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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

July 1953

DEAR NINETY NINES:

In some parts of the world, such as the Great Lakes Region, we spend the winter months planning all the wonderful flights we'll be making "next summer" when the weather is better! By and large, of course, the weather really is better most anywhere in the summer, but this year, things don't seem to follow their accustomed trend weathewise. Tornadoes in Michigan are practically unheard of, yet we have had two devastating ones within a month, with tragic loss of life as well as property. New England, Ohio and other usually tornado-free areas have likewise suffered this summer.

Your President has had the pleasure of participating in both the International and the Transcontinental Air Races this year - and since these are both handicapped events, the way one plays the winds and weather have an important bearing on the performance accomplished. With these renegade weather trends this summer - the girls have really been put to it to know how to "figure it out." (I should like to point out, however, that as it turned out both races were blessed with beautiful weather.

Some quotable quotes heard along the International - EDNA GARTNER Whyte, "Nola and I have found a way to figure the course only 992 miles instead of the 1114 stated by the officials - we have eliminated two maps." RUTH WOLFE THOMAS - "I'm not cutting out over that ocean, those barracuda are hungry - and besides it's over my head!"

DOROTHY RUNGELING, Chairman of the start of the International, was a most gracious hostess to us all at Welland, as well as a hard working committeewoman whose plans were coordinated to perfection. It was good to have Canadian Section's Governor, DOROTHY DREW on hand to see us off, as well as Margaret Carson and BETTY McCANSE. BETSY COLLINS' Generalship of the whole 1953 Race showed through in all phases of the operation as well as the grand arrangements at New Smyrna Beach - the end of the Race. We are all most grateful to these Ninety-Nines and their many helpers for being willing to assume and carry out so well these tremendous responsibilities.

Mine was one of the four ships to RON at MYRTLE THOMPSON'S fine airport at Selma, N. C., where the southern hospitality was apparent almost before we even touched down! We were greeted with sandwiches, cokes and delicious cake baked by Myrtle's mother!

Along with me in LOMA MAY'S beautiful Luscombe which I flew in the Race, I had the Charter for the new North Florida Chapter, to be presented at the Southeastern Section Meeting at New Smyrna Beach. We were called bright and early that Sunday and urged to take off immediately, as the weather along our homeward route to the North wasn't getting better fast - so the Charter presentation was made by Southeastern Section Governor Evelyn Bryan.

This month's column is being written literally "in the fly" as the interim between my arrival home from IAR, and departure for TAR and Convention hardly permitted enough time to get John's and the children and their clothes ready to get off for California, wash my own nylons, hit the top of the correspondence, etc. and get checked out in the Cessna 180 I'm flying in the TAR!

We agreed to hold up the News Letter a wee bit this month in order to give the the results of both races - and maybe even International election - can't say from here whether or not we'll make it all.

Soon after arriving in Lawrence for the start of the TAR, word came that I had been named to accompany the eight outstanding girl cadets in the Civil Air Patrol (one from each Region) on a two weeks visit to Hawaii! The wonderful news that this trip is planned for our girl cadets is gratifying, I know, to so many of you who have strived so long for some sort of program for our air-minded high school girls! So my last Column to you as president will probably come from the Islands.

You know how we are always reminding you to wear your Ninety-Nine pin, especially around airports! Well, I'd like to amend that to wearing it especially around anywhere when away from home! Just as we were leaving Victor Hugo's after dinner the other night in Long Beach, DOROTHY HAYES stepped up and introduced herself because she had spotted my Ninety-Nine pin! She has moved from Boston to Long Beach, and hadn't transferred to Long Beach Chapter yet, but now plans to attend Convention in San Diego!

Traveling cross country in the car to meet us in California, 49 1/2er John spotted this interesting bit of news about FRAN NOLDE in a local paper en route - she has been appointed consultant to the Air Defense Transport Administration! We are mighty proud of Fran, and best wishes in her new assignment!

Yours for the Ninety-Nines,

ALICE H. HAMMOND
President

INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

As the result of the election for officers, the following will serve as officers for the year 1953-1954:

PRESIDENT: Geraldine Mickelsen

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1953 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER
Donna Ruth Evans, Downey, California
For Instrument Rating

To be used toward attaining her instrument rating, Donna Ruth Evans of the Long Beach Chapter is chosen as winner of the 1953 AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP of \$200.

At the present time, Donna is Flight Instructor at East Long Beach Airport, having given up her steady position as operator for Pacific in order to devote her full time as Chief Pilot for the East Long Beach Airport.

She has participated in the 4th (Youngest pilot), 5th and 6th All-Woman Transcontinental Air Races, and this year she will be in charge of operations at the end of the 7th AWTAR. Through her enthusiasm and hard work, Donna can claim credit for the success of the Air-O-Crats Flying Club with its membership of 100. She also has given generously of her time to teach ground school and some flying to the group of Wing Scouts sponsored by the Los Angeles Chapter.

It was a close contest among the ten applications received this year: Three for instrument ratings, three for multi-engine, two for airline transport, one for flight instructor and one for the Aviation Education Workshop at University of Colorado.

After being processed by the trustees, the final choice was made by the three outside Honorary Judges who made the following comments:

Dr. Leslie A. Bryan, Director of Institute of Aviation, University of Illinois, "Grand group of girls. Credit to Aviation and Ninety-Nines."

Olive Ann Beech, President, Beech Aircraft Corporation: "I think it is too bad there are not 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place Awards, as I believe all the young ladies' applications are worthy of consideration."

Lt. Genl. James A. Doolittle, General Chairman of the National Committee for Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight: "These are all wonderful girls and it is very difficult to fairly rate them."

Jeannette L. Sovereign,
Chairman, Board of Trustees
AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

TAR NEWS

The board of directors of TAR issues a resounding THANKS to all who in any way contributed to or cooperated with the 1953 TAR. And my thanks to the girls for their personal notes, tear sheets of publicity, etc. The initiative shown by them in obtaining nationwide notice is no small part of the bulk of publicity which this year is most gratifying. "Kudos" to the press, radio, TV and wire services for their splendid promotion.

Trixie-Ann Schubert
AWTAR Public Relations-1953

The race, flagged off by honorary starter Maj. Gen. Robert J. Browne, U.S.A.F., and official starter Lt. Col. Joseph Mahoney was concluded at the Awards Banquet in Long Beach. The banquet was emceed by John Paap. Actress Kathleen Crowley adorned race winners with leis flown in from Hawaii by United Airlines. Jack Bailey crowned the winner Queen of Aviation, and Joe De Bona presented the first five AWTAR trophies.

The list of awards:

- First Place: Frances Bera - Marcella Duke, Co-pilot
1. \$800 in cash
 2. Perpetual Trophy (large silver tray) presented by The Carolinas Chapter -Ninety-Nines
 3. Permanent Trophy, presented by AWTAR Inc.
 4. Name inscribed on Perpetual Trophy, presented by San Diego Chapter of Ninety-Nines
 5. Set of aircraft tires, presented by Air-Parts Inc., of Glendale, Calif.

Second Place: Jean Parker (flying solo)

1. \$500 in cash
2. Permanent Trophy, presented by AWTAR Inc.
3. Name inscribed on Perpetual Trophy, presented by Air Oasis, Inc., Fresno, Calif.
4. Pilot's tool kit, presented by Miller Specialties of Burbank, Calif.

Third Place: Doris J. Eacret - Helen McIntosh, Co-pilot

1. \$400 in cash
2. Permanent Trophy, presented by AWTAR Inc.

Fourth Place: Virginia Richardson - Iola Nelson, Co-pilot

1. \$200 in cash
2. Permanent Trophy, presented by AWTAR Inc.

Fifth Place: Pauline Glasson - Edith Foltz-Stearns, Co-pilot

1. \$100 in cash
2. Permanent Trophy, presented by AWTAR Inc.

Additional Awards:

\$50 cash for best score made by a Cessna Aircraft (presented by Air Oasis Co., Inc., Long Beach, Calif.)

\$50 cash for best score made by a Navion (presented by Ryan Aeronautical Co., San Diego, Calif.)

\$50 cash for best score made by a Piper Aircraft (presented by Baker Aircraft Sales, Long Beach, Calif.)

\$50 cash for best score made by a Beechcraft Bonanza (presented by the Norman Larson Co., Burbank, Calif.)

\$50 cash for best score made by a pilot flying her first TAR (presented through kindness of a friend of the Ninety-Nines by the Michigan Chapter)

\$50 cash for the best score made by a Bellanca (presented by Bellanca West Coast Sales and Service, Torrance, Calif.)

\$25 cash (a consolation prize for pilot who finishes the race with the lowest score (presented by Gibbs Flying Service, San Diego))

For the co-pilots of the first five winning aircraft - an autographed copy of "Aviation Dictionary" by Charles A. Zweng (presented with the compliments of Pan American Navigation Service, North Hollywood, Cal.)

For the pilots of the aircraft placing 6th (Ruth Wolfe Thomas), 7th (Shirley Blocki), 8th (Darline Sanders), 9th (Ruth Deerman), 10th (Lucy Welles) - an autographed copy of "Aviation Dictionary" by Charles A. Zweng (presented with compliments of Pan American Navigation Service, North Hollywood, Calif.)

Lawrence-Rochester Leg

For the best handicapped elapsed time from Lawrence, Mass. to Rochester, N.Y.: Lamp Trophy (presented by The Gannet Co., Inc., Rochester, N.Y.)

Lawrence-Kansas City Leg

For the best handicapped elapsed time from Lawrence, Mass., to Kansas City, Mo.:

\$50 cash (presented by Baker's Birds, Baker's Flying Service, Kansas City, Mo.)

\$50 cash in a "Treasure Chest of Gold" (presented by the Women's Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City, Mo.)

For the second best handicapped elapsed time from Lawrence, Mass. to Kansas City, Mo.:

\$25 cash (presented by Joe Gilbert Restaurant, Municipal Airport, Kansas City, Mo.)

Table model radio (presented by Western Auto Stores, Kansas City, Mo.)

For the third best handicapped elapsed time from Lawrence, Mass. to Kansas City, Mo.:

\$25 cash (presented by Baker's Birds, Baker's Flying Service, Kansas City, Mo.)

For the fourth best handicapped elapsed time from Lawrence, Mass. to Kansas City, Mo.:

\$25 cash (presented by Sam's Sporting Goods Co., Kansas City, Kans.)

For the pilot of the Cessna with the best elapsed handicapped time from Lawrence, Mass. to Kansas City, Mo.:

\$25 cash (presented by Executive Aircraft Co., Kansas City, Mo.)

THE FIFTH ANNUAL ALL-WOMAN TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE

The Fifth Annual All-Woman International Air Race was run June 11-13 from Welland, Ontario, Canada to New Smyrna Beach, Florida. There were twenty-one entries, three of whom were unable to start; eighteen starters and seventeen finishers. One plane made a forced landing account weather with plane damage but no personal injury.

The winners and their prizes were as follows:

1. Edna Gardner Whyte, Flint, Mich. Nola Henderson, Flint, Mich. as co-pilot. \$600.00, the Rickenbacker Trophy, The Jacqueline Cochran Award (a silver tray), and two train cases from Margaret Carson.
2. Eleanor Davis, Arlington, Va., with Janet Graham, Falls Church, Va. as co-pilot. \$500.00, The Labatt Trophy, and two train cases from Margaret Carson.
3. Ruth Thomas, Knoxville, Tenn. flying solo. \$400.00 and a train case from Margaret Carson.
4. Jerry Cobb, Ponca City, Okla., flying solo. \$300.00 and a portable radio from Al Rehbaum.
5. Dorothy Rungeling, Fenwick, Ontario, Canada, with Beverley Belfry, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada as passenger. \$200.00 and a Wittnauer Watch from Longines-Wittnauer.

The following four places each received \$50.00 and a trophy from Arlene Davis:

6. Elaine Mogelvang, Lockhart, Fla. with Margaret Pitt, Orlando, Fla. as co-pilot.
7. Nancy Cooper Moore, Alexandria, Va. with her mother, Tyve Cooper, New York City, as co-pilot.

8. Mayetta Behringer, Corpus Christi, Texas, with Louise Clarkson as co-pilot.

9. Barbara King, Houston, Texas, with Alice Seaborn, Houston, Texas, as co-pilot.

Last. Ada Mitchell, Falls Church, Va., with Louise Kidd, Washington, D.C. as co-pilot. A compass from Irma Price, and an alligator handbag from the Cuban Tourist Commission.

Special award for best time in a Piper Aircraft, from Piper Ltd. of Canada: \$50.00 to Dorothy Rungeling.

Special award from Margaret Carson for first Florida girl to land: a train case to Helen McBride, co-pilot with Edith Long of Charlotte, N. C.

The officials for the race were:

(In Canada) Carl Millard - Handicapper
Arthur Phillips - Entry chief
George Hurren - Chief timer for the start, and R.C.F.C.A. Representative
John R. Jyce - Chief Starter
Mayor Armour McCrae - Chief judge for start

(At New Smyrna Beach)

Mrs. Blanche Noyes - Chief judge and N.A.A. Representative
Miss Dorothea M. B. Vermorel - Chief Timer

Fifteen of the entrants were in Jamestown, N.Y. for the pre-race stop where they were royally entertained by Lucile Wright, our International Treasurer. They were initiated into the Association of Heavenly Pilots, attended a cocktail party given by Allegheny Airlines, a dinner, and were put up overnight. In the morning they were taken to the airport and a grand breakfast sent them on their way. As one girl put it - they were loaded down with hospitality, friendliness, and appropriate and unusual souvenirs.

In Welland, for the two and one half days while handicapping took place, they were guests at a banquet where they received gifts and souvenirs - including a pocket computer from the city of Welland, and Yardley Perfume. On Wednesday they were taken for a tour of the new Canadian hydro-electric plant and were entertained at a lovely buffet supper at Niagara Falls. Before the start of the race Thursday morning they enjoyed a "Kiss the Girls Goodbye" breakfast at the airport.

In the course of the race several of the planes stopped overnight at Selma, N.C., where Myrtle Thompson, Ninety-Nine, operates the Myrtle Airport. Myrtle and the fine people of Selma gave them a grand time, including a civic dinner and overnight accommodations.

At New Smyrna Beach they were entertained at a chicken barbeque Friday night, a fly-in breakfast Saturday morning at the airport, and the Awards banquet Saturday night. At the latter they received souvenirs of alligator from the Cuban Tourist Commission, earrings and dangles from Champion Spark Plug Co., identification bracelets and emblems from Sears, Roebuck and Co., and souvenirs of New Smyrna Beach from Mr. and Mrs. David Shannon, the city's official hosts. Following the banquet was the initiation into the Florida Flying Alligators International - a scream filled production - followed by a dance.

Of all the race activities, the one which will probably be best remembered by one entrant happened in Florida - a slow roll at 600 feet in a T-33 jet trainer!

Plans are already underway for the Sixth Annual Race in 1954 - three cities have already expressed interest in having the race - so start making your arrangements now!

NOTE: There is no connection between this race and the one mentioned in the June News Letter (also called "International") which is tentatively planned for the summer of 1954, from Mexico to British Columbia.

Betsy Collins



THE CARPET WAS ROLLED OUT by town officials of Selma, N.C. for Ninety-Nines stopping there on their way to Florida in the International Race. Seated, left to right, is Ninety-Nine prexy Alice Hammond, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan; Bonnie Jean Butler, Zanesville, Ohio; Katherine Brenner (prospective Ninety-Nine) Phillipsburg, N. J., and Marjorie Miller, Columbus, Ohio. Standing, left to right are Mayor John N. Wiggs, Ninety-Nine Myrtle Thompson, manager of Myrtle Airport, and Kiwanis Club President Frank Hood. Ninety-Nine President Hammond spoke to the Kiwanians on the purpose of the race, and Ninety-Nine activities, during their dinner meeting.

SECTION NEWS

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

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Myrtle G. Thompson

Edith Long, Charlotte, was our only representative in the International Race from Welland, Ontario to New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Edith flew her Bonanza with Helen McBride of North Florida Chapter as co-pilot. They were the first arrivals at New Smyrna Beach! That Bonanza, you know, is the same ship that Edith was flying when she won the trophy in the Petticoat Handicap Race to Selma, N. C. January 18th.

We had to try to get in on the act here at Myrtle Airport, Selma - with the race running practically over our heads. Mayor John N. Wiggs and brother A.Z., Jr., Chamber of Commerce prexy, wrote each contestant a letter inviting them to stop by. Elaine Mogelvang and Margaret Pitt of the North Florida Chapter spent the night with me on their way up to Welland. They presented the Chamber of Commerce with two live baby alligators and their pictures (Elaine's, Margaret's, and the alligators') were published in the Raleigh News and Observer the day of the race start. Geraldyn Cobb, Ponca City, Oklahoma stopped by to refuel her Bonanza. She stayed just long enough to get the weather report. eat a pimiento cheese sandwich, coke and home made cake. Then along came our president, Alice Hammond, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., on the Luscombe; Marjorie Miller, Columbus, Ohio and co-pilot Bonnie Jean Butler, Zanesville, Ohio in Margaret's Cessna 170; and Kathrine Brenner, Phillipsburg, N.J. in a Tri-Pacer. They were served lunch, then popcorn, and taken into town to freshen up for our dinner date with the Kiwanis Club. President Hammond made a wonderful talk on the race and the activities of the Ninety-Nines. The Selma paper, The Johnstonian-Sun, carried a front page picture of the visiting women pilots! And the newspaper office

windows were decorated for the race with air trophies, model planes, aviation equipment, and the race course laid out with red ribbon. A kiddie car airplane held a baby doll in a frilly dress, helmet and goggles. Pictures of Carolinas Chapter members and airplane folders completed the arrangement.

After the dinner, but still within the daylight boundary, the two girls from Texas, Bobbie Jean King and Alice Seaborn, both from Houston, came in on Bobbie's Super Cruiser Number 17. We rushed to the airport and greeted the gals from Texas, and took them out to the Red Apple to eat. Bobbie gave out Circle R folders to everybody and told them, "If you ever get to Texas....." Alice was supposed to be co-pilot but we believe that she was printing up folders all the time they were flying... and that's why they were so late getting to Selma - they had to stop and give out folders along the way!

We had a 5:30 breakfast at Steve's and an early morning take-off.

Selma enjoyed your visit so much, girls, and I really appreciate your coming in and staying over. I love the way you can depend on these Ninety-Nines - they sure won't let you down! And do come back again....all of you!

Our Chapter held a fly-in meeting at Greensboro-High Point Airport May 3d. It was just a social get-together, no business, and Dutch lunch. Present were Maxine Walker, Louise Smith, Burnette Spencer, Caroline Hembel and 49 1/2er Les. Dot Shackleford has been sick in the hospital and was unable to come, and our gad-about Edith Long was away on a Bonanza trip with 49 1/2er Odell.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER
By: Helen Deason

Three Cheers! - for Ruth Thomas, who came in Third in the International Air Race. We are mighty proud of you, Ruth.

Tennessee Chapter was well represented at the Southeastern Section Meeting, which was held June 14th at New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Present were Ruth Thomas, Mary Jane Quarles, Sarah Duke, Jane Hilbert, Evelyn Bryan and Cora McDonald. Also - we now have FIVE FLYING ALLIGATORS in our Chapter, Cora McDonald, Evelyn Bryan, Ruth Thomas, Jane Hilbert and Sarah Duke were initiated Saturday night at the banquet. They have cute little pins to show, but they won them the hard way.

Three of our girls are entering the TAR this year. Evelyn Bryan and Cora McDonald are sponsored by Cora's employer - while Ruth Thomas is also entering. Wish you luck girls - may the best man,(girl) win. They leave for Lawrence, Massachusetts, soon.

Evelyn Bryan visited with her father in Tampa Florida before returning to Morristown, Tenn. He has been ill for some time.

Cora McDonald is doing some instruction in her spare time, at Bristol Airport.

NORTH FLORIDA CHAPTER
By: Betsy Collins

The first meeting of the newly chartered North Florida Chapter was held Sunday, June 28th, at the home of the chairman, Elaine Mogelvang, in Lockartt.

Plans were made to run the Whitfield Memorial Trophy Race at the annual meeting of the two Florida Chapters at Vero Beach in September. Pat Marshall was appointed chairman.

Helen McBride was named membership chairman and we hope to have many prospective new members at the next meeting, July 19th, at the Collins' in Ocala.

GEORGIA CHAPTER
By: Betty Wood McNabb

Georgia Ninety-Nines met at Radium Springs, Albany, Georgia, Thursday May 27, 1955. Flying in from Atlanta were Evelyn Greenblatt and Mae Curtiss, in Evelyn's Cessna. Mary Edwards, flying her Swift, brought Sarah Morris, who is a most enthusiastic prospective Ninety-Nine, and has just soloed. Ruth Tally Gwinn flew over with her husband, Lt. Col. John Gwinn, USAF, and their daughter. The Gwinns are stationed at Maxwell Field, Alabama; Ruth is a West Virginia who hopes to transfer to Georgia soon.

After luncheon on the terrace at the Spring, a business meeting was held. Hostess was Betty McNabb of Albany. Most of the girls present expected to attend Southeastern Section Meeting at New Smyrna.

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

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER
By: Edith Harmon

Apologies from your reporter for having missed the last issue of the News Letter. The deadline just slipped by after the activities of the sectional meeting. We of Ohio enjoyed having members of the North Central Section and honored guests with us for the weekend and enjoyed reading the nice things you said about it in the last News Letter. Thanks, too, for the nice letters so many of you wrote.

Sorry to have missed Alice Hammond when she stopped in Cincinnati on her way back to Michigan from the International Race June 15th; your reporter was in Columbus. Other Cincy visitors were Jean Bonar and her 49 1/2er and Alice Schlott and her 49 1/2er. Both couples were in for radio work on their Cessnas.

Ohio's participants in the International Race were Marge Miller and Bonnie Butler, in Marge's Cessna 170, and Virginia Ashelford and Joan Hrubec in Virginia's Tri-Pacer. All reported a wonderful time.

Marion Betzler and her family left for a two weeks vacation in New Orleans June 18th.

Virginia Ashelford entertained chapter members at the monthly meeting held at her home June 21st with a delicious luncheon of baked ham, potato salad, baked beans, iced tea, lemonade and cakes with "99" in pink

frosting. Everything looked and tasted so-o good. Thanks again for everything, Virginia.

Virginia, her mother and daughter left for a trip through the west a couple of days after the meeting. They were driving out in a new Packard - next best to the Tri-Pacer, eh Virginia! They planned to be in San Diego for the Convention and hope to take in the activities at Long Beach for the finish of the Trans-continental Race.

Hate to lose a good member and for so long! Mary-Ann Kurtz and her 49 1/2er George are leaving for Alaska for a two-years stay about the 10th of July. They'll be based at Eilson Air Force Base near Fairbanks. Mary-Ann should be twins because she hope to work into her busy schedule a trip to New York to visit her folks before they left.

Marge Gorman planned to attend the Springfield meeting but sickness of her baby kept her at home. Hope it wasn't serious and Marge can attend the Convention.

All-Ohio members are asked to save Ohio sales tax stamps and mail them to Marge Miller, 283 N. Stanwood Road, Columbus, Ohio. Marge will turn them in for a refund to be added to the chapter treasury.

INDIANA CHAPTER
By: Joan Ferguson

The July meeting was held on the 21st at Richmond, in conjunction with the Air Fair. There were twelve members and one guest present. The N minating Committee for officers to serve next year was appointed. Mildred Hurt is chairman with John Ferguson and Fern Rinker serving on the committee.

Mildred Hurt won a silver tray for being the oldest lady pilot at the Air Fair and Martha Ozburn won a silver spoon for being the youngest woman pilot there.

Little Doc Retherford is in the Spears Chiropractic Clinic at Denver, Colorado recuperating from her recent operation. I know she would appreciate cards and letters from you gals.

The July meeting will be held on the 19th at Michigan City, Indiana.

Mildred Hurt has returned from a flying trip to El Paso to see her daughter, who is the proud mother of a boy.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER
By Margaret Windfuhr

Sixteen members, six 49 1/2ers and guests enjoyed a wonderful picnic dinner at Austin Lake at the beautiful new home of Eloise Smith. The grand assistants were Dorothy Woodhams, Virginia Bardeen, Ann Schau, Mary Gardanier, Betty Little, and flower arrangements were by courtesy of Gerry Finch.

As per usual the weather fouled up the fliers from Detroit, Flint and Saginaw area. Becky Thatcher defied it all and flew in from Stanton with a plane full.

Gloria Lynch Smith has her 99 spoon for her baby.

Betty Little has a new set of Lear A.D.F. and a Sompex1 in her Belanca.

Grace Gazvoda, former Ninety-Nine member, was a guest of Leah Higgins. Come back into the fold, Grace.

Dorothy Woodhams and husband flew to Canada for a couple days fishing and relaxing. Caught a few fish and had a good time.

Virginia and Max Bardeen returned April 1st from a three week's vacation in Antigua, British West Indies. At the last minute gave up flying their own Bonanza and flew Pan America from New York to San Juan, then to Antigua via St. Thomas and St. Croix.

Eloise Smith and hubby Harry, and Betty Little, are going to fly to San Diego, Calif. for the Ninety-Nine Convention in Betty's Belanca.

Babe Ruth and family spent their vacation on Drummond Island.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER
By: Elaine B. Francke

Guests of Dotty Faust at the June 21st picnic meeting were four of the Illinois girls and Betty Catlow - an English girl who is about ready to take her flight test at Midwest. In the swim at Dotty's lake home were both of the Wisconsin chapters.

Deedo Heise has been scooting about in her 180 - the Missouri Air Tour, visits to the Louisville and Iowa girls, and the International meeting will be the next extended trip. Dora Fritzke has been co-piloting some of the trips. Elsie Peters and Dotty Faust will be flying with Deedo when she traces the TAR route.

The Wing Scouts sho' enjoyed their flights over Waukesha.

Isabel and Fred Kress and Marilyn Goetz flew to Lake Lawn June 21st for the Wisconsin Civil Air Corps day of fun and frolic.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER
By: Helen Flaherty

The Upper Iowa Chapter of Ninety-Nines met in Waterloo, Sunday, May 24th for a dinner meeting with Verna Mae Prochaska our hostess and also Ruch Schleusner. This was followed by a business meeting.

Attendance prizes were won by Jean and Quenton Wildman.

On Sunday, June 28th, we met for a noon luncheon at the Mason City Airport Terminal where Bernie Eno was our hostess. Following lunch, we all enjoyed helping dispose of a very beautifully decorated white wedding cake in honor of our new bride, Mrs. Robert C. Smith, formerly Beulah Protscher. Bob and Beulah were married Sunday Afternoon June 21st at the Little Brown Church at Nashua, Iowa. Bernie Eno and her boss, Sylvan Hugelan who owns Air Activities, Inc. in Mason City, were their only attendants. Bob is a pilot too, so that made it unanimous. The girls then presented the new bride with some lovely gifts and one especially from the Ninety-Nines, a Toastmaster. We also enjoyed three movies in color by Braniff Airlines: "Rio de Janeiro," "A Trip Over The Andes," and "Buenos Aires."

The girls reported on vacations galore. Betty Barton and her active Spencer Flying Club helped out on a very successful flight breakfast in May. Spencer underwent a severe flood recently and Betty flew over the area and took many interesting pictures. She also went out to California on her vacation and besides all this, she conducted an aquatic program this summer in Spencer.

Jean and Quenton Wildman and their two sons, Kevin and Derik, camped down in the Ozarks last week and plan to return for more of the same.

Verna Mae Prochaska and family are vacationing in California.

Deedo Heise flew into Mason City June 25th in her new Cessna 180 and enjoyed a visit with Bernie Eno. This being stationed right on an airport certainly has its advantages!

MINNESOTA CHAPTER
By: Marietta Sonnenberg

The members are exerting all efforts to hold some interesting event in August in observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Powered Flight. If plans can be made in time, we may have a flying weekend for pilots of the area, including a tour of the ore pits at Hibbing, an overnight with swimming, fishing, boating, golfing and dinner program at the lake town of Alexandria, and a stop at St. Cloud Airport enroute back to Minneapolis, which would also be the starting point. The plans were discussed at two meetings: a special one at Napoleon's Cafe in St. Paul, with Marilyn Kvalheim, Margaret Manual, Florence Scriber, Dorothy Anderson, Audrey Baird, Dr. and Mrs. Burt Orr and Marietta Sonnenberg present; and at the regular June meeting at the home of Rita and Burt Orr in Faribault, with Dorothy, Florence, Marilyn, Margaret, Marietta, "Pete" Frey and son, Rita Zbylicki attending and guests Dr. and Mrs. Joe Summers and two children of Jefferson City, Mo., who fly a Beech Bonanza, and Florence's friend, Mrs. Marian Wagener of Minneapolis, and Margaret's two children.

Rita served a terrific dinner and all were in an expansive mood when we held our first auction of good useful gifts to raise money to help sponsor a member in AWTAR next year. A total of \$12.65 was realized and another

auction will be held at the July meeting and perhaps another in the winter-time, just before Christmas. Margaret reported we now have \$147.12 in the treasury.

Three members, Marilyn, Audrey and Margaret (and Margaret's husband) flew down to Cincinnati for the North Central Spring Sectional in May. Attending the chapter meeting in May at Mary Jane Rice's home in Willmar (she always has such delicious luncheons!) were Marilyn, Margaret, Florence, Helen Murphy and Lorraine Johnson. Movies of a western trip and flying in Minnesota were shown.

Margaret Manual, who seems to fly more than the rest of us put together, reported an interesting fact to us. Although she has flown over every state in the Union (and Mexico and Canada) and has landed in every state but two in private planes, she has never taken a trip in an airliner! We think that must be some sort of "record" for a woman pilot. Pete Frey then remarked that she has never landed in a plane in any state BUT Minnesota! Dot Anderson said she has been in every state in the Union by car, plane or other conveyance. Members are teasing yours truly now about the long "speeches" they will have to listen to when I return from Europe in October. I take off from New York July 9th. More excitement - but it's work to get ready!

Pete Frey announced she will be married to Wiley V. Boone (yes, he's a descendant of Daniel) of Hibbing - a friend of her flight instructor - on July 10th, at her home town of Virginia. They will live in Hibbing.

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KANSAS CHAPTER
by: Susie Cheetham

Despite the hot weather, we had a nice turnout on June 14th, for our regular meeting, and all went to Parsons and Pittsburg to airmark those two towns. First we went to Parsons; airmaking finished we were served cold drinks and then on to Pittsburg for lunch and to airmark there. We were ably assisted by members of the Chamber of Commerce, who had a big surprise when they found out we girls did our own airmarking - they thought we hired it done, and supervised the work! Those present were Hortense Hackbarth, our hostess and her husband Joe, Helen Simmons and her 49 1/2er Roy, Marge Cooper, Bobbe Slade, Lucile Cheetham, Ruby Bonds, Pat Dufford and guests Mildred Pool of Arkansas City and Pat Henry of the Wichita Beacon and her husband. There were also three WNAA girls who assisted with our airmarking.

Our congratulations to Mary L. Eiler, who won second place in the Skylady Derby.

Other towns airmarked were Rexford and Seldon and we will airmark Phillipsburg and Smith Center, also, this month.

Bobbe Slade and Anne Waddell made delivery of a Cessna 170 to White Plains, N.Y. and enjoyed a visit in New York while there.

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TUCSON CHAPTER
By: Gertrude G. Gelderman

We are very proud to have our first entrant in the AWTAR this year; Bea Edgerley as co-pilot with Gerry Mickelsen are sponsored by Blakely Oil Co. of Phoenix and Tucson. It was fun having breakfast with Gerry and Bea at the Sky Chief, in the beautiful early morning before they left for the East.

Blanche Noyes' visit on May 31st was a highlight of the month. Cocktails at 5:30 at the studio of Bea Edgerly. While there we heard the recording which had been sent by Utah Chapter. Beautiful lyrics for the verses which were sent in by Bea and which appeared in the April News Letter. It really is a lovely song. From Bea's we drove over to Triple H. ranch for a delicious ham dinner.

On June 9th, Grace Pistor and Mary Johnston flew up to Hudgin's Grand Canyon Airport with Gertrude Gelderman. It is a wonderful sight to see the plan of the area from above. Margaret Hudgin drove us up to Bright Angel Lodge for lunch. That's about 16 miles. We were back in Tucson in time to get dinner for our families.

We had a party this month too. On June 15th Maggie Schock had us over to her house for a baby shower for Barbara Harris, who is expecting (a son) early in September. We all had a very nice time.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Trixie-Ann G. Schubert

Bessie Owan, author of "Aerial Vagabond," former International Vice-President of the Ninety-Nines, and one of the most dynamic aviatrixes of Santa Barbara with a worldwide repute for her Waco flights over England, the Continent, Africa, and Asia, was guest speaker at the June meet, Green Hotel, Pasadena. She showed aviation films and gave a travelogue account of some of her flights. Excellent evening.

Must surprised Ninety-Nine of the evening, besides Bessie who found she had brought the wrong batch of pictures, was Katherine Wagner who was presented with a gift for her baby due early in July. Atop the package was a rattle enclosing, appropriately enough, an airplane. Now the baby can teeth on aviation.

Clara Davis, who was named Vice-Chairman to succeed Lola Perkins when the latter was recalled to Air Force service, was in charge of the program.

Margaret Sturges Jepson and her recently acquired 49 1/2er bought a new home: new address 2374 N. Marengo Street, Altadena, California. Margaret says they wanted a good dark room for photography and got one. The rest of the house was "just incidental."

Chapter TAR contestants are Margaret Standish, sponsored by Mission Orange; Laretta Foy, sponsored by California National Guard 146th Fighter Bomber Wing; Jean Parker, 1950 TAR winner.