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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

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Open meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 10, 1954 at Long Beach Municipal Airport with Air Race Committee and any interested Ninety-Nines, for the discussion of any suggestions or ideas for next years race. If you have any good ideas and are unable to be present at this meeting please send along your suggestions to Barbara London, 624 Armando Drive, Long Beach 7, Calif.

RACE CONTESTANTS - 1953: Wanted any and all newspaper clippings re: 1953 Race. Publicity book is being completed and we want all towns and all contestants to be represented. Send along pronto to Barbara.

AWTAR RACE START - FINISH - DATES - ANNOUNCED DECEMBER NEWS LETTER

FRANCES WARNER of Denver, Colorado heads the WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE for our money raising projects - 1953 Race. Send to her money collected for this project. Keep her informed with your ideas so that she may pass them on to other chapters.

ITEMS FOR SALE - If you have any items for sale that do not appear on the back page of this issue PLEASE send on to EDITOR IMMEDIATELY so items can be included in ROSTER.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Ninety-Nines:

Thanks Giving Time! It doesn't seem possible that "turkey" time is here again. Now is the time we always look back and think of the things for which we can be thankful. To me, Flying is one of the greatest.... and has made my life many times richer in both friendships and activities. As we fly above this beautiful country of ours...and it is certainly beautiful at this time, snowcapped peaks, red and yellow trees, deep brown hills, green fields softened with the haze of Indian summer... let us realize how lucky we are to be able to gain new perspective and freedom from our daily lives by flying.

Just received a very nice letter from NANCY ELLIS, our Australian Ninety-Nine. Nancy is attending the Australian Women Pilots Association annual meeting in Adelaide, South Australia. She hopes to organize a Ninety-Nine chapter while there as every state in Australia will be represented. We wish her luck! This year these women inaugurated an annual air race to be run in conjunction with their annual meeting. This handicap race started from four different points, converging at the meeting site, with the first ship across the line the winner.

I had the extreme pleasure and honor of representing the Ninety-Nines at an All State Conference on Air Education held at Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento. It was indeed worth while. Educators from the entire State of California met with the Air Force, industry, CAP, CAA, State Aeronautics Commission, California State Department of Education and Flying Farmers. The educators thought the Ninety Nines might be able to help with school Air Age Programs. So contact your local school administrators. Let them know you are interested in helping wherever you can. They are interested in you and in flying.

The entire Ninety-Nines join Virginia Ashelford in her sorrow at this time. Virginia's 49 1/2er, Earl, made his "last flight" on October 11th. Virginia will take over the full responsibility of continuing the business where Earl left off. We're with you 100%, Virginia.

Our sympathy goes to the Greater St. Louis and the Washington, D.C. Chapters in their loss of a friend and chapter member. We will all feel the void that DOROTHY CONDON of St. Louis, and GLADYS KEFAUVER, of Washington, D.C. will leave in our organization.

I do want to thank each and every one of you for all your nice personal notes and if you haven't received a note from me thanking you it's because I'm not writing personal notes, as yet, since taking over as your president. Hope to be able to get around to note writing soon though. I haven't forgotten about you. Keep writing... I love to get letters... and I still have time to read them. Have a very happy Thanksgiving and eat lots of turkey.

Sincerely your friend,

Gerry Mickelsen
President





AIR MARKING

Bobbe Slafe
International Airmarking Chairman

Several requests have been received here for pictures of the Ninety-Nines at work on the Airmarking Program to be used for publicity purposes. In order to build up a library of this kind of material to use in filling these requests, we would like to have each Ninety-Nine chapter that is working on the Airmarking Program send in to me any pictures suitable for reproduction you have of your girls at work on the Airmarking Program (showing them actually painting in cases where the Ninety-Nines are doing the painting themselves). Glossy prints 8" x 10" are the most desirable but glossies of any kind 4" x 6" or larger could be used. Include with these pictures outlines giving the names and places so they can be identified for the story.

If we can immediately fill these requests for pictures at work it will be a good way to push the Airmarking Program as well as the Ninety Nine organization as a whole. We want everybody who is working on the Airmarking Program to have the credit they deserve so send in all the pictures you can showing your Chapter at work.

Some of you haven't yet sent in the name of your Airmarking Chairman for this next year, so let me hear from you soon -- time's a'wasting.

HELP A LOST PILOT -- IT COULD BE YOU!

CANADIAN SECTION

FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER
By: Leonore Dure



The Annual Meeting and election of officers of the First Canadian Chapter was held in Ottawa on October 19, 1953, at the home of Neville Robinson. The occasion was suitably

marked by a cocktail party and buffet supper very graciously given by Neville.

At the meeting following the supper further plans for our Chapter competition, which would award a prize semi-annually to the member putting in the most flying time as PI (not commercial) were discussed. Our Treasurer's report showed a gratifying increase in chapter funds, mainly due to the sales of Regal Stationery initiated by Betty McCanse.

Officers elected for the following year are: Chairman, Betty McCanse; Vice-Chairman, Leonore Dure; Secretary, Lorna Bray; Treasurer, Dorothy Drew.

It was with great regret that this Chapter accepted the resignations of Phyllis Klotz and Neville Robinson. These two were largely responsible for the start of the Ninety-Nines organization in Canada in 1949 and with their enthusiastic support, the Canadian Ninety-Nines have grown in four short years from a few members to a Section with four chapters spanning Canada from coast to coast. They will be missed by all of us, but the work which they started has firmly taken root and will continue to grow.

While we have lost two of our oldest members, we have welcomed Felicity Bennett, instructor at the Kingston Flying Club, into the Chapter, and with two or three more prospects expect to be operating in full force again.

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Anne M. Crathern



Our apologies and regrets that we did not make the last news letter, but before we go a step further many, many thanks are in order. We more than enjoyed having the start of the TAR here and we want to thank all the girls who came up to this part of the country. We want to thank all the people at this end who made it such a success.

Many of the Ninety-Nines attended a luncheon honoring Igor Sikorsky, at which he presented a movie showing the latest operations of helicopters. (Did you ever see one do loops? Well we did!)

It was grand to see Jean Howard and Betty Fisher from Washington who flew up to the Nantucket Air Tour that was handled so beautifully by our own Jean Adams Cook.

Page Shamburger also flew in and we hope she will transfer to the New England Section now that she lives in Great Barrington. It was a grand week end with many Ninety-Nines and AOPA'ers in attendance.

Orchids to Barbara Cloud! Recently Barbara has received recognition for all her effort in promoting Aviation and her participation in Air Age Education. She was the winner of the Wendy Warren "Woman of the Year" Award in New York, having been selected from a field of women including artists, actresses, etc. and also named as their woman of the year by the Aero Club of New England. We in New England are very happy to have Barbara in our Section and we know she would like to send a message of "thanks" to her 49 1/2er, John, who made this possible with all his consideration and help. At the present time, Barbara's Luscombe is in the window of one of Boston's largest department stores with a life-size figure of Barbara showing how she looked before the take-off for the TAR.

Barbara Evans and her husband played host to Charlotte Sullivan Kelley and Barbara Cloud when they were in New York recently. The New York Chapter can be proud of their Governor (and her twins!). They had a nice visit with Alice Klutas at the New York Headquarters and came home with several membership blanks they hope to have filled shortly with a new membership drive in this section.

At our next meeting on Friday, the 13th, at the Boston City Club, plans will be made for a New England Air Race to be held on March 13th, from Boston to Canada. We hope that all Ninety-Nines in the vicinity and all members of the New England Section will attend this dinner. Accommodations will be available for overnight guests.

1953-1954 Officers: Governor, Catherine P. Hiller; Vice-Governor, Mildred E. Morey; Secretary, Barbara J. Cloud; Treasurer, Charlotte S. Kelley; Membership Chairman, Sally T. Driver; News Letter, Anne M. Crathern.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Muriel G. Steinel



Our dinner meeting on October 19, 1953 was held in the Beaux Arts Hotel, New York City. After a delicious chicken dinner, first on the agenda was installation of officers for the coming year. We were all pleased to welcome Barbara Evans, Governor; Jeanne Spielberg, Vice-Governor; and Peggy Norris, Treasurer, into their second year of office. New Secretary, Connie Hahn, was given a few pointers by former Secretary, Betty Haight Harris. Barbara Evans, in behalf of all the members of the Section, thanked Betty for the time and effort she gave to the organization while in office. Betty hasn't bowed out entirely though. She has accepted Chairmanship of the Membership Committee, and a more fitting chairman would be hard to find, considering the number of new members Betty has introduced into the Ninety-Nines.

Barbara and Ed recently returned from a vacation in California, and it seems the twins were extremely popular wherever they traveled, even to being very good little passengers on the airliners.

The coming year's busy schedule was announced by Barbara. On November 16, through the efforts of Gertrude Alcock, Professor Spaulding of New York University will speak on "The 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight." In December, date undecided as yet, will be our Christmas Party, chairman Lois Fairbank. Arax Simsarian is making arrangements for the January 18, 1954 meeting, and will announce the program at a later date. February 15 will give us a good deal of information on the popular sport of "Soaring," arranged by Betty Haight Harris. Dates of the following meetings are March 15, April 19, May 17 and June 14. Additional information on these meetings will be released at a future date.

Present at the October 19 meeting were Kay Brick, Alice Jean Starr, Selma Cronan, Arax Simsarian, Gertrude Alcock, Betty Haas, Marjorie Davis, Betty Haight Harris, Jean McClave, with soon-to-be members, Joan Rounds and Barbara Williams. Barbara Williams has just recently become a Commercial Pilot; she works in the office at Morristown Airport, and whenever the opportunity arises, hops off in an airplane.

An invitation was extended to our Section members to attend the Sectional meeting of the Middle Eastern Section, which was held in Philadelphia on Oct. 24-25. Kay Brick managed to attend and had a very enjoyable time.

Jeanne Spielberg entertained Marietta Sonnenberg of Rochester, Minn., who arrived on time for the World

Series, which she was very anxious to see since she's a newspaper reporter. But Alas! Couldn't get tickets for one game, so they climbed to the parapet of the Bronx County Building (where Jeanne works) and saw the game with binoculars. Marietta had been abroad for three months and had a thrilling trip.

Another visitor to this area was Helen McChesney Mennitto, who was up North on vacation. Kay Brick had a nice visit with Helen and her two adorable children.

All members who would like to contact me with any news items may get me at work--Halsbrouck Heights 8-1800, or at home, UNION 5-3518 -- or at our regular meetings. All news items, however, must be received by me by the 20th of each month, in order to make the following News Letter.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION



WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER
By: Louise Kidd

Ye reporter's cup runneth over - with so many activities during October, 'tis indeed a problem to cover each adequately without writing a book.

Barbara Jenison must be clairvoyant. Before the October News Letter (in which we invited her to visit us) reached the newsstand, Barbara dropped in. A hastily planned luncheon was well attended. Everyone was delighted to see Barbara and to hear of her experiences since leaving D.C. Dora Fritzke of North Central Section also made a flying visit here on October 12.

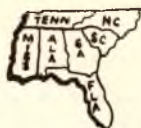
Blanche Noyes was honor guest at dinner at Maxime's on October 8 to celebrate her 25th anniversary in aviation. Present were Ruth Barclay, Billie Cain, Louise Calhoun, Clair Callaghan, Betty Fisher, Jean Howard, Louise Kidd, Ada Mitchell, Dorothy Mitchell, Mitzi Moore, Lola Perkins, Katherine Stinson, Daisy Vaughan, Frances Schmidt, Betsy Woodward, Capt. Phyllis Johnson, and Lt. Castles.

During the weekend of October 9-11, Jean Howard and Betty Fisher flew to Nantucket Island on the flight sponsored by AOPA and CAP. An impromptu Ninety-Nine meeting was held with Jane Adams Cook, operator of the airport, Barbara Kiernan, Barbara Cloud, Charlotte Kelley, and Alice Shamburger. Incidentally, Jean and Maryjane Sasala received a fine write-up with pictures, on their Arthur Godfrey air fellowships in The Washington Star on August 22.

On October 14, an International Air Pioneers dinner was held at the Mayflower as part of the year-long observance of the golden anniversary of powered flight. Among the women pioneers sharing honors with the men from ten countries were Katherine Stinson Otero, third woman in the USA to receive a pilot's license; Blanche Stewart Scott, the only woman taught to fly by Glen Curtiss (in 1910) and one of the first women exhibition fliers; Ruth Law Oliver, who made the first non-stop long distance solo flight (in 1916), established the first women's altitude record, and flew the first air mail to the Philippine Islands; Blanche Noyes, first woman pilot in Ohio, one of the first women to fly an autogiro, and, with Louise Thaden as pilot in 1936, were the first women to win the Bendix Trophy. Other Ninety-Nines attending the dinner were Arlene Davis, of Cleveland, newly elected secretary of NAA, Lola Perkins, Katherine Stinson, Billie Cain, Rosemary Lane, Dorothy Mitchell, Betty Fisher, and Jean Howard. On the following day, the Washington Chapter gave a luncheon for the women air pioneers, and the two Katherine Stinsons met for the first time.

Our fall sectional meeting was held in Philadelphia the weekend of October 24-25. Thanks to Jane Morris and her committee a lovely time was had by all. The incumbent sectional officers will serve for another year.

It is with deep regret that we report Gladys Kefauver made her last flight on October 20. Gladys was Legal Advisor or Capital Squadron of CAP, attorney in the Veteran's Administration, member of District of Columbia and Maryland bars, and former regent of the DAR. To her sisters, Evelyn and Mildred, we extend our deepest sympathy.



SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

FLORIDA CHAPTER
By: Barbara L. Erickson

The October meeting of our chapter was held at Tyi O'Conner's lovely home where following the business meeting a swim party took place.

Chairmen were selected for various committees and discussions held on the International Race and possible participation in Miami's celebration on the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight.

Verna Burke, program chairman, has planned for our November dinner meeting a guest speaker from the Miami Control Tower who will speak on "Air Control For The Private Pilot." Future meetings also promise to be very interesting, with speakers from different branches of the aviation industry.

GEORGIA CHAPTER
By: Kitty Nix

Our October meeting was held in Atlanta Saturday, October 10th. New officers were elected with Mary Edwards again as Chairman; Evelyn Greenblatt as Vice-Chairman; Patty Benton, Secretary; Margie Elder, Treasurer; Kitty Nix, publicity chairman; Mae Curtis, membership chairman; and Betty McNabb as air marking chairman.

After the election of officers we had a wonderful meeting making plans for the coming year. We again chose air marking as our main project and among other things planned a definite schedule for our meetings for the coming year. The meetings are to be held every third Tuesday over the State of Georgia with a definite rainy day alternate in Atlanta.

We missed three of our out-of-town members this meeting. Betty McNabb was gallivanting in California. Haven't heard why Agnes Herndon and Daphne Kelly didn't make it but looking forward to seeing them at the next meeting.

We had two prospective members at the meeting: Miss Gene Ewing who is ready for her private license, and Mrs. Martha Bullock who is an ex-Wasp.

Our November meeting is to be held in Albany at twelve o'clock with lunch at Radium Springs.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER
By: Jane Hilbert

We are all mighty proud of Ruth Thomas who, single-handed, sold the Chamber of Commerce and City of Knoxville, Tennessee on making a firm bid for the 1954 AWTAR terminus. The city will not only handle all requirements for a successful terminus but will offer a \$2,000 purse also.

News comes from Sally Jackson that she is now to be known as Mrs. Joe Powell Shelton. The lucky 49 1/2er does not fly but we are betting on Sally to remedy this situation soon. They honeymooned in Miami and, among other things, paid a visit to Eastern Airlines' base there. They expect to live in Manchester but for the present Sally's address will remain in Murfreesboro. Best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Georgiana McConnell went on the last half of the Tennessee Air Booster Tour, from Nashville to Memphis and return with many stops en route. Evelyn Bryan also made the tour taking her mother as passenger. They all reported an excellent time with much entertainment at all stops and a really super shindig in Memphis, where they ROned.

Sara Payne Hayden sends "Hellos" to everyone and says she is getting along fine "for a Southern gal transplanted into Yankee territory."

Helen Deason and Georgiana McConnell plan to fly the CAP L-16 based in Nashville on a G.O.C. training mission this month.

Virginia Carey is teaching school in Lordsburg, New Mexico. Her address is Box 383 and she would love to hear from all Ninety-Nines.

Cora McDonald is still recuperating at her home in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She is getting much better but is hungry for news from Ninety-Nines.

Mary Jane Quarles has moved back to Morristown and we are all happy to have her with us again. Maybe Evelyn can get her "back in the blue."

We are proud to announce that two of our members, namely Evelyn Bryan and Sarah Duke, have been re-elected Southeastern Section Governor and Vice-Governor respectively and that Caroline Hembel of the Carolinas Chapter has been re-elected Secretary and Treasurer. With the past year's experience these officers should really put our Section on the Ninety-Nine map. Congratulations to all of you.

Your reporter has recovered from her recent appendectomy and is now back in the harness both at home and at the airport. It's good to be out again.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION



GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER
By: Laura Sellinger

It seems rather ironical, at this date, to be announcing the slate of officers elected at our September meeting since our Vice-Chairman, Dorothy Condon, has since

been fatally injured in an automobile accident. Another vice-chairman has not been elected. However, we are glad to announce the following remaining officers for 1953-1954: Chairman, Loretta Slavick; Secretary, Dorothy Young; Treasurer, June Walsh.

Our summer and fall flying activities have included flights to the Lake of the Ozarks, Lake Taneycomo, Kentucky Lake, and a flight to Columbia, Missouri to attend the Missouri/Purdue football game. Sue Park curtailed her flying by becoming a counselor at a camp in the Colorado mountains.

June Walsh's activities in the aviation field merit a great deal of credit. June attended the CAP workshop in Boulder, Colorado last August. Then she and Loretta Slavick twin-Beeched their way to Portland, Oregon, to attend the NAA convention where June was appointed to serve on the National Air Age Education Committee. She also was elected state chairman of the Air Age Education Committee for the newly-organized Missouri Pilots Association. And she is Aviation Education Advisor for 235 teachers in the Kirkwood school district (St. Louis County) as part of their plan to set up air age education programs in the Kirkwood schools.

DOROTHY CONDON

Tragedy has struck deep in the heart of our active little group. And it is indeed difficult to write of the horrible automobile accident which, early Sunday morning, October 11, claimed the life of our Dorothy Condon. Dot was the epitome of aviation -- her flying enthusiasm was unequalled. She was vice-chairman of our chapter and, in the past, had served competently in various offices with the N.A.A. and the W.N.A.A. Many of you who landed in St. Louis during last year's AWTAR may remember our fair-haired Dot who was on hand to greet the participants. Or you may remember her as a fellow pilot in the W.N.A.A. Skylark Derby this summer. Her passing weighs heavily on all of us. We shall certainly miss her gaiety, her loyalty, her un-failing enthusiasm, and her help.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER
By: Edith Harmon

Sunday, October 11th, was to have been a day of fun and entertainment at the Fly-In Breakfast of the Mad River Flying Club in Springfield. Approximately 500 people flew or drove to the airport. Earl Ashelford, our new Chairman's 49 1/2, was demonstrating "How Not to Fly a Plane" so that other pilots could see the dangers involved. He gambled on his vast flying experience to pull him through safely. He lost -- and died. Our deepest sympathies are with Virginia and their daughter. Virginia is going to continue to operate out of Springfield Airport and to promote aviation as "Ash" had.

Many of our Ninety-Nines have been flying extensively the past month. Among them was Alice Puller who flew her Stinson to New York City where she visited for four days with Olga, her French friend. Jean Bonar and

her 49 1/2 flew through Cincinnati October 17th enroute to Memphis and San Antonio in their Cessna 180. Virginia Ashelford flew to Cleveland October 8th to meet with members of the Executive Committee to organize committees for the coming year. Alice Schlott flew to several fairs in September and October. Arlene Davis returned from Oregon October 15th where she attended the National Convention of N.A.A. and flew via airlines from there to Washington, D.C. to attend the Pioneers Dinner which was attended by aviation notables.

Arlene Davis has been appointed National Secretary of N.A.A. by the Executive Board, of which she is a member.

An Article about the Wing Scout Program submitted by Mary Fecser to Flying Magazine was accepted for publication in one of the future issues of Flying. Mary was surprised to receive not only a letter from the Editor but also a check for \$25.00. Congratulations, Mary, we'll be looking forward to the article.

The October meeting was held in Akron on the 18th. Those present were Helen Ailes, Virginia Ashelford, Marion Betzler, Rosalie Bracht, Mary Fecser, Jean Hixson, Joan Hrubec, Florence Migge, Marjorie Miller, Alice Puller, Helen Sammon, Alice Schlott, Mary Wenclaw and Martha Walter. Your reporter had to work Sunday and Kathleen Ruff was unable to attend so we flew up to Springfield Saturday to discuss plans with Virginia.

Marge Miller has been busy delivering blood to local and county hospitals in Columbus for the Red Cross.

Former Chairman, Blanche O'Brien, has donated a Ninety-Nine compact to the chapter to be raffled off to raise funds for the chapter. This will be done in the near future.

The November meeting will be held in Columbus. The December meeting will be a Christmas Party in Cleveland the 20th, with Arlene Davis as hostess. The January meeting has been planned for Urbana. Get your request for chapter meetings in to Virginia.

The Ohio Aviation Board reports that 89 air markers have been completed in Ohio and 7 more will be completed in 1953. The 96 air markers being installed this year are one of the projects being conducted by the Ohio Aviation Board from money collected as aircraft license fees. Members of this Ninety-Nine chapter helped flight check existing air markers this past year. Governor Heise has asked your reporter to serve as Sectional Airmarking Chairman and I am happy to report that our interest in air marking has borne fruit in our state. I'd like to ask now that all chapter chairmen let me know who their air marking chairman is.

Lucile Wright and Edna Gardner whyte stopped by Lunken Airport, Cincinnati, October 8th on their way to Texas to join the Air Tour. Happy to see you, Lucile and Edna.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER
By: Isabel Myrland

The September meeting was held in the Valley Inn of Neenah, Wis. on September 27th. Pearl Nelson flying her Staggerwind Beech and Isabel Myrland flying her Piper Vagabond were the only two members flying in. They landed at the Valley Airways Airport just south of Neenah where Lois Joyce met the girls and drove them into the Valley Inn for a very lovely dinner.

There were seven members present. Election of officers was held at this meeting and the new slate reads as follows: Chairman, Bernadette Voelker; Vice-Chairman, Nellie Bilstad; Secretary, Irene B. Moore; Treasurer and Membership Chairman, Pearl S. Nelson; Reporter, Ethel Christensen.

Irene Moore made the trip to Traverse City, Michigan to attend the North Central Sectional. She reported a very fine trip and an interesting time.

By: Ethel Christensen

Can't stretch my memory back any further than July, but recall that the July, August, September and October meeting days all have been perfect flying days. How lucky can we get? Feel that I shouldn't mention this, it might be bad luck for our November meeting. Just can't help but brag about the weather though.

Our October meeting was a fly-in to Morey Airport, Middleton, Wisconsin. Grace Page was our hostess. She had flags marking the spot for a spot landing. Some said they didn't see the flags; one gal even landed on a different runway than the flags. Men have nothing on the women for excuses, me thinks!

Grace also planned a fake bombing contest, using small paper bags filled with flour. Grace's husband parked their car right near the spot and figured he would be the safest there. He was so-o-o-o right. According to Mr. Page, the Judge, Irene Moore and Winifred Kestly were the closest at about 75 feet. Most of the rest of us bombed the woods FAR-BY.

Winifred Kestly piloted her Luscombe and Irene Moore was the bombardier. Winifred, by the way, is in the process of being our newest member. She hails from Sauk City and just within the last few weeks has moved to Appleton. Overheard her and Grace Page trying to "horse-trade" their planes. Grace wants to trade her Cessna for Winifred's Luscombe and Aeronca. Hmmm!

After the bombing contest, 49 1/2ers, guests and members dined at the Cuba Club. There were fifteen of us.

Pearl Nelson sure gets around with their Stagger-Winged Beech. She flew to Brownsville, Texas in eight hours on a Thursday to pick up a friend of hers from Mexico City. They came back on Friday in eight and one-half hours. The Stagger-Wing, incidentally, has a 450 horsepower engine, which Pearl is very adept at handling.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER By: Betty Barton

Dorothy Hunt, the newest member of our chapter, entertained the girls with a lovely afternoon dinner at her home in Sibley, in September. Dorothy had the opportunity to give the girls a tour of her new home.

Millie Burt has returned to her home from the hospital in Rochester, Minn., and her condition is improving nicely. She spends the day watching the television - talk about an easy life! Millie, we are all pulling for you to be up on your feet again real soon.

A lovely arrangement of candles, airplanes and fall leaves decorated the table at Tony's in Fort Dodge for a Sunday get-together of the chapter October 17th. I understand 49 1/2er Quentin Wildman worked hard in the city park finding just the right leaves. You did pretty good.

Members present were Virginia Koestner, Helen Flaherty, Beulah Smith and 49 1/2er, Jean Wildman and 49 1/2er, Rachel Piper and yours truly and boy friend. We had the privilege of enjoying the company of the girls from Iowa Chapter. The weather being beautiful, many of those present flew in.

The November meeting will be at Marshalltown with the Iowa girls.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER By: Margaret Windfuhr

Thirty-five members and guests were present at Flint, October 11, for our meeting. The gracious hostesses were Bernice Trimble and Edna Chapin.

New officers elected are Lee Hammerlee, Chairman; Margaret Napierala, Vice-Chairman; Edna Chapin, Recording Secretary; Alice H. Hammond, Corresponding Secretary; Velta Skutt, Treasurer. The same committee heads were asked to keep the same jobs as last year.

The program included a talk, illustrated by colored slides, by Alice Hammond on her recent trip to Hawaii.

Edna Gardner Whyte flew to Texas to be in the All-Texas Air Tour.

A former Michigan Chapter member, Marguerite Huff, and her husband are visiting here from South Carolina.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER By: Hazel Wakefield

Our annual election meeting was held Sunday, October 11, in the Executive Lounge of Butler Aviation, at Midway Airport, Chicago. The new officers are: Chairman, Marjorie Raglin; Vice-Chairman, Esther Noffke; Recording Secretary, Hazel Wakefield; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Harriette Magee.

After a most delicious lunch supplied by Alice Kudrna, Evelyn Martin and Olive Tuttle, we enjoyed a tour of the Control Center, Airway Communications, Weather Bureau and Tower, arranged by Alice.

Our fifth air marker of this season was painted at Robin-kam Airport, Saturday, October 24. Helen Budwash, Marge Raglin, Florence Lacy, Alice Kudrna, Harriette Magee, Evelyn Martin, Hazel Wakefield - and prospective member, Helen Sailer, braved the cold north wind to swing the paint brushes. Thanks to hot coffee and yummy coffeecake thoughtfully provided by Helen Budwash, we survived the cold and had a wonderful time. One more marker is scheduled this fall, through the continued efforts of Jane White and Helen Budwash.

We hope soon to welcome Emma Schwer back to active membership. Has everyone renewed? Alice Kudrna has received an instrument rating and Hazel Hackwith is still busy checking out in new planes. This time it was a Stinson 165. Kay Ferris is back at Hinsdale Sanitarium working with polio patients.

We all extend our sympathy to Sally Stremple at the recent loss of her sister.

Your reporter and 49 1/2er have recently acquired a phonograph record pressing business. Want some records pressed???

Our next meeting will be held at the United Airlines ticket office, Thursday evening, November 19. Come on, girls, bring a prospective member and enjoy movies and slides of the many activities our Chapter has participated in this year.

The annual Christmas party will be held at Kungholm's, Friday evening, December 11. Plan NOW to come and bring your 49 1/2er or a friend, and enjoy Smorgasborg at its best.

INDIANA CHAPTER By: Mary E. Sprenger

Twenty-three members and one guest, Treva Marks, attended the September meeting in Muncie. After the business meeting and a delicious luncheon in town, we returned to the airport where spot landings were in order. Despite the glare from the afternoon sun on final, the girls turned in some top-flight work. Fun, too! Alice McCormack came in first, and Betty Lehmer followed with a close second.

Tannie Schlundt, flying a Taylorcraft, just returned from Cordele, Georgia. Tailwinds and good weather all the way. Tannie and her grandmother have birthdays just one day apart, and they celebrated together with a big family party. Happy birthday, Tannie!

An indirect bit of information in which we will all be interested about Marie Cochrane, a former member of the Indiana Chapter. She is moving from West Palm Beach to Daytona Beach, Florida.

We were all sorry to learn of Joan Ferguson's bad luck. Her restaurant was completely burned out while Joan was at the last Chapter meeting!

It is nice to have Barbara Payton back with us again. Her 49 1/2er flies with Lake Central Airlines and has been transferred back to Indianapolis.

We were glad to see Ruth Congram, who is flying again after refinishing her airplane. Ruth and her husband own the airport at Monticello.

Lois Whitney is now doing all of the commercial piloting for Marsh Food Liners of Muncie, in a Tri-Pacer.

The November meeting is scheduled for the 15th at Evansville, at 11:30 A.M., with a bomb-dropping contest as an added attraction. We would be very glad to have any of the girls from other chapters join us.



SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION



KANSAS CHAPTER By: Marge Cooper

The new Kansas officers are: Chairman, Helen Simmons; Vice-Chairman, Bobbe Slade; Secretary, Marge Cooper; Treasurer, Margaret Yourdon; Membership Chairman, Hortense Hackbarth

Members of the Kansas Chapter who attended the Fall Sectional meeting at Lake Murray, Oklahoma, were Marian Hardman, Lois Kelly, Bobbe Slade, Hazel Guy, Helen Simmons, Margaret Yourdon, Anne Waddell and Ruby Bonds. Everyone had a wonderful time from all reports, made especially so by the installation of our own Anne Waddell of Garden City, as Governor of the South Central Section.

At the Aviation Exhibit, held at Wichita Municipal Airport during the recent National Flying Farmers Convention, the Kansas Ninety-Nines had a display booth. We had on display pictures and publicity of our airmarking activities along with books and literature on Air Age Education. We showed the film "Cleared for Take-Off" to interested spectators and gave out brochures on the Ninety-Nines to everyone who viewed the booth. Over the booth hung a big map of Kansas showing the location of every airmarker painted by the Kansas Chapter. Lois Kelly was our booth chairman, with Margaret Yourdon as her able assistant. Our hats are off to these gals for the wonderful job they did. Our thanks go to the South Central Ninety-Nines who contributed to the booth.

The Kansas Ninety-Nines were hostesses at a cocktail party given during the convention for visiting 99's and their 49 1/2ers. Among the visiting Ninety-Nines present were Ruth Shimon, Iowa; Florence Toney, Wisconsin; Clara Lemons Colorado; Pauline Hawks, Nebraska; Rheda Short, Wyoming; Ama Lee Jameson, Texas; Susie Sewell and Broneta Davis, Oklahoma; and Ethelind Woodhouse, Arizona.

The October meeting of Kansas Chapter was held on Sunday, Oct. 11, at Atchison. We flew in and landed at the new "Amelia Earhart Airport" dedicated last August by the city of Atchison. We airmarked the roof of the Mize Hard ware Building in the center of town in the morning. At noon, we were guests of the Atchison Chamber of Commerce for lunch at the new Airport Cafe. We were served delicious fried chicken with all the trimmings. From Atchison we flew to Municipal Airport in Kansas City, Missouri where we were met by members of the Greater Kansas City Chapter. Grace Harris, Neva Rea, Katherine Peck, Marie Kuhlman and Jackie Rubelac furnished us Kansas girls with transportation to Lenexa, Kansas, which we airmarked in the afternoon. Kansas girls on hand for both of these paint jobs were Marian Hardman, Margaret Yourdon, Lois Kelly, Bobbe Slade and Marge Cooper. Guests who wielded a "neen" paint brush, too, were prospective Ninety-Nines Helen Chandler and Mary Howard, both of Wichita, Mary's husband Martin, and Jess Deffengal of Osborne. These two airmarkers brought the total number of airmarkers painted by Kansas 99's in the last 16 months to 37. Take a bow, girls!

Our chairman, Helen Simmons and her 49 1/2er, Roy, are vacationing during the month of October in the South and East. We missed you last Sunday, Helen.

We're working on plans with Wichita TV station, KEDD, to take some of their personnel with us on one of our typical airmarking days. They plan to film our activities and use it as a feature story at a later date. This will be the second appearance of Kansas 99's on TV in their efforts to promote more airmarkers for the state of Kansas. More details soon.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER By: Helen Moore

The Missouri Valley Chapter of the Ninety-Nines held their monthly meeting at Columbus, Nebraska on October 18th, and were favored by one of those perfect fall flying days Nebraska has been experiencing these past two months. Members flying in were Dorothy Higbee, Helen Nestle, Belle Hetzel, Laura Russel, Helen Moore, Pauline Hawks, and Bunny Wilson. Jan Munkres attended by means of automobile. Also present were 49 1/2ers Hawks, Munkres and Wilson. Mr. F. O. Gottschalk, president of Columbus's Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the group and treated them with a visit to his lovely home before the dinner meeting held in the Oak Room of The Evan's Hotel. Highlights of the meeting were two interesting talks--one by Harold Hessenflor, of the State Aeronautics Department, who gave a report on the highly successful air tour recently completed, and the other by Major Crittchfield, Liaison Officer of the Nebraska Wing of the C.A.P. Major Crittchfield's wife was also a welcome guest at this meeting.

Laura Russel, Jan Munkres and Pauline Hawks were Ninety-Nine members participating in a Nebraska State Air Tour conducted by the State Aeronautics Department in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight. The tour began on October 7th at Hastings, Nebr., making stops at different airports over the state, and ended October 10th at Omaha. Entertainment and refreshments were furnished at each stop. Flyers were allowed to join, for all or any part of the trip, and at one point over 100 planes were registered. Due to the perfect weather and well planned details for handling the planes at the different locations, a wonderful time was reported by all.



OKLAHOMA CHAPTER By: Rita Eaves

Our October meeting was held at Stillwater, Okla. on the 18th. Those present were Ruth Harris, Emily Frost, Imogene Arnot, Marie Hall, Elizabeth Sewell, Broneta Davis, Eves Tune and Rita Eaves. We were certainly happy to have one of the Kansas girls, Ruby Bonds, and her guest, Lois Pournon of Wichita, at this meeting. We also had two prospective member guests, Jane Baker and Wilma Lowell. After the meeting we had lunch at the Student Union Cafeteria of Oklahoma A & M and were entertained by an accordionist and a young man who played the guitar and sang. We also enjoyed a talk by Col. Wilson entitled "I Saw." Arrangements were made by Hoyt Walkup, manager of the Stillwater Airport, who we call our "Pin-Up Boy."

Our chapter election is over and those who were elected to hold office for the 1953-54 year were: Ruth Craig Jones, Chairman; Emily Jean Frost, Vice-Chairman; Rita Eaves, Secretary; Imogene Arnot, Treasurer; and Marie Hall, Membership Chairman.

Our Ninety-Nines have been traveling some lately. Ruth Jones and Ida Carter attended the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. Eves Tune - we can't keep up with her - she's on the go most of the time. Rita Eaves and 49 1/2 Leonard flew the Stinson to Dallas for the OU-Texas football game.

We are happy to have Mary Frances back home.

Two of our members now have new jobs: Marie Hall is station manager at Will Rogers Airport in Oklahoma City for the Hertz Rent-a-Car. Her office is in the new addition to their terminal building. Imogene Arnot is now Acting Director of the Oklahoma Aviation Commission on Max Westheimer field at Norman, Okla.

We are sorry to lose Sara Shonk who is moving to South Carolina.

Jackie Dunaway is attending school at Purdue University again this year.

COLORADO CHAPTER By: Jo Trinder

This is my first News Letter in several years - so mistakes, omissions and oversights might be found - but bear with me, girls, I'll do better in the future! One of the nicest things about our moving back to Denver is getting back to the Colorado Chapter of the Ninety-Nines - a grand bunch!

On October 10th, we had a delicious luncheon and a most enjoyable social afternoon at the Broadmoor, in Colorado Springs. Due to the fact that weather was extremely marginal, all the girls drove in, so we didn't have as many present as we had hoped for. Those attending were: Verna Christopher, Mary Wenholtz, "Cricket" Anderson, Jo Trinder, Mary Collett, Claudia Perry and Sara Gorlick. It was not a business meeting, so afterwards we all "trekked" to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, and had a grand time!

Donna Myers and her 49 1/2er have returned from their vacation. Flew to Missouri to see their folks, then stopped in Oklahoma City where they had a splendid visit with Dorothy and Paul Young. Donna also tells me that she had a nice letter from Jo Mallon, and one from Merri-Dee Snively, both in the North Park country. Margaret Hughes spent the summer up near Craig and says she and Rusy McLean had a lot of fun. Heard through the grapevine that Clara Lemons and her good husband joined the

Texas Air Tour. Hope you'll have some of your excellent pictures to show us, Clara!

Cricket Anderson is not looking quite so worried these days - Andy's latest X-rays show that his broken neck is healing nicely. Jane Nettleblad and family returned from their vacation, brown as the proverbial berries, and feeling rested - did a lot of fishing and visited with their family in the western part of the state.

Jo and Harry Trinder are putting some hours on their new Cessna 170B. Just returned from Ft. Worth, Dallas and Houston some three weeks ago - took only time to pack some clean clothes, then flew over to Craig, Grand Junction and Durango. The weather man cooperated nicely.

TEXAS CHAPTER

Corpus Christi Unit
By: Louise Clarkson

October was a quiet month, following the excitement of having the Texas Chapter meeting here. It was well to have such a quiet period, to prepare for the air marking scheduled planned for the cooler autumn months.

Pauline Glasson had the October meeting at her home. It was the first meeting of the new year and Pauline had remembered it with a delicious birthday cake, complete with one large candle. She had written all our names in blue on the white frosting and it looked so lovely that we hesitated to cut it, but were told that it was made by a special recipe invented by Pauline. Our business of the evening was concerned with discussion of the By-Laws which Mary Ghormley had prepared for us.

Wonderful to have so many Ninety-Nines on the Texas Air Tour. So very good to see Edna Whyte and Lucile Wright from way up north; also Jackie Dunaway and Sara Elizabeth Shonk from Little Rock.

Reporter Clarkson leaves immediately for a three weeks business trip to Kentucky and Tennessee, flying by commercial airlines.

El Paso Unit
By Ruby Hays

Our unit hasn't been in the News Letter due to a mix-up in reporting - not for lack of activity. We are an active flying group and will try to catch up on our news. Our Air Marking Chairman, Lois Ziler, has plans almost completed for airmarking El Paso and Fabena, Texas and Carlsbad and Las Cruces, New Mexico. We have been holding spot landing contests during the year, with a traveling trophy. Now, there is a tie between Ruth Deerman and Anne Duthie, with one more contest to go. At our election of officers, we re-elected Anne Duthie, Director; Lois Ziler, Vice-Director; Dottie Blackham, Secretary-Treasurer; and Ruby Hayes was elected reporter to replace Florence McDermott who was recently married and moved to Washington, D.C. She is now Mrs. Lee Coulthart. Look her up, you Washington gals - our loss is your gain. We already miss her.

Our group has sponsored breakfast flights to Fabena, Tex. and to several places in New Mexico, Columbus, the Kipp Ranch at Lordsburg, Separ, the Cooper private airfield at Deming. On Sunday, Oct. 25, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the 99's jointly sponsored Open House and Ladies Day at the Airport. Ruth Deerman did her usual fine job with the newspapers, radio and TV cooperating beautifully. She had a plane equipped with loud speakers to fly over town and invite the ladies to the airport! We had over 7000 visitors. There were conducted tours through all facilities, Radio, weather, Tower, etc., and a lot of interesting ground displays. Continental placed a Convair on display and Biggs Air Force Base sent over a C-124, two B-29s, three helicopters, several jets for display and had a jet team of four planes, a jet bomber and two jet fighters fly over the field and demonstrate for the visitors. We had free coffee and cookies, and drawings for free rides for the ladies (courtesy of the 99's, Champ's Flying Service and Southwest Air Rangers). A highlight was a shirt-tail race with the 99's as pilots and the Girl Wing Scouts as runner. The crowd loved that! It was filmed for a later TV showing. Winners were Anne Duthie and Alberta Wareing. Alberta was presented with a trophy by Brig. Gen. John M. Reynolds, of Ft. Bliss.

This year, we are to sponsor the newly organized Girl Wing Scout group. Lois Hailey and Lois Ziler, our two ground school instructors, will plan the program. In November we are planning an aerial treasure hunt, with all private pilots in this area as guests. This is a

quick resume of our activities, past and future. You will be hearing from us often.

Dallas Unit
By: Janis Romanio

Just how many pages would I be limited to, in this most attractive, re-styled News Letter? One could go on and on telling about the All Texas Air Tour, and the fun the girls found in flying with it. Doris Weller and Josephine Allison flew together in Jo's Cessna 170, sponsored by Southwest Airmotive; Jan Romanio flew with the group for the first and last weekends. Evelyn Prince was chosen Queen of the Air Tour on the first day, and many were the beautiful gifts and flowers she received, as well as special honors and courtesies. Evelyn went on the Air Tour last year with Martha Ann, as a non-flyer, but on her return she started flight lessons, receiving her private license and membership in the 99's last spring. But this is not the end of that story...The Queen became, just at the end of the tour - a Blushing Bride! Participants in the Tour scurried around to produce a striking wedding present for the new Mrs. Sprouse, to be presented at the final dinner in Corpus Christi...

Another presentation made at this banquet was to a girl who had lost something...Tony Page, of Cross Country News, who has long been famous in Texas flying circles lost her long-held student's license and at one fell swoop gained a private license, membership in the 99's, and a fancy red petticoat (strictly unofficial, official Texas colors!) cleverly presented by Martha Ann in behalf of all the girls who are so delighted to have Tony joining our ranks. Tony took the tour as her solo cross-country.

Scattered items: Jo Allison is currently beaming with pride over her fifth grandchild, a little girl. With that emergency over, Jo has headed back to Pecos for a few weeks to check once again on her crop-raising enterprises...Doris Weller, who has passed all her exams for her Commercial is now gradually finishing up all final requirements, as night flying...Jan Romanio, schoolmate of the crowd, is working with other aviation enthusiasts in the educational field on a section meeting on aviation education, to be held in conjunction with the Thanksgiving meeting of the Texas State Teachers Association in Dallas, which some 8,000 teachers are expected to attend. Special speakers are being imported from Washington and the East, supplemented by local authorities, plus an exhibit of available teaching aids.

Past history: It seems ages since the first weekend in October, when the first all-women-directed SARCAP in history was held in Austin - we did refer to it in our last report, so we are following up to report on its success. The entire project was headed by Marion Guiberson; Martha Ann was in charge of Communications, with the assistance of Evelyn; Olean Sellers was in charge of assigning areas for the individual search missions; Jo Allison supervised Flying Safety; and Jan Romanio headed up the Briefing Department. They all worked hard, before and during the mission, and it was most gratifying to receive from grading AF officers one of the highest grades given to any mission. Without a doubt, the girls showed how very valuable their leadership could be, in the event of a real emergency.



SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

LONG BEACH CHAPTER
By: Barbara E. London

The Long Beach Chapter had a very interesting meeting in October at the home of Diana and Bob Bixby. We all had a good chance to visit with the 49 1/2ers and friends and put all our regular business till a later date and just had a social time. We were privileged to see films of Diana's and Bob's trips with their company, Bixby Airborne Products. They have such an interesting and adventurous life--it makes my quiet life seem quite dull. We saw pictures of their trips to Alaska, Mexico, South America and many places in the USA. They are about ready to start their regular trips to Mexico again to bring back produce.

We are still waiting word as to where the start and finish of the '54 TAR will be. We have submitted bids for the start and, of course, are hoping that we will have the race here in Long Beach again. Hope you are all thinking of the race, too, 'cause it won't be long before it will be that time.

The three Los Angeles Area chapters are planning a joint meeting and a gay Christmas party on December 11th. We all are so close and yet seem so far when we try to get together. Would like to see any and all 99's who will be in this area at that time.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER
By: Lela Horn

October 13th meeting was held at Lela Horn's, much business was discussed and everyone feeling in high spirits - the occasion for this being Las Vegas will be sporting an airmarker by October 30th.

Martha Lundy brought along a surprise guest, Jane (Loban) Lorenz, an old friend and buddy of WASP days.

We entered a float in the United Nations parade which turned out very successful.

October 28 - Yours truly missed the meeting held at Clarice Bessent's home -- but the girls tell me they had a nice meeting and even had their picture taken - by Bud Holms, one of the staff of our local paper; also made arrangements to have a picture in the near future of our new AIRMARKER - we have it at last. ??????

Helen Cannon and her 49 1/2er are off on a flying vacation - all the way to Montreal, Canada. We are all very happy to have Mary Ellen Davis back - she and her 49 1/2er having been away all summer on their Utah ranch.

UTAH CHAPTER
By: Bobby Pratt

On Oct. 3 the Utah Chapter met for a day of fun at Onita and Mark Hoff's ranch in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Three planes made the trip, with Jane Davis and guest Dr. Swigert, Dorothy Allen, Alberta Hunt, June Raybould and daughter Linda. They report the weather was fine, the scenery gorgeous, and the visit one to remember.

Jane Davis is back from Las Vegas, where she flew to spend part of her vacation. Jane is one of the most active flyers in the Chapter. Speaking of flying, your reporter has finally passed that 100-hour mark. Commercial, here we come -- we hope!

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER
By:

Sacramento Chapter met at Capitol Inn on October 31, a beautiful Indian Summer day, luncheon by the outdoor swimming pool. Our new chapter officers are Ethel Sheehy, Chairman; Margaret Callaway, Vice-Chairman; Jo Eddleman, Secretary; Virginia Kahse, Treasurer; Ruth Wagner, Membership Chairman.

Regular meetings are scheduled for the second Saturday in each month at the Capitol Inn, Sacramento, except that our Christmas party will be held on Dec. 20 at Travis Air Base, hosted by Major Dick and Margaret Callaway. Visiting 99's and 49 1/2ers will be welcome -- just let Margaret know you are coming.

Fiftieth Anniversary of Powered Flight was observed at Sacramento Municipal Airport on Oct. 11, with a splendid airshow and many aviation exhibits. The Mickelsens held open house from 8 to 10:30 and a breakfast such as only "Mick" can cook was served to some 75 hungry 99's and 49 1/2ers. After breakfast we proceeded to the Airport to man the 99 booth, which at the end of the day showed a profit of \$60.00 - this is earmarked for the AWTAR Fund.

Our International President, Gerry Mickelsen, attended the California Aviation Educational Conference at Sacramento, representing the Ninety-Nines.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER
By: Yvette Kovary

Quiet has been pervading the Los Angeles Chapter recently for we've been basking in the reflected glory of our two-time TAR winner, Fran Bera, our pint-sized "Flyin' Fool." Fran's been on radio programs, won a washing machine, other assorted, smaller items, flown a honeymoon couple to Mexico, ferried a new Cessna 180 back from Wichita, etc., etc. At our last social meeting at Bennie and Capt. Bob Bosler's new, big, LOVELY Cheviot Hills home, Fran told "HOW TO WIN A TAR," or "DESPITE GREY HAIRS THAT SPROUT BEFORE THE START, KEEP THE THROTTLE FULL OPEN AND THEY'LL FALL OUT!" Fran's real worry though, was her guesting on Groucho Marx' show. BE SURE TO WATCH-DEC.10!

Lee and Bill morrow went fishin' up in Oregon and had fun but no luck with the fish.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
By: Dottie Sanders

The first "flight" of the month was that of the stork to visit Betty and Art Lambert with their third boy, Alan, on Oct. 2. Betty and Alan are fine. Congratulations!

After several years of having weather foul us up on flights to Thermal, we finally got the breaks on Oct. 4. The Coachella Valley Chapter prepared a delicious lunch for ten of us. On hand to greet us were Eleanor Wagner, Zaddie Bunker, Vi Nisley and Jimmie Palozzi. Flying over were Betty Gillies with Claire Hale, May Ring and Mary's 24 3/4er ward; Lois and Harry Bartling, Maxine and Gordon Smith, and Evelyn Briggs and Dottie Sanders. We heard all about the record-breaking speed run of the Navy F4D "Skyray," operations for which were based at Thermal. Thanks, Coachella Valley, for your wonderful hospitality, good food and a nice day!

To honor Claire Hale for her excellent leadership as Chairman of San Diego Chapter for the past two years, 49 1/2ers joined us for dinner at the Streamliner on Oct. 15. A "99" pin with two gavels was presented to her. Betty and Bud Gillies gave the story of their trip to Europe, which was most interesting and enjoyable.

Since the Chapter voted to donate \$100 toward the 1955 TAR, it is sponsoring a night at the "Ice Cycles" show, commissions on tickets sold to start building the fund. Other events planned will be a White Elephant Sale, a Rummage Sale and other money making schemes.

The next fly-day planned is Nov. 15th to Thermal, where Eleanor Wagner is sponsoring one of her famous Chuck Wagon Breakfasts.



Christmas Gifts
for self or 99 friend...

1. Official 99 Gold-Plated Pins with movable propeller - \$2.00. Ninety-Nine Headquarters.
2. 99 Compass Rose cuts for stationery - \$3.00. Ninety-Nine Headquarters.
3. History of the 99's - \$1.00. The story of the founding of the 99's and the first 10 years of its growth. Ninety-Nine Headquarters.
4. 49 1/2 Cards - 10¢ each. Orders to be sent through your Chapter Chairman to Vera Self, 1127 Australia Ave., Daytona Beach, Florida.
5. 99 Zippo Lighter with compass rose in blue - \$5.00. (With name and message, \$5.50.) Margaret Norris, Harriman Road, Irvington, N.Y.
6. Air Derby Game - \$1.00. Helen Greinke, Hotel Rogers, Bloomington, Ill. Retail direct - or Chapters buy in dozen or more lots at \$7.20 per doz. Profit to A.E. Fund.
7. 99 Napkins, luncheon size, 80 napkins in attractive box. White with blue lettering. \$1.75 a box, cash or C.O.D. Dorothea E. Hendricks, 409 Laurel Street, Pendleton, Ind.
8. Large Costume Jewelry Pin (gold filled or silver), \$6.00, including tax. Elizabeth Morgan, Morgans, Inc., 32 W. Randolph, Chicago, Ill.
9. 99 Emblem Earrings and 99 Emblem Compact. For prices, etc. contact Elizabeth Morgan, 322 Forest Ave., River Forest, Ill.
10. Auto Plate emblems, blue and white, \$1.00. Velta Skutt, 1032 S. Thompson St., Jackson, Michigan.
11. White 27" Square Scarves with blue "99" emblem, \$1.25. Velta Skutt, 1032 S. Thompson St., Jackson, Michigan.
12. 99 Hot Plate Tiles, round 6" White China Tile with cork backing - 99 compass rose, hand painted center tile, fired to make permanent - \$3.50. Irene Moore, 319 Walworth Ave., Delavan, Wis.
13. Note paper - 4" x 5" - bond paper with envelopes to match. Official 99 Compass Rose in blue stamped on front fold - 20 sheets, 20 envelopes. \$1.10. Bobbe Slade, 2520 Twin Oaks Rd., Wichita, Kansas.
14. Beautiful Sterling Silver Compass Rose. Pin or on neck chain or bracelet. 1) Pin with additional loop for neck chain, 2) With large loop for charm bracelet. \$4.75. Marjorie B. Davis, 118 West 11th St., New York 11, N. Y.
15. Silver and Copper Handcrafted band bracelet, with 99 insignia. One and one-half inches wide. \$15.00. Gertrude G. Gelderman, 1106 Lester St., Tucson, Ariz.