



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

# News Letter

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## President's Column

New Year's Day, 1958

As the new year dawns, we face new problems to add to those left over from the old one. Let each of us do a thorough 'line-check,' a quick 'climb-out' and get our 'flaps-up.' We can waste no time with 'slow-flying' if we stay in 'step' with these fast moving times.

First, there's this Civil Air Regulations Draft Release No. 57-27, subject: Part 60, Air Traffic Rules. This is already published in the Federal Register as a "Notice of proposed rules making," and concerns certain increases in VFR weather criteria.

I represented our organization in a panel discussion on this proposal in November. There was much discussion between those on the panel and the CAA and CAB representation, after which it was opened to some one hundred pilots, representing Flying Farmers from over the entire United States, and many Ninety-Nines present also. The final out-come was almost unanimous opposition to any changes . . . But, we still have it to deal with.

I would suggest that each Chapter request a copy of this Draft Release before your next regular meeting, give it careful consideration, and send your comments in before February 28. Direct your request for a copy of the Release, and your comments to: Civil Aeronautics Board, Bureau of Safety, Washington, D. C., Att: Mr. Oscar Bakke. It appears to me that this is the only action left to take. You may wish to send a copy of your comments to your Congressman also.

Now, how about those new members? Remember our membership goal!

With the presentation of six new Chapter Charters in Texas, and several other Ninety-Nine meetings, your President had a busy but wonderful November and December. My new calendar is already somewhat marked up, but I am looking forward to each and every visit with a happy anticipation of seeing and meeting more Ninety-Nines.

I did so much appreciate and enjoy all the lovely Christmas Cards, from Ninety-Nines everywhere. One of my most treasured gifts was an Amelia Earhart Medal, inscribed with my name, Ninety-Nines, etc., and may I suggest that this would be a wonder-

ful gift to present, either personally or as a Chapter? I feel sure that every Chapter could use several of these medals to honor outstanding members or others who have made significant contributions to aviation. (Medals for sale at International Headquarters, \$3.50 each.)

When you made your New Year's resolutions, I sincerely hope that you remembered to resolve to be a more enthusiastic and loyal Ninety-Nine. It will truly be a Happy Ninety-Nine New Year, if you did!

Sincerely,

*Broneta Davis.*  
(Mrs. Clyde Evans)

OUR FIRST 1958

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Clyde R. Evans

Welcome to our newest—or at least one of our most recent 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er, Clyde R. Evans. He's the gentleman who finally persuaded our International President, Broneta Davis, to accompany him to the altar on New Year's Day. They will make their home in Minco.

Flying friends who already have met Clyde know that he broils a "mean" steak, which means Ninety-Nines can be assured of "food" when they visit in the Evans home in Minco.

And, it might as well be admitted he also likes soup, which probably is a point in his favor, in view of Broneta's reputation for serving soup and salad. Clyde's favorite is chicken soup. And, while talking of food, one of Clyde's favorite dishes is sweet potatoes and marshmallows. There's a story behind this, if it can be ferreted out.

Another clue to Clyde's likes and dislikes concerns tea. Have the pot boiling, because he can drink a hot cup of tea most any time it is available.

Clyde is a native of Mangum, Okla., where he was reared. Although for 26 years he has traveled as southwest Oklahoma supervisor for Cities Service and in connection with other business interests, he maintained his home in Mangum with his mother, Mrs. Charles Evans. He established and is owner of the Mangum Oil and Gas Association. In connection with his business interests, he has been active for a number of years in the state butane and propane dealers' association.

Clyde has been active in the Masonic and Elks lodges. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

How does Clyde feel about Broneta's flying? One story probably gives the best picture of his confidence in her ability in the air. The first time Clyde flew with Broneta on a cross-country, he took a nap. Speaks well for future cross-countries.

## Coming Events

North Central Sectional meeting, Des Moines, Iowa, April 18-20, 1958.

South Central Sectional meeting, Oklahoma City, Okla., May 2-4, 1958.

TAR, July 1-11, 1958.

Now that Christmas is over, start planning for the National Convention in Montgomery, Ala., the cradle of the Confederacy. Fly-in day, July 10; meeting on July 11 and 12; fly-out day, July 13.

IAR, annual '58 race will start in Welland, Ontario, Canada, and end at the west end of the Grand Bahamas. Dates not definite — late July or early August.

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**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION**

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

December 12, 1957

Dear 99 Members:

I am very happy to serve this year as your Air Marking Chairman, and while I have had correspondence with many of you and have attended meetings where air marking has been discussed, air marking continues to be one of the most necessary adjuncts to the safety of non-scheduled flying, and our files show that the air markers are being used not only by the novice pilot but by the military and skilled pilot as well. The 99's can serve aviation by taking an active part in air marking.

In states that have Aeronautics Commissions, no programs should be undertaken without first contacting the Director of Aeronautics to find out where and how the 99's can best fit into the state air marking program. I shall forward to the Air Marking Chairmen a list of all State Directors and the status of their air marking program at an early date.

In states where there is no state aviation body, a collaborated program between civic groups and the 99's can be carried out.

In the near future, I shall write each Chapter Chairman a letter as to the best method that might be undertaken in the individual state. In the meantime, I want to take this opportunity to thank the 99 members who have worked on the air marking program in the past, for it is not an easy program on which to work, but certainly one that is most gratifying when letters of appreciation arrive from grateful pilots.

Blanche Noyes

**OFFICIAL RESULTS****DALLAS DOLL DERBY — NOVEMBER 2, 1957**

Place	Pilot Co-Pilot	Airplane	HP	Race Time Hrs.	Hdcp. Speed MPH	Adj. Hdcp. Speed MPH	Race Speed MPH	Hdcp. Fuel GPH	Race Fuel GPH	Score
1.	Edna Gardner Whyte Myrtle Gardner	Cessna 120	85	1.930	108	108	102.07	4.8	4.35	.996
2.	Ama Lee Jameson Martha Ann Reading	Ercoupe 415C	75	2.019	100	100	97.57	4.9	5.10	.977
3.	Mildred Bishop Marcelene Todd	Piper PA22	135	1.759	119	119	112.00	7.8	7.67	.973
4.	Pat Jetton Laurel Reuss	Piper PA22	135	1.833	119	119	107.47	7.8	6.74	.971
5.	Broneta Davis Irby Keen	Cessna 170	145	1.721	121	121	114.47	7.8	8.02	.969
6.	Margie O. Barr	Cessna 120	85	1.819	108	110	108.30	4.8	5.39	.968
7.	Verna Stubbs Marjory Grey	Piper PA22	135	1.835	119	119	107.36	7.8	7.19	.962
8.	Mary Doris Weller Mrs. J. D. McNeil	Cessna 140	85	1.988	108	108	99.09	4.8	5.23	.941
8.	Geraldine H. Sloan	Piper PA18	135	1.911	111	113	103.09	7.8	9.20	.941
9.	Tony Page	Cessna 140	85	1.988	108	110	99.09	4.8	5.28	.930
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## PILOT'S BRIEFING

By now, all of you should have the new 1958 Roster and hope you like it. However, there seems to be one thing some of us are forgetting, on the title page are these words: "Private Membership—Not To Be Used For Commercial Purposes Without Permission of Executive Board." Need more be said.

The sales of the Amelia Earhart Medals are practically nil and it seems a shame our members are not supporting such a worth-while project. These medals make wonderful presentation gifts to friends, special occasions, out-going officers, Wing Scouts, etc.

Note a change in the International Headquarters telephone number, it is now MUtual 5-7969. weren't lucky enough to retain our old number but did get two 9's.

PLEASE, please, notify headquarters of changes in address or names as soon as possible, in so doing the records will be up-to-date and the News Letter and other pertinent info will reach you.

NOTICE to Section Governors: Please send to NL Editor the dates of your Sectional meetings and where. Also, make any corrections in the dates listed in this month's NL. This serves a dual purpose, your President plans to attend all Sectional meetings, provided there are no conflicting dates, should such occur then the first invitation received will be accepted. Check the NL for this info as these dates will be published, if received.

## WANTED—STENOTYPIST

The Alabama Chapter would like to know if any qualified 99 will provide stenotypist service at the 1958 Convention in Montgomery. If so please write:

Cora McDonald  
2928 Pass Road  
Biloxi, Mississippi

Deadline for your bid, April 1, 1958.



## FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

By Dorothy Rungeling

That little reminder in the last News Letter sure gave me a jolt! But honestly, I haven't had anything to report up until now. We haven't been able to have meetings due to distance between our members—three to four hundred miles—and as I said in my last column I can't report news unless I get it and I have heard from so very few of our members. Felicity McKendry, by the time this is in print, will be a proud mother. Of course we hope it is a future 99. Diane Hawley of Toronto is taking a course in aeronautical engineering—something she has has wanted to do since she was 14 years old.

Our 1958 section and chapter officers were elected by mail since we haven't had regular meetings are are as follows:

Canadian Section:

Governor, Dorothy Rungeling.

V. Governor, June Gregory.

Sec. Treas., Audrey Peck.

1st Can. Chapter:

Chairman, Rosamond Robinson.

V. Chairman, Pat Murdock.

Sec. Treas., Irene Morrow.

We hope to have a meeting in January in Ottawa in connection with the Royal Canadian Flying Clubs Association annual convention. Perhaps I can pin some of the girls down there and get some news. Hope to be able to meet you all in next year's I.A.R. and T.A.R. I'm digesting every word that is printed about them already.



By Pat Arnold

This story is not about the Christmas season, but it is about another recent holiday, and its good telling any season.

The Oct. 17th issue of the Whitefield Courier, Littleton, N. H. carried the

following front page headline: "Good Witch of Whitefield on Goodwill Flight for Brain Research." "The good witch" is our own Shirley Mahn, 28-year-old mother of two and flight instructor - airport operator at Whitefield. Shirley, flying a Cessna 170 instead of the proverbial broom, took off from Whitefield on her second annual goodwill "Witch" flight to deliver "Trick or Treat" candies to Brain Research Foundation chapters to trigger the 57 fund drive in Niagara, N. Y. Buffalo, Chicago, Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis, Memphis, Richmond, Philly, New York and Boston, all together covering 3600 miles in 36 hours flying time.

"The 'good witch' was in appropriate costume and was accompanied by Mrs. Leonora Horton of New York, public relations official of the Foundation and a flyer in her own right, being a WASP in WW2. The proceeds of the now famous "Trick or Treat" campaign of the Brain Foundation, a national, non-profit organization, are making possible a coordinated approach to brain research and the cause and treatment of brain disorders, America's No. 1 health problem.

Shirley Mahn, the "Good Witch of Whitefield," has been operating the municipal airport and flying school at Whitefield for the last 2½ years with her husband. She has been flying 11 years and earned her license while still in high school by working 3 paper routes. She later obtained her commercial and instructor's ratings. One of her student pilots eventually became her husband. Last year the "witch" won the Ninety Nines Amelia Earhart Award, granted each year to the most deserving woman pilot in the nation.



By A. J. Starr

Our November 18th meeting was held at the Beaux Arts Hotel on East 44th Street again. Dorothy Julich, instructor at Zahn's Airport on Long Island, brought along the following student pilot guests: Dot Anderson, Elaine Ballin and Doris Kraemer.

Pat Wilson is our chapter chairman of the AE Scholarship Fund. Applications from N. Y. - N. J. Chapter members should be sent directly to Pat.

The Christmas party will be held December 13th at the home of Barbara and Ed Evans in Manhasset, N. Y. The theme will be World Smorgasbord. Dishes on the menu thus far are Japanese Sukiyaki, Mexican Chili and good old U.S.A. pie and ice cream.

Further notes on our members — Kamala and Ted Vass are the proud

parents of a baby—their third girl, Sharon Alexandra. Arax Simsarian has taken a Greenwich Village apartment at 20 West 8th Street. Kay Brick Tri-Pacered over to Lockhaven recently and flew the new Piper Comanche. She thought the ship to be a real smooth dream! Kay, by the way, has been elected the new secretary of the National Pilots Association.

Irene Keith introduced our speaker for the evening, Miss Dorothy Goldsmith, of the New York Telephone Company. Her talk, "Micro - Wave," described the functions of the telephone company as a common carrier. She demonstrated with two model relay towers and various other displays.

Congratulations to Ruth Nichols on her book, WINGS FOR LIFE, and to the beautiful way she handled her radio and TV appearances on the TODAY show. Ruth, at present, is working as a social worker and Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol.

WINGS FOR LIFE also gives us a personal touch with the organization of the 99s and the spirit and foresightedness these charter members showed, which has made the 99s the most noted women's pilot organization in the world today.



WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Virginia Thompson

How does it feel to fly faster than sound? What do you think about as you skim through the sky at supersonic speeds? These were some of the questions answered by Major John Glenn, Jr., U. S. Marine Corps, in his talk on "Operation Bullet." Sounds fast, doesn't it? That is really why this title was chosen—to convey to people the speeds that would be traveled on the first supersonic flight across the U. S. Perhaps you recall reading about it in the July issue of "Life" magazine. It was interesting to learn that supersonic flights are flown by temperature curves rather than wind curves, that there is more of a sensation in a car than a plane going at supersonic speeds and that you are too busy flying the airplane and recording data to think about anything else. Although this Project had a three-fold purpose: (1) run continued high powered tests, (2) break the cross-country record, and (3) make the first supersonic transcontinental flight, safety was their main concern. All were accomplished in one of the finest airplanes in the world, the F8U-1P, according to Major Glenn.

Preceding this "heavenly" flight, the Tele-Trip Co. was our host at a cocktail party at the DuPont Plaza

Hotel. Here everyone had a chance to do some hangar flying as well as meet interesting people such as Mrs. Donald Quarles who has just made her cross-country flight for a private license. Manila Talley, our 100th '99' member; Charlotte Kelley, a distinguished '99' 'er; Joan Alford, Miss Air Power; and Mrs. Henry Weeks, charter member; were among some of the notables present. We were delighted too in having so many men as our guests.

Before "take-off time" our own personal engines were well stoked with a roast sirloin of beef dinner. Dorothy Mitchell, our Chapter Chairman, welcomed all the flyers and their guests. After Blanche Noyes introduced "Who's Who In Aviation," the Honorable Joseph P. Adams, General Counsel, Assoc. of Local and Territorial Airlines, prepared us for the supersonic flight, piloted by Major Glenn.

The many attractive gifts and favors presented by Beech Aircraft Corp., Capital Airlines, and Cessna Aircraft Corp., were lasting mementoes of a memorable evening. Those responsible for this delightful affair were: Jean Ross Howard, "Mitzie" Moore, Blanche Noyes, Frances Nolde, Ann Ash, Lamona Cervenka, and Betty Fisher.

Some travel via supersonic airplanes these days but others still prefer the slower mode of travel via "Stork Enterprises." This old bird may be slow but his "pay load" is mighty precious according to Caleb and Hazel Dwiggin. Little Mamie Lucille arrived on Nov. 3rd to begin her earth bound flight before attempting to reach the moon.

Ada Mitchell may have her feet on good old terra firma, but her head is in the clouds. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover just presented her with an "Incentive Award" in recognition of superior performance of work for the F.B.I. That plus a shiny, new station wagon could be called "Christmas in November."

A Very Merry Christmas to all was the theme of our Christmas party at Dorothy Mitchell's home on Dec. 15th. After the last icicle had been hung on the Christmas tree, we settled down to a brief business meeting. Then came the highlights of the evening, opening and swapping Christmas presents. Such merriment and a beautiful way to end the old year.

On Dec. 17th, the Sheraton Park Hotel was the scene of the Wright Memorial Dinner. At this time homage was paid to outstanding people in the aviation field. These included the Thompson trophy to Major Adrian Drew for establishing a new world's speed record of 1207.6 mph in a F-101 Voodoo; the Frank G. Brewer trophy to Edwin A. Link (Marilyn's brother).



for contributing the most to the development of air youth in the field of education and training; the Collier trophy to Charles J. McCarthy and Vice Admiral James S. Russell for the greatest achievement in aviation in America, the value of which has been demonstrated by actual use during the preceding year; and the Wright Brothers Memorial trophy to U. S. Senator W. Stuart Symington for public service of enduring value to aviation in the U. S.

Some of our "99'ers" played a very important part in this affair: Fran Nolde, V. President of the Aero Club of Washington, sponsors of the dinner; Jean Ross Howard, dinner committee; Jacqueline Cochran, Collier Trophy Committee; and Arlene Davis, Frank G. Brewer Trophy Committee. They really did an outstanding job.

I was delighted. Among over a thousand faces who should appear but our former Chairman Nancy Moore and her husband, Lee, from Terrytown, N. Y. The chatter had to be brief but it made the evening really perfect.

"Mitzie" Moore's dream came true when she became a photographer of royalty. She was the only one permitted to fly over Middleburg, Va. and photograph the Queen of England and Prince Philip. Not only did one of her photographs appear in the Saturday Evening Post, but it is also being incorporated in a book of photographs that is being compiled for the Queen.

#### **EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER**

**By Peggy Borek**

Two weeks ago we attended a luncheon meeting of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania held at an Amish farm in New Holland, Pa. Traditionally, the board groaned with the seven sweets and seven sour. We decided the only way to get ahead was to try a little of everything rather than a lot of one thing. The day was beautiful but winds were 25 to 30 knots, and going in the wrong direction for our Cub. We took the Turnpike, got lost, and arrived late enough to say goodbye to everyone else and sit down to lunch with the Amish family. It was an unusual and wonderful experience.

The following week we attended a lecture on satellites given by Prof. Levitt at the Fels Planetarium (another Aero Club function). We learned, and pass on to you, that there are four components to an ICBM—propulsion, guidance, re-entry and warhead. Prof. Levitt said the Communists have obviously surpassed us on propulsion because they've got something fast enough to launch a satellite (final stage rocket must attain 18,000 MPH in order to reach proper orbit). We have the lead on guidance. Our WAC

Corporal reached target within 400 miles. At present this is considered excellent. We also have the lead on re-entry problem (remember the cone shown in the news recently?), which means we have a material strong enough to leave the atmosphere, travel in space, and re-enter the atmosphere without burning up. As for warhead—our stockpile of atomic bombs may be on a par with or slightly behind that of the Communists. Things aren't as black as they appear. Having a satellite does not mean having an ICBM. Many of you probably know these things already. I didn't, and thought it worth noting.

Our Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 21, at the Officers Club at the Philadelphia Naval Base. If any of you are nearby, join us. We plan to auction an hour's flight instruction (anything up to an ATR, whether it be instrument time or checking out on floats).

In January we will sponsor a lecture on rockets or missiles, charging a small admission. It will be held at the airport and we expect to attract a large crowd. This event should prove interesting and successful financially. (Tell us, do YOU all have treasury troubles, too?)



#### **GEORGIA CHAPTER**

**By Emily Bourne Grigsby**

Georgia 99'ers flew to Jasper, Ga., November 10th in time to eat Sunday dinner at the Jasper Hotel. What a spread we had! (We were a little worried that our planes wouldn't be able to lift the load on our flight home).

After leaving the groaning table, we met at the home of Virginia (Deedie) and Dick Brinkman. Dovie Robeson, Ruth Arrington, a prospective member, and Emily Grigsby were the Atlantians present. Betty McNabb, Mary Powell, a prospective, and Marjorie Samuels, a transfer from Albuquerque, New Mexico, flew in from Albany. Marjorie is interested in racing.

Deedie's husband, Dick, and their children, Carol and Ricky, ate with us and 49½'er Paul Grigsby, consumed his share.

Miss Dovie Robeson, chairman.

Mrs. Walter C. Nix (Betty), vice chairman.

Mrs. Paul Wallace, Secy.-Treas.

Mrs. G. W. Curtis, Jr. (May), membership chairman.

Mrs. Paul R. Grigsby (Emily), reporter.

#### **TENNESSEE CHAPTER**

**By Constance Ohlinger**

In case you haven't heard or read—another recognition for Amelia Earhart. She stands with sixteen other famous American women in the new 'Pioneers in Progress' panels of sculptor John Rood. The panels were unveiled last fall by the American Association of University Women, and will be placed in their new national headquarters building in Washington, D. C. 99's visiting Washington will want to see the beautiful bas-relief figures, where Amelia Earhart is sculptured between poet Edna St. Vincent Millay and scientist Florence Sabin.

Our Evelyn Bryan has had very busy days promoting aviation in several ways: thru speaking engagements (including the Morristown Kiwanis Club), long-distance ferrying, and 'coptering. She has also soloed another lady student who is now a prospective 99. While on the way to California with a 260 Navion, the engine swallowed a valve twenty-two miles west of Mineral Wells, Texas. Evelyn managed to do a 180 back to the M. W. airport and made a safe landing. Whew!

For 'coptering, Evelyn goes over to Spartanburg, S. C. to use the Bell G-2. She has recently been selected the "Outstanding Female Senior Member" of East Tennessee (Group IV) CAP.

Georgiana McConnell has done some SARCAP practice, and also enjoyed operating a CAP radio in a friend's 170.

At the latest meeting of 99's at Tyson Airport, Knoxville, there were three prospective members in attendance. Mary Jane Quarles, flying in from Morristown, brought candidate Betty Kesterson; and Georgiana McConnell brought Delma Van Houser, both flying in Delma's plane from Smithville. Delma is seventeen, and we will be proud to have so young a pilot in our company. All the girls had lunch at the Knoxville port.

Tanny Schlundt and Jane Simmons were thru Nashville on their way home to Indiana, in November. Georgiana was happy to say hello to them.

#### **ALABAMA CHAPTER**

**By Jan Warrick**

Alabama chapter had it's regular monthly meeting on December 15th at Gunter Field, Montgomery. Attendance was low due to bad weather and personal misfortunes of several of our members, we were very sorry to learn that Meredith Ward's mother was critically injured in an auto accident and that Estelle Moon's husband is very ill.

Business meeting and Christmas party was at Florence Fintak's quar-



ters at Gunter, she had the coffee on when we arrived (bless her). As usual we worked on convention plans and then disposed of current business. You wouldn't think that five people could stir up much of a party but we managed beautifully and had loads of fun exchanging gossip and gifts before going to the officer's club for lunch.

Haven't completely caught up on the personal news of some of our members but I did hear that Minnie and Charlie Wade haven't missed many football games within a radius of approximately 500 miles or more this season . . . such fortitude . . . Glad to report that Jaunita's co-pilot has completely recovered from a broken arm and is as good as new again. Florence will be off to Wisconsin for the Christmas holidays come Friday, so will this gal, along with twin Clara, heading for Boston for a two weeks visit (our belated vacation no less).

Next meeting has been called for January 19th, Municipal Airport, Birmingham.

### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Lona Frame

Haaving been several months since our last NL report, thought I'd better get things rollin' and let you know what's going on here in the South Florida chapter.

Our September meeting was held in Ft. Pierce at Phyllis McBath's lovely new home, where she served a delightful lunch for everyone. New officers were elected and we welcomed a new member from Naples, Florida.

The October meeting was held at Erma's home in Miami.

A guest, Maryln Benjamin, leader of the "Wing Scouts" here in Miami gave a short speech on the activities of her group.

The November meeting was at the home of Verna Burke, in Coconut Grove.

Refreshments were served after a short business meeting.

Plans for the '58 International Air Race were discussed, but a definite date has not been set.

On December 8th we are having a flight over to Key Largo's newly completed airfield and Ocean Reef Motel for a day of swimming and fun in the Florida sun.

Plans were completed for our annual Christmas party, which will be held at the Ocean Ranch Motel on December 18th.



### NO. CENTRAL SECTION

#### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

I gave away the News Letter that told of the change in deadline for

Ninety-Nine news, and didn't see it before I gave it to the prospective member.

Consequently, since I always have to use extra throttle to get "over the fence," I missed the October issue. Sorry.

We had an outdoor meeting in September, the last Sunday, and invited all the prospective members we could scrape up. We sent home membership blanks with three girls, and at our last meeting I was happy to see Sue Hassler, flight instructor at the University of Illinois Institute of Aeronautics, wearing her new pin.

The first weekend in October Sam and Leah Warren joined some flying farmers in an air tour of some southern Illinois state parks. They had a nice time and flew in company with a goodly number of other light planes.

Florence and Bob Musser took a Cessna 140 and made an aerial tour for themselves, flying along the Illinois river near Meredosoa and Havana, to enjoy the vivid autumn foliage. Seems like Illinois had a big share of autumn beauty this year.

Leah Warren, Rose Andrew and 49½er, Frank, are enrolled in the ground school refresher course that the Illinois State Department of Aeronautics is sponsoring in different parts of the state. We meet at the Urbana Armory for a three hour session one night a week. Mr. Gene Utz of the State Department of Aeronautics has very capably lectured on CAA rules, meteorology, and navigation. There have been about 100 people enrolled in the course.

One of the things I was proud to hear Mr. Utz say was that the question and answer booklet for private pilots, PRIVATE PILOT: CROSS COUNTRY QUESTIONS, published by Hangar Flying, Inc., Bloomington, Illinois, is so good that all of the students he knows that have studied it have had no trouble passing their written flight tests. You might like to know that the author is our own Ninety-Niner, Helen Greinke.

Incidentally, she will soon be off to Florida for a Christmas vacation with her family. Bet she will have a stack of paper and pencils in the car with her to jot down more ideas for prospective pilots.

In November we met at the Capitol Airport, Springfield, on Sunday afternoon, the 24th, where we had an enjoyable time in the dining room. Afterwards we went in groups to visit the control tower, watching and listening as the operators gave instructions and information to pilots in that area.

The group included the Warrens, Andrews and Sue Hassler from Champaign; Mary Hendrix and her sister, Mattoon; Helen Greinke, Bloomington;

ton; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Farley (prospective member) Princeton; and the Mussers from Lincoln.

Our meeting for December was in the nature of a pot-luck supper at Betty LeCompte's in Champaign. Your reporter was having one of her absent-minded days and forgot her bowl of salad until she reached the hostess's front door. I was forgiven after promising the group homemade ice cream when warm weather returns.

Those present were Helen Greinke, Sue Hassler, Flo Musser, Leah Warren, Mary Hendrix, Helen McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Brody (prospective member), and the LeCompte family, and Rose Andrew. After supper Lynn H. Howard and her husband, Bob, joined us. We hope that Lynn will be able to join the group soon. She is an instructor at the University of Illinois airport.

### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Justine Mills

On December 14, the following members and 49½ers met at the Halfway House for a Christmas party. Dottie Faust and 49½er, Dora Fritzke, Deedo Heise and 49½er, Jean Herrling, Justine Mills and 49½er, Mary Seymour, and Bernie Voelker. An excellent dinner and exchanging of gifts was enjoyed by all. Business discussed included, planning for next years hostess schedule with the aim — flying to many different airports and really getting about the state. The hostess for each month will be responsible also for getting out her own cards.

Our new slate of officers are, Chairman Dottie Faust; Vice Chairman, Mary Seymour; Secretary, Jeanette Herrling; Treasurer, Elaine Francke; and Membership, Deedo Heise.

News items are that, Mary Seymour is now checked out for night flying and Jean Herrling is working on her commercial. Genevieve Sharp has left for Shreveport, La., but will retain her Wisconsin membership. We sure hate to lose such a "Spark Plug."

January's meeting will be held at Waukesha County Airport.

### GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Ruth Lake

Our November meeting was held at Mickey Clark's beautiful new home overlooking Lake James. Mickey started her term as chairman with an all-out drive for new members, entertaining the following seven prospective members — Hilda Hemmersmeier, Private License, Barbara Reithmaier, Commercial License, Delores Albers, brand spanking new Private License, and thrilled as can be, Faith Lawrence, Student Permit, Helen Gurney, Student Permit, Mildred Johnson, Student Permit and Marian Bass, Student Permit, all of whom, we hope to report as members in the near future. Had some real hangar



flying, with all of these enthused pilots. It seems that there are more and more women flying in our area, and we hope to be able to say that we have the largest and most active chapter by the end of 1958. The December meeting was also held at Mickey's home, and we are now able to say that Hilda Hemmersmeier is our newest member, and three other applications have been given out so far.

Ed Schaeffer, who is with the CAA office here in St. Louis, and a most co-operative person, was our guest speaker, coming out on a nasty night and having both the flu and in infected finger. He spoke on the revisions of Manual 20. Most interesting and educational. We were very happy to have Ginny Duenke at the meeting. Ginny was in an auto accident several weeks ago, but is now able to be up and about, still having her leg in a cast. Helen Sanderson is flying her new Bonanza these days, and from what we hear, really piling up the hours. Remember Helen, you promised me a ride.

Amy Summers and her Doctor husband recently returned from Ross School where they went through the instrument training offered there. Lucky people. Amy also checked out in Doc's Bonanza. Our Christmas party was a huge success, being held at the Prime Rib Restaurant, which Dorothy Wheeler recommended—real wonderful food and all you wanted, which pleased all the male guests, or should I say 49½'s.

Our chapter is scheduled to furnish the program for the January meeting of the Aero Club of St. Louis, and from all advance notices, a fine program is being planned.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

By Nelie P. Jackson

Want to go "house warming" sometime soon? Our charming president, Delia Sanders, and her 49½'er, Harry, have moved to their new home and have invited all of us to go see them! Lots of luck and happiness in your new abode!

Sunday, November 10, dawned bright and clear—just an ideal day to fly down to Meyers Field at Madison, Indiana for our regular meeting, with Opal Ledgerwood (who runs the airport) as our hostess. She and her sister served a bountiful and delicious meal, then Opan entertained us with a concert on her Hammond Electric Organ. While listening to the beautiful music we had time to admire the lovely oil paintings which she has done in her "spare" time. After our business meeting we went to see the tallest stacks in the world at the "Miracle on the Ohio River"—the Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation plant at Madison. The stacks are 682 feet

high and what wonderful check points they make! Thanks a million, Opal, for your hospitality and time spent in making our meeting such a success!

We have four 99's enrolled in the Instrument Course sponsored by the Indianapolis Aero Club: Esther Berner, Virginia Maggart, Sophia Payton and Delia Sanders.

Jill McCormick, Lafayette, has received her Instrument Flight Instructor's Certificate. What can't she do with that Tri-Pacer! Congratulations, Jill.

Fern Rinker, Anderson, flew her Cessna 170 to the Horse Races at Lexington, Ky., this fall. Mildred Hurt recently completed one thousand hours in the air. Nice going, Mildred!

Olive and Cassius McCormick in their Cessna 195 and Margaret Petty in her Tri Pacer flew to Florida in November for the Sportsman Pilots Cruise, leaving Muncie Saturday, Nov. 2, got weathered in at Lexington, Ky. until Monday noon, arrived St. Petersburg, Fla. on Tuesday. Thursday the McCormicks flew to Ocala and home from there. Margaret went to Delray Beach (Sea Aire) for a few days and flew home from there with an overnight stop at Bowling Green.

Saturday Eve, Dec. 14, loaded cars zoomed into Irvington from all directions bringing 99's and their guests to the annual Christmas party at the lovely home of 'Billie' (LaVerne) Smith and her 49½'er Savage. The entire house was beautifully decorated. A big Christmas tree and pile of gifts at one end of the social room, the nut and candy tree surrounded by all the "white elephants," and the bar with the crystal bowl of delicious cranberry punch at the other end of the room, along with all the dips and snacks kept everybody interested and busy until the dinner bell sounded. Oh, what a meal! Ham, turkey and all the trimmings! When everyone had eaten to the bursting point, then Santa distributed all the lovely gifts. Everyone must have been good because no one was forgotten. Then we played a game and the "white elephants" were given as prizes. Such prizes! A beautifully wrapped package disclosed a handsome mink-lined "burp" cup, another contained an altimeter in a million pieces with a card saying "Don't depend on me," signed "Al Timeter." A Cessna owner and her 49½'er both won "Bonanza" ties, so now they have to have a new airplane. Everybody had fun and voted it the best party yet. Our heartfelt thanks to Billie and Smitty for a wonderful evening and also for the bag of delicious apples waiting at the door for all of us. Incidentally, this is the third time the Smiths have entertained the 99's this year. So, once again, thanks a million

Billie and Smitty for being such a wonderful host and hostess.

Tannie Schlundt and her 49½'er Paul (who is full time pilot for the Roscoe Turner Aeronautical Corp.) had a wonderful vacation recently to points South and Southwest — "flying" in their Ford. Paul said he was in the air so much he had to come down to earth to have a vacation. They went to New Orleans, Galveston, San Antonio and Dallas—arriving at Dallas along with the King!!! and returning via Texarkana, Little Rock and Hot Springs.

If I can get my 49½'er Bill out of the left seat of our Bonanza I'm going to fly him down to Marathon, Florida, the day after Christmas for a week's rest. Best wishes to all for a year of good luck, health and happiness.

#### KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Emily Crew

Good food and drink and gay repartee made our November meeting thoroughly enjoyable . . . dinner at The New Yorker with a good turnout . . . Chairman Sarah Gorelich, teacher Marjory Farrell, former Link Trainer and now dog fancier Betty Siggs, CAA employee and active CAP Wing Officer Dee Southard, flight instructor Catherine Van Wye, newest member and restaurateur Elaine Morris, active CAP worker and Mother of three Margaret Sheppard, teacher Katherine Peck, radiologist technician Joan Cayot, and Heart researcher Mary Ruth Dietrich.

Meeting then adjourned to Kansas City's new TWA training center . . . here we were given a most instructive tour of all the latest training devices, class rooms for ground school training, thru a take-off and landing in a Constellation . . . with Dee Southard the Co-Pilot . . . why is it that when she flies a Tri-Pacer she cannot find Topeka via instruments?

Interesting panel meetings taking place on Sunday afternoons at the Kansas City Museum . . . sponsored by the Aero Club and K. C. Astronomy Club . . . hope to see you all there.

#### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Vachout

For our chapter, the fall season got underway with a "bang" as our Oct. meeting was held at the lovely home of Dallas Sutton. Dallas served a delicious dinner, with cocktails before and after. Everyone had a wonderful time. Our thanks to Dallas and her 49½'er, who was a most excellent host and bartender!

We hope that everyone has read the very fine article in the Illinois Aviation Booster about Doris Langher. Doris has her ATR and is now one of the very few women in aviation who has obtained this difficult rating. We feel extremely honored to have a pilot



like Doris in our chapter. Our most sincere congratulations, Doris, on your achievement.

Quite a few of our members attended the Fall Sectional at Milwaukee on Sept. 20. Bea Siemon, Lois Cassidy, Regina Devine, Marge Raglin, Sylvia Roth and Helen Sailer were there. All of these girls—Eva White, Dallas Sutton, Fran Akerlund and Hazel Peterson — brought their 49½ers; so we were represented by a goodly crowd. They all had a most enjoyable time, too.

Another affair that attracted attention was the Paul Bunyon Clan gathering. Alice Kudrna and Mary Beutil flew to Traverse City in Alice's Cessna. Eva White and her 49½er also flew there with Prospect Cleo Overton and her husband, Harley, in Overton's 180. They had breakfast at Beaver Island on Sunday and flew back on the Wisconsin side, admiring the beautiful fall scenery all the way.

The "weathered in" season has started early for Sylvia Roth. While on an X-C with a student, she had to land at Antioch till the weather cleared enough to get back to Sky Harbor.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 8th. It will be held at Menard's Black Steer at 6446 W. North Ave. at 5 p.m. We hope that everyone will come and enjoy the festivities.



#### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morgan

The November meeting was held in Blackwell for our annual Thanksgiving dinner with Veda Mauk and her 49½er Dewey as hosts. We had an enjoyable time as we always do when we visit the Mauks. Members present were Marie Hall, Ida Carter, Beth Smith, June Crosby, Elizabeth Sewell, Veda Mauk, Broneta Davis, Ruth Jones, Wynema Masonhall, Rita Eaves, and Velma Woodward; and 49½ers Cyril Smith, Dewey Mauk, B. J. Crosby, Dr. Neil Woodward; and visitors Sara Ellis and 24½er Pat Smith.

Congratulations to the Crosbys on the arrival of George Martin Crosby, nine pounds. Sorry we can't make a "99" out of him. Maybe June will oblige us next time!

Our Christmas party was at the Carter cabin at Lake Hiwassee with Ruth and Ida official greeters. Very successful party and those who failed to make it missed a good time. Emily Frost arrived with an interesting, well-behaved and unusual guest, Tex. We believe he will be an adequate

protector against unwanted "male" visitors.

Am unable to list those present as no list was made. Our thanks to those girls who did the work and made the party so much fun!

We understand that our president, Broneta, has been covering territory—flying in the Dallas Doll Race, and handing out charters at Fort Worth, Dallas, Corpus Christi and San Antonio.

The Oklahoma Chapter would like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes and congratulations to the Clyde Evanes. Mrs. Evans is the former Broneta Davis, our International president. Welcome to the ranks of the 49½ers, Clyde.

#### EL PASO, TEXAS CHAPTER

The El Paso Chapter will hold their meetings the third Saturday of every month, visitors will be most welcome.

We are now in the process of planning for Broneta's visit, which we hope will be the first week in December. Broneta will present us our new charter at the dinner and party we are giving in Ruby Tatman's new home. Broneta will be the house guest of Ruth Deerman during her stay here.

Our breakfast flight we had planned for October was fouled up, old man weather wouldn't cooperate so we are in the process of planning another one.

Ruby and Dick Tatman have been flying their 182 to the football games, up to date their record has been 100 per cent — they have been weathered in on every flight.

Juanita and Tex Burdick have just returned from a most successful hunting trip in Colorado. They reported a wonderful time and their full quota of game.

Faye McConnell and Lela Carwardine are both recovering from a nasty bout with the Asian flu.

Ruth and Charlie Deerman are planning on a flying trip to California to spend Thanksgiving with Ruth's mother.

Frances Slape is leading in the golf tournament here, we are very proud of how well she has done and are rooting for her.

Doris Smith and her 49½er have just returned from a two weeks trip to San Francisco and vicinity, the weather was perfect and they had a wonderful time.

El Paso had its first snow storm last night, its a beautiful sight but melting fast.

Lois Hailey is instructing on weekends, she has a new member lined up for us in the very near future.

The last of the six new chapters presented in Texas was the one presented Saturday night, Dec. 7, by National President Broneta Davis to the El Paso Chapter. The group met at Ruby and Dick Tatman's lovely new home for a Christmas dinner and

fun. Santa brought Ruby a new electric organ for Christmas which we had to try out. This reporter missed most of the latest gossip because I sat at that organ all evening. The El Paso Chapter has 18 charter members.

Pres. Broneta Davis hangered in the home of Ruth and Charlie Deerman during her visit in El Paso. That diamond on Broneta's finger really blinds you. We are all very happy for Broneta and wish her every happiness in her new life.

Ruby and Dick Tatman made a flying trip to California and in returning to El Paso wound up in Arkansas. Ruby said they had such a good tail wind (180 mile ground speed) they decided to go on to Arkansas. How about that?

#### COLORADO CHAPTER

By Mary Wenholz

Everyone must be resting up for the holiday season as I can't seem to run down too much news for this month. However, we did have a wonderful smorgasbord dinner meeting November 1 at the Denver Athletic Club hostessed by our gracious Pat Urling with a grand attendance of 14 present; same being, in addition to our hostess, Frances Warner, Helen Choun, Frances Tepper, Helen Maxson, Verna Christopher, Marilyn Nordstrom, Betty Stackhouse, Donna Myers, Thelma Thomas, Darlene Gray, our old friend and now renewed member, Jane Nettieblad; a prospective, Clara Kruker, who is a former member of the Missouri Valley Chapter now residing in Denver; and yours truly. The evening wound up with everyone feeling just like your Thanksgiving turkey—stuffed that is. Plans were made for our big event of the year—Christmas party—to be on December 8 at the home of Helen Maxson.

We do have some sad news, Darlene Gray met with an accident and is now cast up with a broken back. Has decided she'll have to wear maternity clothes for all the holiday occasions as this is all that will cover her and her cast.

Alice Fuchs has been busy doing flight instruction for the Air Force Academy Aero Club and writing for Flying Magazine.

Helen Maxson and her 49½er have flown to California several times in the last couple of months.

This being the Christmas season, we, the Colorado, gals, extend our best wishes to all peoples everywhere for a most joyous Christmas followed with a year of happiness and success.

Everyone being so busy with the activities of the Christmas season, there is little news this month with the exception of reporting the huge success of our own season's party hostessed by our gracious Helen Maxson and her 49½er, John. A goodly number of members were present, same



being Pat Urling, Betty Stackhouse, Joe and Helen Choun, Swede and Jane Nettleblad, Harold and Marilyn Westrom, Ed and Frances Tepper, Bill and Alice Fuchs, Bob and Mary Collett, Ed and Ruth Mugele, Bob and Mary Wenholz, Bob and Frances Warner, Fred and Darlene Gray, John and Donna Myers, Thelma Thomas and friend, Jerry Ozkan (from Turkey, and last but not least, our guests Buddy and Della Leet, who furnished musical entertainment throughout the evening. A most delicious buffet dinner was enjoyed by everyone until they could hardly move to go home.

### MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Barb Anspaugh

An ornery flu bug put a crimp in our November meeting. He dive-bombed the Anspaugh household and grounded my 49½er. The scheduled dinner and film were dropped and we gals ate out.

That same busy little bug also hit our P. C. Helen Nestle, so Jan Munkres stepped in to conduct the meeting. Flying in were Jan, Helen Moore and Pauline Hawks with a guest from Eruning who was out for her first fright (pardon me—flight). Laura Russell flew in with her Pontiac.

Laura will hostess our December meeting, with dinner in her lovely home and our annual Christmas party. Probably several prospective 99's in the crowd.

As the plans stand now, we won't have a January meeting, but then again plans can change. We wish many happy hours of flying to each of you who are 99's—wherever you are.

### TIP OF TEXAS CHAPTER

By Elaine Needham

Pleasant surprise! Broneta, our International president, flew in with ex-president Edna for our annual Corpus Christi Unit birthday dinner.

Our birthday cake, being a very unusual species — tomato soup cake, was trimmed to fit the occasion: Corpus Christi Unit was lettered on the top with a line drawn through it with our new name — Tip of Texas Chapter printed in bold relief.

This was the line-up when Pauline Glasson called the chow line: Ardath McCreery, Neva Jaspersen and Sydney Smallridge from exotic McAllen; Rooky Tromm, prospective member; Louise Clarkson, Veda Tennett and Merle Dunnam, old faithfuls from Corpus; and Pauline, chief cook and entertainer for the evening.

A fine time was had by all. We bid farewell and promised—see you again in '58.

We recently put on a very successful rummage sale down in McAllen. Got to keep making that moola for repaints and lots of new airmarkers this year.

Our new prospective member, Gwendolyn Hickerson, seemed to really enjoy the thrills of wading through old

shoes, pinning on price tags, sorting and packing and finally trying salesmanship on crowds of human windmills. A real old-fashioned rummage sale!

### ABILENE CHAPTER

The new Abilene, Texas, chapter elected officers at its October meeting. New officers are Ruby Caldwell, president; Annelle Hooks, vice president; Beverly Tarpley, secretary-treasurer; and Margaret Childs, membership chairman.

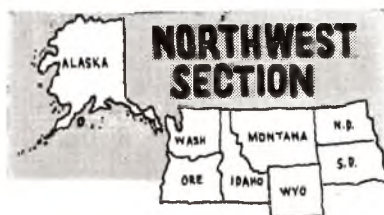
Members of the chapter have made three flying trips within the past few months.

First trip was to Sweetwater, Texas, where the group had lunch together. Making the trip were Ruby Caldwell, Annellee Hooks, Tolly Petty, Patty Taliaferro, Marian Lippott, Amber Cree, Beverly Tarpley, Jo Ann Elliott, and Maxine Elam.

Flying to San Antonio, where the group had lunch at the home of Mrs. James W. Nixon (Patty Taliaferro's mother), were Ruby, Amber, Patty, Annelle, Maxine, and Margaret Childs. A story about the trip in the San Antonio paper was accompanied by a three-column picture.

Amber Cree's ranch in Oklahoma was the destination of the third trip. Flying were Amber, Annelle, Patty, Tolly, and Ruby.

The Christmas party included the 49½ers and was a dinner party held at the Abilene Club.



### ALASKA CHAPTER

By Pat Gilda

The November meeting was held at the home of Doll Booth and we had as guests Dr. Ruth Coffin, a prospective 99, and Jean Collins, acting controller for CAA, who gave us an informative talk on IFR and DVFR flight controlling.

We made \$56 on our October breakfast flight and we talked of having another in March. Helen Stoddard showed her colored movies of us in our different activities during the summer and fall and they were wonderful. Those present were Doll Booth, Liz Krakau, Pat McGee, Pat Gilda, Helen Stoddard, and Marion Zaegel.

At the December meeting we made plans for a January pot luck dinner to be held at Marion Zaegel's and to invite the ex-members and prospective 99's to see if we can raise our membership. We lost Carol Gillespie to Portland, Oregon. We all hope that she will be back with us soon.

We discussed having a raffle to boost our treasury a bit. We took pictures and ate cream puffs and set

our January supper meeting for the 8th. Anyone of you 99's visiting up here are always welcome to come.

We have been having quite a lot of below zero weather even if we don't practically come to a standstill for all but the most hardy. Present were Liz Krakau, Helen Stoddard, Doll Booth, Pat McGee, Carole Pierce, Ruth O'Buck, prospective 99 Peggy Baker, and hostess Pat Gilda.

### WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Mickie Gilman

Even with the wet and cold weather we have had a nice turnout for the last two meetings. Bonnie Coon flew up from Tacoma and had almost a no ceiling going back after our meeting. Del Freimuth, instructor at Bellevue Airfield, was a guest speaker for the October meeting. He shared with us experiences and slides of his years in Alaska as a bush pilot and also pilot with the Wildlife Service. The meeting ended with Dave Kellogg taking the girls for a ride in a Lockheed Constellation.

An exciting trip to La Paz, Mexico for Maxine Francher and Van Adderson with their 49½ers as excess baggage.

Our flying grandmother, Vera Corey, recently transferred from Eastern Washington Chapter. She started flying at 40 years and travels around in a Taylorcraft.

Pete Bowers showed some very old slides at our November meeting. An airplane racing a car gave us plenty of thrills. He also showed movies of the new French airliner, plus glider films. A movie on the 180 degree turn was very educational and was enjoyed by all.

We now have 23 members to help celebrate our Christmas party December 13.

### IDAHO CHAPTER

By Joyce Morcom

Co-hosted by Eula Logsdon and Catherine Beckley our November meeting was held at Bradley Field where Capt. Frazier and Sgt. Adams of the 124th Fighter Squadron showed the film "New Sound of Freedom" which showed us all a great deal about the way the U. S. is protected by radar, also brought home the need for ground observer stations. After the film Capt. Frazier held a question and answer period. We were fortunate to have Piper Sales Rep. Verl Burkner at our meeting and he gave all statistics on the new Comanche. Stated he would have a demonstrator shortly at Bradley Field for all those that were interested in seeing and flying one. So see you there gals.

It was decided at this meeting to change the meeting date to the third Thursday of the month in hopes it would be a more convenient date for members.

To boost chapter and section treas-



uries a cook book composed of N. W. Section 99's special recipes will be compiled by Doris Atkinson and Georgia Myers. This book will be available to members also anyone else interested for \$1.00.

Our annual hanger dance is scheduled for Feb. 14 at the Mirmar Ballroom with music by Ken Bort. Formerly this has been held in the hanger at Bradley Field but this year it was voted to be held in the ballroom.

The Christmas party will be held in Barbara Hornback's lovely new home Dec. 12. Co-hostessing with Barbara will be Doris Atkinson and your news reporter. By that time we hope the flu bug has run his course and we are looking forward to seeing the 99's in force.

### MONTANA CHAPTER

By Vivienne Schranz

Weather has played a large part in preventing 99 meetings lately. First, we were to be guests of the Flying Farmers where they had a meeting at Harve November 2. Then we were to have a super-duper 99 meeting at Helena on November 16, with Elsie Childs in charge, with a film entitled "To Save a Life," which illustrates the procedures to be followed in making the 180 degree turn and indicating the weather conditions to avoid before making the turn necessary, which had to be cancelled. Our chairman, Dorothy Sabo, graciously offered the hospitality of her home at Bozeman for members who couldn't make it home from Helena before dark to RON with her but even that didn't help. Right now in Montana, sundown is at 1630 or 4:30 p.m. for those who hate to be bothered figuring aviation time.

Yes, lack of daylight is becoming a problem in Montana and who realizes that any better than your reporter who flew the J-3 to Glasgow November 13, accompanied by her 49½er, Milton, for her instrument flight test with safety agent, John Doster (yes, she passed) and the real test seemed to come later trying to reach Jordan—her return trip home—before dark.

Gladys Kreider has recently recovered from a bad case of flu which many of our member have had.

### EASTERN WASHINGTON

By Mary Drinkwater

We have two chapter meetings to report. Our October meeting was held in the home of Louise Lee in Pullman. Those who arrived by plane were Gini Richardson and guest Dolores Hall with their 49½ers from Yakima; Lygie Hagan and Ardith Sherman with their 49½ers from Spokane. Of course, our grand gal Minnie Boyd from Pullman was there. Elections results were announced. The new chapter officers are Lygie Hagan, chairman; Betty Seavey, vice chairman; Ardith Sherman, secretary; and Louise Lee, treasurer.



**PENNY SWOPE** of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, one of the most ardent boosters for the 99's and flying in general. We are proud of you, Penny.



### SOUTHWEST SECTION

#### SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Marjy Crowl

Ruth Reinhold was present at the last meeting — it was held at her house! This doesn't always guarantee attendance, but it helps! (This is just good-natured kidding, but in all seriousness we would like to see some of you more often.) Melba Beard, Wilma Bland, Juanita Newell and Marjy Crowl were all present to hear Amos Richardson's interesting talk on AOPO's 180 degree turn method.

Best wishes to Carol Lowery who is now Mrs. Joe-Lynden Young, new address 1004 Hogue Place, Hobbs, New Mexico. Carol has been over in New Mexico for some time now in connection with her work as a geologist. Juanita Newell waited for an hour and a half for her charter flight client in vain—later learned he had been apprehended en route to airport for holding up a Safeway store. Good thing, too, Juanita—couldn't you have been held as an accessory had he made the flight?

Chairman Melba Beard was hostess for a luncheon meeting of her officers for the coming year. Ruth Reinhold, Juanita Newell, Doris Gline and Marjy Crowl worked with her on tentative plans for the chapter. First on the agenda is the shopping trip to Nogales suggested by Alice Roberts, who had planned to have it as her flight until an operation changed her mind. She's doing fine — said so herself—and we hope she will be able to make the flight with us.

Our annual Christmas party, held

at the home of Agnes Hollingshead and her 49½er, was the Christmisiest ever! Agnes carried out the motif to the slightest detail — Santa Claus dishes, lovely tree, decorations all over the house. The dinner was done on a pot-luck basis and everything was delicious—especially the attractive adorned ham prepared by Agnes. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Max Shears. Later Mr. Shears addressed the following 99s and their 49½ers: Melba Beard and Bill, Wilma Bland and Bill, Marjy Crowl and Cliff, Doris Gline and John, Louise Lantis and Aubrey, Juanita Newell and Elgin, Alice Roberts and Charlie, Thora Schnepf and Ray, and Jimmie Lou Shelton and Frank. The original plan for distribution of gifts was altered slightly by the charming little Miss Hollingshead, but proved satisfactory.

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Ruby Potter

We are all so proud of our good member, Helen Dick, who received her private glider rating Nov. 10. Congratulations Helen and good soaring.

Since our Chapter has found a good reason for fund raising, we too have found how much fun those things can be. Should any of you have dropped in on our Halloween Hangar Hop last month you could understand more fully what I mean. One of our good friends loaned us the hangar, another a juke box and with a little crepe paper, a few balloons and well over 200 congenial people many of whom were in costume, we had a "ball." Besides the fun we cleared about \$225 and people are clamoring for a repeat.

Our November meeting was in the home of our immediate past chairman, Dottie Sanders. This was the "before rummage sale" meeting when we auction the better trash and treas-



ures, you know, what is one woman's trash is another woman's treasure. With our very energetic member Lea Hanlon in the role of auctioneer we cleared \$125. The balance of the rummage was offered to the public the following Saturday morning and they were as enthusiastic over our discards as our members and friends were. This time we cleared \$135.

What a pleasant surprise to have Ann Bledsoe present for the meeting. Ann flew down from Los Angeles for the meeting and of course bringing rummage. Unfortunately Ann packed the rummage and her overnight clothes in the same bag and got quite a shock when she saw her personal things being offered for sale. A bit of a mad scramble ensues, but I think she retrieved most of them.

We welcomed Nancy Lyman into our Chapter as our newest member. Nancy is a charming girl and will be an asset to the Ninety-Nines.

We are pleased to announce the Air Force and Air Force Association are working with us on the race start. They have offered some good ideas and assistance and if all goes as planned at this time, we should have some excellent entertainment for the start.

Chairman Marian and 49½er Noble had an interesting and pleasant trip to Miami, Fla. They flew their 182 over most of the race route. Marian said it should be easy, west to east, coast to coast.

What a wonderful time of year this is and we were even more aware of it when our very gracious member, Ern Stanley, invited the Chapter to be her guests for dinner. Her home was so beautifully decorated, 49½er Joe had made a huge bowl of delicious punch and surely Ern had spent many hours preparing all of the excellent food, then to top it off, there was a gift for each of us under the tree. After we had eaten all we could possibly hold, we settled back and were well entertained. Chairman Marian and Ruby Potter presented Dedo Heise's skit on the air race, Ern played Christmas carols on the organ while jolly Mrs. Santa Claus (Helen Dick) adjusted her pillows then arrived to hand out the presents.

The evening was further enhanced by the presence of our members, Claire Hale who now lives in Ventura and Ruth Waldron who had just returned from several years in the Hawaiian Islands. Ruth is leaving soon for Washington, D. C., and February first on to Malta for several years. It was good to have them with us again, if only for one evening.

#### **SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER**

**By Billie Wyatt**

Our November meeting was held in the lovely new country home of our Chairman, Laura May Crawford. We

were assured that the swimming pool was going to be heated and that we would not have to wait till summer for a swim. Norma Norton drove from Riverbank, Loucil from Gustine, Frances from Newman and Ev and Billie from Modesto in Ev's new "Sputnik" of Karmann Ghia—an anniversary present from 49½er Walt.

This was your reporter's first experience in a sports car, Ah!! Me . . . Final plans were made for our annual rummage sale which was held on Dec. 2, and most successful, \$130.47.

Seventeen gathered at the Crawford home on Dec. 8, for our Christmas party. A warm-up hour started at 4 p.m. followed by a pot-luck supper and gift exchange. Members and guests attending were Estell and Al Stacy, who drove 100 miles up from Orosi as the fog was too thick for even the birds; Louciel Freeman, Dorothy and Floyd Koebel from Gustine; Frances and Lena Dias from Newman; Norma and Rufus from Riverbank; Kay Dray, Al Zimmerman, Ev and Walt Hendley, Billie and Ed Wyatt from Modesto and Laura May and Gene Crawford.

Estell Stacy and Al, Judy, and Donnie made a recent flight to Ridgecrest in their Cessna 170. The Stacy's have a boat which competes with the Cessna for their time. Norma and Rufus Norton and the 4 little Nortons (youngest 6 mos.) flew to Moses Lake, Washington, in the family Tri-Pacer.

#### **LONG BEACH CHAPTER**

**By Jackie Sepulveda**

Fifty-two Ninety-Nines and their guests enjoyed dinner and dancing at the Christmas party held at the Officer's Club at Long Beach Airport on Dec. 13. Door prizes and entertainment added to the fun.

Long Beach members are very active this year under the leadership of Ruth Gay and her chairmen, Rita Gibson, Jean Clark, Cleo Morrison and Edna Stennet. Already planned and participated in, beside regular meetings, have been two monthly fly-in's (to Yucca and Lucerne Valley, respectively) a white elephant sale, and the successful Christmas party.

Planned in January is a meeting at the Bank of Belmont Shore for guests and prospective members, which will include films, speakers and topical discussions of marginal local weather and high density air traffic. Also planned is the pot-luck fly-in, on Jan. 19 to Hilda Reafsnider's vacation home at Ramona airport. Everyone will bring their own refreshments, food and eating utensils.

#### **BAY CITIES CHAPTER**

**By Margaret Gerhardt**

The November meeting was at the Villa Chartier in San Mateo County.

Air Race contestants will remember the Villa. This was a joint dinner meeting with the Zonta International Club of Redwood City and Palo Alto for Amelia Earhart Scholarship funds. The Zontas offer an \$1800.00 Aeronautical Engineering Scholarship each year for a graduate woman student. There were sixty-five present for dinner and a speech given by Clyde P. Barnett, who is head of the California Commission of Aeronautics.

Our Christmas party was held at Margaret Gerhardt's on Friday, Dec. 13, with 49½ers present. Presents were exchanged around the Christmas tree and the holiday spirit and spirits were with us.

At a recent meeting Jan Wood honored us with an impromptu talk on her trip around the world in her Cessna. Jan had more harassing experiences than most of us would care to encounter while crossing Europe no less than five times in addition to her sojourn into the Far East. She promised to return soon with films and slides to devote an entire evening to the group. Jan had seven forced landings during her 30,000 miles of touring.

Virginia Hall, Program Chairman, had as her guest speaker for November Mr. Clyde Barnette, Director of CAA for California. Mr. Barnette spoke on the inadequate number of airports in California. Ten years ago we had 64 airports and now we have 14. Mr. Barnette would like to see more organized aviation groups take part in state-controlled aviation activities. Apparently there is money appropriated for airport advancement, aviation education, etc., but the voice of the people who should be vitally interested in its allocation is seldom, if ever, heard.

Trixie Ann Schubert — one of the country's greatest aviation enthusiasts and Ninety-Nines booster accepted an invitation to speak on November 14 at a luncheon meeting of The Council of Federated Women's Club in Pasadena. This council has a membership of over 700 women of which more than 200 were present. Trixie was asked to speak on the subject "Spot-Lighting the Future of Women in Aviation." Her text clearly defined women's place in the field of aviation. Trixie has been doing considerable research on this subject for years and spoke with confidence and enthusiasm. She pointed out that women are not competing with men in this field but have set their own records and won world acclaim by their solemn and steadfast devotion to the airplane and the activities surrounding it—military and civilian—which make the aviation industry what it is today. Trixie predicted with reasonable assurance a great future for women in aviation with unlimited horizons.



The Reilich family spent the Thanksgiving weekend visiting family and friends in Los Angeles. Bob and Edith Shields went with us and the flying weather couldn't have been better. Bob is a new private pilot and Edie is a student. (future 99!!).

Betty Sheat Boyd, husband Rene and three sons are planning an Airstream (trailer) jaunt during the Christmas holidays.

#### UTAH CHAPTER

By Jane Andreason

We have had a birthday! A luncheon with cake and candles at the Aviation Club of Utah, was attended by Doris Eacret, who flew over from Elko, Lucile Christopherson and Nicky harding up from Provo, Alberta Hunt, June Raybould, Margaret Loy, Eunice Naylor, me, and a very special guest, Esther Stone, member of the East Idaho Chapter, who flew down. Lucile briefed us on her recent flight to Rome and Europe. The Christophersons have a travel service and Lucile had a grand time contacting people to set up arrangements for a coming tour over there.

Our new chapter officers are Cora Grote, chairman, Eunice Naylor, vice chairman, and Margaret Loy, secretary-treasurer.

#### REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By Hazel Bertagna

Weather was again the villian at our meeting at the Napa County Airport Nov. 7. Because of storms, Shirley Blocher was unable to fly down from Ukiah with her prospective member Betty Lockner. We all had the pleasure of meeting Betty at the Nut Tree when we flew in for our August meeting, and have been looking forward to welcome her into our little circle ever since.

Nellie Palmer and Anna Brenner took off from Santa Rosa Airport in Nellie's 140 in plenty of time to fly in to Napa County, but the further away they flew, the lower the ceiling became, so they had to turn back and take the crooked road. An hour late, they arrived in comfort in Nellie's nice new Ford.

Santa Clara Chapter had a written invitation to join us but weather kept them close to home, we presume.

#### SACRAMENTO VALLEY

By Hialeah Reilich

The most exciting news at our November meeting was about our chapter chairman, Carol Bloom. As the only woman pilot entered in a recent CAP proficiency race, she took top honors. She was awarded the CAP perpetual trophy, the over-all outstanding trophy and Class A winner trophy. Coral expects competition from 99ers next year . . . so let's go!!!

There was a nice turnout, fourteen in all, for our luncheon meeting held in the International Room at Sacramento Municipal Airport. Guest student pilots were Doreen Brandley, Ruth Lummis, and Claire Raley.

Dr. G. E. Chappell, CAA medical examiner spoke on various disabilities encountered in flying, such as motion sickness, anoxia, and acceleration accidents. Of special interest to us as women pilots was the discussion on the medical ruling in regards to flying while pregnant.

We all enjoyed hearing about Ruth Wagner's visit to headquarters during the Wagners trip east.

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