

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

News Letter

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AIR TERMINAL BUILDING — WILL ROGERS FIELD

President's Column

February, 1957

January, February and March have a way of doleing out the good flying days as if there was no hope, but "CHEER UP," our dependable Ninety-Nines have some very nice Flying Vacations and Training Missions in the forms of races planned for you. Events for all types of aircraft and something for each pilot. The 99er, we are so proud of, says she wants to win the TAR three years in a row, well, she has two and 1957 could be her third win. Francis Bera, we all wish you the best. I wonder who will be our most skillful girl pilot to win the IAR and the Skylady Derby in 1957. All three races will be lots of fun, even if you don't win. Let's all plan to enter at least one race in 1957—an excellent way to keep up your flying proficiency.

Will the Texas Chapter please forgive me? You gave us an Air Conditioner, refrigerated style, the biggest gift donated. The paper work went to HQ without crossing my desk and I slipped up when I listed the donations for HQ in the last New Letter. However, I did thank them in a News Letter last summer. Please accept my apologies. I would like to thank the Montana Chapter for the \$10.00 received toward our HQ donation list. We appreciate all donations and hope to have HQ real attractive some day soon.

Our excellent chapter reporters are really sending in material for the NL and we appreciate your doing so, but in order to stay within this year's BUDGET, our NL will have to stay within eight pages. Keep sending in your reports, but make your reports more concise and to the point. Maybe next year we can have more allowed for this fast growing paper. Our NL has great possibilities, let's let it grow.

I had the pleasure of being guest speaker for the Fort Hood Officer's Wives Club, 245 interesting and charming ladies. My subject was Women in Flying, also, Polio and the Salk Vaccine. Many were interested in learning to fly and I just received a letter saying they are planning a new Flying Club. More 99s, I hope.

We want more pictures and news

stories from our members outside the USA; what they do, when they started to fly and what they fly. We enjoy hearing from you and hope some day to meet you. Won't you please send us a story. Thanks.

Congratulations are in order for Barbara Kiernan for having received her "copter" rating in December. This week Barbara was in Dallas picking up her new Bonanza and also attended the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

All polio patients as well as the doctors and nurses are enjoying Kenny Fredrick's nice collection of mail and pictures. Thanks, girls, for your good deeds, I only wish you could see the pleasure it is giving him. Each picture and letter is his most treasured possession.

It was nice to receive the greetings from the Australia Women Pilots, you sound like an active group. It would make us very happy to have a 99 Chapter in your wonderful country and best wishes to you from all Ninety-Nines.

Some one once said it is a good plan to allow your heart to remain a little softer than your head.

Sincerely yours,

Edna Gardner Whyte

Skylady Derby Race

This is the first women pilot's training mission in 1957. It is an Efficiency Cruise Race for light stock-model aircraft of less than 300 hp; the winners will be determined on the basis of fuel consumption and speed with relation to the manufacturer's claimed performance for each type of aircraft. By this method, the most skillful pilot has an opportunity to win regardless of the size and horse-power of the airplane.

Course: Mineral Wells, Texas; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Joplin, Missouri; Wichita, Kansas, a total of 555 miles in the great Midwest.

For more information, contact your local Women's National Aeronautical Association, the sponsor of this nice little race, or write Entry Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Nickell, 904 Nickell Road, Topeka, Kansas.

FEBRUARY, 1957

IMPORTANT REMINDER

From The Nominating Committee

Be sure to get your Chapter's suggestions for 1957-58 Nominees for International Officers to me **post-marked not later than March 15, 1957**. Candidates must be active members, qualified for the office, and must indicate their willingness **in writing** to be a candidate, and serve in the office if elected. Their acceptances and a brief sketch (not over 40 words) of their Ninety-Nines and aviation history must accompany your submission of their names to the Nominating Committee.

Nominations are requested for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and one nominee for the 1958 Nominating Committee **from your Section!**

Alice H. Hammond, Chairman
Nominating Committee,
Ninety-Nines
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Washington, D. C. Site For NAEC Conference

National Aviation Education Council Conference to be held in Washington, D. C., 7th and 8th of March at the Mayflower Hotel. As many as possible please accept a very cordial invitation to attend. I am sure it will be very informative giving you the knowledge of how we all may help to do a great deal of good in the Air Age Education Program. It would be well if the 99's would see fit to sponsor membership for the NAEC books and supplies for each library in her community. They are only \$5.00 a year for its world of Air Age Education which some of our schools are following. This is one of the best and least expensive ways we can promote and advance Aviation. For more information write: Arlene Davis, Public Relations Director, National Aviation Education Council, 1025 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington 6, D. C. I feel that we who hold pilots license that we enjoy so very much should find a way each of us can help to pass this knowledge on to the next generation. This Aviation Education Curriculum or Library Service is the best.

Edna Gardner Whyte

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Deadline For News

The First Of Each Month

Coming Events

- 3 March Southeast Sectional Meeting, Charleston, S. C.
- 13-14 April South Central Sectional Meeting, Abilene, Texas. Write Mrs. Marion Lip-Pott, 1365 Amarillo, Abilene, Texas.
- 26-28 April North Central and Middle East Joint Sectional Meeting, Akron, Ohio. Write Mrs. Edythe Maxim, 95 East Highland Road, Berea, Ohio.
- 23 May The Sky Lady Derby Efficiency Race, Mineral Wells, Texas to Wichita, Kansas. Must stop at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Joplin Municipal Airport, Joplin, Missouri. This is a friendly well-run little race. For information and entry forms, write Mrs. Ruth Nickell, 904 Nikell Road, Topeka, Kansas.
- 14-15 June The Ninety-Nines Annual Convention, McAllen, Texas. Big plans on the Mexican Border for this 1957 Convention. Let's all make plans to go.
- 29 June AOPA New York, Bermuda, Nassau and New York. SS Monarch chartered for the cruise. Minimum all expense fare, \$175 for 8 days. Contact AOPA for reservations.

13-23 June The International Air Race leaving McAllen, Texas for Cuba, June 17, has been approved by the Contest and Executive Committee. The IAR plans sounds like a wonderful flying vacation loaded with lots of fun. More later.

3 June to 11 July All Women's Transcontinental Air Race, San Mateo, California to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Write AWTAR Headquarters, 2611 East Spring St., Long Beach, California. Please enclose 25c to defray cost of mailing.

4 October **Note Change of Dates** — The Michigan SMALL Race joins Paul Bunyon Festival in Traverse City, Michigan this year for lots of tall stories and fun.

NOW Send in your Spring Section Dates, so everyone will know about your meeting, as some of us may be in your area.

March 20 Deadline For Amelia Earhart Scholarship Entries

Applications for the 1957 AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP must be in the mail on or before March 20! An application form has been mailed to each Chapter Chairman listed in the new roster, to be available to you at your February or March meeting if you are qualified to apply for the 1957 Scholarship Award of \$300 to further your career in some field of aeronautics. Or, you may send your request for an application form to

Jeannette L. Sovereign
Chairman, Board of Trustees
2136 Center Ave., Bay City, Mich.

You must plan on sufficient time to fill out the application and have it notarized. Inclose a suitable picture of yourself alone and you may also inclose one letter of recommendation (one page only).

NEW MEMBERS should be the resolution of each 99 Chapter. To progress, every chapter needs new blood — so get a transfusion by rounding up new members for 1957! They are to be had, you know, but it takes a little looking effort on YOUR part. Make it your personal goal to sign up a new Ninety-Nine. Women who fly are interesting people — both you and your chapter will benefit. So get your radar tuned in to the airport circuit, and let's start monitoring for NEW MEMBERSHIPS!

Lois Dobbin
International Membership
Chairman

Pilots Briefing

With your new roster and pen in hand, please make these following additions: Add Ester B. Gardiner to the Contest Committee; Cora McDonald and Ruth Shimon to the Amelia Earhart Trusteeship Committee. These names were on the original list, what happened to them I will never know. (My apologies, girls, I goofed—Your Editor.)

Each month the new 99 members are listed in your News Letter, pick out the girls from your area so your list will be complete. We are getting many requests for extra copies of the NL, since we only print enough for the membership, it is very difficult to comply.

There still seems to be a misunderstanding in the Membership Fees. New Membership — \$10.00 plus \$5.00 initiation; Renewal before October 31—\$10.00, one day or more after the deadline—\$10.00 plus \$3.00 for reinstatement.

We will need a stenotypist for the 99 Convention at McAllen, Texas, June 14-15, 1957. The job requires a full record of the Convention in triplicate. Any member interested, please send me a letter, stating your experience, qualifications and salary requirements prior to the 1st of April, 1957. If no member is interested, the position will be turned over to the 1957 Convention Chairman to fill.

The Standard Operating Procedure or better known as the SOP booklet for our organization has been completed and mailed to each Governor, Chapter Chairman and Committee Chairman, as well as each Member of the Executive Board. Please keep them in the files of the office you hold for our organization. Refer to them when you are in doubt as to the duties of your office, this in turn will make Ninety-Nines, Inc. a more efficient running organization.

March 20 is the deadline for your proposed amendments to be in the hands of the Resolutions Committee.

Don't be afraid of the day you have never seen.

Man your airplanes.

Additions and Changes For Your Roster

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Executive Board Activities

Committee work in the discussion stage is confidential but when a decision has been made, it is the business of the entire membership, so here it is in short form.

Memo 7 Salary and work contract for Headquarters — Disapproved.

Memo 8 The mailing of the New Channel Wing pictures and material which is educational to the membership — Disapproved.

Memo 9 Supporting the NAEC and mailing literature to the Membership from our office — Approved.

Memo 10 Paying \$322.72 for an Addressograph Machine for HQ — Approved.

Memo 11 Paying \$61.71 for new 1957 stationery — Approved.

Memo 12 June 14-15, dates for the 1957 99 Convention — Approved.

Memo 13 Appoint Committee to work on the new 99 Brochure — Approved.

Memo 14 Mrs. Jennie Roche as Member-at-Large — Approved.

Memo 15 Extend membership to nine Canadian girls due to a misunderstanding — Approved.

Memo 16 Mary Von Mach as a Life Member — Approved.

Memo 17 \$100.00 from 99 Treasurer be sent to aid Convention — Approved.

Memo 18 A luggage award for membership — Disapproved.

Memo 19 Merger of Central Wisconsin and Wisconsin Chapters — Approved.

Memo 20 AWTAR Board - Geraldine Michelson, Bernice Trimble Lois Bartling — Approved.

Memo 21 Reducing petty cash in HQ from \$200 to \$100 — Approved.

Memo 22 That \$25 be given to the Chapter with the most new members this year and the award be given to the Chapter Chairman during National Convention Banquet — Disapproved.

Memo 23 \$29.50 be paid Eugenia Heise for cutting stencils, mimeographing and sending out the 1956 Condensed Minutes — Approved.

Memo 24 Contract for salary and services for HQ, as of Dec. 1, 1956 — Approved.

Memo 25 IAR - McAllen, Texas to Cuba, June 13-23, Take-off, June 17 — Approved.

Memo 26 \$264.64 be paid printer for the Roster and Constitution — Approved.

Memo 27 The Amelia Earhart Memorial Flight to be tabled for more investigation — Approved.

Memo 28 \$35.00 be paid for storage cabinet 27 x 23 x 39" strong enough to hold 200 lb. membership file and adding machine at HQ — Approved.
Reported by
Edna Gardner Whyte,
Chairman



By Pat Arnold

Don't scowl at me, gals, I didn't do it — the printer or whoever sets up this column cut it right smack in half last month . . . soooooo as I was saying — our gov., Barbara Keirnan, won her rotocraft ticket in December and is now candidate for the "Whirlie Girls." In rapid succession Barbara has gotten her Commercial, Multi-engine, Instrument and now a helicopter rating! This column salutes our new Governor! — and note, please, Barbara is married and has four young sons! Wow, and to think I feel completely tied down with two lousy dogs.

Abby Louis (Ipswich, Mass.) checked in with big news too — a brand new daughter, Leslie Marie, on January 1, 1957! That's number two for Abby and hubby, Dick, who operates a color film processing studio from their home.

Marie Lepore (Worcester) has taken on a new assignment with CAP — Massachusetts Wing Coordinator for Women. Charlotte Kelley (Boston) is assistant coordinator.

Chris Seavers (Needham Heights, Mass.) got out of her Ercope long enough to take her first helicopter ride the other day. It's hard to catch Chris on the ground . . . she flies to every meeting, buzzes up and down the coast in between, and if there is no place else to go she and her young daughter hop over to Harwich to fly home big live lobsters for supper!

Did you know that Barbara Cloud (Boston), our ex-gov., has logged over

160 hours since the '56 AWTAR representing very ably Rustcraft's Greeting Cards? She has landed at 53 different airports, made 350 store appearances in 32 cities, has had 38 radio interviews, and 13 TV appearances during that period! Of course, Rustcraft is the primary subject, but Barbara also manages to get in a word for the 99's and AWTAR, and hats off to Barbara for the wonderful publicity. Next month, I'll tell you about some of her hilarious (?) adventures during her flying itinerary.

Gra Stevens reports that they have just had some work done on their airport, King's Field, E. Taunton, Mass., and now the spring mud on the N-S runways will no longer be a problem. Well, I've not to fly on down to that sheep farm in Va. where mud is not the only problem . . . it's lambing time, and so with rubber gloves in hand, I'm off! See you at our next meeting. Come on!—they're fun.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Peggy Borek

No news really. Just a brief note to let you know we're still here. Haven't seen anyone since the holidays. They are either recuperating or off on other adventures. I did talk to Anne Shields who said that Margaret Callaway had to leave suddenly for Texas to visit an aunt who is quite ill.

I have been studying for my commercial, which, so far, has done nothing except give me less sleep and make me realize how much I don't know. It's even more painful than learning to ski. At least in skiing, the ankle-swelling eventually goes away and you learn not to knock people down, bang into others and how to extricate yourself from the snow fence when you crash into it. But this commercial is another thing. Your head aches with the study; you get dizzy with low level on-pylons; and suddenly you wonder if you'll be healthy enough to pass the physical. Now there must be some bright bit of wisdom to be gathered from all this labor. I just hope that if and when I finally get the license I don't have to suffer the humiliation of everyone else turning their's in.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Virginia L. Thompson

Weather—where have we heard that word before? It may daunt some pilots but not our 99'ers. Some had to be rescued in the dense fog which was strictly zero but the following members: Florence Rucker, Hazel Dwiggins, Florence Robinson, "Mit-

zie" Moore, Cortney Moore, Eleanor Davis, Betty Fisher, Blanche Noyes and Virginia Thompson soon forgot their woes in the cheery Christmas atmosphere created by Ann Ash. After a delicious buffet dinner, the business meeting was cut to a minimum so that the gaily decorated packages could be investigated. Much merriment prevailed as the gifts were opened, swapped and exchanged. The singing of the beautiful Christmas carols ended a most delightful evening.

The long anticipated aviation event of the year took place on December 17 when the Aero Club of Washington sponsored the Annual Wright Day Dinner at the Sheraton Park Hotel. Weather again stepped into the picture cancelling the aerial celebration but on the ground, the aviation world hailed the Wright Brothers and their achievement at Kitty Hawk, N. C. Mr. Nixon presented the Nation's three top aviation awards before a dinner crowd of more than 2,000. Among these were some of our own '99' notables: Jacqueline Cochran, Blanche Noyes, Fran Nolde, Jean Howard, Arlene Davis, Jody Towle and Ruth Barkley. President Eisenhower, in a telegram, stated that the aviation industry has always been inspired by the theme of the dinner, "Wings for Peace."

Jean Howard, our "Whirly Girl," attended the Helicopter Association of America meeting in New York on Jan. 20. We are proud that she and Kay Brick could be present to represent our "99". Helicopter operators from both the United States and Canada were present.

"Mitzie" Moore, Eleanor Davis and Jean Howard were recently presented much deserved Meritorious Service Awards by the Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force.

A Meritorious Service Award should also go to the Washington-Virginia Airport for securing during a recent storm the tail surfaces of airplanes belonging to a number of our girls.

We are happy to hear that Elizabeth Wallace of New York is transferring to our chapter. Her husband has joined the Garrett Corporation.

The following are rather belated items but space did not permit their being printed last month.

Ninety-Niner Barbara Cloud "Rustie" to many, flew into our fair city sometime ago on a combination business trip and visit home. We wish that she would come again soon so that we could hear all about her island home in Maine and the fun she is having flying all over the country for Rust Craft, a greeting card firm of Dedham, Massachusetts.

Eugenia Heise of Michigan made the limelight when she accompanied her distinguished flying physician hus-

band here for a meeting of the Southern Flying Physicians. "Deedo" files the plane for most of her husbands upper air allergy tests. How fortunate he is.

Have you ever flown on an airliner? This anticipated dream finally became a reality for Hazel Dwiggins, a pilot for 12 years. The anticipation though was more fun than the actual flight. She had to admit for thrills, nothing can beat making your own "circuits and bumps."



THE CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Estelle M. Bradshaw

The Carolinas Chapter meeting called in Charleston, South Carolina in January with Sara Shonk had to be cancelled on account of bad weather. Better luck next time.

Harry Shrackleford is in the real estate business in Charleston, S. C., and he and Dot are spending most of their time there now. It is with regret that we learn that Dot is "under the weather." A speedy recovery to you, Dot, hope to see you at our next meeting.

Jeannine Shoemaker has moved to Bluefield, West Virginia. We hope you will join Maxine, Rusty and all our other members up that way and come to our meetings.

The Southeastern Sectional meeting is scheduled for March in Charleston, S. C. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Helen Mennitto

Yours truly has been extra busy, having finally produced a third prospective 99 on December 20. She had a landing weight of 9 lbs., 7 ozs.

Our big news, of course, is official announcement of the Eight All-Woman's International Air Race from McAllen, Texas to Barracoa, Cuba, June 13-24, 1957. A letter full of details is being sent each member and we'll keep you further informed as plans progress. The course will skirt the Gulf Coast, via New Orleans, Mobile and Ocala, Florida to RON in Fort Lauderdale. Plan now to join the "circle tour."

Newest members, Vera Bratz and Adriana "Jackie" Jackson, have been welcomed into our midst and we're happy to have Louise Kidd transferred to us from D. C.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Georgiana McConnell

Congratulations to Irene Flewellen and her husband on the birth of Beryl

Lynn on December 16. No light weight for the Flewellen's 8 lbs. 9½ ozs.

Evelyn Bryan is plugging women in aviation again by appearing on WBIR-TV program regarding women in the CAP. Keep up the good work.

Our next Chapter meeting will be held in Knoxville February 3 at the home of Ruth Thomas. We are all anxious to see Ruth's new home and meet the two prospective members who plan to attend.

Keeping our hand in with a little local flying were Mary Beth Sargent in a Luscombe and Georgiana McConnell in a Cessna.



ALL OHIO CHAPTER By Betty Wertz

The January meeting was held at Toledo Express Airport with Ione Kiplinger hostess. There was plenty of rain, snow and ice, so everyone drove. Those present were Jean Bonar, chairman, Joan Hrubec, Edythe Maxim, Pauline Smetzer, Ione Kiplinger, Helen Venskus, Betty Wertz and Erma Dunn, a prospective member from Van Wert. Ione had a photographer and news reporter from the Toledo paper. Coffee was served previous to the meeting then a lovely lunch was enjoyed following the meeting. Our main topic of discussion was the April Sectional meeting to be held in Akron April 26, 27 and 28. Don't forget the dates, it is to be a tremendous affair. Everyone keep the date in mind and plan to attend.

NEWS BITS: Jean Bonar is now driving a beautiful red and white convertible. Ruth Reep of Columbia Station is busy with her four months old son. Marcy Crawley, Martha Foley and Virginia Schumacher are all expecting future 99's. Bernita Nickell has the skis on her Cub and is enjoying our snows. Kay Gasker and 49½er just returned from Florida. Mary Anne Kurtz, formerly of the Ohio Chapter is enjoying their assignment in Washington State. Her hubby is with the Air Force. The chapter recently heard from Helen Williams, a former officer of our chapter. Helen operates a small flying school in Sabina. Joan Hrubec and Edith Maxim were recently interviewed by Jim Martin on his Flight 1220 program on WGAR regarding the history of the 99's and the races. Our condolences to Marilyn Collette at the recent loss of her stepfather.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER By Rose S. Andrew

Our January meeting was held as scheduled at the home of Betty

Lecompte, Champaign. Due to horrible weather under foot and in the air only nine people were present to hear Miss Bates, Champaign High School physics instructor outline a Civil Defense course to us. The course is one designed to prepare the persons taking it to detect radiation and do radiological monitoring. We would like to take it if enough people can be found to make a class.

Our next meeting will be February 9 at the University of Illinois women's gym. Doris Bullock and Joan Sanders will be hostesses at a 6 p.m. supper meeting.

Leah Warren, our Chapter Chairman, is spending several weeks in Florida with her husband and small son, David.

We are sorry to relate that our chapter is losing a member to the East, or probably Middle East Section. Dora Dougherty has accepted a position with the Martin Aircraft Company in Baltimore, and will be leaving the University of Illinois psychology department in February.

Dora has lent sparkle to every meeting she has ever attended and her tact and intelligent handling of anything she attempts makes us all proud that we are privileged to know her. We are going to miss her more than she knows, but we are proud about the new job that she has accepted.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER By Dorothy Vachout

Our January meeting was held at the Chicago Air Club. Mr. Hadley, of CAC, spoke to us regarding the club's plans for future expansion. It sounded fabulous, and we all were very enthusiastic about it. We are happy to announce that we have another new member, Britta Lindgren, 17 years old and our youngest member. Glad to have you with us, Britta! Also—two new prospects attended the meeting, Mary Ehrlich and Jean Connelly. There were discussions on our Rumage Sale, NAEC, and Air Marking.

Nell Brown has just returned from a Christmas vacation in California. Among other things, she had a wonderful luncheon with Jane Clark and Edna Stenett, escorted by Tom Herbert of Met-Co-Aire.

Geane Burson and her 49½er are leaving for Omaha, where they plan on visiting relatives and friends. Lois Cassidy made a trip to Las Vegas with some of her relatives. While there, she visited The Sands and saw Jerry Lewis, even sang for him! She says that he is marvelous.

Donna Giles spent some time in the hospital during the holidays, but attended our meeting and was her usual "chipper" self. Sylvia Roth has been doing a lot of flying in 310's. She must be about the only one of us in the air; as most of us have been grounded

by very inclement weather—extremely cold and dreary with lots of snow and ice.

Irene Leverton is still flying all over the country. She now has 250 hours in DC-3's. She had to spend some time in New York for an engine change and reports that the shows there are marvelous. The last we heard from her, she was in Columbia, S. C. and about to have lunch with Frances Miller. Says she doesn't know what she'd do without all the wonderful 99's all over the country!

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER By Marjory Farrell

Our January meeting featured a wiener roast—complete with toasting forks and mustard—around the open fireplace in Laurien Griffin's home. And toasting ourselves around the fire was very welcome, for, as usual, our meeting was on one of our coldest nights. We've had the record lowered considerably since then, however! Emily Crew, Osa Wyatt, Mary Ruth Dietrich, Sarah Gorelick, Joan Cayot, Katherine Peck, Marjory Farrell were members present.

Jerrie Cobb, 99, who has recently come to Kansas City as head of flight operations for Executive Aircraft at Municipal Airport, was guest at the meeting, and gave us a few glimpses of a very exciting aviation past and a promising future. She, Sarah Gorelick and Laurien also did a bit of reminiscing on the International and Transcontinental Air Races. We hope she will be with us often now!

Dee Southard is doing some last minute cramming preparatory to taking her instrument writtens. Dog shows are on again too, and she's showing dogs at St. Joseph, Kansas City and Joplin, Missouri in February.

Betty Siggs, our other dog fancier, is showing at the same three. Betty is also taking off for New York the first week in February to show her young Dandie Dinmont, Brigit, in the Westminster Show there. Good luck to her and to Brigit!

INDIANA CHAPTER By Jane E. Ackors

The beautiful country home of Mary Frances Abels, Muncie, made a charming setting for our January meeting. Typical Indiana weather prevailed, rain turning to snow, icing conditions predicted, forcing us to drive to Reese Airport, and from there to the meeting. Twenty-four members and guests turned out for a lovely buffet luncheon. We were glad to welcome back Sophia Payton, who has been living in Lima, Ohio. She has recently received her commercial license and has held a glider pilot's rating for several years. To top it off, she won the Pot-of-Gold, our monthly drawing.

A card from Joan Ferguson tells us

that she is now settled permanently in California and loves it. We certainly are sorry to lose her; come back often for a visit, Joannie.

A report on the doings of some of the other members consists of the fact that Rae Cawdell has a very interesting new job — public relations department with Lake Central Airlines. Martha Ozbun is going to beauty school, preparatory to opening up her own shop. Mary Frances Abels returned from New York ahead of schedule just so she could be hostess for this meeting. Our sincere thanks and appreciation, Mary Frances. Speaking of New York, Margaret Ball left the meeting early to catch a plane for said city.

Following the business meeting, Flora Mae Newman showed a soundtrack and movie of the Piper Company's showing the making of planes, especially the wing sections. It was highly informative and interesting. After this, we were taken, via slide projector, to Hawaii. Miriam Shirley and Virginia Maggart spent 17 heavenly days on this trip and judging by the pictures they had a wonderful time shopping, sight-seeing, etc. The colors in the pictures were beautiful and we forgot completely about the snow outside.

To our surprise and delight, Virginia, who is a beautiful brunette, donned leis and grass skirt, and to the accompaniment of a record she brought back, performed a very creditable hula, although she claimed to have taken only two lessons while in the Islands.

Miriam Shirley also proudly showed us a picture of her new granddaughter. The picture was especially one to be proud of as it was a four-generation group, consisting of Miriam, her mother, her daughter and the new addition to the family.

The next meeting will be on the regular meeting day at the home of Billie Smith, Indianapolis.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Elsie Ferich

Old Man Winter touched his icy fingers to Michigan and while we shivered in his presence, he did not keep the Michigan Chapter from getting together in Lansing for "99" business.

Babe Ruth, Margaret Windfuhr, and I greeted the three airships that buzzed in out of the icy blue. Eloise Smith and Mary Gardanier flew in from Austin Lake followed shortly by Alice Davis and Ruth O'Buck, and Alice and John Hammond and prospective 99 Julia McPherson.

We drove to the Hut in Lansing for our meeting, and surprise, the members were there en-masse waiting for us to appear. Good food and fly talk

put everyone in the mood for a lengthy and serious business meeting.

Marian Elbinger read us a letter from Ginny Roche thanking us for sponsoring her membership at large. She said she was sorry she would not be returning to the States, but she was very happy with her position as representative of the Elizabeth Arden Company in South Africa. Such an intriguing place sounds simply fascinating and full of adventure.

I am always curious to know what all the other girls have been doing. I feel rather like a kid with a nickel in his pocket looking at all the candy. Where to start first?

Ann and Susanne Fruehauf were present. I asked Ann what she had been doing and she told me she flew her plane to San Antonio, Texas for New Year's week. She also visited Corpus Christi and Houston. Well, she fared better than I and my 49½ did. We started to fly to Columbus, Ohio and ran into snow and did a 180. A previous lesson is well fixed in our minds. So we did it the dangerous way and drove. These very good friends of ours, after being exposed to so much fly talk from us, will soon be airborne. That also means another 99. What can be better?

I heard Dorothy Woodhams and family drove to Florida for Christmas vacation, and Lucille Biscomb and her husband, Jack, took a flying trip to the west coast of South America over the holidays. I imagine the next time we see them, they will all have a golden tan.

I sat next to Bernice Trimble's guest, Margaret (Jerry) Holloway. She is a prospective 99, and a charming little red-head. The 99's certainly have their share of beauty.

"Bee" and Margaret Crane spent the holiday weekend in northern Michigan skiing, and were joined by Mary Clark.

Mary said she survived her initiation into skiing minus all cuts, bruises and broken bones, only to come home and take a tumble on the stairs. She said she got all the bruises then.

Leah Higgins was in Cleveland, Ohio for the holidays and Olivia Bell had just returned from North Carolina, where she attended the annual Marine ball at Camp Lejeune. Very nice.

Faith McPeak is in Minnesota at the present, but I understand she will be back in Michigan by June. We will certainly be looking for her.

It was late in the afternoon as we closed our business meeting. I just had time to say Hi and Goodbye to Sammy McKay and Evelyn Fay (Flint Zonta President). The 99 hours fly by. Someone once told me, when anything holds your interest, you are never tired or bored. That is so true. The 99's prove it over and over again.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Bernie Voelker

Sunday, Jan. 20, was the meeting date for the Wisconsin Chapter of 99's. A tour of the Navy Base at Glenview, Illinois was on the agenda for the 99's along with the Wisconsin Civil Air Patrol. Buses left for General Mitchell Field in Milwaukee and no flights were undertaken as the weather was bad. The Navy had planned flights for us, but that was also out since the field was practically closed down tight. We were taken through several of the hangars and had a chance to see the training jets at close hand and had an interesting talk by one of the helicopter pilots relating to their rescue work, particularly on carriers where they take off and hover in the vicinity of the carrier during mass takeoffs by the carrier based jets. The same procedure is followed when the jets return to their base carrier. After the tour a delicious buffet dinner was served to us in the Officers' Club.

Last Tuesday evening, the Milwaukee 99 members had the chairman of the Alaska Chapter, Marion Zaegel, as their guest for a get-together at Deedo Heise's. She is a native of Sheboygan. Marion brought along some slides of her home in Anchorage and others taken by her husband, who is a geologist and does much flying.

Our most travelled person, Deedo Heise and her husband, spent most of December up to Christmas in Nassau. They had good flying weather, but had to wait for it on several occasions.

Bernie and Mary Seymour are enjoying flying the new 1957 Tri-Pacer 150 which arrived at Truax Field on the 5th of January. Its red and white color combination is very beautiful against the blue sky.

Next meeting on Sunday, Feb. 17. Where?



OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Dorothy K. Morgan

Our meeting for January was held at the home of Beth Smith and her 49½er 'Smitty' on January 19th. The program was an arm chair tour of Scotland, England and Wales provided by Grace Stevenson by means of movies and stills taken during her trip last summer. The pictures were excellent and were made more interesting by Grace's commentary. During the evening Beth kept us supplied

with the best of food and drinks. We were pleased to have the opportunity of meeting our new Secretary at Headquarters — Margaret Sweet — who was a guest. Members present: Beth Smith, Ruth Jones, Ida Carter, Grace Stevenson, Rita Eaves, Marie Hall, Elizabeth Sewell, Broneta Davis, Wynema Masonhall and Dorothy Morgan. Other guests were: Brewer Hall, Cyril Smith, Clay Ford, Leonard Eaves and E. H. Masonhall.

Other notes of interest — Velma and Dr. Neil Woodward attended the Presidential Inaugural festivities in Washington, D. C.

Broneta attended the Texas State Annual Meeting of the Flying Farmers in Fort Worth and the Fat Stock Show on January 27.

Ruth Jones has been elected a director of her Credit Union, one of the largest in the city, and it may be that she can do something about the "tight" money situation if you need some.

Delrose Sieber is completing an office building across from her hotel — which should take care of any "spare" time she might have.

TEXAS CHAPTER NEWS

The State Aviation Advisory Council has appointed the following Ninety-Nines to serve on the Council for this year: Jo Allison, Verna Burns Stubbs, Ruby Hays and Tony Page. We congratulate our girls and also the Advisory Council for making such a wise choice.

FORT WORTH UNIT

Edna Gardner Whyte gave a party in her home for the Fort Worth girls and friends from Dallas. Her guest of honor was the Countess Lilly Coudenhove Kolergi of Hungary. The Countess told many interesting stories of her early flying days in Europe. She is working toward strengthening the ties between American and European women pilots.

Frances Pyland is the proud possessor of a new Commercial. Congratulations, Frances.

DALLAS UNIT

Dallas boasts of one new member, Mildred Bishop, who got a new Tri-Pacer for Christmas.

The news of the death of their former member, Marie Nix Reis, in Palm Springs, California, was a shock to the Dallas girls, she was one of their favorite people and a hard-working 99.

Pat Jetton and her 49½er recently returned from a wonderful tour of South America.

Doris Weller is back at her old post at the Dallas Radio after a long and serious bout with spinal surgery. So glad its all behind you, Doris. "Trail End Tony" Reading, Margie Barr and

Grandma Allison are already polishing their planes for the Sky Lady Derby, May 23rd. Good luck, girls. We hope you all win.

CORPUS CHRISTI UNIT

The wonderful Corpus Christi gals have done it again. They have reported the completion of 26 Air Markers for 1956. The Texas - Mexico border is now completely air marked and also the sparsely populated Southwest Texas area. A pilot lost over West Texas is really lost and those air markers are going to look like beacons in the night.

Pauline Glasson is in charge of the 57 IAR, starting from McAllen, June 17. She is also a busy girl working on plans for the National Convention. With Pauline at the wheel we know its going to be a convention, no one can afford to miss.

SAN ANTONIO UNIT

Mary Ann Greer reports a new member in their group, Marsha Snip. Welcome, Marsha, to the Texas Chapter. Mary Ann and her husband have already set aside June 14 & 15 to fly to McAllen for the National Convention. Let's join them there.

ABILENE UNIT

Ann Nell Hooks and Jo Ann Elliott have just received their tickets and joined the Abilene Unit, the newest and fastest growing unit in the Texas Chapter.

The Spring Sectional Meeting will be held in Abilene April 13 and 14. The girls there have made wonderful plans, so lets don't miss this meeting.

EL PASO UNIT

Cornelia Davis, our charming Membership Chairman, was our guest at our last meeting at the Sky Chef. She is here with her daughter, who is undergoing polio surgery; Cornelia reports she is doing well.

Ruth and Ruby have just returned from Albuquerque where Ruth gave a talk on the life of Amelia Earhart at their Aviation Banquet. Ruth and Ruby also toured Kirkland AFB getting to fly B 47 and Mustang Links.

A breakfast flight to Marfa in February is in the making.

TULSA CHAPTER

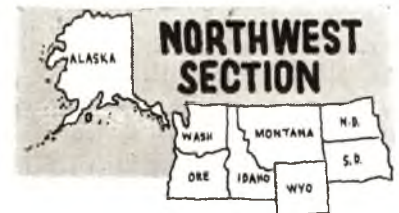
By Lois I. Martin

Although the Tulsa Chapter has not been heard from for some time we are still flying and backing aviation 100%. We are helping to sponsor a Tulsa Aviation Manual that will be off the press soon. Five pages will feature 99s. We plan to send a copy to headquarters. Look for it the next time you drop in.

Our entertainment in October was a Hallowe'en Dance. We didn't make much money but all appreciated a good time.

In January we met with Tessie Lawrence for a short business session. Meeting date was changed to the second Wednesday of each month.

Our February meeting will be at the home of Dorothy Rice February 13, and will include dinner with invitations extended to prospective members.



MONTANA CHAPTER

By Vivienne Schrank

January News Hangar-Overs: With no January 99 meeting and members hibernating like bears during this cold weather in Montana — it's very hard to gather too much news about them.

Orpha Dann and her son, Don, drove to Jordan from Watkins recently (Orpha's Aeronca being "flewed" down) attending a show at the Rio (theatre owned and operated by 49½er and 99er, Milton and Vivienne Schrank) — "hangar flying" later over a cup of coffee at the Schrank home. Orpha and Vivienne figured they hadn't seen one another for over two months although just 45 miles apart — had weather mostly responsible.

Gladys Kreider of Sand Springs also dropped in on Vivienne, relating her trip to Wichita, Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska, seeing Broneta Davis and Anne Waddell.

Mary Jo Janey of Glendive spoke lately about aviation to a Congregational Women's Program Tea on Women in Aviation. All were very interested. Also, Mary Jo found a lady pilot from Tioga, N. Dakota but teaching at present in Glendive who has a Private License — name is Fern Mickelson. Let's hope Fern will fill the place left by Grace Russell who moved to North Dakota.

Eva Schwarzrock whose 49½er Jim is with the National Guard, recently returned from Kentucky to Billings again after being gone three months. It's nice to have you back, Eva.

Pearl Laska of Fairbanks, Alaska, sent some Alaskan gold dust to Vivienne Schrank (encased in lucite — the gold, not Vivienne) so when Vivienne runs low on cash — there's her MAD MONEY.

Inza Riedesel and 49½er, Russ, of Billings encountered 60 to 70 mph winds at Cheyenne, Wyoming, caus-

ing blizzard conditions on their trip south — stops to be: Boulder, Colorado, New Orleans (Mardi Gras-land) —then east along the coastline a ways with a 180 degree turn back to California before returning to Billings.

Thank you so much, Blanche Noyes, for the Christmas card to our Chapter. (Sorry this message just missed our last news report.) Also personal card from Bernice Trimble to yours truly was equally appreciated. Bernice won the Cuban Air Race two years ago. Flint, Michigan, is her home where the AWTAR finished last summer.



BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER **Bert Haycock**

Holiday parties and dinners claim the attention of our members the past two months. Marcia Fandrem was hostess to our annual Christmas party with a superb dinner held at her home on December 14. Decorations were in the holiday tradition and gifts were exchanged.

Edna Long hostessed a delightful dinner on the event of our January meeting at her home in Delano. Seems that in addition to knowing how to fly you also have to know how to cook in order to belong to the Bakersfield Chapter! Be that as it may we're all a mighty happy (let alone well-fed) bunch.

Edna had a pleasant flight to San Francisco recently in connection with her Civil Air Patrol Work. Priscilla Spencer took part in a CAP search for a missing aircraft.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Florence Moody.

BAY CITIES **Lindy Boyes**

Ruth Wakeman was hostess to 14 members at the January meeting held at her home-with-the-gracious-living-look at Burlingame on the San Francisco Peninsula.

Chapter Secretary, Mable Zehr and spouse Otto flew their family Funk to Guymas, Mexico the last week of December, stopping at Ontario, California, where Mabel landed the plane.

A sudden and unexpected call from the control tower startled Mabel out of ten years, she claims, as she wondered if a jet were about to land on top of her or just what emergency had arisen. Turned out that the operator only wanted to tell her, "My, that was a beautiful landing!"

Special guest at the meeting was Miss Marion Terhegden, San Francisco, professional worker and organizer with the Girl Scouts. Miss Terhegden discussed coordination between the Girl Scouts and Wing Scouts. She was introduced by Fran Grant, Chapter Air Education Chairman and coordinator for the Wing Scouts with the chapter's TAR Race Committee.

Chapter members are looking for TAR sponsors in order to fly in the race. Margaret Topping has the hottest lead, others are not far behind. Besides talk on How to Get a Sponsor, TAR plans were discussed under the lead of Geri Hill. The Chapter is looking forward to seeing a big turning of 99s here in July.

The December meeting was our participation in the Annual Kitty Hawk Day Dinner Dance held December 14 at the Alameda Naval Air Station Officers Club, more than 300 persons were there, the 99s being well represented.

COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER **By Faye Douthitt**

Now that the holidays are over maybe I can get down to business. At least I'm putting the blame on the holiday rush as my excuse for not getting our December meeting in the Newsletter.

Eleanor Wagner, Zaddie Bunker and Zaddie's sister flew down to our end of the Valley in a Cessna 195. We had a Mexican lunch at the Hacienda on the Imperial Airport. Natalie Hauseur drove over from Brawley, Helen Sharp (our newest potential) flew in from Holtville and I from El Centro. Tig Rye, another potential, teaches school and was unable to make it.

Helen Kenaston had gone to Honolulu for the holidays and I might add that she is still there as this goes to press.

As everyone seemed awfully short of time we had our meeting between tacos and finished both at the same time.

Our January meeting was planned for the 21st at the Chi-Chi Club in Palm Springs. We were happy to have at our January meeting Betty Loomis, from Fairbanks, Alaska. She and husband, Buck, are visiting Betty's sister in El Centro, so she flew up to Palm Springs along with Natalie Hauseur and myself. We had lunch at the Chi-Chi Club as guests of Zaddie Bunker.

Zadie had a hard time trying to figure out why/ with all that food, Betty just wanted a salad. Betty explained a salad was a rare thing for her — lettuce is 37 to 40 cents a pound in Alaska.

After lunch we went next door to the

theater where I showed the pictures we took on our Jaycee Air Cruise in June and July and finished with the pictures I had taken at Needles on the 7th and 8th of July of the AWTAR. They thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many of the girls again.

Our next meeting is scheduled for the 18th of February.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER **By Marijane Brown**

The January meeting was a gay affair with very little business held at the home of Maxine (Mike) Howard. Her husband, Ben, one of the early airline pilots, is a delightful raconteur, and he thrilled us with tales of his hair-raising adventures as a designer, builder and flyer of a non-conventional airplane, as an early airline pilot (when the customary means of navigation was to follow the railroad tracks), and later as a test pilot of the big airliners. His first-hand, graphic but humorous accounts kept us alternately gasping and laughing.

Adding to the entertainment was Mike's intelligent and affectionate little white French poodle.

We were happy to see Maurine Wilson, who came from Riverside to be present, Doris Phillips from Oxnard.

"Mike" Howard is actively interested in the Arthritis Foundation and told us about the Telethon which will be viewed on Sunday, Feb. 17. Ninety-Niners enthusiastically promised to help make the Telethon a success by manning the telephones on the Dialathon.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER **By Martha Lundy**

The main topic of interest to this chapter is the forthcoming spring sectional to be held here April 26, 27 and 28. Hotel Hacienda on the "Strip" is to be headquarters, and for the first time, a major strip hotel has agreed to let us have sufficient rooms for everyone! And on a weekend, too. Now all we have to do is raise some money. Do hope to see a lot of you from other parts of the country. While this is the Southwestern Section meeting, the latch-string is always out and the WELCOME mat in place for all of you from everywhere. Please come.

We were all sorry to have to accept the resignation of Iva MacDonald as our treasurer, but 'twas the only course open to us, since Iva is dropping out of the Ninety-Nines. We want to thank her for the wonderful asset she was to the chapter and wish her well, always. Our newest member, Honey von Goerkin, was elected treasurer to fill Iva's unexpired term.

Our last meeting was held at the home of Chairman Solange D'Hooghe, who served refreshments and showed us the lovely things she bought on her recent trip to Europe. Seems there was something unusual from each country she visited. What fun it must have been!

We note that Dorothy Morgan is no longer at Headquarters, and wish to take this means of thanking Dorothy for her fine cooperation and assistance while she was there. We want her to know it was noted and appreciated. Good luck in your new job, Dorothy!

SAGUARO CHAPTER **By Marjy Crowl**

Ruth Reinhold was hostess for our January business meeting. Attending the meeting at her home were Chairman Melba Beard, Alice Roberts, Juanita Newell and Marjy Crowl. Special guests were Mary Lund (Mrs. Art) from Culver City, California and 49½ers Bob Reinhold and Charles Roberts. Bob showed slides of trip Ruthie made to Acapulco and Chazz served as projectionist for pictures he and Alice made on trip to Mazatlan and on a day spent on an aircraft carrier. Both trips were via private plane, and pictures proved that we have good photographers in organization as well as good pilots.

For our January Flight Alice Roberts planned a Treasure Hunt via both planes and cars. Due to the unusual but welcome rainy weather the hunters were restricted to cars. The clues were clever and amusing, particularly those for planes, so we hope this game will be repeated not too far in the future. Melba Beard, Alice and Charles Roberts, Juanita and Elgin Newell, Marjy Crowl and prospective member Polly Guinn joined Jimmie Lou at her Anderson Aviation Co. offices to receive the first clue. This took us to the Shelton home, where Jimmie Lou's 49½er, Frank, was entertaining their two offspring by working a jigsaw puzzle. Everyone welcomed the hot drinks served by Jimmie — coffee and chocolate. The clue there directed us to the Bland residence, where Juanita and Elgin discovered Bill working on his new printing press (the hobby he's using as therapy for his arm). Not knowing he was home the rest of us had proceeded to Paradise Airport, where coffee was again in order. Alice Roberts' home was our final destination and there Wilma Bland joined the party, as did Alice's special guests, her neighbors, Dr. Carl Villalanti and wife Yvonne. The "pot luck" luncheon was a feast, with Alice serving turkey and dressing. Jimmie Lou won first prize in the Coody game that followed, with Melba getting booby prize. Wilma and Melba won prizes for which the

numbers were drawn. Congratulations, Alice, on the success of the flight.

Melba Beard, who by the way is an OX-5 Club member, won a subscription to Contact magazine by identifying the Mystery Ship Photo. Jimmie Lou "Call Me Lucky" Shelton and 49½er Frank Apached to Las Vegas for the Flying Farmer wingding (91 in aggregation) after airlining to Kennett, Mo. Louise Lantis, Jimmie Lou and their 49½ers attended the Winslow Air Fair, which was a howling success. Hear that Pat and Jack Gladney were in town.

Think Juanita Newell and Mary McNeil deserve credit for fine job they did in planning the Christmas party, which was the quarterly daytime meeting held at the Lazy Fox Guest Ranch. Transportation was furnished from the Flying E strip for Melba Beard in a Tri-Pacer, Jimmie Lou and Frank Shelton with guests Sally and Jack Phillips in a Tri-Pacer, Alice Roberts and guest Agnes Woodworth in Bonanza and Betty Knier and Mary McNeil with Juanita and Elgin Newell in the Cessna 195 Juanita flies for Welch Plumbing Co. Reports were that the luncheon menu was superb, the decorations beautiful, the business meeting brief, the pinata broken, gifts exchanged — all in all, a wonderful party!

Carol Lowery was home briefly for the holidays from Hobbs, N. M., where she is now stationed. Juanita and Elgin flew the 195 to San Andreas, where they met Carol Kennedy who operates the airport.

February business meeting will be at Jimmie Lou Shelton's home on evening of February 14. Albuquerque Chapter plans a flight to Lake Pleasant and has invited the El Paso, Tucson and Saguaro Chapters to join them there the weekend of February 17. We hope that Doris Gline will be able to leave Dawn Elizabeth with 49½er John long enough to be with her 99 sisters for February meetings.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER **By Edna E. Penners**

February 23 and 24, San Diego Glider meet, Torrey Pines, near San Diego. March 15 meeting, Mary Carolyn Young, 757 El Rancho Dr., El Cajon, Calif., 7:30 p.m. March 17, San Diego Chapter's annual Picture Hunt, entry deadline March 13, fee \$3.50, held at Montgomery Field. We hope out of town pilots will participate if they know this area at all. It is lots of fun and informative. Each entrant is given a small book of aerial photos of prominent landmarks to identify on a map in a certain time, some of these may be recognized on the ground and others will have to be checked by a fly over. Betty Gillies does a wonderful job of taking these photographs each year. Maxine Smith and Evelyn

Briggs can answer any more questions about this hunt as they are on the committee. If weather is inclement the Hunt will be held March 24. There will be prizes, too. Helen Dick will be a timer.

Betty Gillies and her 49½er Bud have returned from Paris, where they attended the wedding of their daughter, Patricia, and Jean-Louis Astier of Paris. The ceremony took place in the American Cathedral, Church of the Holy Trinity, January 5. The newlyweds will reside at 26 Rue Gustave Courbet, Paris 16, France.

San Diego Ninety-Nines are donating a day to the Tuberculosis Assoc., February 18 working on the Chestmobile.

Congratulations to Helen Dick for soloing a glider recently. Helen is secretary to the San Diego Glider Club.

Marian Craver and her 49/er picked up a new Cessna 172 back East but by the time they had flown it out to San Diego had decided a 182 was what they really wanted and are now awaiting their order for a Cessna 182.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY **CHAPTER** **By Jeanne Strahl**

The new year brought greetings from Jean Rimer (Mrs. Patrick Kauanui) who deserted the airlines to take up housekeeping on Wake Island with her new husband who is presently stationed there with the CAA Fire Department.

Our January meeting was held in the El Monte Airport main hanger class room. Howard Riley, operator of the Riley Flying School, and Jack Coates, flight instructor, made it a very educational as well as informative evening. They chose as their subject "General Operation of Aircraft and Engines."

Trixie Ann Schubert took time out from her busy life to attend the Aviation Breakfast in the Sky Room at Lockheed Air Terminal on January 20. The guest speakers were Ben and Mike Howard. Ben is now a consultant for Convair — he was with TWA when it was called TAT and could well write our aviation history.

Shirley and Bill Robinson took their Navion to the Experimental Aircraft Association Show in Riverside January 20 where Bill was directing the activities. (Mama's Mink, Shirley's little Piper Cub, was in storage for the weekend.) Virginia and Les Hall also took in the show. They flew over in their Bell G-2 Helicopter and gave rides to the attendees. At the end of the day people were still waiting in line for their first helicopter ride and many had to be turned away. Les, who is president and part owner of Cal-Rotors, Inc. in Pasadena, received much acclaim from the press and the

Forestry Department for the splendid work his company did during the recent Malibu fires. His helicopters and pilots (among other things) flew reconnaissance and dropped new equipment in strategic areas during the fires and now have the task of reseeding the burned out areas. We are proud of Les and the work he is doing in his whirlbirds to keep our California land safe as well as green.

Lola Perkins, now Mrs. Eduardo Ricco, has returned to "active duty" with the San Fernando Valley Chapter after an absence of almost three years — two years in Washington with the Navy and one in Germany. Eduardo is a motion picture cameraman and soon should be located in one of our studios. In the meantime we are all echoing a most hearty welcome home to both.

Our February meetings have always found us basking in the warmth of Trixie Ann Schubert's hospitality. Besides our active members we hope to again see our three prospective new members, Emilie Smyth of El Monte, Lee Nadelman from San Marino and Virginia Graham who makes her home in Sierra Madre.

UTAH CHAPTER

By June Raybould

Our sympathy and hopes for a speedy recovery are sent to Nevada member Doris Eacret who is convalescing in California after major surgery. Doris is such a busy and active person that it is hard to think of her being even temporarily out of circulation so we all wish her a fast and uncomplicated recovery. In the same letter telling of her operation, Doris told some of her recent exciting trips such as fishing and enjoying the scenery in Mexico.

Our congratulations to membership chairman Eunice Naylor who is being honored by the Air Force Association at their annual awards luncheon. Eunice, who has spent a great many years working with youth training in aviation by means of CAP and school work, will receive a special award for her work in aviation. Can't think of anyone more deserving of this honor.

A business meeting was held on January 16 at the apartment of chairman Alberta Hunt to discuss preliminary plans for the TAR must stop in Salt Lake City. Mr. Joe Bergin, air-

port manager of the Salt Lake Municipal Airport, met with us to tell some of the things he was working on to help us. Braving the cold night to attend were Eunice Naylor, Margaret Loy, Cora Brote, Beth Evans, Martha Whiting and June Raybould. Both Beth and Martha are piling up time toward their private and we hope to have them as full members by summer. Also on the evening's program was the matter of a proposed Navy bombing range over Great Salt Lake. Because of the interference with civil airways in the area and the hazard to private and commercial flights in the area, it was decided to voice our objection to the plan. June Raybould and Jane Andreason were appointed to draft a resolution to that effect and present it at a meeting of interested parties to be held at the airport the following week.

Alberta Hunt, our chairman, told us the wonderful news that she had already procured sponsorship of a local flight operator for the 1957 TAR and would fly it in a new Cessna 180. This will be Alberta's third race and we are betting on her to make a good showing.

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