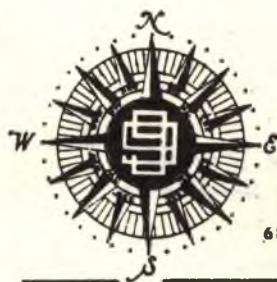


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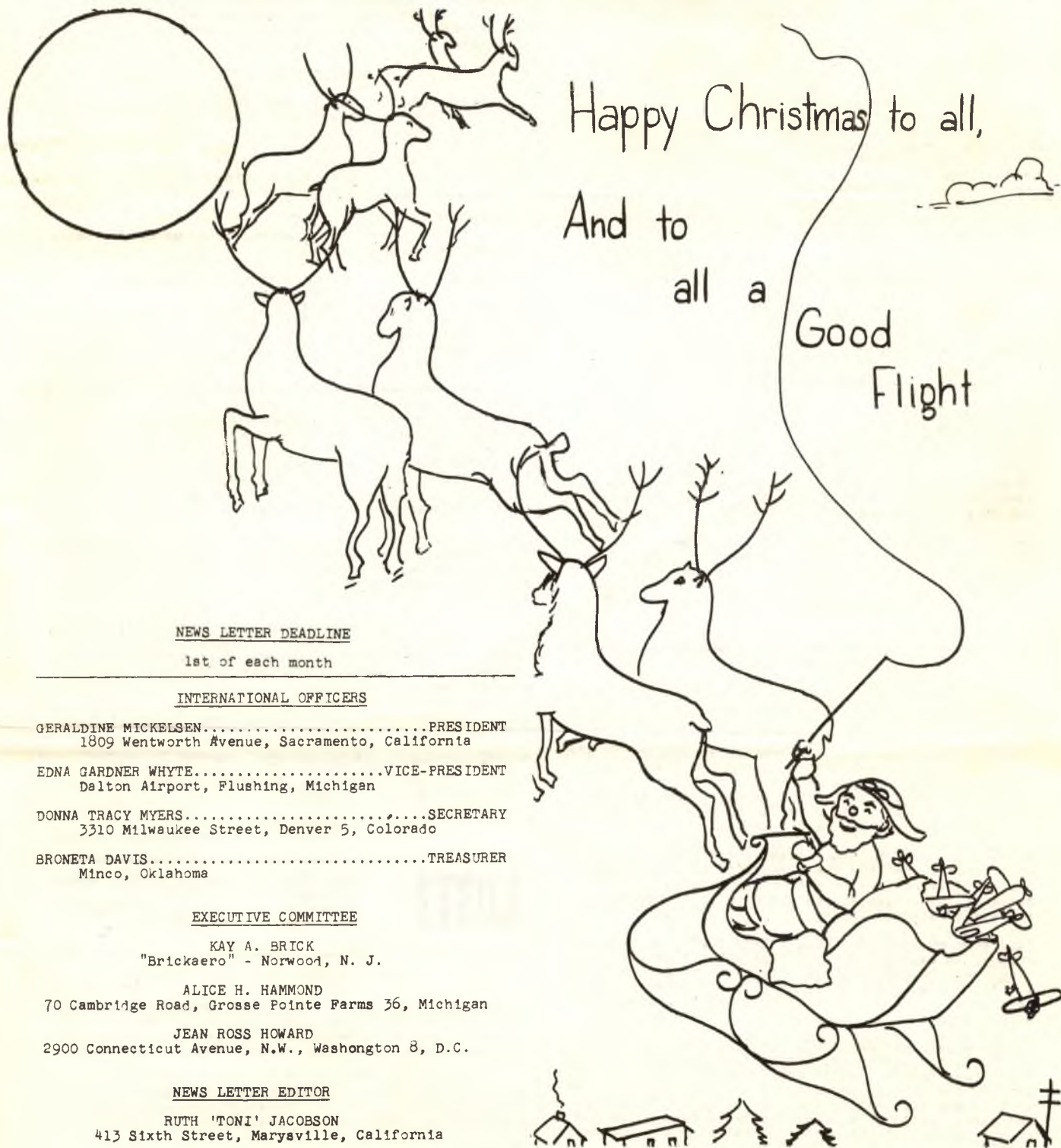
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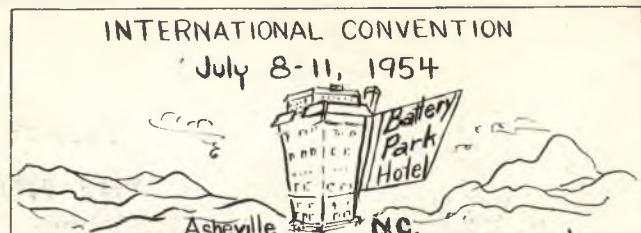
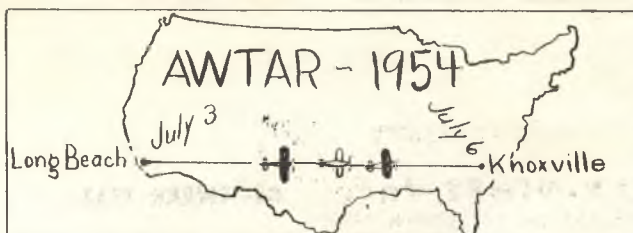
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## T A R

## NEWS

The Board of Directors is very pleased to announce that the Eighth Annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race will start at Long Beach, Calif., and will terminate at Knoxville, Tenn. Excellent bids were received from both the Long Beach and Tennessee Chapters to hostess the start and finish of the '54 TAR and the Board is confident that all the many details connected with the start and finish will be handled smoothly and efficiently. We wish to thank the Long Beach and Tennessee Chapters, and the Bay Cities Chapter which also submitted a very attractive invitation for the TAR, for promoting so much local interest in the TAR and for offering the Board such fine support.

The following dates have been set for the race:

Impounding Deadline at Long Beach.....June 30  
Take-off at Long Beach.....July 3  
Deadline to Finish at Knoxville.....July 6  
Awards Dinner at Knoxville.....July 7

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There will be an open meeting for all those interested in the TAR at Long Beach Municipal Airport on Sunday, January 10th, at 1300. Do your best to be there and bring all your suggestions for discussion. If you can't be present, send us your suggestions and we will present them to the group for discussion. Please let Barbara London know if you are coming so that we will know how many to expect.

The route of the '54 TAR will be announced in the near future. Watch this News Letter for further information and start making your plans now.

Betty H. Gillies, Chairman  
AWTAR Inc.

## 99 AIRMARKING LAUDED!

To show your efforts are not in vain, here is a reprint of the editorial from the August issue of "Business Flying."

"Recent developments in electronics as applied to air navigation have been amazing to say the least. We accept the fact that we can easily fly from one place to another without seeing the ground. And the all-seeing eye of radar can guide us to safe landings in the worst weather when we get there.

"But in spite of all the advances and progress, the fact remains that the great majority of lightplane business flying is done with a map in mind. The average "Joe" likes to see where he is in reference to towns and railroad tracks.

"And even at that, who hasn't been lost? To be sure, most of us can find our position after a little puzzling over the map, but how nice it is to look down on a city or town and see its name in big friendly letters on a roof-top. The all-too-rare air marker is always a welcome sight in weather - fair or foul.

"These skyway markers don't just happen; they have to be instigated, designed, located and painted. Unlike the airway beacons, which are federally owned and operated, the rooftop markers are the responsibility of each community. Aid in the form of paint, templates and specifications is often available from Uncle Sam or the State, but the basic job falls on the community itself.

"Federal and state aviation officials encourage air-marking in every way that they can within their power. Private aviation groups, and notably the 99's, have

## -1954 CONVENTION-

Our 1954 International Convention site has been selected. It will be the Battery Park Hotel, Asheville, North Carolina. Carolinas Chapter will be our Hostess. The dates will be July 8-11, 1954.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Rhursday, July 8 - Fly-In Day, Asheville-Henderson Airport.  
2:00 -- Executive Board Meeting  
Sight-seeing  
7:00 -- Cocktail Party and Dinner  
Friday, July 9 - Business meeting  
Saturday, July 10 Trips: Sky-Line Drive, Mt. Mitchell, Pisgah Forest, Biltmore Estate

Other entertainment to be arranged, so watch for later announcements.

Thanks, Carolinas Chapter, for such a fine bid.

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We wish to thank the Michigan Chapter for their most attractive bid. We are indeed sorry that we could not accept your hospitality this year. We all had such a fine time the last time you were our Hostess, at the 1951 Convention.

also been very cooperative. In Kansas, the 99's have even traveled around the state and painted many of the markers with paint furnished by the CAA.

"Other groups have been equally interested and helpful -- but there is need for a better understanding among responsible people in many cities, towns, and villages of the importance of this program.

"Proponents of airmarking point out several advantages to communities that go along. Air travelers recognize as progressive any town that displays an airmarker and all towns, regardless of size, are shown on government maps if they are airmarked.

"This should prove of particular value to small communities located in the vicinity of parks, monuments, resorts or other scenic or recreation areas which would otherwise not be shown. Businessmen in areas without adequate marking can do much to point out to officials the need and desirability of an airmarker. It isn't a costly proposition -- most can be done for about fifty dollars -- and the benefits to be gained are great.

"Let's all throw our weight behind those few far-sighted people who are working toward an end that could conceivably save our lives."

Bobbe Slade  
International Airmarking Chairman

# LOST!

News from innumerable units. Where are you?  
Can we aid you with a air drop?  
Need Help? Out and over.....

## INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Greetings from your International Membership Committee for the year 1953-1954. Let's start the new year by checking on the renewals, the changes of address, and the transfers. Keep our present membership flying high.

And will the governors and chapter chairmen, if you have not already done so, appoint your membership chairmen and send name and address to me?

Thank you ---and Merry Christmas!

Louise M. Smith, Chairman



## FLYING RESOLUTIONS FOR 1954

The 200 hour mark - one additional rating - perhaps both.

The 200 solo hour goal is an excellent one, for, if a member has this time logged but cannot pass a flight physical, she may still maintain membership in the Ninety-Nines. While accumulating these hours, it may be possible to pick up another rating such as single engine sea, a ground instructor rating or, better still - be sharp enough to pass the Commercial flight test at exactly the 200 hour mark. It can be done!

January is usually considered inventory time. Before the January meeting, have your Flying Activities Chairman make a list of all members, what ratings they have and how many hours they have. Do so again at the end of the year and note the accomplishments. Have a small contest during the year and present an award if that works best. You may have other suggestions to stimulate local flying.

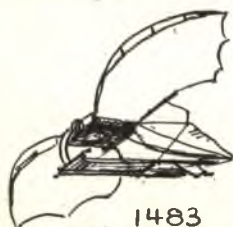
In any event, try to have all ideas worked up by the January meeting of your chapter in order to make use of the full year. At the end of 1954, let's see which Chapters can boast: Members with one additional rating 100%.

Contact your chapter chairman or chapter flying activities committee for more information.

Esther E. Noffke  
Flying Activities Chairman

### CANADIAN SECTION

BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER  
By: Phyllis V. Lowdell



Greetings and salutations to all Ninety-Nines at home and abroad, from the "dewey" country north of the border. At our last meeting (election meeting) held in the lounge of the Aero Club, Sunday, November 8, our new officers were elected and congratulated: Chairman, Betty Hutchinson; Vice-Chairman, Tiny Bacon; Secretary, Phyllis Lowdell; Treasurer, Helen Shelton.

Fund raising and entertainment plans were discussed at length for the new year.

Following on the heels of a visit from our President, Gerry Mickelsen, our Treasurer Helen Shelton, while vacationing in Sacramento, had the pleasure and honor of being entertained in Gerry's home and being shown some of the attractions of her city. Helen had many glowing stories to relate and is still reminiscing.

Your reporter was both surprised and disappointed to learn from the October News Letter that President Gerry was in Kelso, Washington at the same time as she was vacationing there. It was regrettable that I missed that opportunity.

Your reporter was also honored with a brief visit from Ruby Sadtler of the New York-New Jersey Section. The 99 Compass Rose pin which she presented to me as a good-luck keepsake is indeed treasured. We hope to see many of our members wearing these attractive pins, particularly when the proceeds are for the scholarship fund.

As the festive season will have come and gone before reporting again, we of the British Columbia Chapter wish all you Ninety-Nines, 49 1/2ers, etc., a very happy holiday season.

### NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Muriel G. Steinel

New York-New Jersey Section Anticipates the Ninety-Nines Silver Anniversary!! Beautiful Sterling Silver Compass Rose to be worn as pin, on a neck chain, or on charm bracelet.

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November dinner-meeting of the New York-New Jersey Section was held at the Women's National Republican Club in New York City. A good deal of the meeting centered around "The 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight." Thanks to the efforts of Gertrude Alcock, whom we were sorry to hear was ill and unable to attend, Prof. Roland H. Spaulding, PH.D., who is in charge of the training courses in aeronautical Education at the New York University, spoke to us on "The 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight." Dr. Spaulding covered the subject in a very interesting and amusing manner. We were first given a description of what was going on in the United States and the world the year the Wright Brothers made their first successful flight; then an outline of the various theories of flight; and finally, the effect of this first flight on the world as it is today. We were pleasantly surprised to receive a newspaper made up of the first pages of the New York Times, from 1903 to the present, which dealt with historical feats in aviation. This special paper was prepared by the Times in connection with American Airlines' commemoration of "The 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight." For this outstanding souvenir we have Arax Simsarian to thank.

Plans were discussed for the coming Christmas Party, to which we are all looking forward. As is the usual custom of the girls, each will bring a small toy to be donated to Bellevue Hospital for the crippled children. It was good to see such a large group in attendance at the meeting, including three prospective members-- Catherine Benner of Phillipsburg and Pauline Shinman of Mountain View, New Jersey; and Jean Cooke of New York City.

### MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER  
By: Louise Kidd

Our November meeting was held at Ruth Barclay's lovely home in Virginia. Plans were discussed for the Christmas party which will be held at the home of Eleanor Davis on December 10. After the close of the meeting, our hostess served one of my favorite foods -- pizza pie.

The sympathy of all Washington Ninety-Nines goes out to Clair Callaghan on the loss of her father.

Betty Fisher flew the blood-lift to Charlottesville on October 17. Eleanor Davis has been promoted to Captain in the Civil Air Patrol. Lola Perkins is on a trip to Panama.

Jean Howard appeared on the TV program "Science Today" on November 10. After a brief talk, a film was shown of Jean giving a preflight check to an airplane at Hybla Valley Airport and then the take-off. This was one of the aviation series being presented in connection with the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight for the benefit of 200 schools with 20,000 pupils.

Your reporter is sailing November 22 from New York via the Panama Canal to Hawaii for a 7-weeks' vacation, so will take this opportunity to wish all Ninety-Nines and their families a very Merry Christmas and the happiest New Year ever.



## SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

### GEORGIA CHAPTER

By: Kitty Nix

Well not much activity in Georgia this month as we have been "smoked-in" but finally the rains came and once again you can see across the run-way. We missed our trip to Albany because of the poor visibility but had a meeting in Atlanta anyway with five girls attending. The report was a wonderful lunch and much good conversation - world problems solved no doubt. Sounds grand - I was sorry to have missed it.

Mary Edwards made it to one of Georgia's "every-other-Sunday" breakfast meets and reported a wonderful time and good attendance considering the smoke. Hope to see more of our Ninety-Nines at these meets.

I understand Margie Elder, who just recently received her private license, has deserted her Callair for a Bellanca Cruise-master - nice going Margie.

It was decided at this meeting that we would skip our December meeting since everyone would be busy with Santa Claus - but you'll be hearing from us again in January.

### CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Edith Long

The fall meeting was not rained out. The beautiful weather and two members not-seen-for-a-long-time - were the most talked of topics at the meeting held at the home of Edith Long and her 49 1/2er, Odell. Byrd Eaton was with us for the first time in several years. Amalie Stone was at last back from her round-the-world trip. She promises to have something about it in a News Letter soon, but don't be impatient because she's also writing a book! Byrd was accompanied by her 49 1/2er, as was Caroline Hembel, Betty Hamilton and Estelle Bradshaw. Amalie brought a pilot too - a transatlantic one, no less.

The chief business was the opening of the ballots with the following results: Chairman, Caroline Hembel; Vice-Chairman, Edith Long; Secretary-Treasurer, Frances Miller.

Our project for '54 carried over from '53, is increased membership. Do any of you know how to induce people to fly? If so, please tell us.



Left to right - top row: Edith Long, Caroline Hembel, Estelle Bradshaw, Betty Hamilton, Amalie Stone; bottom row, Shirley Redding, Byrd Eaton, Burnette Spencer, Louise Smith.

By: Caroline Hembel

Former International Vice-President Amalie Stone has just returned from a fascinating 18-months world tour. Members of the Carolinas Chapter were pleasantly surprised when she appeared at our regular meeting in Charlotte, N.C. at the home of Edith Long.

Sunday, November 1st, my 49 1/2er and I flew to Greenville for a premier showing of her souvenirs and an illustrated lecture.

The most interesting, fascinating (and hair raising) part of Amalie's trip was made in a small sail boat (the Arthur Rogers) from Panama to Tahiti in the Samoan Islands. This voyage took seven months and included one sail of 31 days (2100 miles). Through a slight misunderstanding of what she was bargaining for she found herself a "seaman" in a four member crew on a small sailing boat instead of a passenger. She had a six hour per day tiller watch and other regular chores. She developed muscles and a genuine equatorial tan en route. She then lived on the Island of Tahiti among the natives for three months before continuing her trip by air to arrive home in another eight months.

Her entire trip took her from Greenville, S.C. to Panama by plane, then by sail boat to the Galapagos Islands and on to the Samoan Islands and Tahiti, then by air to New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Calcutta, Bombay, Cairo, Rome, Tunis, then Spain, Paris, England, and New York. A sensible person would have returned home at this point, but Amalie flew to South America and back to New York before returning to her home at Greenville.

She is now writing her book from her 400 page diary. She is also doing "personal appearances" at local club groups and on television telling us how the other half lives.

We are glad to have you home Amalie. Can't wait for your book to be released!

## NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By: Edith Harmon

The November meeting was held at Port Columbus Airport in Columbus with Marion Betzler and Marge Miller as hostesses. After an interesting meeting, members, 49 1/2ers and guests had lunch together in the Airport Restaurant.

Marge and Jim Gorman flew into Cincinnati November 14th in Jim's Bonanza. Marge is now the proud owner of a Tri-Pacer which the Mansfield Ninety-Nines have named "The Understanding Husband." Jim bought Marge the Tri-Pacer as a Christmas present and just couldn't wait till Christmas!

June Walsh, a Ninety-Nine from the Greater St. Louis Chapter, was in Columbus November 5-6 to confer with Ohio educators and members of the Ohio Wing, Civil Air Patrol, about the educational program of Civil Air Patrol, summer workshops and the teachers' contest conducted by the National Committee to observe the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight.

Ninety-Nines who have made trips include Blanche O'Brien who spent some time in Monroe, La. in November, and Martha Walter who flew to Wheeling, W.Va. Arlene Davis was in New York and had a nice visit with Marjorie Davis. Alice Puller makes frequent flights from Cleveland to Massillon in her Stinson to visit Florence Migge. Your reporter ran into Alice and Joan Hrubec at Cleveland Airport, November 1st. Had just caught a ride up to Cleveland in an Aero Commander -- Nice! Two other Ninety-Nines to catch a ride in a company plane were Marge Miller and Bonnie Butler. I met them at the airport and we visited the Air Route Traffic Control Center.

Joan Hrubec, who recently was written up in a Cleveland paper as one of the youngest plane owners at Cleveland Municipal Airport, reported that she survived a camping trip with the Wing Scouts. Seems they got caught in ten inches of snow!

Ninety-Nines seen at the Regional Conference of the Civil Air Patrol in Cincinnati November 21-22 were Barbara Jensen, Lucille Quamby, Alice Hammond, Jane Shope and Kathleen Ruff.

Eidythe Maxim has moved to a new home in Berea. Eidythe is taking a course at Baldwin-Wallace College.

### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Marietta Sonnenberg

Minnesota has not been "snowed under," but is still in there pitching, although we've neglected our News Letter reports for a couple of months.

Our new officers: (Or new-old ones, as all were re-



elected) are Marilyn Kvalheim, Chairman; Audrey Baird Vice-Chairman; Dorothy Anderson, Secretary; and Margaret Manual, Treasurer.

The October meeting was held at Helen Masterton's, with Helen and Laura Black providing a delicious lunch, Mair etta and Laura "vied" for attention in telling about their interesting European trips this summer. The very well planned Safari on Wings, a special weekend flight sponsored by the Minnesota Ninety-Nines, Great Northern Aviation, Alexandria Airport and Phillips Lodge on August 29-30, was summarized in a report by Marilyn Kvalheim.

Plans are already under way for next year's Safari. Excellent publicity was received for the Ninety-Nines in the Twin Cities newspapers and the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

#### ILLINOIS CHAPTER By: Hazel Wakefield

Winter has arrived in Chicago, when our meetings are held in the Conference Room at the United Airlines ticket office in the Loop. Twenty-two members, two prospectives, Janice Brunke and Helen Seiler, and guest Barbara Jenison, attended the November 19th meeting.

After the business meeting, we were shown movies of the September Air Meet, taken by Sylvia Roth, and Harriette Magee's slides of summer meetings and air-marking projects. We stay-at-home members also were fortunate in seeing color slides of the TAR, taken by Helen O'Hara.

Alice Kudrna took an hour flying time in a Myers 145 instead of Cessna 170 time won at the September Air-meet. Irene Leverton has added the Ryan ST to her list. Marge Raglin took time out from teaching for a flight from Rubinkam Airport to Woodstock, Illinois and is safely piloting an Instrument student.

Donna Giles recently flew to Memphis in her Cessna 140. Inger Johnson, secretary for Heppner Mfg. Co., flew the company Cessna 170 to Valparaiso, Indiana on business. Sylvia Roth, out at Chicago-Hammond, not only checked out in a 170, but did it at night. It was then an easy matter to check out in her 140 the following night.

Bea Seiman and 49 1/2er made a business trip to New York in a Cessna 195 and were so impressed, bought a new 190 when they returned home.

Even though present weather does not permit painting Airmarkers at this time, plans are being made for the coming season. To cover a wider territory, our area has been divided into three sections. Jane White will make contacts to the North, Jessie Gronowski to the West, and Helen Budwash to the South. These girls will be assisted by volunteers in locating all unmarked towns in northern Illinois.



Illinois Chapter members airmarking on Rubinkam Airport, Harvey Illinois. Left to right, front row, Hazel Wakefield, Evelyn Martin, Harriette Magee, Marjorie Raglin. Back row, Alice Kudrna, Helen Budwash and Florence Lacy. They are shown applying the coat of aluminum in preparation for the coat of chrome yellow traffic paint.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER By: Mary E. Sprenger

Bombing contests are fun! Just ask anyone who was at the November meeting in Evansville. Nineteen of us bombed the Washington Airport before the meeting. My, that sheet on the field certainly looked small from 500 feet. Betty Lou Lehmer came in a very fine first, and Flora Mae Newman was second.

Dorothy Perry Fleener, our Evansville member, celebrated her birthday that same day, and shared a beautiful cake with us.

It was nice to have Blanche Noyes in town, though her visit was too short for all of us to see her. Hope you hurry back, Blanche.

Our congratulations to Betty Lou Lehmer and George Donner on their recent engagement. The wedding date is set for March 6th.

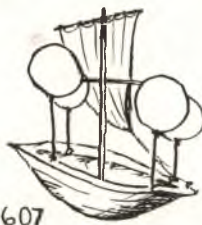
We were all sorry to lose Rae Cawdell to the sunny south. However, the Florida Chapter will certainly have an enthusiastic new member. Best of luck, Rae!

Billie Smith, Lois Whitney, and yours truly have all spent a week in Miami recently, but not together. It would have been great fun if we could have scheduled it at the same time. Billie extended her trip to take in Cuba for a few days, too!

Mildred Hurt recently returned from a trip by Ercoupe to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where her son-in-law is currently stationed.

#### SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

##### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER By: Imogene Arnot



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Veda Mauk was hostess to our group in November, entertaining at Mauk's Airport 'n Blackwell on the 15th. After all the business was transacted, Veda served baked ham with all the trimmings to Broneta Davis, Rita Eaves, Emily Frost, Velma Woodward, Dorothy Morgan, Beth Smith, Ida Carter, Ruth Jones, Elizabeth Sewell, Florine Stout, Jane Baker, Wilma Lowell, Helen

Simmons and Imogene Arnot.

We were especially pleased to have as guests Wilma Lowell and Jane Baker, both of whom recently made application for membership - and Helen Simmons from the Sunflower State who drove 275 miles to visit our meeting - since her 49 1/2er was off in their new airplane.

Plans were made for the Christmas party which will again be held at Ida Carter's cabin on Lake Hiwassi near Oklahoma City. The date was set for Saturday, January 2, and a committee was named to make all the arrangements. The January date was chosen so that Mary Francis and her 49 1/2er, Ingram Jones, could attend.

Ninety-Nines were well represented at Fairview, Oklahoma's annual Fly-In Breakfast and Air Show held on November 11. Each was introduced and presented with a corsage and Jane Baker walked off with a prize for the newest pilot in attendance. Others there to enjoy the day were Broneta Davis, Emily Frost, Ruth Harris of Clinton, Glenna Kobel, Dolly Sauter, Eves Tune, Rita Eaves, Florine Stout and Imogene Arnot. Wilma Lowell lives in Fairview and she stayed busy seeing that everyone signed the Guest Log and had a name tag to wear.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Marie and Brewer Hall. Brewer's mother, who lived in Athens, Texas, passed away on November 19.

Florine Stout recently returned from a 17-day Eastern tour with her 49 1/2, Archie, who was a member of Oklahoma's Industrial Tour. They made the trip in their new Cessna 170 and visited many cities including Pittsburgh, New York, Philadelphia and Washington.

Broneta Davis and Imogene Arnot, both members of the Oklahoma Flying Farmers, are assisting on a committee which is planning an Air Tour in Oklahoma for December 15-16. The Tour is being held during "Aviation Week in Oklahoma" in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight and although it is sponsored by the Flying Farmers, everyone is invited to go along.



KANSAS CHAPTER  
By: Marge Cooper

The last month has really been filled with airmarking activity as far as we Kansas Ninety-Nines are concerned. Anne Waddell, our South Central Governor, with the help of 2 nieces and a nephew, painted THREE - yes, I mean THREE - airmarkers. Are we proud of you, Anne! The following Sunday Bobbe Slade, Lois Kelly and Marge Cooper airmarked two towns, Bobbe Slade, Mary Howard and husband Martin, drove to Augusta the following week-end where they picked up Hazel Guy. The four then drove to Leon and airmarked that town, which doesn't have an airport, consequently, 'no flying.' Sunday, November 15th, we airmarked Holton. Ninety-Nines Helen Chandler, Helen Puffer, guest Jean Gordon (who is a prospective Ninety-Nine) and pilot Margaret Yourdon flew in a Cessna 170 furnished to us by Kansas Ninety-Nines by Yingling Aircraft Co. of Wichita. As you know, Yingling and Ken-Mar Airport, also of Wichita, each furnish a plane once a month to us for the sole purpose of flying girls to these airmarkings. We flew to Topeka, and Ruth Nickell, our Ninety-Nine in Topeka, furnished our group with transportation to Holton. As we went to press last month, we had painted 37 airmarkers - we now have 46 to our credit.

Joan Jacobs, living in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is now Mrs. Jerry Brasher. Belated congratulations, Joan.

Ama Lee Jameson, our ex-Governor of the South Central Section is a Wichita resident now. She is associated with the National Flying Farmer Association at the new Municipal Airport here in Wichita.

Bobbe Slade ferried a Cessna 180 to New York last month, plus a 170 to New Orleans and a 180 with auto-pilot to Rhode Island.

Helen Simmons, Bobbe Slade, Margaret Yourdon and Marge Cooper held a Ninety-Nine board meeting Wednesday, Nov. 18th, at Margaret's home in Wichita. Plans were discussed for future meetings, airmarkings, a rummage sale and other ways of raising money for our treasury.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER  
By: Helen Moore

Another enjoyable flying day was experienced by members of the Missouri Valley Chapter of the Ninety-Nines as they flew to their monthly meeting at Norfolk, Nebraska on November 15th.

Those attending were Laura Russel, Belle Hetzel, Dorothy Higbee, Clare Kruger and Bea Mack of Omaha, Helen Moore of Beatrice, and Jan Munkres and her husband of Weeping Water. Mrs. Youngheim, wife of the Norfolk Airport manager, furnished transportation from the airport and also conducted the group on a tour around the city.

A report was given regarding activities the previous Sunday when Clare Kruger, Jan Munkres, Bunnie Wilson and Laura Russel furnished airplane rides to a group of University girls known as the "Angels," at the Council Bluffs Airport. Major Moshier from the Offset Air Base gave rides in a BT 13. This was a dream come true for these girls, as sponsors of the organization, when it first formed two years ago, had promised them flights. However, Air Force restrictions and bad weather put a stop to previously planned outings. After the flying session, the girls were entertained in the home of one of the Ninety-Nine members. An extra thrill was given to the Ninety-Nines when KMTV recorded the event on one of their television programs.

Our December meeting is to be held in Beatrice, Nebraska on December 13th, with Helen Moore as hostess.

TEXAS CHAPTER

Dallas Unit  
By: Janis Romanio

Our South Central Section governor, Anne Waddell, has recently been in Dallas, visiting Martha Ann Reading and discussing plans for future Ninety-Nine activities. (By the way, Martha Ann's design for a flying suit for women has been attracting attention from as far away as Maine. One correspondent wrote, "Our women feel this specially designed suit fills a long-felt need, and several have already ordered them. This Martha Ann must be a smart cookie!")

Josephine Allison, active for the past several years in Texas State Aviation Association, was elected vice-president of the West Texas section at the TSAA convention in Mineral Wells, Texas, November 13-15. She

also found time to attend a number of meetings of the Association of Dusters and Sprayers, held in conjunction with the convention, since this was in line with Jo's crop dusting enterprises in Pecos. Tony Page, Texas' newest Ninety-Nine, and editor of Cross Country News, was also present at this meeting - as was Jan Romanio, Jo's quest.

The Dallas Unit held a meeting on November 17, with Doris Weller, Jo Allison, Martha Anne Reading and Marie Rushing present, as well as Louise Lee, a guest and prospective member. After gathering first for dinner at Sammy's, in Inwood, they adjourned to their club room on Love Field for a general discussion of flying activities. One, among other projects, was the possibility of sponsoring a teacher to the Third National Aviation Education Workshop.

Jan Romanio, new Air Age Education Chairman of Texas Ninety-Nines, will soon be contacting all unit directors in Texas for the name of one representative, from each group, to work with her in contacting those teachers in each vicinity who might be potential aviation education leaders.

Ft. Worth Unit  
By: Rowena Burns.

Your reporter stalled out last month -- first with laryngitis for three weeks, then with pleurisy. So at dead-line time for the November News Letter I was flat on my back. But on with the hot news for this month!

Cleva Godfrey is the busiest gal we know. She has been flying to Bryan, and she and her husband flew to Austin for a week-end. She planned to fly the Texas Air Tour this year, being the 99-sponsored plane, but was unable to get away. Cleva has been wrapping Christmas presents, for delivery to West Texas by plane! "Operation Santa Claus," weather permitting.

Verna Burns is the proud owner of a new Piper Tri-Pacer. She flew it to the TPFA meeting at Martin Ranch, McKinney, Texas. She also flew the Texas Air Tour. Verna sends word that Ama Lee Jameson has accepted the position of National Secretary for the Flying Farmers, and moved to Wichita, Kansas. We are very sorry to learn that Verna's mother has been very ill, and we hope she is well enough to enjoy the holiday season.

Mary Helen Rattikin and her roommate, Miriam Caddell, are looking for a way out to California. They have a week they can be off work and want to go to the West Coast to visit friends sometime before March 1, 1954. How about it, girls? Anybody going thataway?

For your lucky ones with a helicopter rating, we have a wonderful place for you to visit. The Western Hills Hotel had some land left over after their parking lots were made. Being air-minded, the owner made a heliport, complete with wind sock and lights for night landings. According to the CAA, it is an exceptionally good landing spot with clear approaches. It is just east of the hotel, and those contestants in the 1951 TAR can tell you what a beautiful hotel it is. A large illuminated sign - "Western Hills Heliport, License #1" - marks the spot.

My 49 1/2er was in Yakima a few weeks ago and called on Gini Richardson. Gini and I met in the TAR in 1952, and both became members of the Flying Turtles, Ltd. As Gini had learned to fly in Ft. Worth, they did a lot of hangar flying. We will be looking for you to repay the call, Gini, when you and your husband come down this way again.

In order for yours truly to go to the Fall Meeting in Corpus Christi, I had to take my two children to Oklahoma City so my Mother and Dad could be baby-sitters. Mayetta Behringer of Corpus Christi very casually told me she flew her children to Orlando, Florida, for her parents to baby-sit while she flew the International Race, then flew them home to Texas. A few weeks later she did it again so she could fly the TAR. Mayetta, you must hold the record for long distance baby-sitters! Can any of you beat it?

The Ft. Worth Unit wishes the Ninety-Nines and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Flying New Year.

Corpus Christi Unit  
By: Louise Clarkson

The high light of November activities in our group was the flight to McAllen where Ardath McCreery entertained us with a lovely luncheon. We spent the day happily



sewing little ties to be sold in order to increase our contribution to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. This trip was an especially auspicious occasion as we had two brand new airplanes in the flight -- Mayetta Behringer's new Cessna 170 and Elaine Gault's new Tri-Pacer. Your reporter and Faye Clampitte were particularly blessed since we had the opportunity of riding down in one and back in the other - thus sharing the maiden voyages of both planes.

Elaine and Merle Dunnam flew to San Antonio in the Tri-Pacer last weekend, and your reporter and Mayetta with our 49 1/2ers will fly to Dallas in the 170 for the Thanksgiving weekend.

Jinkie Hall from McAllen stopped in Corpus Christi last week on her solo cross country flight which is the last of her requirements for a private license. We hope to have Jinkie become a member of our Unit as soon as she is eligible.

Two of our members have been especially honored recently among their associates. Dr. Mary Ghormley has just been chosen president-elect of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Academy of General Practitioners, and Pauline Glasson has been chosen by Zonta International as their member to represent aviation activities in the Corpus Christi area.

Reanie Glasscock and Faye Clampitte, working with Ardash in the Valley, have been busily arranging for future airmarking activities and are ready for painting to begin next week.

## ISRAEL 99 REPORTS!

By: Rachel Markowski

Not everywhere in the world are women fortunate enough, as in your country, to own and fly their private planes. Israel is among the less fortunate in this respect, having relatively few light airplanes (most of them owned by the Aero Club of Israel) and still fewer airfields. Nevertheless, Israeli sporting Aviation is on the upgrade and our girls and women are doing their best to be in it, participating in all the activities connected with aviation, like aero-modeling, gliding and power-flying.

Power-flying is done mostly on Piper Cubs PA-18's, which belong to the Aero Club of Israel, as well as in French Nord "Norédrin" 4-seaters with retractable undercarriages.

There are today quite a few girls flying in this country, of which the writer was the first. It would be a good idea to start a chapter of the Ninety-Nines in Israel, but as most of the flying girls still serve in the Air Force, we shall have to wait some time until a sufficient number will be de-activated.

One of our female Club-members is a flying instructor and instructs youngsters in the summer flying camps.

Girls also excel in gliding. For this flying activity, we mostly use "Wrona" type elementary gliders, "Grunau-Baby" training types and "Olympia" advanced sailplanes. We also possess a Laister Kaufmann TG-4 2-seater, while the excellent Schweizer 122 2-seater, which was used extensively for training, was severely damaged some time ago, and it is almost impossible to obtain spare parts for the repairs.

Israel is topographically far from ideal for gliding, stretching as it does for 250 miles from north to south, across the prevailing wind.

Nevertheless, some fine achievements were recorded, and for one of them - a flight of 5 1/2 hours - one of our girls, Rina Levinson, of Tel-Aviv, was awarded the Rakir gliding trophy for 1952.

Our third activity is aero-modelling, this, being hobby and sport as well as science, serves in two capacities: on the one hand it creates air-mindedness in the youth and supplies a training ground for "pre-full-size" aviation; on the other hand it constitutes a fine international sport, an outlet for creative energy and a part of aerodynamic science.

The number of girls among our modelling enthusiasts is quite large and girls took part in our second Aero-modelling Nationals held in July last, near Nazareth in northern Israel. By the way, this year we took part for the first time in an international competition when a team from Israel participated in the fourth World Model Glider Championships held at Bled, Yugoslavia, in August last.

## SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER  
By: Helen Cannon



Las Vegas is airmarked! with twenty foot letters atop our largest down building -- thanks to Lela Horn and Martha Lundy who met with and convinced the City Commissioners to have it done.

Our November 10th meeting was at the home of Solange Hooche. Those present were Martha Lundy, Mary Ellen Davis, Margaret Moore and Helen Cannon. We were happy to have as our guest Lois Kelly from the Kansas Ninety-Nines, who talked on airmarking in Kansas. You girls from Kansas have an enviable record.

Our Thanksgiving party for our 49 1/2ers was a gala affair with hot buttered rum, several games and prizes, and a big turkey dinner. Margaret Moore, hostess, furnished the turkey, and the other girls brought the rest. We were right happy and proud to have Joyce Failing and Ruth Hillman with us. Joyce and Junius drove up from Baker, California, and Ruth and Ben flew down from East Ely, Nevada. Other members present were Martha and Ray Lundy, Lela and Bill Horn, Peg and George Crockett, Florence Murphy and 24 3/4 Lynn, Helen and Bob Cannon and host and hostess Margaret and Tom Moore. Guests were Lois Kelly from Kansas and the Paul Lampels from Las Vegas.

Our bid for the Spring Sectional has been accepted. The dates will be April 24-25.

The Ninety-Nines have promised any Girl Scout who passes her Aviation Badge a free ride in an airplane. We are also available for help in passing the requirements.

And TV - too! Wednesday, November 25th, Martha Lundy and Margaret Moore appeared on our local TV station and chatted about the Ninety Nines.

Our December 8th meeting will be at the home of Mary Ellen Davis, and our Christmas Party at the home of Martha Lundy.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER  
By: Dottie Houghton

As winter draws near we seem to find fewer flying activities in our chapter. However, there are still a few of us who have attempted an excursion or two. For example, Hazel Zimmerman and Laura Mae Crawford started for Las Vegas last week and got as far as Sacramento. (Why they headed that way I don't know.) I hear they did get to Reno, even if it was not their destination.

As Lillian Brown said, she had to brush off the cobwebs and pump up the tires on her "Initial Flight" to San Jose last month. I guess it at least seemed that long to Lillian since she had been airborne.

One function where most members enjoyed flying was the Sacramento Air Show. And to start the day off Ethel and Ev are still talking about that wonderful Ninety-Nine breakfast at Gerry Mickelsen's house.

We also feel that we have a celebrity in our group, inasmuch as Jean appeared on Marjorie Trumbell's TV program last month. Jean was interviewed concerning her various flying activities. It was truly a fifteen minute flying program -- from there Jean went on Ann Holden's Radio Program -- also concerning her interests in aviation.

Last, but certainly not least, was our election of officers at our October luncheon at my home. Our election was a very short affair inasmuch as we were all more than pleased with our last year's officers and they were all re-elected: Evelyn Henly as Chairman; Irmyle Fitzgearl, Vice-Chairman; Ethel Hieland, Secretary-Treasurer.

At our November meeting we enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving Luncheon at the home of Laura Mae. Lindy Boys had us all "up in the air" when she told of her experiences in the jets - first with a pilot of the Blue Angels and a week later with the Sabre Knights. Now we all wish we could finagle a few minutes in a jet.

Also as a guest speaker we really enjoyed having Miriam Brugh tell of her true experiences- airmarking. Her experiences might not have been as exciting as Lindy's, but they were certainly interesting. And be-



ing on a roof painting a sign could prove as exciting as flying in a jet. Now we are, shall I say, looking forward to our first Airmarking, which we plan for early spring.

Merry Christmas - and if it's too late for that -- Happy New Year!

#### LONG BEACH CHAPTER By: Adeline Maylen

The November meeting of the Long Beach Chapter was held at the home of Betty Loufek, where we received the exciting news about the '54 TAR. Barbara London informed us that she had been notified by Betty Gillies, Chairman of the AWTAR Board that Long Beach had been selected as the start of the '54 TAR. We hope all the girls are looking forward to the race this year as we will be working to make your stay in Long Beach as enjoyable as possible.

Members present at the November meeting were hostess Betty Loufek, Barbara London, Iris Critchell, Rita Johnson, Mary Drummond, Edna Stennett, Shirley Blocki, Adeline Maylen, and our new member Dorothy Hayes. All members came armed with paper cutters and shears as we were warned in advance about the work to be done on the AWTAR scrap book. The items about the race were cut and sorted by dates to be ready for pasting in the scrap book.

Our December meeting will be a Christmas party with dinner and dancing at the Crescendo Club on Sunset Blvd., held jointly with the Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley Chapters.

We are proud of our flying realtor Edna Stennett who has been appointed Secretary of the National Real Estate Board.

Mary Drummond has plans to move to Pasadena but we hope she will still be back for our meetings.

#### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER By: Anne Rambo

The Kitty Hawk Dinner, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight, will be held at the Palladium on December 17th. The Ninety-Nines in the Los Angeles area will have a special table and special recognition on the telecast of the program. Elsie Ringer and Anne Rambo are making the arrangements.

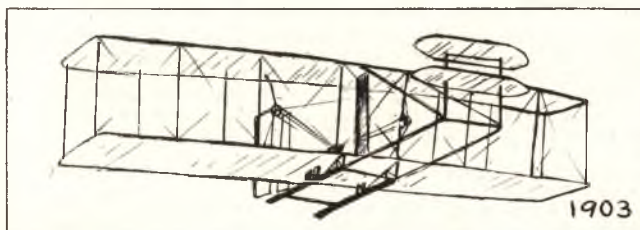
Joining with the members of the Long Beach and the Los Angeles Chapters, the San Fernando Valley girls will attend a Christmas party at Crescenda on the Sunset Strip in Hollywood. This is becoming a yearly affair and all Ninety-Nines are invited to attend.

Attending the last meeting held at Catherine Wagner's were two guests: Mary Watkins, a friend and guest of Chairman Elsie Ringer, from Akron, Ohio and Margaret Grosso, a prospective member. Margaret has her private license and is working toward her commercial rating. She had just returned from a cross country trip to New York and New Jersey in a Cessna 170. Welcome aboard, Margaret!

Jean Parker is seeing the country lately. The week end of November 22nd, she and Ruth Seymore flew to Las Vegas for a reunion with Lois Kelley from Wichita, Kans. Lois is also an ex-WASP. On November 15th she joined up with other Ninety-Nines at Thermal, enjoying the Chuck Wagon breakfast furnished by Eleanor Wagner. And next week the beautiful Death Valley vistas will be the attraction.

In order to raise money for our various projects, the Chapter will hold a Rummage Sale in Pasadena in February. Jean Parker is in charge of the event and all the girls are now bringing in "things" for the sale!

The January meeting will be held in Apple Valley--a fly-in! It should be an enjoyable event as the desert is so very beautiful in the winter.

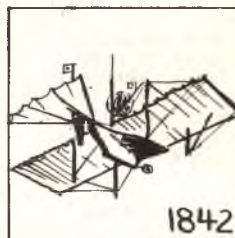


#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER By: Dottie Sanders

Isabelle McCrae, Governor of the Southwestern Section, and Lois Bartling, Chairman of the San Diego Chapter, have been working closely with the San Diego Chamber of Commerce and the Citizens Committee of San Diego in connection with our city's month-long celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight. During Civil Aviation Days, October 31 and November 1, members of our chapter joined the CAP and QB's in mass flights over the city to show the strength of private flying here. November 19, Lois and Isabelle were hostesses to the wives of pioneers in aviation at a luncheon meeting in Balboa Park. A table was reserved for the rest of the Ninety-Nines to help honor the many pioneers at the Aviation Pioneers' Luncheon. Special seats were also reserved for the rest of the Ninety-Nines at Air Power Day at a giant air show at Miramar Naval Air Station on November 22. We hope all of this is selling San Diego on the idea that aviation is here to stay and that the Ninety-Nines are right in there to help. November 15 was our chapter's first money-making project toward our contribution for the 1955 TAR, at the Ice Cycles of 1954. A profit of \$18.50 was made.

Our Chapter was honored to have been invited by the Saguaro Chapter and the Arizona Flying Farmers to join them in a program arranged by them in San Diego to visit the aircraft carrier "Princeton" for lunch and a tour of the ship, as well as a tour of North Island, Naval Air Station. Ethelind Woodhouse was in charge and certainly is to be commended on the splendid arrangements and the wonderful fun we had. Thank you so much, Ethelind.

#### NORTHWESTERN SECTION



#### WASHINGTON CHAPTER By: Ruth Jacquot

We are very happy to again have an active Ninety-Nines Chapter in the state of Washington.

Ruth Jacquot contacted the girls through the AOPA, CAA, local airports, TV, and the good ol' grapevine, you might say.

Our first meeting was held in the Sky Room Restaurant, Boeing Field. Gini Richardson was on hand to issue applications and give the new prospective members a pep talk on the Ninety-Nines. Gini had to make a speech that night for the Civil Air Patrol at Renton, so her stay with us was short but sweet.

On the 10th of November we had a meeting at Galvin Aviation, Boeing Field and members and prospective members were: Gini Richardson, Mildred Mandeville, Margaret Procter, Gladys Gilbertson, Mary Drinkwater, Ruth Jacquot, Donna Cabral, Marjorie Long, Carol Gillespie, Iowa Nelson, Nancy Shannon with several others who were unable to make it. We thought our turnout was wonderful. These Washington girls are very enthusiastic. Referring to enthusiasm: Gini drove in from Yakima with Mary Drinkwater and returned that same night - that's about three and one-half hours drive one way over mountains.

Gini showed her film "Cleared For Take-Off." We enjoyed it tremendously. To operate the projector, we were grateful to have Mr. Joe Princeton with us, Director of Safety Division CAA.

Our next meeting is going to be a dinner at Norselanders and our guest will be Allen Cummings, Disc Jackey for the local radio station, KING. He will give the Ninety-Nines all the publicity we can use.

You will hear from us again next month, and I hope we can report more and more progress from our now-active Washington Chapter.

