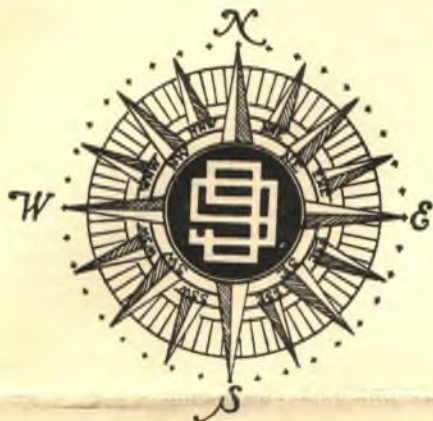


NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members:

Many of the 99's who haven't met Mrs. Amy Otis Earhart are wondering what she is like. Mrs. Earhart is a tall reed-slim lady, with a very active mind. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know Amelia and her mother often comment on their similarity in appearance, thought, and spirit. It seems that Amelia's love for the 99 Club and for women fliers is perpetuated in her mother, Mrs. Earhart, whose every thought and action is motivated by love and kindness. And she thinks of the 99 Club as "her children."

Her courage and beauty of thought are a symbol for all who know her. How that frail slender body can carry a heart so full of love and affection is beyond me. But, each and everyone of the 99 Club members, whether they know this lovely lady or not, I am sure are wishing her a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Thought all the members would be interested to know that two more aids for airmen--listing of airports where weather information is available, and a list of the frequencies guarded by CAA communications stations and tower--have been added to the bi-weekly "Airman's Guide;" this has just been announced by D. W. Rentzel Administrator of Civil Aeronautics.

In addition, the Flight Information Manual, which complements the Guide, hereafter will include a tabulation of Danger Areas. The changes and additions have been made on the basis of a recent survey in which subscribers to the Guide discussed its content and value.

Information on Danger Areas will include their location, the times when they are activated, which ones may be flown over above certain minimum altitudes, and to whom requests for permission to fly over or land should be directed.

The Airman's Guide, besides being an in-flight and pre-flight reference publication, enables the cross-country flier to bring his aeronautical charts, issued every six months, up-to-date. This is true, Mr. Rentzel stated, because the Airman's Guide lists in every two-weekly issue an average of 20 airport abandonments, 23 new airports, and 450 changes in airport servicing, lighting and other facilities.

To increase the factor of safety in cross-country flight, all fliers are requested to study the Guide before take-off. It is posted on all airport bulletin boards. Individual fliers desiring personal copies may obtain them from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. The subscription price, covering 26 issues of the Guide and two issues of the Flight Information Manual, is \$6.00 a year.

With best wishes to you all for a Merry Christmas,
I am

Blanche Noyes
Your President

NINETY-NINE PINS

LARGE PINS - We have had requests as to where the large costume jewelry pin could be purchased. The large pin is approximately 1 1/3 inches high and 1 1/3 inches wide. One 9 is satin finish, the other 9 polished bright and makes the numerals stand out. The pin is 1/10 10 karat gold filled and sells for \$6.00 including tax. Send orders and remittance for \$6.00 to Elizabeth J. Morgan, Morgan's Inc., 32 W. Randolph St., Chicago, 1, Illinois. The pin can also be purchased in sterling silver. Write Betty for further information.

SMALL PINS - The 10 karat gold pins (approximately 1/2 inch in size) will be \$7.50 to cover excise tax, mailing and insurance. Send orders direct to WEHING BROS. MFG. CO., 408 David Broderick Tower, Detroit 26, Michigan. In case this address goes astray, Helen Anderson will gladly forward any orders received.

TO CHAPTER AND SECTION OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:

As you enter the new year, the Trustees of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship are interested in what you are planning as a contribution to the Fund. Your support in the past has brought the Fund almost to the point where it can be self-sustaining. But the goal has not yet been reached where the interest from the Fund will provide the full annual scholarship of \$200, for the yield on savings and bonds today is far short of that of 10 years ago.

We must continue until the added capital needed to make the fund self-sustaining can be raised. You will remember that after two years of deliberation by the 99's, the scholarship to assist some girl, who had already proven her interest and integrity in aviation, was decided upon as the most fitting way in which to honor our first president, and year after year it has continued to serve as a truly living memorial.

The Fund has been built over the past ten years by members, sometimes penny by penny, frequently by chapter activity, and by direct donation. Some of the more active chapters have sent checks running into three, and in one case, four figures! If these fine contributions by a few large chapters could be supplemented, even if only in a small way, by the other chapters, so that all will have participated in creating this memorial fund, the remaining burden will not rest solely on the few who have helped so well and faithfully in the past. Ways of raising money range from air shows, dances, raffles, and sale of special items like match folders and 99 insignia tumblers, to direct contribution by chapter and individual.

Each year the Scholarship Award helps one of our members, chosen after careful study of her application (a copy of which goes to every member in the spring), by our 5 Trustees and 3 outside judges. On reading over the applications, we often wish we could make several awards, so worthwhile do many requests seem. Tho at present we can only make one, the \$200 not only helps the recipient in some field of aviation but brings to her an honor not measured in material things. We can all be proud of our Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship.

Melba Beard
Chairman of the Trustees
Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship

REPORT FROM VIRGINIA EBERHART Publicity Chairman

"Cokie" gave me the dates of the Spring Sectional meeting. Rae Sullivan is the Chairman of this meeting and announces that it will be held in St. Louis on April 1 and 2, 1950. This is no April Fools joke

either girls, so lets surprise them and have a whoppin big turn-out.

We are all mighty glad to note that nine of our twelve chapters reported their activities in the November News Letter. Good work girls. Let's try to make a 100% showing in the News Letter from now on.

"Cokie" has appointed Miss Ruth Shimon of Pocahontas, Iowa as her Membership Booklet Chairman and Mrs. Thelma Lindzey of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, our past Governor, as Insignia Chairman.

I only wish everyone could have attended our Nov. 12th Publicity meeting. We certainly had a grand time and it was certainly a pleasure to meet those who could come. The "Bugaboo" of flying though, (old man weather) caught up with some of the girls whom were expected and pointed thumbs down. I would like to report that the Publicity plan was thoroughly discussed and accepted in it's entirety with only several minor changes. Each chapter has a copy of my suggestions--so come on girls--do get busy and pick out something each month and let's start "PLASTERING 99's in the Public eye."

The Minnesota girls, I am glad to report, were invited to Station KROC and made a record which was broadcast with the result that various people have made inquiries about the 99's. This is fine girls. You have made a really good start. Keep it up.

Some more good news! Betty Pettitt, an Indiana Chapter 99, received a grand write up on our Women's page of the Indianapolis News showing her picture with her plane, a 5x7, and giving her three long columns. Let us all do something similar to this each month. If not an individuals picture, make it a group picture and get it in your papers.

Yours News Letters are especially interesting, but please send me your highlights of your activities of the month by the first of each month, so I can mention them in my report and each chapter can receive their due credit. There are to be three prizes awarded to the first three chapters who accomplish the most publicity for themselves this year. This will make a nice addition to the treasury, girls--so I'm hoping you will work real hard. If you have accomplished anything which you haven't sent into me, since your new officers have taken office, send me a copy or clipping, so it will count.

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CHAPTER NEWS

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Judy Short

The new officers for the Section are: Governor, Rose Abbott; Vice Governor, Betty Coffin; Secretary, Constance Sheridan; Treasurer, Betty Condiot; Membership Committee, Kay Farnell; News Reporter, Judy Short.

We held our fall meeting at the 99 Club in Boston where we had dinner and were shown the movie, "Air Power is Peace Power", courtesy of Eastern Airlines. Those present were: Members - Daisy Kirkpatrick, Marion Tibbetts, Ann Cutler, Ruth Anderberg, Kay Farnell, Rose Abbott, Ora King, Beverly Cohen, Helen Wright, Barbara Parker, Judy Short, Constance Sheridan and Jill McCormick. Guests were Mrs. Martin Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. E. Lewis Gaines.

With my term of office over as Governor of the Section, I just want to say what a swell time I've had these past two years meeting and knowing all the 99ers in our Section. They're a grand bunch and I'll look forward to seeing just as much of them in the future.

Thanks everyone for the splendid cooperation you have shown me and congratulations to Rose Abbott, our new Governor.

And now I'll take over as news reporter. The Southern Chapter meeting was held at Sally Driver's house in North Andover, Mass., on November 19th. Those present were; Isabel Blodgett, Daisy Kirkpatrick, Dot Hayes, Jill McCormick, Sally Driver, and Judy Short.

We had a grand meeting and a delicious luncheon at Sally's attractive house. The house is over 100 years old and has so much old New England charm. Sally's Wing Scout Troop served our lunch. They're such an enthusiastic group and I know we have some future 99ers there.

Isabel Blodgett flew over in her Cessna. Jill McCormick and Marion Tibbetts now have their commissions as 1st Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve. Daisy Kirkpatrick and her 49^{1/2}er, Harry, came in their Aeronca Sedan. Dot Hayes is off to Florida for the winter.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

By: Lois Fairbank

Merry Christmas!

Though the big Celebration has come and gone, may we take a few lines to say how wonderful it was to meet so many of the girls and to have the opportunity to entertain you. You were wonderful guests. From all the Committee our many thanks to you.

We are just getting back to normal and trying to find out what each of us has been doing outside of work. Here are a few items I've managed to ferret out:

Our national secretary, Kay Brick, has just been elected to membership in the Aviation News Writers Association. Her "little one" is beautiful.

Ruth Granger struggling with a large turkey to feed American Air Line pilots away from home on Thanksgiving. Bella Heineman has been made a Designated Instrument Examiner - we believe the only gal to hold this rating. Helen McChesney all set to solo her first student when sea planing in New York just about closed up because of weather.

Dorothy Forkel dropping into Teterboro to visit with our Marjorie Gray.

Marjorie Gray also visited by Mary Barstow - now Mrs. Field - on route with hubby to Ethiopia and a flying job. Mary Morrison endorsing Camel cigarettes with a continuity strip telling of her cargo flights. This is the 2nd 99er to have such a strip - Betty Skelton about two years ago.

Vivian Hoffman has found out that chivalry is not dead. While seeing some friends off on the Queen Elizabeth her fur hat was wafted into the Hudson River. The cry of "hat overboard" was taken up by all the folks on the pier and the next thing Vivian knew a tug boat was down the river after her hat. She got it!

Bea Falk has been laid up nearly all summer but is almost back to A-1. Hope we see her soon.

Marion Alice Nye was in a plane crash and has been hospitalized since last October at the Pittsfield General Hospital in Mass. She is due home for Christmas and Santa and the 99's wish her a speedy recovery.

Wedding Bells - Betty Chamberlain of KLM married in November to William B. Byrne; Geraldine Smith is now Mrs. Warham Janes. Best Wishes to you both.

We welcome the following new members: Mrs. Ann Baumgartner Carl, Jr. (jet-pilot gal); Beverly Dodge; Gloria Heath; Mrs. Lydia Keefe; Alice Jean May; Charlotte Zundel. Very happy to have you with us.

And to all a "Good-Night".

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By: Rosemary Lane

Arlene Davis was welcomed to Washington on October 28 by the Washington Powder Puff Derby girls. She attended the Aero Club luncheon at the Willard Hotel. Mr. Joseph O'Connell, of the CAB, addressed the group. Blanche Noyes entertained at a dinner party in Arlene's honor. The occasion was marked by the presentation of a good will and friendship trophy to Ana Luisa Branger by Arlene for her part in the Derby.

Our membership list is swelling so rapidly that this one lowly reporter is having considerable difficulty keeping track. Some of the new names are: Maybelle Fletcher, Parksley, Virginia; Mary Catherine Luehrs; Martha Ann Woodrum, Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. Cervanka; Jean Stanton, an instructor at Falls Church Airpark; Ada Mitchell and Louise Milliken, both hailing from the Lone Star State.

Be sure to catch the article in next month's Aero Digest entitled "Why Get Lost" by our own Vera Foster. This is her third publication in the last few months. Good work, Vera. We're right proud.

The Mid-Eastern Section luncheon-meeting will be held on December 17 at the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C. It is planned that those attending will also meet at the Aero Club dinner that same evening commemorating the anniversary of the first flight of the Kitty Hawk.

That's it for this time. Here's wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By: Leona A. McElroy

MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!

Before this gets buried in your stack of Christmas cards, let me tell you briefly what I heard and saw at our last chapter meeting at Reading in November.

Wish you all could have met the guests who were there- Mrs. John Mohr, the wife of the instructor at the Lancaster Municipal Airport, who was introduced by Lillian Mark and Kathryn Gaul of Reading, with Millie Zimmerman doing the honors.

Three of our members couldn't make it to the meeting- by doctor's orders! Both Irene Blasdel Patterson and Bettie Townson were under the influence of penicillin. We didn't hear what Dot Leh was fighting off, but whatever it is has made Dot very sick. We sincerely hope by the time you read this that Dot will be rushing around like mad, as usual, getting "Sherwood Forest" on R. D. 2 out of Allentown, Pennsylvania, ready for Christmas.

And speaking of members being ill, the necessity having arisen, Chairman Ruth Shafer decided it was high time to appoint a Flower and Gift Committee. So, Eastern Penn's, from now on please report your illnesses, marriages, births, etc., to either Marie Miller or Georgie Herdman, but don't all rush into action at once because our poor treasury won't be able to stand the strain.

Jeanne d'Ambly didn't get to the meeting, either, but that was because she had business in Texas. Secretary Marge Kodrich made it back from a visit to her folks in Florida just in time to get out the notices.

For entertainment at our meeting, we sat around and read a batch of press clippings about Fran Nolde and Millie Zimmerman.

Fran has been elevated to a new position. She was recently appointed a member of the Reading Airport Commission, the first woman and the first active pilot to be appointed to that august body. Congratulations, Franmie!

I suppose by this time you've read that beautiful write-up about Fran, Millie, and the Reading Air Show in the October issue of "National Aeronautics and Flight Plan". Fran certainly deserves every word of praise for her tremendous efforts in arranging such a sensationally successful program. Again congratulations, Fran!

Right now Fran is in the throes of a campaign to enroll reservists in the 512th Troop Carrier Wing at the Reading Municipal Airport. On a typical Saturday in November Fran maneuvered an "Open House" at the Wing headquarters at the Reading Municipal Airport, and during the ceremonies Millie christened one of their ships the "City of Reading".

There was a rumor circulating through the luncheon at "Riveredge" that we would all get together again about the third Sunday in January, so plan on starting the new year right by coming out to our January meeting.

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR, TOO!

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Harriette Mosbacher

Well girls--we are off on another project. Working like mad to make our community aviation conscious. Will tell you more about it when we have it past the talking stage.

Ethel Brauns of Erie was hostess to our Chapter for the November meeting and a very fine meeting it was. Ethel is a lively little person, a good pilot, a marvelous hostess and an all around good scout. We are proud to have her in our Chapter. I hope I don't sound like a press agent when I try to introduce the girls via these thumb-nail sketches. I sure do not mean to---but we have such a fine group, in my opinion, they rate a few raves.

We devoted most of our business meeting to discussing projects to be worked on, methods of enlarging our membership and cleaning up old business as well as financial matters. We are all getting set to start the new year. If enthusiasm counts, and I am sure it does, the coming year should be a very active one.

The holiday season, I am afraid, will make our next meeting purely a social one. Our Chairman, Betty DeVore has been shining up the welcome mat. Betty's home is becoming our holiday headquarters. This is the second year that Betty has had the group to a Christmas party and we are all looking forward to a grand time.

We wish you all a Very MERRY CHRISTMAS and as many safe flying hours as Santa has chalked up.

S O U T H E A S T E R N S E C T I O N

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Caroline E. Hembel

The nominating committee for the Southeastern Section of the Ninety-Nines takes a great deal of pleasure in announcing the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: Governor, Dorothy Shackelford, Columbia, S. C.; Vice Governor, Peggy Lennox, 301 37th Street, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Secretary and Treasurer, Louise Smith, 421 Edgedale Avenue, High Pointe, N. C. This announcement brought a great deal of satisfaction to the Carolinas Chapter for Dorothy and Louise are our own.

Dot received her license in 1941, and has been actively engaged in flying ever since. She has an instrument

and instructor rating. She and her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er "Shack" own a Bellanca at present. This plane they use for contacting clients in Shack's work. Dot was Chairman of the Carolinas Chapter last year and did a splendid year's work.

Louise Smith has been Governor of the Southeastern Section for two years. She and Herman own a Beechcraft Bonanza. We were very proud of the work she did in our section last year and know she will be of a great deal of help to the new governor. Louise was a delegate to the convention in New York. Will give you a sketch of our vice governor next month.

Amalie Stone, Chapter Chairman, has been very busy with organizational matters since her election to office. She is planning a cooperative airmarking program with our National President Blanche Noyes. More of this later.

We are sorry to hear that one of our members, Lois Bohrer (an Army wife) is to be transferred soon, perhaps to Japan. Lois has been a Society Reporter for the GREENVILLE NEWS and has been very helpful with Ninety-Nines publicity.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By: Cocile Maurer

Congratulations again to Mary Tracy who won the Aerobic Competition among both men and women contestants December 4 at Pompano, Florida at the Veterans of Foreign Wars dedication of McClellan Airport.

Congratulations to Teresa Ricou's 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ er, Andre, who placed 4th in the 65 hp closed course race at Pompano, Dec. 4.

Irma Price, in an Aeronca, and Kaddy Landry, in a Vagabond, flew to the Big Cypress Indian Reservation to investigate a landing strip (pasture) in that area. They interviewed the Indians, determining their needs, also delivered blankets which Dade County had given to the Indians. The Florida Air Pilots Association gave a dance Dec. 3, admission to which was a gift for the needy Indians. The girls will fly these Christmas gifts to the Indians on Dec. 18.

Dorothy Amick was married November 23 in Charleston, West Virginia, to Ward Rathbone. Dottie works in Operations at Embry Riddle School of Aviation and Ward is a flight instructor there. We wish you both much happiness and welcome Ward as a 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er.

Irby Keen Smart, formerly of Shawnee, Oklahoma is now living in Miami and we are happy to have her with us.. a recent letter from Clarie McMillen, who is instructing at Palm Springs Airport, California, informs us that she may join us Floridans this winter.

GEORGIA CHAPTER

By: Jean Hobbs

Well, folks, here we are again! After a few months of inactivity, we're right in there plugging along. Last Saturday, November 26th, a meeting was called in Dublin. Because of plane trouble, Mrs. Scott and I were unable to get there. On phoning, those present agreed to meet the next day, Sunday, in Waycross.

The next morning we were "zooming along in a twin-engined Cessna. On arriving at Waycross, after a short ride of fifty minutes, we had a very delightful meeting, at which was present one of our newest members, Harriet Mehringer, of Waycross. She holds a commercial and an instructor license, also a private examiner's certificate. We were sorry that the rest of the members weren't there to meet Harriet, because she is a very charming person.

At the meeting it was decided that we send letters to each member asking them their choice between Saturday and Sunday as meeting days for our monthly meetings.

These have already been sent out. Plans for our next meeting, January, were made. It was suggested that we hold it in conjunction with the C.A.P. airshow to be held on January 8th, 1950. This airshow will be on a competitive basis, consisting of local talent. A social has been planned for that night as an end to the activities of the day. All members are urged to be present at this meeting.

In addition to Harriet Mehringer, we would also like to welcome Mrs. Constance Reynolds of Albany into the club. She holds a commercial license. We were thrilled to have her and Harriet join us this year. It will be fun working together in the future.

One of our charter members, Elaine Mogelvang, who moved to Florida last winter, paid us a visit Thanksgiving. She has recently transferred her membership to the Florida Chapter. She has extended an invitation to the Georgia Chapter to attend the next meeting of the Florida Chapter to be held in Jacksonville sometime in January. This sounds very exciting and we hope every member will be able to make it.

In closing, the club would like to congratulate the Louis Scotts on the birth on their daughter last August. She is their second girl.

The officers of the Georgia Chapter are Marian Scott, Chairman; Harriet Mehringer, Co-chairman and Jean Hobbs, Secretary.

N O R T H C E N T R A L S E C T I O N

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By: Irene Leverton

A cold gusty day greeted us at the Lake Front Strip, but things warmed up quickly as the gals started arriving for the Nov. 20th meeting. Most everyone drove as engine icing conditions were excellent, however, two ships came in. Rosemary Gilles and Marion Niedert with Bea Siemon in a 170. Anne Noggle, our guest speaker, came in a T-craft with Irene Leverton. A short business meeting was held in the office so kindly evacuated by Mr. Carr the field manager. Lee Cook was announced as Program Chairman. Twenty of us then settled back to hear one of the most interesting and enjoyable talks we have had the pleasure of listening to. Crop Dusting and Spraying was the subject so ably covered by Anne Noggle, ex-Wasp, who spent two seasons in New Mexico and Texas doing just that. Steaming coffee and rolls were served us by Mr. Carr and Mr. Kelly, owner of Atlas Airways, which operates from the Strip. Needless to say, the chow hit the spot! Mr. Carr gave us the history of the field and future plans for it which include a 4,000 ft. runway, full day and night operations, and a control tower. He also enlightened us as to the reasons behind the landing and parking fees, and extended an invitation to our chapter to participate in one of the flying events planned for the dedication of the Strip this spring, when it officially becomes Merrill C. Miegs Field. Stay sharp gals!! Jessie Anderson back from Wisconsin came in from Elgin; Lilla Bratke, a Commercial, attended as a prospective member, and Olive Tuttle was the only southsider present. Sorry the weather kept the rest of you away!

Three more fine gals have joined us. They are Privates Millie Carlson of United, Alice Kudrna, who recently got her ticket at Elmhurst, and Inger Johnson of Palwaukee.

Sky Harbor: Sally Taggart and hubby Jimmy (an ex-B25 pilot, of course) logged some Navion time. Rosemary Gilles is getting a lot of radio work on nearby NEU in a 140. Palwaukee: Lee Cook was seen climbing into a Link, just keeping that Instrument Rating up to snuff. Thanks to a sturdy Grumman Widgeon and Instructor Walter Heller, Irene Leverton got a MEL and S

Rating. La Grange: Olive Tuttle joined the Riverside Flying Club and promptly checked out in their 49 Cessna 140 with x-wind gear.

Commercial Ratings are being sought by Inger Johnson, who has her nose buried in Navigation books prior to the written; Eleanor Deeming, our U. of I. sophomore who intends ending up with an Instructors Rating, and Joan Clark, who has only to pass the flight check in her Fairchild 24. Guage permits (Instrument Ratings) are in the future plans of Bea Siemon, who is well along on Rangework in her 170 and Evelyn Martin and Irene Leverton, who have begun their Link time.

Esther Holt is temporarily grounded due to an appendectomy. Evelyn Martin is Historian in charge of the Illinois Chapter Photo and Clipping Album. If your picture and photo aren't in it, they should be!!!

Frances Rosenthal who has been appointed Publicity Chairman for the Illinois Chapter, attended a meeting of North Central Section Publicity Chairmen at Indianapolis. She was accompanied by Mary Jane Dwyer and Co-chairman Doris Langher. They hopped down via Family Cruiser and were only a step ahead of IFR most of the way.

Start the New Year out right, meet all the new members at the January meeting!!! Merry Christmas, Pilots!

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By: Bernie Eno

Again I greet you on behalf of the Chapter, however, you will be hearing from me for only a short time. I am pinch-hitting for our reporter Virginia Vinsand Koestner, who is at present honeymooning in Calif. and points West. Virginia was married Sunday, November 20, to Don Koestner, also of Fort Dodge. Space does not permit me to tell you of the beautiful wedding, but I certainly would like to. Virginia will not let her change make a difference in her flying life, and has informed us a landing strip will be available on the farm next Spring. Our very best wishes are with you, Ginny.

Sunday, November 13, six members, one guest, one prospective Ninety-Niner and two 49ers enjoyed one of the most delightful meetings the chapter has experienced for some time, when we met at the home of Mrs. Mardella Noble in Oelwien. Mardie and husband Bill really had a huge welcome mat out for us, and we regret more could not be present. Ruth Shimon of Pochontas, Beulah Frotscher and myself from Fort Dodge, drove over in rain and fog on Saturday and we were royally entertained into the wee hours on Sunday morning. Helen Flaherty and a friend from Fort Dodge were also forced to drive on Sunday, as were Verna Mae Prochaska and husband Marion from Cedar Falls. Long distance calls kept Mardie busy on the phone, with girls sending their regrets due to weather. Belle Hetzel twice left Omaha, Nebraska, but was forced to return to the airport each time. We were extremely sorry she could not be with us. A 20 pound turkey with all--and I do mean ALL--the trimmings featured our noon dinner. The food was so superb everyone had seconds and some thirds and yet made room for pieces of angel food and chocolate cakes. Could it have been the liquid refreshments, the weather, the sight of the loaded table, the good company, or just the party spirit which was so much in evidence, that made us all so hungry? After again attempting to make ourselves comfortable, we spent the afternoon discussing chapter business and selecting the place for our Christmas party. We took to our cars about 4:00 P.M., and as we did so, we took off our hats to our new member and her 49er - grand people, wonderful host and hostess, assets to the chapter and the Ninety-Nines.

It was a pleasure at this meeting to meet Mrs. Liebee, also from Oelwien, and also a prospective member. She and her husband own and fly a Navion, and we shall expect to see the Liebees and Nobles arrive for meetings in formation.

Rachel Pieper has added twin boy Pieper Cubs to our list of 24 3/4ers. Congratulations, Rachel and Don! We are happy to learn all three are doing very nicely, however, the twins will remain at the hospital for some time.

Win Eno has finally returned to Iowa. At our next meeting, I wonder if she will tell us of her experience shooting a big black bear, also of her deer hunting. We are happy to have you, Win, and hope you will remain in Iowa long enough to join us at a few of our meetings.

Sunday December 11 is the date, Fort Dodge, Warden Hotel is the place, and 12:00 noon is the hour of our next meeting.

KENTUCKY CHAPTER

By: Austa Shepherd

Happy Holidays to all of you. I have recently been appointed reporter for Kentucky Chapter by our new chairman, Georgia Keitkemper of Louisville, who succeeded Greenwood Cocanougher now Governor of North Central Section. Dorothy Shelton, Bowling Green, our Secretary-Treasurer is attending Purdue University. North Central Ex-Governor, Thelma Lindzay, and her charming 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er heading South stopped off in Lexington for a luncheon with Greenwood Cocanougher and yours truly.

We have two new prospective members from our state capitol. Plans are being made for an early get-together of the Kentucky Chapter.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Margaret Manuel

Those who missed the November Flight Breakfast really missed a good time. Evelyn Knowlton of Rochester entertained the chapter members and their guests with a substantial breakfast at the Rochester Airport. There were Bonanza place cards, cosmetic bags, cologne and a Bonanza pin to each. (Evelyn is a proud owner of a Bonanza). Following breakfast, the girls had a date at the KDOC Radio Station for an interview to be recorded and broadcast at a later time. Rita, our Minnesota Chairman got her "Orr's" worth in, Martha Randolph and Helen Masterton told about our chapters work and Virginia Shaw reported on the 20th Anniversary meeting held in New York City in October.

Three new members attended the business meeting; they were Adeline Machacek and Betty Roberts from Faribault and Marietta Sonnenberg from Rochester. Evelyn Knowlton, our State Publicity Chairman and Virginia Shaw, our Scrapbook Chairman, requested pictures and information from each member for their projects.

Following the meeting there was a tour of the Rochester Airport including the hangars, weather station and control tower. There were a number of guests interested in flying: Joan Luges, Eva Rukavina, Adeline Barr from Rochester, Elaine Pieffer from Duluth and Virginia Santos from Faribault.

The December meeting is a nite fly-in party at the Twin Cities airport Wold-Chamberlain. There will be a Square Dance and lunch in the DePonti Office Building right on the airport. Of course the 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ers will be invited and others interested in aviation.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By: Marie Kuhlman

Our last meeting was a dinner held at the Advertising and Sales Executive Club. A delicious dinner was served and the meeting was turned into a round-table discussion of our annual Christmas party to be held at the Hotel Commonwealth, proceeds of which we turn over to the Salvation Army for the Red Shield Day Nursery Milk Fund as our Christmas present to the children.

On November 13th we participated in a breakfast flight to Slater, Missouri, and despite the fact we had a terrific wind, the day was perfect for flying. Our chairman Betty Siggs and Darlene Eno flew down in the Cessna 140, Val Wyatt and Katherine Peck in their Cessna 140, Connie Caraway flying her Fairchild 24 and taking passengers Elizabeth Inwood, Marie Page and "Sis" Inwood, Emily Crew and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er in the PALL, and Neva Rea and myself in our "Ol Faithful" Stinson 165. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce we had a lovely breakfast served at the airport and we do hope we did some good in promoting private flying at their new airport.

Another gal who never has enough flying is Connie Caraway who attended another breakfast flight on Sunday, the 27th, at Nevada, Missouri, taking along for company Marie Page.

Neva Rea has just returned from Oklahoma after a visit with her sister.

Val Wyatt and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er flew to Independence, Kansas on a business trip recently.

Grace Harris is commuting between here and Fort Worth, Texas these days but seems she is always on hand for a meeting. Grace is Secy-Treas. of the Aircraft Sales Company at Meacham Field in Fort Worth. This is a division of the Ong Aircraft Corporation of this city, and between the two places of business it really keeps Grace busy.

And in closing this time, the Kansas City Chapter would like to wish our President, Blanche Noyes, and all the other chapters a very very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and for each one of us to resolve to do something in the new year to make friends and keep each individual in our chapter active.

ALL OHIO CHAPTER

By: Ann Heisler

Inclement weather prohibited 15 members from attending our Bucyrus Meeting in November, but inspite of the elements, over 18 members and guests were in attendance for a very fine meeting. Our new Chairman, Helen Linn, presided for the initial time and newly elected officers Jeanne Hunt and Louise Clark comprised the officer's trio.

We had an excellent business meeting with Chairmen of the various committees presenting their plans for the coming year. New Chairmen appointed by Miss Linn are as follows: Membership Chairman, Jeanne Hunt. All applications for new members should be sent to her and she has a supply of blanks on hand for prospective members. Jeanne Naatz, Cleveland, is Publicity Chairman and she told us of her excellent ideas in co-ordinating our publicity with National and Sectional offices. She is requesting pictures of all members which will be used in compiling a new membership roster. Chapter History Chairman, is Marge Miller. News Letter and Directory Chairman, Ann Heisler, hopes to have a new All-Ohio Roster completed before too many months. Weather kept our new Wing Scouts Chairman, Blanche O'Brien from attending. Martha Walter, is our new All-Ohio Air Marking Chairman and both she and Arlene Davis, who is Chairman of North Central Section Air Marking have already laid some very constructive plans for air marking Ohio this year. Marge Newcomer is new Photographer and she will take pictures of each meeting and present a pictorial review at the end of the year, which can also be used in our Scrap Book. Ways & Means Committee is headed by Lillian Knight and she was full of ideas and with her determination I know we will be "in the money this year".

The frozen turkey was won by Jeanne Hunt for landing at the secret arrival time and I know both she and Dean enjoyed same on Thanksgiving day. Booby prize of frozen peaches went to our cute little Arlene Davis whom we have nicknamed "Peaches". We knew her late arrivals

would pay off sometime. New members present were Jean Bonar of Mansfield and Helen Patrick of Cleveland. Our Governor, Mrs. Greenwood Cocanougher of Kentucky was unable to be with us as planned because of last minute weather changes but we look forward to meeting with her at the Columbus Meeting in December. And before I run out of column space I must elaborate on Columbus Christmas Party. You won't want to miss this gala affair. Date - Regular meeting day - Dec. 18th - Place - Northway Airport, Columbus - Place-Mac Park right across the Street. Time - 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning. First-Off - we voted at Bucyrus Meeting to prepare a box lunch at home before flying or driving to Columbus that morning. Same will be auctioned off before lunch, money to go into Treasury. Pepper Ambus has been invited to do the auctioning. We will have a Christmas tree, with all the trimmings, fire in the fireplace, group singing led by Mary Jane Sasala, who will also give us a few of her fine selections. Christmas Gift Exchange (\$1.00) and to top that all off - Santa Claus - will be in attendance with us. Coffee, tea and cokes will be served and dessert is forthcoming from the Committee. Let's see everyone out for this meeting. Plan to drive so that Ole Man Weather doesn't cheat you out of a grand day with the gang.

News at random from the members of All-Ohio: the "hottest" item I think is that our Chairman Helen Linn is going to attend the Rose Bowl Game. Sure hope State bowls them over. Rosalie Bracht is buying a new 140 Luscombe. Blanche O'Brien advises that her Wing Scout Troop toured the Airline Offices, Control Tower and Weather Bureau, November 9th at Dayton Municipal Airport. We hear that Ann Barille, her mother and uncle are flying to South America on Pan-Am just after Christmas for a month's vacation. Kay Semrau of Cleveland is Assistant Secretary to the Vice-President of Development Program at Western Reserve in Cleveland, which is keeping her quite busy. We do hope she travels down to our next meeting. We all tuned in on Sophia Peters' wedding to Neil Payton over the Bride and Groom Program in Los Angeles, November 18th, and we anticipate her return to the next meeting after arriving home from that wonderful honeymoon provided by radio sponsors. They stayed at Sammarkand, Santa Barbara and were provided an Oldsmobile convertible with which to tour California while there. Congratulations and best wishes to both. Let's hear from some of the other members next month. Ann Heisler, Mary Oetzel and Lill Kokas enjoyed first day of hunting at Kelley's Island. They all flew in but I must report return travel was light. We decided as hunters, we are better pilots.

Merry Christmas to all from the Ohio Chapter and our New Year will be happier if we can expect cooperation from all on our new and varied projects.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Ruth C. Lembke

Pearl Nelson's November 20th meeting was a huge success. Seventeen 99'ers attended the dinner held in Pearl's spacious home at the Nelson Airport, Stoughton. Frances Strong left Antigo in five inches of snow. She flew in with her niece, Jeannette Frei of Milwaukee. The group awarded the "Traveling Tray" to Frances for this month.

Deedo Heise, holder of the "Tray" for last month, flew to Philadelphia recently. She and 49^{1/2}er "Herm" are winging their way in the Cessna to Miami, Florida to see their son, Paul. With them go Bini Heise and Paul's heart throb.

Pearl Nelson went to the Publicity meeting for the section held in Indianapolis. She came back with ideas a-plenty.

It was nice to have Gertrude Faust, Gladys Dean, Sally Lathrop, Mary Lou Thompson, Reabelle Morgan, Karen Persson, Edna Anderson, Dottie Cattell, Ethel Dresdow, Bernadette Voelker, Nellie Bilstad, Dora Fritzke, and

guest Esther Jaeger plus newest license holder, Susan Ferin, at Pearl's.

The group entered the Sectional Publicity contest.

The December 18th Christmas party will be held in Madison. Each is to bring a fifty cent gift.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

COLORADO CHAPTER By: Jane Nettleblad

The November meeting of the Colorado Chapter was held at the home of Georgia White. Members present were Margaret Hughes, Marcia Fandrem, Georgia White, Marilyn Nordstrom, Hildred Toogood, Mary Wenholz, Betty Stackhouse, Darlene Gray and Donna Myers. Two guests present were Mrs. Delmar Lemons of Boulder and Betty Jo Hohnstein of Fort Collins.

Mrs. Lemons moved to Boulder about three years ago where she and her husband have a farm complete with a landing strip and a Cessna. Betty Jo is in training at Children's Hospital in Denver. She had enough hours for a Private and after hearing Blanche Noyes talk at Ft. Collins last summer she went out and got her license.

Jimmie McCool of Colorado Springs is a new member. Jimmie is a school teacher and thinks that she can find more prospective members in the Springs.

The Pueblo Unit met at the Whitman Hotel for their fifth meeting. A membership drive was discussed in which flight breakfasts could be arranged to bring together pilots and prospective new members for both the Pueblo and Colorado Springs units. An agreement was also made that individual protests be made to Senator Johnson concerning his recent proposal to ban civil aircraft from airports into which airlines operate.

The Ballantines announce the arrival of Rubye Lee Ballantine, a new 24 3/4er who arrived in October. Marjorie Cramp and Homer Cones were married at the home of Marge's brother, George Cramp, on November 6. Congratulations and best wishes for both of these couples.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER By: Marjorie McBride

The Missouri Valley Chapter met November 13th at Albion, Nebraska. Hostess Byrdie Beckwith met the planes with her 49^{1/2}er, Ralph. It was a 100% fly-in meeting, in spite of the strong gusty winds which seem always to plague us on meeting days. Braving the elements were: Lois Boien, Pat DeLaney, Laura and Harold Russell, Helen and Earl Bass, Alice Riss, Marge McBride, Eva Esau and two guests from Gordon, Nebraska - Carole Germany and Dave Holland.

We were driven to Albion for the delicious dinner which is the highlight of any 99 meeting. Following a short business meeting, we returned to the airport to return home, only to find that the wind had inconsiderately increased. 60 mph. was reported at one point on our course. Finally, with only a little over an hour left till sundown, it calmed down enough to take off.

We are hoping mother nature is a little kinder when we hold our Christmas party at Grand Island, Dec. 11th.

TEXAS CHAPTER By: Martha Ann Reading

We extend our sincere sympathy to Verna Burns of Fort Worth whose husband was accidently shot and killed while on a hunting trip November 7. Clyde Burns was greatly admired and respected by those who knew him and our hearts are heavy for Verna at this time.

Chance-Vought Aircraft Corp. was host to the Dallas Unit Nov. 9. Mr. Bernie Anthony of the Public Relations Dept. escorted us on a very interesting tour of the plant where we saw the mass production methods in action. We saw the Corsairs and the Pirates they are making for the Navy and we have been invited to make a return visit when the new swept wing, jet powered Cutlass goes under production.

To All Units:

PLEASE-----Your activities are of great interest to the whole Chapter. Don't forget to send a communique to your reporter before the first of every month so your news can be published. If you aren't doing anything-----do something so you can have fun and we can read about it.

N O R T H W E S T E R N S E C T I O N

OREGON CHAPTER

By: Joyce Hoberg Martin

Seems as tho I can't keep away from this column. Our October meeting was held in Salem. Evelyn Whitmaker, past Chairman acted as hostess. Dinner was at the Marion Hotel and tables decorated with fall theme complete with fruit and leaves.

We had a turn-out of 28 gals and due to inclement weather we were all forced to drive. Cookie Lyons of John Day, which is in Eastern Oregon, coming the greatest distance. This gal had a feature story complete with pictures in the current issue of the paper published by the State Board of Aeronautics.

Highlight of the gathering was an informal talk by Leona Bump, of Newberg, who was the only woman pilot on the Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine air tour. Leona kept us laughing the entire time with her presentation of the trip, and it was complete.

Seems like the gals from Kelso and Longview are always the last to arrive, but they make every meeting, namely Bettie Bray and Velma Richards, Vice-Chairman.

Marge Fenley of Portland was elected Governor for the Northwest district. Marge has a private license. Latest private pilot and new member is Lois Starr of Portland. Latest 99er to marry is Betty Kasner Wikander who married Guilford Wikander, who has flight service at Hillsboro. Sister Ruth Wikander just received her twin-engine rating.

We are combining our November and December meetings and having one meeting in Corvallis.

Our chapter has been advised of a bill in Congress to separate private and commercial aviation, by closing some fields to private flying. May we suggest that this might be worth checking by other groups.

S O U T H W E S T E R N S E C T I O N

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Wanda Branstetter

The November meeting of our Chapter consisted of a "fly-in" to the Napa County Airport. Following lunch at the airport, a short business meeting was conducted by our Vice Chairman, Zona King.

The weather was the usual (perfect) California weather, and the turn-out at the meeting was very good, with about seven prospective members. We also had a visiting Bay Cities 99er and her 49^{er}, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coffin.

Members present were Irene Baldwin, Wanda Branstetter, Zona King, Gerry Mickelsen, Barbara Miller, Doris Perkins, Ethel Sheehy, and Louise Sue.

Our December meeting will be an evening meeting at the El Rancho in Sacramento on the 16th.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By: Betty Gillies (pinch-hitting for
Evelyn Briggs)

Biggest news of the month is that San Diego has been selected for the start of the Annual Ninety-Nine Transcontinental Air Race. The San Diego Chapter, working hand-in-hand with the Junior Chamber of Commerce, is already at work making plans for what we know will be an outstanding event on the 1950 Aviation calendar. The dates, terminal city, rules etc. will be announced very soon by Mardo Crane, Chairman of the Ninety-Nine Air Race Committee. For additional information write to: Miss Mardo Crane, 8617 Rindge Ave., Playa Del Rey, Calif.

On Saturday, November 12th, nine San Diego girls (plus the two year old son of our Chairman, Mary Ring), flew over to Phoenix to help with the organization of the Arizona Chapter of the Ninety-Nines. For fun we staged a handicap race on the way over which was won by Maxine Smith in a BT13. The prize was a bronze card tray, properly engraved. We met a very fine group of girls in Phoenix and were royally entertained. Margie Crowl was our hostess at dinner Saturday night and a very satisfactory meeting followed. Sunday we all flew over to Thunderbird #1 Field where we were delightfully entertained at lunch by the American Institute of Foreign Trade. We all wish to express our thanks to the new Arizona Chapter for their gracious hospitality.

----- LATE CHAPTER NEWS

INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Perry

The November 20 meeting was held at Kokomo with Verona Ruzicka as hostess. Marie Thompson flew in in her Bonanza, Violet Bauermeister and her 49^{er} flew in in their Stinson, Rita Rickard and a guest flew in from Lafayette and Dorothea Hendricks and Charlotte Foland flew in from Anderson.

Our meeting started with the presentation of a white gavel to the chapter by Jane Shope. Jane Shope won the Pot of Gold which takes the place of raffling off a gift. The group decided to have post cards printed with Ninety-Nines imprint on them to be used by the Secretary and members.

Doris Hasler was unable to be membership chairman, so Verona Ruzicka was appointed to this position. If you know any feminine flyers who are not 99's, let Verona know.

The December meeting is to be at Terre Haute and will be a night meeting the 17th. We will land at Paul Cox Field via plane or auto and the party will be about 7:30 at Violet Bauermeister's home. You won't want to miss it.

----- NOTICE TO REPORTERS

The January issue of the News Letter will be devoted to the printing of the Ninety-Nines Constitution and By-laws. For this reason, we ask that the chapter reporters not submit copy next month. We'll be waiting to hear from you again in February though.