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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

April 1, 1956

They say you live and learn. What I want to know is how old does one have to be to always know. Never put anything in print like I did last month on early women pilots until you are set up to take care of a deluge of letters asking for the material. It seems many of our members have been asked to speak on Women in Aviation which is wonderful as this is one of the best ways to build up the public's faith in women pilots. We want more of our girls doing it. After the convention, I hope to have a little time to work on the material and have it mimeographed.

The Executive Board approved the following so let's give it all we can. Congressman Avery has written Honorable Arthur Summerfield, Postmaster General, Post Office Department, Washington, D.C., respectfully requesting that a Commemorative Stamp be issued by the U. S. Post Office Department to honor our Amelia Earhart for her pioneering role in advancing aviation in the world. I feel this honor is long past due. The Post Office issues about twelve such stamps each year with many more requested. France recently issued a commemorative stamp honoring their first woman pilot, an aviatrix of much less stature. This request needs support. Please write, wire or phone your Congressman and Senator and also Postmaster Summerfield - at once. It would also be good to contact clubs and organizations such as CAP, WNAA, NAA, Zonta, Wing Scouts, girls clubs of all kinds, suggesting they support our request. If we can produce enough pressure and a large volume of requests, we may have the Amelia Earhart Stamp this year, so let's all try. Thanks, loads.

Now, I can report that our Headquarters move has been completed. At first we did encounter a few difficulties in terminating our contract last July which was two months early - however, everything has been satisfactorily settled before a New York Arbitration Board. Some people call such things growing pains.

CONGRATULATIONS! Dorothy Young of Colorado Chapter for having so successfully passed her Helicopters Instructors Tests. This brings our WHIRLY GIRLS CLUB Membership up to 16 now. Hope there will soon be many more because it is lots of fun to fly them.

CONGRATULATIONS! Blanche Noyes for the honor bestowed by the CAA for 20 years on a job you have done so well - AIR-MARKING - which we all know has saved many lives.

CONGRATULATIONS! Alaska Chapter for having a 99 meeting February 2 when parts were reporting 111.6 inches of snow. That takes will to do - that we all admire.

I would appreciate it if each member would send a picture of herself by the plane she flies with a short history typed and pasted on the bottom to our International Scrap Book Chairman, Ruth Mugele. Thanks.

This will be the last column written in the wee hours of the morning listening to the huffing and puffing of a room full of polio respirators because I am resigning as of April 15 to start my travel so I will have the pleasure of meeting all the



Left to right: Top-Louise Smith, Gerry Mickelsen, Dorothy Morgan, Edna Gardner Whyte, Broneta Davis, Delphine Bohn. Bottom-Jimmie Kolp, Donna Myers, Deedo Heise, Toney Page, Randy Hapgood.

members at our Chapter and Sectional meetings.

Our 1956 convention and race are really shaping up into events no one can afford to miss. I will always be amazed at the wonderful team work that the Michigan Chapter has when they go into action. I am happy to see two grand girls I had the pleasure to teach to fly while I was in Michigan and they are now 99's working so well and hard on the S.M.A.L.L. race. Some very good reports on you too, Elsie Fericks and Ruth Ann Donelson of Flint, Mich. I knew you could do it - keep up the good work.

Our 49^{er} husband of Elsie Smith of the Los Angeles Chapter has given our Headquarters a beautiful leather desk set. Many thanks - we sure enjoy it.

That up and coming Colorado Chapter has kindly donated \$20.00 for our Headquarters. The money that comes in now for Headquarters we will save for the new furniture for our pilots' lounge which we want pretty and different. Thank to you for helping.

Correction on last issue: The curtains were given by the St. Louis Chapter. The planters, all planted and growing, were given by the Tulsa Chapter. They sure make the office pretty.

The Executive Board met March 27 and squeezed four days business into two by working until 11 p.m. Forty-seven orders of business were discussed and settled. The report will be given at our Annual Meeting in July at Harbor Springs, Mich. All seven of the Board members were pre-

sent, also Dorothy Morgan, our Headquarters Secretary. We were houseguests for three days in the beautiful home of our Treasurer Jimmie Kolp of Electra, Texas. The red carpet and real hospitality was never displayed and enjoyed better. Beautiful flower arrangements all over the house with bouquets of fresh cut sweetpeas in each of the four bathrooms. Jimmie even vacated a hangar so all our planes could be inside. She arranged for us to sell aviation on TV and we were her guests at the very nice Petroleum Club in Wichita Falls, Texas. Girls - we have a wonderful Treasurer in every way because she served far beyond the duties of a Treasurer by giving us pleasure we shall never forget.

Dorothy Rungeling, our Governor of the Canadian Section, is working very hard to have a wonderful start for the International Air Race in Hamilton, Canada. Dot, thanks for the new 99 members you have found for us. We are all looking forward to meeting them.

Let's all keep ever alert for new members - there are many around waiting to be invited and we want to double our 99 membership.

It is better to fail trying to do something than to succeed trying to do nothing.

Sincerely yours,

Edna Gardner Whyte

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NOTICE

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. would like to start compiling files on histories of women who flew prior to 1929. These women need not necessarily be 99's. If you have any information on such pilots, please write all data to Broneta Davis, Vice President, who has accepted the job of compiling such a file.

OVEN-SAVER

99's - are you tired of cleaning up your oven after a fruit pie or casserole has cooked over? Then, send ONE BUCK and 15 cents to Margaret Windfuhr, 3537 Tecumseh River Road, Lansing, Michigan, for the "Oven-saver". This is a large aluminum plate which catches all the drippings and raised center holds dish above drippings. This center is cut out for even heating. This plate can also be used for molded salads, baking, serving coffee cake, cookies and centerpiece for snack table. Washes easily with warm water and suds.

WAYS & MEANS

By: Loretta Slavick

Time is running very short. Central Illinois Chapter has sent in a contribution of \$35.00 which brings our total for the 1957 AWTAR to \$374.00.

WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.

Following is a chart showing the quota and contributions by Sections. CAN YOU HELP RAISE YOUR SECTION'S RATING?

Section	Quota	Contribution
Canadian	\$ 60.00	\$ 4.00
New England	220.00	---
NY-NJ	335.00	---
Middle East	325.00	---
Southeast	445.00	---
North Central	1405.00	155.00
South Central	905.00	---
Northwest	365.00	15.00
Southwest	1200.00	200.00

Calendar

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTIONAL
April 20 - 21 - 22
Wichita, Kansas

MIDDLE EAST SECTIONAL
April 28 - 29
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

NORTH CENTRAL SECTIONAL
May 11 - 13
Springfield, Illinois

SOUTHWEST SECTIONAL
May 26 - 27
Santa Rosa, @lifornia

NORTHWEST SECTIONAL
June 1 - 2
Yakima, Washington

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AWTAR

By: Betty M. Lourek
Public Relations, AWTAR, Inc.

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, 1956
Awards Dinner, Wednesday,
July 11, 1956

RACE ROUTE: 2366 statute miles

via: Bakersfield, California
Needles, California
Prescott, Arizona
Winslow, Arizona
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Amarillo, Texas (MUST STOP)
Wichita, Kansas
Columbia, Missouri
Urbana, Illinois
Ft. Wayne, Indiana (MUST STOP)

Address requests for Rules and Entry Forms to AWTAR Headquarters, 2611 East Spring St. Long Beach 6, California. Please enclose 25¢ to defray mailing costs.

The Prize Money will be listed in the next Newsletter, along with some of the trophies and merchandise prizes to be awarded at the Awards Banquet.

The AWTAR Board and the NAA have appointed the Official Timers for the START and the FINISH: Start Timer will be Irma "Babe" Story, San Fernando Chapter; at the Finish will be Head Timer Helen R. Dick and Mrs. Claire Hale, San Diego Chapter, and Frances Dias, San Joaquin Valley Chapter.

THE FLYING TIGER LINE will again haul the race entrants' baggage from San Mateo County Airport, Calif., to Flint, Mich. There will be a very slight charge for trucking.

Don't forget - the film "Cleared for Take-Off" is available for rental from John Raymond, 5508 Hersholt Ave., Lakewood, Calif. Price is \$3.00 for three days; \$5.00 for a full week. Best allow two weeks for delivery from time you write as all copies may be out on rental. It's a good film to use when making speeches about women's flying activities, as many of you know. Also - it's cleared for television showing and there is no extra charge for this.

TO ALL RACE PILOTS AND THEIR SPONSORS
From: Bay Cities Chapter

A MOST HEARTY WELCOME TO SAN MATEO COUNTY! We are all looking forward to seeing you here in July or earlier and are in hopes you will remember this year as the most enjoyable race start you have ever experienced.

Plans are underway to provide a comfortable and happy visit to all race pilots and co-pilots. We hope to bring you to San Francisco for an exciting day and evening and are arranging an interesting stay for you with good times interspersed with plenty of time for relaxation during your visit. The new hotel, which will be Race Headquarters, will have a swimming pool for your use, as well as all things for your comfort and convenience.

So again - WELCOME TO YOU ALL from the Bay Cities Chapter and San Mateo County!

AIR EDUCATION

NATIONAL AVIATION EDUCATION COUNCIL

The 6th National Aviation Education Council Conference held in New York City March 15-17 ended on a triumphant note for the 99's when election results showed that Marilyn Link is a Vice President, along with Leonard Steger and Richard Johnson. Dr. Thomas W. Howie, Del., is the new President.

Arlene Davis was official hostess during the conference. She served tea in the Lillian Russell Suite to about 150, assisted by local 99's. Members attending included Loretta Slavick, St. Louis; Regina Devine, Chicago; Margery Farrell, Kansas City; Lucile Wright, Jamestown, New York; Local 99's seen at the conference were: Arax Simsarian, Irene Keith, Marion Lopez, Phyllis Crouch, Gloria Heath, Nove Davenport, Kay Brick and Ruth Hill, NY-NJ's newest member who learned to fly in Alaska and is now very active in Wing Scouting and CAP in New Jersey.

Marilyn Link introduced Jan Wood of California who enjoyed several sessions before shipping out of Idlewild Airport on her world flying trip. Bidding her "Bon flying" were Barbara Evans, Arax and Kay, who saw the Cessna 170 in process of being dismantled. Jan's departure flight for Frankfurt was delayed "due to mechanical difficulties" - a commissary truck backed into the Airliner's door and severely damaged it.

The speakers list was impressive as were the facts they imparted. Not mentioned in the previous list were Lt. Gen. H. R. Harmon, Supt. USAF Academy; Gill Robb Wilson, most quoted man in aviation; Kurt R. Sterling, Section Head, Rocket Branch, Naval Research Lab., whose combined knowledge and humormake it worth traveling many miles to hear; Robert Peach, Mohawk Airlines, whose comments on the short-haul airline problems were presented in a lively manner. The 7th and 8th Grade Student panel discussion on the problems confronting Idlewild Airport was enthusiastically received. Re the noise objections these accelerated 12-year-olds summed it up - "Trucks are much noisier; they'll just have to get used to jets.". Gill Robb said, "After hearing these youngsters speak, I have confidence that the answer will be found".

ATTENTION --- CANADIAN SECTION OFFICERS

Governor: Dorothy Rungeling
Vice Governor: Felicity McKendry
Secretary: Betty Smitham

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION DATES:

July 13 - 14 - 15
Ramona Park Hotel
Harbor Springs, Michigan



NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION
By: Ruby Sadtler

We were delighted to have several 99's from out of town join our New York-New Jersey Chapter for dinner (during the NAEC Convention in New York) at the Beaux Arts Restaurant, next door to the United Nations in New York City on March 15.

Loretta Slavick of the Greater St. Louis Chapter, who is National Chairman of Ways and Means Committee, told of various ways to raise money, emphasizing rummage sales and citing saleable items such as dress patterns. She gave us much encouragement for our forthcoming rummage sale which our local chairman Barbara Evans was quick to absorb.

Jane Morris of Eastern Penn. Chapter told of their plans to entertain the Middle East Section and guests the weekend of April 28 and 29 at the John Bartram Hotel in Philadelphia starting Saturday noon at 12:30 with luncheon and Sectional meeting; 7 p.m., cocktails, dinner and dance; and Sunday they have arranged a tour to Franklin Institute where Amelia Earhart's red Lockheed Vega plane is displayed. Jane said they would welcome any of our NY-NJ 99's who could come to Philadelphia at this time.

Regina Devine who is Principal of Chalmers School in Chicago, who attended the NAEC Convention and came to our dinner meeting, told us of the Achievement Award meeting in Chicago and of their money-making projects in the Chicago Area Chapter.

Barbara Evans, Kay Brick, Connie Hahn and Peggy Norris went to Valhalla, New York, for the opening of Florence Knight's fine pet shop. Congratulations, Florence!

We enjoyed talking to guest Ruth Hill who learned to fly in Alaska. Ruth now lives in Westfield, N. J., has 30 Wing Scouts in her Troop, is coordinator of Women's Activities CAP Springfield, N. J. Squadron and cadet training staff.

Hazel M. Kulik, former WASP Class 44 W 4 who writes children's stories, is having some of her published stories translated into Braille. Kathleen A. Hilbrandt of Hasbrook Heights, N. J., reinstated member, was warmly welcomed by all. Viola Gentry sent a message of love from Clearwater, Florida.

We were shocked and saddened to learn that our dear little Cloe Smith of Pelham Manor, New York, was killed in an automobile accident on the Parkway.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER
By: Peggy Borek

Despite the raging blizzard - and it did rage and blizz - there was good attendance at Jane Morris' apartment for the March meeting. We enjoyed the wild beauty of the storm snugly from the picture window, until we had to drive through it, which made this 99 feel like Admiral Byrd. Georgianna Herdman and Tom, Margaret and Col. Callaway, Jean McKaig and father Mr. McKaig, Anne Shields, Mrs. Louis Inwood, Jane Morris and friend Barth Gilchrist, prospectives Dianne Ritt and Elsie McBride, and I did justice to a delicious luncheon of "reel hickory smoked haam all the way from Culpepper, Virginia" which we understand Jane cut down herself after wading thru the salt strewn floor of the smoke house.



Convention site - Ramona Park Hotel, Harbor Springs, Michigan



CANADIAN SECTION
By: Dorothy Rungeling

Two more new members have joined our fold: Lois Ann Schram of Mimico, Ontario, and Rosamond Robinson of Downsview. We all welcome you gals and hope that you enjoy your new membership as much as the rest of us have.

Just to keep you abreast of what is going on at the starting point of the International Air Race in May, here is a schedule which will give you the highlights in entertainment which the girls who enter the race will enjoy.

Saturday, May 12 - Planes start arriving.
Sunday, May 13 - Luncheon courtesy Hamilton Flying Club.

Monday, May 14 - Luncheon courtesy Peninsula Air Service. Cocktail Party.
Dinner courtesy City of Hamilton.

Tuesday, May 14 - Tour of steel plant and luncheon courtesy of plant. Dinner, sponsor not allocated.

Wednesday, May 16 - Breakfast before take-off. Although a couple of the above events have not as yet been sponsored, they will have someone behind them by race time.

Now, gals, PLEASE do try to arrive here on Saturday, May 12, if you possibly can, so that handicapping can start on the 13th. It is beginning to look as though there will be a lot of entries and this means that we must have time for handicapping since each plane will be flown over a measured course. If we should run into a day of bad weather, we could be fouled up in our handicapping schedule. So in order to ensure a handicap method by which your planes will be flown and handicapped at what it actually does, please get here early. The airport is Mount Hope airport which is approximately 10 miles and 220 degrees magnetic from the city of Hamilton. The tower transmits on 212 kc and 121.5 and guards 3023.5 and 121.5 or 126.18 and 122.5 mc. Bring your own tie downs. And isn't an air race a nice birthday present? That's what it will be for me for I have one of those days on May 12. Happy Landings!



NEW ENGLAND SECTION
By: Ora Stevens

The February meeting was held at the Boston City Club on the 29th in the evening. Members and guests attending were: Barbara Cloud, Governor and John Cloud of Boston; Mary Ann Lippitt, Providence; Barbara and John Ellis, Arlington; Chris and Bill Seaver, Needham Heights; Eleanor and Ralph Horn, Wolfboro, N.H.; Col. Coke Brown and wife Pete of Bedford; Pamela Read, Cambridge; Ed Rideout, Shirley Mahn, White Mt. Air Service, Whitefield, N.H. Guests of honor, Mary Jeffries, Air Traffic Control; Margaret Sanders, also of Air Traffic Control; Florence Cates of Boston Radio. Also Janet Bolles, Rockland and Julia Psentizka, E. Taunton; Lois Wartman of Providence and Ora Stevens of E. Taunton. The March meeting that was to be held at the Revere Airport on the 17th was snowed out and so was everyone else if they were in this area.

Mary Jeffries and Margaret Sanders of Air Traffic Control at Logan Airport and Florence Cates of Boston Radio gave a very interesting talk and answered everyone's gripes and questions regarding Air Traffic and Radio problems of the poor pilots.

A chat with Barbara Kiernan on Unicom reveals she has passed her written test for her Instrument Rating. The cocktail and dinner party for the A.W.T.A.R. will be held at her house on April 28 at 6 p.m.

Catherine Hiller of Hiller Airport has just returned from a six-week trip to California and Mexico. We sure had a lot of snow for you to come back to, didn't we, Catherine?

Daisy Kirkpatrick and her 49th of Marblehead, Mass., flew their 180 Cessna to Florida at Christmas time and had a wonderful trip. They have been flying around the country side quite a bit of late. They have a son who is a full-fledged pilot also and four grandchildren to be proud of. Daisy had a Bonanza before the 180 but flew to Chicago where they sold it and then bought the 180 Cessna.

After lunch, the 49ers retired for the intellectual activity of the Club Room (pool tables, of course) while we settled down to a business packed session. We have about solved all the problems for the Middle East Sectional to be held here in Philadelphia April 28-29 by appointing transportation committees, place-card maker-uppers, etc., and all the numberless essential little things which you take for granted until you realize someone's got to do them. Anyway, it's coming along very well - so all you Middle Easterners get your reservations in!

Bully for us! We've got one, and possibly two entrants for the IAR! Saludos Amigos - here we come!

Congratulations to Marie Angstadt who is now Mrs. Marvin Apfelbaum. The newlyweds are living in Florida where Marvin flies with Delta Air Lines.

Lillian Marks is now Mrs. Max Schoeker. This is the kind of news we just love to send along.

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

The weather didn't cooperate, but - undaunted - led by our Chairman Mitzel Moore members of our Chapter, five planes from CAP Congressional Group, five planes from the Washington Air Derby Association flew to Martinsburg, West Virginia, on St. Pat's Day. They were royally welcomed by the 107th Interceptor-Fighter Squadron of the Air National Guard and given a personally conducted tour by the Squadron's Commander, Colonel Joseph Crane. This month we've realized again we're lucky to be in the nation's capital - for sooner or later nearly everyone comes here. In March we had a quick glimpse of Ziggy Hunter from Austin, Texas, in between her meetings with Mrs. Eisenhower and other top government officials. Ziggy was here for the Conference of Republican Women. For us non-voting DC'ers, it's grand to know that people like Ziggy are taking such an active part in our country's politics. And believe you me - Ziggy is active! Her territory is the great Republic of Texas!

Next, our many sided 99 Jean Pearson was here covering the Conference of Medical Practices in her capacity as Science Editor of the Detroit Free Press. On alternate days, Jean's the Press' Aviation Editor and in her spare time she's completing work on her Doctorate!

Evelyn Greenblatt, 99 of Atlanta, attended us that Jan Wood with her canine co-pilot "Cindy" was stopping in Washington enroute around the world! Jan, as you've probably read, is on Sabbatical leave from her high school in California and is flying her Cessna 170 (after shipping it to Holland) through Europe, North Africa, India, Australia (shipping the plane to South America) and then flying on back to these United. Several of us met with Jan for lunch and signed her up as a 99.



TENNESSEE CHAPTER
By: Eddie Lee Griffin

Our Chairman, Mary Beth Sargent, started a "Round Robin" which is a good idea. We can get the latest dope on what every one is doing. The "Robin" visited me before all the gals had reported their news, but here goes with what I have.

The Chattanooga CAP now has two aircrafts. A PA-18 which Squadron members purchased and the L-16. Betty is teaching a 12-week course in weather for CAP Cadets. The Southeastern Regional Conference of CAP will be held at the Lookout Mountain Hotel in Chattanooga. Several girls who are 99s will attend from each state. Should be nice. In February, Georgianna was on her way to Rome, Georgia, to visit her sister and dropped by and had lunch with Irene. The reminisced the 8th annual AWTAR. I can't imagine a more interesting subject, can you? Both Irene and Georgianna flew in that race.

We regret that we have lost Dovie Robeson. Dovie is now working in Atlanta, and plans to join the Georgia Chapter. Our Southeastern Sectional Meeting will be in April place and date not reported as yet.

FLORIDA CHAPTER
By: Helen Mennitto

Making the trek to North Miami for the Mar. 19 meeting at Fran Harp's (we call it South Jacksonville) was worth it, as always. We held the meeting in her newly-added, spacious Florida room. For the benefit of non-Floridians, a Florida room is a cross between a porch and a playroom and fare more informal than a conventional living-room. Three prospective members attended this meeting and we're looking forward to welcoming them into the ranks in the near future.

Entry Chief Irma Price reported a record number of entries for the IAR this far ahead of deadline (which is May 1). And the number of inquiries and requests for blanks indicates we are in imminent danger of topping last year's record number of entries! So get your plane, get your sponsor and come on along!

Yours truly reported on the excellent Jet Age Conference which was held in Miami on March 17 under the auspices of the Air Force Association. Gill Robb Wilson was the luncheon speaker and the morning and afternoon sessions featured talks by Maj. Gen. Richard Montgomery, Chief of Staff, SAC; Grover Loening, pioneer aviation designer; a CAA medical examiner; air traffic control men and two color motion pictures; as well as other local figures.



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION
By: Marjorie Raglin

Biggest event here for the month of May is the Sectional meeting to be held at Hotel St. Nicholas, Springfield, on the 11, 12 and 13. All literature was mailed early to members in this area, but some of you in other sections might like to know what Central Illinois Chapter is planning for its guests.

Official airport is Springfield Southwest 3.5 miles from the city. Transportation to the hotel will be furnished.

Registration is scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m. Friday, the 11, to be followed by the "Railsplitter's Delight" which means eating, drinking, and hangar flying. Saturday morning a tour of the Lincoln Shires is on the agenda with lunch and the business meeting afterward. You may even visit New Salem State Park if there is time.

Saturday evening's banquet topic sounds particularly intriguing...entitled "Lincoln-Douglas Debate". Seems that this is taken from that fabulous play given at New Salem each summer and I hear

that 99 Adelaide O'Brien has directed that. State Director of Aviation Arthur Abney will be a guest, as will 99 President Edna Gardner Whyte and VP Broneta Davis.

The meeting will be headlined with plans for TAR and Convention. This promises to be not only one of the most interesting Sectionals but also a very important one in view of the tremendous summer activities in store for North Central.

Nancy LaFarge, convention news coordinator, sends a sparkling account of Michigan's plans. In her own words, here's what happened last meeting:

"With eyes aglow, Lois Wilson related some details for the Convention. On lucky Friday, July 13, after luncheon, will be a Gashion Show; participating shops are Sarah Weinstock, Saks Fifth Avenue, to name a few. Helen Wetherill is working out table-favors of the Fashion Show theme. In the evening, results of the S.M.A.L.L. race will be announced... wouldn't we all like to have a ride in a Jet. Also, there will be a talent show with prizes the well-dressed aviatrix can use. Headed by new member, very lovely Pat Russell, experienced in writing for and appearing in TV commercials, the show should go over with a bang! Saturday, the 14, is Fun Day, but start lining up your candidates for Princess Min-new-siwe (Princess Happy-Landings) to be chosen for her beauty and personality."

MINNESOTA CHAPTER
By: Marietta Sonnenberg

Although it's a half year off, the North Central fall convention to be sponsored by the Minnesota Chapter is the big topic of conversation and plans at our meeting nowadays. At the March get-together, arranged by Marion Radke at Clyde's Club in Mahtomedi, her brother-in-law, Howard Christenson a St. Paul florist who helped us so wonderfully with flowers at our sectional convention in Rochester in 1951, reported that he will again provide corsages and bouquets this year and has also made arrangements for the royal party of the St. Paul Winter Carnival to attend the dinner September 15. The convention dates are now established as September 14-16 north of the Twin Cities on the St. Croix River. In the big turnout at our March meeting, dinner and shower for Marilyn Kvalheim (she was married March 24 to Drex Henderson and they are now in Bermuda. Sigh!), were Chairman Florence Scriber, Marilyn, Dorothy Anderson, Helen and George Masterton and Helen's sister, Margaret Manual, Rita Orr, Betty Roberts (whom we had not seen for a heck of a time so had a big reunion), Jane White (so happy to see her again), Roy and Audrey Baird, Laura Black, Phyllis Schilling (snapping pics with her Graphic as usual...hope we all had our hair combed and lipstick on straight), the Christensons, Tamie Olsen, Marietta Sonnenberg, Marion Radke and our guest speaker, Mac McDermott of the Twin Cities Civil Air Patrol headquarters.

Mac briefed us on the history of CAP, its objectives and purposes and current status and needs. He pointed out that it is a volunteer organization promoting aviation education and training. "Aviation today is crying for personnel," he said. He explained the senior and cadet programs of CAP and the radio network maintained in Minnesota. There are now 30 CAP units in the state with about 650 senior members and 750 cadets enrolled. "The biggest problem now is getting enough people to put the program across," the officer said. "We have a definite need for more volunteers who are dedicated to aviation and must rely on individuals such as you," he told the 99's. Several members of our chapter are active in CAP already and more are encouraged to join. McDermott said the goal in Minnesota is about 3,000 cadets and scholarships to offer to top ones....Our next meeting is set for April 15 at Rita Orr's in Faribault.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER
By: Donna Giles

The Conrad Hilton Hotel was the site of our Achievement Award Dinner in March. Marge Raglin and Harriette Magee did a wonderful job of presenting the award winners to a background of sound effects and spotlights. Winners this year for their outstanding work in flying were Sylvia Roth, Nina Price and Hazel Hackwith. Congratulations, gals!

We were delighted to see Isobel Myrland from the Central Wisconsin Chapter who was in Chicago for the All Wisconsin Resort and Travel Show come to the meeting as well as Loretta Slavick, Sylvia Bloom, Maxine Desper and Ruth Lake from the Greater St. Louis Chapter.

Other guests at the meeting were Mr. Wm. Krick of the Chicago Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Winston Colby of the U.S. Flying News, Mr. Abney, Illinois State Director of Aeronautics, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Donahue, manager of the DuPage County Airport and his wife.

Guest speaker was Mr. Al Queerhammer of Crystal Lake who was present at the Atomic Explosion at Yucca Flats. He brought along his colored slides and showed us the effects of "Operation Cue".

We congratulate Rose Lubek and Joar Baldwin, two new members who were pinned at the meeting.

Bess Weyant and her 49^{er} took a trip to Florida in their new Apache and Dorothy Vachout and her family were leaving for Florida in their Stinson the day after the dinner.

The former Florence Lacy is now Mrs. David H. Pickering. After a church wedding and a dinner reception, the couple honeymooned in New Orleans. Congratulations on a new 49^{er}, Florence, and tell David we think he is a very lucky guy.

Sylvia Roth who just got her instrument rating a while ago flew the new Cessna 182 as soon as it got in town. Virginia Rabung has started working on her instrument rating at O'Hare Field.

INDIANA CHAPTER
By: Rae Cawdell

To Muncie, Indiana, on March 18, through fog and through snow showers, rode the 99's. Our business meeting was at the airport. Several matters were brought up for discussion, including, of course, the AWTAR - our work as ground crew members at Fort Wayne (Mildred Hurt again acting as chairman) - our participation in the Convention - the Spring Sectional - and nominations for International Officers.

Our chairman, Tannie Schlundt, who has been active in the Wing Scout program, announced that we were invited to their next meeting on March 21 (Tannie, Sophia Payton Delia Sanders and Rae Cawdell attended and found a most enthusiastic group). Betty Nicholas and Esther Berner will assist on the third year Wing Scout program when pilot training is to begin.

Leaving the meeting we drove to the Roberts Hotel for dinner and a delicious one it was. Our program, also at the hotel, included movies and slides. Of particular interest was the new Piper film, "Wings for Adventure" which was the delivery of an Apache, "The Spirit of Pretoria" from Lock Haven to Pretoria, South Africa. Along with this, Flora Mae Newman had brought several slides which had been taken at various 99 functions - and the Sanders also brought with them a number of pictures they had taken.

Just found out that Miriam Shirley was voted the Indiana Flying Farmers "Mother of the Year" for 1956 and that Virginia Maggart, who is now their State Secre-

tary, was last year's "Queen". Heaps of congratulations to you both.

Olive McCormick and Margaret Petty are back from a Tri Pacer trip to Dallas and San Antonio, visiting Margaret's sister in Dallas and Olive's son who is stationed at San Antonio.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER
By: Bernice Wilson

Margaret Adkins, our newest member, entertained the chapter in her home in Des Moines on Sunday, March 18. She and her husband, Bob, served us a delicious home cooked meal. Those present were Beulah Smith and tiny daughter Macheile, Bernice Wilson and 49^{er} Jack, Marie Blank, Helen Flaherty and our prospective member, Pat Motter. A bad cold kept Irene Dalby and her husband home and threatening skies discouraged Dorothy Hunt and her husband. Get well wishes to Esther Niederhauser who is in the St. Thomas Hospital in Marshalltown. Congratulations to Virginia Koestner who has a baby boy, Richard George.

Helen Flaherty has us all busy bringing up to date a list of licensed women pilots which she received from the Iowa Department of Aeronautics. We hope to gain some new members as a result of our efforts. We spent a considerable amount of time thinking of ways to raise money for the AWTAR and the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship. Each member is to bring a wrapped package to the next meeting and the packages will be sold to the highest bidder. At the conclusion of the meeting, door prizes were presented to Marie Blank and to Jack Wilson.

Bunny Wilson is scheduled to speak on "Women in Aviation" before the Waterloo Woman's Club on April 6. We will meet at her home in Waterloo on April 15. Ruth Shimon has changed her plans and will now fly PAA out of Chicago direct to London, leaving April 18. Maggie Adkins is going to fly in the Sky Lady Derby. She is also doing her best to reorganize the Iowa Chapter. Helen Flaherty and Bunny Wilson are planning to attend the Sectional in Springfield in May. Marie Blank and Beulah Smith hope to join them.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER
By:

More than a dozen 99's, 49^{ers}, and guests met Sunday night, March 5, for a potluck supper at Dora Dougherty's office in the Aviation Psychology Lab. Afterwards Dora talked most interestingly about the experiments carried on and took her guests on a tour of the building and its equipment.

Our next meeting will be a "work meeting" Friday, April 6, at Leah Warren's. Don't forget the Spring Sectional at Springfield, Illinois, in May. Dates are May 11 - 13.

THE ALL-OHIO CHAPTER
By: Betty Wertz

Weather again! Our March meeting had to be cancelled because of snow. The State Highway Patrol even recommended not driving. We are going to try to have our April meeting at Marion Airport.

The vacation in Florida was wonderful but we had to fly Commercial because of weather at our planned gas stops which lasted three or four days and we wanted to spend our vacation in Florida instead of at home or enroute.

Edith Maxim plans a motor trip to Florida for a couple of weeks in the sun. The Wilcoxes are back from their California trip. They went out by train and flew back. Arlene Davis is to be a delegate to the F.A.I. Convention in Venice in May. A card from Ruth Guenther, vacationing in Aspen, Colorado. She has been skiing "from the top".

We are hoping to have two new members in our 99 Chapter. Mrs. Wilbur Razor of Brookville and Ruth Oldman of Shreve who are active members in the Flying Farmers. Mrs. Razor made the recent issue of the PIPER PILOT for getting her Private Pilot License at the age of 59. She is flying a 172. Joan Hrubec, on a recent trip to Flint, Michigan, flew the New 250 HP 180.

Don't forget our May 6 meeting in Cleveland to tour the New Cleveland Hopkins Administration Building and the special Helicopter rides. Any other 99's in the area on May 6 are invited to attend.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER
By: Loretta Slavick

Our March meeting was held at the home of Rae Logsdon and, in spite of a bad snowstorm, twelve members and the following guests attended: Virginia Duenke, Billie Fahey, Ruth Lake, Maxine Loeffler, Ruth O'Keefe, Clifton McMurray and Ruth Agers.

Plans were completed for the dance and tickets are reported to be selling very well. All candidates were on a local TV show and neighborhood newspapers have carried pictures and news articles.

Ruth Lake is now a private pilot and will receive her 99 pin at our next meeting. Her husband obtained his private license a week later. Their instructor had rushed Ruth through first so that she can be Mickey Clark's co-pilot on the AWTAR. Ruth is an executive at the largest bank in St. Louis and we are very happy to welcome her into the 99's. She and her husband have a Tri-Pacer.

Sylvia Bloom, Maxine Desper, Ruth Lake and Loretta Slavick flew to Chicago to attend their Awards Dinner. We have copied the Chicago Chapter's plan of awards and there is a great deal of enthusiasm about it here.

Dorothy Rumsey and Sylvia Bloom flew to Springfield and Erma Jaco and Mickey Clark and their 49^{ers} have started flying to Arkansas on fishing trips. Now that we are getting nicer weather, most of the members are planning on flying trips and we will begin to have fly-in meetings to other towns. Any chapter having meetings on weekends near us, invite us and, if no other flight has been planned, and the weather permits, we'll be there. Nothing like asking for invitations, but we do enjoy meeting with other chapters.

I enjoyed meeting some of the 99's recently when in Dallas and also was able to attend a meeting of the NY-NJ Chapter when in New York at the NAEC meeting. It is always such a pleasure to meet other members and the NY-NJ girls contributed a great deal toward making the NAEC meeting such a great success.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
By: Marjory Farrell

Our news is rather meager this month. The biggest event was the excellent March meeting held at Dee Southard's new home. Potluck, but a better meal couldn't have been planned! Had a good turnout and were very glad to see Katie Van Wye again. Katie has been so busy instructing at 31st Street Airport that it has been difficult for her to attend meetings. We were very glad to have her with us. We were also happy to have as guests two prospective 99's, Elaine Morris and Irene Goodman.

Dee gave us a good briefing on ADIZ flight regulations and surprised us all by making us realize how much we needed "sharpening". We enjoyed the meeting so much that our next one is planned along the same lines.

Dee, in her claim toward that commercial license, is enjoying (?) her power on stalls at this stage of the flight game. Jackie Rubelee is enjoying (with an exclamation mark!) her new Nash Rambler

station wagon. Jackie is doing very well in her pharmacy - and it's a pharmacy - not a drug store!

Several of our members have been enjoying brief out-of-town trips. Betty Siggs first helped her sister move from Grand Island to Estes Park and then jogged up to Chicago to enter her dog in the International Dog Show. Katherine Peck will be in Chicago at the same time for a different reason - attending the AHPER annual convention (Kay is a physical education teacher if that helps you on those initials). Marie Kuhlman has been having a stay up in Minnesota and your reporter was fortunate enough to be able to attend the National Aviation Education Council conference in New York City recently. I enjoyed once again meeting 99's Kay Brick, Lucille Wright, Arlene Davis and Marilyn Link and was very interested in hearing round-the-world Jan Wood talk of her plans for her journey. A good organization and wonderful people attending! And thanks to the New York area 99's for all that they did in helping a good convention be even better.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER
By: Ruth C. Lembke

Deedo Heise was the hostess for the March meeting. She and Herm showed their colored movies of their flight to Lake Louise and Banff to the guests assembled.

Tanned and happy-looking Dottie and Eustace Faust had just returned from a flight to Hawaii. They stayed for 22 days. Isabel and Fred Kress will soon take off to fly there to a bowling tournament.

Toney, Mary Lou Thompson, Dora Fritzsche and Elaine Francke felt when they left the meeting that they had really traveled.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER
By: Babe Ruth

The March meeting was held at Owosso with Iola Pardonnet as hostess and Mayor Rubelman as her guest. We had a delicious brunch. We also received gifts of a wall dispenser for Saran wrap and nice ash trays. As usual, we had the bad ole weather of strong winds which really did a lot of damage during the night, trees down, signs, so we made money by having everyone drive in. We must pay 10¢ if we drive, so it's really cheaper to fly.

Our sympathy goes to Barbara Lowden, Jackson, who lost her husband.

Eloise Smith and Dorothy Woodhams, Austin Lake, were present. It was good to see them again, Eloise looking as chipper as ever after her recent illness. Our guests were Mrs. Debert Clark, mother of Edna Chapin, Flint, and no relation to Mary; Harold Thatcher, Becky's husband and her neice Jackaline Anderson, Stanton; Jim Vertenberger, Muriel's other half and Leo Babcock with Margaret Napierala. Also with Nancy LaFarge and Babe Ruth a future 99 Maryann Bowerman and Dale Lee Ruth, a long-range future 99. A very special guest with Loma May was Marjii Calvillo who is the artist for the convention souvenir brochure.

Now to tell you the most exciting news of the year - more about the TAR. Be sure your airplane engine has AC plugs when you enter the TAR because if so 1st place is an extra \$300; 2nd, \$200; 3rd, \$100. AC is offering the above mentioned extra prize money providing the contestant is using AC Spark Plugs in TAR. So there you are!

More exciting is the S.M.A.L.L. race from Flint to Pellston open to all. The Michigan Department of Aeronautics is handling the actual working details under sanction of NAA. AND LISTEN TO THIS - THERE WILL BE A JET RIDE FOR THE WINNER. The total mileage is 187 statute miles, entry fee is \$10 - co-pilot sex, optional (I couldn't

resist this as some one made that remark). For additional information not received individually, write to:

Michigan Chapter of Ninety-Nines
S.M.A.L.L. Race
Box 395
Flint, Michigan

The race is under the very capable direction of Bernice Trimble, Chairman, Elsie Ferich, Secretary and Ruth Ann Donelson, Treasurer. We are very proud of Elsie and Ruth Ann who are new members and doing such an excellent job that it makes us ole gals sit up and take notice. And we all know the job Bernice is doing so very well and efficient, besides making speeches to the Flint Kiwanis Club on air races to be held in Michigan this year. The S.M.A.L.L. race is July 12 and we have trophies and cash prizes for the winners. Simplex is supplying the time clocks also.



MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Pauline Hawks

Due to very unfavorable weather, March 11, the 99's held their March meeting on rain date March 18 at Sioux City, Ia.

We were most graciously welcome at the airport by Harry Schulte, representative of the Chamber of Commerce, the news and TV reports and cameramen of Sioux City.

Helen Nestle was hostess and Mrs. Tod Benson (Helen's cousin) cohostess. We held our meeting at the "Normandy" where we enjoyed a most delicious dinner. At this meeting we made our nominations for the International Officers and encouraged members to attend our Sectional Meeting April 20-21-22 at Wichita, Kansas. After dinner we visited the Benson home where we observed some of the wonderful works of Mrs. Benson's art talent which was most interesting. Due to the strong north wind and snow flurries, our attendance was small. 99's present were Belle Hetzel, Laura Russell, Dorothy Higbee, Helen Nestle and Pauline Hawks, 49ers present, Earl Hawks.

TULSA CHAPTER
By: Faye Mefford

A silent tribute in memory of Jerry Jarboe and Joan Patterson, sisters and members of Tulsa Chapter of 99's who took their last flight March 2, 1956.

TEXAS CHAPTER - EL PASO UNIT
By: Lois Hailey

Sorry I missed the last news letter, especially because we had had a wonderful meeting. Each member brought a guest or two who is interested in flying. There was much hangar talk and we hope we get some more members from this.

Our March meeting was an evening social at Ruby's house. 49ers were also present. We all saw the beautiful trophy that our gals on in TAR. Present were: Capt. and Mrs. Pat Powers, Ruby Hays, Lois Hailey, Lois Ziler, Johnell Crimen, Capt. Turk, Capt. and Mrs. Charles Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deerman, Leslie Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Tex Burdick, Capt. Theima Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith.

Dorothy and Jack Blackham have a new daughter, Jackie Lynn.

TEXAS CHAPTER - CORPUS CHRISTI UNIT
By: Neill Hood

This has been a typical March down here on the coast. You know, the kind that comes in like a Lion and stays that way all month. After several attempts at Airmarking during the month, Merle Dunnam, Vida Tennant, and Pauline Glassman managed to repaint the Airmarker at Robstown.

Pauline and Merle left Thursday evening along with a couple of Pauline's Wing Scouts for West Texas. Elaine Needham will fly from Austin to Cotulla and join the group for the two-day jaunt "way out there" in "them" West Texas plains. They plan to paint five airmarkers.

Our unit meeting was held in McAllen at Ardath McCreery's this month. After our business was completed, the 99's were the guests of the Upper Valley Flying Club for dinner following which we viewed Pauline's color reel of the 99's painting an Airmarker. Ardath made the introductions and Pauline commented while the film was rolling and the members of the Flying Club watched and listened with great interest and enthusiasm. It was a very constructive meeting and a good time was had by all.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
By: Emily Jean Frost

Our annual guest day was held at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. We were happy to have Mrs. Evelyn Long and Mrs. Nicki Fariss with us as prospective members. After the regular business meeting, Broneta Davis gave our new prospective members a talk on the history and meaning of the 99's.

Regular members present were Nema Mason-hall, Ruth Jones, Ida Carter, Beth Smith, Emily Frost, Velma Woodward, Broneta Davis, Rita Eanes, Imogene Arnot, Flourine Stout, Marie Hall, Dorothy Morgan, Mary Francis, Irby Keen, Elizabeth Sewell, Grace Stevenson, Jane Baker and Cecilia Jane Frew.

Our good friends from Abilene, Kansas, Helen and Roy Simmons, were with us, too. Helen, of course, is a Kansas 99.

One of our ex-chapter members, Dottie Young, now has her helicopter rating. Congratulations to Dottie.

KANSAS CHAPTER
By: Ama Lee Jameson

Just call me the roving reporter - was gone last month when Newsletter time rolled around and am trying to get off to Texas for Easter and a look at my crippled chicks (mother and dad). Think they are convinced that Ford station wagons aren't a match for freight trains.

Our March meeting was Rummage Sale Day so had a good attendance. Everyone cleaned out the attics, closets and basements, then came in to help sell. After a very successful sale, the meeting was held at the home of Helen Chandler.

Main topic of business was the South Central Section meeting which will be at Wichita, Kansas, April 20-22. Anne and Lucile are Co-chairmen and promise a bang up affair. After all business had been disposed with, they had dinner at the Sky Bowl. Hear 'twas a gay and relaxing meeting after a hard day's work.

The Bobbe Slade Memorial Fund has successfully completed its first year and we are now making plans for this coming year. Funds are used for airmarking and air age education in Kansas. We plan our usual 50 airmarkers for 1956. These are to be done on two All State Airmarking Days instead of all year as in the past. Last year we sponsored two Wing Scout groups, one at Wichita and one at Garden City. This year we will increase Wing Scout activities by organizing troops in Augusta and Atchison.



COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Faye Douthitt

As there were only three present at our March meeting, we had lunch at the Doll House in Palm Springs. As it was Easter vacation, I took my 10-year old daughter along as my guest. Those present were Eleanor Wagner, Helen Kenaston, myself and daughter Carole. Zaddie Bunker had gotten fogged or smogged in in Los Angeles and couldn't get back in time and Vee Nisley was kneedeep in her business and was unable to make it - hope to see them next month.

We decided that each member in our chapter would donate \$.50 to help defray some of the AWTAR expenses.

Our next meeting will be held at Desert Air Park in Palm Springs on Monday, April 23, at 12 noon.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER
By: Cynthia Gilkison

On March 28 thirty-six members, husbands and guests attended a most interesting meeting held at the Belmont Shore Bank. Donna Chilcote arranged the meeting and, besides providing the refreshments, found us an extremely entertaining speaker, Frank Smith, North American Aircraft Co. test pilot. Among fascinating "props" he brought along to supplement his lecture were a number of scale models from his personal collection, graphically illustrating the history of aviation from the Wright's biplane to the F-100 and the X-3. He also brought and demonstrated all sorts of test pilot gear - G suit, Mae West, helmet, etc. He discussed flight experiences in testing the F-100 and showed color slides he took in flight.

The business section of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the selection of national officers, and Mr. Smith's talk was followed by a social hour. Earlier in March the "South Bay" section of our chapter, Donna and Al Chilcote, Cynthia Gilkison, Barbara and Dale Thisted, and Mary Pinckney, met at Iris Critchell's to listen to a play-back of a recording of the flight clinic lectures. Iris and Critch attended a meeting of the Blue Yonder Flyers Club in El Monte, and Iris also enjoyed a week spent with Alice Roberts, Saguaro Chapter chairman.

SAGUARO CHAPTER
By: Jimmie Lou Shelton

ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MONTH: Marjy Crowl got her Glider Right!

Ruth Reinhold went to Acapulco in February. When I hear of the wonderful trips she and Juanita have, I promise myself that I'll get my commercial rating yet. Ruth flew down via Hermosillo, Mazatlan, Guadalajara and to Acapulco. She says it was a beautiful flight and we're envious. Alice's husband Charles went down to Mazatlan a couple of weeks ago. Both he and Ruth took some wonderful colored pictures and we hope to have a showing as soon as they are finished. Ruth is still flying around the state almost daily, with frequent trips to the West Coast. Alice and Charles are working on their Instrument tickets. They are going to ground school - and flying under the hood. Iris Critchell came over for a visit with the Roberts for four days and flew with Alice as safety pilot and instructor.

Our March business meeting was held at a luncheon at the Casa Blanca Resort. Melba Beard and Mary McNeil were Co-hostesses and are to be commended for the marvelous luncheon and entertainment.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER
By: Martha Lundy

Our chapter had its last bi-monthly meeting on March 27 with Chairman Solange D'Hooge, Barbara Seeber, Florence Murphy, Iva MacDonald and Martha Lundy present, together with three "adopted sisters". Our main topic of discussion was how to get the transient or "unclaimed" gasoline tax refunds out of the hands of the Highway Department and into the hands of the 99's for airmarking purposes. At the present time it is reported there is \$17,000.00 in this fund, and we are going to attempt to get \$5,000.00 yearly to be used first for airmarking throughout the state, and then after that is completed, there being comparatively few towns in Nevada, we will think of something else needed by pilots. We feel it is the pilots' money and should be used for the benefit of the pilots.

This reported missed the first March meeting of our chapter because she was attending meetings of the Sacramento and San Fernando Valley Chapters and was unable to get home in time. Was very sorry to have missed it because we had invited the wives of the Indian Springs AFB officers to that meeting and they attended, but I have very little information other than that. The meeting was held at the home of Lee Moore, one of our adopted sisters.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Diane Gibson

Our March business meeting was held at my home in Mountain View. During the meeting plans were discussed for a box dinner and bingo game to be held in April as a money raising project. Rosemary Gehling of Bay Cities Chapter was present and she talked on the plans being made for the AWTAR. Marianne Barnick brought her little daughter for everyone to meet. Congratulations to both Marianne and Barbara Hector on their newly arrived little girls.

Ardell Hauk, our chairman, has been very busy lately demonstrating the new 172B at Salinas. She had an opportunity to fly Mr. Pick's (the Uranium King) PBY which was quite an experience for her.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Carol Hauk, Ardell's daughter, to the 99's. Carol is 17 years old and just received her private license.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Fran Dias

Laura May Crawford and her 49^{er} Gene Bonanzad down to Apple Valley for a weekend and to Las Vegas the last of the month. Hazel Zimmerman and 49^{er} Zim flew to Las Vegas for four days to take in some of the shows.

Our Merced Wing Scout Troop held their investiture services at Castle Air Force Base the evening of March 9 and believe me it was very impressive. We presented them with a beautiful troop flag and standard.

Our chapter now has another airmarker under its belt - a 145 foot marker, 20' high spells out Porterville, the sign also includes a circle and arrow and is located on a nice roof of a grammar school. The Junior Chamber of Commerce under the direction of Irmyl Fitzgerald made the arrangements for the building and paid for the paint.

Hazel Zimmerman (airmarking chairman) and Fran Dias, Ethel Hieland and her young daughter Maxine did the layout on Saturday and on Sunday the same crew plus Al Zimmerman and one of his employees (a pilot) did the spraying of the letters. All this, incidentally, was done in a broiling sun with between 90 and 100 degrees of temperature.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER
By: Yvette Kovary

The month of March has been a busy one for our chapter and especially for this reporter, playing hostess to two big events.

First, on March 1 we held a White Elephant Sale, auctioning off our "dust catchers". It was loads of fun for all of us and positively gleeful for our treasury, to the tune of over \$58. Now we're thinking of having another with all the items hanging around that we didn't think to bring to the last one.

And on the 27th of March, nine 99 pals of Val Warne Verba wended their way back to Playa Del Rey for a personal shower for recently married Val. Clever Mary Ilgen unravelled all ten of the scrambled names of honeymoon spots the world over for a prize, and Lee Morrow and Val tied in recognizing the most of eight white powdery substances used in the kitchen. Then Val opened her gifts of filmies and dainties and a coffeemaker from Paulette D'Avril and we all enjoyed her pleased and surprised expressions. It just couldn't happen to a sweeter person.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
By: Margaret S. Lang

Our March meeting was hostessed by Thelma Bishop who served a delicious buffet supper. Aileen Saunders was introduced as a prospective member. Final plans were made for the serial photo hunt on April 15. We hope to have more entrants this year and hope to make this an annual event.

Lois Bartling organized a fly-day for Mar. 25 to Ramona Airport for a potluck picnic. She reports that there were about 30 attending and it turned out to be such a huge success it will be repeated in the near future. Hilda Reafsnnyder (Long Beach) very graciously offered the use of her cabin which is situated very near the Ramona Airport and we are indebted to her as the use of it made the picnic more enjoyable.

Betty Gillies returned from her round-the-world cruise on March 15 and, of course, had a marvelous time. Her daughter, Pat, who accompanied her is leaving Sunday to continue her studies at Stanford.

At the last counting, the San Diego Chapter expects to have six airplanes entered in the TAR.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER
By: Nellie A. Palmer

Our Newsletter reporter, Dorothy Thompson, is off on her honeymoon and I am pinching for her. We wish for the best of everything, Dorothy, and hurry and make Bob a 49^{er}, so we can put him to work for our Spring Sectional.

Our meeting of March 19 was a delightful one. A special guest was with us, Lucile Wright, of Jamestown, New York, a member of the Air Education Committee. She had many interesting things to tell us as she had just attended a committee on Air Education in New York. It was a delight to see her as several of us knew her from past conventions.

Interest seems to be picking up, we have one new member and one prospective member whose instructor told me only a couple more hours and she will get her checkout.

Plans for the Southwest Section meeting May 26-27 at Santa Rosa, California, were the topic of the day. We hope the weather will be perfect flying, so the air will be filled with 99's. We will try our best to make your stay in Santa Rosa a happy one.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Clara B. Davis

The March meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter was held at the Ram's Horn on Ventura Blvd. where we enjoyed a delicious dinner after which we adjourned to Jean Strahl's for a business meeting. This was a very well attended meeting with 25 members and guests. We were honored to have our Sectional Governor Mrs. Martha Lundy of Las Vegas as a guest and also Dorothy Leboni, advisor for the Girl Wing Scouts who are sponsored by our chapter. We were very happy to see Zaddie Bunker of Palm Springs who always has something interesting to tell. Zaddie was in Los Angeles for the meeting of the Lockheed Pilots Club meeting the following evening where she was to be their guest speaker. It was nice to have Nena Stoeher at our meeting, she is also a flying grandmother. We want to welcome to the San Fernando Valley Chapter two new members - Thprleen Reigler and Virginia Hall.

Norma Wilcox and Barbara Stewart both received their pilots license March 2 and by this time they are members of the Valley Chapter - Norma and Barbara have been attending our meetings for the past few months and have helped the chapter very much.

Our rummage sale held March 10 in Pasadena was a big success and it helped to get our chapter back in the black figure and we are all looking forward to another rummage sale. We wish to thank all the girls who so willingly helped with this sale. Barbara Stewart arranged for the building and all the details - Ramea Brown went around the valley in a truck and gathered up all the rummage from the valley. Thanks go to the girl Wing Scouts from Flight 117.

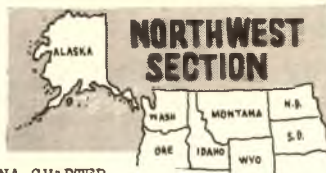
UTAH CHAPTER
By: June Raybould

Our March meeting had the largest attendance for a long time with members and guests both present in large degree. Doris Eacret flew in from Elko, Nevada, via Reno looking tanned and well again after recovering from an illness which marred the holiday season. She was, as usual, full of exciting tales of her travels around the country. After hearing about some of the beauties of Mexico (and the reasonable prices and beautiful weather), we all were eager to see it for ourselves. It was nice to see her again and know that she is able to be back flying her Cessna Patroller.

Piece de resistance of the evening was free Link rides for everyone under the able direction of "Jake" Harding, Salt Lake ARTC controller. We all got a chance to try (the safe way) flying into weather and making a 180 back out and again to impress upon each one the dangers of trying to fly weather without an instrument rating.

Winner of the evening's TAR raffle prize was Eunice Naylor who received some darling ceramic cats from last meeting's winner, Martha Lundy, who was visiting the chapter from Las Vegas. This is turning into a very successful way to raise the money and brings out the gambling instinct in us.

Guest Jessie Carter received encouragement from everyone on her impending private flight check. Jessie, wife of Vern Carter who is one of the oldest - in years of operation - flight operators in the state, is finally about to make it. Jessie has been faithfully attending meetings for some time now. She first started for her license some 15 years ago, but got interrupted by maternity complications and the business end of running an airport.



MONTANA CHAPTER
By: Mildred Shinn

March 3 brought the Montana 99's and their husbands together for a dinner-dance meeting in Billings and much discussion as to how we can overcome obstacles and fly to Yakima and Boise these coming months. Also for any of you pilots who might be vacationing, we are going to have a Montana Powder Puff Derby - probably in conjunction with a state tour - so welcome all comers.

Air Education is taking a big bite in Montana - the first invite being for our whole chapter to come to Cascade, Montana, during high school week in April and from reports it seems there are not enough members to go around to all the high schools which have expressed the desire to hear more about flying.

An aviation flying clinic as part of the Aviation Planning Council is hoped for soon - believe this was successful in Tucson - any suggestions?

March 10 was to bring organization of another chapter - SOUTH DAKOTA - at Rapid City, our Orpha Dann receives credit for much pushing on this project. Dorothy Lee in Rapid City may have reported by now. More new names - Jeannie Ferguson, Wyoming National Flying Queen; Grace Russell, Wolf Point, is our new commercial pilot 99.

IDAHOO CHAPTER
By: Laura Conner

Ninety-Nines and pilots of Idaho were stunned at the loss of Margaret Jacobson and husband Eldon of Idaho Falls, who flew their last flight March 4. Airborne only a few minutes, enroute to join the Idaho tour to Mexico, sudden winter blizzard caused the crash of their Cessna 170.

Thanks are expressed to all 99's who assisted in the search were Doris Atkinson and Claire Justad of Boise, Selma Mischuk of Blackfoot, Onita Hoff from Idaho Falls and Gertrude Anderson, Pat Swan, Joyce Cruthoff, Ester Stone and Mrs. Ridd Solomon of Pocatello.

Doris Atkinson hosted the March meeting at her lovely new home. Doris, incidentally, is recovering from bruises - the result of an auto accident !!!

ALASKA CHAPTER
By: Pat McGee

March 7 found us filling by a heaping table to which we all contributed the goodies. It was tasty fare and a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Among our guests were two "Adopted Sisters" (we read our Newsletter) Jimmy Joyce Carlson and Mary Ann Renfrew. Vivacious Mary Ann finishes high this year and both are eagerly anticipating their tickets. Marion Zaegel and Julie Tullen, who is working every spare hour towards her commercial, were our other welcome guests. Randy Briggs, Doll Both, Pat McGee, Margaret Cook, who arrived in time for pie and coffee because of a previously scheduled high school faculty meeting, and our hostess Lois Wise were the regulars.

We voted to send \$5.00 from each active member making a \$35.00 total to the AWTAR fund. We also discussed ways and means to help our sponsor help ourselves.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER
By: Betty Jane Seavey

The Eastern Washington Chapter invites you to the Spring Northwest Sectional in Yakima, Washington, on June 1, 2, and 3. At our March 18 meeting in Walla Walla we completed the following schedule:

Friday, June 1 - Registration at Richardson Aviation Office. There will be tie-downs for your plane and transportation for all 99's, and guests, to the Donnelly Hotel. 1450 and 1650 - TV programs with 99's as participants. 1900 - Buffet supper with 99 Kathleen Hitchcock as hostess, also slides on recent "Flight to Cuba" by Lygie Hagan.

Saturday, June 2 - Registration at Richardson Aviation, transportation provided. 0800 - Governors' breakfast at the Donnelly Hotel with Gini R. as hostess for all Sectional Officers (elected and appointed). 1200 - Luncheon at the Airport Chateau (courtesy of Shell and Standard Oil Cos.) Style Show by the Aero-Wives Club of Yakima. 1400 - Business meeting immediately following luncheon in an adjoining room. 1950 - Cocktail hour. 2050 - Banquet in the Donnelly Hotel.

Sunday, June 3 - Transportation provided to the airport. 0800 - Breakfast at Richardson Aviation, courtesy of the Eastern Washington Chapter.

The Donnelly Hotel will be the Conference Headquarters and you will each receive on May 1 a convention envelope with reservation blanks enclosed for your convenience. The only expense will be your hotel room and Saturday night's banquet.

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