

NINETY- NINES



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear 99'ers:

I am sorry I am not able to give you details of my recent trip to the West Coast in this issue of the News Letter. I did not return to Washington until March 17 so a complete report of my trip will be in the April issue. I do wish you to know, however, that I had a most profitable and enjoyable trip, meeting the girls in Dallas, Fort Worth, Palm Springs, Bakersfield, San Diego and Los Angeles.

I think the following letters from Major General Beau and Jacqueline Cochran will be of interest to all members of the Ninety-Nines.

Blanche Noyes
President

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Mrs. Blanche Noyes, President
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Dear Mrs. Noyes:

As the National Commander of the Civil Air Patrol, it is my pleasure and privilege to invite the active participation of your membership in the important service we are rendering the youth of our country.

We are in great need of women to join with us as senior officers in every section of the country. Through the experienced leadership of such as compose the '99's', it will be possible for us to greater expand our youth membership, particularly among teen age girls. The Civil Air Patrol wing commander in your respective state will be happy to consult with you on enlistment details.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lucas V. Beau
Maj. General, USAF
National Commander

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Dear EX-WASP:

At last, the United States Air Force has agreed to offer all EX-WASPS, who meet the standards and qualifications, a commission of Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force on a non-flying status or in the United States Air Reserve on a non-flying status. The rank of commission in the Reserve will be predicated on the length of service you had in the Service, exclusive of training periods.

I think it is very important for each of you to avail yourself of the privilege of being in the Reserve. There is always a hope that at a later date you may be put on flying status. If there is a war, and we are still of proper age, I am reasonably certain that we would be assured of flying status in the Air Force. I, personally, think it is very nice to be a member of the Reserve, in which I have already been commissioned.

Will you please send me the information requested on the enclosed postcard in order to expedite checking your records in Washington and to determine whether or not you are interested. Space has been provided on the postcard for the name and address of any EX-WASP whom you know has not been contacted as I am anxious to reach all EX-WASPS, if possible I can cross-check any names you submit against my list.

(Signed) Jacqueline Cochran

B. N. Anyone interested, please contact Miss Cochran at the above address.

FAMOUS COMEDIAN INVITED TO 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Arthur Godfrey
c/o Columbia Broadcasting System
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Godfrey:

We, the members of the Indiana Chapter of 99'ers would like to make you a member of our group. However, Naturloused you up before we had a chance so since you can't be a 99'er a 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er is the male half or so called better half of a 99'er. Our organization is made up of licensed women pilots. It was started in 1929 by Amelia Earhart and each state has it's own chapter. One of the things we do besides fly is knock ourselves out to air mark cities and towns so you fellows will know where you're going while flying cross country.

We also listen to your shows, smoke Chesterfields, clean our windshields with Glass Wax, eat Nabiscoes, and sip Lipton's tea. However, there is just one thing we would like to know and that is--you always seem to be "scouped" up and full of energy--what else do you put in that cup of boiling water besides a Lipton tea bag? We have consumed a barrel of Lipton's tea but be darned if we get the same effect as it seems to have on you.

We hope, Mr. Godfrey, that you'll accept this honorary 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er membership and the next time you're flying around looking at an airmarking, remember the 99'ers.

Happy landings.

INDIANA CHAPTER OF NINETY-NINES

(Signed) Marjorie Stables Smith

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* NEW ENGLAND SECTION *
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By Alma Gallagher

A February dinner meeting of the section was held in Boston at the College Club Feb. 10. Judy Short, our governor, presided and the following girls were present: Carolyn Cullen, Rachel Williams, Dot Hayes, Rose Crowley Abbott, Kay Farnell, Betty Condict, Jill McCormick, Daisy Kirkpatrick and a new member, Isabel Blodgett.

After a very good dinner we tallied up our dance expenses and had the usual gab-fest. It was agreed by all that those who attended the dance had a wonderful time. Due to rather miserable weather that day, we did not have as large an attendance as we had expected. The fog would not even lift long enough to let our national president, Blanche Noyes, through. We wanted very much to have Blanche with us, and she tried very hard to make it. We did have the pleasure of having our national secretary, Kay Brick, who drove up from New York with a former New England 99'er, Marjorie Davis.

The ballroom of the Hotel Sheraton was decorated with blue and yellow balloons, and Harry Marshard furnished the music. From the financial angle, we broke even on the dance and it was grand to see the gang together again.

Rachael and Carolyn braved the February weather to fly up from Oak Bluffs to the meeting on the 10th. They landed at Plymouth and Kay drove them to Boston from there.

Southern New England Chapter officers are Chairman, Regina Winca; secretary-treasurer, Ruth Anderberg; and news reporter, Daisy Kirkpatrick.

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* NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION *
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By Lois Fairbank

By now all the section officers have received the first Big Report regarding the plans for the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration. Read them through and I guarantee that you'll all be with us next October. You can't resist when you hear of all the wonderful plans that have been made.

We, in New York, are busy working up new ideas all the time so keep your eyes peeled for the next big flash! They'll keep right on coming.

In January our group met at the Red Coach Grill to hear Max Wylie tell of his many and varied experiences as a director of radio and television shows. He has the most wonderful collection of records...first, rejects, and recordings of actual performances...that would make any collector jump with joy.

We've had quite a bit of traveling in our group of late. Eileen Bristol, her mother Alma Ward Bristol, also a 99er, and the latters 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er, went on a flying trip to Stockholm, Oslo, Copenhagen and Peykjavik. Eileen joined the Stockholm Flygklubb and took Alma and her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er on a sightseeing trip over Stockholm in an Ercoupe. There are eight or nine women members of the club - maybe a new chapter for the 99's. Eileen was allowed to fly on her United States

private license and she found that all the tower operators spoke English...which is quite a lucky break.

Another overseas traveler is Viola Gentry Cameron who has just left New York for a motor trip thru to Florida, thence to the West Coast and from there to Hawaii. If any of you girls meet up with Viola, and I am sure you will, you'll find she's out to plug the big Celebration.

Nan Spears took a fast trip to Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republics and Florida. Just managed to sandwich the trip between 99 meetings. Clemy Bast has been on a series of tours...first driving to the West Coast with Bessie Owen just before Christmas..then to Florida with her 49^{er} Fred...back to New York and we have just received a card that she and Fred are down in Haiti.

Marjorie White and 49^{er} Lowell send cards every now and then to let us know they are well and sun-tanned under Florida skies. Alma Harwood is busy out Phoenix way but says she misses the girls back East.

Carolyn Cullen and Rachel Williams, operators of the Trade Winds Flying Service at Oak Bluffs, Mass., flew in their Cub Cruiser to Teterboro Airport to spend a few days seeing the sights of New York. Ginger Sweet, enroute from Florida to Schenectady, arrived in time for our last meeting.

We are glad to welcome the following new members to the New York-New Jersey section: Lourette Puett and J. Priscilla Bint, of New York and Marion Barkley of Hawaii.

Bella Heineman made a speech for the Workshop Club, a woman's group in Westchester, telling about the 99's. Bella must have given us a good boost for they now are anxious to meet all the girls.

Elizabeth Babcock got her multi-engine rating in a Widgeon with Elizabeth Hooker Greene and is now checking out in the twin engine Cessna at Teterboro. Marion A. Nye is now out at Spartan School of Aeronautics acquiring her flight instructor's rating as well as some ground ratings.

Back to the Celebration. Don't forget the date in New York...October 3rd through 8th, 1949.

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* MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION *
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WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Rosemary Lane

MISSING: One 99 Newsletter Reporter. Claire Callaghan mysteriously disappears. No trace of any kind. Friends completely baffled. When last seen appeared to be of perfectly sound mind.

The news I have just related is of some concern to us here in the Washington Chapter. We do hope Claire is all right. If only we'd hear from her. In the meantime, the show must go on and as a not-too-promising stand-in I will attempt to play her part for one run only.

A party in honor of 49^{ers} was held on February 16 at Jean Howard's. We indoctrinated our 49^{ers} and guest, Tommy Huff, with a friendly quiz on their aeronautical knowledge. Their efforts were somewhat dubiously rewarded with an assortment of very interesting prizes. Those who were "promoted" were: Ken Williams, Jack Lee, Edward Jenison, Bob Luchers, Douglas Phillips and Tommy Huff. Another event of the evening was the presentation of (honorary) Girl Scout pins to 99's who have been active in the Wing Scout program. Ed Jenison did the honors with Jean Howard, Claire Callaghan, Virginia Webb, Mary Jane Livingston and Rosemary Lane receiving the awards. Perry Robinson, 99 and troop leader for the Girl Scouts,

has been a most helpful and prominent participant in the program. We were very happy to have with us for the meeting, Jean Peden, Secretary of the Mid-Eastern Section and Chairman of the Meadville Chapter.

Margaret Vaughan was guest speaker at a meeting of the College Park Girl Scout Troop on March 2. Following her speech on "Women in Aviation" she pinned scout wings on the girls as a representative of the 99's.

We wish to extend one of our hearty semi-annual welcomes to Vera Prevette, who has just returned to us from her native Miami. We don't usually see Vera until long after the first robin but this time she blew in with the first of March in order to accept a position with CAA in the Flight Training Section. Vera reports she courageously fought off the temptation to make a sharp 180 upon arriving in sunny Washington (yes, the sun was shining, the temperature was 14 above, the wind was blowing, ice was forming on every nose, but the sun was still shining). I hope that Vera will have time to give me a hand on weekends with some of my students. Yours truly recently organized a club for student pilots on a Piper J-3. So far, I have had phenomenal success, both in getting students and in keeping them flying.

FLASH! A confidential informant has just made available the following information -- Our "missing" reporter has been located - liesurely reclining on the sands of Vero Beach, Florida. As reporter pro tem., I recommend impeachment. Such neglect of duty, tsk, tsk. To think we were worried about her well-being. Imagine forsaking the 99 Newsletter for a mere vacation in Florida! Gee, I'm turning green. Does cold weather do that to you?

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By Jean Peden

Our February meeting was postponed since a number of our members decided to journey about these United States. Cards from the girls tell us - Mrs. Franklin Miller and her 49^{er} have reached their destination in Texas, braving the high winds and snow squalls in their Stinson 150. - Marjorie Cook, her 49^{er} and their two 24 3/4'ers are finding that you still can have a good sunburn if you vacation on the beach of sunny Florida. - Harriette Mosbacher and 49^{er} say that Alcapulco, Mexico, to them is the most beautiful of all places to spend that month of leisure time. - Yours truly, (pinch-hitting for your regular reporter, Marjorie Cook) has just returned from a short vacation, reporting the most delightful event, being a meeting with the Washington girls at the home of Jean Ross Howard. Thanks for a swell time to a swell gal and a grand hostess Jean. - On our "Grounded-Due to Health" list we have Marian Freund, but most happy to say improving with the speed of a P-51. - To Miss Lucille Parker, still in the hospital, we wish a most speedy recovery. - On December 27 those wedding bells rang out the glad news that Sylvia Nesbitt became Mrs. Denison L. Bassett. Mr. Bassett is a flight instructor and hails from Hartford, Conn.

A wing salute to Elwood Holt, operator of Port Meadville Airport. Mr. Holt has contributed a great deal of effort and time to the progress of the Meadville Chapter. In two weeks he sold to non-members, twenty-eight sets of our 99 glasses. Thru his kindness he has made it possible for 99ers to have an airplane at their disposal for flights on all occasions for any length of time desired, with his car available whenever the weather grounded the ships. The office lounge, his home and the airport restaurant have been used at the chapters discretion. Therefore, we heartily recommend him as a prospective honorary 49^{er} and sincerely hope the President and Board approve him as such.

Since the Meadville Chapter has remained in the quadrant and off the beam this past month, may we take this opportunity to give you a brief interlude of our first year's activities.- The forerunner of our organized 99's chapter in Meadville was a meeting of eight interested

women at the home of Mrs. Elwood Holt, with Jean Peden as hostess. - The organization meeting was held on January 14, 1948, with an election of officers the main feature. - Regular meeting dates were set as the third Wednesday of each month. - Chairman Jean Peden and member Sylvia Nesbitt were elected and attended the National Convention held at Kansas City. - All officers were reelected to serve a second term in their respective offices. - Marian Freund and Harriette Mosbacher were members aiding at the Erie Airegatta in July. - Concurrently, final arrangements are being made to mark Brooks Brothers Garage. - Social affairs included, brunch flights, Chicken-in-the-rough dinner, picnic on the Peninsula in Erie, Hallowe'en party, Tureen dinner, and Christmas "pie", invitational dinner at Waller's Inn to become acquainted with women flyers in the surrounding territory. Last but not least we have the project of the sale of glasses with the 99 insignia.

FLAHH! All members vacationing report they are making a 180 and will return for the next meeting to be held at 253 North Street, Meadville, Pa., with Jean Peden as hostess, on March 16.

EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Jessie Jones Eckhart

Our 99 group seems to be like seeds in a pod--we are bound together with friendship and common flying enthusiasms and then like seeds the wind scatters us hither and yon, but still we are 99ers. Three of our scattered seeds have reported in Marjorie Deacon, Elizabeth Kerr and Dorothy Carpenter Saunders.

We are happy to report that Elizabeth Kerr tells us that she, husband and new dog with a new baby expected are moving to a new house. The address is P. O. Box 325, Marcus Hook, Penna. Lots of luck to you folks!

Marjorie Deacon is proud to tell us that her 49^{er} is now Commanding Officer of the A.A.C.S. Detachment at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base...wonderful! Marjorie sends her best to all in the chapter.

Dorothy Carpenter formerly of Allentown, Penna., is now Mrs. George B. Saunders, wife of Dr. George B. Saunders, a research biologist for the government. "Dot" has had an interesting time since she left us. She was a research botanist for the U. S. Department of Agriculture in several Central and South American countries in June of 1947. She resigned and was married. Right now she, husband and a jeep are on a six to seven months research trip into Mexico. Her address is 546 Custom House, Denver, Colo. Look us up when you get East again, Dorothy.

Our chapter wants to take this opportunity to wish Mary Ann Whetherly of Box 1, Route 1, Princeton, West Virginia, all the luck in the world. Mary Ann would sincerely like to get West Virginia 99 Chapter back on its feet. Try to visit us, Mary Ann. All our girls would like to meet you--maybe the sectional meeting in the Spring?

Ninety-Niner of the Month: Helen E. Jones, 7 Belfast Road, Timonium, Maryland. This slight little girl was fortunate to be born to a flying family and has been flying since her toes touched the rudder. She also has me for a sister. Helen, of course, soloed while in school and then got a commercial and instructor rating and went to work on C.P.T. for her father Jesse P. Jones of Lancaster, Pa. After C.P.T. came a Navy W.T.S. school and then Army W.T.S. and after the war seaplane instructing. She now flies for pleasure, so when you hear the hum of a green L-5 and see a pint size girl climb out, you will be meeting a swell 99er...Helen E. Jones.

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* SOUTHEASTERN SECTION *
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SOUTHEASTERN SECTION MEETING

By Louise M. Smith

There will be a Southeastern Section Meeting, the 23rd and 24th of April, to be held at Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. Mark that weekend on your calendar--we have important things to discuss, such as--nominations for National officers----the Anniversary Celebration----the All Woman Air Show in Miami! Make your own reservations at the Biltmore.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Ginny Wulff

Chairman Ann Ross informs me that there will be an ALL WOMAN AIR SHOW staged by the chapter this year. The Show will be under the direction of a board of six. All details of the Show will be announced later.

The Florida Chapter lost Beverly Whitfield of Orlando on February 2, 1949. "Bew" was on a charter flight from St. Petersburg, Florida to Athens, Georgia. She left St. Petersburg on February 2nd and has not been heard from since. An extensive search has been made, and is still being carried on, over the entire planned route but to date has brought no results.

On behalf of the Florida Chapter 99's and as my own personal tribute, I offer the following in memory of Beverly Whitfield:

"Comes now the parting of the ways
When friends say, "so long"
The pawns are moved across the board
And swiftly one has gone.

To where or what? To win or lose?
Such things we cannot know
Some part of life must pass to death
In each hour of sunset glow.

From now -- until --
Through each phantom February
When laughter breaks upon my heart
Quietly, fondly, I'll remember.

Perhaps in some dim-lighted hall
Beyond the Will of Time
We'll meet again to toast our luck
And roam uncharted skies."

GEORGIA CHAPTER

By Jean Hobbs

Our most successful Ninety-Nine meeting since our organization took place on Sunday, February 27. We motored from Savannah (on account of bad weather) to Augusta where we were met by several eager "aviatrix" at the Daniel Field airport.

Having so much to talk about, we decided to have a "cross the table" discussion while eating at a near-by restaurant. You will remember my telling about the bulletins we had printed advertising the Ninety-Nines, which are to be sent to eligible women pilots all over Georgia. We took the bulletins along with us and the Augusta girls were so enthusiastic over the idea that they kept one-half of them to distribute over a particular area, leaving us the other half.

The exciting topic of the day was planning our trip to Atlanta for the Southeastern Sectional Meeting. All of us

are thrilled over the possibility of going. Like other chapters, we plan to hold our own chapter meeting there, too. So, meanwhile, we plan to visit numerous other towns and stir up interest among girls who perhaps know nothing of the organization. We are hoping that in this way our attendance in Atlanta will be really large and our chapter will be in the "lime light".

Ideas for a late spring meeting were also discussed; though lightly. This is to be a meeting in which we are all to get acquainted with the new members we hope to get by us girls in Savannah and those in Augusta "campaigning" in our neighboring cities.

We were all interested in different means of making money for our treasury. Each one of us had an idea; but the one that we'll use will be told in next month's news...more anon...

Mrs. Marian Scott (our Chapter Chairman), whose husband is an airport operator, has found an excellent way of making money for the chapter. As her husband is organizing a flying club, she has persuaded him to let the Ninety-Nines sponsor the club and receive a small percent of every hour of flying time sold to members of the club. We all think that this is wonderful of him to do. He is certainly truly interested in the Ninety-Nines becoming successful; especially our chapter! Oh, if there were just more like him!

As late afternoon approached, it was necessary for us to say good-bye to our very nice hostesses who included Mrs. Willis Boshears, Mrs. Forrest Boshears, Miss Betty Holmes and Miss Susan Richardson. We didn't leave, though without receiving an impression that we'll never forget. For the girls were so enthusiastic over our "dreams" and plans to come that we all know that the year 1949 certainly holds many successful ventures in store for us.

Our latest new members include Evelyn Greenblatt of Atlanta and Betty Holmes of Augusta.

Our next meeting will be held on March 27.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Ruth Wolfe Thomas

The Tennessee Chapter has elected the following officers for the 1948-49 year: Evelyn Stone Bryan, Jefferson City, Tennessee - Chairman; Jane Hilbert, Johnson City, Tennessee - Vice Chairman; Pearl Fancher Brock, Knoxville, Tennessee - Secretary-Treasurer.

The Tennessee Chapter generally does not hold regular meetings during the winter months but because of the beautiful flying weather we have had so far this winter, we called a February meeting to elect officers and decided to continue monthly meetings as long as the weather holds out.

Our new Chairman, Evelyn Bryan, flew to Florida for the Air Maneuvers and while there got a seaplane rating.

Our new Secretary-Treasurer, Pearl Brock, a charter member of the Chapter and former Chairman, is still employed as head bookkeeper for a chain of Knoxville grocery stores.

Our Vice-Chairman, charter member Jane Hilbert and husband are operating the Appalachian Flying Service on the Tri-City Airport in Johnson City, Tenn. Jane was also elected Vice-Governor for the Southeastern Section this year.

Your reporter is teaching school this year. I teach home room subjects for one third grade group and all third grade music in one of Knoxville's elementary schools. For extra activity I am taking a music workshop course with the University of Tennessee. At this point my Master will be on Music education.

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* NORTH CENTRAL SECTION *
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FLASH

North Central Section Meeting
Louisville, Kentucky
April 23 & 24th

Kentucky Chapter with Greenwood Cocanougher as Chairman invites you all to sample their Southern Hospitality. Plans are all made. Land at Bowman Field -- Stay at Seelbach Hotel. Sounds VERY VERY interesting with free transportation - cocktail party - good speaker and plenty fellows to dance with in case you don't bring your own. Make your reservations early.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Olive Gooch Tuttle

One Sunday early in January, Jessie Anderson in an AT-6 went flying around Wisconsin. She landed at Beloit to get warmed up and ran "smack into Gladys Snyder our Air-marking champion from Rockford."

We welcome two new members--Louise Nauman and Lydia Harlan.

Irene Leverton is putting that new Instructor's Rating right to work. Now instructing for Associated Flying Club at Pal-Waukee Airport. Wond--er--ful, Irene!

Dora Dougherty and Irene Leverton report that plans for an Air Meet late in May or early in June are taking definite shape. Elmhurst Airport is the place. Our enthusiasm is revving up for the promised activities.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Bernie Eno

Due to an overload of work, our previous news reporter, Beulah Frotscher, had to resign from that position, and yours truly will attempt to carry on to the best of her ability. Beulah not only has her full time secretarial position with Fort Dodge Laboratories, but has assumed a weekend position with Iowa Flight Service, Eno Airport, Fort Dodge. We sincerely hope, Beulah, you are not getting yourself tied down to such an extent you will be unable to attend our meetings. Our report, I am sure, will lack the splendid start you gave it this year.

Sunday, February 20, we met at the home of Rachel Pieper, with Beulah acting as co-hostess. Later we journeyed to the Waukonsa Hotel for luncheon. We were seated at two large round tables for the main course ordered from the menu, but all gathered around one table for dessert and coffee. Rachel made the beautiful dessert which was an angel food cake filled with fresh strawberry jello. This was also our center piece. Those in attendance were: Our Chairman, Ruth Shimon from Pocahontas, Betty Barton and guest and prospective member Mrs. Oliver Smith from Spencer, Millie Burt from Storm Lake, Virginia Vinsand, Helen Flaherty, Win Eno, Beulah Frotscher, Rachel Pieper and your reporter from Ft. Dodge. We missed our vice-chairman, Verna Mae Prochaska from Iowa Falls, Inez McAllister from Decorah way up in the NE section of the state (we presume she is very much snowed in up there), and Elsie Williams and Fern McKinnon from Spencer. Betty told us Fern and 49^{er} were vacationing in Florida--lucky girl!

The past months Good Deed contest was won by Verna Mae, who listed 40 good deeds during the first sixteen days of the month. Congratulations, Verna Mae, we know this is a monthly occurrence for you. We are proud to know one of our members is so kind and considerate. Hope you

enjoy the beautiful box of candy you so rightfully earned. One member forgot to keep track of her good deeds for the month and at the last minute she made a list of all the mean things she remembered doing. Good thing you forgot to bring the list, Virginia, I am sure you would not want to disappoint us.

During the short informal meeting which followed luncheon, the Sectional meeting was mentioned, but further plans will be discussed at our March and April meetings. Our six months summer contest was also discussed and will start following the March meeting. The committee in charge is already formulating the rules and regulations which will be distributed at our March meeting. We also bought pictures from Millie, which were taken at our Christmas party in Storm Lake.

Helen Flaherty and Virginia Vinsand, members and officers of the Fort Dodge Flying Club, are elated over the clubs graduation from a J-3 Cub to an Aerona Chief, and are busy planning Spring and Summer flights. First trip is scheduled to Des Moines, Feb. 26, where they plan to witness the Roller Skating Vanities. Trying to learn a new skating routine, Ginny?

Win Eno and 49^{er} attended the Sportsman Show in Chicago this month. We presume they were looking over the latest sports equipment to take to their summer home at Crane Lake, Minn. Win will be leaving us soon for all summer and we shall miss her, however, she will probably be able to tell us all about flying on floats, when she returns next Fall. Your reporter and 49^{er} also journeyed to Chicago this past month for a few days fun. We made the trip via airline and enjoyed it very much.

Snow and strong winds have kept most of us on the ground during the past month. Millie and Betty both have flying time credit at their local airports and are very anxious to use it. Helen and Virginia, however, were both able to fly on skis at Fort Dodge a few times.

Next month, March 20, we meet at Spencer with Elsie Williams and assisted by Ruth Shimon. April 17 we meet at Fort Dodge with your reporter as hostess. We welcome any and all of you to join us.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Velta C. Skutt

The February meeting was a fly-in breakfast at Flint Airport to which the weatherman forced everyone to fly "with one foot on the ground". There were 37 members and guests present, including 3 prospective members and 5 new members (4 from Adrian). Pearl Allen had as her guests her mother and her daughter, Marcella Fortier, also a 99-er.

Gloria Lynch recently ferried a Stinson to Miami, Florida; her second since January--nice habit for this time of year. Although it was reported last month that Eloise Smith and Dorothy Woodhams ferried an Ercoupe to California, we have since learned that they had a rather rough trip. As quoted in a local paper, "we got there (Santa Monica) 26 hours and 10 min. of flying time and nine days of elapsed time---thanks to the west's unusual weather", which included everything including a sandstorm. However, as further quoted, "it was rugged at times but it was fun. We'd do it again anytime".

Future events: March 13th meeting to be held in Battle Creek. Michigan Aviation Week June 3-12 with a 99-weekend in Marshall; Dinner Saturday Night June 11th and meeting Sunday June 12th--Women's Elimination Contest for State Championship to be held that weekend in Marshall; this is being sanctioned by the AAU, sponsored by the CAP and under the auspices of our Michigan Chapter and is open to any woman resident of Michigan not flying professionally.

Personal item: Your Michigan News Reporter and her 49^{er} are very proud of their new adopted daughter, Carole Anne Skutt, age 4 months.

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Caroline Keenan

We here in Kansas City have really been 'dining and things' the past two months. On February 2, fifteen of us were guests of Dorothy Lyon at the Milburn Country Club, and the fried chicken was wonderful. We were sorry that the icy conditions of the roads and highways kept some of our members indoors, as they certainly missed a good time.

Last night, March 2, our chapter entertained in the banquet room at Fairfax Airport Terminal. After a round of cocktails and baked ham dinner, our guest speaker, John Patterson told us of the progress being made toward greater air education. Mr. Patterson, who is in charge of the C.A.A. Air Age Education program in this seven state area, is most enthusiastic in his ideas for providing a place for aviation in Public School Curriculum from kindergarten through college. Wouldn't it be wonderful if such were the case. It might eventually make for a much larger Ninety-Nine membership. We were also happy to have several out-of-state Ninety-Nines and a couple of prospective new members.

Plans are in progress for a breakfast flight to St. Louis in April, and we hope to have the Ninety-Nines from Stephens College in Columbia join us. You'll be hearing more about that later.

KENTUCKY CHAPTER

By Jane "Tommy" Ralston

Here's a wee voice from that wee chapter in Kentucky. We may be small, but we're making big plans for the North Central sectional gathering here on April 23-24. We're not giving out with the details yet; however, with activities sparked by our vivacious chairman "Cokie" Cocanougher you can bet you won't want to miss this meeting and visit to your southern North Central Section member. We will be waiting to receive you at Bowman Field; take a good look at your map and don't mistake Standiford Field for Bowman such as even some of the local talent has been known to do.

If any of you members from other sections would like to come to help make our shindig a success, we'd be most delighted to have you. And good gracious!, don't anybody, who has one, leave behind your 49^{er}.

By way of explaining the wee-wee references at the beginning of this article, you know we did start out as a fairly small group here and since then we have lost more members than we have gained. It just so happens that about half our originals have moved out of the state in this past year. More about our individual members though next time.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morris

Since our last News Letter was cut down a little, we hope this will be printed in full as we do have some gallevanting gals in the chapter. Julie Dearth is a W.A.F. now attending O.C.S. in San Antonio, Texas. Nancy Dixon will be sailing for a two month tour of Europe in June; Marge Newcomer is sunning herself in Key West this winter; Ann Heisler and Mary Oetzel also took a trip to Florida. Marge Miller, Chairman, went to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras with prospective member Marion Betzler.

The February meeting was held at Urbana on a solid zero zero day. Jeanne Hunt, Lore Kugler and Virginia Ashelford were hostesses and we settled a lot of business. We were glad to see Betty Detwiler feeling fine again, and Sue Griffing who hadn't been able to attend for a while. Barbara Poole was our guest and we were very glad to have her.

The chapter is now sponsoring ground school for the Wing

Scouts of Columbus. Teaching this are Martha Gaunce, Helen Linn, Marge Miller and Lillian Moore and the Scouts are really attentive.

See you all in Zanesville, March 20th. You too Anne Blair.

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COLORADO CHAPTER

By Donna Myers

Just had a call from Grace Mayfield, who has recently taken over the national newsletter reporting since Caroline Rose has returned to school at the University of Colorado--and Grace sorta thought that maybe someone else had better write the news this month. You see, Grace has a date with a hospital any moment now--and will bring home a baby sister or brother for little red-headed "Butch" Mayfield. She has a hunch it may be tonight--so, we thought we could relieve her of her job this month. Will keep you posted on little Mayfield.

The Colorado Chapter voted in 4 new members during the last month, but since the applications are not all complete, we will list them in the next month's report.

We have a lot of projects between now and June: First, our aviation speeches to organizations in the state is taking a great deal of work and time. Irene Phillips of Delta, Colorado, is to speak on the Montrose, Colorado radio within the next few days and will use our outline which we have set up for our little talks.

Secondly, we are in a whirl planning our benefit dance to be given April 22, at Cresthaven Country Club in Denver--by benefit we mean that the proceeds will be contributed to the Florida All Women Air Show. Dorothy Schaeffer is in full charge, and already has the tickets printed, and she and her sister have created some beautiful posters to be placed at the various fields.

Jane Nettleblad has taken over the plans for the Colorado Chapter's part in Colorado Aviation Week, starting June 19. We hope to make an air tour of the eastern part of the state--Jane will graduate from Denver University in June, majoring in music, and when she doesn't have anything to do she looks after her husband and three children--don't worry, they come first with our busy Jane.

Betty Clark flew the mail and a load of typewriters to snowbound Alliance, Nebraska during the recent "Operations Snowlift" for the C.A.P.

Margaret Hughes is ill and in the hospital--hurry and get well, Margaret. She is our new chairman for a C.A.R. refresher--and will keep us posted on new rules and regulations.

Continental Air Lines has one of our members as a hostess--Marjorie Cramp--and at the moment Marge is in El Paso--so we miss her at meetings.

Jennie Tschoep has reversed her working hours and has been night flying like mad--and sleeping during the day--so we haven't seen much of Jennie lately.

Our sincere sympathy to Dorothy and Paul Young in the loss of Paul's father. Mr. Young was the oldest member of the "Flying Youngs"--who gained nationwide publicity a few years ago with seven members of the family all licensed pilots. Mr. Young was one of the main instigators in obtaining an airport for Fort Morgan a few years ago.

This report will not do justice to Grace's plans for this month--as we sorta gleaned the above data from our own bulletin--but Grace will be back next month to take the reins.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Helen Bass

February found us resuming our meetings but it was strickly a drive-in affair. We met and had dinner at the Hotel Fontenelle in Omaha, Nebraska. We were very happy to welcome a new member into the chapter, Mrs. Florence Dunlavy from Potter, Nebraska.

After dinner we settled down to a long meeting and got all our committies named and lots of plans made for this big meeting we are planning for the North and South Central Sections to be held in June. And believe me gals, when I say - start saving those pennies now so you can be with us in June for we really have things to offer. We hope to make it a meeting you won't forget in a long while. So make plans now and don't let minor details like husbands, children, money or time interfere.

Those attending the meeting were: Belle Hetzel, Bea Mack, Marjorie McBride, Jane Bay, Dorothy Reed and Laura Russell all of Omaha, Helen Bass from Malvern, Iowa and Florence Dunlavy of Potter, Nebraska -- not to mention a few 49ers and a couple of 24 3/4ers.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Mary Francis

Many of our members have been working with "Operation Birdfeed" the past few weeks while the ground has been covered with snow and ice. Broneta Davis still has bird seed all over the inside of her plane and reports that she believes the birds are smart, just staying on the ground, and that she should do likewise. Elizabeth Sewell says that 1200 pounds of grain was distributed through her airport. Every pilot that took off was requested to take several #2 packages and drop them in wooded areas to keep the quail and other birds from starving.

Our former Secretary, Yvonne Warfield, will be married this coming weekend to Al Guthrie, an old time pilot and airport operator. Al is now State Distributor for Aeronca and also does aerial advertising. Their address will be 426 N. W. 25th, Oklahoma City.

TULSA CHAPTER

By Jo Anne Roberts

The Tulsa Chapter has been quite busy with activities this past month. On February 21, 1949 we held our annual benefit square dance and the presentation of the Gleason Romans Flying Trophy was presented to Cecile Maurer, our chairman, for the greatest number of flying hours for the past year and also her outstanding work with the Wing Scouts.

Our regular monthly meeting was held February 24 and our guest speaker was Claire McMillan of the Los Angeles Chapter, who is now an instructor at one of the local flying schools. She gave us a very interesting talk about the Trans-Continental Race, which she participated in last year, from Palm Springs to Miami.

Virginia Spears, our Secretary-Treasurer resigned because she was moving to Cody, Wyoming where her husband is working for some flying organization. We sure are going to miss her.

Euna Faye Sullenger, our Membership Chairman was elected Secretary-Treasurer and Jo Anne Roberts is going to take her place as Membership Chairman.

February 26 we had two C.A.A. Training Films, one was the Flying Sense and the other Before You Fly, both with Robert Taylor, which were shown to both the Ninety-Nines and the Wing Scouts.

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Gladys Kefauver

Remember the dates April 30, 31 and May 1 -- the period of the Spring meeting which will be held at historic Ft. Clark, Brackettville, Texas and plan to attend. Entertainment of every description is afforded there.

Dallas Unit -- Our President, Blanche Noyes, was honor guest at the dinner meeting held at the Melrose Hotel, Dallas on Feb. 22nd. She was on a flight from Washington, D. C. to Los Angeles piloting a Bellanca equipped with swivel cross-wind landing gear, demonstrating the practicability and safety of the device and we were thrilled to have her stop over here enroute. Other guests were Verna Burns, Edna Gardner Whyte and Cleva Godfrey from Ft. Worth and Nancy Burrus, prospective member. Votes of thanks are due Mildred Carney and Barbara Williams who were our guests at the January meeting when they flew in from Shreveport, La., for they sent a Silex coffee maker complete with electrical unit for our club room. Many toasts to both in sincere appreciation.

Austin - San Antonio Unit -- Altho weather was zero zero at Austin, February 20th, many gathered for an interesting meeting. Ziggy Hunter gave a demonstration at Camp Mabry of the Air Age Mobile Unit which she has used to show the fundamentals of flying to teachers and educators. It consists of a replica of a light plane with the same panel board, controls, etc., in which it is possible to simulate flying while never leaving the ground. Afterward all went to the home of Mildred Miller where lunch was served followed by a business meeting.

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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Lois Bartling

On Feb. 11 we had a social at the home of Julie Hale. This one was more or less a money raising affair and both prospective members and friends were invited so as to assist in swelling our treasury. It was a very enjoyable evening and a profitable one.

Feb. 26 and 27 the 3rd Annual Pacific Coast Mid-Winter Soaring Meet was held at Torrey Pines so we helped the Junior Chamber of Commerce, who sponsored it, with some of the field work. The evening of the 26th we had the Glider pilots and their crews to the home of Evelyn Briggs for a buffet supper. Evie did a wonderful job of planning and preparing the food. After everyone had eaten and had gotten acquainted we persuaded a few of the pilots to tell us about their experiences while soaring. After listening to them and seeing their flights at the meet, it created quite a desire among all of us to try our hand at it. After the soaring meet, on the 27th, we were invited to the San Diego Hotel to attend the dinner at which time the trophies were awarded to the winners.

We are now printing a monthly "get acquainted" paper for the San Diego chapter only. The first issue came out in December and was liked so much that we decided to continue it. Each issue carries a short sketch on the life of one of the members besides the local events taken place during the month that involved the other members.

A tour of Consolidated Vultee has been planned for the 12th of March. We'll get to see the production line of the Convair Liner.

Our next meeting will be held at Neva Powers' home on March 26th.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Ena E. Ayers

Our chapter held its February meeting at the Claremore Restaurant in San Mateo, where 21 members and guests partook of a very delicious dinner. An interesting short business meeting was held, and the members were shown moving pictures presented by George Faulkner of the East Bay AOPA. The pictures can well be considered historical in Aviation annals, covering the start of the Oakland Airport in 1927, early transport service, the start of many famous early day flights to the Hawaiian Islands, including a very interesting filming of the famous Dole race and entrants, and also the arrival of Amelia Earhart on her flight from Hawaii to the Oakland Airport in 1930. The pictures were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Mayetta Wiedeman from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, arrived in Palo Alto, after quite a trip across the continent in her Cessna 120. She is working at the Library at Moffett Navy Airbase in Sunnyvale, and reports that she likes her work very much. We are glad to welcome her to the West Coast.

On February 12th nine planes filled with 19 Bay Area Ninety-Nines flew to Stockton to join the Sacramento Chapter for a delicious luncheon at the home of Leah Johnson. It was the first time several of us had had an opportunity to meet the Sacramento girls, and we all thoroughly enjoyed it, and hope to have more get-togethers in the near future.

Several of our girls had planned on flying down to Palm Springs for a get-together with Blanche Noyes our National President and girls from the Los Angeles and San Diego Chapters, but some of our unusual California weather set in, and they were unable to take off.

Plans are being made for a visit to the Alameda Naval Air Station on March 5th, with a trip aboard one of the air-craft carriers. We are also planning on doing more air-marking on the third of April. All in all we have a very interesting program scheduled for the next several months, and anticipate some very pleasant events.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Louise Sue

Our February meeting at Stockton was attended by thirty pilots and two guests. Twenty of the pilots were members of the Bay Cities Chapter that took advantage of the beautiful day to fly in for our first real get acquainted meeting. Members and guests introduced themselves after which hostess Leah Johnson served a delicious buffet luncheon.

Chairman Gerry Mickelsen announced that our chapter will be hostess for the Spring Sectional Social Meeting to be held in Sacramento, May 14th and 15th. Remember this date and fly in, with or without your 49^{er}.

Doris Henry accepted the office of Membership Chairman.

Our first new member of the year is Marion DeKellis, private pilot and housewife, also mother of two small boys and the very recent mother of twin daughters. Congratulations and good luck with the new girls, Marion.

Congratulations also to Zona King who just obtained her commercial license. Zona and husband are on an extended trip in the southern states and Mexico.