

THE NINETY - NINES, Inc.
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

News Letter

International Headquarters — P. O. Box 1444 — Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

AIR TERMINAL BUILDING — WILL ROGERS FIELD

JANUARY, 1957

President's Column

January, 1957

Wishing you a happy and successful New Year with lots of flying. I cherish the many, many Christmas and New Year cards and all the well wishes. I am truly grateful to all.

I hope you liked the 1957 Roster and Constitution combination. We have had some very nice comments on the NEWS LETTER, but I want to remind you that it is your publication and we want your corrections and suggestions that can help it improve and grow. I want to express our thanks to Wynema Masonhall for the "mid-night oil" and many hours of work she has given to the organization in preparing the Roster and the material of the NEWS LETTER for the printer. I want to thank Deedo Heise for cutting stencils and mimeographing, as well as sending out our 1957 Condensed Minutes. Thanks, Deedo, for a beautiful job well done.

We regretted having to accept the resignation of our very able secretary, Dorothy Morgan, who resigned to take a full-time secretarial position, but we are happy and pleased to have Mrs. Margaret Sweet as our part-time secretary at Headquarters. Margaret is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. There are instructions posted on the door for members who visit Headquarters at other times.

Please send all newspaper clippings, pictures and magazine articles to your Scrapbook Chairman, Barbara Hornback, so we may have a complete record for the 1956 - 1957 Scrapbook.

It is time to make plans for your yearly contribution to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award Fund and send it to our Jeannette Sovereign.

You can help the Air Age Education Committee with their program by attending PTA meetings (also other clubs and organizations interested in the younger generation) and bringing to their attention that the National Aviation Council, 1025 Connecticut Avenue, Washington 6, D. C., has visual educational aids on a subscription basis. Your local chapter

might sponsor such a subscription to start the ball rolling.

The local legal department of the CAA, after exhaustive investigation, has notified me that there was no apparent violation of the regulations by your president at Amarillo last summer. All race committees should be very careful that a charge involving the regulations is justified before disqualifying a contestant. It would have been doubly unfortunate if the unjust disqualification had involved someone who had never won a race.

I took a shift in the polio ward over the holidays so a nurse could have some time with her family at Christmas. It is gratifying work. There is a nine year old boy, Kenny Fredrick, that has been with us two years, a bright youngster with a love of aviation. He has lost the use of his arms and legs and has only a few long muscles working. He has to have a tube in his throat to help the air intake and sleeps in the Emerson respirator every night. You could make Kenny very happy by autographing "To Kenny" an old picture of your-

self with a plane and sending it to Kenneth Fredrick, Polio Department, John Peter Smith Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas. His weak heart will pound with pride and maybe grow stronger with all. Kenny and many of the patients are looking forward to the day when I can take them for an airplane ride. It will take a DC-3 to handle the patient, stretcher, Huxley or Monahan respirator, and the rest of the equipment, but when they are better I will try to get them the plane ride. They are all so grateful for little things.

Someone said, "He who plants trees loves others besides himself." Think it over.

Sincerely,

Edna Gardner Whyte

Edna Gardner Whyte.



Los Angeles Chapter enjoyed Fran Bera's tips on how to win an AWTAR at a recent meeting at Fern Steifler's home. From left to right standing: Val Warne Verba, hostess Fern Steifler, Eldora Rovse, Ethel Kerley, and Anne Wolff. Seated from left: Monie Dye, Annette Castle, Lee Morrow, Fran Bera and Christie Warren, Chapter Chairman.

1956-57 INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

President

EDNA GARDNER WHYTE
3155 Willow Park Dr.
Fort Worth 11, Texas

Vice President

BRONETA DAVIS
Minco, Oklahoma

Secretary

ELOISE SMITH
Route No. 6, Box 135
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Treasurer

JIMMIE KOLP
Box 591
Electra, Texas

Executive Committee

LOUISE SMITH
421 Edgedale Drive
High Point, North Carolina
ANN WADDELL
108 North Ninth Street
Garden City, Kansas
BARBARA EVANS
40 Stuart Place
Manhasset, New York

Deadline For News

The First Of Each Month

Add These Names To Your Roster

Life Member

Von Mach, Mary E.
7716 Mack Avenue Michigan
Detroit 14, Mich.
Ph.: WA 1-1196

Members

Harvey, Kathleen C.
(Mrs. Jas. B.)
House 45 RCAF First Canadian
Trenton, Ontario
Ph.: 3511 Local 513
Akerlund, Frances J.
(Mrs. Andrez P.)
908 North 3rd Ave. Chicago Area
St. Charles, Ill.
Ph.: 2338
Beritich, Mary M.
1312 East Hyde Park Chicago Area
Chicago 15, Ill.
Ph.: WA 4-4020
Davis, Alice Vernor (Mrs.)
7770 Horsemill Road Michigan
Grosse Ile, Michigan
Ph.: OR 6-9579
McHugh, Kathleen T.
5201 W. Pensacola Ave. Chicago Area
Chicago 41, Ill.
Ph.: PA 5-1287
Van Arkel, Joann Lou
Prairie City, Iowa Iowa
Ph.: 3089
Kimmel, Margaret D.
1141 East River Texas
El Paso, Texas
Ph.: 3-7249
Hopkins, Jeanette M.
906 Marshall St. Idaho
Boise, Idaho
Ph.: 4-5372

Pilots Briefing

Our Resolutions Committee is now standing by for the processing of the pre-Convention preparations to handle your ideas on some of the many ways we make our organization bigger and better for all.

This is the month the Nomination Committee will start to work on the big job of getting the Memberships' pleasure on candidates for our 1957 elections.

We have some great material in our organization, so let's place them where they can help us most. Your President, Vice-president and Treasurer are not eligible for re-election this year to their present office, so lots of good hunting.

You can help most by replying to your Committee Chairman's letter AT ONCE. I need a few more girls with Commercial Instructors and Instrument Ratings. They MUST have over 300 hours of Instructing and be available soon. Please write me giving your Aviation Experience in the first letter.

The new type Membership Applications and Transfer Forms are available.

Write Headquarters in Oklahoma City for same. Let's all find lots of use for the Membership Forms by being constantly alert for new Members.

The 1957 Training Missions for our women pilots this summer, all promise lots of variation in experience and fun. We have an Efficiency Cruise Race; A big wide-open throttle race that includes mountain flying and use of oxygen equipment; and a race that includes flying over 90 miles of water with all water equipment and safety devices. Our excellent Race Committees have all gone to lots of work to arrange the races for you, so let's enter them all and increase our flying proficiency in 1957.

LETS ALL REMEMBER: She who loses money loses much; she who loses a friend loses more; but she who loses spirit loses all.

Man your airplanes.

Please, your News Letter editor is still receiving reports not properly typed to the printer's desire. Again we say, "Full width of an 8 x 10 page and double spaced."

THANKS For The Help

It is past due for an accounting of the very generous donations that have been so kindly given to help set up our new Ninety-Nine Headquarters in Oklahoma City.

12 Sept. 55 Broneta Davis, Full length mirror.

12 Sept. 55 Jimmie Kolp, Leather bound Register Book.

12 Sept. 55 Los Angeles Chapter, \$20.00.

10 Oct. 55 San Joaquin Valley Chapter, \$10.00.

10 Oct. 55 Kansas Chapter, \$75.00.

10 Nov. 55 Mary Francis, Electric Coffee Maker.

27 Dec. 55 Lois Cassidy, Office Memorograph Machine.

19 Jan. 56 Santa Clara Valley Chapter, \$10.00.

7 Feb. 56 Long Beach Chapter, \$25.

7 Feb. 56 San Diego Chapter, \$20.00.

9 Mar. 56 Colorado Chapter, \$20.00.

10 Mar. 56 St. Louis Chapter, Two Match Stick Curtains.

12 Mar. 56 Norman Smith, 49½, Los Angeles, Leather Desk Set.

18 Mar. 56 Manila D. Tally, Beautiful Leather Hassock from Asia.

22 Mar. 56 San Fernando Valley Chapter, \$10.00.

15 Apr. 56 All Ohio Chapter, \$10.00.

16 Apr. 56 Wisconsin Chapter, \$10.00.

19 Apr. 56 Tulsa Chapter, Three pottery Planters all planted.

22 June 56 New England Section, \$29.00.

8 July 56 Alabama Chapter, \$10.00.

18 Aug. 56 New York - New Jersey Section, \$50.00.

25 Aug. 56 Florida Chapter, \$25.00.

26 Aug. 56 Dallas Unit, Texas Hand Made 99 Ceramic table.

8 Oct. 56 Southeastern Section, two Ash Trays of silver.

24 Oct. 56 Michigan Chapter, \$50.00.

18 Nov. 56 Indiana Chapter, \$25.00.

I will make a list of what we have purchased with the money and try to have ready for the next News Letter. Thanking each of you for your generosity and your real interest in our new Ninety-Nine Headquarters.

Submitted by
Edna Gardner Whyte.

I would like to express my appreciation to the members for all the cooperation I have received while working for the organization.

Dorothy K. Morgan.

Soviet Russia has the capacity to strike today. Our Air Force and our Anti-Aircraft are on 24 hour guard, but they need warning. Radar is not enough because of its limitations. Lend your eyes and ears to the Ground Observers Corps.

Among Our Members-At-Large

We have the pleasure of presenting this month:

Anesia Pineiro Machado of Sao Paulo, Brazil, who has been referred to as the "dean of all women flyers of the world" has enough firsts in aviation attached to her name to place her high on the list of men and women flyers. However, she's probably prouder of being called a "pilot's pilot" than any other title that has been bestowed on her. While Mrs. Machado's name is known in aviation circles that encircle the world, she is equally well known in the diplomatic circles of many areas.

To say anyone is the "dean" of anything is a touchy business. However, Mrs. Machado today is holder of the oldest active license than any other woman pilot in the world (License n 77, F.A. I. - April 9, 1922). Mrs. Machado was the first Brazilian flyer to make a transcontinental flight over the Americas, flying from New York to Rio de Janeiro via Central America and Pacific Coast to Chile. During this flight she crossed the Andes at 23,080 feet, if this doesn't impress the reader then take a look at the map, study the terrain of Brazil, looking closer at the territory marked "uninhabited." Quite a feat even in these days. It was on this tour that she served as diplomat bringing messages from the presidents of all the countries she had visited on her good will flight to the President of Brazil.

For her efforts in behalf of aviation and of "good will" she was awarded Chile's highest decoration, the first time it had ever been presented to a woman. Brazil, in turn, has presented her with most every medal bestowed by that Republic. Most pioneer pilots can point with pride to one or two "firsts" in their lives, but few can claim as many as those attached to the career of Anesia Pineiro Machado.

The S.M.A.L.L Race will be September 13, 1957, into Traverse City, Mich., in connection with the Paul Bunyan Festival.

in prior years need not deter you from trying again. Several Scholarships of previous years have been awarded to an applicant on her second or third try.

Send your request for the Scholarship application form to:

Jeannette L. Sovereign, 2136 Center Ave., Bay City, Michigan. DO IT NOW as they must be returned in complete form and postmarked not later than March 20, 1957.



1957 AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

By Jeannette L. Sovereign

Another year has rolled around to open competition for the annual AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. Are you planning to embark upon a career in some field of aviation or, if you are already "embarked," do you need an additional rating or additional training to boost that career? Will \$300 help you out? \$300 is the nice tidy sum that will be available to the winner of the 1957 AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

You are eligible to enter the competition if —

1. You have been an ACTIVE Ninety-Nine member for TWO consecutive years immediately prior to September 1956 and your membership is still in good standing for this current fiscal year;
2. You have at least 200 solo hours since acquiring your private rating;
3. You agree to use the rating or training acquired thru the Award for at least TWO years in an Aeronautical field;
4. You are earning at least \$1,000, but not more than \$3,500 per year. If you are married, your husband's income and your family's status and needs will also be considered by the judges.

The fact that you may have unsuccessfully competed for the scholarship

AWTAR 1957

The Eleventh Annual All - Woman Transcontinental Air Race Route is all set and ready for the racers. The mileage for the almost entirely new course is officially set at 2537 miles. Following are the cities and the official "designated airports" for the 1957 AWTAR.

Take-Off: San Mateo County Airport, San Carlos, Calif.
Reno Municipal Airport, Reno, Nevada.
Elko Municipal Airport, Elko, Nevada.

Must Stop: Salt Lake City Municipal Airport No. 1, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Rock Springs Municipal Airport, Rock Springs, Wyoming.
Cheyenne Municipal Airport, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
Lee Bird Municipal Airport, North Platte, Nebraska.
Omaha Municipal Airport, Omaha, Nebraska.
Quad City Airport, Moline, Ill.
Baer Field, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
Akron Municipal Airport, Akron, Ohio.

Must Stop: Harrisburg State Airport, Harrisburg, Pa.

Finish: North Philadelphia Airport, Philadelphia, Pa.

You will note in the above list that both Salt Lake City, Utah and Harrisburg, Pa. are listed as MUST STOPS and landings must be made at these airports by all racing aircraft.

Remember the dates:

Impound Deadline	July 3
Take-Off	July 6
Deadline to Finish	July 10
Awards Dinner	July 11

All information regarding entry in to the 1957 AWTAR may be obtained from the AWTAR Headquarters, 2611 East Spring Street, Long Beach, Calif. anytime after February 1st. This information will include the revised Rules and Regulations, official entry forms, handicap information, a background of the race and all other forms and information necessary for entry into the race. Write soon for your packet of information and Please enclose 25c to defray cost of mailing.

Betty H. Gillies,
Chairman, AWTAR, Inc.

YOU ARE NEEDED NOW !

Just a few hours each week of your spare time can mean the safety of yourself and your family. Volunteer today for Ground Observer Corps work in your community.

Coming Events

- 26 - 28 April North Central and Middle East Sections planning a Joint Spring Meeting, Akron, Ohio. More Later.
- 23 May The Sky Lady Efficiency Air Race, Mineral Wells, Texas to Wichita, Kansas. Write Ruth Nickell, 904 Nickell Road, Topeka, Kansas.
- 14-15 June The Ninety-Nine Annual Convention, McAllen, Texas. Promises a wonderful time that NO ONE can afford to miss.
- 29 June to 6 July AOPA New York, Bermuda, Nassau, New York; SS Monarch chartered for Cruise. Minimum All Expense Fare \$175. Contact AOPA for your reservations.
- 3-11 July All Womens Transcontinental Air Race, San Carlos, Calif. to Philadelphia, Pa. Looks like a very big race this year. Contact Mrs. Barbara Londaon, 2611 E. Spring St., Long Beach 6, California.
- 13 Sept. Michigan SMALL Race to Traverse City, Mich. More Later. Check your airplanes and plan your summer vacation now. Send in your dates for your Spring Section and Chapter meetings.



By Felicity McKendry

The meeting of the First Canadian Chapter planned for November 24th, 1956 at Trenton, Ontario, proved to be a nice success with eleven girls in attendance. This is quite an achievement when one considers the distance covered by those attending plus the added distraction that the 24th was the football game of the year when the Edmonton Eskimos trounced the Montreal Allouettes at Varsity Stadium in Toronto to win the coveted Grey Cup. This was the reason for the poor attendance of the Toronto girls. However, the weatherman was quite co-operative allowing four of us from Ottawa to fly Ottawa Flying Club's Tripacer CF-HDC 125 miles to Trenton. Arriving at 10:30 a.m. from the northeast (Ottawa) were Felicity McKendry with prospective members Barbara Kniewasser, Shirley Miller and Audrey Trotter. From the East (Prescott) 120 miles came Patricia Murdock with prospective members Irene Morrow and Marilyn Welter of Kingston. Dot Rungeling flew her Cessna 170 from Welland, 170 miles southwest bringing prospective member Susan Kooch of St. Catharines. Dot reports that she had to stop in St. Catharines on her return at dusk, due to snow. She practiced the good and faithful 180 rule when a line of snow devoured visibility between her and Welland. We were very happy to have Diana Hawley represent Toronto by driving solo over 100 miles from the west. So you see what I mean when

we have to cover a large radius to collect a reasonable sized gathering. What we don't make up in number, we do make up in enthusiasm!

Our hostess, Kay Harvey, wife of Air Commodore J. B. Harvey, met us on arrival at the airport. Her arrangements were grand. Thanks to Kay and the R.C.A.F., we were driven by bus to the brand new Airmens' Mess for coffee, on a tour of the flight line where we had a dandy closeup view of T33's, Beech 18's, Dakotas, B 25's Sabres and the Harvards under the guidance of F/O Wood.

Kay served us a lovely buffet luncheon in her home on the station. Our meeting proper followed. Sectional Governor Dorothy Rungeling explained the Ninety Nine Organization, its origin and purposes for the benefit of our new and would-be-new members. Kay Harvey, who instigated the original group of Air Rangers in Canada (Wing Scouts) told the gathering about the Air Rangers. She informed us that Downsview (Toronto) and Rockcliffe (Ottawa) now have Air Ranger groups. Along with other activities the girls cover the ground school work for a Private Pilot's license.

Patricia Murdock and Diana Hawley were named the nominating committee.

Dorothy Rungeling will be the Newsletter correspondent for 1956-57.

OUR NEXT MEETING will be in Ottawa on Tuesday, January 29th. Those attending will go as a group to the Royal Canadian Flying Clubs Association Annual Banquet in the Chateau Laurier (6:00 P.M.) The Governor General will be in attendance with Mr. Roger Lewis, Vice President of Pan American Airways as the guest speaker. I hope to contact some girls in the Montreal area and see if we can't locate some more members and get the First Canadian Chapter on solid legs, or should I say wings, once more.

* * * *

Members June Taylor and Lois Schram have 49 ½ er's now, so now go by the surname Gregory and Dwyer. It is interesting to note that both these girls were nominated for Vice-Governor. We should have no trouble receiving nominations for this job in the future!

Winter has arrived fast and frosty. Where I instruct near Ottawa, we are wholly on skis. What velvety landings!

Barbara Kniewasser was out the other day getting some twin time on the Cessna Crane. Audrey Stonehouse of Kitchener is working in the office of her father's Grand Valley Air Services and is working on her Commercial License and towards her instruc-



CANADIAN SECTION - The snapshot (above) was taken by Dot Rungeling at our November 24 meeting. Left to right: Irene Morrow, Susan Kooch, Barbara Kniewasser, Kay Harvey, Diana Hawley, Audrey Trotter, Shirley Miller, Felicity McKendry, Patricia Murdock and Marilyn Welter

tor's rating. Audrey has her twin rating on a Balaero. Patricia Murdock hopped over to Ogdensburg, N. Y., and obtained her American Private License.

APRIL 26, 27 and 28 Virginia Schumaker has extended an invitation to our members to attend the North Central Sectional meeting in Akron, Ohio. Akron would make just a nice cross country. Come on girls!



By Manila Davis Talley

PLACES TO REMEMBER — Just opened, North Long Beach Club, L. I., N. Y. Long Beach Seaplane Base, for fly-in aircraft. Cabins, restaurant, etc. Eleanor Witchel, director.

LOST AND FOUND — Betsy Kelly, charter member (Mrs. Henry Weeks). Mr. Weeks is chief of Aircraft Engineering Division, CAA. Still wanted: addresses of other charter members.

PERSONAL COLUMN — Reception in honor of His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Hassan, Crown Prince of Morocco, and his sister, Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Aicha. Caribar Room, Park Sheraton, Washington, D. C., 28 Nov. Host and hostess, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. B. B. Talley (Manila).

Invitations were telephoned last minute by Jean Howard and Blanche Noyes. Present were seven generals, one admiral, representatives of State Dept., CAP, CAA, and Aviation Industry. Ninety-Nines charter members Blanche Noyes, Nancy Hopkins Tier, and Betsy Kelly Weeks. Others: Jean Ross Howard, Frances Nolde, Marry (Mitzi) Moore, Helen McClosky Rough, Eleanor Davis, Shelia McCarthy, Laura Zeringer, Virginia Thompson, Ada Mitchell, Claire Callaghan, Katherine Stinson, Helen Camden, Marilyn Link, Betty Crites Dillon, Daisy Vaughn, Mrs. Buril Barclay, Betty Fisher, Dorothy Mitchel, Augusta Roberts, Mary Hoch, Jane Morris, Jean McKaig, Mrs. Joseph Riviera, Irene Keith, Wilhemina Hanzick and others.

Fourteen in the official Moroccan party included Mme. Ambassador Ben Aboud, and wives of cabinet ministers of His Majesty the Sultan, Mme. Benjaquin, Mme. Lazzawi, and Mme. Toledano. All spoke French and many spoke English. It was a warm friendly gathering—much like a college reunion. Thousands of Americans live and work in Morocco today and they feel at home with us. All the guests stayed to visit in a relaxed easy manner until past the designated hour. Her Highness said that she was surprised to find our women pilots so delightfully feminine.



WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Virginia L. Thompson

November and December have been memorable months in the experiences of our chapter.

We felt highly honored and deeply

grateful to Gen. and Mrs. D. B. Talley of New York for their invitation to attend a reception on November 28 for Crown Prince Moulay Hassan and Princess Lalla Aicha of Morocco. They were indeed "good-will ambassadors" from their native land. All were very much impressed with the feeling of deep humility and democratic spirit displayed by the Prince as well as the graciousness of his entire entourage. The Prince too is a flying enthusiast, a subject much discussed with him by those of our group who could speak French.

Those present at the Sheraton Park Hotel for the occasion were: "Mitzi" Moore, Jean Howard, Nancy Tier, Ada Mitchell, Fran Nolde, Ann Ash, Blanche Noyes, Ruth Barkley and Virginia Thompson from our chapter; Peggy Borek, Jane Morris and Elsie McBride from Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter who flew down in a Tri-Pacer and two girls from the New York Chapter. Our hostess was a former member of our chapter and now a member of the New York Chapter. It was indeed a memorable occasion for all.

Jean Howard was delighted to see her friends from Australia, Mai Casey and her 49½er. Such a grand time as they had exchanging bits of news.

Blanche Noyes and Nancy Tier, our two members in the OX-5 organization, recently had a wonderful time recalling "by-gone" days at their annual banquet.

Eleanor Davis has begun to wonder about "the merits of flying." She has been trying to commute between here and Boston on business in her own plane but the weather has been most uncooperative.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Peggy Borek

Early November we attended a testimonial dinner for Maj. David McCallister, the winner of the 1956 Ricks Jet Trophy Race from San Francisco to New Orleans. The McCallisters are old friends and we know Dave as an easy going eager beaver who runs the family catering business, peddles turtle soup, commands a National Guard Fighter Sqdn., writes books and magazine articles, raises six children, is a test pilot for All American Aviation, and invents slide rule computers on the side. Now who could deserve special honors more? We were given a blue ribbon to wear which read "Miss Metropolitan Philadelphia Squadron, AFA," and which we carefully folded into the scrapbook to show to future grandchildren.

Tried to get to the New York-New Jersey Christmas party but you know how automobiles are. After 2½ hours we had only reached New Brunswick, were dying of hunger and the party



By Pat Arnold

Ugh, this New England weather is killing me! I'd go to Virginia, but let's face it, its just about as cold down there. Oh for the balmy summer days, no rheumatiz, no aches, no pains, just a few forced landings and I would enjoy every one of them. Of course, you've got to choose your spots to enjoy them and I always try to choose Millstone Point, Conn. If you're looking for a gay time and warm hospitality, make your forced landings there too. Millstone Point lies about two miles southeast of New London and its just that, a point with beautiful beaches jutting out into Long Island Sound, quite uninhabited except by Jerry and Hank Gardiner and their three young (too young, girls, back off) sons. Look for two grass landing strips side by side running along the north side of their ranch style home. One strip is marked "Hers" the other "His." Use "Hers" as Hank might charge a landing fee, especially if he reads this.

Alice Kitka (Webster, Mass.) after a two weeks vacation via airlines to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Denver, is extra curricularing in a geology course at Clark University. Charlotte Kelley was head woman of "Women's Flight for Furcolo" during recent election campaign and darn if Furcolo didn't win the governorship of Mass. Oh well, I suppose we Republicans can't begrudge the Democrats winning just one office (when I took this job no one told me I had to be unbiased). Anne Baddour (Arlington, Mass.) recently flew (and I do mean flew) a twin engine F3D jet fighter! Built by Douglas its a Navy night fighter, known as the "Sky Knight." Anne thought it handled much like an old fashioned prop driven plane, but much faster. She had it up to 500 KPH—what a thrill! Alma Gallagher (Laconia, N. H.), who does an aviation column for The Laconia Evening Citizen, recently did a story on our own Barbara Cloud, Rust Craft's well-known flying representative.

would be over in one-half an hour, so we gave up.

Philadelphia had its Christmas party at the Officers Club at the Navy Yard. We met and listened with interest to a gentleman from a steamship line who gave his view on the Andrea Doria-Stockholm sinking.

Had a Christmas card from Early-bird Ernest Hall, whom we remember with pleasure from the 1955 Air Show. Mr. Hall firmly believes that ladies should not smoke, and carries a bag of cinnamon balls to distribute in their stead. We hope very much to see him during the special combined section meeting in Dayton next spring. Everyone says to say Happy New Year to you all.



GEORGIA CHAPTER

By B. McNabb

Georgia 99s met in December at Cross - Keys Restaurant in Atlanta. Two prospective members, Emily Grigsby, who models at Regensteins, and Martha Weakley, who does medical records and personnel at an Atlanta Hospital, were present. Plans were made for working out a program of meetings which would be instructive in nature, with visits to such installations as Lockheed Aircraft Manufacturing Company and other points of interest to aviation-minded people.

Chapter Chairman, Betty McNabb, has been appointed Director of Aviation Education, Civil Air Patrol, Georgia Wing.

Carolyn and Biff Kennedy are proud owners of a new Cessna 172.

THE CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Estelle M. Bradshaw

East, Gale in a weather class held in Raleigh last year sounded like a practical joke per Betsy Marsh, reporter for the News & Observer. However, so the write-up goes, she is a very serious minded girl and is getting instrument time while working on her commercial ticket. All of us who know Gale agree that she takes everything about flying seriously and we are proud of her. More power to you, Gale. Gale transferred to the Carolinas Chapter last year and we are all very happy to have her and her 49½'er, Dave, who is also a pilot and an instructor.

Our newest member, Jeannine Shoemaker, lives in Durham, N. C., and got her private last summer. She owns and flies a Culver V which she flew to Nashville, Tenn., last fall to the Sectional meeting with Gale as

her copilot. We take our hats off to you Jeannine; that was good flying for one so new at the game. We are very pleased to have Jeannine in our Chapter and hope to meet her 49½'er who is busy studying for his M.D.

ALABAMA CHAPTER

Meredith Ward, Reporter

We meet the third Sunday in each month and hope any visiting 99 members will plan to join us for any meetings which occur near dates of planned visits or "fly - throughs" to Alabama. Just plan to telephone any of our members and find where we are to be meeting. Come and join us there. This is a standing invitation, so please remember it! We'd like to know all of you better.

This reporter was not able to attend our November meeting (being out of state at the time), but through the courtesy of Margaret Barnett word came to me of its success.

To quote from her letter, "Today was a perfect day for our 99ers meeting. Grace came up in her Apache with Estelle and Jo. Juanita and her husband made it, also. We had our meeting in the Chemstrand Pilot Lounge (the company I work for), and then we all took on some turkey at Woodalls . . . next meeting Sunday, December 16."

Since Margaret did not know I wanted added information for our News Letter, she is going to be surprised to find herself quoted at any length. I did not want to report that she added quite a bit about the success of this meeting which was held in Decatur — but our next communication will have to supply the details.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Georgiana McConnell

The officers for the Tennessee Chapter were announced at our October meeting in Chattanooga; Mary Beth Sargent, Chairman; Betty Anderson, Vice - Chairman; and Ruth Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer. We had a very nice meeting and were happy to have a good number in attendance. Miss Constance Ohlinger, who has been unable to attend our meetings due to her work at Berry College, was with us. It was a pleasure to see her again. Also present were Sarah Duke, Mary Jane Quarles, Evelyn Bryan, Eddie Lee Griffin, Ruth Thomas, Mary Beth Sargent and 49½'er, and Georgiana McConnell and her sister, Eva Russell. Our next meeting will be in January.

Yours truly finally made the grade as Commercial Pilot. Hope it won't be so long between ratings this time.

Evelyn Bryan is busy promoting aviation as usual. She gave an interesting talk at the local Kiwanis Club. It would be of great help to aviation

in general if more of us did things of this type.

Happy Holidays from the Tennessee Chapter.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

Florida hasn't been in the News Letter for several months so will bring you up to date.

The August meeting was held at the home of Helen Mennitto in South Miami. Dorothea Vermorel, our National Convention delegate reported a fine convention. Possible dates for the 1957 International Air Race were discussed.

Louise Boyd, a National Air Lines stewardess, was welcomed as a new member. Louise is also the proud new owner of a Luscombe 8A.

Color slides of the 1956 AWIAR were shown by Barbara Erickson and the evening was topped off with color movies of Helen Mennitto and hubby's South American vacation following the Air race.

September meeting was held in the home of Edith Swinney in Miami Springs. Guest of the evening was Viola Gentry. All were commissioned to write the Postmaster General urging the Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp. Petitions have been prepared by the local 99's and signed by local officials and business men. Irma Price was the only woman pilot in the round Florida Air Race sponsored by the Florida Air Pilots. She placed 18th and received numerous gifts including \$60 tie down.

Elected officers: Chairman, Barbara Erickson, Vice Chairman, Edith Swinney, Sec.-Treas., Helen Mennitto and Membership Chairman, Irma Price.

Lola Frame, our newest member, and Verna Burke celebrated birthdays this week. Don't know how Verna managed to celebrate it — She's flying day and night these days.

October meeting was held in joint session with the North Florida Chapter at the Ocean Ranch Motel here in Miami. All enjoyed the afternoon of swimming, a short meeting and the evening of dinner and dancing.



GREATER ST. LOUIS

Since the last report, St. Louis has been buzzing.

Here are just a few of the personal buzziness sounding off for the record . . . Jay Lawrence, who learned to fly in Cleveland, is our newest member . . . Loretta Slavick, Associate

Editor of local WINGTIPS, is joined by all of us in worrying over 49½er, Lee, who suffered a heart attack in early December . . . Laura Sellinger, on the staff of same monthly NAA magazine, plays a mistress of ceremonies job to perfection . . . Sue Park came home after a teaching assignment in Hawaii and we're glad . . . June Evers has helped make the flight concepts of the Fenton Girl Wing Scouts more realistic by practical air demonstrations. She has assisted this group for many months now . . . For about a month Dot and Mike Rumsey vacationed in Santa Fe, N. M., where Mike hunted deer and Dot hoped he'd keep the slate clean. He did because all he saw were does . . . Virginia Duenke, June Evers, and their 49½ers flew to Kansas City after the Columbia, Missouri, meeting . . . Ruth Lake's son, Bob, expects that private license soon. Rae and John Logsdon are very much interested in an incubator at Jewish Hospital. In it is a tiny Laura Rae, who landed safely after a hazardous journey, weighing in at about three lbs. . . . Sylvia and Lack Bloom attended the Missouri-Colorado game in Columbia in November . . . Del Scharr's mother, very ill in the hospital since mid-November, was at her home on Christmas pass, returned, and now has pneumonia.

Here is the meeting buzziness. Armistice Day week-end: Our 99's met with Stephens College girl pilots at Columbia, Missouri, and hoped to make them desirous of becoming 99's wherever they went . . . November 27th, NAA meeting, the 99's were in charge of the program and showed film of the ATWAR. Lackland Bloom became the St. Louis Airman of the month . . .

Adela Scharr

GREATER KANSAS CITY **By Marjory Farrell**

Two meetings on which to report: November at Katherine Peck's, where she served us chicken pies and lots of shrimp. A good meeting, sharpened by a little pre-dinner chatter on — of all subjects — gambling, in all its phases! A stranger wandering in would certainly have misjudged the purpose of the meeting. We did get down to business later, as each of us signed up for our share of the candy to be sold for the Gillis Home for Children. Routine business matters were also discussed.

December meeting was dinner at the home of Mildred Verderber, with your reporter as co-hostess. A gift exchange (with each of us getting just what we could use!) and sociability was the order of the evening.

For individual member news: Mary

Ruth Dietrich is doing absorbing work in her position as laboratory technician at the Kansas University Medical Center. She is helping on a research problem for the Air Force, studying the effects of high altitude flying on different tissues and organs of the body. I visited her laboratory and it's fascinating.

Jackie Rubelee and her golfing sister, Pat, have recently opened a second prescription shop in Kansas City, Kansas. Hard work and little play for Jackie and Pat these days.

Dee Southard is busy on instruments, and Verna Wilson is busy teaching the class.

Marie Kuhlman and 49½er, Orville, have been having some hard luck — both of them in the hospital for a time. Marie and Grace Harris were active in the recent NAA convention here; several of us — Dee Southard, Osa Wyatt, Marjory Farrell — joined them at Arlene Davis's lovely tea. Sarah Gorelick was also able to attend several meetings.

Grace Harris has been taking flying week-ends to several sports car races throughout the Midwest this fall — hopes to attend the International Races in Florida this winter. She spent a recent two weeks in Washington, D. C., to attend a real estate school, in conjunction with her business.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Waukesha Airport was the meeting site on November 18th for the Wisconsin Chapter of 99s. After an excellent variety of luncheons at Roxy's, a business meeting took place which included discussion of a Christmas party at Madison with Mary Seymour, our newest member, as hostess. Members attending were: Justine Luebke, Isabel Kress, Deedo Heise, Genevieve Sharp, Dora Fritzke of Milwaukee, Avis Peterson, Sauk City, Irene Moore, Delavan, Mary Seymour, Madison, Bernie Voelker, Sun Prairie and Elsie Peters of Milwaukee. Guests included Jeanette Herling, Ann Ferris, Madalyn Frostad, Theresa Disney and daughter, Judy.

The Cathay House in Madison, Wisconsin, was the festive setting for the Wisconsin Chapter of 99s Christmas party. Mary Seymour was the charming hostess and arranged that everyone received a Christmas gift in exchange. Members, 49½s, guests and friends attending were: Ethel Christianson and 49½, Don, from Madison, Isabel Myrland and 49½, Col. E. H., of Montello, Avis Peterson and 49½, Clarence, of Sauk City, Irene Moore of Delavan, Bernie Voelker, Sun Prairie, Dora Fritzke, Genevieve Sharp and Elaine Francke of Milwaukee, Hostess Mary Seymour of

Madison and Charles Stubly of Black Earth.

Everyone of the Wisconsin Chapter wishes all the other members a New Year filled with many enjoyable flying hours!

(Miss) Bernie Voelker.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Our December meeting was held the first evening of the month at the Hotel Rogers in Bloomington, Illinois, with Helen Greinke as hostess. Six members and several guests were in time for dinner. Dora Dougherty and Leah Warren flew over together so that Leah could get in some night flying experience.

A Christmas card from Mary Hendrix, Mattoon, states that she is moving into the new house she and her husband have been building.

Florence Musser, who had surgery in the fall, is improving, and we will be so glad when she can join us at meetings again.

Our next meeting will be with Betty Le Compte, Champaign, and our program emphasis will be on Civil Defense. The date is set for January 9, in the evening. If any of you friends happen to be near, we'd be glad for you to stop in and get acquainted with the girls in our chapter.

Dora Dougherty and her mother are spending their Christmas vacation in New York visiting her two brothers who work in Syracuse and N. Y. City.

Rose J. Andrew,

ALL - OHIO CHAPTER **By Betty Wertz**

The November meeting was held in Mansfield with hostesses, Jean Bonar, Marjorie Gorman and Betty Wertz. The weather was flyable so had very good attendance. There were twelve members, four prospective, and four guests.

The December Christmas meeting was held in Boardman (Youngstown Southern Airways) with Jody Scott, hostess. We had our Christmas party in Jody's lovely home then to the China Lane Restaurant for lunch. Jim Wilcox was the only fly-in and he arrived about 0100. Martha had arrived previously by car. There was very good attendance considering that everyone had to drive. It is a long ways from Mansfield to Youngstown but our Chairman, Joan Bonar made it, even with her dislike of ground travel.

Many thanks to Jody for her successful party and luncheon.

Congratulations to Virginia Schumacher for winning the Rotating Achievement Award Trophy for the 1955-56 year. Virginia, Ruth Guenther and Helen Wiedwald are working for their Instrument ratings. Helen

Venskus is working for her Senior Control Tower Operator.

We have had many travelers in our midst these winter months: Marilyn Collette and Virginia Schumacher attended the Middle-East Sectional in Washington, D. C., extending them an invitation to hold their Spring Sectional with the All Ohio Group in Akron in April. . . . Bette Ingwer and 49½er and their daughters flew down Texas way for the Thanksgiving holidays. — The Wiedwalds and their three boys are to spend some time in Florida. — John Hrubec and Edith Maxim attended a 99 meeting (St. Louis Chapter) in Columbia, Missouri, at Stephens College, Joan's Alma Mater.

INDIANA CHAPTER By Jane Ackors

The December meeting of the Indiana Ninety-Nines was held on December 8 at Linders-on-the-Point, Anderson, in the form of the annual Christmas party. Twenty-five Ninety-Nines, 49½ers and guests were present for a truly marvelous dinner, followed by a gift exchange. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson (Mrs. Jackson soon to become a 99), Mr. Jack Hancock, brother of our chairman, Tannie Schlundt and Mr. Orville Ewing. We were happy to have with us also Charlotte Folland's mother, Mrs. Darlington, and Charlotte's small son, John. Also present was our newest 49½er, Fred Warner.

Fern Rinker reported a very pleasant trip to Canada; Miriam Shirley and Virginia Maggart, the lucky things, are off on a trip to Hawaii, and Rachel Meranda had a dream vacation in New York where she took her niece to see her off for Paris for a year's stay. While in New York, Rachel saw several plays and TV broadcasts, the plays being "My Fair Lady," (how lucky can you get?), "Fanny," and all the popular TV shows.

The rest of us were more or less stay-at-homes during the holidays, either greeting returning relatives or having family get-togethers, or in the case of Ruth Warner, welcoming a brand new grand-child. Congratulations, Ruth.

The January meeting will be in Muncie on the regular meeting day.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER By Dorothy Vachout

On Dec. 8th, we held our Christmas party at Linn Burton's Steak House. In spite of very poor driving conditions, a large number of members and their guests attended the affair. A luscious steak dinner was served

by Burton's, and wonderful entertainment was served by Sylvia Roth and Lois Cassidy. Sylvia played the piano while we all sang Christmas carols and other songs.

She also accompanied Lois, who plays a really "hot" trumpet! Bob Pettigrew, of Du Page Co. Airport, told of one of his experiences in bad flying weather. Donna Giles related her experience in flying a Mooney Mite. Some of Burton's entertainers also helped make the evening a pleasant one. It was a wonderful "kick off" for a happy holiday season.

From our "Ambitious Gals" dept.: Sylvia Roth has obtained her multi-engine rating in a Piper Apache. Congratulations, Syl!

Harriet Magee is having a lot of excitement these days. Last month, one of the hangars at B & M Aircraft (her Co.) at Elmhurst Airport burned down; this month she is expecting a new baby; and B & M is moving to Elgin Airport on Jan. 1st.

The members of the Chicago Area Chapter want to take this opportunity to wish all the 99's a very Happy New Year and good flying in 1957.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER By Elsie Ferich

The snow flakes were dropping quietly as we arrived at Sammy McKay's home for the 99 Christmas party with our 49½'s as guests. Such a warm welcome greeted us when we stepped up to the door. Well, it just made one feel good deep down inside.

With the glow from the Christmas tree and candles, you just expected old Santa Claus to appear any minute. I must admit I caught my breath a bit when I heard the jingle, jingle of bells, and Ho! Ho! Ho! I whirled around to see our Mary Clark shaking a corner of her gay red skirt. It was decked out in Santa's miniature bells.

She called us girls together for a brisk business meeting. The attendance was excellent, driving weather and all. Jeanette Sovereign came around collecting dimes from everybody that drove. It was one hundred per cent!

Bernice Trimble outlined our meetings for the next year. She announced the Michigan and Ohio Chapters would combine a meeting in the spring. That promises to be fun, since we are such good next-door neighbors.

Janey Hart of Lansing, will be the Chairman for the 1957 S.M.A.L.L. RACE. The race will be held in September. Make a note of this, and we will pass on more information later.

After the business meeting adjourned, I caught hold of Babe Ruth and her husband to ask about the deer

hunting. No buck, but lots of fun. Well, better luck next time.

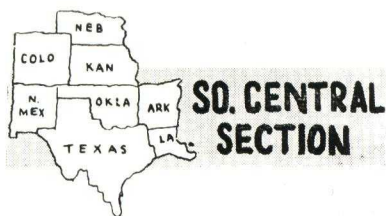
A sumptuous buffet of ham and turkey and all the added attractions was served. I chatted with Betty Crook as we made our way around the laden table. She and her husband, Dr. John Crook, had driven from Detroit to the party. The dinner was just as delectable as it looked under the glow of the crystal chandeliers. Sammy had cleverly arranged the tables in the living room in the glow of the Christmas tree. Each table held a giant red tree-like candle surrounded by glistening snow balls, and little angels. Christmas was truly in the air!

MINNESOTA By Marietta Sonnenberg

The Minnesota girls enjoyed another of Jeanne Scheifley's tasty brunches and friendly hospitality at their November meeting in Rochester. Present were new chairman Jane White, Audrey Baird and her husband, LaRoy, and two sons, Marion Radke, Marilyn Henderson, Margaret Manual and her children and mother, Rita Zbylicki, Betty Clements and her mother, Shirley Iverson, Marietta Sonnenberg, the Scheifleys and their guests. The annual Christmas party was set for Dec. 15 at popular Charlie's Cafe in Minneapolis, and instead of exchanging gifts we decided to bring presents for needy children. Our guest speaker will be Phil Janes, aviation safety director of the Minneapolis CAA, and hostess will be Florence Scriver.

Shirley, Jane and Jeanne made us all envious with their talk of possibly entering the 1957 ATWAR. Jeanne and Jane, who had such fun in the 1955 race, showed us the scrapbook of accounts and pictures of their experience. . . . Jane introduced an innovation . . . a large portable bulletin board on which she had tacked announcements, pictures, pamphlets, etc., for members to view and study. Included were the booklets put out by the National Aviation Education Council for use in schools. We discussed purchasing sets for some Minnesota schools.

Announcement was made that the 99s will now be added to the University of Minnesota state organization list. . . . Hostesses for the 1957 meetings were assigned, with September set aside to participate in the Minneapolis Jaycees annual Air Fair. Jane suggested the summer meetings all be fly-in's at various airports around the state. . . . Plans are being made to take orders on stationery to be printed with the 99 monogram for Minnesota members.



OKLAHOMA CHAPTER By Dorothy K. Morgan

The annual Christmas party was held December 15 at the cabin of Ida Carter on Lake Hiwassee. A delicious dinner was served consisting of a beautiful ham, baked and decorated by Beth Smith, baked beans, etc. While a number of members were unable to attend, those who did apparently enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent. We say "apparently" because it looked like the party might develop into a house party before the participants departed! Various games were played—bingo for one—but we never found out who won. Those present were Rita and Leonard Eaves, Ida Carter, Ruth Jones, Elizabeth Sewell, Emily Frost, Beth and Cyril Smith, Nema and Mace Masonhall, Dorothy Morgan, Broneta Davis and Clay Boyd.

We extend our sympathy to Marie and Brewer Hall on the loss of their father shortly before Christmas.

The holidays were especially pleasant for Beth, Velma and Dorothy, as they were fortunate in having their children home for a short time, and for Mary Francis, whose husband, Ingram Jones, was home from Caracas, Venezuela.

Velma Woodward flew to Chicago for a week earlier in the month to visit her son, Neil Jr., who is intern-ing at Cook County Hospital. She reported weather fine going up but a little different for the return trip. Ruth Jones and Ida Carter visited in Tulsa for several days, taking advantage of the resort weather we have had.

The next meeting is to be at Beth Smith's home on January 19 in the evening. The program promises to be interesting — Grace Stevenson has agreed to show some of the pictures she took on her trip to England last summer.

KANSAS CHAPTER By Lois Dobbin

November meeting held at Hill City at home of Marie Engleman, in heart of pheasant season. Those enjoying Marie's hospitality overnight were Helen and Buddy Chandler and Lois Dobbin from Wichita, Marge and Chuck Paris from Atchison, Lucile Dienst, Anne Waddell, Nina and Art Montgomery flew in early Sunday for breakfast. "Unexpected" weather

moved in fast to send us scurrying home early, and for some it just wasn't quite early enough.

Nina Montgomery of Hays, Kan., is a new member to the Kansas Chapter. Nina flies a Cessna 172 and helps her husband manage the Hays Municipal Airport.

Kansas Chapter hosted a "social hour" for the National Flying Farmer meeting in December in Wichita. Ninety-Nines and prospective members were there, and we enjoyed having them visit us.

Link demonstration at Vi-Air in Wichita gave members of Kansas Chapter a chance to fly the Link. Whether luck or skill, the gals gave a good account in the Link, and surprised some ol' time pilots. After the Link, a Christmas party was held at home of Dorothy Speer, where we enjoyed a "covered dish" dinner. December meeting was held at breakfast at the Broadview Hotel.

Total of 27 airmarkers have been painted for 1956. Seven were painted in November, complete with red flannels. Lucile Dienst, Phila Knitig and Marie Engleman met to do St. Francis, Bird City and Gem. Lucile and hubby Ray RON'd at Philas and painted Gove and Modoc enroute home. Julie Snowhill and Dorothy Speer and 49½ers painted Howard, and Anne Waddell and her Wing Scouts painted Dighton.

CORPUS CHRISTI UNIT By Elaine Needham

Sidney Smalldridge and Ardatts McCreery in a 140 from the valley; Marian Burke in a Tri-Pacer from San Antonio; and Ama Lee Jameson in an Ercoupe from Bracketville B-lined it for Corpus where they were escorted by old fashioned transportation (car) to the beautiful new home of Pauline Glassen for our annual Ninety-Nine birthday party.

Here they were greeted by hostess Pauline and Elaine Gault, Merle Dunnam and me.

On the white linen tablecloth stood four blue candles—symbol of the age of our unit and surrounding these were an array of white asters completing the theme of blue and white—colors of the Ninety-Nines.

Before sitting down to a wonderful meal including "Goop," as Pauline so aptly named her casserole concoction—its contents I have yet to figure out—we spent a wonderful evening discussing our various Ninety-Nine projects and many other things related to aviation.

Now that we are four years old we feel really grown-up and are anxious to make our unit even more meaning-

ful—a really dynamic organization of workers ever ready to serve.

Next morning we raced to the airport to bid our out-of-town guests farewell and to see them safely in the air.

Recently we have completed six new airmarkers and by the time this is printed we will have done five more which will mark the completion of all possible markers in this south Texas area. Now, we will begin to work up around the Austin area.

Ama Lee Jameson, bless her bones, has helped so much by lining up rooftops for airmarking. She also helped paint on our last trip.

Related to airmarking is our annual Christmas projects which help to bring in money for paint and other necessities for airmarking. This year we painted unusual ceramic ashtrays and also sold bar-b-que mitts of very original design.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER By Helen Moore

A delicious holiday dinner was served by our host and hostess, Earl and Pauline Hawks at the Hawk's ranch on December 9. The food was out of this world, and the convenience of having your own private airport a stone's throw from your front door is cause for envy.

Those flying in were Helen and Ida Moore of Beatrice, Betty King and family of Essex, Iowa, Gertrude Howard and Barbara Anspaugh of Lincoln, Helen and Roy Simmons of Abilene, Kan., and our chairman Jan Munkres of Weeping Water. Belle Hetzell and Helen Nestle drove in from Omaha.

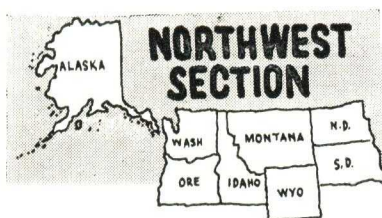
After dinner a pleasant business and social time was enjoyed by the adults while the children explored the outdoors.

Gertrude Howard announced her plans to leave for Texas soon to join her husband. Sorry to lose you, Gert, but lots of happiness at your new location.

EL PASO UNIT By Dodie Hurt Powers

We have had a lovely meeting this month and with each of our members bringing a guest there was a good sized group. So many nice people, we all hope they will hurry up with their licenses so they can be a part of us.

There was little business and most of the time was spent being sociable. We did have a report on the trip to Albuquerque earlier in the month where Ruth Deerman installed their officers and Ruby Hays, Lois Hailey and Charlie Deerman helped them celebrate their first birthday party. They had a wonderful time and from what I gather Charlie is becoming a first class navigator. How about that!



ALASKA CHAPTER By Lorraine Eriksson

Our meeting of December 5 was held at the home of Doll Booth. There was a minority of members present due to the "weather" which goes to prove you don't have to fly to be weathered-in!

Lois Wise, Pat Gilda, Helen Stoddard, Marion Zaegel, Pat McGee, Doll and myself were present. Marion sent for one of the films covering the ATWAR and we found it very interesting, even thought it was the 1952 race instead of 1956. Mabel Ritchie of Anchorage was also present at our last meeting and we hope she will decide to become a regular member.

There isn't too much flying going on this time of the year, other than that of necessity, but by March, when the sun decides to remain out a little longer—then the flying bug strikes. As our member, Carol Gillespie, who is an instructor for one of the local flying services states, "I'll take on any student who has a heater in the plane." It can get a little drafty up there at times, especially in some of these "puddle-jumpers" flown in Alaska.

We are still endeavoring to get a float going in the 1957 Fur Rendezvous and that for the time being is our main topic of conversation. Our next meeting will be held at the home of Marion Zaegel. We are all looking forward to seeing her new log home . . . which we understand took quite a bit of "elbow grease" on the part of Marion and her 49½er.

The Alaska Chapter sends their best wishes to all during the holidays.

MONTANA CHAPTER By Vivienne Schrank

HOLIDAY 99 NOTES: Inza Riedesel had all her family home for the holidays. Even 49½er's mother come from Minnesota. And Inza and 49½er, Russ, plan to head south in January—by car. "Horrows!" comments Inza. Also, Inza wrote to prospective 99, Ruth Haggerty of Bozeman who soloed two months ago. Keep flying—get private license and be a "99", Ruth!

Ernie Gore and 49½er, Al, headed for Phoenix right after Christmas for a month or so. See you in the spring!

Pud Lovelace and 49½er, Jack, had their son home for Christmas from Frisco. Pud flew a friend lately in their Cessna 170 to connect with West-

ern Airlines. It was friends first light plane ride and thoroughly enjoyed.

Marge Rolle hit the jackpot lately—having her picture in the Billings Gazette twice—same issue. Once as captain of CAP and her crew—13 girl cadets and the other with the newly elected 99 officers: Dorothy Sabo, chairman, and Norma Wingfield, secretary. Marge is vice chairman. Poor Pud Lovelace, treasurer, was home with a cold.

Mary Jo Janey of Glendive flew an English girl and two other ladies to Poplar to visit and tour the Indian Agency there. It was the English girls first light plane ride with a lady pilot and she said no one that's she's ever heard of in England flies her own plane. She was very astonished. Wanted to attend a 99 meeting but with 30 degrees below zero weather in eastern Montana for the Dec. 8—99 meeting—many 99's couldn't attend. In fact only six attended the meeting in Billings at Audrey Jordan's lovely home.

Chairman Dorothy Sabo and her 49½er, doctor, had their grown up children home for Christmas—all three of them—two guys and a gal. Dorothy flew her Bonanza to Billings Dec. 8—99 meeting with 13 degree below take-off weather. However, at 1000 feet up she says the temperature changed to 25 degrees above zero or 38 degrees difference.



LOS ANGELES CHAPTER By Marijane Brown

Our annual Stardust Banquet was an outstanding success, due principally to the planning and energy of President Christie Warren. A bouquet also to "Lee" Morrow, chairman of the decorations committee, and her helpers. Countess Lilly Coudenrove-Calergi and Jon Hall were guests of honor. We were happy to have Paulette D'Avril Frontenac with us. She had a wonderful time, and wants everyone to know how much she appreciates the phone calls and letters. After the party Christie took her home, and Paulette walked from the car to the door under her own power. Congratulations, Paulette, we are rooting for you!

The November meeting convened at the home of Mary Kitson. Mary's mother had passed on just a short time before, but Mary did not wish to cancel the meeting. She was wonderful! No wonder we all love her.

Mary Kitson is chairman of our philanthropic committee, and collected toys, clothing, soaps, etc., which the girls donated for the children of the "Exceptional Children's Opportunity School" (a school for youngsters who

are physically and mentally handicapped, which is conducted by Juanita Macklin). Our chapter donated twenty-five dollars toward the maintenance of this school.

Another interesting item about Mary Kitson—she is wearing a beautiful emerald-cut diamond on her left hand. We are expecting a June wedding.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER By Dorothy Banzhaf

Two outstanding accomplishments in the aviation field, to promote aviation have been added to our belts this years end:

1. Airport runway marker paint promoted for the Ukiah Municipal Airport by representation of this writer as a Ninety-Nine at the joint meeting Nov. 20, of the Airport Commission and the City Council.

2. Formation of the Ukiah Civil Air Patrol Squadron, activated in Nev. Accredited to the Redwood Empire Ninety-Nines.

Shirley Blocher and her 49½er, Nellie Palmer, Pat Stouffer, Anna Brenner for a brief period, and this writer held the Nov. meeting at the Santa Rosa County Airport. This writer left the meeting to pick up Bob Banzhaf, 49½er, at Hamilton AFB in the Bellanca Cruisemaster. The occasion: Air Rescue Service—CAP mission commander training program. Instruction by the 4th Air Rescue Group, 41st AR Squadron at Hamilton AFB. The Ukiah nucleus of CAP Squadron were introduced to Aviation Writer and Capt. Lindy Loyes of CAP Wing Hdqtrs. Nov. 19 at Presidio, San Francisco.

Our chapter awaiting fair weather to paint Ukiah Municipal Airport runway marking. Letters to Sacramento and Bay Cities chapters pleading for help will be mailed at that time, chairman of the airport commission, Art Schilder, signing the plea.

TUCSON CHAPTER By Dorothy R. Jenkins

This group has been really busy these days. There's not a great deal to list as real accomplishments, but considering that we've been semi-dormant for a while (all except Bea Egerly, who is our regular entrant in AWTAR), we've been getting going—and not too badly for so small a group.

We appreciated so much the invitation of the Saguaro Chapter to fly-in at Litchfield Park Naval Air facility, which we did almost 100 percent. We enjoyed the afternoon, and are now in the process of planning to return the hospitality.

Doris Choiniere is rapidly accumulating hours toward her commercial, though slowed up slightly lately by the illness of her son. We sure hope for his rapid recovery.

We have two new prospectives, Gerry Tucker and Rosemary Reynolds

whom we hope to have join us soon. The rest of us are just plodding just now, but planning more activity a little later.

We had hoped to entertain Lois Bartling and her 49½er, Harry, this month, but the visit was cancelled due to press of work in Mr. Bartling's company. It was a disappointment, but they promise to make the trip later.

Meanwhile, plans go through for Christmas! Dosen't seem possible it's so soon. It is, though, so Merry Christmas to all, and see you in January.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Lindy Boyes

Diverse activities of members make for interesting meetings. But, of course, the Big News is the 11th AWTAR which we will play hostess to at the start, San Carlos, for the second time.

Race participants this year will remember the almost too-brand-new hotel, the Villa, which was headquarters for the start. The Villa will repeat the role in '57 with the added advantage of a year's settling . . . with the swimming pool in use and the pre-race banquet in the hotel. Room rates will be the same as this year . . . in the \$10-\$15 per day, single and double, bracket.

News of members includes . . . Helen Kelton now working at Ames Laboratory of the NACA at Moffett Naval Air Station in the Electronic Mechanical Calculators branch. She's working on one of her co-workers, a female type pilot, of course, to join the 99s . . . Laura Hale is back in San Francisco after a long absence (in Los Angeles) and made her first re-appearance at our last meeting at the home of Dorothy Whiteman in Alameda.

Margaret Topping is still building time toward her commercial ticket and recently flew to Salt Lake City in a Cessna 170 on her first mountain flying expedition. Margaret has also added a Seaplane rating to her license. In her "spare" time she's a nurse, RN type . . . Our other Margaret, Margaret Gerhardt, has the distinction of having her place of business, a machine shop near the wholesale produce district of San Francisco, part of a TV scenario in a Jack Webb type production by the San Francisco Police Dept., "Line Up." The program was televised during the last chapter meeting with the members lined up in the Whiteman's living room to view the drama.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jeanne Strahl

November meeting was held in Virginia Hall's lovely home in LaCanada. Highlight of the evening was a re-

counting of the All-Texas Air Tour in which Nina Stoehr participated. Nina flew her Navion, which, by the way, is called Stoehr (pronounced stair) Way to the Sky, on the tour. Apparently Texas, known for its hospitality, put its best field forward in order to have a terrific turnout and from all appearances again this year it was a success.

Two prospective members were present at our November meeting. Barbara Baldwin, who shares a Luscomb with her hubbie, and Penny Swope, who gads about in her Piper Clipper.

Babe Story, one of our most active and interesting members, plans racing her T-Bird (Thunderbird—not T-33) at Willow Springs near Lancaster. No one could ever call Babe pessimistic but she says she plans to be out of the hospital in time for our Christmas dinner meeting.

Shirley Robinson extended a personal invitation to the chapter to be present at the Lockheed Pilot's Club meeting on Tuesday, 10 November. All 99's would be the guests of the club on this occasion.

The San Fernando Valley Chapter will hold their annual Christmas get-together in the Sky Room at Lockheed Air Terminal. Chris Smith, a test pilot at Hughes Aircraft Company, will be the guest speaker.

SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Marjy Crowl

At our November business meeting held at Wilma Bland's we elected to adopt the same family for our Christmas project that we have had the past two years. We also elected to assess each member \$1.00 per year for postage, stationery, office supplies, etc.

Jimmye Lou Shelton and 49½er, Frank, had a wonderful trip back to Piper's convention in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. They returned in an Apache by way of St. Louis, where they attended the NATA convention. Jimmye Lou was especially impressed by hospitality of Loretta Slavick of St. Louis and marvelous speech on man's views of a Fixed Based Operator by Betty McNabb, 99 member from Albany, Georgia. Tony Page, a 99 member from Fort Worth and more than slightly known in aviation, rode out from St. Louis with them until weathered in, then continued via airlines.

Our November Flight was a brunch at the El Chorro Restaurant, with transportation furnished from Casa Blanca Strip. Hostess Mary McNeil had twelve reservations including herself, Melba Beard, Wilma Bland, Juanita Newell and 49½, Elgin, Alice Roberts, and Marjy Crowl and son, Chris. Due to a bad headache that morning Jimmye Lou and family were unable to attend.

UTAH CHAPTER By June Raybould

The past year has been a busy one for most of the membership in our chapter and in particular those who fortunate enough to participate in some of the many races and aviation events. Doris Eacret added her name to 99s who have experienced the thrill of their first jet ride when she flew a T-33 and also was chosen senior CAP escort for a marvelous trip to Alaska. Another laurel was added when she was elected as a sectional officer. Jane Davis Andreason has been working hard during both summer and winter to steer a group of Wing Girl Scouts through their course. Alberta Hunt filled in by taking over the term of chapter chairman when Zada Arentz left and did a big job on handling fall sectional plans. In between she was in the 1956 TAR with another chapter member, June Kaiser. Eunice Naylor, always ready with a willing hand, has spent another busy year with her CAP work (colonel, no less), 99 work and air education in connection with the city school system. Space doesn't permit listing all our other hard-working and active members but this has been a year we all can look back on with a certain amount of pride.

Welcome to new member Beth Goodsell. Beth has had her private plane for quite a few years but until this year just didn't get time to come to many meetings. We feel very happy that we finally enrolled her and know she will be an excellent addition. Beth comes from a definitely aviation-minded family with a husband who is a pilot and also a AF civilian employee, and a son and daughter who show signs of becoming good future pilot material.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER By Martha Lundy

We are pleased and happy to welcome our chairman, Solange D'Hooghe, back from a six months tour of Europe with her father and small son, Joseph. She says she wore her winter coat out last summer.

We are also pleased and happy to announce the acquisition of a new member, Honey Von Goerken. Honey received her license last February, and became the mother of a beautiful daughter in June. The inspector didn't know. Honey's husband, Charles, is a newspaper reporter here.

In October we enjoyed a Hallowe'en party at Dorothy's Lazy 88 Ranch in Pahump Valley, heart of Nevada's cotton industry. Dorothy and her mother-in-law, Myrtle Dorothy, prepared a buffet supper for us as only they can. Wonderful time!

At another meeting we had as guests, Col. Turnbull and Lt. Youatt,

who presented a Ground Observer Corps film, which is, as yet, not fully manned. Anyone for 2 to 4 A.M.???? The response at the meeting was not what we had hoped it would be.

Thanks to our Adopted Sisters, our treasury is some \$70.00 richer by virtue of a buffet supper planned, prepared and served by them at Sky Haven airport. We are indeed lucky to have such wonderful support as we get from these girls. They add a great deal to our good times, as well as being always willing and helpful.

Our next meeting will be November 27th at the home of Martha Lundy, at which time plans will be made for our Christmas Party on December 8th. Any 99 in the vicinity is invited; and at loooooooooong last I have a phone, Du 4 - 1014. Meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Call me any time; you are all MOST welcome!

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Edna E. Penners

Calendar of Chapter meetings:
January 18, 7:30 P.M. Amy Chang-nons-4030 Alameda Drive, San Diego.
February 15, 7:30 P.M. Donna Davis-752 Hillview Road, El Cajon.

Our gay Christmas party was held at Aileen Saunders home, it was a true pot luck dinner, all the dishes were different, and with twenty members present it was quite varied, and delicious. Helen Dick played Santa for the exchange of gifts. We were happy to have Mickey Young with us after a long absence. Later with lots of laughs and fun a white elephants sale was held, netting our treasury \$50.06.

We are happy to report Jean Cousins is recovering nicely from her very serious auto accident last month and her pretty face was not injured permanently.

Betty Gillies and her family are spending the holidays in Germany where her son is stationed.

Ruby Potter passed her state exam and now is licensed to sell real estate.

We held a Trash, Trinkets and Treasures rummage sale in December and cleared \$90.40. It is an easy way to build treasury.

Keep March 17 open for our annual Aerial Picture Hunt, more information about it in the next issue.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

B/J Ruth Gay

John and Betty Loufek's lovely new home in Garden Grove was the setting for the Long Beach Christmas party. And what a party it was! About thirty members and guests ate turkey and ham, salads and pies and all the other trimmings that go with a feast. We all toured the house, and gazed out into the huge yard encircled by a tall fence, and fancied we could already see the swimming pool and patio in the middle, the children's play yard at one end, and trees and a private patio at the other. We all sat around and visited (we had eaten too much to dance I think) till the clocks indicated we just had to go home. Chairman Donna's 49½er, Al, took colored pictures, and black and white too. He does a professional job, and we look forward to some wonderful record shots.

Long Beach is planning to sponsor a Safety Clinic again this spring. This will be our main business next month when we meet in the Community Room over Belmont Shore Bank. We expect to have it in March at the Orange County Airport.

***The Ninety-Nines* INC.**

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

P. O. BOX 1444 — OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

WILL ROGERS FIELD

News Letter

FIRST CLASS MAIL.

Wynema Masonhall, Editor

Minco, Oklahoma