Virginia from St. Petersburg.

A letter from Bernita Moore advised that she became Mrs. Roger Nickell last November 8th. We hope you'll be very happy, Bernita. Bring your 49 1/2 to one of our future meetings.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. O'Brien, Blanche's father-in-law, passed away April 22nd.

Received word that Arlene Davis has been invited to represent the National Aeronautic Association at the 1953 General Conference of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale late in May at The Hague, Netherlands. The NAA citation naming Arlene "aviation's woman of the year" was recently read into the Congressional Record by Congressman Alvin Weichel of Sandusky.

A pleasant surprise was in store for Arlene Davis when she picked up her Cessna in Wichita. Margaret Ash, a member of the Kansas Chapter who does art work for the Cessna people, had painted Arlene's name and "Dream Ship" on the plane. Olive Ann Beech entertained Arlene in her home while she was there.

Then Arlene went on to Omaha to help stimulate the "Angel's Flight," a hand picked group of coeds at the Omaha University, sponsored by the ROTC. The Missouri Valley Chapter of the Ninety-Nines will give the coeds their first rides. Chairman Jane Bay and Vice-Chairman Laura Russell attended the ceremonies. Arlene was on the program with General LeMay, Governor Robert Crosley, Mayor Glenn Cunningham and President Bail of the University. The ROTC unit is the Arnold Air Society, while Major Whaley is advisor to the Angels Flight.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER By: Virginia Rabung

The writer flew in to Chicago-Hammond Airport near Lansing, Illinois the other day and who should she see there in the middle of the field but Irene Levertson, our achievement award winner. She was just getting out of an Ercoupe to solo a student. She is now in charge of all flight training, including all single engine ratings plus instrument, for the Kunau Aviation Company at the Chicago-Hammond Airport. She is also doing charter flying in a Cessna 195 and a Beech Bonanza. Congratulations, Irene! If any of you Ninety-Nines are in the vicinity of this airport, stop in and see Irene.

This month's meeting of the Illinois Chapter was held on Thursday, April 16th. With spring expected at almost any moment in these parts, thoughts are now turning to fly-in meetings in the near future. Plans are also being made for the annual air meet held by this Chapter.

Stopped in at Paulwukkee Airport recently. Ninety-nines are very active at this airport. Sally's Flying School (our own Sally Strempel) was buzzing. Hazel Hackwith was taking off in a Stinson. We understand also that Sylvia Roth checked out in a Tri-Pacer and the Stinson 165.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER By: Dora Dougherty

The April meeting of the Central Illinois Chapter was scheduled as a fly-in meeting at the Coles County Airport, Mattoon, Ill. Due to April snows and generally phew weather the meeting was relegated to the ranks of a drive-in. This was very disappointing to us and to Mr. Sartwell, the very courteous and cooperative airport manager. Mr. Sartwell offered us his office for our picnic lunch and meeting. Helen McBride and Mary Hendrix, our two Mattoon members, provided the bulk of a delicious lunch of baked beans, salad, sandwiches and cake.

Members attending were Doris Jean Bullock, Bernice Schrader Wilson (and her 49 1/2er), Mary Hendrix, Helen McBride and Dora Dougherty. WAF Eileen Humberg, a new 140 owner and a prospective member, was a visitor, as was Elizabeth Smith, a student pilot from Canada.

Plans were made for the scholarship we are offering to the Aviation Education Workshop in Boulder this summer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 24th, and we hope it will be a fly-in to the Turkey Run State Park in Indiana. Our lovely Canadian visitor, Elizabeth Smith, informed us that the 24th would be a fine day for a holiday-picnic for it is Queen Victoria's birthday.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Elaine Bromley Francke

Sunday evening, April 19, Milwaukee Ninety-Nines met at the home of Elaine and Elmer Francke. Our 49 1/2ers joined our meeting to hear the Milwaukee County Coordinator of Civil Defense, Mr. George Carnahan, who took part in the recent nuclear fission device tests at Yucca Flats. We learned much from his report of the results of the civil defense part of the test. Air Force photographs of that blast were exceedingly interesting to all of us.

Illness prevented two of our members from attending the meeting: Ruth Lembke was suffering with an abscessed ear, and Isabel Kress was wary of catching measles from Holly, Elaine's 5-year-old daughter. Issy has, so far, escaped those assorted childhood diseases.

A local newspaper pictured Fred and Issy with their ship and reported their success in selling real estate via the air.

Bill Lotzer, president of Gran-Aire, Inc., has invited the Milwaukee Ninety-Nines to the Air Pageant kick-off dinner at the Boulevard Inn next month. Sounds like fun!

MINNESOTA CHAPTER By: Marietta Sonneberg

Minnesota Chapter has an uncanny ability to pick dates months ahead of time on which it is bound to snow, rain or go to 50 below! April was no exception...but still a good-sized group turned up for one of Pete Frey's famous meals, followed by a fruitful business session. Present besides the hostess and her son were Florence Scriver, Marilyn Kvalheim, Margaret Manual and mother, Evelyn Knowlton Paige and mother-in-law and sister-in-law, Audrey Baird, Rita and Burt Orr, Lorraine Johnson and Marietta Sonnenberg.

Margaret reported that \$5.54 was sent last month to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. An auction of small useful gifts contributed by members will be held at June meeting to raise money for a future fund to enter a member in the TAR...The Chapter unanimously approved continuation of the North Central Section's Tailwind Topics newspaper; everyone feels it is interesting, informative and friendly. Members will propose at the Section meeting in Cincinnati next month that each chapter in the section be asked to donate an amount to be determined by the sectional officers to cover costs of the Topics each year.

Bits of new news: Florence received another promotion at Minneapolis air filter center...this time to supervisor, one of only 7 or 8 there now; Margaret has passed her flight instructor's written exam and she and her husband have completed a new office at their Carleton College airport and installed a new rotating beacon; Marilyn announced she can't get to Europe as planned this summer, but Laura Black and Marietta are continuing their last-minute preparations before sailing...on different ships and tours...but to Europe all the same! Helen Murphy has just returned from overseas.

May meeting is set for the 17th, in the morning (a fly-in) at Willmar, with Mary Jane Rice as hostess.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER By: Beulah L. Frotscher

Rain, snow, sleet and ice did not keep enthused members from the monthly meeting held at Jean and Quentin Wildman's home in Fort Dodge on Sunday, April 19th. During the get-together hour before luncheon, members and guests enjoyed refreshments, hangar flying and visiting. Luncheon was at "Tony's."

In attendance were Ruth Shimon, Betty Barton, Bernie Eno, Mildred Burt, Ray Peck, Virginia and Don Koestner, Joan Prine, Darrel Picht, Beulah Frotscher, Robert C. Smith, Jean and Quentin Wildman. Betty Barton won the attendance prize for the women and Darrel Picht for the men.

Bernie is very busy with her new position at Mason City Air Activities. Yours truly has been spending at least every other week-end with her at Clear Lake, the vacation spot of Northwest Iowa for the summer (I do realize sum-

mer is not here but Spring is!). We have missed you who are not and have not been attending meetings, but now that the weather is breaking and flight breakfasts are in the making I hope we will be seeing you around.

Next meeting May 10th at Waterloo, with Verna Mae and Ruth as hostesses. June 14th at Spencer -- flight breakfast.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER By: Edna Chapin

Big meeting - thirty-eight members and guests. Welcome to new member Barbara Lowden and two girls wishing to transfer - Betty Little from Florida and Edna Gardner Whyte from Texas. Thanks, Texas and Florida!

Colored film on weather, and a tour of the new Terminal Building now under construction at Flint, Michigan was enjoyed by all.

The Flint girls, Bernice Trimble and Edna Chapin, are setting up a program in keeping with our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight, and air education to invite local P.T.A. and Child Study groups - also the Girl Scouts and any other organizations that wish to visit the airport for an hour's tour, explaining C.A.A. communications, weather and tower procedure. They are also giving plane rides to groups at a nominal fee. There are unlimited possibilities to bring aviation before the public in this way.

Gloria Lynch Smith is the mother of a boy. Congratulations!

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Isabel Myrland

Six members attended the April meeting of the Ninety-Nines at the home of Nellie Bilstad at Madison, on Thursday evening, April 23.

Grace Page was still 'way out in Denver with her wee one. Bernie is the most bowlingest Ninety-Nine. She reported that she had just returned from Detroit, Michigan where she had bowled in the National Bowling Tournament--that she also bowled at Fond du Lac in the State Tournament, the Maine Tournament in Milwaukee and the Madison City Tournament in Madison, and she had also been elected Vice President of the Madison Business Women's League. What a gal!

Pearl Nelson reports that she gave a conducted tour of Planeview Farm Airport to the science class of Pleasant Hill school of Stoughton, Wisconsin on March 27. She also gave an airplane ride in her Beech to four of the children, this award being earned in competition at school. She also arranged for Mr. Carl Guell, of the State Aeronautics Commission to give a talk on aviation at the Pleasant Hill School.

Myrland's Sky Lodge will be the site for the May meeting on Sunday, May 17. The Chapter has invited the Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota Chapters to meet with them. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 P.M. at \$1.60 per plate and any Ninety-Nine member who would like to attend is extended a cordial invitation.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER By: Neva Rea

Our April meeting was at the home of Marjory Farrell... and what a wonderful dinner Marj served! And there was much to discuss.

The Missouri Air Tour in June has taken shape beautifully and should be a really big success... we understand there will be over one hundred airplanes participating in all or part of it. Helen Johnson has been traveling all over the state promoting it. Helen Johnson has been traveling for a fine job and, incidentally, anyone wanting to join in the fun, contact Helen Johnson, 6142 Brookside, Kansas City, Mo. for particulars. It is a three day tour, though one could fly any part of it.

The Chapter has had two recent breakfast flights: one to St. Joe, Mo., with 43 members and guests in attendance; the other to Sky Haven Airport at warrensburg, Mo. ... high winds kept many away ... but those who managed to get there were well rewarded with very fine food and hospitality, including a tour through the lovely new motel on the airport.

Dee Southard, Jackie Rublee and Helen Johnson are working on Commercials...they're all attending the same ground school on Municipal Airport.

Our really big interest right now, however, is planning for the WTAR stop in Kansas City. We want the contes-

tants to have the best of everything when they stop at the HEART OF AMERICA, Kansas City Municipal Airport. We rented the film "Cleared for Take-off" to show in an effort to give the girls who have never seen any part of the race an idea of what to expect this summer.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

KANSAS CHAPTER By: Susie Cheetham

The Kansas Ninety-Nines set a record in April. We air-marked 6 towns in 4 weeks. Anne Waddell and Pat Dufford painted Meade and Pat finished Manhattan. Downs and Beloit were airmarked at the April 12th meeting and Paola the following Sunday. Bobbe Slade and Marge Cooper air-marked Zenith - they painted on top of a grain elevator equal in height to a five story building and with a roof only 14 feet wide. The town's population is 32. That is the smallest town and the tallest building we have air-marked yet.

Present at the regular April meeting was a Wichita Eagle photographer, Joe Goulart, who covered the meeting and airmarking at Downs and Beloit from start to finish. A good set of pictures appeared in the Wichita Eagle showing some of the girls pre-flying their plane prior to the flight, the airmarkers in action at both Downs and Beloit and one of the planes on the flight home with the Ninety-Nine insignia painted on it.

Members present at the meeting were Helen Puffer, Pat Dufford, Bobbe Slade, Ruby Bonds, Helen Simmons, Marge Cooper, Marian Hardman (hostess for the day), Margaret Yourdon and guest Wynona Steheen.

The airmarking at Paola was filmed for television by Hal Parker of CES.

Kansas Ninety-Nines hope to welcome Margaret Yourdon in our Chapter. Margaret flies a Cessna 140 and was a contestant in the Sky Lady Derby last year. She plans to enter the race again this year.

Bobbe Slade has left Cessna Aircraft and is working for Flower and Galbraith Aviation Insurance in Wichita.

TEXAS CHAPTER

ARK-LA-TEX UNIT By: Lorraine Averett

Our April meeting was held at the lakeside home of Marie Barnes on Lake Cherokee, Longview, on Tuesday night, April 21. We arrived as early as possible in order to see the sun set over the lake--a beautiful sight to see. A wonderful dinner of chicken and spaghetti was served.

Present were Mildred Carney, Barbara Williams, Virginia McJilton, Lorraine Averett, and Marie Barnes.

We were happy to have Janet J. Doilam, of Longview as a guest, and hope to welcome her as a member soon.

After dinner our business meeting was held. Plans were discussed as to a definite date for the Texas State Meeting. It was decided that it would be held June 20 at Dun Roamin' Motel, Longview, Texas. More definite information will be issued later. Sure hope we will see lots of you Ninety-Nines from all over Texas and have the opportunity to meet and visit with you. So make those plans now to attend the June State Meeting in Longview. See you then.

Our next meeting will be held with Mildred Carney on Cross Lake near Shreveport, La. on May 16. Each 49 1/2er is invited to come along. He might get in a little fishing if he cares to! We are all looking forward to this.

FORT WORTH UNIT By: Rowena Burns

Flying was headline news this month-Greater Fort Worth International Airport was dedicated April 25 while 30,000 persons watched. The President of the United States was represented by Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbott at the dedication ceremonies. There are not adequate words to describe the sprawling ramps, miles of runways, and beautiful terminal building. Maybe "stupendous" would cover it. A few short years ago that ramp was called "Midway" and your reporter used to practice approaches and shoot landings on the hard-surfaced runways. The airlines have moved to International, but Meacham Field is still a fine airport and will be maintained for executive and private flying.

Beulah and Tommy Conn flew to Kilgore one week-end this month to visit friends. They were treated to delicious barbequed steaks. Sunday, April 26 the Conns and friends flew to Lake Texoma and landed on one of the new airstrips. Returning to Meacham Field, they found the restaurant temporarily closed - so they flew on over to Love Field, Dallas, for lunch!

Verna Burns, Chairman of the Texas Chapter and Director of the Ft. Worth Unit, is planning to attend the Sectional Meeting in Denver with Ama Lee Jamison, Sectional Governor. Texas is having a bad dust storm today and, weather permitting, Ama Lee and Verna will fly to Denver tomorrow, April 30.

Edna Gardner Whyte sold her Cessna 140 and delivered it to Flint, Michigan. She and a student pilot flew a Ryan ST from Lansing to Ft. Worth. That hop took three days, due to snow, low ceilings, hail, etc. Edna's mother from Minnesota visited her here - then she and Edna drove to New Orleans to spend Easter with relatives. Edna and husband Murphy started their vacation early this year and drove Edna's mother back to Minnesota. They plan to vacation in Michigan, Canada, the West Coast, and wherever they decide to wander. Sounds like fun.

Bobbie Taylor, Vice President of Southwest Aircraft Co., is back at Meacham Field now after managing Midwest Airport. She received a letter from Edna from Flint, Michigan telling of Edna's having attended a Ninety-Nine meeting there.

Everyone is getting enthused about vacation plans. The Conns are planning to fly their Cessna 170 to Mexico in June; Mary Helen Rattigan will fly there in July for her vacation.

DALLAS UNIT
By: Janis Romanio

Variety in activities, rather than dramatic and outstanding achievements, seems to be the keyword for the Dallas Unit this month.

We have a new and very interested member, Evelyn Prince, who works for Braniff in Communications. Last fall, she went with Martha Ann Heading on the All-Texas Air Tour and fell in love with flying to the extent that after returning on Sunday, she took her first flying lesson the next Tuesday! This brings editorial memories of that day last May when Doris Weller took your reporter along as her guest to a Ninety-Nine meeting in Ft. Worth. The weekend with those alert, interesting personalities proved such an inspiration that my first appointment for a flying lesson was made that very afternoon!

All of our members are determined to keep up our flying proficiency and precision in flight maneuvers. Doris Weller, Josephine Allison, Olean Sellers, Evelyn Prince, Martha Ann Reading, and Janis Romanio met at Reqrbird Airport on April 26 to take flight tests on the various maneuvers, with emphasis on emergency procedures.

We then met at El Chico for dinner on April 27. The same members were present, with the exception of Olean and the addition of Marion Guiberson. Our special guest was Major June Everette, USAF, of Bolling AFB. She is Director of Women's Activities in Civil Air Patrol. Major Everette was most charming and brought us news of activities in other states.

Doris, Olean and Martha Ann are flying with Jo Allison in her Cessna 170 to Denver for the Spring Meeting of the South Central Section, May 1 and 2. The next week-end, most of us will participate in a SARCAP in East Texas. Perhaps we shall have more news of both events to bring you in the next letter.

OKALHOMA CHAPTER
By: Rita Eeves

Our Annual "Guest Day" meeting was held on April 19 at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. Broneta Davis gave a brief history of the organization of the 99's and Mary Francis gave the history of the Oklahoma Chapter. Velma Woodward made all arrangements, which were very successful, and treated the members to brunch. We were certainly happy to have Miss Jane Baker of Stillwater and Mrs. Laverne Walden of Chickasha as prospective member guests and Mrs. Dorothy Rice of the Tulsa Chapter as a member guest.

Imogene Arnot and Elizabeth Sewell are well under way with plans for the 99 booth at the Oklahoma City Air Fair on May 8-10. We are all looking forward for the chance to tell Oklahomans more about the Ninety-Nines.

Elizabeth Sewell had the honor of ferrying the Piper Cub, which is to be given away during the Air Fair, from the factory at Lockhaven, Pa.

Our May meeting will be at the "family meeting" at Lake Murray during the weekend of May 30. Hope to see all you Oklahoma Chapter members at that time for we are planning on having a gooooooood time.

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

WASHINGTON CHAPTER
By: Gini Stover Richardson

An informal get-together was held at the home of Iola Nelson in Seattle in February, attended by a very small group.

Plans were made for a tour of Washington State in the month of April, to publicize the Ninety-Nines in an effort to build up the membership in our state.

When yours truly was in Portland last week-end, attending a Regional Conference of the CAP conducted by General Beau, I was delighted and surprised to see Ninety-Nine Lindy Boyes of San Francisco.

Our May Meeting will be a joint fly-in with the Oregon Chapter in Portland, Oregon.

OREGON CHAPTER
By: Bertha Girardot

With the days getting longer and the weather improving, there will be more flying in our Section. Most of our group are working gals, so our flying time is limited to week-ends.

The Kelso Airport is planning an 'Air Fair' June 14. The Ninety-Nines will sponsor the Fly-in Breakfast for the first day. Special invitations are being sent to all the girl fliers in Washington and Oregon to attend the breakfast. We are looking for a large turn-out.

Our next meeting will be held at the Hillsboro Airport May 10. Ruth Wikander will be our Hostess.

Velma Richards and Yours Truly were hostesses at a party given in honor of Evelyn Hartley, wife of the new operator at the Kelso Airport. She is taking flying lessons and we hope she will soon be a Ninety-Nine.

We are always glad to hear from Beverly, Velma's daughter, who is a WAC and is at present stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

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

SAGUARO CHAPTER
By: Betty Knier

April was a full month for the Saguaro Chapter. Our regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Ruth Reinhold.

Our April 19th social was held in conjunction with the Tucson Chapter. We were met at Gilpin Airport and transported to Ghost Ranch where we had a wonderful lunch.

We were fortunate in having the Phoenix J.C.'s ask for our help in entertaining the Philadelphia J.C. Transcontinental Handicap Race starting in Philadelphia April 25 and ending May 1 at Palm Springs. Their designated stop in Phoenix was April 29.

We took turns meeting the contestants at Sky Harbor Airport. That night at the Adams Hotel a cocktail party and dinner was given in their honor.

I hope that everyone in our chapter is still working hard on the Civil Defense contest that we are having.

Hope to see everyone May 16-17 at Sacramento!

TUCSON CHAPTER
By: Gertrude G. Gelderman

On Sunday, April 19, Saguaro Chapter from Phoenix flew to Tucson to have luncheon at Ghost Ranch Lodge with the Tucson Chapter. We all had fun.

Wilma Bland, with her 49 1/2er, Marjy Crawl and young son Chris, Lucille Crosby and 49 1/2er, Bonnie Fugitt, Betty Knier, Juanita Newell Hazel Wakefield and son Jack represented the Phoenix Chapter.

All seven of our members were present: Beatrice Edgerly (Macpherson), Chairman, Maggie Shock, Grace and Carl Pistor, Mary Johnston, Faye Jones, Barbara and Styles Harris and Gertrude Gelderman.

We all hope the Phoenix group can plan to come again soon.

UTAH CHAPTER By: Bobby Pratt

Six Utah Ninety-Nines participated in a fly-in and guided tour of Hill Air Force Base April 25. June Raybould and Zada Arentz, Jane Davis and Alberta Hunt flew Cessnas, and your reporter and Eunice Naylor managed to talk the CAP out of the use of an L-4 for the afternoon. The occasion almost got off to a bang-up start when said L-4 refused to climb on take-off due to (I'll confess it!) my mistake in forgetting that one turns off the carburetor heat by pulling the valve out instead of pushing it in. Well, chalk one up to experience, and we hope we didn't give too many people a case of heart failure.

Several F-89's took off and landed at Hill during our visit; a beautiful sight to watch. Our Air Force guide drove us down the flight line where we got a "close-up" look at the jets. We also went through a maintenance hangar where a line of B-26's were being pulled apart and spent some time in the control tower.

The tour ended with a look at Weather. We really enjoyed the afternoon and are very appreciative of the efforts put forth by the personnel of Hill Field to give us this interesting and educational tour.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER By: Gerry Mickelsen

Our April meeting was held at the Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, Calif. Margaret Callaway, our Chapter Chairman, was hostess. The morning was spent in a tour of the Base. We had a chance to inspect the B-36 at close range. We were taken through a hospital ship and a Cargo Plane. It was a very instructive and informative three hours. We had to rush in order to have our lunch before the Officers' Mess closed.

A business meeting was held and more details and plans were discussed about the coming Sectional. Ninety-Nines and 49 1/2ers present were Ruth and Zane Hewitt, Edythe and Bill Phipps, Rita Hart, Ethel Sheehy, Coral Bloom, Louise Sue, your reporter, and Margaret and Dick Callaway, our Host and Hostess. Seven guests were also present.

Our Southwest Sectional Fun Get-together is May 16-17 at the Travis Air Force Base. Tour of the Base, swimming, cocktail party, dinner and dancing will all be part of the varied program. Every one is welcome.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER By: Geri Masinter

The April meeting was held at Dorothy Estep's home in Redwood City. The main business concerned the nominations for international officers.

We have made some changes in appointments and officers. First Laura Hale is leaving to make her home in Los Angeles; consequently, we have a new treasurer - Mervreda Coffin. Wray Misener is assuming the duties of flight chairman and we are looking forward to some fly-ins now that the good weather is coming.

We want to wish Laura Hale lots of success and happiness in her new home in Los Angeles.

Patty Sherwood is leaving for a three month's trip to Europe. She will take the Ile de France on May 4th and after three months in England with side trips to the continent, she returns on Pan American.

Our May meeting will be postponed until Sunday, May 31, because of the Spring Southwestern Sectional meeting May 16-17 at Travis Air Force Base.

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

With paint brushes, blue jeans and good humor, the San Fernando Valley Chapter Ninety-Nines spent the last weekend in April airmarking Azusa and Santa Anita. This double airmarking program was made possible through the efforts and energy of Mary Ruth Rance, airmarking chairman. She even obtained the paint, gratis, from the chamber of commerce!

Jean Parker, who organized and generally supervised the April rummage sale, reports an intake of almost a hundred dollars. Jean went above and beyond the call of duty as chapter treasurer by making sure the coffers were filled.

Chapter thanks to Kay Brick and Alice-Jean Starr for the excellent and much-needed Ninety-Nine brochure.

Ninety-Nines (and guests) arriving by wing for the Santa Barbara fly-in were Barbara Seapy, Elsie Ringer, Adeline Maylin, Mary Ruth Rance, Clara Davis, E. V. Moritz, Mrs. Leo Zerlaut, Ruth Johnson, and T. A. Schubert.

April meeting was held at the new and beautiful Monrovia home of Chairman Elsie Ringer.

My thanks to the Women's International Aeronautical Association for awarding me the Douglas Aviation Trophy for literary merit in aviation...for a half hour radio script "Co-Flight to Fame." Mrs. Ulysses Grant McQueen ("Queenie" to gal pilots) presented the Founder's Trophy to the Amelia Earhart of the down-under country...Ruth Bonney of Australia. We have Ruth marked for the Ninety-Nines.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER By: Monie Dye

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter was held Monday, April 20 in Santa Monica with Mary Ilgen and Monie Dye as co-hostesses.

Those who came were treated to a royal three hours of jet talk, replete with both still and motion pictures, presented by Lt. Smith of the USAF and Norton Air Force Base, where he is currently stationed in the capacity of a member of the flight test group.

Lt. Smith regaled those present with discussions and anecdotes drawn not only from his thousands of hours airborne, but from experiences as a member of inquiry boards assigned to the determination of causes of aircraft accidents.

Refreshments were served during the latter portion of the evening, while an informal question and answer period was enjoyed.

All present, both members and their guests, concurred that though the meeting was rather longer than usual, every minute of Lt. Smith's talk was both pleasureable and profitable, contributing greatly to their understanding of jet flight, its related problems, and future outlook.

Yvette Kovary, former New York member, gave birth to a 7 lb. 10 oz. baby girl on April 11. Yvette and 49 1/2er John plan on taking little Joanne Priscilla flying soon.

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