

NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Words fail to express my appreciation of the honor you have bestowed upon me by selecting me as your President but I am cognizant of the responsibilities entailed. It will not be easy to follow the pace set by our retiring president, Miss Belle Hetzel, under whose guidance many new chapters were formed and worthwhile projects completed, but I shall try to be worthy of your confidence.

I am indeed fortunate in that you have chosen as vice-president, secretary, treasurer and board members, 99 club members who are most capable and it will be a pleasure to serve with them, but I want you to know that it is your club and it's success depends upon the help and cooperation of each and every member.

Blanche Noyes
President

MESSAGES FROM OUR NEW OFFICERS.

Again I thank the Ninety-Nines for the honor bestowed on me by electing me vice-president. I might add I was rather surprised since more of you know me this year.

Your many suggestions sent in to the National meeting contained excellent ideas for making the vice-president more helpful to the president and the organization.

It was interesting to learn that a larger percentage of our members sent in their ballots this year and there was a larger attendance at the meeting.

The girls in Kansas City arranged everything beautifully - its always that way at a National meeting - and its too bad we can't all go every year. Besides the fun of going to the parties in different cities, there is the pleasure of meeting new people, renewing old acquaintances and finally, seeing the girls who belong to the names we read in the Newsletter.

Thank you again. I shall do my best to carry out your wishes and the plans of our president.

Helen W. Anderson
Vice President

You have honored me immeasurably by your choice of Secretary elected to serve this year. We are all conscious that this begins our 20th Anniversary Year,

and my best combined with your best should mark this year as one of the most progressive years in our history. Attending planned activities and keeping in touch with each other will keep our organization broad but well-knit thereby fulfilling the standards set by the charter members.

The Ninety-Nine Club means much to women's place in aviation through-out the world. In no other country today are there as many women pilots enjoying aviation as a hobby and a profession. Recently Babe Didrikson wrote the following abstract in her column: "Although her end is still shrouded in mystery, I think Amelia Earhart did as much as any other woman to give self-confidence to her sex. Her flights against space and time inspired women the world over with a new sense of freedom - and of confidence in their own ability".

You Ninety-Nines are carrying on where she was forced to retire!

Kay A. Brick
Secretary

Herewith new treasurer's acceptance item, in accordance with request of President Blanche Noyes:

It is a real pleasure to be a part of the governing body of the Ninety-Nines, although a small voice within me wonders if I shall be able to fill the job of treasurer as capably as did the Ninety-Niner whom I follow. However, she has graciously offered her valuable counsel, and with her moral support I'm sure the job will be simplified.

In this coming year - particularly with Blanche Noyes as our President - let all of us continue and increase our efforts toward creating an ever-increasing number of air markers throughout the country. We should also make every effort to build up our membership and strengthen the organization through ties of Chapter and Section get-togethers. We are pointing towards a great day - our 20th anniversary, next year - and when that day comes we shall want to look back on the most active and successful year we have ever had, and to look forward to one even more successful. My very best wishes to each one of you, and I hope to see a lot of Ninety-Nines in person during the coming year.

Marjorie H. Fauth
Treasurer

It was indeed a pleasure as well as an honor, to accept the opportunity to serve on the Executive Board of the Ninety-Nines. Having been a member of the Ninety-Nines for several years, with membership in the Missouri Valley Chapter, Iowa Chapter and the Upper Iowa Chapter, I am most happy to represent the North Central Section as well as the Upper Iowa Chapter in all matters of importance to all. I shall do everything within my power to be of assistance to the Board and our President, in any way possible, which might enable us to have an outstanding year for the Ninety-Nines. May I take this opportunity to thank the girls who elected me to the Board.

Berniece Eno
Member, Executive Committee

Again, Greetings - this time as a member of the Executive Committee, although I've served you on said committee for five years as a national officer. Our convention went off well, due largely to the splendid work of our Kansas City hostesses. We have a grand set of new officers; let's really get behind them and make this a banner year in projects completed and membership greatly increased over the 1042 we had this last year. Start planning that 1949 vacation right now, and let's move right in on New York for our convention and anniversary the weekend before the Labor Day weekend. Chapters start now planning reservation space in those DC3s, private planes, autos, or what-nots. Be seen' you in New York.

Belle Hetzel
Member, Executive Committee

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* MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION *
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WASHINGTON D. C. CHAPTER

By Margaret Vaughan
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Congratulations to our new national officers and a vote of thanks in appreciation of the planning and efforts of the Kansas City girls for a very enjoyable convention. Mrs. Blanche Noyes, National President, Lucille Doll and Margaret Vaughan, delegates, were present from this chapter.

It was with deepest sympathy for the parents of Helen McGilvery that this chapter learned of her death. Helen has always been a very active 99 member and operated the Annapolis Airport.

The vacation of Eleanor Davis was spent in sightseeing Canada via Luscombe Servair. A friend accompanied Eleanor on this trip. Miss Lucille Doll is visiting in Kansas City and planned to attend the Cleveland Air Races. Mrs. Blanche Noyes and Miss Jean Howard attended the Cleveland Air Races and were present at the cocktail party given by the Cleveland 99's. At the banquet, Mrs. Noyes was introduced by Arthur Godfrey who gave a short talk on the 99 organization. Rose Jesperson and her 49 1/2'er are the proud parents of a son, Neil Eric, born August 27. This is their third child. Guest speaker for the Flying Farmers Convention was Mrs. Blanche Noyes, Chief of the Skyway Marking Section, CAA. Margaret Vaughan spent last Monday visiting in the Kansas City Air Traffic Control Center and participated in a simulated flight on the Omni Directional Range, the latest range to be installed throughout the U. S. Among the guests who attended the AOPA summer round up flight to Rehoboth Beach, September 11th and 12th were Rosemary Lane, Clair Callaghan, Mary Jane Livingston, Eleanor Davis and Jean Howard.

The last monthly meeting was held with Mrs. Noyes. A delicious buffet supper was served by the hostess on the terrace of the Washington House. Margaret Vaughan and Lucille Doll were briefed as delegates to the 99 convention. Mrs. Loraine W. Elliott of Los Angeles, Miss Lucille Doll of Kansas City and Mrs. Manila Talley, a charter member from Oklahoma, were officially transferred into the Washington Chapter.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By Marjorie Cook
330 Meadow St., Meadville, Pennsylvania

We flew to our last meeting which was held at Erie, Pennsylvania on the Peninsula August 14th. We had lunch in one of the cabins along the Lake and then went for a swim. We had a wonderful time. Thanks go to Mary Will Parker for arranging for the cabin.

The next meeting will be held at Port Meadville September 15th.

We decided to send \$15.00 to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

Congratulations to Mary Will Parker for presenting Meadville Chapter with a 24 and 3/4.

Jean Peden our chairman was elected secretary of the Middle Eastern Section.

Yours truly just arrived in Meadville from a trip to the old home town Iowa City, Iowa. Had a marvelous time.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Jessie Jones Eckhart
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What a wonderful meeting we had on Sunday, August 29th at the home of Mrs. Catherine Slocum "Il Nido" near Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. A delightful refreshing swim and a delicious luncheon plus Mr. and Mrs. Slocum's grand hospitality made this one of the outstanding meetings of the year. Thank you, from all of us Catherine. Speaking of Catherine, let me tell you, there is a beautiful Beech Bananza at Wings Field that calls her its owner. A grand combination.

Wedding bells have rung again in our chapter and have changed the name of Georgianna Sees to Mrs. Thomas Herdman. Their address is: 502 Wiltshire Rd., Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. Congratulations Georgie and Tommie... who were married August 16th in Elkton, Maryland and honeymooned in Canada.

We want to say thank you to our retiring officers; chairman Francis Nolde, Vice-chairman Grey Allison, Sec'y Vi Delp, and Treasurer Georgianna Sees for a job well done. Our new officers are:

- Chairman - Violette Delp, Lancaster, Pa.
- Vice Chairman - Hazel Heist, Reading, Pa.
- Sec'y - Leona McElroy, Reading, Pa.
- Treas. - Catherine Slocum, Bryn Mawr., Pa.

Best of luck, kids.

News from our long lost Marjorie Deacon and her 49¹/₂er comes from California...the new address is Apt. A., 3260 Main Street, Riverside, California. Marjorie's husband has been recalled to active duty and they will be in sunny California until October. They have been having a wonderful time touring the state. Keep us posted Marjorie, and have a wonderful time.

Enroute home from our last meeting, I stopped by to see where Peg Betten was hiding. There she was holding down Paoli-Malvern Air Park and our Grey Allison with her. The Paoli-Malvern Air Park has made legal state history in Pennsylvania.-- Seems like Peggy's neighbors objected to the roar of mighty J-3's so they put out an injunction against the field. The court ruled that with assorted highways, and railroads going by, a few little ships couldn't make it worse.

Bettie Thompson Townsend has been spending the summer at Ocean City, New Jersey. She is due home soon-- haven't seen you all summer, gal.

Some of us will be around Cleveland National Air Races Vi Delp and Fran Nolde plan to fly out in Vi's Navion..... Nel Richards and 49¹/₂er Red in their Luscombe...and me too Mrs. Jessie Jones Eckhart and that 49¹/₂er Howard in Stinson L-5.

With elections just over, I want to warn you that I'll be with you another year. I want to thank my sister Helen E. Jones who so kindly types up this stuff to be sent in...also want to thank Vi Delp for keeping me posted when instructing has interferred with a Ninety-Nine meeting.

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* NEW ENGLAND SECTION *

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By Alma Gallagher
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Governor Judy Short does a great job of keeping the girls who have missed the summer fly-in meetings posted on what New England Ninety-Nines are doing with her bulletins.

Regina Wincza entertained the Southern Chapter at a beach party at Plum Island, Massachusetts in August with swimming and lobster salad in top place on the program. The Northern Chapter gals were guests of Betty Condict and Lillian Putnam at their Bass Point Seaplane base on Blaisdell Lake, New Hampshire, for their meeting last month.

Daisy Kirkpatrick was hostess for an August 21 meeting of the section at her Marblehead, Massachusetts home, more lobster but more haze, so that Regina with Sally Driver as a passenger were the only fly-in Ninety-Nines. It was a drive-in meeting for the rest.

Plans are in the making to work with the Wing Scouts. Annual meeting is set for September 14 at the Ninety-Nine Club, 99 State Street, Boston at 6:45 p.m.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Kay A. Brick
"Brickaero", Blanche Ave., Norwood, New Jersey

We are happy to welcome three new members:

Marion Nye who expects to finish her commercial flight work with Marjorie Gray this week and then go to Purdue University to study; Susan M. Melk who is here from France and holds a raft of French power and glider licenses; and Dorothy Wakefield, private pilot who is secretary to the Westchester County Airport Corporation, New York.

Governor Kay A. Brick and Marjorie B. Davis logged an enjoyable flight to Kansas City and back in the BT 13. They reported a beautifully planned calendar and wish to express appreciation to all the Kansas City girls for their efforts.

Our Margie White has been trailoring in the Rockies; Dela Schleger went to Europe; Betty Chamberlain is now a hostess with Seaboard and Western Airlines. Betty Haas, a hostess with Pan American, has a new engine in her P-39 and is flying it out to the Cleveland Air Races.

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 * NORTH CENTRAL SECTION *
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The North Central Section Meeting is to be held in Des Moines at the Fort Des Moines Hotel on October 9 and 10. The Iowa Chapter girls are planning a swell meeting and they wish to extend an invitation to all Ninety-Niners to attend.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Betty Siggs
 5223 Nall Avenue, Mission, Kansas

Our big weekend is over - all but the talking about. In checking over the registration cards for the national meeting we uncovered some interesting "statistics". For example:

- 99 Ninety-Nines registered!
- 12 49¹/₂ers attended the parties.
- 6 "Flying Grandmothers" were present!
- 3 Ninety-Niners present had over 6000 hours flying time!
- 15 Ninety-Niners present hold instructor ratings!
- 38 Planes were flown to KC, over half being four-place.

We hope you all enjoyed your stay in Kansas City and that there will be more opportunities to meet and become better acquainted. Seemed we were all so busy on details concerned with the meeting there was no time for visiting.

Now that we are embarking on another year of activities, the members in Kansas City wish to extend greetings to our neighbor chapter, Columbia, Missouri. We appreciate that since this chapter was formed just three weeks before the school term ended at Steven's College this spring that there really was not time to become properly organized or indoctrinated into the Ninety-Nines. We hope all the nearby chapters will join us in planning joint fly-in meetings with the Steven's girls and help them get going as a unit. Remember, this chapter is a source of potential members for all our chapters. Steven's College School of Aviation turns out around one hundred and fifty Private and Commercial pilots each year. As the girls graduate and return to their homes they will be transferring membership to the home chapter. You will find that the school authorities will cooperate fully in planning flights for the girls - they are pioneers in the "cross-country flight training program" we heard about at our national meeting. Mr. Kenneth Newland is head of the school and requests may be addressed to him for permission for the girls to fly school aircraft to your meetings. We intend to plan joint meetings this fall and next spring and we would like to hear from St. Louis, Des Moines and Missouri Valley in this regard. How about a bang-up get-together???

So with greetings and best wishes to our new president and officers, and a reluctant adieu to Belle, we sign off for now -----

IOWA CHAPTER

By Evelyn B. McDonald
 1917 Arlington, Des Moines, Iowa

It would appear that the Iowa Chapter had been out of the running during these summer months. So many of our members have been on really extended summer vacations that it seemed feasible to discontinue 'til they returned and could attend meetings again. Florence Chamberlain is back from the East Coast, Edna Nyemaster has been at Okoboji all summer as well as Frances Shloss, and Winifred Heaton has been in California, just to mention a few.

Blanche Novotny has moved to Connecticut and we might mention the fact that the Connecticut Chapter will be gaining a mighty active and enthusiastic member. We sure hated to lose her.

Our meeting, September 1st, at Cesar's Orchard Inn, was for the most part a review of plans in connection with the North Central Section Meeting which will be held here in Des Moines at the Fort Des Moines Hotel on October 9th and 10th. We promise a really nice get-together and would like to extend our invitation to all Ninety-Nines to attend if at all possible. Every effort is being made to provide a good time for all. Thelma Olson mentioned what a good time she had at the recent Kansas City meeting and we hope ours will be just as successful only more so. Incidentally, this invitation is also open to your 49¹/₂ers and we hope lots of you will attend.

Notes....Mrs. Darlene Newman has a new 24 3/4er named Shari Lynn....Yours truly now boasts a 49¹/₂er named Jack.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Helen Pelto
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To the Greater Kansas City Chapter: Our heartfelt thanks for the grand time you and your fine city extended to us at the National Meeting.

Congratulations to our new President and her staff. We wish you a most successful year.

Michigan was represented by Gloria Lynch, pilot of a Stinson, and her crew, Thelma Lindzay, Estelle Uppliger, and Velta Skutt. Alice Hammond was pilot of a 170 Cessna with a crew consisting of Faye Kirk, Lucile Grisier, and Helen Anderson. Helen Pelto was pilot of an Aeronca Chief - also crew of same. Alice was Parliamentarian throughout the meeting. And Helen Anderson, we are proud to say, is still our National Vice-President.

Thelma Lindzay brought two items to light at the National Meeting which are very interesting. Out of the 99 Ninety-Nines attending, over 50 members were from the North-Central Section. More than one-third of the total number of Ninety-Nines in the United States are members of the North-Central Section.

Those wonderful 49¹/₂ers washed the dishes at the Austin Lake meeting in Kalamazoo. Jean Prins was first to go swimming. She fell in. Eloise Smith was hostess with Zita Snider as receptionist. The food was excellent.

Congratulations to Jean Prins for having acquired her Flight Instructors Rating.

Congratulations to the Ohio Chapter for having so many Ninety-Nines on the Ohio Air Tour.

Those summer vacations have sent Lucile Grisier to Frankfort, Michigan; Grace Gazvoda to visit Roxie in Atlanta, Georgia; Flo Stickle to the Canadian Rockies. Flo will be moving to Cleveland, Ohio, this month. Alice and John Hammond took the Sportsman Pilots Association Cruise to the Dells, Wisconsin. They returned via King's Gateway, Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin, and Blaney Park - a beautiful fly-in resort in the Upper Peninsula. Rosalie Grohman made a ferry flight from Saginaw, Michigan, to Chicago, Illinois.

Get those Personal Files to Eloise Smith immediately!

Write Bernice Trimble for more of your library books:

From the Ground Up - Standard Oil Company
The Fun of It - Amelia Earhart
Radio Nav. for Pilots - Colin McIntosh
Once to Every Pilot - Frank Hawk
Keeping Ahead of the Weather - Peter Kracht

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER NEWS

By Dorothy Morris
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We held our first evening meeting on August 21st under the stars at Put-in-Bay. Most of us are taking advantage of the summer weather and making all meetings fly-ins. We landed on the mainland, then went over to the island via Ford Tri-Motor, checked in at the hotel and took things easy from then on. Jerry Larkin was our hostess, and she certainly chose a nice vacation spot.

Delegates, Ann Heisler, Mary Oetzel and Jerry Larkin, were appointed and several important questions discussed. Ann Heisler will be flying her Bonanza to Kansas City, taking Mary Oetzel, Celia Moslo and Lillian Kokas with her. Marie Ambus and Jerry Larkin will be flying in Marie's Stinson.

On Sunday, August 22nd, Marge Newcomer was hostess for the Ashland Ohio Air Show and most of the girls flew over to Ashland for the Show.

Julianne Dearth left for Florida on August 30th, where she hopes to get a job as flight instructor.

Next meeting, September 19th, Tri-County Airport, New Holland, Ohio. The field is located about 12 miles East of Washington C. H., Time 10:30 EST. Helen Williams, Hostess.

STEPHENS COLLEGE CHAPTER

By Mary Eva Barstow
Stephens College, Ex 868, Columbia, Missouri

Janet Ann Fish, a member of the Stephens College Chapter of the Ninety-Nines and recent graduate of that college, died August 28th from injuries received from a plane accident on the same date. She was working for her instructors rating at Somerset Hills Airport, Basking Ridge, New Jersey, where she was Public Relations Officer and was doing much to spread interest in flying.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Virginia R. Vinsand
23 $\frac{1}{2}$ So. 8th St., Fort Dodge, Iowa

Our September business meeting will be held back in Fort Dodge on the third Sunday of the month. Election of all Chapter offices and all other business will be discussed and completed then.

Our August meeting held quite a variation from our usual noon luncheon meetings. This time it was a flight breakfast at Sac City, Iowa on August the 15th. Buelah Frotscher of Fort Dodge was hostess to the girls and the Sac City Chamber of Commerce sponsored the gathering. Arrivals began quite early and we had a very good turnout. With us as guests were two fellow Ninety-Niners, Bea Mack of the Missouri Valley Chapter and Dorothy Evans of the other Iowa Chapter. We were really quite proud to have had the girls come so far and stop to join us.

We were quite enthused on August the 26th to find that five of the twelve girls from our chapter would be able to attend the National Convention in Kansas City that week-end. Ruth Shimmons of Pocahontas, Iowa, Our delegate to the convention, flew in on the Airlines and was happy to find Ninety-Miner Thelma Olson of Des Moines right along beside her. Four of the girls, Bernie Eno, Buelah Frotscher, Inez McAllister and Virginia Vinsand, drove down together from Fort Dodge. It was a wonderful trip and we all enjoyed it immensely. Every Ninety-Miner should have the opportunity to attend and meet so many of their fellow members.

Our airmarking project is still moving ahead quite rapidly and several more markers were completed during the last month. As our September meeting will bring a close to our six month contest I can readily see that several more will be completed this month so the girls may derive points which were earned this way. You'll be able to see the dust fly this month!

We, as a new and growing chapter of girls, are proud to have had our chairman, Bernie Eno, elected to office with the National Executive Committee in Kansas City this year. Bernie has been a Ninety-Miner for several years and we're sure she will fulfill her duties to the best of her ability.

The Iowa girls are really looking forward to seeing many of you again at the North Central Sectional meeting in Des Moines on October 9th and 10th.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Elsie V. Peters
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The Wisconsin Chapter certainly has been busy these past two months.

Mayetta Wiedeman has received her instructor's certificate and her first student has received his airman's certificate. Congratulations Mayetta every one of us is proud of you.

A second member, Jeanette Kapus has also received her instructor's certificate. Congratulations go to you too Jeanette. Much success to you.

The Chapter has made a number of flights this summer. They all had a wonderful day at Lake Delton and it was such a success that a few weeks later we flew to Antigo where Mrs. Strong was our hostess. We had a glorious day, had a wonderful dinner and received a souvenir from Margaret's Studio and a pound of cheese from Kraft. All of you who did not fly up, missed a grand time. We also believe we have two new members for our chapter.

Six of us flew to Kansas City for the National meeting, Dora Fritzke with Dorothy Christenson, Jeannette Kapus with Mayetta Wiedeman and your reporter with Deedo Heise. We all had a most wonderful time, and wish to thank the "Kansas City Girls" for their hospitality. It was so grand to meet old friends.

Talking of old friends Mary Elaine Calhoun - one of our first members, was in Milwaukee this summer with husband, Bill, and daughter and son. Mary and Bill, it was grand to see you, and perhaps one of these days we will fly down to Irving, Texas to see the "Little Ranch".

In closing, I wish to say that our whole chapter wants to send best wishes to "Belle" and to congratulate her on a most successful year. Will be seeing you "Belle" soon, we hope.

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* SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION *
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COLORADO CHAPTER

By Donna Myers
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This month has been a busy time for the Ninety-Niners, what with plans for the national convention, reports to be submitted by our delegates, election of officers for sections and chapters - and trying to get a good start on 1948-1949 activities! We are taking a deep breath, now - as we feel we have our year's activities fairly well outlined.

Our election of officers was held in August at the Pilot's Perch at Ruston Field - with the following results:

Chairman, Donna Tracy Myers; vice chairman, Marilyn Nordstrom; treasurer, Marion Wurster; secretary, Betty Stackhouse. Committees are: Kati Kelly, Entertainment; Betty Clark, transportation; Claudia Perry, membership; Dorothy Schaeffer, Ways and Means; Margo Condon (new member) publicity; Georgia White, Courtesy. The above committee members are the chairmen, and have one or two other members to help them.

We were mighty proud to have our Betty Clark entered in the Kendall races at Cleveland, over Labor Day.

One of our projects for the coming year is to attempt to speak at every women's organizations in and round Denver - to sell women in aviation.

Another project of this coming year, is to feature one member in a write up in our chapter bulletin, published once a month. About ten of our members are scattered throughout the state and since it is difficult for them to come into Denver to meetings, we don't know them too well, and they aren't too well acquainted with those of us in Denver--so a thumbnail sketch of some member each month will tend to draw us all a little closer.

Our best wishes to the new officers (national) for the coming year, and a "thank-you" to the officers who served us well during the past year.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Helen Bass
Malvern, Iowa

I was afraid that it would be bad luck for me to mention last month that we were having such good luck with all attending our meetings by plane as August 8th meeting found only one plane arriving, namely Jo

Farmer & Tommy Richards from Mt. Ayr, Iowa. But due to trains, busses, cars etc. we managed to have quite a gathering. Luncheon was served in the Omaha Athletic Club with Dorthy Reed and 49¹/₂er Claud as our hosts. Then out to the Reeds lovely home in North Omaha where we held our meeting while the 49¹/₂ers swam in the Reeds pool. One highlight was Dorthys idea of having a male bathing beauty contest, concentrating on the knees., and how proud I was to have my 49¹/₂er win such honor. Also we gals presented Alice Riss with a nice Bathinette for that expected addition in the family and enjoyed "checking out" husband Ed on all the gadgets. Others attending were Jane & Doc Bay, Belle Hetzel, Bea Mack, Margorie McBride, Lois Boien and a gal named Peg (I hate myself-but I can't think of her last name), all of Omaha - Marguerite Durbin from North Platte, and Helen, Earl & Pam Bass from Malvern, Iowa. And of course leave it to the Reeds to top off the afternoon with some of those DELICIOUS-REEDS ICE CREAM Sundeas. Plug!!

Here and now I would like to state how proud our chapter is of Belle Hetzel. She made a good president, started many good ideas for the betterment of the Ninety-Nines. It meant a lot to us and to Belle, to be president, if only for one year.

Missouri Valley Chapter really turned out for the Kansas City Convention. Nine Ninety-Nines and seven guests, Husbands and what have you. The Kansas City gals did a grand job of entertaining us and all the girls enjoyed meeting the new officers for the coming year, also to meet several of the girls that will be racing in Cleveland and renew old acquaintances in general.

Our next meeting will be September 12th in Grand Island, Nebraska.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Mary Francis
312 Fidelity Bldg., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Broneta Davis of Minco, Oklahoma recently purchased a Stinson Voyager 165. Since she acquired the plane last month she has been to:

- 1. Dallas to the Ninety-Nines Sectional meeting
- 2. Wyoming on a hunting trip with her 49¹/₂er, Tod Davis
- 3. San Marcos, Texas, on a business trip
- 4. Kansas City to the National Ninety-Nines meeting
- 5. Columbus, Ohio for the National Flying Farmer meeting

and intends to go on to Cleveland for the Air Races. That is really utilizing a plane. Incidentally Broneta is Secretary of the Oklahoma Flying Farmers and has held that job since the Flying Farmers were first organized.

Preceding the National Ninety-Nines meeting a picnic was held at the new country home of Mary Francis and next morning four members of the chapter left for Kansas City. Irby Keen, who is usually present at all cross country meetings in her Stinson, was busy overseeing the preparations for her daughters wedding, and Velma Woodward felt badly for it was the first sectional or national meeting she had missed since joining the Ninety-Nines.

Kay Van Doozer and Betty Thomas of Bakersfield, California, stopped off a few days to visit with Hazel Raines and Delrose Sieber, on their way back in a new Swift, from Cape Cod to California.

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Ama Lee Jameson
Spofford, Texas

Here I am home again after a combination meeting of the

South Central Section and Texas Chapter, so will try to tell the rest of you about it. The meeting was held at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas, August 14-15. The girls from Dallas were our hostesses and they really did a bang up job of it. Thanks from all the rest of us to Martha Ann Reading and her assistants for giving us such a grand time. We started off with a luncheon Saturday which was followed by a Sectional meeting. Officers elected were Mary Ann Greer, San Antonio, Texas, Governor; Broneta Davis, Minco, Oklahoma, Vice-Governor; Verna Burns, Fort Worth, Texas, Secretary-Treasurer. That afternoon it was cocktails followed by dinner and a meeting of the Texas Chapter. We finished off with a brunch Sunday morning then the weary trek home. Officers elected in the Texas Chapter were Martha Ann Reading, Dallas, Chairman; Mildred Miller, Austin, Vice-Chairman; Gladys Kefauver, Dallas, Reporter; Edna Hammerman, Austin, Membership Chairman; Ama Lee Jameson, Spofford, Secretary-Treasurer. The main business was selecting the delegates to the National Convention. Besides Mary Ann Greer, our Sectional Governor, those elected were Martha Ann Reading, Marie Nix and Ama Lee Jameson. We also discussed making a bid to have the National Convention held in Texas in 1950 so all the rest of you gals think it over and maybe we can see everyone down here then. Now after a brief breathing spell we'll all be off to Kansas City.

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 * SOUTHWESTERN SECTION *
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SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Coral Bloom
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The Sacramento Valley 99's enjoyed a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, August 24th, in Lodi with Eleanor Verkuyll being hostess.

Members flying in included Dolores Morton, Louise Sue, Vivian Dalton, Gerry Mickelsen, Helen Gatewood, and Coral Bloom. Wanda Daniel and Leah Johnson drove.

We were pleased to have Ruth Rueckert and Rita Hart from Bay Cities Chapter present and also two guests Zona King of Quincy and Loraine Soucie of Lodi.

Final arrangements for the 99 display at California State Fair were made. Discussion of National Convention, Cleveland Air Races and Santa Barbara Sectional consumed the rest of the afternoon.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Jan Ruffell
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The Bay Area Chapter of the Ninety-Nines met at the American Air Lines Office, August 20 for their business meeting, with Esther Haney acting as hostess. Two American Air Lines movies were shown on Hawaii and Norway, which gave everyone an inside view on the two vacation lands. The meeting consisted of discussing agenda for the National Convention to be held in Kansas City. Esther Haney and Pat Gladney were selected as candidates to the convention. Two guests and prospective members were present, Terry Hotchins and Miss Wilson (Santa Rosa).

One of the members, yours truly, has just returned from a most enjoyable vacation-honeymoon in Las Vegas, Arizona, and Los Angeles. Change of name has been effected, and am now Jan Ruffell. Add one more eligible to the 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ers.

Jan and Marion Dietrich are vacationing in Hawaii and have just had a very exciting experience. While doing a little light plane flying, were confronted with one of those sudden storms and could not get in to their home field. They made a successful landing on one of the highways with very little damage to the airplane.

Jerry Mickelsen is vacationing in Montana and is having a wonderful time - flying, of course, in her Bellanca.

Arrangements are being made for the San Mateo Festival being held in October. October 3 is the date designated for the Air Race from Chico to San Mateo. The Ninety-Nines will be well represented in the participation and hope to bring home the trophies, as was done last year at the Festival.

In Tribute
 To Helen McGilvery

No more will you roam the skies of blue
 Or feel the thrill of a ship that's new

For You've charted your course to a different life
 To greet old friends where there is no strife

You'll not be forgotten by those left behind
 For the ideals you fought for are strong in our minds

So, we'll carry on, tho' we are minus one
 And say, Goodbye Mac, t'was a job well done.

