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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

AUGUST 1953

DEAR NINETY-NINES:

This will be my last column letter to you for on September First our new officers will take office - and thenceforth you will be hearing from GERRY MICKELSEN each month in this space. To her I pledge my wholehearted support, as I know you all do - Gerry will be a splendid President for the NINETY-NINES, in every way, we know!

Our Convention in San Diego was the best ever - and I believe the biggest so far. To Convention Chairman ISABELLE McCRAE, and her convention committee, and to SAN DIEGO CHAPTER Chairman CLAIRE HALE and all her members, go our heartfelt thanks for making this so. From the moment we stepped from our ships at Lindbergh Field on Thursday to be greeted by His Honor The Mayor of San Diego and a buffet lunch, till we departed one by one after the Sunday Brunch there was a whirlwind of fun, entertainment, meetings, with visiting in and around the Hotel Manor's beautiful swimming pool sandwiched in between!

One of the things about Convention which impressed me most was that all but one of our living past presidents were there! Their continuing active interest and participation throughout the years clearly demonstrates the solid foundation on which the NINETY-NINES continues to build toward an even more meaningful future.

In closing this Ninety-Nine year, we'd like to point out a few milestones. - You will recall that we went back to our twelve issues of the News Letter again, and published our membership booklet separately in a handy purse size edition. We also published an informative brochure about our organization for free distribution to our members to use for public relations, etc. Your President has represented the Ninety-Nines on Gen. James H. Doolittle's National Committee for the Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Powered Flight. We have renewed our Headquarters Contract with Alice E. Klutas for another year. At Convention, the delegates voted overwhelmingly for the Ninety-Nines to assume complete financial support for the 1955 All Women's Transcontinental Air Race by having all the money raised by September 1, 1954. Several changes were approved in our Constitution, chiefly in the interest of clarification, but one change in policy affects us all -- our dues must now be paid within 60 days after they are payable, which means we MUST HAVE THEM PAID BY NOVEMBER 1st or apply for reinstatement!

Since the finish of the TAR at Long Beach and Convention at San Diego, I have literally been on the fly! From San Diego I left almost immediately for Travis Air Force Base, California, where I met up with the eight outstanding CAP Girl Cadets whom I was to escort on a two week's visit to the Hawaiian Wing CAP, and Major June Everett, USAF, from General Beau's staff at National HQ-CAP, Washington, D.C. Would that space permitted the opportunity to do justice to this fabulous trip! We were entertained on five of the Hawaiian Islands by various Squadrons and members of the Civil Air Patrol - sightseeing picnics, beach parties, swimming, Squadron meetings, etc. Everywhere the friendliness and hospitality of these wonderful people was unbelievable and completely captivating. Everywhere our eight Girl Cadets, 15-17 years of age, made new friends among like-minded boys and girls living in these enchanted isles. The long-range values in such an exchange of ideas and friendships among air-minded youth cannot be overestimated - and is already being demonstrated in the annual exchange program of Boy CAP Cadets with 16 other countries, now in it's 6th year.

JEAN ROSS HOWARD was assigned by General Beau to accompany Mme. SABITHA GOKCEN, the adopted daughter of Kemal Ataturk, who is escorting the Turkish Exchange Cadets on a visit to Texas. Mme. Gocken is an accomplished pilot herself, and leaves the country a full-fledged NINETY-NINE.

With the new fiscal year of 1953-1954 upon us, the NINETY-NINES organization is entering her Silver Anniversary Year. This I know will prove to be the greatest yet in her already proud history. I feel both honored and humble to have been privileged to participate in her progress as your President these past two years. My heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you for your splendid support and assistance all along the way.

Happy Landings To You All!

ALICE H. HAMMOND
President

TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE

The Board of Directors of the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race would very much appreciate receiving bids for the start and finish of the TAR. It is planned to start the '54 race on the West Coast and terminate it on the East Coast. Those chapters interested in hostessing the TAR please send in your bids as early as possible to Betty H. Gillies, P. O. Box 5336, East San Diego 5, California.

Deadline for receiving bids will be October 1, 1953. No commitments are necessary on the initial bid. Invitations will be considered immediately following the deadline on October 1st.

Betty H. Gillies, Chairman
AWTAR, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP

To the members of the International Membership Committee; to the Sectional Membership Chairmen; to the Chapter Membership Chairmen and all who have helped in any way with new members this past year:

My sincere and grateful THANKS. I have greatly enjoyed the experience of serving as Chairman of Membership this past year, and I have appreciated the opportunity of working with you and for you.

With every good wish for the further development of the Ninety-Nine organization,

Sincerely,

Ruth Shimon, Chairman
International Membership Committee
The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

NOTICE TO NINETY-NINES:

The 5th Annual All-Texas Air Tour, which is sponsored by the Texas State Aviation Association, the Texas Flying Farmers, the Texas Private Flyers Association, the Texas NINETY-NINES, the Texas Wing - CAP, will take place Oct. 10-17, 1953.

All Ninety-Nines are invited to join with them in this tour - 7 days - 3000 miles - 40 stops!

For further information write the Texas Aeronautics Commission, Walton Building, Austin, Texas.

CHAPTER NEWS

CANADIAN SECTION

FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

By: Phyllis Noble

All the girls of the First Canadian Chapter would like to extend congrats to Dot Rungeling for placing Fifth in the International Air Race. The three Canadians who entered the race, Dot Rungeling, Betty Smitham and yours truly, would like to thank all the Ninety-Nines on our route who made the Race so successful. The Florida Ninety-Nines are to be congratulated for a wonderful job.

The Ottawa Ninety-Nines have been busy these days with various projects to increase our bank account. We have been selling stationery supplies, boxes of cards, wrapping paper, note pads, personalized napkins, gift ribbons, children's treats, etc., and the articles have been going like wildfire. The plan has been that each girl brings her order to one meeting and gets it filled at the next. This idea might help other Canadian Chapters to increase their bank accounts, and for a catalogue, they should write to the Regal Stationery Co., at Vancouver, Toronto or Halifax.

Governor Dorothy Drew reports that the Air Rangers have received official status in the Girl Guides and that the question of their uniforms is being considered by the Uniform Committee of the Guides.

At the June 8th meeting, the chief topic discussed was the Trans-Canada Air Tour which will be taking place at the end of July and the beginning of August. For those Ninety-Nines who do not know of the Trans-Canada Light Aircraft Tour, here are a few details. The Tour is being sponsored by the Portland, Oregon Chamber of Commerce and the Royal Canadian Flying Clubs Association. It is

beginning in Portland on July 25th, where about 100 light aircraft will take off for a tour of Canada by way of Lethbridge, Alberta, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Malton and Ottawa, Ontario and Quebec City and ending in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia on July 30th. The City of Yarmouth has planned Tuna Fishing events and sightseeing trips, and we're sure that all the Tour Pilots will have a wonderful time seeing Canada from a birds-eye view. The return trip will be by way of Montreal, Quebec, Detroit, Minneapolis and Billings, Montana. The Ottawa Ninety-Nines will be helping at the Ottawa Airport on July 28-29 when the aircraft arrive at our Capital.

BRITISH-COLUMBIA CHAPTER

By: Peggy Sayle

Another most successful meeting was held by the Ninety-Nines. A letter from the Red Cross was read, thanking us for our donation.

Plans had been made for a fly-in, but the Aero Club was giving a party for the spastic children and they were having free rides, so all available planes were needed. Besides - the weather was bad, with very heavy, over-hanging clouds.

Two of our members, Joan Milson and Betty Hutchinson, are contemplating attending the Convention at San Diego. Plans for the Air Race are progressing and will be discussed at the Convention. Vancouver has just had an Air Alert for Civil Defence which was called "Operation Be-Ware." It was most successful and the authorities were very pleased. There has been a glider meet at Langley, B.C., recently, and Gretchen Mathers, one of our new members, was very much in evidence.

We were very sad at saying goodbye to Helen Glass, who has been acting as our secretary, and to Lois Paige, our Chairman. Our loss is Saskatchewan's gain. Goodbye and good luck to you both, and we hope to see you again soon.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served in the Club Room of the Aero Club.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Alice-Jean M. Starr

The scheduled meetings for the season are over now but the summer activities look interesting.

Lots of Ninety-Nines turned up at the June 15th meeting to take advantage of the advertised dinner for \$2.50 - only to gulp over dessert at the sight of another buck tacked to the tab. That was a cover charge to cover Secretary Betty Haight. She, no doubt, was counting the hours to her wedding June 26th instead - when active Betty married Stanley Harris, a non-flyer. She may teach him to fly in her newly acquired T-Craft.

Selma Cronan, Jeanne Spielberg and Irene Keith will help at Lawrence in the TAR operations. Connie Hahn will serve as NAA Official and take-off timer. We have several members in the race - Marge Davis who is co-pilot for Louise Smith; Betty Haas and Peggy Norris, and Barbara Evans who is co-pilot for Marian Burke.

Treasurer Peggy Norris made her report and it is planned to have a dinner dance this fall to raise money for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. Our chapter's current contribution to the fund will be in memory of Bella Heineman. Some economy measures were taken in regard to notices for meetings, and it was decided to use single instead of double-postcards. Also discussed was buying up quantities of 99 Insignia, etc., and selling them to our members at a slight profit. Barbara Evans suggested that Chapter talent be turned toward designing Christmas cards, as another way of making money.

Edith Kuzenko became eligible for membership at this meeting. Late report: Mary and Bob Anderson are proud parents of their second child, Donald James, born March 26.

Invitations are out for a Beach Party at the home of Jean McClave at her summer home in Spring Lake, N.J., for Saturday, August 22. There will be a charge to cover the beach and pool fees, plus a barbecue. Jean's lovely home is right on the beach. Plan to start early if you drive (approx. 2 hours from New York). Plans will be made to pick you up at Monmouth County Airport if you fly down. Let Barbara Evans know of your intentions to attend so cars and plans will be filled to capacity.

On August 9th, at the Yacht Room of the Hotel Astor, we entertained Major Sabiha Gokcen. Turkey's foremost

woman pilot. She led the group of seven air cadets from Turkey who arrived in the U. S. July 25th to study aviation techniques and installations. Major Gokcen obtained her glider pilot and instructor license in 1933 and was graduated from the Turkish Air Training College as a military pilot in 1936. Thus, she became the first known woman fighter pilot in history to receive a full commission in any air force. On leave of absence from the Turkish Air Force, she is presently chief instructor at the Civil Aviation School in Ankara.

Major Manila Davis Talley [a member of the Washington, D.C. Chapter living in New York] a member of the New York Wing Staff, CAP, was among the officers in a C-47 out of Mitchell A.F.B. that visited Westchester, Albany, Syracuse and Rochester on June 21, where simulated Search and Rescue missions were being carried out by C.A.P. Manila has a Senior Pilot's aeronautical rating in CAP, and has been a Ninety-Nine since 1930.

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

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By: Doris M. Wetherhold

Believe Chris Siegl, Katty Gaul, Ina Young and I had the most wonderful time going to, at the, and coming from the convention. We shall never forget our many adventures: -- Take-off at 5:15 A.M. in the Bonanza, making Kansas City the first day as planned, the 80 m.p.h. taxi ride into Midland, Texas from the airport, Guadalupe Pass, Phoenix, Palm Springs, Long Beach, eating at the Brown Derby - and then San Diego. All we hear about western hospitality is true and more to it. Every event scheduled went off like clockwork. On our evening in Tiajuana, Mexico, we saw actress Marie Wilson at the Jai Alai games. Returning home we stayed in Phoenix for two days. Lucie Wright and Edna Gardner Whyte stopped over one night there. Phoenix Ninety Nine Marjorie Crowl entertained us in typical western style.

cal western style. On the evening of July 14th, your reporter became engaged, in the Valley of the Sun, to her fella, who is stationed at Luke Air Force Base. So you can see we will have our heads in the clouds for a long time, especially your reporter.

At our meeting in Reading on July 26, the following Ninety-Nines attended: Marie Bowers Miller and her 49 1/2er, Dick; Jane Morris, Leona McElroy, Fran Nolde, Ina Young, Katty Gaul, Virginia Bell Cheatham, and Marie Angstadt who is joining our chapter. We were also honored by a surprise visit from Mitzie Moore, our governor from Washington. Mitzie brought along two clippings from Washington newspapers on Fran Nolde's appointment to the Defense Air Transportation Administration. Fran told us of her visit in May to Holland, France and Germany. The Dutch airline KLM must be terrific, for Fran said they treated her like a queen. We are all very proud of Fran.

Jane Morris also told us of her frightful flight through a hailstorm from Mexico City in a DC 3 in May.

Our sectional convention will be held in Philadelphia this year, the weekend of August 22-23. It is hoped we will have a good representation from our chapter. Jane Morris has charge of all arrangements. See you all in Philadelphia.

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

Caroline Hembel was hostess to the Carolinas Chapter aboard their yacht, the "Spent Rooster," Sunday, July 26th at Lake Murray, South Carolina. The girls flew in to Capitol Airport, Columbia and were met by car to take them to the lake at 10 A.M. Everybody brought their swim suits and sun hats for a day of swimming and lolling in the sun. Dot Shackelford had been sick and missed our last meeting, but she has completely recovered from her operation and was swimming as tho she had never been sick a day in her life. These fly-gals are a happy lot, anyway. It must be that we breathe purer air upstairs.

Louise Smith and 49 1/2er Herman flew down in Louise's Bonanza. They brought Burnette Spencer and a guest. Ruth Thomas and son, Andy, visited from the Tennessee Chapter. Ruth flew a Cessna 120 in the TAR and Louise, a Bonanza. Betty and Jim Hamilton were there in their new Beechcraft Bonanza, and Estelle and Carl Bradshaw in their Cessna 170. Frances Miller, Caroline's 49 1/2er Les, and Dot's 49 1/2er "Shack" and three guests from Saluda, completed the merry group aboard the "Spent Rooster."

Louise gave a wonderful report on the International meeting and convention. A section meeting will be called in September. It will be held at Morristown, Tenn., where Evelyn Bryan is opening an airport.

NOTICE: Let's have a contest day and picnic at Selma. Bring box lunches, the cokes will be cold, and we'll just sit on the grass and eat lunch in the shade of an airplane wing. Then we can have the contests. Bomb Dropping, Ribbon Cutting, Balloon Bursting, and Spot Landings. It was too cold at our January meeting to leave the coffee pot. I'll turn the airport over to you to run the contests and we will have a gala time - you name the date! I'll get some lollipops and postage stamps for prizes!

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By: Helen Deason

Well, the TAR is over and we have another year to go. We had two entries--Ruth Thomas, who came in sixth (she is doing all right this year - she came in Third in the International Race - IN THE MONEY); Evelyn Bryan and Cora McDonald came in 13th again! Evelyn, you will just have to change your number!

Georgie McConnell and Windbag (1) strung along with the Air Tour of Tennessee, sponsored by the CAP, July 11-12. Sure was a lot of fun hopping from airport to airport and meeting all the different people in the towns in East Tennessee. We stopped at Murfreesboro, Lebanon, Cookeville, Oak Ridge, Morristown, Tri-Cities (over-nite), Knoxville, Chattanooga, Tullahoma, Shelbyville, Lafayette - I think that about did it. There were about thirty airplanes that participated.

Cora McDonald will be on the International Nominating Committee for 1954.

Wedding Bells have rung and are going to ring -- 1/Lt/ Sara Payne (our Carolinas Chapter Ninety-Nine) became Mrs. Frank Hayden on July 8th. Her husband is a doctor and has his own practice in Lawrence, Mass. They were married at Sewart Air Force Base. Sally Jackson, of Murfreesboro, is to be married soon.

We are planning a Chapter meeting the latter part of August of the first of September. When everyone recuperates from all the strenuous trips.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By: Dorothea M.B. Vermorel

The first meeting of the Florida Chapter was held at the home of the secretary on July 27th. We welcomed two new members: Marianne Autrey and Timmy Sillman. Plans were laid for a membership campaign, and also for the combined meeting with the North Florida Chapter at the famous "Driftwood" - Vero Beach, Florida, September 19-20. The Whitfield Trophy Race will be run and both chapters will share the work and fun in making this an event. Mary Tracy Gaffney has offered to give a free acrobatic show. Mary will have the next meeting on August 17th, 7:30 PM... in case any visiting Ninety-Nine is in town, you are invited.

Until September, the officers of this chapter are: Irma Price, Chairman; Verna Burke, Vice-Chairman; and Dorothea M.B. Vermorel, Secretary-Treasurer.

NORTH FLORIDA CHAPTER

By: Betsy Collins

Fourteen of us, including 49 1/2ers, met Sunday, July 19th in Ocala, for our everyone-bring-something luncheon and meeting. Elaine Mogelvang, our chairman, appointed Margaret Pitt to be chairman of the nominating committee to select officers for next year. The rest of the time we analyzed this year's International Race and started making plans for next year's. Replies to the questionnaire sent out to the entrants this year were read and discussed. Those received thus far have been excellent, with many good ideas and suggestions - and we urge those who have not yet replied to do so as soon as they can. We are glad to welcome a prospective member - a transfer - Verda Mae Jennings of Orlando.

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

Members of the Michigan and Ohio Chapters met together at Cedar Point, near Sandusky, Ohio on July 26th for luncheon and an afternoon of swimming in Lake Erie. Ninety-Nines

from Michigan included International Vice President Edna Gardner Whyte, Chapter Chairman Bernice Trimble, Edna Chapin, Marion Ruth and Leah Higgins (who is visiting her sister in Cleveland). Ohio Ninety-Nines were Blanche O'Brien, Ione Kiplinger, Florence Migge, Janice Kuechenmeister, Helen Hansen, Mary Fecser, Alice Schlott, Marjorie Gorman, Helen Sammon, Joan Hubrec, Sue Griffing, Edythe Maxim, Edith Harmon and prospective members, Patricia Comer and Kathleen Ruff. 49 1/2ers present were Clare Chapin, Dale Ruth, Robert Hansen, Jim Sammon and Dr. Schlott. Guests were Alan Kreigbaum, Catherine Ann and Margaret Zbin, Mrs. H. J. Crisick, Robert Holle, Paul Smith and Paul Rymarkis. Bernice Trimble gave us an idea of the activities in connection with the Fall Sectional and the plans really sound wonderful! Since the date conflicts with the September Chapter Meeting, another date will be chosen and Chapter Members will be notified.

A proud new plane owner is Joan Hrubec! Joan planned to go to Lockhaven, Pennsylvania, July 31 to pick up her new Tri-Pacer. Wonder if her flight in the International Race with Virginia Ashelford in her new Tri-Pacer helped sell her!

Virginia Ashelford with her mother, daughter and niece, have been on a tour of western United States and Canada since the latter part of June. She attended activities in connection with the finish of the AWTAR and the International Convention, and reports a wonderful time at the Ninety-Nine activities and an interesting trip.

Mary Fecser arranged a flight in an American Airlines Con-vairet for Junior Aviators of the William Harper School and Wing Scouts. Mary, an English teacher at Harper, directs model aviation activities there during the school term and does a wonderful job of promoting aviation with the youngsters of Cleveland.

New members of the All-Ohio Chapter are Janice Kuechenmeister and Florence Migge. Welcome!

Arlene Davis was honored with life membership in the Cleveland Women's Chapter of the NAA last March. Your reporter just discovered it in the June National Aeronautics.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER
By: Edna Chapin

INVITATION TO ALL NINETY-NINES

North Central Section Fall Meeting
and
"Paul Bunyan" Pilots Annual Initiation
September 18-19-20, 1953

Michigan's Biggest Annual Event - Week-End of Fun - Unusual



Are you a "Paul Bunyan"? All flying groups are invited and "Paul" has chosen the Ninety-Nines as his special guests for a grand weekend of fun and has reserved one whole floor at the Park Place Hotel for we-gals. Send in your reservations. Address: "Paul Bunyan" Log Slide Lane, Traverse City, Mich.

Paul Bunyan, the mighty logger of the North Woods is America's greatest and best known folklore character. Michigan, with its millions of acres of pine, offered an ideal setting for the gigantic feats of Paul and Babe the big blue ox. These amusing and thrilling adventures have been garbed colorfully in the full splendor of American folklore which lacks nothing in vividness and flavor.

Michigan Ninety-Nines will welcome you at the reservation desk at the Airport, both Friday and Saturday. A special ticket will be ready for you when you register. One price covers all events except your hotel expense and Sunday morning breakfast.

Friday Evening: Both old and new Paul Bunyan candidates will shake hands and get acquainted at the Get-together party at the Country Club, with an early dinner...Dancing until (?). Buses to and from Hotel on the hour.

Saturday evening: Program will start with a Planked Fish Dinner - you have never tasted the like before. The best food ever. -- THEN THE FUN!!!

If you survive the unique initiation, you will receive a Paul Bunyanite decal for your plane and your Paul Bunyan ring. After the initiation, the usual "Wring Out" will be held at the Cherry Pit in the Hotel, with dancing until midnight.

Come sample our Northern Hospitality---Michigan Ninety-Nines.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER
By: Virginia Jansen

Good luck and happy landings were wished five of our gals as they left for the TAR - Doris Langher and Gladys Muter in a Navion, sponsored by Muter Electronics; Helen O'Hara and Virginia Rabung in a Cessna 120 sponsored by International Minerals & Chemicals Corp.; and Jane White in her Bonanza. Much newspaper, radio and television publicity was given to these entrants. It is interesting to note the varied occupations of these girls, Doris - a United Airlines Instrument Instructor, Gladys - a flying grandmother, Helen - a nurse, Virginia - a secretary, and Jane - a Flight Instructor.

We have another jet flyer in our midst - Major Virginia A. Jansen, CAP, who recently flew a T-33 Jet Trainer out of O'Hare Air Force Base with Major M.B. Pitts, USAF. It was a thrilling experience, so come on, all you Ninety-Nines who are Civil Air Patrol members, arrange for a flight! It's a wonderful opportunity and also an excellent topic for Ninety-Nine publicity.

The spot landing contest at our June fly-in meeting at Elgin was won by Alice Kudrna, who was presented with a lovely fitted handbag donated by Elgin-American. Another one of these bags will be raffled at a future meeting with proceeds going to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

Plans are now being completed for our Annual Air Meet to be held in September and our neighboring Ninety-Nines (as well as those more distant) are cordially invited. More details in the next News Letter.

Vacation time is here: Hazel Hackwith returned from Puerto Rico with a beautiful tan, and Jane White toured Europe. Florence Lacy has gone West to Colorado, and weekends find many of our gals flitting off for changes in scenery. Wedding bells rang for our Eleanor Deeming in April and she is now Mrs. Richard A. Dolman. Best wishes!

Welcome to our newest members- Francis Spooner and Jeanne Roberts.

Have you read Marion Hart's new book - I FLY AS I PLEASE?

Hazel Hackwith, Sylvia Roth, Inger Johnson and Carolyn Paige have been keeping Palwaukee Airport and Chicago-Hammond busy. Sylvia goes for her instructor's rating in a few days at Palwaukee. We know she'll pass the instructor's - coming this far in a year and a half! Hazel Hackwith checked out in a Cessna 140, and Inger Johnson checked out in the Stinson Station Wagon at Palwaukee and is flying the 170B Cessna at Chicago-Hammond. Carolyn, Inger and Sylvia hopped up to Lake Delavan in a Stinson 165 and Hazel in a Cessna 140 to meet Irene Leverton and her mother in a Bonanza.

Irene is doing great work instructing at Chi-Hammond. She has also been flying charters. Her latest trip was to Mississippi, where she saw some old "dusting" buddies. Incidentally, Irene is chairman of the Airmeet in September. She met Marge Raglin at Elgin to make plans for it - then dropped her off at Woodstock, later.

Chris Christensen is flying the Super-Cruiser at Chicago-Hammond. She is a lab technician, an Ex-WASP, and a Ninety-Nine from Waukegan.

Marge Raglin waved the contestants, who stopped in Peoria, through with cokes, and wished she were going too. Nell Brown attended the International Convention and will give us a detailed account of it at our meeting at DuPage County on the 26th. Bea Siemon is hostess.

Perhaps our most impressive news is that Esther Noffke has moved from Elmhurst to Palwaukee where George Priester has purchased the field. It seems that Palwaukee is really going places now - its face is being lifted entirely. With Esther there, it has to be a superb spot.



PAST PRESIDENTS AT BANQUET - 1953 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - July 11, 1953

Left to right: Alice Hammond, Kay Brick, Blanche Noyes, Belle Metzel, Jeannette Sovereign, Ethel Sheehy, Jacqueline Cochran, Betty Gillies

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Ethel D. Christensen and Isabel Myrland

Our July meeting was held at the home of Irene Moore. All members attending flew in. Grace Page created quite a sensation in the Mooney she piloted in from Freeport, Illinois. If it had more room, I am sure that she would have brought her 7-month-old daughter with her.

Irene Moore and a friend got their heads together and thought it would be a novel idea to bake the Ninety-Nine design on a tile hot pad and present it as a landing prize. Bernie Voelker was the lucky one. We were all so envious that we intend to have some made for the chapter to sell.

Pearl Nelson writes that she is just back from a flying trip to Mexico City and Taxco, where she picked up a playmate for her little son David. Alfonso Ramirez Castillo, who is slightly younger than David and has played with him for the past three winters, came back with Pearl for an indefinite stay. His mother is a famous dress designer and his uncle a jewelry designer and manufacturer. Pearl reports the temperature in Mexico was a delightful 76°.

Gladys is so busy with her house-building, that we scarcely see her.

Nellie Bilstad says that she is getting away from this hot weather and is going west for her vacation next month.

The Myrland Sky Lodge is keeping Isabel so busy that yours truly offered to take over the task of writing the news. The Lodge is a friendly spot to fly to and we can readily understand her being so busy.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Elaine B. Francke

Sally Lathrop entertained 12 Ninety-Nines in her Waukesha home the evening of July 19th. Isabel Kress, Vice-Chairman, presided in the absence of Readelle Kellner, and brought with her a guest, Betty Catlow. Betty is an English girl and had received her private license that same Sunday afternoon. She will be flying to England for a vacation and then will return to her work with Cook's Travel Agency in New York City.

Deedo Heise, Elsie Peters, and Dotty Faust had more than a wonderful time attending the Convention in San Diego! Lt. Jeannette Kapus and Mayetta Behringer flew

the TAR in Mayetta's 170. Elaine Francke's 49 1/2er, Elmer, was in California during Convention time and he did the funmaking for Elaine, who took her two sprouts north to the cool woods and waters of Wisconsin for their vacation.

Ruth and Emil Lembke took to the water for their vacation trip to Alaska, via the inner passageway.

Sparkplugging the Wisconsin Civil Air Corps breakfast flights is Isabel Kress. She seems to find time and energy for anything connected with aviation.

New manager of the southside Sears, Roebuck sewing machine department is Sally Lathrop. Having her weekends free has given Sally more time to fly than she could wrangle while working at the Waukesha Airport.

We are boosting our treasury by selling tickets for the third annual Air Pageant, which will be held at Curtiss-Wright airport, Sept. 12-13. Come to Milwaukee for the Air Pageant to see the Cole Brothers, the midget races, and Steve Wittman, the Kiddie Air Lift, and the many excellent Navy and Air Force exhibits. It's really sumpin to see - we have your tickets!

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By: Beulah L. Smith

A day at the lake and truly a wonderful one. Lake Okabaji at Betty Barton's cottage - and the day spent on the dock, sunning, swimming, boating and visiting. Suntans and the usual sunburns. Midafternoon, a delicious buffet dinner was served by Betty and her mother. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Barton and Betty and David for a lovely day.

Bernie had a full weekend, she drove over the night before. Smiths flew in about 8:30 A.M. and for breakfast, Helen and Ginny bounded in later as did the Hunts, and the day was in full swing.

Millie Burt is hospitalized with pneumonia. Verba Mae and "Pro" back from the California vacation. Ruth Shimon just back from Convention and a wonderful trip.

August meeting - election of chapter officers - planned with Millie Burt as hostess.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By: Loretta Slavick

Our dance was a great success. Peggy Cummins, who was sponsored by TWA, won the title of "Miss Aviation of St."

Louis." We were very happy and honored to have our Section Governor, Deedo Heise, and her 49 1/2er as our guests for the dance. They flew in in their new Cessna 180.

We are using the proceeds of the dance to sponsor flight experience programs for high school students who are enrolled in aviation courses in the school. Nine students from Southwest High School were each given 4 hours actual flight time. Three at a time were taken in a 4-place plane. One hour was devoted to familiarization with the controls, one hour cross-country with a stop at another field, and a 2 hour cross-country with stops at 2 other airports. The program is being given at Weiss Airport, and we hope that as a result of the publicity which was given, more students will be encouraged to take aviation courses. We have offered the scholarships to students at any of the local high schools.

Our Chairman, Laura Sellinger, and another member accompanied the winner of our contest, Peggy Cummins, to Birmingham, where Peggy was "Miss Missouri Aviation" in a contest for Miss American Aviation at the National Air Carnival.

The Missouri Air Tour was a great success also. Ninety-Nines attending from other chapters were: Deedo Heise and her husband, from Milwaukee; Adeline Maylen and her husband, from California; Glenna Kobel and Ruth Harris from Oklahoma. St. Louis Ninety-Nines were June Walsh, Dorothy Young, Marian Husted and Loretta Slavick.

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

KANSAS CHAPTER

By: Helen Puffer and Helen Simmons

Members Simmons, Slade and Cooper negotiated with Yingling Aircraft and Ken Mar, Inc. to furnish an aircraft for approved Ninety-Nine pilots to transport WAA members to cities for the purpose of airmarking destination. WAA pays expenses and the Ninety-Nine assumes all safety responsibility. Yingling will check out a Ninety-Nine in a I70 during the week prior to the intended flight, as will Ken Mar check out a Ninety-Nine in a Piper. Arrangements have been made also with C & H Aircraft, but they require a minimum of 70 hours in a Bonanza, so they will furnish their own pilot for these airmarking projects. Pilots interested in making these flights, please contact Marge Cooper for arrangements on checking out. Hurry to put your bid in to help get these WAA members to airmarking projects. Those who went June 14th to Parsons and Pittsburg are highly enthused and waiting another opportunity to airmark with us.

SCORE: another hit for Kansas Ninety-Nines. Our own member Mary B. Eiler, has won the Skylady Derby. Second year - Second Winner. Anne Waddell flew co-pilot for Bobbe Slade on a ferry to New York in June.

The Kansas Chapter will be hostess to all Ninety-Nines attending the National Flying Farmer convention in Wichita. A get-together of all Ninety-Nines at the Convention is being planned for Thursday evening before the National FF dance. We hope to make the Lassen Hotel at Wichita our headquarters, so Ninety-Nines, when you get your hotel reservation, ask for the Lassen Hotel. Tell them you are FF attending the convention and also a Ninety-Nine. How many Ninety-Nines are also flying farmers? Be sure to register as a Ninety-Nine at the Convention as well as a flying farmer wife.

Sympathy of all Kansas Ninety-Nines goes out to Hortense Hackbarth, on the loss of her Mother.

New members are Margaret Yourdon and Phila Knitig. Phila is Kansas Flying Farmer Queen.

The Kansas chapter was most happy to have been hostesses to all the AWTAR girls who stopped in Wichita. Twenty-six girls stayed overnight Sunday and were entertained with a very informal cocktail party. Come again girls. We enjoyed having you.

The August meeting of the Kansas Chapter will be at the home of Anne and Lowell Waddell in Garden City, August 9. Many of the girls will be flying in on the 8th to have a longer time to initiate and enjoy the new swimming pool the Waddells have just completed this summer.

Painting is still foremost in the minds of the Kansas girls. At our last meeting in June, Parsons and Pittsburg were painted. In July, after AWTAR and a settling of the weather, we made it out to the northwestern part of the state and painted Phillipsburg and Oberlin. Smith Center had also been a project for the day but all of the suitable buildings had been hailed out.

Bobbe Slade, Anne Waddell, Helen Simmons and Marion Hardman flew out to the International Convention in a Cessna 180, to be delivered to a dealer in Santa Monica, and all came back by airlines.

Kansas Chapter wishes to thank all the girls who bought stationery. We were completely sold out before leaving San Diego. Anyone wishing more, contact any one of the officers and it will be shipped to you \$1.00 a box plus postage. We are very proud of this notepaper and are sure all Ninety-Nines will want some for their personal notes. Ask the girls who have bought.

Helen Simmons says of Rexford: "In spite of hail, tornadoes, etc., we did fly to Rexford early Sunday morning, taking with us Betty Funk, my very good airminded neighbor, and V. H. Allison, another airminded friend. We reached Rexford about 1000 in a very strong wind from the South. After making one pass at the field and hearing the stall warning indicator scream at 80 miles per hour, we just about decided we wouldn't be landing there. We, of course, were seen and immediately directed, by car, to another NS strip that at first we had not detected, it being across the highway and at the end of the EW strip. There we landed and were directed by car across the highway and east on the original strip to the house. There waiting for us was bacon and eggs, coffee, pancakes and syrup - also a new member, the Kansas Flying Farmer Queen of 1953. After eating all we could, the queen, Phila Knitig, her husband, Ray Dible, several others and our own party took off by car for town and painting of Rexford. After finishing this, we were back to the house for more coffee and then on to Selden, two carloads of painters. We got ladders and all equipment on the roof of the postoffice, lines drawn, the letter "S" laid out and almost painted when we received a message that a terrific storm was brewing with hail, wind, etc. So in nothing flat all equipment was gathered up and at approximately 85 miles per hour we raced back to Rexford. By the time we reached Rexford, all planes were gone except those in hangars. Four inches of hail laid on the ground at Colby 25 miles away and the newspapers have carried most of the rest of the weather for the day. An hour and a half later, the skies apparently had cleared and we all took off again for Selden and finished, and then back to Rexford for a grand fried chicken dinner. After checking the weather and being assured we could not possibly get thru anywhere north or south of Hill City, we settled down for the night at Rexford with the Dibles. If at anytime any of you want to see Rexford, just drop in at the Dibles -- they run Grand Central Station! We started out with 8 or 10 for dinner but when we had finished there must have been 15 or 20 who had eaten."

Helen and Roy were the only Kansas members to get to Lake Murray for Decoration Day, but there was lots of fun for them - what with being old members of Oklahoma.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By: Betty Stackhouse

The June 5th meeting at Marilyn Nordstrom's was strictly a social affair and we had a most delicious spaghetti dinner.

A special meeting was called on June 26th at Jane Nettleblad's, in place of a July meeting. The following members and their 24 3/4ers were present: Clara Lemons and Loretta, Marilyn Nordstrom, Mary Wenholz and Bill and Bruce, Naomi Anderson and Jimmie, Jane Nettleblad and Bill and Christine, and Donna Myers. All enjoyed a box lunch on the lawn and after the business meeting Jane took everyone to their private lake for a swim and a canoe trip around the lake.

Jane announced the Nominating Committee for our Chapter. The chairman is Mary Wenholz, and Naomi Anderson and Betty Stackhouse will assist her.

A discussion was held concerning the Sectional Election and nominees were decided upon.

Jane Nettleblad, our chairman and delegate to the International Convention, discussed amendments to the Constitution and was instructed on how to vote by those members present.

A check for \$18.75 has been sent by our Chapter to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Elaine Banta was accepted as a new member of our chapter.

We are sorry to report that Claudia Perry's mother entered the hospital recently for an operation. We do wish her a speedy and lasting recovery.

Helen Simmons, Chairman of Kansas Chapter, was in town recently, and called some of the members.

Congratulations to the San Diego Chapter who went all out to make the International Convention a success.

Thanks from the Colorado delegates, Jane Nettleblad, Donna Myers and Marge Cones, to the individuals who made the trip so complete; special thanks to Claire Hale and Isabelle McCrae and all their gals.

Jane and Donna left Denver on Thursday via the airline, and at Pueblo, Colo. who should board the plane but Verna Christopher (tower control operator there) just to say "Hi" and have fun. On to Los Angeles, where they met Gladys Hill (she was formerly Gladys Howe and started the Colorado Chapter). Gladys took Donna and Jane to Long Beach for the evening and then on to her home in Buena Park where they spent the night. Friday they motored to San Diego for the Convention - and the San Diego Chapter had something planned for every minute of the day and night. After the convention, Marge and Bud Cones, who have a new MG, drove Donna and Jane all around Southern California so they could visit old friends, finally taking them to Buena Park for a two day visit with Gladys Hill and a trip to Catalina Island and points of interest. Marge and Bud returned for the girls and took them to their new home in Woodland Hills for a few days. They had a wonderful time and it was so nice to see Marge again--if possible she looked more glamorous than ever with the latest hair style!

A very special thank you should be extended to the San Diego 49 1/2ers, for they certainly contributed in every way they could to help make the convention a success.

August meeting will be at the EL JEBEL AIR PATROL BARBECUE BEEF PICNIC at Longmont Airport, Sunday, Aug. 9. With special thanks to MF. and Mrs. Ed Tepper for the invitations.

TEXAS CHAPTER

Fort Worth Unit
By Rowena Burns

Everyone's talking about the fun in Longview June 20-21 at the Spring Meeting of Texas Chapter. Beulah Conn, Verna Burns, Mary Helen Rattikin, and Cleve Godfrey flew over in Cleve's Stinson; Ann Atkeison and guest, Frances Withers, drove to the meeting. There was swimming, a cocktail party, dinner and business meeting. Sunday morning some of the girls went swimming before eating breakfast and departing for home. The Fort Worth girls wish to thank Mildred Carney, Essie Mae Hollis, Loraine Averette, Marie Barnes, and Barbara Williams, who were such fine hostesses.

Ann Atkeison, assisted by Frances Withers, did the honors for the June meeting of our Unit. After cocktails and our business meeting, they served a delicious dinner of onion soup, baked ham, potato salad and the trimmings. Attending were Mary Helen Rattikin, Beulah Conn, Verna Burns, Cleve Godfrey and your reporter.

The TPFA "fly-in breakfast" Sunday was held in the dining room of Amon Carter field. Approximately 75 people, from various parts of Texas, were present and twenty light planes dotted the field. M. C. Martin, President of TPFA, gave an official welcome. The breakfast was followed by a tour of Greater Fort Worth International Airport. Ninety-Nines present were Verna Burns, Ann Atkeison and Mary Helen Rattikin.

Cleve Godfrey flew to St. Louis for a week-end visit with Col. and Mrs. Freeman. She encountered weather conditions along the way and picked out a good pasture to set down in. After about three hours, the weather picked up and Cleve flew on into Lambert Field as planned. Being a good Texan, she did not complain about rain.

Cleve flew her husband, Berl, to West Texas to attend the Exchange Club Convention. She also "air-chauffeured" her daughter Gail to Plainview to visit relatives there and in Lubbock. Due to weather, she went to get her via automobile.

Your reporter was very much honored to have a "sneak visit" with out International Vice President Jean Howard and Madame Sabiha Gokcen of Turkey. Jean is a fellow Turtle Club member and we had a real gab-fest. As a Major in the CAP, she was acting as aide to Madame Gokcen. Madame Gokcen, whose American nickname is "Mamie," is with a group of air cadets from Turkey on a 15-day tour of the United States, part of an international air cadet exchange program of the CAP. Their

visit in the Fort Worth area included a luncheon at Amon Carter Field; inspection of Convair, the stock yards, Bell Aircraft's Helicopter plant, and a dinner at Western Hills Hotel.

Madame Gokcen is Chief Flight Instructor of Civil Aviation in Turkey. She is an outstanding pilot, having flown military planes in combat. She was especially pleased upon being presented with honorary wings by Braniff International Airlines.

Ark-La-Tex Unit
By: Loraine Averett

Texas Chapter meeting was held Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21, at Dun-Roamin Motel, Longview. The girls checked in at Motel and enjoyed the luxury of the Motel Swimming Pool. Cocktail party and Dinner was served at Curley's Saturday night. Later, a business meeting was held. Reports were given on each unit and a general discussion of problems. The Constitution of Texas Chapter was given to each member.

Present were Ann Atkeison, Verna Burns, Cleve Godfrey, Beulah Conn, Mary Helen Rattikin, and a guest, Fran Withers; Marie Rushing and her 49 1/2er, Doris Weller, Martha Ann Reading, Janis Romanio, Josephine Allison, Ama Lee Jameson, Olean Sellers, Loraine Averett and Curtis, Essie M. Hollis and T.M., Barbara Williams and "Slush", Marie Barnes and Marcus, and Mildred Carney.

Hope each one present enjoyed themselves and will visit us again. Hope, too, that each unit will continue the good work.

Dallas Unit
By: Janis Romanio

Our most interesting news, the Spring Meeting of the Texas Chapter, will probably be well-covered by every other reporter there, for it was a splendid occasion. We met in Longview and all stayed together in a motel with a swimming pool! This easy informality permitted more opportunities for visiting than usual, and everyone had a delightful time.

Most of the Dallas Ninety-Nines flew to San Antonio June 27, with Col. and Marie Rushing, for the graduation exercises of the National CAP Girl Cadet Encampment, of which our own Marian Guiberson was Encampment Commander. Naturally, we were very proud of her.

Jan Romanio will be leaving soon to attend the National Aviation Education Workshop in Colorado, where she has been asked to serve on the staff as a group discussion leader.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

UTAH CHAPTER
By: Bobby Pratt

There's a lot of news from Utah this month. A vacation in California was the reason for your reporter's missing the last issue--we had a lot of fun down San Francisco way. Traveled via United -- first flight in a commercial airliner in our 5 years of flying experience!

Now for results of the TAR. Our own Doris Eacret, with co-pilot Helen McIntosh from Los Angeles, placed third. Onita Hoff from Idaho and Beulah Keister got into the race, too, and had a grand time. Our congratulations to all of you gals.

Our June meeting was held at the home of Eunice Naylor, where we were served a delicious (as usual) dinner. In July we met at June Raybould's, and had a barbecue in her nice, cool back yard. June showed us some aviation movies put out by the Idaho Aeronautics Department, and Zada Arentz brought along her color slide collection. Attending were Alberta Hunt, Dorothy Allen, Eunice Naylor, Ethel McDermott, June, Jane Davis, Zada Arentz and myself.

Dorothy Allen is out of the Air Force and is thinking about taking up her aviation studies in California. We also heard from Mickey Nebeker, who is attending Air Control School at Olathe, Kansas.

Lucille Christopherson from Provo has been appointed Air Transportation Chairman for Civil Defense.

On June 6-15, planes from Utah celebrated the 50th Anniversary of powered flight by taking a trip to Monument Valley in southern Utah. June Raybould, Jane Davis and Zada Arentz represented our chapter.

TUCSON CHAPTER

By: Gertrude G. Gelderman

San Diego certainly arranged a wonderful Convention and is hereby congratulated. Enough entertainment was planned so that everyone could enjoy what she liked best. And the lot of "presents" we received was amazing. Thank you, San Diego, for the good time.

Twelve bracelets were sold and we wished we had had more with us. Anyone "wishing for" a bracelet may write to Tucson Chapter for information. We would be pleased to have you all own one.

Your reporter grasps at every opportunity she can manage for cross-country practice, but has very limited time. She had one of these never-to-be-forgotten trips on July 8-9. She went with Henry Hudgin by Airlines to Lock Haven, Pa. The next day, we delivered a Piper Tri-Pacer to Hudgins Air Service in Tucson. All within forty-eight hours! Flying time, 18 1/2 hours. The winds and weather were very favorable, as you can see.

This little trip caused your reporter to be late to the Convention, but she arrived by noon on the 10th.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Dottie Houghton

Perhaps we should entitle this bit of news - "FLYING" - as we found out by comparing notes at our June meeting, everyone in the chapter seems to have done a lot of flying the past few months. First of all, we flew to Porterville from Modesto and surrounding towns for our June breakfast meeting. And even though our Chairman, Ev. Hendley, did keep Jean Vincent and myself up until the wee hours the night before, we still managed to read the amendments to be voted on and I daresay, come up with some good answers.

We were sorry our two Fresno members couldn't join us for our June Meeting, but we haven't forgotten them.

Thanks to Irmyle Fitzgearl we had a grand breakfast meeting I would like to mention here, too, that we are so proud of Irmyle who is secretary of the Porterville Area Pilots Association. Porterville just won the Hughes National Aviation Safety Trophy, which was recently awarded by the Associated Flying Clubs. She handled all the detailed work involved in their competing for this trophy. Irmyle manages to fly to all of our meetings as well as to any scheduled Flying Club activities. And since our chairman is unable to go to the Convention this year, Irmyle will be our delegate.

As well as taking over the duties and responsibilities of Chapter Chairman, Ev Hendley helped to instruct our Wing Scout troop, who received their Wings in May. We felt that a great deal was accomplished with our eight Wing Scouts in furthering a desire to become future women pilots. A tour of the Oakland Airport was planned for the girls in May.

Hazel Zimmerman had a month's vacation. We are all envious. She flew to Detroit.

Laura Mae and Gene Crawford flew in the Beach back to the Indianapolis Races. There they picked up a car and went touring. Laura Mae says, "flying is more fun."

Ethel says most of her flying has been done when the moon was high. She has been flying solo in the moonlight in that four-place clipper.

Jean Vincent has been flying nearly every week-end and she is really busy with her new position as President of the Associated Flying Clubs, which include twenty flying clubs in the state. We are very proud to have Jean in such a position - which I might add could have been given to any pilot (man or woman). So if any of you attend the Fly-Ins up and down the valley, be sure and look for Jean. She will be there - as she takes care of organizing and planning all such flights.

As for news from Lillian Brown -- I always manage to get to the Airport just as Lillian is taking off. So we know she's flying - details in the next issue.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Trixie-Ann G. Schubert

"Kudos" to Jean Parker, our chapter gal who placed second in the TAR. We're proud also of Lauretta B. Foy who came in 11th and Margaret Standish, 15th. All of them in the upper third. Chapter members at the International Convention in San Diego were Clara Davis, Mary Ruth Rance, Elsie Ringer, Marjorie Cones, delegate Irma Story. Am

not sure whether I saw Jean Parker and Margaret Standish at the Convention banquet.

We have a prospective chapter Ninety-Nine with "enough pre-natal time" to solo. That's the way Katherine Stuhler Wagner describes her daughter, born July 13 at Pasadena. Young Jean Catherine arrived at 2:18 A.M. weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Energetic Mary Ruth Rance, airmarking chairman, has lined up another building in Arcadia to be marked. Sign painting will begin Saturday, August 1, with Ninety-Nines doing the work. This Ninety-Nine, however, will be enroute to a Colorado vacation so Clara Davis will write the September column.

Board members met at Clara's home to discuss plans for the September Sectional Meeting which San Fernando Valley Chapter is sponsoring at Bakersfield.

Four California ex-Wisconsin Ninety-Nines were elated to find so many Wisconsin Ninety-Nines at the convention, adding up to some long-awaited hangar flying among Ninety-Nines Reimer, Kapus, Behringer and Schubert of California, and Peters, Heise and Faust of Wisconsin.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By: Maxine S. Smith

Pinch-hitting for Ruth Gamber, who left via airlines for a foreign job at Casablanca a short time before the International Convention. Understand she is rooming with Mickey Collins there.

Speaking of the Convention, we are happy and proud to have hosted the event. 154 Ninety-Nines were here in the final count by Evie Briggs and Amy Changnon, plus 49 1/2ers and guests to a total of 227. Having all living past Presidents in attendance by the final banquet was one of the many nice happenings; we enjoyed hearing Jacqueline Cochran's step-by-step description of how she set the records; and the introduction of Beatrice Edgerly McPherson's Ninety-Nine song with music composed and played by Onita Hoff, and - at the last minute - Joe and Ernestine Stanley located Mr. Carl W. Dewese, Director of the San Diego City Chorus, to be the vocalist.

The chapter's best wishes go to President Alice Hammond, who left San Diego on Sunday to deliver her race plane to Hollister, then went to Hawaii in charge of eight Girl Cadets on a CAP sponsored trip to Hawaii.

Betty Gillies, AWTAR Chairman, of course, was home two days after Convention then left for Europe with her family on a vacation trip.

Helen Dick and Mary Ring served as timer and inspector respectively at Long Beach for the race finish, then dashed home to perform countless convention duties.

Jacqueline Trenfel and Helen took over the planning and arranging while Claire Hale, Isabelle McCrae, Dottie Sanders and Lois Bartling flew in the race (Betty Lambert and Sue Penners, too). Edna Penners, Sue's mother, is one of our newest members and the entire Penners family met Sue and Dottie in New York just before the race start, and then Edna hurried home to help Evie Briggs and Amy Changnon.

Chairman Claire helped 49 1/2er Kenny and Suds Stortz with transportation and, by the way, she has received so many nice thank you letters that the entire chapter feels good and thanks everyone for coming and making the convention such a grand one!