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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

My mother told me years ago that the older one gets, the faster time flies. From my experience since September 1, I am beginning to think she understated the case.

During that time, I attended the Southwest Sectional meeting held at Santa Monica, California, the South Central Sectional meeting held at El Paso, Texas, and the Southeast Sectional meeting held at Chattanooga, Tennessee - and bought a house. I found the chapter, unit and committee reports very interesting and showed many signs of increased interest and activity among women in aviation. I think it is wonderful and hope we can keep up the good work.

Since I wrote you last, my husband and I have bought a new pink brick home northeast of Ft. Worth, in the suburb of Richland Hills. The swimming pool and grounds are quite pretty. We have been running around like mad trying to find the type furniture I want. What a JOB! I hope it is the last time.

The Executive Committee has approved the lease of office space at the Oklahoma City Airport, Will Rogers Field; the purchase of metal office furniture, typewriter, and adding machine; the purchase of lumber (labor donated) for storage cabinets; and the expense incurred in moving the headquarters to Oklahoma City. It gives me great pleasure to report also that the Committee has approved charters for the Eastern Washington Chapter and the Albuquerque Chapter. Nothing I would like better than to have the pleasure of presenting these charters in person.

We hope to have the new headquarters ready for Open House in the near future. We need to furnish the pilots' lounge yet. I would like to tender the thanks of our organization to the Los Angeles Chapter for \$20.00, to the Kansas Chapter for \$75.00, and to the Texas Chapter for an air conditioning unit. For a list of the things we need, please write Dorothy Morgan, our secretary, at headquarters in Oklahoma City.

Never be ashamed to use a 180 in the face of bad weather.

Sincerely yours,

Edna Gardner Whyte
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AWTAR

By: Betty Loufek, Director
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START: San Mateo County Airport
(near San Carlos), Calif.

FINISH: Bishop Airport,
Flint, Michigan.

DATES: Impound Deadline, Wednesday,
July 4, 1956.
Take-off, Saturday, July 7.
Finish Deadline, Tuesday,
July 10.
Awards Dinner, Wednesday, July 11

The race route will be announced in the next Newsletter. Chairman of the Board Betty Gillies has been on an extended trip to the East and has checked on the route stops.

Please send copies of, or clippings from, any "house organs" (company magazines) in which news of the 1955 race appeared. Also, any trade mags in which the news appeared. We need them to complete the story of this year's race in the Board's scrapbook.

See the October issue of CQ, the amateur radio operator's mag for radio ops' angle of the 1955 race. The MONSANTO mag (house mag for Monsanto Chemical Company) had a two-page spread of pictures of Kay Brick and Florence Knight; CESSQUIRE (Cessna Co.) had Fran Bera on the cover and a story inside; BEECHCRAFTER (Beechcraft Co.) had two separate stories of the race in one issue---picture and story of Alice Roberts, Iris Critchell and pix-story of Fran Bera.

Now let's hear from the rest of you!

WAYS & MEANS

AWTAR FUND

By: Loretta Slavick

This year again we are aiming for contributions from local Chapters to partly finance our race. Our goal is the same as previous years - \$5.00 per member and we do hope that we can come close. This is our race and we hope that most chapters will want to help finance it. From time to time, we will send suggestions for money raising projects and hope they will be helpful. One suggestion has been made that when we purchase gas we inquire about

proper procedures to obtain tax refunds. Many of us, especially outside our home state, never bother about filing the proper forms to obtain a refund. Individually, the amount is small, but added together should be a sizeable amount. If all the members will do this and mail the gas receipts to me, I will try to obtain the proper forms for applying for the refund of the tax.

If you decide on any one project, as soon as you have raised your contribution, will you send it to me as promptly as possible. The AWTAR Committee feels that no planning should be done until there is assurance of sufficient funds to cover the expense. Please mail it to: Loretta Slavick, 44 Forest Glen Lane, Kirkwood 22, Missouri.

MEMBERSHIP

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
By: Beth Smith, Chairman

In order to make 1955-56 a BIG membership year, each and every member, as well as those working on membership, will have to help with the program. Please send in your renewals at once so that the roster can be as complete and correct as possible.

We would like to have every flying school, air strip, airport and college flying program canvassed this year for prospective members and, if each member will check her home base and every port she visits and reports her findings to her chapter membership chairman, we will have a good start. In order to save supplies and postage, any one having membership supplies and not using them, please pass them on to your chapter membership chairman. Let's ALL work on membership this year. We have an organization to be proud of and a new Headquarters to brag about.

Following is the complete Membership Committee for 1955-56:

Canadian-Dorothy Rungeling, Fenwick, Ontario, Canada.
New England-Barbara J. Cloud, 60 Charlesgate East, Boston 15, Mass.
New York-New Jersey-Nancy Moore
Middle East-Lamona Cerveka, 3600 S. Wakefield Street, Arlington 6, Virginia.
Southeast-Sara E. Shonk, 19 Kent Avenue, Dorchester Terrace, Charleston Heights, South Carolina.
North Central-Elsie Peters, Apt. 5, 3890 N. Sherman Blvd., Milwaukee 16, Wisconsin.
South Central-Beth Smith, 10208 Sunnymead Place, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Northwest-Ruth Wikander, 26515 N.W. Cornell Road, Hillsboro, Oregon.
Southwest-Marion Barnick, 175 Kirk Avenue, San Jose, California
Alaska-Pearl Laska, 915 o'Connor Road, Fairbanks, Alaska.

FLYING ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

By: Isabelle G. McCrae, Chairman

As Flying Activities Chairman for the coming year, I would like to urge every member of the 99's to take an active part in every type of flying activity that avails itself.

Our primary purpose is to acquaint more people with the art of flying--and to stimulate interest in aviation in everyone we come in contact with--whether it be actively flying, ourselves, or being a medium of transfer of enthusiasm for air travel.

It is most evident that more and more people are attending aviation schools--more people are taking advantage of air travel, and certainly our children speak of flying as we speak of riding in automobiles. There can be no doubt that aviation is here to stay and to progress. I can only suggest to each Chapter Chairman and her Flying Activities Chairman that she plan more Aviation Breakfast Flights--more fly-in joint meetings with surrounding area chapters, more photographic aerial hunts and any other type of flight she can think of, in which more than a few girls are able to participate.

We all want to fly, but unless some stimulating personality or "Eager Beaver" so to speak acquaints us with the novel idea of a cross-country Breakfast Flight now and then or some type of Air Show or Spot Landing Contest--or even an exciting Air Race--few of us have the ambition to run out to the airport, hop into a plane and fly for an hour or so on our day off.

Our goal being--to promote interest in aviation--is simply the first step in gaining new members for the 99's. I believe that if each Chapter Chairman would strive to promote more interesting flying activities within her chapter, there would be added interest for outside "Fly-Girls"--our membership would grow by leaps and bounds.

Let's "Keep 'em Flying" girls. A dead Chapter may lead to a dead national organization.



By: Selma Cronan

Unfortunately, your regular reporter, Ruby Sadtler, has gone to Vancouver, B.C., to visit her ailing mother, so for this month you have a pinch hitter.

We had a wonderful meeting at The Henry Hudson Hotel on October 10. The theme was "Ninety-Nines Abroad" and members who had travelled out of the country this past summer came with slides, movies, photographs and souvenirs and shared their experiences with the stay-at-homes.

Marjorie Gray had been in Germany as guest of Lufthansa, Jeanne Spielberg in Majorca, Alma Harwood in Scandinavia, and Arax Sim-sarian in Switzerland and Italy.

Zaddie Bunker of California was in New York at the time and after our European jaunt, entertained us with an account of "How One Gets a Multi Engine Rating at Age 63". Another most welcome guest was Helen McChesney Menitto of Florida who is a past Governor of New York-New Jersey.

NEWS OF NOTE: Just heard from Manila Talley who accompanied her husband General B. B. Talley on an overseas assignment. She has received her French Morracon pilot license--sounds exotic. Marjorie Gray is off again, this time for two weeks of active duty with the Air Force at MATS at McGuire AF Base. The engagement of Muriel Steinel to Julius Weber has been announced--the wedding to be held January 22nd.

Next meeting will be November 14 when we will have as our guest speaker Alan Heinsohn to tell us all about the new National Pilots Association. All visiting 99's are most welcome--just contact any local member.



By: Ora Stevens

"Rustie" Cloud has just returned from a flying trip in her prettily decorated greeting card Luscombe from Philadelphia and Atlanta, Georgia. She had some wonderful visits with 99 gals at the airports enroute.

Barbara Kiernan of Andover, Massachusetts just got her Commercial license at New Bedford Airport under the supervision of Al Dessert. Now she is continuing on with an instrument and Twin Rating. Congratulations from us all, Barbara. We hope you get to fly that shiny new Twin Navion A1 has under lock and key down there at New Bedford.

Chris Seaver and her husband have just bought half an Ercopeu. This Ercopeu N 25L has Omni, metal wings, conversion to rudder and both owners are real pleased with their halves.

Was real surprised to see Kay Brick and her mother walking down the Main street of this fair city (Taunton) the first of October. Had a nice long chat with Kay.

Charlotte Sullivan Kelley of Hingham, Mass. is on the board of the Mass. Air Age Education Committee and they have succeeded this year in getting Aviation into the Boston School System. Four day high school and the Roslindale high evening classes (where Charlotte is teaching) are the progressive ones. Good work, Charlotte.

Anne Crathern of Worcester married Paul K. Phillips, Box 503, Franklin, Michigan. Anne asks to be transferred to Michigan. Their gain is our loss.

Bertha Ryan received her Commercial Glider License and Flight Instructor Rating on gliders recently in C.A.A. flight tests at Hiller Airport. One of six licenses earned that day. Bertha also has a Private Power Rating.

Mrs. Katherine Hiller speaks at the Barre Woman's Club on Thursday, October 27 for a half hour on "Women in Aviation and Airport Operation".

There is a very interesting writeup on the Hiller Airport in the Berkshire Foot-hills and Mrs. Hiller in the September AIRSOC NEWS, Teterboro, New Jersey. We are all very proud of you, Katherine.



WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER
By: Jean Ross Howard

Our Chairman, Nancy Moore, is leaving us! 49er Lee is transferring to a new job in New York City - so the Moores will be living near Tarrytown on the Hudson. Not far from Westchester Airports, says Nancy with a gleam in her eye. This means for sure some more of our Chapter Races and maybe a joint meeting with the NY-NJ Section. Nancy may transfer, but we hope she'll just consider it a dual membership.

The September meeting was held at the home of Eleanor Davis and proved to be one of the biggest yet. Mary Hoch and Augusta Roberts came down from Delaware. New Chapter officers were announced: Chairman, Mitzi Moore; Vice Chairman, Jean Ross Howard; Secretary, Betty Fisher; Treasurer, Dorothy Mitchell. The Sunday Star carried a feature on Chairman Mitzi.

We all want to extend our sympathy to Dorothy Mitchell on the death of her Mother.

Chapter members have been travelling the highways and airways this month. Ada Mitchell is just back from her hometown, Beaumont, Texas. While there she saw Texas Air Tourists Bobbie King, Alice Seaborn and Tony Page. Blanche Noyes is still on her annual tour of these United. Frances Nolde attended the NEBA convention in Detroit, the NASAO in Dallas and she and Marilyn Link were on hand for the NAA annual meeting in Cleveland. I attended the West Coast Forum of The American Helicopter Society and managed a quick tour of the Bell, Cessna and Hiller plants enroute. At Hiller I got some time in the 12-B and congratulated Lindy Boyes who had just soloed same! Talked with Ruth Rueckert who is already busy planning the 1956 Take-off of the TAR!

Betty Crites is the new proud owner of a T-Craft and we're very proud of Betty. She got her license as an Arthur Godfrey Air Fellow at American University and has been building up time ever since - sometimes without a plane - just in a chute! Betty is also the only girl Squadron Commander in the National Capital Wing, CAP.

Eleanor Davis, our member who flew before she drove, is now sporting a shiny blue Ford.

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER
By: Mary Ann Wetherby

Just two of us made the October meeting at Elkins. The autumnal colors around our destination were flaming spearheads of red, yellow, wine, fuchsia and orange among the thick and neverchanging evergreens that define the West Virginia hills. I arrived with a student in an Aeronca trainer and Araxie Ervin arrived later with her 49er Clyde, and 24 3/4er Neil. Neil is too young for a license but already copiloting and filing and closing flight plans (good boy!). The days are very short now, so we chatted briefly, settled up on our respective sales of stionery items for our Treasury budget - Araxie turning in \$18.00 along with my \$25.00 - and then adjourned. This will be the last meeting until spring and the return of better weather than our usual winter fogs and ridgetouching overcasts.

We'll keep in touch, however, all these next months via open letters. In five meetings since June we have reactivated the Chapter. Most of us have met each other and have found it encouraging to share interests in aviation.

The West Virginia State Aeronautics Commission put all of us on the mailing list for monthly issues of "Jatos", a most interesting and informative aviation circular for this area.

Mary Jo Janey, 99er from Geyser, Montana, saw our report in recent Newsletter and wrote me a vivid account of herself since leaving this section of the U.S. She and her husband and son visited this field on several occasions when living in nearby Virginia. They learned to fly in the West, are now Private Pilots and own their own plane, a Luscombe.

De Thurmond, ferrying a Tri-Pacer from Lock Haven, Pa., to her home base at Long Beach, California, made an RON at Roanoke, Virginia, October 19. I joined her there and thoroughly enjoyed catching up on flying activities since her ferry trip last year.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER
By: Peggy Borek

We've about recovered from our share of transcontinental air races and national aircraft shows. They were such fun and left us exhausted, but happy.

Our October meeting was a very quiet, pleasant one. The majority of those attending flew into Pottstown Airport and then were carlifted to nearby Lakeside Inn for happy reunions and a tasty dinner. It was so nice to have a good flying day. It's always annoying to go to a flying peoples meeting in an automobile.

Our favorite rehead, Chairman Ina Young (air racers will remember her as the Mexican sombrero waving the checkered flag at Reading) got right into the business of elections. We're delighted to announce that our new Chairman is Margaret Callaway who recently transferred to our Chapter from Texas. (We believe in making them work right off!) I was surprised to find myself Vice Chairman and Newsletter Reporter. This is my first attempt at a column, so be kind in your criticism. Marie Angstadt is our new Treasurer. Don't think she has too much to work with, but we hope to remedy that situation soon. Jean McKaig, who holds office in the National Secretaries Association, is our experienced Secretary. Chris Siegl continues as Membership Chairman.

That is how we stand at present. We give grateful thanks to the past officers and good luck to the present ones.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER
By: Harriette Mosbacher

The Meadville Chapter really isn't dead --just did a little hibernating for awhile.

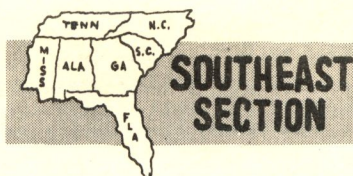
We are in the process of acquiring a new member who we think is quite a gal. She is Ann Hogan of Sharon, a gal brim full of personality, vitality and just about flying minded as a person can be and a good little pilot, too.

Jean Peden Swartwood and Harriette Mosbacher attended the Tri-City Flying Club breakfast flight at the Chadderton Air Port, Sharon, Pa., and struck it rich. There were approximately 60 planes and over 150 pilots and their guests attending. However, Jean and Harriette were the only licensed women pilots, and as a result, brought home all the prizes for that classification; namely, earrings, brooch, community silver relish set and roses. Ann Hogan, a member of the Tri-City Club, made the presentation of roses to both Jean and Harriette.

The Meadville Chapter had a Sunday brunch meeting in September and our Vega Ishen of Erie was greatly perturbed when she had to come down to earth and drive to the brunch because of low ceiling and rain. Wish you gals could all meet Vega - she is perhaps one of the most talented gals in these parts. She is a good pilot, a brilliant organist and a professional artist, to mention a few of her accomplishments. We are really proud of Vega. The membership of our Chapter is small, we may lack in quantity, but certainly not in quality.

Ann Hogan (our prospective member) attended the brunch as a guest and flew in with two passengers. The weather was somewhat better at Sharon than at Erie, but during the brunch Ann got very uneasy as the weather got worse and the ceiling lower. Ann took off in the rain and battled foul weather all the way back.

We will try to do better on getting our Chapter news in. Sure do love those Newsletters.



SOUTHEASTERN SECTION
By: Bettye Anderson

Chattanooga, Tennessee, was the site selected for the Southeastern Section meeting October 9 and 10, 1955. On Saturday night visiting members were guests of Chattanooga 99's Irene Flewellen, Sarah Duke and Bettye Anderson at a Weiner Roast and dance. Sunday morning the members met for breakfast in the new dining room at Lovell Field, with the business meeting held in the Pilots Lounge afterward. Again the Southeastern Section had the privilege of having the International President present for the meeting. Edna Gardner Whyte with daughter Anne arrived by Navion from Greenville, Mississippi, in time to attend the business session.

New officers for the Southeastern Section for 1955-56 were elected as follows: Governor, Georgiana McConnell, Nashville, Tennessee; Vice Governor, Verna Burke, Florida; Secretary-Treasurer, Estelle Bradshaw, North Carolina.

Members attending the meeting were Evelyn Greenblatt, Atlanta, Georgia; Kitty Nix, Marietta, Georgia; MaryBeth Sargent, Nashville; Eddie Lee Griffin, Knoxville, Tenn.; Dovie Robeson, Parrott, Tennessee; Georgiana McConnell, Nashville. Weather kept the North and South Carolina and Florida girls at home.

FLORIDA CHAPTER
By: Helen Mennitto

Good food, good weather, good swimming and good fellowship marked the joint meeting of the Florida Chapter with North Florida at the Windswept Hotel in Vero Beach on Oct. 1 and 2. 99er coming the farthest was our newest member, Hilda Perez de Fragas from Havana, Cuba. Gals who flew in were not plagued by hurricanes, thank heavens!

The short business meeting included announcement of new chapter officers and the election of a chairman for the 1956 IAR. The new slate for the Florida Chapter is: Chairman, Barbara Erickson; Vice Chairman, Irma Price; Secretary-Treasurer, Helen Minnitto. (North Florida reelected last year's panel) Dorothea Vermorel was reelected chairman of the Seventh All-Woman's International Air Race for 1956. Present plans indicate the race will be run from Canada to Cuba in May. The race is really a year-round project for us, so you'll be hearing more about the plans from time to time as they crystallize.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER
By: Eddie Lee Griffin

Our October meeting was held in connection with our Southeastern Section meeting at the Airport in Chattanooga. As usual, the Chattanooga girls rolled out the "red carpet". Some of the girls flew in on Saturday for the "Outdoor Party" (bonfire and all) in the rock garden near the airport, that evening. This entertainment was given by our three Chattanooga members: Sarah Duke, Irene Flewellen and Bettye Anderson. Those who attended reported a wonderful time. Thanks, Sarah, Irene and Bettye, don't know what our chapter would do without you. On Sunday morning we had breakfast in the new dining room at the airport. We had a pleasant surprise when our new International President, Edna Gardner Whyte, and her charming daughter Ann as co-pilot, flew in for our meeting. We, all then got down to brass tacks with the following present:

Evelyn Greenblatt and Kitty Hicks from the Georgia Chapter. Sarah Duke, Bettye Anderson, Beth Sargent, Georgiana McConnell, Dovie Robeson and yours truly from

Tennessee Chapter. Apparently the Carolinas, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi Chapters have forgotten vacation time is over as they are still vacationing. We missed you gals and you really missed a big treat, so read all about it. Sarah Duke, Section Chairman, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the 1955 99 Convention were read and they were very interesting. Edna told us about the new International Headquarters at Will Rogers Field which sounded very nice, and we are looking forward to dropping in there for a cup of coffee. She asked for suggestions regarding the new roster and the Newsletter and also gave us a helping hand in many ways. We enjoyed her visit so very much and wish it were possible for her to do it again soon.

We relinquished our retiring Chairman Sarah Duke and other officers of the Southeastern Section with a vote of thanks for the good work which they did the past year.

We welcomed the new officers with the confidence that they will lead us through another good year.

Dovie Robeson was elected Membership Chairman for the Tennessee Chapter. Our next meeting will be November 20 in Nashville.



CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER
By: Rose S. Andrew

The Central Illinois Chapter met at the home of Barbara Jenison, Sunday, October 23 for their monthly meeting.

Barbara and her 49^{er} Ed served a delicious brunch in their backyard to Bob and Florence Musser, Lincoln; Jim and Helen McBride, Mattoon; Don and Betty LeCompte, Dora Dougherty, Leah Warren and Rose Andrew, Champaign.

The next meeting is scheduled as an 11 AM breakfast at Capitol Airport, Springfield, Illinois.

We are happy to have Betty LeCompte as a new member. She is especially interested in women's affairs in Civil Air Patrol.

Barbara Jenison is busy with her scheduled C.A.P. duties and will also spend some time in Washington DC this winter. Leah Warren has recently returned from a six-weeks trip to the New England states where her husband's work took him. Dora Dougherty is busy again with her "thinking and flying" at the Aviation Psychology Department of the University of Illinois. It is located right at the University Airport, so be sure and tell Dora hello if you stop there.

Florence and Bob Musser went on the Illinois Air Tour early in September and enjoyed every bit of it they said. Helen McBride and her husband are staying quite busy with their truck line. They had their sweet three-year-old daughter with them at the brunch. Mary Hendrix and sister are on a trip to Texas with their parents.

This summer Dora and Rose Andrew and her family drove to Lincoln's New Salem near Springfield to see the play, "Abe Lincoln in Illinois". It was directed by our own Adelaide O'Brian. Rose and Frank Andrew have finished picking corn that grew on either side of their landing strip this year. Getting their Ercoupe in on a cross-wind landing between 10-foot high corn was quite a challenge this summer. They welcome all 99's and their families to use their strip any time and visit awhile.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER
By: Nancy LaFarge

Our monthly meeting for October was held at Tri-City Airport, the 16th, with the "usual" 99 weather.

The topic most discussed was the AWTAR for 1956, the terminus as you know will be Flint, Michigan, and the plans our very capable Bernice Trimble has for that terminus---Zowie!

We were honored that Faith McPeak came 600 miles from her new home in Lake City, Minn., to attend the meeting. Faith is a former Michigan resident.

We'd like to welcome three new prospective 99ers. Guests of Bernice Trimble were Mrs. Helen Ward of Flint and Mrs. George McKay of Fenton. Betty Gordon of Royal Oak was the guest of Leah Higgins. Betty is working on her Private Pilot's rating.

This was the second 99 meeting for Olivia Bell of Plymouth. Glad to see you again, Olivia. Janey Hart, who has been working on her multi-engine rating, flew commercial airlines to Loudres, France, with her husband, Phil, and daughters, Ann and Cammie, to visit the Shrine. Our thoughts are with you, Janey. Alice Hammond will be off to Washington, DC, to attend the Leadership Training Conference for key Civil Air Patrol officers, December 9-11. Eloise Smith and Betty Little of Kalamazoo, will fly away to a Florida vacation.

Because of weather, our Chairman Mary Clark couldn't make the meeting. Mary, with Barbara Stowell, was grounded in Mary's Cessna 140 at Toledo, enroute from Washington, DC. Barbara had driven to Florida with her father and flew Eastern Airlines to join Mary in Washington where she was vacationing. About walking down the 898 steps of Washington Monument, Mary says, "Don't do it".

Weekend guests from Germany kept Margaret Windfuhr from attending the meeting and Babe Ruth entertained guests from Ohio. Deer hunting season will take the Windfuhrs the Thatchers and the Ruths from our Nov. meeting which will be held at Wayne Major Airport November 13.

And yours truly, Nancy LaFarge, sub-ing this month for Babe Ruth on the Newsletter, very happily became a Commercial pilot October 2.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER
By: Betty Barton

The October meeting was held in Storm Lake Iowa with Millie Burt as hostess. A lovely noon dinner was enjoyed at the Cobblestone Inn. An informal meeting was held before, during, and after the dinner. Beulah Smith, the new Chairman for 1955-56 was presented the gavel. Door prizes were won by Quentin Wildman and a guest of the Wildman's.

Millie presented all the members present with the potted plants that were used as table decorations.

The traveling trophy was presented to Beulah Smith. This trophy has been traveling for the past six months although it didn't get much travel. Beulah had it four out of the six months. Bernie Hugelien, the first month, Helen Flaherty the last month. The contest was conducted on the point system for various flight activities.

Those present were Jean and Quentin Wildman and their guests; Beulah and Bob Smith; Dorothy and Wayne Hunt; Virginia and Don Koestner; Betty Barton and Darrell Place; and the hostess, Millie Burt. We all went out and gave the fly in's a boost off.

The November meeting is set for Klemme, Iowa, with Marie Blank as hostess and the Christmas party at Mason City with Bernie Hugelien as hostess.

THE ALL OHIO CHAPTER
By: Betty Wertz

The September Annual Meeting was held at the Mansfield Municipal Airport with 14 members, two prospective members and several guests present. The newly elected officers are: Chairman, Joan Hruvec; Vice Chairman, Jean Bonar; Secretary-treasurer, Edythe Maxim.

The October meeting was held at Urbana, but due to the weather only five members were present---Marjorie Miller, Martha Foley, Jean Bonar, Blanche O'Brien and Betty Wertz.

Our Ways and Means Committee headed by Marilyn Collette has been really active. They had a Breakfast Fly-In in Akron and have been having Sales Tax Collections as ways of raising money. Mary Schaefer, a prospective member, won the contest of sending in the most stamps during a set period. Her transportation to the Sectional at Traverse City was to be furnished as winner.

In Cleveland we have just seen the conclusion of the well-attended 1955 National Convention of the National Aeronautic Association, the theme of which was particularly appropriate--"Aviation Education, Its Importance to the Nation". Also meeting in Cleveland for its first annual meeting was the new pilot organization, the National Pilot Association, whose concern is with the various problems confronting civil aviation, such as allocation of airspace, aviation safety, international air regulations, and so forth.

Out-of-state 99's attending were Edna Gardner Whyte, our President, Deedo Heise, our Secretary, Fran Nolde, Blanche Noyes, Loretta Slavick, Betty Gillies, Kay Brick, and from our own Chapter, Virginia Ashelford, Jean Bonar, Florence Boswell, Rosalie Bracht, Arlene Davis, Joan Hrubec, Edythe Maxim, Jeanne Naatz and Ruth Reep.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER
By: Marietta Sonnenberg

Our first meeting under the new chairman, Florence Sriver, was well attended and well fed by hostess Helen Masterton in Minneapolis. Present were Audrey and Roy Baird, Rita and Burt Orr, Margaret Manual, Dorothy Anderson, Marietta Sonnenberg, Marion Radke, Laura Black, Marilyn Kvalheim, Florence Sriver, Dawn Arcand and Joe Michaud - THREE prospective members - Shirley Iverson, Tamie Olsen and Mary Wilkinson - and, of course, Helen and Geo. Masterton and Helen's charming sister. Tamie was with us at the September meet also. Shirley, who lives at Lamberton, has had her private license since November 1954 and owns an Aeronca Chief. Mary, a resident of Minneapolis, received her private license only in August this year and she and husband Bill have a Cessna 170.

Margaret Manual had a lot of news to report. She and husband Malcolm, who have operated the Carlton College airport at Northfield for ten years, recently purchased it. Deido and Herm Heise and friends of theirs from Colombia, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. Follett, stopped by one day recently at Northfield, in two 180s enroute to the Flying Farmer convention at Banff, Canada. Deido and Herm dropped off their wonderful movie, "Flighty Lady" which Margaret has already put to good use. She showed it to students at Northfield High School and to a flying activities meeting at Carlton College, along with Mal's movie on crop spraying. She plans to show the movies at St. Olaf College and at the Randolph School in Northfield.

Dorothy Anderson who recently was elected to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Public Health Conference, and is on the Board of the Minnesota Nurses Assn. which held its annual meeting in Minneapolis October 23-26, is director of public health nursing in Olmsted County with headquarters in Rochester.

Prospective member Jeanne Scheifley and husband Chuck spent about the last ten days in October on a flying business-pleasure trip to New Orleans in their Cessna.

Minnesota 99s plan to help out the Minneapolis Jaycees at their Second Annual Air Fair at Wold-Chamberlain Field October 23. Last year we helped serve refreshments at the successful event.

Next Minnesota meeting is November 20 at the Scheifley's lovely country home at Rochester, with Betty Clements in charge of the program. Florence appointed the following chairmen for 1955-56: Dawn and Margaret, Flying Activities; Dorothy, Scrapbook and History; Marietta, Newsletter; Laura and Helen, Civilian Defense; Marilyn, Membership. We decided not to try and do any airmarking this next year because we will be so busy planning the North Central Sectional to be hosted by Minnesota in the fall of 1956 and assisting Michigan with their national convention and race finish.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER
By: Ethel Christensen

We were sorry to have missed our McGrath, Alaska, member, Dorothy Evans Bryant, when she was in Wisconsin this fall. Maybe next time she gets away from CAA McGrath Radio, we will see her.

Irene Moore was hostess for the October meeting at beautiful Lake Lawn Lodge, Isabel Myrland and husband, "the Colonel", were there, plus Bernie J. and friend, Al Loveland, and Avis Peterson and husband.

Isabel and husband are spending the winter months at a friend's ranch in Phoenix!

Avis reported on her flight to Gillette, Wyoming. She had four forced landings. Here is what she, husband and friend brought home - five deer - two antelope and loads of trout!

Irene Moore and husband have gone back into business - sounds like she will be a busy gal.

INDIANA CHAPTER
By: Rae Cawdell

The October meeting scheduled for Evansville, Indiana, was not held due to (you guessed it) weather. Grounded gals grumbled while ground fog grew. So business-wise, there's no report.

Betty Gillies was in Indianapolis October 11. Her arrival being unheralded, it was not possible to round up the girls for a meeting. However, she and Tannie Schlundt got together for a discussion of the '56 AWTAR. Fort Wayne, Indiana, will be a required stop.

Olive McCormick, our 6th placer in her Tri-Pacer in the 1955 AWTAR was one of the speakers at the three-day State Aviation Conference at Turkey Run State Park October 19, 20 and 21. Tannie Schlundt and Betty Nicholas were present for the October 19 session and report a most interesting and exceptionally well-attended meeting. Among other speakers was Donald P. Toppen, Captain United Airlines, whose talk, "Flying With An Airline Captain", was made even more interesting by the accompanying film taken from an airline cockpit. Bob Shank, of Shank's Airport, Indianapolis, and a member of the Early Birds, in his "Flying With the Old Timers" related some of his early experience during those pioneering days in aviation. If you've never heard him, you've missed something. And if you have the opportunity to hear him - well, it's a pleasure you won't want to pass up. Representing the Weather Bureau was meteorologist Wallace A. Bertrand from Indianapolis who spoke on "Aviation Weather". And of course, Olive McCormick's talk had to do with "Flying in the Powder Puff Derby".

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
By: Marjory Farrell

Our regular October meeting was held at Fairfax Airport--a dinner meeting with Laurien Griffin showing us some of her movies on the beginning of the TAR and of her and her husband's flying vacation to Mexico.

The business of the day was concerned with plans for our 1920 Gay 99's Fashion Show and party, to be held at Fairfax Terminal November 19. Any 99 wandering near here that evening, come join us! We think it's going to be fun.

A planned breakfast flight to Abilene, Kansas, suffered the fate of so many breakfast flights--weather decided to pick Sunday as the day to show off. Only three of us made it - Marie Kuhlman, Neva Rea and your reporter. We had such a nice time with the Eilers there in Abilene, eating enormous amounts of food, including pumpkin pie, that Mary Eiler took out of the oven just as we were ready to take off. Of course, we had to stay to eat it and we were glad we did! Delicious!

Dee Southard is keeping herself busy on CAP activities these days, being Coordinator of Women's Activities, with weekly meetings.

Despite the wonderful autumn weather we've been having, flying has been sparse this month. Verna Wilson and student did manage a few days in Chicago while flying back from Sectional. Marie Kuhlman keeps that Beech pretty busy flying for part business and part pleasure, latest being to Galesburg and Chicago.

Our newest and youngest member, Loretta Craig, takes time out from her senior classes in high school to keep the family plane in the air. She comes from a flying family, with father and brother having their licenses. We're glad to have her with us.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER
By: Donna Giles

The October meeting of the Chicago Area Chapter was held on Sunday, October 23, at DuPage County Airport. The girls brought along their paint brushes and we "killed two birds with one stone" by repainting the DuPage Airmarker before holding our business meeting.

Committee chairmen named for the 1955-56 year by our chairman Syl Roth were: Scrapbook, Dorothy Vachout; Membership, Nina Price; Airmarking, Donna Giles; Civil Defense, Nita Fineman; Entertainment, Lois Cassidy and Doris Langher; Achievement Award, Marge Raglin and Harriette Magee; Ways and Means, Hazel Hackwith and Publicity, Nell Brown.

Nita Fineman and her husband airlined out to Colorado for their vacation. Nina Price flew her Cessna 195 to Tucson and got back just in time to attend the October meeting.

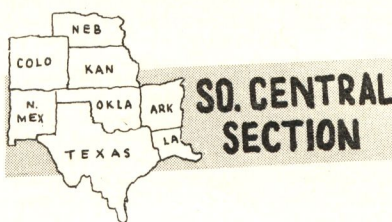
Margaret Johnson proudly brought the trophy she received from the National Flying Farmer Association. The trophy was presented at Lansing, Michigan, by W. T. Piper for the Women's Achievement Award Program.

The Chicago Area gals wish to thank again the Michigan 99's for their hospitality at the Traverse City meeting. The gals all said that they couldn't have had a better time.

Congratulations to Jane White now of the Minn. Chapter for getting her A.T.R. We're real proud of you, Jane.

Flying news: Doris Langher checked out in A Bonanza at Palwaukee. Sally Stremple now has a new Tri-Pacer in her club. Elsie Wahrer and her 49er sold their Tri-Pacer and have bought a Bonanza. Esther Noffke is giving instrument time in a Cessna 310.

Irene Leverton has been working to organize an all women's C.A.P. Squadron. Congratulations, Irene, I see that you have a flight set up for the 30th of this month.



TEXAS CHAPTER-

Corpus Christi Unit
By: Mary Lee Humason

Golly, we're beginning to fill our cowboy boots. Nell Hood is our newest member, and you can bet we're keeping our eye on Pauline Glasson. She has recently soloed one of her wing scouts, and that means there's another 99er in the grooming.

Our unit was well represented at the Sectional and State meeting in El Paso. Merle Dunnam, Pauline Glasson, Louise Clarkson and Nell Hood flew out for the event and from their report it was really great. I am kind of new at this flying business and have heard that only male pilots ever get weathered in, but this time things were switched around and several 99ers had to stay in El Paso two extra days. Sure wish I had been there.

Pauline, Merle, Elaine Needham and I made the hop to Temple for the kickoff of the All Texas Air Tour. The city of Temple arranged a very gracious reception and really went all out for the pilots. "Everybody" was there and the food was swell.

Speaking of good food! We had it at our fourth annual dinner on the 27th. We celebrated our third birthday, with Pauline as hostess and cook. A business meeting followed the dinner with everyone present except Helen Disney of McAllen who is temporarily hospitalized. Ardith McCreery flew to Corpus without Helen this time. That can't happen again, so hurry and get well, Helen.

We're really glad to see Edith Stearns back on her feet and on her job again. Nice going Edith! And Dr. Mary Gormlee--you know how it is with her. We were honored with her presence in between deliveries. Elaine Needham was present by proxy. She is working very hard on her degree at Texas U., but she will be here for Thanksgiving, and here's hoping that Cornelia Davis and Elvie Turney from out Del Rio way will be able to line up at least four roofs for our Airmarking tour during Thanksgiving holidays.

There was a gratifying turnout for the all Charity Polo Drive at Cuddihy Field on the 23rd. The 99ers were represented by Elaine Gault, Louise Clarkson, Pauline, Merle, Nell and myself, and we really did our share in collecting \$585.00 for the Polio Fund.

We will be flying to Ardith's in McAllen for our November meeting, and by the way, have you seen these cute cigarette boxes we're making for Christmas?

EL PASO
By: Lois Hailey

It has been a big month for us with our state and sectional meetings being held here. We were proud to have 29 guests fly in from all over the South Central Section. Much to our embarrassment, we concluded it with a three-day rain which kept the gals here for an extra three days. This is the place where it seldom rains, but when we get something like Janet pushing from the south and a cold front from the north - well, you know how it is.

Our new Sectional officers are: Ruth Deerman, El Paso, Governor; Verna Christopher, Colorado Springs, Vice Governor; Beth Smith, Oklahoma City, Treasurer; and Lois Dobbin, Wichita, Kansas, Secretary.

Our new State officers are: Ruby Hays, re-elected Chairman; Barbara Williams, Gladewater, Texas, Vice Chairman; Rowena Burns, Ft. Worth, Secretary; and Cleve Godfrey, Ft. Worth, Membership.

Ruth Deerman and Ruby Hays have been off on the Texas Air Tour which comes every year at this time. Ruth is presently making another trip to Wichita. The George McConnells of Dell City have been to Canada in their 170 with the Flying Farmers.

Since Ruby has given me a job of pushing aviation education in Texas, I'm preparing a bulletin to all Texas gals.

FORT WORTH
By: Tony Page

The Fort Worth Unit met in Sept. 'n Oct. both dinner meetings. September was with Rowena Burns and we elected officers: to wit and witty: Buelah Kahn, Chairman; Ann Atkelson, Sec 'n Treas; Tony Page, Reporter. We mostly hangar flew, talked about sectional meeting in El Paso, coming up and ate a shrimp dish by Rowena - 'delish! Edna G. Whyte joined us: Cleve Godfrey, Marj Gray, Ann Whyte, Tomes Withers, guests. October: home of Ann, who Gormet'd us with dinner, fine wine and fine time. Buelah Kahn, Verna Burns, Edna G. Whyte, Tony Page, Maybelle Fletcher, Marj Gray, Rowena Burns, 'tended the social. Meeting told of 99's at El Paso. Had too much fun to get in heavy business, talked about selling corn dogs for cash again, decided to eat 'm and put cash in kitty...meetings adjourned. Thought for day: 49ers are also good to chop wood for barbeque pits.

ARK-LA-TEX
By: Barbara Williams

Mildred Carney of Shreveport is our new chairman, elected at our fourth anniversary meeting held September 20 at the Skyway Restaurant, Gregg County Airport. We picked Mildred because she was in Arkansas at the time and couldn't talk back. Mildred (also known as Sweetpea) is an unconstructed rebel and still insists she is part of the North Louisiana Chapter, but we claim her as a mainstay of our unit.

Marie Barnes of Kilgore will be Vice Chairman; Essie Hollis of Longview was re-elected Treasurer and Barbara Williams of Gladewater, Secretary and Reporter. Attending the anniversary meeting were Marie, Essie, Barbara and two guests - Virginia McJilton and Margaret Jenkins of Gladewater.

Our most recent meeting was held October 18 at the Skyway, with Mildred, Barbara, Essie and her husband and daughter in attendance. We decided that Loraine Averett of Lone Star was probably in Dallas at the State Fair that night, watching her charming daughter, Jonnie Sue, being crowned an East Texas queen. Congratulations!

One of the highlights of the year was our July meeting at the Skyway when every unit member was present, all five of us. The yak-yak was terrific as we caught up on all the news. We're hoping we can do it again on November 15 when Essie has invited all of us to her home for a pre-Thanksgiving feast. This is the time for all visiting 99s to be sure to look us up, for Essie is a fabulous cook.

There are rumors that we may lose two of our members to Kansas but we're keeping our fingers crossed and hoping they stay in Texas. Loraine Averett's husband, Curtis, is in Lawrence, Kansas, building a highway (of all things - he's a pilot, too). Essie's husband "Doc" who used to have the aviation service at Gregg County, is thinking of going into business at Manhattan where his parents live. The jewelry business, that is.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER OF 99'S
By: Bettie King

Belle Hetzel was hostess to the Missouri Valley Chapter at David City for their October meeting. Ten members were present. We were driven into town by a representative of the Chamber of Commerce where we all enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner in a private dining room at the hotel. Present were Juanita Leach, Florence Dunlavy and husband, Belle Hetzel, Dorothy Higbee, Helen Moore, Jan Munkres and husband, Helen Nestle, Laura Russell, Bettie King and husband and her guests, Carol and Jim MacDonald of Essex.

During the business meeting, Jan told of her trip to the air bases in Texas and Mississippi. Jan enjoyed her trip even though she was airsick during the five-hour trip to Lackland. She was lucky enough to draw an hour ride in a jet plane and handled the controls about half of this time.

The new officers for the Chapter were announced: Pauline Hawks being the new Chairman; Jan Munkres, Vice Chairman; Florence Dunlavy, Secretary. The year's meeting places were determined with the November meeting to be at the South Omaha airport near Pappillion. We decided to change the meeting date from the third Sunday to the second Sunday of the month.

A photographer from the David City Banner-Press came out during the afternoon and took a picture of the group. The Thursday paper carried the picture along with a news story on the meeting and the 99's.

In planning new meeting places, we selected different airports for our meeting place. We plan to invite our neighboring chapters to visit.

COLORADO CHAPTER
By: Marilyn Nordstrom

Lots of activity in our Chapter this month. Our October 6 meeting was at Donna Myers' home. Rheda Short was in from Wheatland, Wyoming, and Betty Pfister from Aspen. Nice to have our far-flung members with us. Clara Lemons, our Airmarking Chairman, is trying to set up a date for painting of an airmarker in Colorado. The Kansas Chapter has graciously offered to meet and help us with this. And certainly no more expert help could be offered to us.

Alice Fuchs arranged for a special and very interesting meeting for our members and 49ers on October 28. We started off with a tour of the temporary Air Force Academy at Lowry AFB, Denver, which included viewing the models of the permanent academy. Also, saw the Cadets march to supper. Then, after enjoying a wonderful dinner at the Lowry Officers Club, we witnessed a fire-fighting demonstration put on by the instructors of the Fire Fighting School. This was certainly a memorable evening for all present and an experience which we wish could be shared with all of you. The entire Chapter wishes to thank Alice and 49er Bill (who is an instructor at the Academy) for a wonderful evening. Those present: Alice and Bill Fuchs; Jane, Swede and Bob Nettleblad; Ray and Lucia Jolliffe, Ruth and Ed Mugele; Verna Christopher, Donna Myers, Mary Wennholz and her mother, Mrs. Reed from Toledo, Thelma Thomas and Betty Stackhouse.

KANSAS CHAPTER
By: Ama Lee Jameson

October meeting was held at the National Flying Farmer Building in Wichita, Kansas, with the new Chairman Lois Dobbin presiding. After a business meeting, during which new plans were formulated for the coming year, we adjourned for lunch at the Dobbs House in the New Terminal.

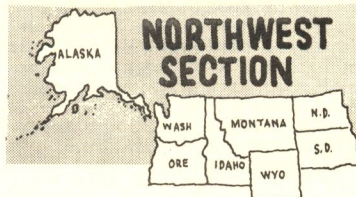
Kansas members attending the South Central Section meeting at El Paso, Texas, were outgoing Governor Anne Waddell, Ex-Governor Ama Lee Jameson, and new Sectional Secretary Lois Dobbin. We all enjoyed a mighty interesting Sectional meeting complete with Yatzie Party at Ruby Hays', tour of El Paso and Juarez, lunch with new Governor Ruth Deerman, banquet at El Rancho. Only hitch was three days waiting for the weather to clear! Imagine weather, fog and rain type, in El Paso...even the natives were surprised. Practically turned out to be a five-day Sectional since only seven got away Sunday. The El Paso girls graciously 'entertained' for the extra three days. 'Twas a long wait for the clouds to lift over the mountains but we enjoyed the opportunity to get better acquainted with the girls. Thanks Dodie Powers and your El Paso Unit for a grand time.

Blanche Noyes visited us on October 24. After a Chinese dinner at Albert's with Helen Chandler, Lois Dobbin and Ama Lee Jameson, Blanche appeared on KARD-TV talking about airmarking and Wing Scouts.

Margaret Yourdon arranged for Blanche to speak to the Wing Scout Troup the following morning. However, due to pending weather enroute to Cleveland, Blanche had to cancel for this trip but promised to return at a later date.

Kansas airmarking is going on TV! KARD plans to join us for an airmarking tour---televised from loading the planes and taking off to destination, laying out and painting and return trip. Some of the girls will be interviewed when the film is shown. We just hope it isn't too cold. Our airmarking count to date this year---43 airmarkers. Hope to make 50 before the year is out.

We are real proud of our Anne Waddell who has won three golf trophies this year to line up with her first place Sky Lady Derby trophy.



ALASKA CHAPTER
By: Lois Wise

At our October 6 meeting we learned that Pearl Laska had been appointed to the National Membership Committee and felt honored to have Alaska represented at the national level. We regretted Pearl's engine trouble and consequent Race difficulties but she is already planning to enter again next summer.

Our new meeting place for the winter thru March will be at the residence of Lois Wise who is enjoying the use of a large house while the owners are enjoying a vacation in Arizona. This simplifies the "where-shall-we-meet-next-time?" problem and feel fortunate to have a place not only large enough for our group, but one which will easily accommodate all those new members. The highlight of our meeting was the announcement of the success of our "Drive-In-Fly-In" breakfast which was held at the Palmer Airport on September 25. We have had two breakfasts now, the other was at Kenal, and believe this is the easiest way to raise money providing the food can be purchased at wholesale prices. Our menu as before consisted of sourdough pancakes, fried ham, eggs, coffee and cocoa. For those who would like more specific information on the easiest way to do this, just write our Chapter and we will gladly give more details. Now that we have some money in the bank, we can go ahead with our small project of moving the Merrill Monument at Merrill Field to the CAA Administration Building grounds.

Prior to October 1 both Helen Stoddard and Blanche (Doll) Booth made trips Outside - Helen to visit with her son and daughter in Seattle and Arizona - Doll to visit relatives in San Francisco. Doll was scheduled to pick up her new Piper plane at Lock Haven on October 18 but weather prevented departure until Saturday, the 22nd. Additional weather detoured her into Fort Wayne on the 24th. We look for her return by November 3, our next meeting. Her tales about early winter travel through Canada should be good since the weather map these last few days have indicated plenty of headwind and foul weather. Helen Stoddard returned by commercial plane on October 19.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER
By: Marjorie Long

The last meeting of the Washington Chapter before the separation into Eastern and Western Chapters was held at Richardson Aviation in Yakima. Guests included the Mayor and his family, City Finance Commissioner and representatives of the press. Business under discussion was the proposed race to be held during the Seattle Sea-Fair, route from Yakima to Seattle via Portland. Gini Richardson was appointed Race Chairman, and so far the plans are to have the race open to anyone and use a handicapped start. A social gathering followed the meeting.

Our first meeting as the Western Washington Chapter was postponed until October 3 to coincide with a visit from Blanche Noyes. It was really inspirational to have her with us, and we enjoyed seeing her interviewed on TV in the morning. New officers elected at that meeting were: Chairman, Mickey Benedict; Vice Chairman, Gladys Parker; Secretary, Melba Owen; Corresponding Secretary, Marion Owen; Treasurer, Margaret Proctor; Membership Chairman, Carole Gillespie; Newsletter Reporter, Marjorie Long.

Plans were laid for a rummage sale to be held sometime in March which should give us adequate time to collect enough rummage to be worth selling.

Mildred Mandeville's home was the site of our regular October meeting and, in spite of a real downpour, we had a good turnout of members. Mickey and Carole reported on a dinner meeting of the Aviation Safety Council they had attended. It seems their main project for the coming year is Airmarking. We plan to work with the Council in the hope of correcting a bad situation here in our state. November 21 is the date and Renton Aviation is the place for our next meeting.

IDAHO CHAPTER
By: Laura Conner

A buffet dinner was served at Doris Atkinson's charming new home and the following officers were elected: Barbara Hornback, Chairman; Eula Logsdon, Vice Chairman; Jean Keith, Secretary and Claire Justad, Treas.

We salute the courageous souls, chosen to guide the N.W. Sectional this year. Gini Richardson of Yakima, Governor; Barbara Hornback, Boise, Vice Governor; Doris Atkinson, Boise, Secretary and Norma Wingfield, Missoula, Treasurer.

Out-of-towners were Margret Jacobsen and Onita Hoff of Idaho Falls and also Mrs. Scotty Gladi of San Francisco.

We missed Francis Dear of Ketchum; Gail Evans of McCall; Margret Giggray of Caldwell and Joyce Morcem of Oregon, who were unable to fly-in.

We have several 99 pilots who not only know how to handle the "stick and rudder" smoothly, but do good at the bulls-eye target too. The gals say they aimed, they fired, and the game sauntered away, but all report having a wonderful time. Claire Justad flew to Kellog to hunt while Caroline

Neitzel was with a hunting party at Elk City; Edna Hettinger will be flying to Gooding to go pheasant hunting. Edna is certainly thrilled to have the tri-pacer back in order to begin again logging those previous flying hours. Claire Justad is chairman of the Aviation Education Council.

Jean Keith, busy at Links Business College, in the evening, flew with her husband on business to Pocatella. They landed at Gowen Field to complete wiring on the new department of aeronautics building. Doris Atkinson reports the department will be located at the Municipal Airport by Dec. 1.

Fran Brown has flown a few hops around the airport but taking pictures has kept her pretty well grounded at the studio.

Eula Logsdon who has logged flying hours in her Cessna 170 is getting air time in her Cessna 140.

Barbara Hornback is busy at Sujpher Creek Ranch cooking for the hunters.

Caroline Neitzel, young Powder Puff entry, will enroll at Central training school of Hollywood prior to becoming an airline hostess

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER By: An Warren

At the Spring Sectional meeting in Boise May 14, 1955, the delegates and sectional officers voted that the Washington Chapter divide, permitting the members on the east side of the Cascade range to organize and form a new chapter. This was deemed advisable for the progress of the 99's in the state, mostly due to the flying weather over the mountains.

Those attending the Billings meeting from our chapter were Chairman Minnie Boyd, Secretary Betty Jane Seavey, Treasurer Mary Drinkwater and Gini Richardson. Our chapter bid for the Spring Sectional to be held in Yakima in May 1956. The bid was accepted.

Gini Richardson was elected as the new Governor of the Northwest Section. Gini, winner of the Hayward-Tucson race, with copilot Iola Nerlson of Seattle, returned September 8 from a flight to Alaska on Civil Air Patrol duties. She is a Lt. Col. in the CAP and is on the Pacific Regional Staff as coordinator of women. We are certainly proud to have Gini in our Chapter.

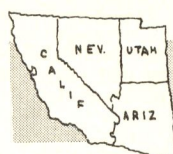
Minnie Boyd flew Marty Proctor and Carol Gillespie to Billings in her new 150 Tri-Pacer. She was on the half-hour TV program given the 99's on the Billings TV channel.

The Flying Farmer Regional Convention was held in Yakima September 30 and October 1 and 2. At the Women's Breakfast and Style Show, with Gini Richardson as Mistress of Ceremonies, we were honored to have Blanche Noyes as our guest speaker. Six of our 99 members are also Flying Farmers. These FF meetings give us a chance for unscheduled get-togethers.

Parry Casey and Ann Warren attended the National Flying Farmer Convention in East Lansing, Michigan, in August. Parry was awarded one of the lovely trophies given by Piper Aircraft Corp. for having received her private ticket this past year. Ann attended as Washington State Flying Farmer Queen. We were most happy to be entertained at a social hour by the Michigan 99's. It is interesting to note that the FF Queen of Montana, Idaho, Washington and Alberta, Canada, are all 99 members.

The Eastern Washington Chapter met at the County Club in Walla Walla October 16 with Betty Seavey as hostess. Since the Flying Farmer Board were meeting the same day, we invited the men to have lunch with us. All the State Officers, Board Members and wives had lunch with us. Present for the 99 meeting were Minnie Boyd, Mary Drinkwater, Gini Richardson, Betty Seavey, Parry Casey,

Georgia Connick, Ann Warren and Marilene Shearer, a brand new member. The Walla Walla Bulletin sent a photographer to take pictures of both groups to be used in connection with the Air Fair to be held next week in Walla Walla.



SOUTHWEST SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER By: Marj Fauth

Members of the Bay Cities Chapter are busy as bees these days with preliminary plans for the start of the 1956 AWTAR which is slated to take place at the San Mateo County Airport in San Carlos. On October 20 a meeting was held with the San Mateo County Development Association, local Chambers of Commerce, private flying groups, commercial airlines representatives, the County Planning Commission, etc., to discuss plans for this affair. 99s present included Geri Hill, Chapter Chairman, and Ruth Rueckert, both of whom addressed the meeting, Maxine Carlson, Helen Kelton, Fran Grant, Mabel Zehr, Lindy Boyes and Rosemarie Gehling.

A welcome visitor in San Francisco on Oct. 13 was Blanche Noyes who joined four of the local members at dinner on Fisherman's Wharf that night. The conversation ranged from the intricacies of handling a 50-foot airmarker, to Blanche's adventures at a plush dinner for aviation pioneers. Those who enjoyed Blanche's visit were Miriam Brugh, Chapter Air Marking Chairman, Margaret Gerhardt, Ruth Rueckert and Marjorie Fauth. On Sunday morning Rita Hart and Marjorie Fauth had the pleasure of joining the Sacramento girls on a flight to Chico for lunch with two prospective 99s there.

Esther Haney, a former Bay Cities member, was another recent San Francisco visitor. She has been working for the past two years in Manila, and on August 26 was married in Ceylon to William Thomas Fleming, a QB pilot and a field director for Free Asia Committee. Esther was home on a whirlwind visit the last week in October and then returned by air to Ceylon where she and husband will be located for the next two years after which they expect to return to San Francisco to make their home.

Our October meeting was held on the 21st at the El Portal Restaurant and was attended by Margaret Gerhardt, Lindy Boyes, Marjorie Fauth, Rosemarie Gehling, Dorothy Whiteman, Ruth Rueckert, Miriam Brugh, Maxine Carlson, Mable Zehr, Geri Hill, one lone 49er - Mel Whiteman, brave soul! - and two guests, Marion Hein and Gale Lane. Marion is already a 99, a member of the Washington, DC Chapter, and we are in hopes she will soon transfer to the local chapter, since she plans to be in San Francisco for the next two years. Much of the meeting was taken up with discussion of plans for the AWTAR start, allocating chairmen for transportation, registration, social events and the like, and plans for the next airmarking project, which is set to be accomplished on November 20. Rollers work wonders on 50 foot letters, but you can't use a template on a marker that size!

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER By: Yvette Kovary

Our new slate of officers had their first taste of running the show at the October 18 meeting at Lee Morrow's home. Chairman Christie Warren handed applications to the largest brace of new members (7) the L.A. Chapter has seen in many a year. In addition to enlarging our ranks, we're contemplating a change of meeting day, hostessing a tri-chapter pre-Christmas party and airmarking. It has been suggested that we make the Stardust Ball an annual event since we have some contacts and a successful venture behind us for inspiration.

Anita Redfern emerged from her Palos Verdes retreat for her first meeting in some time, and offered her new home for our November meeting. Claire Walters (Long Beach) attended since she is living in the neighborhood and instructing at Clover Field, Santa Monica.

Christie reports doing some personal checking on membership with the result of one such call an invitation to lunch with Barbara Sewell at the latter's studio and a visit to the set of "On the Threshold of Space" the day after the death of its star, John Hodiak.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER By: Cynthia Gilkison

Twenty-one members and guests attended the October meeting of the Long Beach Chapter. We again met in the community meeting room of the Belmont Shore Bank which seems to be an ideal meeting place for our far-flung chapter. Entertainment was provided by Betty Loufek, who brought movies of the national glider meet held at Elsinore a couple years ago, and a new short film on the start of the T.A.R. last year. Cider, coffee and most delicious homemade doughnuts were provided by Mayetta Behringer and Ruth Gay.

The major item of business under discussion was again the proposed flight safety clinic. It has been determined to hold the clinic on Torrance airport, one of the first Saturdays in February. We also discussed helping the local Wing Scout unit with their projects. We were proud to learn that Mae Sharp has been appointed a member of the National Committee for Air Age Education. Congratulations, too, to Barbara and Dale Thisted who recently became the parents of a baby girl, Dana Christine. She's the first feminine addition to the family.

Our Chapter plans a small pre-Christmas get-together at the Belmont Shore Bank on November 30.

SAGUARO CHAPTER By: Jimmie Lou Shelton

The October meeting of the Saguaro Chapter was held at Carol Lowery's home. These present were Carol, Doris, Marjy, Ruth Frances, Camille, Lucille, Juanita, Alice, Jimmie, Melba and our distinguished guest, Lois Bartling from the San Diego Chapter. We were very happy to have Lois attend and all enjoyed getting to know her better. We are hoping the San Diego chapter will come over to Phoenix on a weekend flight within the next few weeks.

On Wednesday, October 5, a meeting of the newly elected officers was held at a luncheon at the Sky Chef to get organized for the new year and make plans for the coming meetings and flights. Those present at the luncheon were Alice Roberts, Melba Beard and Jimmie Shelton.

Blanche Noyes, Civil Aeronautics Administration Airmarking Specialist, arrived in Phoenix on the evening of October 16. At noon on the 18th the Saguaro Chapter had lunch at the Sky Chef, guests of the Arizona Aviation Authority with Blanche as guest of honor. Those attending the luncheon were our hosts, Mr. Dick Maus and Mr. Leonard Pemberton of the Arizona Aviation Authority, Mr. Ray Silvius of the Arizona Republic, Saguaro Members Doris Gline, Betty Knier, Frances Wood, Louise Lantis, Juanita Newell, Marjy Crowl, Melba Beard and Jimmie Shelton and, of course, the guest of honor, Blanche Noyes.

Blanche gave an informative talk on airmarking and we learned a great deal. Doris Gline is our Airmarking Chairman for the second year. She did a good job last year and is off to an even better start this year. Doris has done a great deal of research and Blanche gave us the "boost" we needed. Blanche stated that the country's

airmarkers increased by one thousand in 1953 and another thousand in 1954! We bow to the 99's of Corpus Christi whom we understand did 48 airmarkers last year.

Blanche's opinion is that the minimum size letters (ten feet) is ample and stated she would prefer to see more markers of the minimum size letters than half as many of the larger ones. She says that on a good clear day one with good eyesight can read the ten foot letters from four thousand feet, and of course if you can't read them from that altitude, you can see the "glob" of yellow and then let down until the letters are legible. The Arizona Aviation Authority is contemplating Highway Markers for those sparsely populated areas here in the west where one could go many, many miles without even seeing one building. Blanche suggested white letters outlined with the customary yellow for these highway markers.

Alice had the officers out to her house for lunch on the 19th, to complete the plans for the forthcoming year's program. We feel that we are very well organized and are all ambitious to make this the "best year ever" for our Chapter.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Clara Davis

The chapter elected officers at the Oct. meeting at the Green Hotel in Pasadena as follows: Chairman, Trixie-Ann Schubert; Vice Chairman, Dorothy Dancer; Secretary, Renee Brown; Treasurer, Katherine Wagner. Clara Davis is the new Newsletter reporter and Lee Scoville is membership chairman.

Trixie missed her first meeting in two years. She was home with a newborn 8 lb. 14 oz. son, Norman Julien, born October 7, whom she calls her little "change of architecture" after having two daughters. She said she expected him to be feathered after all the prenatal time aloft he had weathered.

Jean Van Dyke Reimer is back from a flight to Tokyo, Japan, Wake Island and the Hawaiian Islands. She will speak about her three-week trip and show pictures at one of our upcoming meetings. Jean spent a few days skin diving at Honolulu and took a five-hour bicycle trip around the island to see the guns, tanks, etc., from World War II. She loved Wake Island despite its war scars. Wake is an extinct volcano and the lagoon in the center was once a crater. The temperature was 75 to 85 degrees, showers daily. Jean plans to go back to Wake on her vacation.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
By: Margaret S. Lang

San Diego 99's and husbands met at the Streamliner on October 17 for a social meeting and installation of officers. The San Diego Chapter members are anticipating flying to Phoenix November 12. Since we helped them organize in 1949, they very graciously have invited us to participate in their sixth anniversary celebration.

Lois Bartling, Harry, and Lois' father spent the first part of October driving to Tucson, Phoenix, Las Vegas and Palm Springs. Lois reports that she visited 99's at every stop.

Ruby and Stan Potter flew to Georgia in their Cessna 170 to attend graduation exercises of their son, Steve, who was graduating from Jump School (Paratroopers). Ruby reports that she saw Steve make all five of the requisite jumps and she almost didn't survive the ordeal!

We are very happy to be able to write that Mac Huntington finished ATR training at Long Beach AND that she passed the flight test and now holds an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate. Congratulations, Mac, we're real proud of you.

Dottie Sanders and Edna Penners represented the 99's at the Annual Air Games held at Montgomery Field on October 15 and 16. The 99's sponsored the dance held in this connection on Saturday night.

Thelma Bishop is now a proud grandmother. Joan's baby was born October 16, six weeks premature. Thelma wishes to thank the 99's who donated blood for necessary transfusions to Joan. We're very happy to relate that mother and baby are now doing fine although the baby is still in an incubator.

Helen Dick will be leaving shortly on her vacation. She and a friend are driving to Mexico City.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Fran Dias

To bring things up to date: Only two of us were able to get to the fall Sectional at Santa Monica. Kay Dray from Merced flew her Navion down and took Fran Dias and a soon-to-be 99, Mildred Partch. It was a delightful trip.

Our October meeting was held at the Fresno Air Terminal, hosted by Irmyle Fitzgearl of Porterville, who flew in in her Cessna. Hazel Zimmerman arrived very proudly in her new 170B with 49ther Zim, Laura May Crawford in her Bonanza with 49ther Gene,

and Ethel Heiland and Fran Dias in Ethel's Luscombe. We had lunch and a very busy business meeting. Lots of plans for the next fiscal year including Airmarking, Wing Scouts, Anniversary party, helping Bay Cities with the start of the 1956 TAR, Fly-ins, etc.

Kay Dray flew her Navion to Redwood Empire over nite fly-in at Santa Rosa.

Ethel Heiland was appointed to the Wing Scout Troop committee of the Tioga Area Girl Scout Unit.

The Wing Scout Troop at Merced which we are sponsoring is to have the use of all facilities of Castle Air Force Base.

Irmyle Fitzgearl assisted the CAA in promoting a flight clinic at Porterville. Reportedly a tremendous success.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Diane Gibson

The Fall Southwest Sectional held at Santa Monica, California and hosted by the Los Angeles Chapter was attended by seven of our members, all of which arrived via airplane. Upon arrival we had the pleasure of being greeted by cute and perky little Frances Bera, whom everyone knows is the winner of the TAR. We were then given a box lunch and driven to the beautiful Hotel Miramar, where the Sectional Meeting was held. Later that evening a very enjoyable banquet and dance were held wherein two of our members were presented with prizes - \$10.00 went to Ardell Hawk, presented by the Las Vegas Chapter, for the best attendance at all International, Sectional and Chapter meetings, congratulations, Dell! Your reporter received a lovely overnight case presented by the Los Angeles Chapter for being the youngest pilot attending.

Our monthly meeting was held at Marion and Herman Barnicks, San Jose Airport. New officers were elected at that time as follows: Ardell Hawk, Chairman; Dorothy Monahan, Vice Chairman; Natalie Bossio, Secretary; Allie Guest, Treasurer. At the meeting our chapter also was proud to welcome in a new member - Alexis Goosow. Alexis flies a Cessna 170 and tells us all that there's just nothing like it.

A fly-in to Napa Valley Airport was planned but fog prevented the two airplanes that took off from getting in - it was quite a surprise to all for Napa is usually sunny and clear.

Your reporter wishes to take this time to announce that very soon she will have a 49ther of her own who is a flight instructor and now working very hard for his Master's in aeronautical engineering.

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