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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

News Letter

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President's Column

March 1, 1961

It wasn't so many years ago that a woman landing alone at an airport, was met with incredulity by the line attendant, gas man, airport operator, and, at times, even the weather man when they discovered there was no man aboard to really do the flying and see that she reached her destination. Today, it is rarely that we encounter anything but fairly casual acceptance. With that hurdle behind us, there is another much simpler one to overcome. How often when you have said you were a member of the Ninety-Nines has the answer been, "The Ninety-Nines, what are they?" This has happened, I'm sure, to many of us when making contacts with other aviation groups and the press.

Public Relations Chairman Lindy Boyes has some excellent ideas to make us better known and identified as women pilots. In all "outside" contacts identify yourselves as "The Ninety-Nines, Inc., International Organization of Women Pilots." Don't overlook the publicity possibilities of chapter activities and the members thereof on a local basis. If all chapter meetings include a description of the program, this can sometimes result in the local paper coming up with an article. At minimum, a brief announcement of the meeting will often find itself in print. Any chapter undertaking, that seems of general interest, beyond local interest only, pass the information on to the Public Relations Chairman for consideration of national news release (or international release). This also applies to any individual 99 who does something newsworthy. Send photographs for illustrations.

Don't neglect to do your share toward support of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. Send your contribution to Marjori Fauth, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Several chapters sent checks too late to be included in the report given at last year's convention. The amount of the award can increase only to the extent of our support. One-half of each year's donations goes directly into the amount of the award—one-half is applied to in-



Dr. Dora Dougherty, human factors engineer for Bell Helicopter Company, piloted a lightweight Bell commercial ship 404.36 miles to crack the official women's mark for helicopter distance in a straight line.

Bell President H. J. Ducayet announced in Fort Worth, Texas after Dr. Dougherty landed in Mississippi, that two days earlier she had broken the world's altitude record for women helicopter pilots, in a climb to 19,406 feet.

A third world's record will be claimed. (Continued on Page 2)

crease the earnings from the invested principal of the fund.

With the coming of spring and an upsurge in aviation events, many chapters are requested to participate in airport dedications, air fairs, etc. Also, chapters will be making their own plans for air lifts, air shows, derbies and races. For any of these or similar projects, it is important that you comply with Article XIII, Section 2, of the Constitution which states: "All activities carried on under the sponsorship of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., or using the name of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting of the chapter or section in which any such activity taken place, provided notice in writing

has previously been given." Compliance with this requirement will insure the backing and cooperation of the participating chapter or section as a unit. It is equally important that chapters planning competitive events write well in advance to Contest Chairman Ruth Wagner for approval of dates and a copy of the policy for contests held in the name of the 99's.

The News Letter is the one medium through which we reach every member. If the reporters will emphasize particularly successful and interesting activities such as unusual projects, aerial treasure hunts, contests, award programs or contributions to aviation in their locales, they would not only be according due credit to their own chapters but contributing constructive ideas to others. Items of so personal a nature that they are meaningless except to the people involved, are not of general interest. Following the Spring Section meetings, Governors are invited to send the News Letter

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Notice

Is your chapter publicity conscious? The January News Letter indicates that some chapters are. Prime example is Shirley Robinson's report on the San Fernando Valley Chapter (page 10).

When you think of chapter activities, think simultaneously of obtaining local publicity. Each month this department will prod you.

First PR suggestion is: Mail chapter meeting notices to your local newspapers—to the aviation editor, if there is one, or to the city editor. Always define: "Ninety-Nines, Inc., International Organization of Women Pilots."

Lindy Boyes,
Public Relations
Chairman

Notice

Addresses of inactive charter members wanted. Anyone having such information, please write Headquarters as soon as possible.

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DEADLINE FOR NEWS
The 25th Of Each Month

Coming Events**April 15**

Middle East Sectional Meeting
Wilmington, Delaware

April 21, 22, 23

Southwest Sectional Meeting
Palo Alto, Calif.

MAY 5, 6, 7

South Central
Sectional Meeting
Stillwater, Oklahoma

May 12, 13, 14

North Central
Sectional Meeting
Champaign, Ill.

May 27, 28

All-Woman's International
Air Race
Fort Myers, Fla., to
International Airport, Nassau
Contact: Mary Barrer
Suite 508
First National Bank Building
Miami, Florida

July 8-12

AWTAR
San Diego, Calif.
to Atlantic, N. J.

**From Italy
We Present**

Fiorenza Carocci de Bernardi

"The idea of membership in the Ninety-Nines fills me with joy. As soon as I have dug them up, I shall send you whatever articles I can find on the story of my flying life."

Fiorenza is a graduate of a fine arts academy, married to a civil pilot and resides in Rome. She is fond of mountain sports, but aviation is her consuming interest. In her "Aero-scooter M.d.B." she has flown over much of Europe and has been considering flying in the AWTAR.

One of the charming hostesses when the 99's were entertained in Rome, Fiorenza has been too busy with the remodeling of her home to send the promised articles. But we want you to meet one of our newer 99's, with a wonderful sense of humor and one of the outstanding women pilots in Italy.

Ways And Means

We appreciate the donations to support the AWTAR that many chapters have sent in. For those of you who haven't been heard from yet, please make your checks payable to All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, Inc., and send them either to the race office, 2611 East Spring St., Long Beach 6, Calif., or to me, your Ways and Means Chairman.

Margaret Ringenberg
9902 Hosler Road
Grabill, Ind.

Pilot's Briefing

Clippings, photographs and other material suitable for the International Scrapbook should be sent to Alice Kudrna.

Please cash refund checks promptly. From: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson of Vaduz, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, an invitation to host any 99's traveling to Vaduz, and a request for stories or anecdotes on personal flying experiences in Europe for inclusion in Private Pilot International which they publish.

Check your Roster for addresses of any of the International Chairmen whom you may wish to contact.

President's Column

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Editor a condensed report of items of general interest.

Within the past three weeks I have received inquiries concerning the formation of three new chapters.

"Thirty Sky Blue Years" has recently been awarded FIRST PRIZE in a printers exhibition held at the Hotel Commodore in New York. Congratulations to Kay Brick, Marion Lopez and Barbara Evans who spent so many hours compiling it.

As ever

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Eugenia Heise
President

DR. DORA DOUGHERTY

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ed in the category of point-to-point speed, based on the distance flight, Ducayet said. Her speed was 91.26 mph.

Dr. Dougherty made both the altitude flight and the hop for distance and speed in a Bell 47G-3. The flight from the Bell plant in Fort Worth to Jackson's Hawkins Airport in Mississippi, took four hours, 26 minutes.

Her flights, upon verification by the FAI, would crack a section of the record book monopolized by the USSR. The FAI currently recognizes only five world records for women helicopter pilots, and Russia holds them all.

**PHOENIX CHAPTER**
Kay Pattison

Your News Letter reporter accompanied by three Wing Scouts flew a Cessna 172 to Palm Springs, Calif., to meet with the Los Angeles Wing Scouts. We were royally entertained by Zaddie Bunker. Pat Lambert and Marion Wang, who planned to make the trip, were unable to attend.

Neptune's Table was the site of a meeting with Betty Hicks, Dee Thurmond, Jan Wood and Norma Ojstead who were visiting from the Coast. The conversation centered around "The Race," subject to Betty Hicks' soon to be published book. Jimmie Lou Shelton wore her new Amelia Earhart medallion, presented at the last meeting in recognition of her grand leadership.

Our membership luncheon held at the lovely Sky Cove, Sky Harbor, was a huge success. Melba Beard and Juanita Newell from our chapter spoke on the function and activities of the 99's. Vera Dawn Walker, a

charter member and contestant in the first AWTAR, gave a thrilling account about the first race and the organization of the 99's.

February 4 and 5 the Antique Aircraft Association and the Experimental Aircraft Association held its annual antique fly-in and contest. Our Melba Beard walked away with first prize for the spot landing contest with a perfect score. She placed second in flour bombing and her 1929 Bird biplane won the oldest antique award.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

Shirley Robinson

Gena Roda transferred into our chapter after moving into this area, and we are happy to welcome such a nice person. Lilly Semmler, a student pilot whose husband is in telemetry at Edwards Air Force Base, was Gena's guest at our chapter meeting. As a member of the Edwards Aero Club, Gena is getting some T-34 time, and we will be looking forward to the tour of Edwards that she can arrange for us. Edwards is near Mojave Airport, the site of our spot landing contest February 26. Evidently everybody is sneaking up to practice, because Gena reported seeing a few familiar faces! The Earl Ropers, formerly of Auga Dulce Airport and now managing Mojave, are planning a grand opening in the early summer.

Bonnie Meacham is another chapter member blessed with some T-34 time. This was especially special since her son, an Air Force first lieutenant, took her for an aerobatic ride. He hopes to become an aircraft commander flying KB-50's in March, and if so, he would be the youngest one—22 years old.

Our gals are still active with their airport jobs: Irene Leverton instructing at Gunnell's, Santa Monica; Jean Rose, Lorraine Parro, Ruth Ling, and occasionally your reporter, at Rose Aviation, Hawthorne Airport; dispatcher Norma Dey at Hank Coffins, Whiteman Airpark; Audrey Schutte, apprentice mechanic; Virginia Tompkins with a dreamy job at Skyways, newest plush aviation facility at Van Nuys Airport. Many thanks to Virginia for steering Truth or Consequences Bob Barker to Audrey Schutte and your reporter; the audience had to guess which of four people on the stage was the airplane mechanic. If you know Audrey, she would be the last one they would guess. Shirley Robinson and son, John, were on another skit in which John offered the information that he (6½ years old) "flys for a living." Guess he meant that flying was really living!

At our meeting, we had to chuckle about Marge Frenzel, so elated about her three landings in a Piper Cub. We chuckled because Marge is an ex-

Wasp, flew all kinds of big stuff, and we saw her fly the Halle Trophy Race, course for AT-6's, at Cleveland in 1947. The reason she was elated was that she hadn't flown for quite a while. We wish her lots of flying time from now on, such a nice gal deserves it.

Guest Dorothy Henderson, a WAL ticket agent, passed the private written in her own private Aeronca . . . congratulations. Guest Ethel Collins flew to Van Nuys for the Skyways grand opening. She is a long-time friend from Experimental Aircraft Association, and now a student pilot.

Donna Fisher lunched at Double J Ranch; Ed and Lola Ricci 172'd 110 miles to Borrego Springs Resort in one hour, 30 minutes, with up and down drafts at 1,500 fpm. Virginia Hall shooting cross-wind landings, with Jean Rose; Liz Crowley has been to Hesperia, Apple Valley, SBA, Phoenix, and reported the same up and downers Lola discovered. Lorraine Parro took time out from ground school to fly to Big Bear and Hesperia, and reports that Miramar has a nice new airport. She also said that Elaine Smith's L. A. 99 meeting with Zeno Klinker, comedian and antique airplane film fan, was entertainment at its best. Ruth Ling had a most enjoyable trip to Las Vegas, Mormon Mesa, Delta, Nephi, Provo, to Salt Lake, even after being snowed in there. Audrey Schutte and Janine Ceccio tripped to Las Vegas with hubbies one weekend, next weekend Audrey returned to Las Vegas with your reporter, and we won the Sportsmen Pilot Handicap Air Race in my puddle-jumping Piper J-3.

SAN GABRIEL CALLEY CHAPTER

Jane O. Haag

The regular meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the 99's was held Thursday evening, Feb. 9, at Brackett Field in the Pilot's Lounge of the administration building. Mr. Ralph D. Bent of Northrup Institute of Technology of Inglewood, Calif., spoke to us on "Career Opportunities in Aviation." The Glendora Wing Scouts were guests of the evening.

Polly Phelps recently had her Navion overhauled and you can't keep her on the ground! In the past month she has taken friends breakfast hopping to Desert Airpark, Apple Valley, and Hesperia, a gay trip to Las Vegas and two trips to Site Six on Lake Havasu on the Colorado River. She is looking forward to winging her way to Santa Barbara in two weeks with the Scout Group that our chapter is sponsoring.

Gertrude and Everett Barnes flew to Guymas for the last weekend in January. The weather was beautiful, but the fishing we don't talk about!

They are planning another trip soon with their two sons.

Russ and Ginny Graham have just returned from a "Safari to Baja"—destination was Pamilla; the weather was very "uncertain" and when they discovered that they were going to have to fly at 400 feet to stay under the clouds, well, they just made one of those wonderful 180's and landed at Lorretto. They were really enjoying themselves and had real fun plus good experience, they found Lorretto to be delightful, and finally they made their intended destination.

Jane and Roy Haag are planning to fly up to San Francisco to meet the S. S. Patrick as it docks there the weekend of February 18. Very dear friends of the Haags are returning from two years in the Philippine Islands, and the reunion will be thoroughly enjoyed by both the Haags and the Jones. They plan to look over San Francisco for a couple of days before heading the nose of the Cessna back towards Los Angeles. Meanwhile, Jane will also visit with her cousin, Joseph Dyer, who is ill in the San Francisco General Hospital.

The San Gabriel Chapter will be flying their Wing Scout Group out to lunch at the Desert Airpark at Palm Springs in two weeks. We have a wonderful group of Wing Scouts, and they have worked hard to attain the privilege of this flight. The trip was originally planned for February 4 to go to Santa Barbara but weather necessitated a change in plans.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

Helen Mace

It was a quiet cozy meeting at your reporter's home. Coral Bloom and Betty Boggess braved the thunderstorms that kept one guessing to fly up from Buchanan Field and arrived very promptly. It was fun hearing their radio contacts with Sacramento tower via our new VHF table model receiver.

Business meeting was short this time and talked turned to vacations—Florence and Jack Breen leave the last week in February for three weeks vacation in Hawaii . . . cruise over and fly back. Claire and Tom Raley are vacationing in Palm Springs. Marianne and Gerry were missing this meeting because of weekend trips and Edith Brewer barely made it back from Reno in time for our meeting. June Devine had just returned from Palm Desert Air Park and had the rest of us wishing we had a few days off for a flight down.

Betty Boggess and Coral Bloom have been busy on a March of Dimes drive (Betty's husband, Warren, was chairman) including an airlift of passengers at Buchanan Field for two cents a pound. This operation required commercial pilots (Coral flew

her plane all day). The flight clubs and flight operators there contributed planes as well as private parties for a total of 12 which were kept very busy. Although the weather was very threatening at times, the operation continued and everyone must have felt wonderful to hear the grand total of \$1,300.

Busy hostess overheard this chatter: Ruth Wagner and Marianne were flying last Sunday. Florence flew up to Quincy. Elaine's eager to get in the blue more—new baby boy doing great. Everyone's hoping to see Hialeah soon. Genevieve's new phone number is HI 7-4534. What did Ruth Lummis mean by "Stay Away?" Couldn't have been talking about air-planes.

BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER Peggy Archer

Man! Did we ever get fooled. Here we've been wanting somewhere to fly and when we received an invitation to meet the girls of the San Fernando Chapter in Mojave for a day of fun, we jumped at the chance. So Rhoda Thompson and yours truly checked over their planes and along with Florence Moody and Priscilla Spencer were all ready for the short hop over the Tehachapi's to Mojave. Well, as all good pilots should do, we checked the weather and although it was a beautiful sunny spring day, the bureau had pilots reports giving moderate to extreme turbulence over the mountains and predicting strong winds in the desert in the early afternoon. So, since I have flown enough turbulence over the mountains and the little 120 likes to flop all over the sky, I elected to drive over and Rhoda went along with this idea. Well, girls, I will say, it was a lovely day for a drive and Gena Rodda of the San Fernando Valley Chapter met us at Mojave (her husband is stationed at Edwards Air Force Base and she's living out there now after transferring from the All-Ohio Chapter). The girls from San Fernando started out and had to go back due to winds and after a couple of hours of hangar flying, Mickey Gregory of Long Beach, flew in with her 49½er. We all then went up town for a bite to eat, and after watching Gena take off for home we got back in our Buick and headed for home. The sad part of it was, is that the winds didn't come up in the desert while we were there and although the air was turbulent we could have just as easily have flown as it wasn't too bad.

Our chapter, like the members, is quite poor and we are looking for different ways to build up our little treasury. We have decided to assess each member attending a meeting or function without their "99" pin or some other type of identifying symbol of 99's, one dime. This isn't get-

ting much money, but we are wearing our pins, and I, for one, have had many inquiries as to what it is for and then get in a plug for women in flying. Then we have a little drawing, each member putting in 50 cents, and the lucky number gets the gift and then brings another gift the next meeting day. This has worked out real fine and creates a lot of interest as to just what is in the package and who will get it.

In tapping the "Flight Line" we learn that Bertha Haycock has been appointed aviation director of the Wasco Chamber of Commerce. Bert's been real busy trying to get her new cattle ranch at Springville going between sessions with her instrument instructor. That, Edna Long has the flu. Irmyl Fitzgerald had minor injuries due to an auto accident. (Irmyl, I told you that these "horseless carriages" were dangerous.) Hurry and get well. Jennie Burbeck is still in a cast and having a dickens of a time trying to get around to do all things an instructor must do. Florence Moody tells us that her grandchildren are back in town and she is spending all her free time with them. Florence also took time out to go to Fresno to a teachers' conference and said it was well worth the trip. Priscilla drove up to El Cerrito to welcome her new grandson. Rhoda has started instrument ground school and threw in a flight to Hathorne on business. Peggy Archer finally got back in the air after the fog lifted and has been flying over to Taft to watch the Sky Divers, although she hasn't had the nerve to go up and jump herself yet. Penny Ashworth is working on her commercial rating and, Penny, we've missed you the last couple of meetings. This about does it for this month. HAPPY FLYING!

SANTA CLARA CHAPTER Helen V. Nelson

Our chapter has been hiding a publicity expert, Amelia Reid of San Jose. Through her efforts she managed to attract between 10,000 and 15,000 interested spectators to the Antique Air Show! She not only got her articles printed in most of the newspapers in the area but these articles were printed on pages where they would be noticed. Among the extra attractions provided were a procession of antique automobiles filled with people who had dressed for that era, and several model airplane enthusiasts who treated the visitors to perfect hammer-head stalls, loops, Cuban 8's, split S turns, immelman turns and spins. Another chapter member, Ann Gardyne, flew her 1936 YQC6 Waco down from Hayward. And we saw Marion Barnick's Fairchild 71 lined up with the other antique planes. But we couldn't help but wonder if maybe Marion could tell us who

dinged that wing? Oh yes, we had better not fail to mention that Amelia did her publicity work in addition to making use of the new instrument rating which she got last December—two students already soloed and 25 hopefuls on the way.

On February 18 our chapter met for dinner at Sabellas Restaurant on the Peninsula. Then Jeannie and Dave McElhatton of CBS radio fame presented a thrilling movie of her recent Far Eastern jaunt—accompanied by Dave's expert comments. A total of 19 attended this event, among them Patty and Alan Johnson and our frequent and always welcome guests, the Eslers—friends of Pat and Jack Gladney. But Laurien Griffin, member of the Kansas City Ninety-Nine Chapter missed the show when she failed to show.

We don't want to close this without offering our sympathies to Mayetta Behringer. After considerable effort she managed to borrow another prop while her own was being repaired in order to be able to fly her Cessna 170 100 miles north to Davis where she left it for re-licensing. But whether this distant re-licensing was better than having the job done near home is what is still bothering Mayetta whenever she remembers the arduous 4½ hour bus trip back home.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER Mary Fields

Eleanor Wilson was hostess to the Bay Cities 99's for our February meeting on the 17th. Members present were Eleanor Wilson, Ruth Rueckert, Gail Lane, Lindy Boyes, Geri Hill, Miriam Brugh, Jean Kaye Tinsley, Margaret Gerhardt, Mary Fields and guests Mrs. Wanda (called "John") Bigelow from Castro Valley, and a prospective member; and Renee Foreman, visiting Jean Tinsley, from Fiji and Tahiti. We all enjoyed meeting Renee—she is very charming. "John" Bigelow we had the pleasure of meeting previously when she and her husband were hosts to the chapter.

The main item of discussion was, of course, the Spring Sectional to be held April 21, 22 and 23, in Palo Alto, with headquarters at Rickey's. Our committees are well formed and functioning, although just how smoothly we will have to wait and find out. Miriam Brugh is our capable chairman of the transportation committee; Jean Tinsley in charge of banquet, dinner, lunch, etc.; Helen Kelton in charge of reservations; Gail Lane in charge of mailing; Mary Fields in charge of stuffing welcome kits; everyone in charge of door prizes and addressing envelopes, etc., etc.!

Here are some changes that should be made to your membership roster for the chapter: Jean Kaye—change to read: Jean J. K. Tinsley, 1 Camino por los Arboles, Atherton, Calif. Mary

Messersmith—change address to: 1741 Pierce St., San Mateo, Calif., phone FI 1-7837. Mary Fields—change phone to EM 8-9352.

We are looking forward to seeing you during the sectional, April 21, 22, 23, 1961, Ricky's, Palo Alto. The first notices are due to be mailed the first of March. See you!

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

Mary Gower

Temperatures in the high 70's and 80's have spurred many of our chapter members to take to the air for flying trips. Vancouver, Canada hosted Fran Bera for two weeks as guest of honor at the Board of Trade luncheon, appeared on television newsreels, and gave a plug for the AWTAR. Mary Pinkey and 49½er Bob spent a weekend in Las Vegas, another in San Francisco for a Civil Air Patrol meeting, and Mary also flew to Santa Barbara for the charter meeting of the new Santa Barbara Chapter. Also attending the Santa Barbara charter dinner were Fran Bera, Jackie Sepulveda, Ruth Nitzen and Mary Pinkney. Pat and 49½er, Dick Weaver, attended the grand opening of the Van Nuys Skyways, and according to Pat, the treatment shown was very plush for private pilots and executive type aircraft pilots. Ruth Gay has a new Cessna 170, and she initiated it by flying Chairman Rita Gibson to San Diego for the chapter chairmen's meeting for the 1961 convention. Ruth has been to Yucca Valley and Oak Creek Canyon this winter.

Fran Bera was hostess for the January meeting of our chapter, which 33 members attended. Ruth Gay showed slides of her trip to Oak Creek Canyon, Ariz., and Death Valley, Calif. Her slides were beautiful and everyone seemed convinced that it would be a wonderful flying trip to make.

Our February meeting saw 35 members present, also guests Cynthia Pallette, student pilot; Wilma Burtzell, student; Dana Rawding, private; and Barbara Willis, who is working on, and about to take her instructor's flight check. Everyone is talking about the race in July and we hope to have a lot of entrants, and see a lot of our friends across the country, coming to San Diego for the activities.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

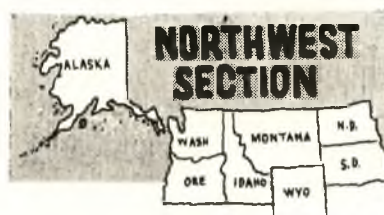
June O'Donnell

After nearly two months of impossible weather we had a beautiful day for our February meeting in Santa Rosa. Virginia Morelli and Katherine Toner, our newest student-guests, flew in from Petaluma. Charlotte and Pete Graft, whom we haven't seen for several months, flew down from Lakeport in their seaplane. They now have Unicom at their Skylark Motel seaplane base on Clear Lake. Also, Lampson Field is now lighted and lengthened at Lakeport. The

Grafts will provide transportation to the motel if you call them on Unicom.

Hilda and Pat Casey flew over in their Cessna 170. They just traded in Hilda's Cessna 120 for the 170—and she had just finished a beautiful job of interior decorating. Anita Connelly and Nellie Palmer were absent from the group. Nellie doesn't miss a meeting very often so we were sorry she couldn't make it. Anita I am sure was taking in the Antique Show at San Jose. Gladys Haney is going on a new shift and will be making the meetings again.

Other members and guests present were Pat Stouffer, Hazel Bertagna, Dette Smith and June O'Donnell from Napa, Myrtle Wright of El Sobrante, Anna Lrenner of Santa Rose, and Fran DeHaan of San Rafael.



EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

Marie L. Reynnells

If crocus, yellow, white and purple violets by the bunch, buttercups, forsythia, pussywillows and robins spell out spring . . . we have it here in this corner of Eastern Washington.

Joan Rorke of Yakima has her new pilot's license and will receive a hearty WELCOME when she joins the 99's at our March meeting.

Gini and Ralph Richardson spent January vacationing in Europe, returning home February 6. While in Germany they bought a Mercedes Benz sports car and Gini is looking forward to driving in the summer sports car rallies. A busy summer lies ahead for she has also signed a contract to serve as director of aviation education workshop July 24 to August 4 with the Central Washington College of Education.

Marie Reynnells visited with Helen Ernsdorf on a recent flying trip to Yakima. The Yakima Herald had a fine picture that day of Helen and Max Conrad. The picture showed them looking over a map of the Caribbean area and Miami, from where he intends to begin an around the world flight. Helen never breathed a word about that picture—just happened to find it while reading in the hotel. Mr. Conrad gave two talks in Yakima, both packed to capacity.

Pauline "Pat" McGee has been selected to represent the Northwest Section in the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship award contest this year. Each chapter sponsoring an applicant deserves credit for the honor

they gave these worthy contestants. The "cream of the crop" and they deserve a big salute. "Vive les Girls" and good luck to our "Pat".

Do you know we have a parachutist in our Northwest Section? Mitzi Hutchinson of Blackfoot, Mont., has 13 assorted jumps to her credit. You "gotta have heart" for that sport.

Remember our March meeting in Yakima with Ethel Wilstrom. A joint meeting with the 99's and Washington State Aeronautics Commission. This may give us help with our future air-marking projects.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

Mickie Gilman

Twenty-five consecutive days of rain is making web feet out of us gals. Windshield swipes, anyone?

Terry Kellogg and husband, Dave, have taken up skiing, a great sport for the Pacific Northwest.

Congratulations to Pat McGee, who was nominated by the NW Section as their candidate for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship.

Fifty years ago the world's first parachute jump from a moving airplane was made from a height of 1200 feet in St. Louis, March, 1911.

ALASKA CHAPTER

Helen Stoddard

Our February meeting was spent in making posters for the air meet that the Alaska Airmen's Association is having at Big Lake the 17th of March. The 99's will have a fly-in-drive-in breakfast and some of us will do some flying to try to capture one of the trophies from the men.

Our number at the meeting had dwindled because some were lucky enough to make trips outside. May Fields is in New York, Marion and her 49½er are in Los Angeles, and Lorraine Eriksson is in San Francisco.

Pat Gilda and her 49½er are the proud possessors of a Tri-Pacer.

Lavelle Betz has been working hard to get her ship together so she can do some flying.

We gave five hours of dual as a prize at the Safeway Airways opening and designated that it was to go to a woman. Mrs. George Neissen of King Salmon, Alaska, was the winner and she is very anxious to learn to fly.

Doll Booth is leaving for outside before long.



FORT WORTH CHAPTER

Edna Gardner Whyte

We are very proud of, and wish to congratulate, Dr. Dora Dougherty for

establishing three world records for women in a Bell 47G-3 helicopter. This all took place last week at the Bell plant near Fort Worth, Texas. Dora has over 3700 hours in fixed wing aircraft—then set three records with only 34 hours in a rotorcraft.

The chapter met at the Air Force Reserves, with refreshments at the beautiful new home of Delphine Bohn. We enjoyed an excellent sound film and a very interesting talk, with many humorous things that can happen while making world records. I just wish that more of our 99's could have been with us to have heard Dora. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success, Dora.

Lavonia Jewell is checking out in her new Piper Apache—says she likes the way it flies. Tony Page, in the last week, has flown a Lake manufactured in Maine, LASA 60 (Lockheed and Mexican made), Champion Tri-Traveler, and the Aircar soon to be manufactured in Dallas. Which makes a nice assortment of new planes.

Anita Reilly just graduated from TCU, and is an instructor for Harris School of Nursing. Anita has her Cessna 140 relicensed and flying again.

The new Piper Colt that was won by Mrs. Kirpatrick, a school teacher in Fort Worth, on *The Price is Right*, was delivered to Mangham Airport where I instruct. I had the pleasure of instructing Mr. and Mrs. Kirpatrick—also gave rides to many of their friends. Mr. Kirpatrick, an engineer with IBM in Dallas, would like to learn and obtain a license, but Mrs. Kirpatrick does not care for flying. What a pity, when you are given a new airplane. Encourage more women to learn to fly!

NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Hazle Nealey

On Feb. 18, 4:36 p.m. our group was scouting the western skies from Down Airport hoping for a glimpse of a Comanche piloted by our sectional governor, Randy Sutherland. Soon we sighted the Comanche on downwind, so we got the come on sign from our chairman, Helen Hewitt, and away we went to the ramp to meet Randy and her delightful family. First there was a session with television cameraman Reggie Ward, a nice chat over a cup of coffee and then out to the home of Dottie Ports for a dinner party honoring the Sutherlands. Barbecued ham and all the compatible goodies made the meal so yummy good of course we all stuffed ourselves before settling down to our business meeting which we feel is one of the best we have ever had. There were many questions asked our sectional governor and we feel that our chapter will be greatly benefited by the information and suggestions that we received from her. Incidentally, the weatherman does have a heart: seems

he opened a path especially for the Sutherland family to get in and out of Shreveport.

The Ports and Hewitts are at it again, who is going to outdo who? Seems some kind of webbing pulls these two airplanes about along the same route. The Ports, Dottie and Bud, flew to Brackettville for a week at the Ft. Clark Guest Ranch, reported a wonderful time with Dottie taking the first prize at a costume ball. The prize being a beautiful gold charm bracelet. Then they toured Mexico. The Hewitts, Helen and Whitie, flew to Laredo and Monterrey—had plans for Brownsville, but the weather prevented them from completing the flight.

Betty Lyons flew to Colorado for a winter wonderland holiday. The last I heard she had winged her way back as far as Oklahoma City, but was grounded there.

What's new for spring—watch for the "Ark-La-Tex Aviation News". Publishers Pat and Reggie Ward.

Mildred Carney spends all her spare time getting their camp house ready for spring. Maybe she will ask us up there for a day of fishing.

Dorothy King and Dottie Wilson are still under the hood but hope to emerge before the weather gets hot.

I will take this opportunity to say hi to new member Fay Lou Fuller in Houston, Texas.

COLORADO CHAPTER

Donna Myers

To follow Peg Ong's typewriter tracks as News Letter reporter is not going to be easy—but here goes.

The Colorado Chapter pushed up the February meeting date to January 27, due to the fact that Betty Stackhouse left for New Orleans to see the Mardi Gras and visit relatives and the possibility of settling in the Bay Area in California—and that Peg and Jim Ong and three daughters left for Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where Jim will be sales representative for Collins Radio. Thus, we trekked to the Patio Restaurant for a lovely dinner—bidding the Ongs and Betty goodbye—to see the cute Mark Howard Players that we viewed in Colorado Springs at the August meeting (and who have moved to Denver)—between shows we visited and Mary Wenholz presented the two gals with lovely huge candles which she made, one blue and one white, complete with the 99 insignia done in wax in opposite colors. We surely hated to see them go and will publish their new addresses when we get them.

Present, besides the honored members, were: Joe and Helen Choun, Jo and Jess Dennis, Mary and Bob Frenzel, Grace Longbrook, Helen and John Maxson, Grace Mayfield, Elinor and Bob Millet, Lynn Pfleeger, Thel-

ma Thomas, Jo and Harry Trinder, Verna Christopher, Mary and Bob Wenholz, John and Donna Myers, and guests Freda and Larry Turrel (we voted Freda into the organization during the evening) and Cheryl Johnson and her escort. A real lovely evening—just most, most sorry to bid these members, plus Jim, goodbye.

Marion Tankersley (January hostess for the meeting) has been making a lot of flying trips to Colorado towns—to keep in practice—some with and some without husband and family. Last weekend they went to Lamar, Colo.

Chairman Grace Longbrook just returned last week from a trip to the factory to pick up a Comanche and stopped in Chicago to pick up a girl friend and bring her to Denver.

March meeting will be at Helen Maxson's. She will show her color slides of the 99 European trip.

And for no reason at all, the Myers flew to Oklahoma City two weekends ago to visit Dot and Paul Young. Due to the most unusual snow storm there, didn't even get out of the house to visit headquarters. It was a fast trip, but did have a nice phone visit with Chairman Arlene Walkup.

DALLAS CHAPTER

Mary M. Gauss

Addison Airport was the location selected for the February 23 meeting. A family style dinner was followed by a style show given by the "Colonial Fashions Shop"—from the Northlake Shopping Village. Marge Barr, Dorothy Colbath, Pat Jetton, Martha Ann Reading and Jerry Sloan were among the lovely models.

A note of solemnity was struck when Kathy Long, a new member, was "pinned" by Pat Jetton, our membership chairman.

Among our guests was a nice delegation from Shreveport. In fact, many others helped to make it one of the nicest "turn-outs" we have had in some time.

KANSAS CHAPTER

Helen Chandler

We have had a very busy month. January 29, our annual Bobbe Slade Memorial Flight Scholarship was awarded to Miss Barbara Hegi of Wichita. The day was marked with a tea at the Lassen Hotel in Wichita, with an excellent speaker, Paul McKee, speech instructor at the University of Wichita. The flight scholarship consists of a trophy and \$300 towards a private license for the top winner. Second place was awarded to Miss Jane Zohner of Hill City. She received \$50 for flight time and a bracelet noting her entry as a contestant for the scholarship. The 99's had very good coverage on station KARD-TV the evening of the awards. Margaret Yourdon and Betty Parks looked quite fetching on the magic screen. Betty

Parks was chairman of the tea and receives a vote of thanks from the Kansas 99's.

February 12 our monthly meeting was held at the home of Donna Shirley in Arkansas City. Those attending included: Mildred Early, Hazel Guy, Dorothy Speer, Mary Jane McKillip, Helen Chandler, Marie Engleman and guest Jane Zohner, J. P. Snowhill, Anne and Skip Hall, Donna and Tom Shirley. We had a wonderful day for a meeting and a very enjoyable lunch. After our meeting and food, Anne Hall showed her movies of the 99 European tour last summer. The movies were fabulous and after viewing we all felt that we had missed a lot by having to stay home.

February 20, Margaret Yourdon, Mary Jane McKillip, Joyce Case, Betty Parks and Helen Chandler spoke to the Wichita chapter of PEO. Our subjects were: The history of the 99's, aircraft survival, aerobatics, 99 efforts in Wing Scouting and navigation. This is always nerve wracking for the ones doing the speaking, but we feel that it does acquaint more people with aviation and the 99's. We also feel very honored that they asked us to speak on our favorite subject.

Also, on February 20, Anne Hall spoke to the Wing Scouts on meteorology. From all reports she had the Wing Scouts really wanting to know more about cloud formations and feather.

We are busy planning our operations for the month of March. March 17 and 18 mark the dates of our annual rummage sale. The Kansas Chapter will be 10 years old as of the date and plans are underway for a gala celebration. Mary Jane McKillip is the party chairman and the names of the VIP's to be invited is getting longer. Dinner and cocktails will be at the million dollar Schimmel Inn in east Wichita. The 18th will be busy . . . rummaging all morning and part of the afternoon, then home for a quick shower and off to celebrate being 10. More about that next month.

EL PASO CHAPTER **Louella Gilderbloom**

Alice Strickland was the hostess for our February meeting held at Fabens Airport. It was well attended with the following members: Lydie Weaver, Billie Callaghan, Juanita Burdick, Ruth Deerman, Brookie Bozarth, Lela Carwardine, Ruby Tatman, Louella Gilderbloom and Alice Strickland.

Our thanks to LaVerne McCauley of Cliff, N. M., and Pricilla Duncan of Silver City, N. M., for being our guests. Both, we are happy to report, will soon be members of the 99's.

Following the spot landing contest we had a business meeting and were served a delicious fried chicken luncheon.

Congratulations to Lela Carwardine,

this month's winner of the spot landing contest. I was delighted to have her show me the new upholstery and matching accessories in her plane—including a rear view mirror!

Our thanks to Bill and Linda Turnbull at Fabens Airport for their kind hospitality and the help with the landing contest.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Frances Slape on the death of her mother February 18 after a long illness.

TRAVEL: Billy and Murray Callaghan, Lydie and Campbell Weaver, Ruby and Dick Tatman and myself and husband, John, flew to Phoenix, Ariz., for the golf tournament. Everyone had a good trip and saw some fine golf.

Happy flying to all.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER **June Crosby**

The February meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter was held in Norman. Gene Nora Stumbough was our hostess and served lots of coffee and doughnuts. During the business session we all sampled delicious homemade candy brought by Arlene.

Our guest speaker was Harold Hasbrook of the new Civil Aeromedical Research Institute (FAA). The questions and discussion were about accident prevention, checkout procedures, weather accidents and prevention of injuries in accidents.

We welcomed as a new member Jean Brewer of Norman and guest Dorothy Spraker of Muskogee.

Surprise guest was Sylvia Roth of Glencoe, Ill., who flew in from Chicago in her beautiful blue and white 310 Cessna. Sylvia, a member of the Chicago Area Chapter, is here to tour the Aero Commander factory and she loves our perfect weather.

Jean Williams is in South America, Wally Funk is in Albuquerque going through the tests for the astronaut program.

Our March meeting will be held in Stillwater on the 19th. Everybody come, final plans to be made for the South Central Spring Sectional May 5, 6 and 7 in Stillwater.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER **MARIAN BURKE**

The January meeting was held at the Ft. Sam Houston Officers' Club Sunday, Jan. 12, where the San Antonio Chapter enjoyed a wonderful luncheon. Our captain, Meg Guggles of Brook Army Medical, was a most gracious hostess and had the table beautifully decorated in 99 fashion. Her decorators were her good friends Gracie Schooffield and Frances Stark who were also present at the get-together. Gracie was recently chosen Outstanding Woman of the Year in Art in the San Antonio area and our table decorations certainly proved it.

At the luncheon the San Antonio

Chapter presented Meg with a compact decorated with the map of Texas. Now each time she powders her nose she will think of Texas. Really Meg! We are just trying to make sure you come back to Texas to retire when you leave the service. We'll certainly miss you but we wish you the best of everything on your military assignment in Europe.

Meg recently sold her little Culver. No, she isn't without transportation. Check her baggage for Europe. It contains a shiny new Pontiac and it's a real beauty. Betsy and Bill Hogan made a recent trip to Mexico in the red MG. Said they had a wonderful time. While they were gone they stopped in Del Rio and visited with Cornelia and E. A. Davis. The Davis' new home is just about complete. Bill and Betsy say it's a real "eye catcher." We are all anxious to see it.

Wanta buy a house? If so, contact Anne Ash. She recently started selling real estate and says it's really fun. Good luck, Anne!

Marian Burke was recently honored with a visit by Wynema Mason-hall and husband. Pauline Glasson flew in for a short visit also. Marian says she really hit the jackpot for the week on "favorite out-of-town visitors," and hopes they'll come back again real soon.

It's cool and rainy in San Antonio this week. We hope to have nice weather for our next meeting so we will order it real early. Till next month and more news . . . safe flyin' and happy landings!



MICHIGAN CHAPTER **Marian I. Hoffman**

Our February 12 meeting was held at Detroit. The secretary and I didn't get there; even Margaret Windfuhr, our chairman, was late. Couldn't fly and the roads were slippery for driving.

Only news I could dig up was that Alice Hammond is moving to Philadelphia in March. Janey Hart is leaving March 9 for a three week cruise in the Caribbean with five other women as crew members on a 70 foot ketch. The other women include Bea Steadman and Mary Clark. Sounds like fun. Harry and Eloise Smith flew to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras. Harry hopes to get some pictures of the parades to match the ones he got of the Rose Bowl parade on New Year's in California.

Should have more news next month.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER **Janice R. Kuechenmeister**

The chapter's February 19 meeting

was at Akron Municipal Airport. Hostess was Rosalie Bracht, assisted by Jean Hixson and Lee Best. The Akron girls had quite a program planned for this meeting. Lt. Mary Lou Rowland of Lake County Squadron 410 and Mary Lou Hejra, administration assistant to Cade, spoke to the group about the new auxiliary status which CAP has begun for pilots.

Norman Crabtree, Ohio Division of Aviation, presented a certificate signed by Gov. DiSalle to the chapter for contribution to Aero Space Workshop, Miami University, 1960. Chairman Mary Fecser received the certificate and announced that the chapter would repeat the tuition scholarship again this year.

Major Jack Cherry, assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, described some of the new space travel problems being studied. Jerrie Cobb was mentioned as having done very well on tests and indicated it would be no surprise if a woman astronaut would be put early into space.

Some of the guests present were our very good friend and press rep-



Left to right: Winnie Caughey, All-Ohio 99; Civil Air Patrol First Lt. Mary Lou Rowland; Georgia 99 and CAP Col. Betty McNabb, special guest speaker at Cleveland Regional CAP Conference; Mary Fecser and Joan Hrubec, All-Ohio 99's, who had an enjoyable luncheon and afternoon getting acquainted with Betty and hearing about her work in aviation education.

representative Helen Waterhouse, prize-winning reporter on The Akron Beacon; Mrs. Walter Maxim, president of the Cleveland Women's Chapter of NAA; members of the Akron Women's Chapter of NAA; Annabelle Loucka, president of Akron NAA; Miss Leona Evans; and another very good friend of the chapter's, Shorty Fulton, airport manager.

Flying weather was marginal so we had three fly-ins and many drive-ins. Those from the Dayton and Cincinnati areas called in.

News from our gallivanting members: Autrie Lehr is in Florida. Tessa

Plummer in Nassau. Gene Sims has been transferred from Lexington to Akron-Canton tower, glad to have you back, Gene. Some members are thinking seriously of entering the IAR—Marge Callaway, Margaret Hammon, Virginia Schumacher, Marilyn Collette and your reporter has some thoughts along this line. Martha Wilcox attended the annual meeting of United Cooperatives on January 6 and 7 in New Orleans and was reelected assistant secretary of the corporation. Martha is also director of Ohio Flying Farmers representing northeastern Ohio. Martha and Jim vacationed in Lake Wales and Miami, Fla., in November. Chairman Mary Fecser is planning a weekend at Pocono Lodge in the Pocono Mountains. March meeting will be at Urbana—hostess Virginia Schumacher.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Lydia Jensen

Here comes Anne Roethke, folks, secretary of our chapter and hostess of the February fly-in. She is just getting out of her Caribbean with her usual plane load of guests and members. Anne is a slim, tall girl with a gay, warm smile that attracts you at once. There is a bright thread of humor running thru her personality that delights you by appearing when you least expect it. If you have been reading Anne's intriguing articles about the Wisconsin Ninety-Nines in Badger Airway Beason you know what I mean.

Anne has her serious side, too, for in the work-a-day world she is Dr. Anne Roethke, anesthesiologist on the staff of St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee. Anne, who does everything well, is a competent flyer, too, with considerable nerve and a well-developed wanderlust that, together with her Piper Caribbean, add up to a lot of interesting flying and an infinity of humorous stories about her flying adventures.

This year Anne has already flown her Caribbean to Toronto, solo, to a meeting of the World Congress of Anesthesiologists and to Los Angeles, taking her mother along, for the Christmas holidays. She entered the 1960 AWTAR as co-pilot with Mary Landis (our chairman) as pilot in a Beechcraft Debonaire. She flew in the 1960 Michigan SMALL Race taking (President) Deedo Heise as her co-pilot. Anne is delightedly anticipating the 1961 AWTAR and goodness knows how many small races this year as pilot.

Anne planned our February fly-in at Watertown, Wis., an excellent winter fly-in meeting place, being centrally located for us all. Anne, Dora Fritzke, Deedo Heise and your correspondent each flew in. We were met by the press and are to have an article in

The Watertown Times with pictures, good deal.

Dinner at the Legion Green Bowl included in addition to the fliers, members Nancy Steiner, Mary Landis, Bernie Voelker and Ruth Lemke as well as guests Vicki Marshall (student pilot) and Dot and Jim Parks (pilots) who arrived in their new Comanche. M-m-m-m what a beauty! Since I have become a member of our group this is the first meeting fly-gals Nancy Steiner, Mary Landis and Bernie Voelker have appeared sans planes for these Ninety-Nines fly constantly. By the way, did you hear Bernie Voelker's Caecilian choir singing a capella the other Sunday on WKOW-TV? Bernie is an accomplished musician and for years has done an outstanding job as choir director for this group as well as for her 4-H club choir. Bernie gets almost as big a wallop out of this activity as she does out of flying.

INDIANA CHAPTER

Sophia M. Payton

The week of February 13—Indianapolis and area's first sign of spring with temperatures up to 65 degrees, and only the week before our temperatures were down to zero. Oophs, winter's back again just in time for our February 19 meeting which was held at the administration building, Weir Cook Airport, Indianapolis, Ind. However, from the looks of the turnout of members and guests, I wasn't the only one who had spring fever—our largest turnout since our fall meeting.

We were very fortunate to have as our guest speakers Ralph Morgan, commercial-instrument pilot, and Mr. Dorel (Shorty) Graves, commercial pilot. These two gentlemen recently returned from a trip around South America in "Shorty" Graves' PA12 Cruiser. Their flight began on November 12, 1960 from Wheatcraft Airport, Greenwood, Ind., and ended 30 days later on December 13 when they returned to their home base having flown 17,206 miles, their itinerary took them to Mexico, Central America, Panama Canal Zone, around South America up to Trinidad, West Indies and from there to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., before returning to Indiana. They visited 22 countries along the route from which they brought back many interesting slides, some of which were shown in conjunction with their trip.

One president has just returned from vacationing in the South. Billie motored South in December with her sister and cousin—visiting the colorful city of St. Augustine, Cypress Gardens, Fort Lauderdale and Miami. She enjoyed attending the January meeting of the 99's in Miami with Virginia Britt and also enjoyed meeting the other 99's present. Billie also

states that the Miami terminal building is fabulous. Gals, I guess it is one you should see. Billie, did you have anything to do with turning on that beautiful spring week we had?

Indiana Chapter, at this time, would again like to invite any and all 99's visiting our area to please feel free to call on us. We, too, enjoy outsiders visiting our meetings when in our area. Our meetings are held the third Sunday of the month. So, take along your roster—call any of our girls in the state as we try to get the meeting notices out the week before the meeting, and they can inform you where the meeting is—COME ON—we like visitors.

Travel Bureau: Mid Cassidy has been flying the new Baron. Tannie Schlundt flew with husband, Paul, to Rochester. Fern Rinker, I hear, might be in Florida before next month's meeting. Writer just back from vacationing in Columbus, Ohio, helping kid sister redecorate bathroom and kitchen. Ever try it in an old home? It's a ball, especially when kid sister only wants to throw the paint on and go ice skating and bowling. However, we did get the job done—my three year old niece's comment was "Oh its pretty," but bumpy, bumpy, patch plaster, but fun! Peggy Coulter is now a lieutenant in the CAP—and, I understand "hubby" too is doing his part in the CAP.

There will be no chapter meeting in May as we are in hopes of large turnout at the Spring Sectional, Champaign, Ill. Come on, you Indiana gals, the ones we haven't seen and the ones we do see. Let's make our F. P. toward the Spring Sectional. There is nothing more disappointing than to work hard on a sectional and not have a good turnout—the other chapters didn't let us down when we had ours. So, Indiana Chapter has a committee of Jill McCormack, Lafayette, Ind., Gloria Richards and Sophia Payton, Indianapolis, Ind. If interested in going, contact any one of the three advising you want to go and whether or not you have transportation, need transportation, or have room for some passengers. Shall we try to make this sectional 100 per cent?

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

Alice Stoltzner

Chicago Area Ninety-Nines have been busy flying or promoting private flying during the past month. Alice Kudrna has been devoting some time to the West-Cook Area Wing Scout Troop. Bee Siemon and Mary Beritich were speakers at Zonta's "Amelia Earhart Memorial Dinner." Bee showed slides and spoke to the Elgin Zonta Chapter on the Ninety-Nine's activities and Mary spoke to the Chicago, South-Side Chapter.

Lorraine Brucher and her husband, Wallie, have flown to Miami, Fla.,

for a week. They recently sold their Stinson, so flew the Naperville Business Men's Club Tri-Pacer to Florida. Bee Malmanger took advantage of unlimited ceiling last weekend to take a Tri-Pacer up to 10,000 feet for the first time. With a fellow flyer, in his 190, she went into Chicago's "usually" busy O'Hara Airport. Activity was at a minimum as a result of the flight engineers' strike. You'll never again have such an easy time reaching the tower, Bee. Virginia Coffeen flew to Rockton's "Wagon Wheel" for lunch and then on to Madison, Wis.

Jane Dewey, sponsored by Sue Roscoe, became a Ninety-Nine at our February meeting. Welcome to the group, Jane.

Helen O'Hara plans to take a leave of absence from her duties at Norwegian-American Hospital soon for a trip to Australia. She hopes to meet the Ninety-Nine group there.

We're sorry to hear that Nell Brown's husband, "Brownie", is a patient at the Passavant Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

I'm ashamed to say my only contact with flight this past month has been the "Traffic-Copter" on the car radio each morning while on my way to work. Better luck next month.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

Constance S. Matter

Deedo and Doc Heise were here for a January meeting which was our awards night. The meeting was held with the St. Louis Aero Club and was very well attended. Deedo's wonderful movie and her account of the trip of the Flying Physicians group to Alaska was marvelous entertainment and we were certainly fortunate to have her here. We were all very proud of our award winners: Dot Rumsey, Ruth Lake, Golly Miner, Mickey Clark and June Evens. Congratulations, gals!

Barbara Reithmaier has recently received her instrument rating. Barbara and her 49½er, Larry, moved their instrument school, DeWees Aviation, from Lambert Field to Municipal Airport at Jackson, Miss. At present Barbara is working very hard to form a new 99 chapter in Jackson.

Our newest member, Teddy Hager, vacationed in December in Palm Springs, Calif. While there she visited with Zaddie Bunker. Lucky Teddy has been logging time in an Aero Commander.

Our Iowa member, Erma Jaco, is busily working on her instrument rating at Omaha.

We recently received a postcard from Teddy Inman from Mexico. We guess she is having a good time, the picture on the postcard is beautiful, and she says—well, she says—does anyone read Spanish?

Other travelers are Ginny and Burton Duenke who went to the Bahamas (lucky). Amy Summers was in Wash-

ington for the inauguration. Mickey Clark did a little traveling, too, but unhappily to the hospital. We are all so glad to have her feeling better now. Congratulations to Dorothy Haupt who recently received her real estate broker's license.

We had a very good turnout at our January meeting. Some of us had dinner together at the officers' club at Lambert and others joined us later for a tour of the ATC and then the tower. Both the traffic center and the tower were most interesting and we think we all learned something as well as enjoying ourselves.

In spite of icy roads and miserable cold we had a good turnout for the February meeting which Fran Merrill and Edith Olovitch arranged. We went to Lambert to take a tour of "the 707" which TWA very kindly made available to us. We believe that we were all fascinated by the "front office" and enjoyed seeing the elegant passenger section also. We certainly are indebted to Teddy Hager for her hospitality while we waited at the airport for the plane which was a bit late in arriving.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Rose S. Andrew

We met for our February meeting on the 18th at 10 a.m. at the University of Illinois Airport, near Champaign. This was a "strictly for business" gathering. Only six members were in attendance, due to lots of reasons, weather being the prevalent one.

Leah Warren was our hostess, and after a work session, the following went with her to the Champaign Country Club for lunch: Barbara Jenison, Paris; Helen McBride, Mattoon, Virginia Meyer, Onarga; Jean Graber, Urbana; and Rose Andrew, Champaign.

Our Mattoon girls are having Florida vacations with their husbands. The Kelleys are there, Mary and Joe Hendrix are on their way home as the McBrides are getting ready to go on their trip.

Our efficient secretary, Kathleen Hudson, Decatur, had to miss this meeting due to a back injury. Surely hope by the time this is in print that she is well recovered.

Evelyn Farley is in Las Vegas helping her parents celebrate their 50th anniversary. That is a wonderful thing to be able to do.

We are going to be looking forward to meeting many of our 99 friends from the surrounding area in May, the second weekend, when the North Central Section gathers here for their meeting.

We are so proud to announce that our speaker for the banquet, May 13, will be Dr. Dora Dougherty who was once a member of our small chapter. She is now with the Bell Helicopter plant at Fort Worth, Texas, and just

this month set some new altitude and distance records with the helicopter.

She has one of the nicest well-rounded personalities of anyone I have ever known. If I went through Webster to hunt new adjectives, I am sure the most complimentary would not be considered too "soupy" by those who have known her longest. Besides being honored to call her friend, I feel so very proud to think that she took time from her busy schedule here at the university to act as my flying instructor.

We are sure that you will not want to miss her talk at the banquet, for it will be full of fun and lots of good sense mixed in.

Don't forget now, the second weekend in May to point the nose of your "sky buggy" toward Champaign, Ill.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

Carolyn Parish

We would like to share our Christmas project since it gave all of us that special "spirit" we sometimes tend to lose in all the hub-bub activity of today's holiday season. Final choice was the Woodland Nursing Home for pensioners. With the help of Mrs. Stubbs furnishing a detailed list of sizes and names, we were able to purchase personal gifts. Besides the shopping being fun (the girls that did the shopping certainly deserve credit for time and effort) it was a particular happy thought to know that each individual was remembered. We are giving thought to making this an annual affair.

Wrapping the gifts was done in the lovely home of Marie Kuhlman (Mrs. O. E.). Most all 99's—and a number of 49½'s—were present and the buffet and cocktails a tremendous success. Evening was highlighted by an exchange of presents.

Our January meeting was both great fun and educational. First, all 21 members and guests, enjoyed a nice meal at one of K. C.'s favorite Italian restaurants. Then we were given a complete tour of TWA's training center. The flight in the simulator was exciting—just like "under the hood." It's very interesting to see the closed circuit TV mock-up the pilots use for training in landing jets. The sensation of flying is strongly present. We were impressed!

February's meeting brought out-of-town 99 visitors Belle Hetzel from the Missouri Valley Chapter (Omaha), and Helen Simmons from Abilene Chapter. Do come again to see us—we all enjoyed visiting with you.

Laurien Griffen told us she plans a trip in her Cessna 180 during February to Phoenix, San Diego and Los Angeles. Sounds good, doesn't it? We're pulling strings to get "flying" weather for her.

We are pretty proud of two mem-

bers' work toward aviation education. Sara Gorelick spends quite some time with the Girl Scouts; and Marge Farrell is presently on a committee for State Department of Education. This committee is attempting to write curriculum guides for schools in Missouri on aviation education.

Mary Ann Noah just recently received her multi-engine rating. She's happy with the rating.

Chairman Ruth Stafford asked us to plan a real drive for new members. There does seem to be a number of prospects in the busy air around K. C. proper. We hope to be reporting names of new members soon.

Our newest member is me—Carolyn Parish—I feel welcomed, and there's no question about being happy to be a 99'er. Since Elaine Morris can no longer handle the N. L. reporter's job, the opportunity is mine.

May you, as well as K. C., be blessed with the good weather we've had in this area lately. Until next month—fly safely.

IOWA CHAPTER

Helen Flaherty

The Iowa 99's held their regular monthly meeting in Fort Dodge on Sunday, Feb. 12, at high noon. Danny Rosenfield flew her Tri-Pacer with Alice Pfantz, Elizabeth Utsler and Marilyn Williams aboard. Kitty Hach piloted her Cessna with son, Paul, a junior, junior birdman, as co-pilot. Virginia Koestner and husband, Don, and their two children, Vicki and Dicki, plus your reporter, Helen Flaherty, answered the roll call.

Three potential members were guests and we hope they become "one of us" before many more space ships are in orbit. Mrs. Madaline Johnson and husband, Kenny, Mrs. Bonnie Wiewel, and Edith Jensen. All three are just a hair away from their private ticket.

Mrs. Evelyn Hurst, executive director of the Girl Scouts in this vicinity, was also a guest. Her scouts are always willing to be of help in some worthy project and we have a said project pending at this time.

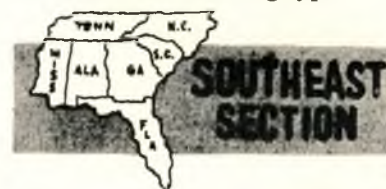
Blue wings with intersecting props and silver airplanes decorated the tables in the dining room and were made by Virginia Koestner and Edith Jensen.

Tina Healy phoned during the meeting from the University Hospitals at Iowa City that her husband was a patient on the critical list. We were sorry to hear that he was so seriously ill and our prayers and thoughts are with them.

Project mentioned above was the fund raising type for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. We are planning to sponsor a spot landing contest on May 7, rain date May 21, in Fort Dodge and are deep in procuring the clearances from the various authori-

ties nad securing trophies to award to the lucky winners. SOS—a set of spot landing contest rules.

Marilyn Williams has taken some Wing Scouts under her wing and is doing some promotional work in their behalf and they will be on hand to help us on our "day," as well as Evelyn Hurst's eager scouts, so this whole thing may turn into a scout activity, but it will still be wing-type.



COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED

Gov. Juanita Halstead announces the following committees:

Membership Chairman, Florence Fintak; Amelia Earhart Scholarship Chairman, Virginia Britt; Air Age Education Chairman, Evelyn Bryan; Committee to Review the Constitution Chairman, Dorothea Vermorel Bahanan; Nominating Committee Chairman, Betty McNabb.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

Emily Kelley

The Carolinas Chapter met Sunday, Jan. 22, at the Greensboro - High Point Airport. Louise and Herman Smith made arrangements for the meeting. Present were Dave and Gail East and small son, Randy, Louise and Herman Smith and Linda, Caroline and Les Hembel. Frances Miller flew up



Miss Bunny Hembel, newest member of Carolina's Chapter.

from Columbia, S. C., bringing Bunny Hembel. Frances is a licensed examiner and gave Bunny her flight test for her private on Dec. 26. Louise gave Bunny an application blank for membership and we hope to welcome her as a new member at our next meeting.

Our chapter has watched Bunny's progress in the world of aviation with a great deal of interest. She has been flying to meetings with her mother for years. On her 16th birthday, she soloed five different airplanes, and three months after her 17th birthday she received her private. She plans to work with Frances Miller during the

next year on commercial and instrument. At present she is enrolled as a freshman at the University of South Carolina, Columbia.

Our next meeting will be in Charlotte in March.

ALABAMA CHAPTER

Gertrude C. Luther

The weather was wonderful on Feb. 5 as our chapter gathered in Clanton, Ala., for our monthly meeting. Besides our hostesses, the two Minnie Wades, others present were Evelyn Brown and Helen Grove from Mobile, Jan Warrick from Decatur, Grace Bailey from Birmingham, Jaunita Halstead from Montgomery, Marie Carastro from Selma, Meredith Ward from Tuscaloosa, and Cora McDonald from Biloxi. Miss. Guests were Estelle Moon, Mary Jane Lewis and Ellen McRae, a near future 99'er. It was impossible for me to attend since I had promised to fly a friend to Winston Salem and I did not get back in time on Sunday. Weather was wonderful for my trip and I made it up there and back without getting lost for a change.

A most interesting show on the defense and missile building program of our country was given by the Wades after the meeting.

The next meeting will be in Mobile on Sunday, March 5, at 11 a.m. and we hope for some warm weather so that we may enjoy the azaleas.



WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

Mitzi Keller

A bon voyage party was given on January 29 in honor of Lamona Cervenka. She and husband, Frank, leave early in March for a tour of duty with the FAA in Germany. Velda Benn was the hostess for the evening and as always served a bountiful buffet. Others there were Marty DeLoatche, Betty Bohn, Josie Cook, Hazel Dwiggins, Betty Fisher, Ada Mitchell, Dorothy Mitchell, Chairman Virginia Thompson, Nancy and her brave 49½'er, Don Lynam, and of course the guest of honor, Lamona Cervenka. She was presented packable bon voyage gifts by the members. A feature of the evening—everyone was asked to wear some type of old or new flying togs. Nancy Lynam won the prize—garbed in her husband's space suit, and when fully blown up the effect was shall we say startling!

On January 31, Janey Hart and her 49½'er, Sen. Philip A. Hart of Michigan, were the guest speakers at the American Helicopter Society dinner-dance at the Ft. Myers Officers' Club. Janey reported on campaigning in Michigan by helicopter from the pilot's viewpoint. Sen. Hart gave the pas-

senger's side.

February 1, Blanche Noyes served as emcee at the Zonta's Amelia Earhart memorial dinner in Washington. Miss Jacqueline Cochran was guest speaker. Blanche thoughtfully reserved a special table for the 99's and WASPS who attended. Among those on hand were Claire Callaghan, Hazel Dwiggins, Mitzi and Gil Keller, Betty Fisher, Dorothy Mitchell, Nona Quarles, Jean Howard and Lamona Cervenka. Miss Cochran spoke of the role of women in the space program. She cited the outstanding safety and physical record achieved by the WASPS and predicted women pilots can and will make important contributions as astronauts.

Word from Florida . . . Frances Symonds was married on January 4 and is now living in Coconut Grove.

Janey Hart leaves early in March to sail a 70 foot craft for three weeks in the Caribbean. Among the all girl crew will be 99'er Bernice Trimble Steadman from Michigan.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Kate Macario

Our February meeting was held Saturday, the 18th, at a luncheon in the Liberty Bell Room at Philadelphia International Airport. Ironically, the airport was closed down with zero-zero conditions and those who had planned to fly, drove, except Ann Piggott who had hoped she could fly in from Lock Haven. We were most fortunate to have as our guest speaker Leo Marshall, chief of air traffic control at Philadelphia International. Mr. Marshall spoke on the duties and responsibilities of the controllers and related many air traffic incidents occurring at this field. He invited those who wished to visit the tower and radar room and when he was finished, many did. A hurried meeting was then held; the pros and cons of whether the 99's should affiliate with the NAA was discussed as were plans for our chapter to sponsor a group of Wing Scouts.

Applications for 99 membership were given to Irene Wirschafter of Philadelphia and Marcia Musson of New Jersey, both having attended the required three meetings, and to Marian Sheronas who is renewing after several years absence. In addition to these three girls, we welcomed two potential members who were attending their first meeting: Mrs. Dorothy McClure who drove all the way from New Alexandria, Pa., (near Johnstown) where she operates the town's airport, bringing her daughter, Linda, with her, and Mrs. Joyce Harding of Philadelphia, a graduate of Stevens College, Missouri.

This February affair brought out a large number of 99 members—15 in all, plus the five future members, plus quite a few guests. Murial Chalow

and her flying daughter, Merle, had planned to fly in but since it was below minimums, had to drive from Vineland, N. J. We are looking forward to having Merle as a member once she is eligible. Barbara Bonnett drove up from Wilmington, Cecilia Stetser, Beth and brave Clyde Sturtevant and Gert Dennis arrived from Jersey; Maggie Densmore and Dr. Constance Volk (despite her injuries from a recent fall) made it just in time. Nancy Diemand, equipped with a cold and a tissue box, came with Louise Sacchi whom we haven't seen for several months.

Erma Keyes attended bringing Kay Wilhemy, who is working on her private, with her. Connie Wolf took time off from her busy schedule to join us. Last month Connie, America's only licensed woman balloonist, was to have made a hot air flight in a Navy balloon (she has used helium, hydrogen and cooking gas for flights—but never hot air) but could not because it was too windy, however, she was asked by the experts for opinions and suggestions. We would still like Connie to entertain us at one of our monthly meetings; she has so many experiences to relate.

Mrs. William H. Barcus (the former Kate Crnsen) will be program chairman for our March meeting. On April 15 our chapter will be host for the Middle East Section to be held in Wilmington, Del.



Jeanne Spielberg

That very cold night of January 24 we had a wonderful exotic Chinese dinner (with chop sticks) at the Mandarin House, here in New York City. Those who were equipped had the choice of wearing Oriental dress and many did, even one 49½'er. It made the evening more festive and added color to the already colorful surroundings of the Chinese garden where we had our dinner. The food was of the north Chinese variety and many strange dishes were served to us on the large "lazy susan" which was placed on each table. Mrs. Emily Kwoh, the owner-manager of the Mandarin House, told us all about the manner in which the Chinese people celebrate the Chinese New Year, this year being the Year of the Ox.

Our guest of honor was Capt. Kyung O. Kim, looking like a doll in her native Korean costume. You must know by now that Capt. Kim is the only woman pilot in the Korean Air Force. She came to this country to get acquainted with us, stole our hearts and is now leaving us to return to her native country on Feb-

ruary 15. She told us about the celebration of the New Year in Korea. We do hope Kim will be able to return to us again just because we enjoy having her around so very much. We presented Kim with an Amelia Earhart medal as a parting gift.

Col. Ben Limb, Korean Ambassador to the United Nations, was our guest speaker. His talk was most interesting to all of us because it involved the past, present and future of Korea. He spoke of the bond that has been established between our two countries through the struggle for a common cause. Col. Limb, who has been in this country for 14 years, spoke with eloquence and understanding.

We had a very large, warm and friendly turn-out of 57 99's and guests when one considers that the night was one for sitting by the fireside. We had with us two prospective members, Ruth Bliss, introduced by Myra Elschner, and Ruth Shaw, who was presented by Marjorie Gray. Marg and Marion Mackey were reminiscing about the time they were members of the same squadron of the WASPS. We were delighted to see Clara Studer, pioneer and author, join us for the

evening, as well as many of our other old friends.

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