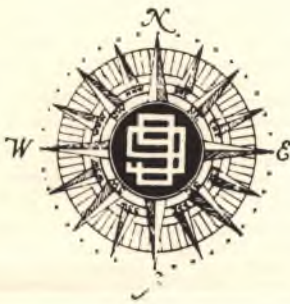


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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

June 1953

DEAR NINETY-NINES:

HAVE YOU MAILED YOUR NINETY-NINE BALLOT TO THE SECRETARY? REMEMBER - Ballots postmarked after June 25, 1953 won't be counted! What are you waiting for?

Somehow these next few weeks feel to me like the "homestretch." By the next News Letter publication date, the International and Transcontinental Air Races will have been flown, the 1953 Convention will be history and our 1953-54 officers who will take over on September 1 will be elected! Each one of these events represents months and months of considered thought, careful planning and HARD WORK on the part of those devoted Ninety-Nines who accept the responsibilities for them. If only there were some adequate way in which we could express our deep appreciation to each and every one of them! It is indeed a privilege to be a Ninety-Nine and to work with such as these.

The Convention plans sound most alluring, and I am sure many of you are planning to arrive at Long Beach in time to take in the AWTAR Awards banquet July 8th - and to join us in the mass flight to San Diego on the morning of the 9th. As we have pointed out before - Convention time is reunion time, so be sure to be with us in San Diego to renew old friendships and make some new ones.

Some new and attractive Ninety-Nine items have recently been approved by the Executive Committee for sale by Chapters. We urge all Chapters and Sections who have any of the approved Ninety-Nine articles they wish to sell to have them at Convention.

Much of the profit derived from the sale of these things goes into the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. JEANNETTE SOVEREIGN, Chairman of the AE Fund Trustees, is most anxious that you get whatever AE money you now have on hand in to her at once, so she can include your contribution in her annual report on the Fund at Convention.

We have some very special plaudits this month for outstanding achievements of two of our members. I know you all thrilled with the news of JACQUELINE COCHRAN'S breaking two world speed records AND the sound barrier in the Canadian-built F-86 Sabre Jet at Muroc Dry Lake, California on May 18th. But did you know that that hard working Flying Activities Chairman of ours, DORA DOUGHERTY, received her Airline Transport Rating in May at Chicago? These accomplishments of both these Ninety-Nines, though widely divergent, were the results of months and months of intensive training of the most exacting nature - and we are mighty proud of them both.

Congratulations also to Major MARIAN GUIBERSON, Texas Chapter, who has been appointed Encampment Commander for the National CAP Girl Cadet Encampment at Lackland Air Force Base June 18-28. This is the special encampment you know to which each CAP Wing sends one outstanding girl cadet as an honor award.

Historically, it was on June 18, 1928 that Amelia Earhart became the first woman to cross the Atlantic Ocean by air - making the trip in the Friendship piloted by Wilmer Stultz. On June 21, back in 1912, Tiny Broadwick was the first woman to jump in a parachute from an airplane in the United States!

The two day Michigan Aeronautics Conference at Lansing in May was most worthwhile, and would that space might permit a report on the sound thinking demonstrated during the Workshops and in the Panel discussions. Among the subjects under discussion were Airport Zoning, Aviation is a Business, Landing Fees and Service Charges, What's Happening to the Private Flier - and Why?, Airport Housekeeping, Aviation Education, etc.

It occurred to me that some of these might suggest topics for study groups to be carried on in connection with Chapter meetings. Panel members could select, or be assigned, a subject a month or two in advance - thus providing each with the opportunity for some stimulating research. In so doing, the panel members would acquire a surprising amount of knowledge, and the other Chapter members would benefit immeasurably in their presentation of it. This, or something similar, seems definitely worth a try.

ELIZABETH BOSELLI, our Parisian Member-at-Large, joined the French Air Force early in April. She is a Lieutenant and her duties consist of flying about half the time and working in the office of the Air Ministry the other half. AMALIE STONE spent a delightful evening with her in Paris, and thoroughly enjoyed meeting many French women fliers, parachutists, and nurses.

REMEMBER, girls, after July 1, new members joining the Ninety-Nines are credited with the entire 1953-54 membership - so this is the time to sign up those good prospects who may have been sitting on the fence!

See you all in San Diego - wearing your Ninety-Nine pins!

Yours for the NINETY-NINES,

ALICE H. HAMMOND
President

TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE
Lawrence, Massachusetts to Long Beach, California
July 3 - 7

REMINDER TO ALL CONTESTANTS:

1. Be sure all the required papers are in your aircraft.
2. Be sure your pilot's certificate, ID card, radio telephone license, and your NAA sporting license are in your pocket and that your medical certificate is current.
3. Be sure you have your certificate of insurance with you.
4. Don't forget to have your race number painted on your aircraft prior to your arrival at Lawrence.

In the event you find that you will not be able to participate in the race please notify Barbara London immediately. Address: 624 Armando Drive, Long Beach 7, Calif. Phone: L.B. 408323.

Ninety-Nines desiring copies of the joint House-Senate resolution commending the Ninety-Nines and the 7th Annual TAR should write Washington and request a copy of "House Congressional Resolution 92 introduced by Honorable Lane of Massachusetts (1st session, 83rd Congress)"

NOTE: Those desiring to rent or purchase the TAR film "Cleared for Take-Off" please note new address of John W. Raymond Aviation Films - 1630 W. Mulberry, Phoenix, Arizona. (Phone CRestwood 4-4589)

16 mm. B&W SOUND - Length 14 1/2 minutes
Sale price: \$45.00 - Rental: 3 days, \$5.00

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BIDS: As soon as the '53 TAR is over, work will begin on the '54 TAR! Coastal chapters interested in sponsoring the start or finish of the 1954 TAR should get their bids ready for presentation to the TAR Board at Convention in San Diego, July 10th. Western Chapters should bid for the start and Eastern Chapters for the finish as the '54 TAR will go from west to east. Please bring us your bids. We cannot make any race plans for '54 until the starting point and terminus are decided.

Entries for the 1953 TAR close on June 20th. Is your entry in?

See you all at Lawrence, Mass., before 1700 EST June 30th!

GOOD FLYING TO YOU ALL

Betty H. Gillies, Chairman
AWTAR Inc.

At the May meeting of the Long Beach Chapter, it was reported 19 contestants had filed, 7 being postmarked midnight, May 1st. These last would be subject to a drawing to determine the order of take-off.

Those who wish to file as Contestants in the

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

should without delay contact

Mrs. Barbara London, AWTAR INC.
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enclosing 25¢ for postage to obtain copies of RULES AND REGULATIONS - and to return to the same person their applications as provided for. The DEADLINE for filing is June 20, 1953.

Women pilots, winging their way toward California, will find glamorous arrangements made for their relaxation and pleasure upon arrival at Long Beach Municipal Airport. The afternoon of July 7th - the deadline for arriving - there is scheduled by the operators of the airport, a cocktail and buffet party, place to be announced later; then there is a two hour cruise, free gratis, of the harbor from Wilmington pier; also in the registration kit will be tickets to radio and TV shows, special luncheon at the airport cafe; the awards banquet and the breakfast Thursday morning - which is to be followed by the mass flight to San Diego and the annual convention where more plans -- swimming parties, etc., are in the offing.

BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOTEL RESERVA-

TIONS AT LAFAYETTE HOTEL, Long Beach where 60 rooms are being set aside. The rates are from \$5 to \$6 for single and \$7.50 to \$9 for double rooms. Walking distance to the beach and other facilities.

Edna Stennett, Secretary
14691 S. Verano Road
Santa Ana, California

LAST MINUTE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NOTES

Reservations are coming in so we look forward to a great convention and to seeing each and every one of you next month!

The schedule remains about the same as set out in the May NEWS LETTER, except that at 10 A.M. on Saturday the Naval Training Center is going to honor and entertain the Ninety-Nines, so the business may have to be continued Saturday afternoon. San Diego's four aircraft companies - Convair, Rohr, Ryan and Solar - are sponsoring one of our luncheons -- either Friday's or Saturday's, to be determined to fit into other plans. Arrangements are being made for lunch at the airport before transportation leaves for Hotel Manor on Thursday, July 9. Chairman Claire Hale, her husband Kenny, and Caryl Stortz are in charge of transportation; Lois Bartling, Field and Flight at the airport; Evelyn Briggs, registration at the hotel; Isabelle McCrae, overall convention arrangements, assisted by Jacqueline Trenfel, in the event you have any problems or questions and need to contact any of them through Fisher Aircraft Company at the field, or through the hotel. If you arrive early, feel welcome to call on any chapter member in the roster for assistance as many of our committee heads will fly the TAR and/or be at Long Beach for the race finish, arriving home along with you coming for the convention.

So throw in a coat or sweater, pack your 49 1/2er and 24 3/4ers, and come on to San Diego!

Maxine S. Smith
San Diego Chapter
1073 Agate St.,

In order to prepare material for the exhibit of Women in Aviation in the National Air Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., at the request of Dr. Paul E. Garber, Head Curator, will you PLEASE, each and every one, endeavor to bring, or send, to the International Convention in San Diego, any articles which you may have pertaining to women in aviation from 1900 to 1953. If you have such treasures, what better place could there be for safe keeping and the pleasure of all, than the Smithsonian Institution? Following is a suggested list:

1. Pictures, 8 x 10 ins. Glossies, if possible, and dated.
2. Newspaper clippings, including pictures, with credit and date line.
3. Magazine articles and pictures, with credit and date line.
4. Personal scrap books, memoirs, diaries, of women pilots.
5. Plane parts, instruments, logs, used by any woman who was the FIRST in a particular event.
6. Articles worn by women making historical flights - scarves, coats, helmets, good-luck charms, etc.

AND, in order to complete the International Historian's records, any pictures of the original 99 members, subsequent International Officers, and copies of minutes of International meetings and air race rules, will be gratefully received!

Please, members, collect! Collect from anyone, 99 or not, and bring it to the Convention, or send with your delegate, or mail to my home: 2037 Rivera Street, San Francisco 16, California. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ruth N. Rueckert, International Historian

CHAPTER NEWS

CANADIAN SECTION

BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER
By: Peggy Sayle

A meeting of the Ninety-Nines, British Columbia Chapter, was held at the Victoria Flying Club, Victoria, B.C. on April 19, 1953. Six girls flew in from Vancouver, name-

ly: Lois Paige, Helen Shelton, Phyllis Lowdell, Ruth Johnson, Helen Glass and Peggy Sayle. They were met at the airport by Beverley Law and Tiny Bacon of Victoria.

A most successful meeting took place in which the Chapter's general business was discussed. Also the raffle was drawn and the three prizes donated by the girls will be sent to the lucky winners. The money derived from the raffle will be used for our charitable activities -- we are forwarding a donation immediately to the European Flood Relief.

Phyllis Lowdell is in charge of the International Air Race Committee and has had considerable correspondence with members of the Ninety-Nines in the States and Mexico. If we are successful in completing arrangements for the above mentioned race, it will be timed to finish in Vancouver in August 1954, just at the same time as the British Empire Games.

After the meeting was over, refreshments were served.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Alice-Jean M. Starr

Beverly Dodge was responsible for a most interesting program at our May 18th meeting. Mrs. Erica Petri, Special Sales Representative of Trans World Airlines, was introduced by Beverly after dinner at the Beaux Arts.

Mrs. Petri showed two color films -- one a typical Connie overseas run and the other about Portugal. In the discussion that followed, Mrs. Petri answered our queries as to cost of trips, etc.

The New York Branch of the Women's International Association of Aeronautics held their annual tea at Floyd Bennett Field last Sunday, May 24th, to which we were all invited. We are very proud of Teddy Kenyon, who received the Lady Grace Hay Drummond-Hay Memorial Trophy from the WIAA.

Kay Brick was away at the Aviation Writers Association Convention in Texas but sent word that the New England Section would welcome any members who, though not entering the race, would like to go to Lawrence and help with ground activities. Mrs. Sally T. Driver is the one to contact, if you are interested.

Marjorie Davis, our delegate to the Convention, discussed amendments to the Constitution and urged us to mail in our ballots for the election as soon as possible.

Future pilot guests were Edith Kuzenko and Connie Viano. Helen McChesney Mennitto, up from Florida for a visit, came to the meeting, and also Ethel Fedders.

June 7th from 10 AM to 2 PM is the date and time set for flying at Flushing Airport. Kay Tisza is giving her time for check-out rides to rusty pilots.

Betty Haight, our enthusiastic sailplaner, is off to Wurtzboro in the lower Catskills for a weekend of soaring and gliding.

Our next and last meeting for the season is June 15th.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By: Doris M. Wetherhold

The meeting at Lancaster was one of the largest turn-outs since our Christmas Party. Ninety-Nines attending were: Mary Jane Godschalk, Katherine Gaul, Lillian Mark, Helen E. Jones, Jessie Jones Eckhart, Georgianna Herdman and her 49 1/2er, Virginia Bell Cheatham, Mildred Zimmerman, Vi Delp Blair, Marie Bowers Miller and her 49 1/2er, and Chris Siegl.

Mary Jane was in charge of arrangements at Lancaster and, as usual, did a bang-up job. She had two interesting guests at the dinner, Molly and Frank Parkes, glider pilots. The Parkes' interested everyone about gliders. Hope we can all try soaring soon.

Capt. Helen E. Myers is now stationed at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Vega Ihnen

Our May meeting was held at the home of Pauline Harabedian in Erie. Present were Toby Lord, Dorothy Miller, Jean Swartwood, Pauline and Vega Ihnen.

We decided to hold our next meeting at the Jamestown Airport on June 7th, so we can meet and visit with the

International Race gals who will be converging there for a pre-race get together. Hope we can all make it!

We may lose Virginia Sandieson Huff from our chapter for awhile. She will be leaving to join her husband who will soon be in service.

Jean is working in the Civil Defense office in Meadville, helping to prepare for a mock bombing on June 13th. If you cannot plan to be there for the occasion, girls, be certain to watch your TV sets, as the demonstration will be televised. Pauline had her Aeronca recently overhauled, and is all set for spring flying...the Sea-Bee yours truly and friend have been dunking in Lake Erie recently, was sold last week to a missionary friend who flew it back to his station in the Bahama Islands.

The Meadville Airport was recently reopened under new management; and we're all invited to fly in and inspect it. How about a picnic flight there someday?

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By:

Time is drawing near for the TAR. Evelyn Bryan and Cora McDonald are entering, and are Number 8. Cora's employer, Universal Molded Products Corporation of Bristol, is sponsoring them.

Pat Burnett, Sarah Duke and Evelyn Bryan attended the Birmingham Air Show May 16th and 17th. They had a meeting with the Alabama Girls. A new member is to be added -- Welcome! Juanita Halstead of Montgomery.

The Stork has made his third visit to the Wickers, Betty has a son, born April 11, 1953. Congratulations, Betty!

Georgiana McConnell attended a mass Luncheon top to McMinnville, Tennessee, Sunday, May 3d, which was sponsored by the CAP.

We are happy to have you join our Tribe - Sarah McCullough.

The Southeastern Section meeting will be held June 14th at New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Let's make it 100%.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Joan Ferguson

The March meeting of the Ninety-Nines was held at Baer Field, Fort Wayne, Sunday, March 15th. Twelve members and three guests were present despite the weather and following dinner in the beautiful new Terminal Restaurant, the business meeting was held in the Airport office, through the courtesy of Mr. James Ross, Manager.

We were happy to have with us Mrs. Bernice Dull, of Hagerstown, a prospective member. Plans for the summer meetings were discussed, including airmarketing, and at the close of the business session the Chairman, Jane Shope, introduced Major George Ackors, guest speaker, who is PIO Officer for the Indiana Wing Staff of Civil Air Patrol, and he outlined for the girls the fundamentals of the newly-formed Roscoe Turner Emergency and Relief Squadron, for which aircraft owners in the state are eligible.

[EDITOR'S APOLOGY TO INDIANA CHAPTER: Above was received too late for April News Letter and inadvertently omitted in May Issue.]

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By: Virginia Rabung

The Cincinnati Sectional was well attended by members of the Illinois Chapter. Lucy Kalla, Erlene Conel and Irene Leverton flew a Bonanza to the festivities. From Palwaukee Airport there were Hazel Hackwith, Sylvia Roth and Inger Johnson flying a Stinson 165. Evelyn Martin flew her Cessna 140 and had with her a very young co-pilot - a little girl about six or seven years of age. Our Chairman, Marge Raglin, and Alice Kudrna took the commercial airlines to the meeting. A very interesting and enjoyable time was had by all. Many thanks to our hosts in Cincinnati for their efforts to make us welcome. The Chicago girls rounded off their trip by a stop at the Chicago-Hammond Airport, Kunau Aviation Company headquarters, where they partook of a smorgasboard.

Orchids are in order for Dora Dougherty, our neighbor and fellow Ninety-Nine from Champaign - she now has

the very great and magnificent honor of possessing an ATR, joining Esther Noffke of Priester's Flying School. Illinois now boasts two feminine holders of ATR's.

Erlene Conel recently flew a Lockheed T-33 jet trainer in Van Nuys, California. Erlene is an aviation writer here. First she was briefed on emergency ejection procedures and had to practice them until she could perform all operations swiftly and automatically without looking in the cockpit. This alone must have been an accomplishment - but then they took off. Erlene took over at 19,000 feet, flew straight and level, did some turns and after a demonstration of slow rolls and a loop by the pilot, tried a slow roll and was amazed at the rate of roll and small amount of pressure necessary on the controls to accomplish this maneuver. Erlene says this is true flying above the turbulence, without prop noise and effortless. Then off to Arizona she was - Phoenix, to be exact - where she got the feel of a Ford Tri Motor.

Palwaukee Airport now boasts another Ninety-Nine as instructor - Millie Carlson who instructs on weekends. Hazel Hackwith has been stirring up the air waves week-ends at Palwaukee in the Stinson 165. Last Sunday was to have been this Chapter's May meeting - a fly-in with spot landings, etc., at Palwaukee - but rain intervened and we will try for May 24. Inger Johnson, Sylvia Roth and Hazel Hackwith are hostesses for this event which will include spot landings and a picnic in the nearby forest preserve. Sylvia Roth is making good progress toward her commercial and it won't be long before she snags that much-to-be-desired rating.

Kay Ferris had an appendicitis operation but is fast improving and already is thinking of moving on to Campaign. She is a hard girl to keep track of. No sooner do we have her with us when she is off again. Hazel Wakefield is another of our roving members. She writes from Arizona that she expects to be back sometime soon, we hope to stay.

This Chapter is looking forward to its rummage sale on June 6th. Hazel Hackwith is in charge and all members have been collecting material for months. Good luck, Hazel.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER By: Bernice Schrader

Dora Dougherty is a busy girl. She has been working hard on her thesis for her Master's degree. She will

receive the degree on June 21 here at the University of Illinois. On May 11, Dora got her ATR. Needless to say, this chapter is very proud of its chairman.

Evelyn Staedeli, who left our chapter when she went with American Airlines as hostess, was married in April to Capt. Charles A. Lewis.

Sunday, May 24, we had a picnic at Turkey Run State Park in Indiana. Because of the weather, no one flew in. Barbara Jenison, who transferred to the Washington, D. C. Chapter, had planned to be with us. She is back in Illinois now and plans to attend our next meeting...which will be at Starved Rock in Utica, Illinois, on June 7.

On May 27 a short business meeting was held at the home of Bernice Schrader Wilson. Kay Ferris, from the Illinois Chapter, was present. She is visiting Dora. We discussed plans for the scholarship to the National Aviation Education Workshop in Colorado, and also arrangements for meeting some of the TAR girls when they land in Peoria in July.

We hope that Helen Greinke will find a plane, as she wants to be in the TAR again this year.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER By:

At the last minute Rea-delle Kellner, Sally Lathrop and F. Toney had to cancel their plans to attend the Spring Sectional Meeting in Cincinnati May 8-10. Dorothy and Steve Wittman flew with Dr. Heise and Deedo in the 180, and Fred and Isabel Kress toted Marilyn Goetz and Elaine Francke in the Bellanca Cruisemaster. Dora Fritzke and Elsie Peters, who arrived by airline Saturday morning, missed the fun at the Beverly Hills Country Club in Kentucky the previous evening.

Immediately after the Sunday morning business session, the Heises and Wittmans left to fly to the Aero-Medical meeting out California way.

Our hats are off to Edith Harmon and her assistants for the terrific job in handling the dandy weekend, which we all so thoroughly enjoyed.

May 17, Isabel Myrland was hostess to both Wisconsin chapters at the Skylodge, Montello, but rain kept most of us ground-bound.



PARTICIPANTS IN THE BANQUET PROGRAM, NORTH CENTRAL SECTION, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 9, 1953
Seated, BLANCHE NOYES, who spoke on the value of Air Markers, Mr. Albers, main speaker; ALICE HAMMOND, President. Standing, ARLENE DAVIS, who introduced the Speaker; BLANCHE O'BRIEN, Chairman All-Ohio Chapter, Toastmistress; DEEDO HEISE, Governor, North Central Section.

Readelle made up for lost time when she managed two rides on Ladies' Night at Curtiss-Wright airport, Saturday, May 23.

The Daisy Freight moved Binny home from Stillwater for the summer vacation.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Isabel Myrland

The Central Wisconsin Chapter of the Ninety-Nines met at Sky Lodge, Montello, Wisconsin on Sunday, May 17th. Weather, that old bugbear, forced all the gals to ground transportation. Five members and two guests (one guest only five months old, the wee daughter of Ninety-Nine Grace Page) were present.

Our Chairman, Bernie Voelker, Pearl Nelson and Irene Moore flew to the North Central Sectional meeting in Cincinnati the week before in Pearl's Stagger Wing Beech. They reported a very nice trip altho a little on the windy side on the return home. They said that Wisconsin was given credit for being in the lead in the United States on air marking.

The girls suggested that our group make a survey this summer of as many towns as possible relative to air-marking and perhaps some day Wisconsin will be 100% air marked. It was also suggested that a goal be set to have each girl who has not reached the 200 hour mark try to do so this year. Some of our members are 'way over that mark already.

Grace Page bought an airplane while in Denver in order to fly home!

Gladys Dean reports quite some activity in Madison on Saturday, May 16th, Armed Services Day. Gladys and Dr. Frank were invited to sit in the reviewing stand with the Army-Navy and Air Force brass and city notables to view the parade. Gladys was surprised to find her name on a chair in the first row, while Dr. Frank was relegated three rows behind her! She was further surprised when at the luncheon, which was attended by 200 men and three women, she was invited to sit at the head table. Dr. Frank was again relegated to a table with the rest of the civilians! Do ask Dr. Frank how it feels to be referred to as Mrs. Dean's husband! (And he flew 20 years before Gladys learned!) Gladys' curiosity got the better of her so she asked Col. Schoup - "How come?" and he said they wanted an enthusiastic aviation civilian there and in recognition of the "Ninety-Nine" activities in the area they chose her as the representative woman pilot from this particular area.

Our next meeting will be at Waukesha on June 21st. See you there!

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER By: Neva Rea

To all TAR contestants, from all of us:
"WE INVITE YOU TO STOP IN KANSAS CITY!"

It's the first time we've had a TAR stop here, and everyone in the chapter is working to make it a memorable one to everyone who comes our way.

The HEART OF AMERICA welcomes you!

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

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER By: Rita Eaves

Broneta Davis and her Stinson
Started out one sunny day
Irby Smart as passenger
went along the way.

Off to the Denver Sectional
A flying they did go
For fun and frolick and seeing
Friends new -- and those they know.

Home again to tell us all
About the fun they had
Wish we could all have gone
Now - wouldn't feel so bad.

Velma Woodward went to Washington
An airliner she did take
Then - 'Twas home again
With another trip to make.

The second trip on the list
Her Stinson she did fly
To Albuquerque in the West
Then again - Homeward, she split the sky!

The Air Fair is over
And relaxing's here again
Know Imogene Arnot feels that way
For she was in a "din."

With Elizabeth Sewell's helping hand
For weeks ahead they planned and scraped
They worked from sun-up to sun-down
To make everything "Ship-Shape."

In fact, it seems that every girl
Was willing to do her bit
They each did everything they knew
To make our booth a great big hit.

Jerry Cobb, our air race queen
In the Skylady Derby she flew
'Tis 4th she placed, in the race,
Applause from all our crew.

Beth Smith and her 49 1/2er
West fishing in the sea
Port Isabel, Texas, their destination
Back home now, happy as can be.

Beth has the picture to prove
All big fish don't get away
A 35 pound Red Snapper
She landed there one day.

Mary Frances and children are leaving
Off to Caracas, Venezuela, they go
To join Mary's 49 1/2er for the summer
Oh - how their faces glow.

A new 49 1/2er we're having
Come May 25, no doubt
Best wishes to Florene Hayes, the bride
And the lucky groom, Archie Stout.

COLORADO CHAPTER By: Betty Stackhouse

We hosted the South Central Sectional Meeting in Denver May 1-3 and hope everybody who attended had as good a time as we did. Colorado loves to brag about its glorious climate and wonderful weather - but unfortunately we had the lousiest, stinkiest weather possible - low ceilings, drippy clouds, sloppy snow and wet rain. And were we embarrassed! The only redeeming feature was that this weather was from coast to coast and border to border. We had Ninety-Nines representing Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado. Sally Driver and Barbara Kiernan from Massachusetts, Eugenia Heise from Wisconsin, Marian Hardman, Helen Simmons, Bobbe Slade and Ethel Waddell from Kansas, Belle Hetzel from Nebraska, Broneta Davis and Irby Smart from Oklahoma, Jo Allison, Evelyn Prince and Martha Ann Reading from Texas.

Friday morning began with a tour of the U. S. Mint and then lunch at the airport terminal. Friday night a cocktail party at the Shirley Savoy Hotel, given by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tepper and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Warner. It was just perfect. Then the members of the Colorado Chapter and guests scattered in several directions for dinner. Saturday morning, Anne Waddell, Vice-Governor of the Section, did a mighty nice job of conducting the meeting for our absent Governor. Luncheon followed with a lot of nice favors for each gal present. Saturday night was our banquet at the Argonaut Hotel, preceded by a cocktail party. Our chairman Jane Nettleblad was mistress of ceremonies and she did a fine job. After this - the awarding of prizes and entertainment.

The stork brought a bouncing baby boy to Jo and John Mallon on April 28, congratulations to the proud parents.

Our June meeting will be a spaghetti supper at Marilyn Nordstroms.

TEXAS CHAPTER Ft. Worth Unit By: Rowena Burns

Cleva Godfrey has been logging lots of flying time since she has her Stinson flying again. She sent her engine to the factory for a major overhaul, and was just "hangar flying" for two months. She has made several trips to Bryan to visit her son, Gaines, who is attending Texas A & M. One trip was for the flower pinning ceremony on Mother's Day. Cleva flew her husband to Abilene for a panel discussion for schools and colleges put on by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

We are all looking forward to the Spring Meeting of the Texas Chapter to be held in Longview on June 20-21. Headquarters will be at Dun-Roamin Ranch Motel. Swimming, a cocktail party, dinner and business meeting are on the agenda. Everyone's invited!

Dallas Unit
By: Janis Romanio

On May 27, 1927, Lindberg landed in Paris. On May 21, 1953, the Dallas Ninety-Nines held their February meeting, combining it with dinner at El Chico, our favorite central dining place. True, there is no historical comparison between the two items, except as incidentally indicative of aviation progress in this 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight, which is very much on our collective minds. Plans for attending the Texas Chapter meeting at Longview, in June, were discussed at this time.

Our Flying Grandma, Josephine Allison, has been away in West Texas, laying the foundations for her summer crop-dusting enterprises. Jo returned to Dallas in time to take off the last weekend in May for Tex Anderson's Circle R Sky Ranch, Medina, for a meeting of the Texas Private Flyers. Since Jo is on the Board of Governors for the All Texas Air Tour, we can presume that some interesting plans in that direction were made at this meeting.

Jo, Martha Ann Reading, and Evelyn Prince attended the Sectional Meeting in Colorado the first weekend in May. Martha Ann has been taking pictures like mad, ever since, with the wonderful Zeiss Ikon Nettar camera which she received there as a door prize. Some of her most interesting pictures are of the Armed Forces Day Parade in Dallas, when she and Olean Sellers drove in the parade. Plans had been made to fly, but inclement weather prevented this.

Evelyn Prince has just returned from a trip by commercial airlines to New York, Maine, and points East. Evelyn, who was erroneously reported in our last letter as working in Communications for Braniff, actually works for Pioneer. She has taken an additional position with the DeHavilland Dove dealership here in Dallas, and has been getting in some interesting flights in this type aircraft.

Doris Weller and Jan Romanio took part during the month of May in a search mission in East Texas, which provided both flying fun and practical experience. It isn't easy to spot a target such as a single parachute in those deep, piney woods, believe me.

Summer plans? Ah, so highly diversified that they must await the coming of summer itself, for accurate reporting.

Corpus Christi Unit
By: Louise Clarkson

No news was forthcoming from our unit for the May News Letter due to absence from the city of both reporters, Fay Clampitt and Louise Clarkson, Fay to Houston and Louise on a business trip east as far as West Virginia via commercial airlines. The April meeting was held at Louise's home before she left for the east.

During the latter part of April those Ninety-Nines who could get away went to the Valley where they accomplished the supreme task of painting six airmarkers in three days. While there they stayed with Ardath McCreery and from all reports combined a lot of pleasure with their labors. We were regaled at the May meeting with tales of such comic import that those of us who missed the trip will be most eager not to miss another.

For the May meeting, we met for dinner at the Hospitality House at Portland, just across the bay from Corpus Christi. The meeting following dinner lacked a little of the usual verve due to the quantity and quality of food consumed. However we did start making plans for the meetings of the Texas Chapter to be held here in the fall.

On Saturday, May 23d, we had a breakfast flight to McAllen which was so enjoyable that we shall probably have one each month from now on. This particular trip was not limited to pleasure cruising, however, as we chose that opportunity to finish the sixteenth air marker to be painted by this group since January.

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

UTAH CHAPTER
By: Bobby Pratt

Sunday, May 3, saw us winging our merry ways to Bing Crosby's ranch north of Elko, Nevada, where Doris

Eacret had prepared a delicious breakfast of sausage patties, scrambled eggs, and biscuits. Needless to say, everyone ate heartily.

For your reporter and Eunice Naylor the occasion was doubly enjoyable, as the Elko CAP had invited the Utah CAP to a fly-in party that week-end. Between CAP and Ninety-Nine activities, we didn't find one dull moment. Present at the ranch were June Raybould with guest Dr. Swigert; Jane Davis, Alberta Hunt, Eunice Naylor with guests Ethel McDermott and "Steve" Stevenson; and ME, with guest Pete McDonald.

High winds and rain have hampered our flying activities this last month, but great plans are afoot for the summer. Hope we have more to report next month.

TUCSON CHAPTER
By: Gertrude G. Gelderman

Beatrice Edgerly Macpherson and Gertrude Gelderman enjoyed the flight to the Southwest Sectional at Fairfield on May 16-17. They received prizes for having come the greatest distance. It's nice to meet other Ninety-Nines and see new territory when we have these meetings. See you all at International.

SAGUARO CHAPTER
By: Betty Knier

Blanche Noyes was a recent visitor to our chapter. She and Melba Beard were able to reminisce the 99 Club, which we all enjoyed.

Speaking of air marking, Civil Defense work and traveling throughout the United States, she says that whenever she is weathered in a town she "goes down and donates a pint of blood just to pass the time away." Our guest was entertained at the Vienna Kitchen by Melba, Ethelind Woodhouse, Marjy Crowl, Bonnie Fugitt and Betty Knier.

At the May 7th business meeting held at Camille Shapley's home, we welcomed a future transferee from Long Beach, Claire McMillan Walters. We will certainly be glad to have her. We also have a new member in our chapter -- Lucille Crosby.

Ethelind Woodhouse and her 49 1/2er, Marjy Crowl and Betty Knier had an enjoyable time at the Sectional held at Travis Air Force Base. On behalf of the Saguaro Chapter I want to thank Margaret and Dick Callaway and the Sacramento Valley Chapter for the wonderful time we had. It was nice to see Gertrude Gelderman, Beatrice E. Macpherson of Tucson, also with Mr. and Mrs. Hudgins, too.

Did you know *** that Ethelind Woodhouse had a 55 minute ride in a Jet at Yuma Air Force Base *** that Marjy Crowl got her multi-engine license *** that Bonnie Fugitt is teaching a First Aid Course to some Pharmacists and me too *** that we have three Amateur Radio Operators in our chapter -- Melba Beard, Camille Shapley and Marjy Crowl.

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

When Peg Hereford invited to partake in the Third Annual Aviation Open House at San Fernando Valley Airport we accepted with a hearty "yes" and, as a result, 65 THOUSAND people saw our San Fernando Valley Transcontinental Air Race display. This included the plane Jean Parker will fly (Cessna 140) in this year's TAR, the 1952 trophy won by Shirley Blockl and Martha Baechle, and four huge race posters including a mounted map showing the 1953 TAR route.

The May meet was held at Clara Davis' Burbank home. She's a working gal, but like all busy people, finds time to help with TAR preparations, hostessing the Ninety-Nines, etc.

Anne Bledsoe, Margaret Standish and Jean Parker are our chapter TAR entries. Lauretta Foy, 1949 TAR winner, is "planning strongly" on flying this year too.

Anne Bledsoe (nee Grogan) sums up her year with the Girl Wing Scouts as technical advisor to Flight 80 in Burbank. Our chapter sponsors this group. Anne scheduled a series of field trips for the dozen teenage girls to such places as March Air Force Base at Riverside where a WAF showed them women in aviation at their jobs. The Scouts were given time in a Link Trainer with Air Force personnel acting as instructor. Anne took the gals to the control tower and weather bureau at Lockheed Air Terminal, took them aboard an Aircraft Carrier to see the Navy planes, instructed

them in meteorology, navigation; and inveigled her hubby, Captain James L. Bledsoe, of the Flying Tiger Line, to tell them about his experiences with General Clair L. Chennault's group in China. How's that for Aviation Education!

Vacation time is upcoming again. Anne Rambo is going to Alaska - by plane. Jeanne Strahl and 49 1/2er are Lake Tahoe bound. And the rest of us don't seem to have made any definite plans beyond the TAR and the Ninety-Nine International Convention in San Diego.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Ruth Hewitt

Under the very capable leadership of our chairman, Margaret Callaway, we of the Sacramento Valley Chapter heartily enjoyed the role of Hostess in sponsoring the Southwestern Spring Sectional at Travis Air Force Base, May 16-17.

We were graced by the presence of members of San Diego, Tucson, Saguaro, San Fernando Valley, Coachella Valley, San Joaquin, Redwood Empire, Las Vegas and Bay Cities Chapters. We were delighted to have, as our guest of honor, Mrs. Delores Bonney of Australia, who has just published a book on her experiences in flying in Africa and down-under."

The schedule of events included a tour of the Air Evacuation Ward of the Base Hospital, where some of us were fortunate enough to view a portion of one of the famous "Starlift" shows from Hollywood. Some of the braver souls enjoyed swimming at the pool ('twas a little on the chilly side) before the cocktail hour, which was followed by a luscious chicken dinner and dancing at the Officers' Club until 1:00 A.M.

Sunday we enjoyed breakfast at the "club," followed by a brief business meeting at which our Governor, Anne Rambo told of her activities during the past year. Mrs. Ethelind Woodhouse of Saguaro Chapter thrilled us by telling of her 55 minute flight in a T-33 (jet). We then viewed the film, "Cleared for Take-Off," which

had been obtained by Gerry Mickelsen (what would we do without that wonderful gal?!), and it was a wonderful surprise for us all. Following the film was a tour of the base.

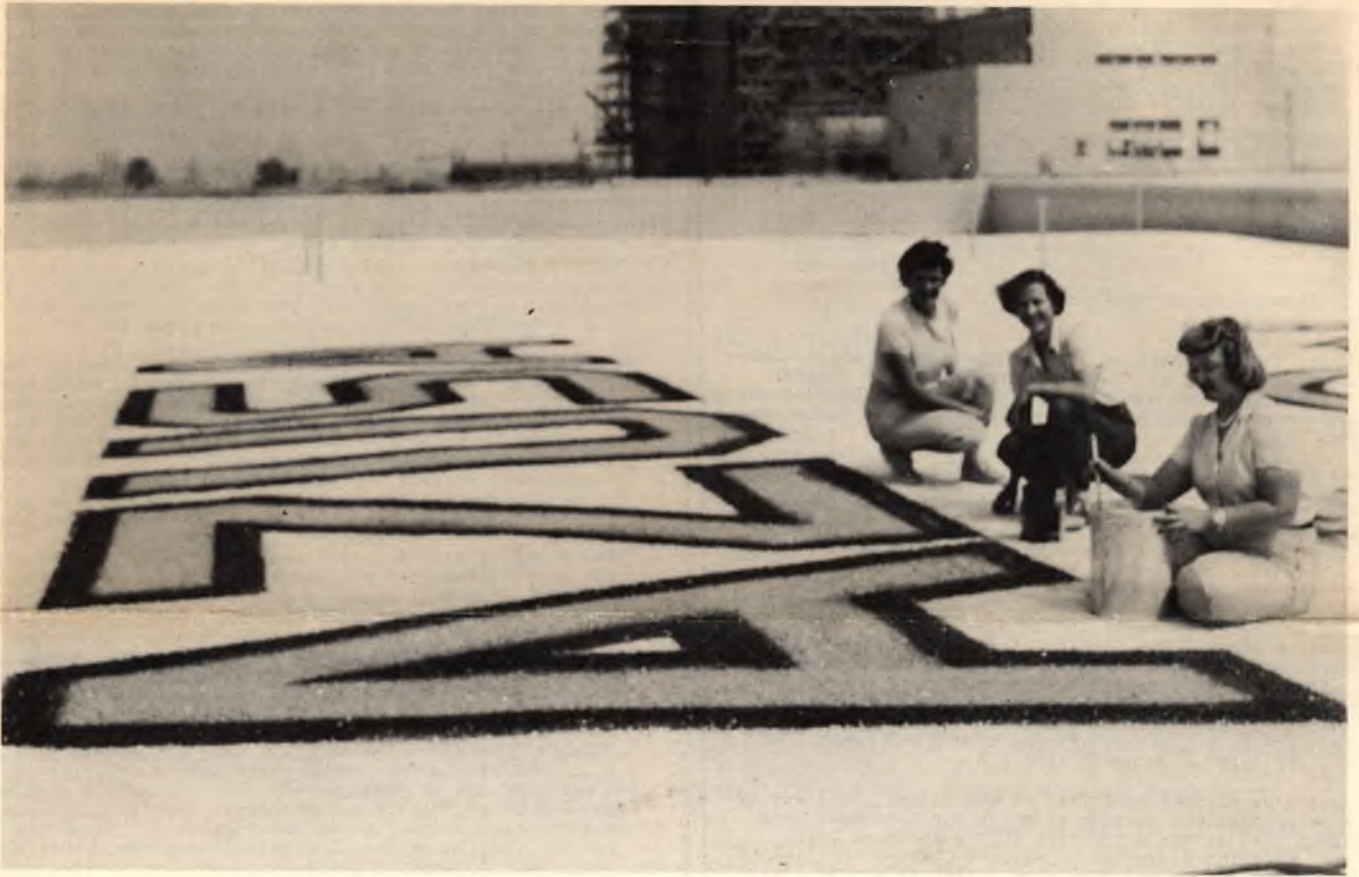
We trust all of the girls had a safe and happy landing at their "home drone."

NOTE: Sacramento Valley Chapter is offering a prize to the Chapter that has the greatest percentage of attendance at the International Convention at San Diego, California. Delegates please bring letter from Secretary of Chapter stating number of members in good standing as of July 1, 1953.*****



SOUTHWESTERN SECTION SPRING SECTIONAL - TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE
Sacramento Valley Chapter - Hostess

Left to right: Margaret Callaway, Chairman Sacramento Valley Chapter; Gerry Mickelsen, International Executive Board; Anne Rambeau, Governor, Southwestern Section; Martha Lundy; Secretary, Southwestern Section; Frances Dias, Treasurer, Southwestern Section.
(Photo by Jim Jemison)



Elsie Ringer, Jean Parker and Mary Ruth Rance - painting the Azusa Airmarker

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Mary Ruth Rance

OPERATION AIRMARK

On April 25-26, the San Fernando Valley Chapter completed "Operation Airmarker" on top of the Lucky Lager Brewing Company plant at Azusa, California.

The Chamber of Commerce of Azusa furnished the paint and the plywood for templates was donated by the Myrtle Avenue Lumber Company of Monrovia. Bernard Conrad, of Mount San Antonio College in Pomona brought over his compass to lay out true North and the arrows to Brackett Field and El Monte Airports. His early arrival on Saturday morning was the keynote to our success in completing the job in 2 days. 49 1/2ers Isaac Ringer made the templates and was technical advisor.

We wish to express our gratitude to the Lucky Lager Brewing Company for their hospitality during the two days we worked at the brewery. The guest bar remained open for us.

Both Elsie Ringer, our Chapter Chairman, and the Brewmaster at Lucky Lager, Mr. Vernon Topogna, enjoyed their "Tour of

Inspection flight over our airmarker. The good will we encountered during all of the arrangements was extremely gratifying. All of the girls who worked on this project are still talking about the fun, the delicious ham and chicken which Elsie Ringer served "on the job," the sore muscles from going up and down 2 flights of stairs and our sunburn. When you come west this summer, make it a point to fly over Azusa to see our project, for we are very proud of it.

The Chapter members who worked on the project are: Elsie Ringer, Mary Ruth Rance, Clara Davis, Marjory Clark, Marjory Cook, Catherine Wagner, Jean Parker, Margaret Jepson, Dorothy Avery.

49 1/2ers who helped: Isaac Ringer, Walter Davis and Jim Jepson.

We also had permission to place an airmarker on top of the grandstand at Santa Anita Race Track in Arcadia, California. It is with regret that we announce that we were forced to withdraw because of the terms of the contract which the Turf Club submitted to us.