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## NEWS LETTER

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### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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Dear Ninety-Nines:

Some prominent Ninety-Nines indulged in "globe shrinking" this past month. SRA. MACHADO flew from Rio de Janeiro to New York to take delivery on her new plane. JACQUELINE COCHRAN, JEANNETTE SOVEREIGN and JERRY MICKELSEN have visited 99's in Hawaii. And MARJORIE E. FAUTH has flown as "extra" co-pilot on charter flights between Singapore, Bangkok and Cambodia with a Siamese crew. Right now she should be in South Africa.

One fine Saturday recently ANESIA PINHEIRO MACHADO sat down and wrote me that she was leaving the next day for New York. She beat the Air Mail letter to New York. We have been delighted to have this opportunity to get acquainted and hear about Brazil. Anesia holds many Brazilian firsts for women, among them soloing, in a CAUDRON G3-120 hp; engaging in acrobatics, about which fine things have been written by Alice Rogers Hager. In '43 she attended the CAA Standardization Center in Houston, Texas for which she received CAA wings, following which came some advanced instrument work at Pan American Airways, LaGuardia Field, N. Y. Returning to Brazil she served as a Link Instructor during the war. Recently she has been flying a PT19 but it will be a beautiful Navion from now on.

Our dynamic five-foot-friend has held an active pilot's license for TWENTY-NINE years. The Contest Division of NAA has now verified the fact that SHE HOLDS AN OLDER "ACTIVE" PILOT'S LICENSE THAN ANY OTHER WOMAN in the U.S., and soon we should know officially if that should read "in the world", which seems likely.

Fifteen Americans obtained licenses prior to April 9, 1922 when Anesia received hers. Best known among these were HARRIET QUIMBY with FAI license #37; MATHILDE MOISANT #44; RUTH LAW #188; KATHERINE STINSON #148 (Not our Wash. D. C. 99); MARJORIE STINSON #303; AMELIA EARHART #6017. (A French-woman, BARONNE RAYMONDE DE LAROCHE was the first woman pilot in the world officially registered and received FAI #36 on March 8, 1910.)

Anesia's 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>er is in aviation too - MAJOR GENERAL A. APPEL NETO of the Brazilian Air Force. Anesia took off on February 27 with letters from The Ninety-Nines here destined to carry our greetings to the women pilots of Mexico, Peru, Chile, Uruguay and Brazil where she will stop "en flight" home. Many more happy years of flying!

Congratulations to the girls who have returned their questionnaire with a snapshot. To our one Idaho 99, ONITA HOFF, goes the honor of being the FIRST to return her questionnaire with two good pictures. One, dressed as if ready to depart via plane to deliver an aviation lecture to a woman's club; the other as one dresses when flying an unheated plane in Idaho in the winter - much sheepskin. A member of the UTAH CHAPTER now, we hope she'll hop in her Cessna 120 and get the Idaho gals organized. Even tho YOU returned a questionnaire to N.Y.-N.J. several years ago, be sure and return the current one IMMEDIATELY to Headquarters.

MITZI MOORE's report on the occupations engaged in by 99s is just a SAMPLE of the "fascinating facts about 99s" which can be released if you'll all get that data in. Mitzi has done a lot of hard digging thru the renewal forms for this.

To our knowledge, she and her 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>er WENDELL comprise the only married team engaging in AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY. It all started as "two hobbies combined" and blossomed into a

full time business. Usually Mitzi flies while her hubby handles the camera, but on long runs it is reversed. Such team work requires a lot of PATIENCE and PRECISE COORDINATION. As I told several hundred high school girls during a recent lecture, "Many of the interesting jobs in aviation have been CREATED thru the constructive interests, skill and perseverance of gals like Mitzi".

Just to "cheer the wintry gloom of harsh March" for most of us, HAWAII has sent their typical winter scene. Chairman ELAINE JONES is keeping us well-informed on their growing chapter -- 11 now. She says MARGUERITE WOOD, who owns the Hawaiian School of Aeronautics, has 23 planes and is their member on the Hawaiian Defense Council. Extra active Secretary Phebe duGal sends a letter to each member after each meeting which serves as minutes and includes any other business that pops up. She has had some interesting flying with a public relations man for the Board of Public Works who wanted to save his department money by taking aerial pictures himself. Included were shots of highways and city streets during rush hours. To quote duGal, "I'm all for helping the city save our tax money as well as getting some free flying time". (Give any of you ideas? But don't do it in Mitzi's area.)

GOVERNORS: Please do send me AT ONCE a report on the CIVIL DEFENSE status of your states. Only 9 are accounted for to date.

CHAPTER CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEES: You have been receiving releases on Flying Activity suggestions, aviation lecture outline, special February release, 1950 minutes, Contest Committee Policy (coming) etc. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to make such information available to your members either at a meeting or by special release. MAXINE SMITH of San Diego writes that they are having copies made of the aviation lecture outline for distribution to all Chapter members.

And an idea springs from reading her accounts of the splendid activity executed in connection with the Wing Scout Troop, "The 89 Club" which their Chapter sponsors. Other Chapters may feel that they are too busy to plan a special AIR AGE EDUCATION program for TEACHERS. Why not let your YOUNG AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS (also CAP Cadets) EACH BRING AN EDUCATOR or TWO (perhaps offer an incentive for the girl bringing the most) to one SPECIALLY PLANNED MEETING, perhaps an airport tour and flight.

GONE WEST \*\*\*\*\* Our charming French pilot, SUZANNE MELK, so well known for her superior glider piloting. She held all the International glider pilot ratings as well as a motored transport license. During World War II she was decorated by her government. Her untimely death at 36 was due to a kidney ailment. Her body is being returned to Paris. Those of us who had the privilege of knowing her feel this great loss to aviation.\*\*\*\*\*

Following is a message from DORA DOUGHERTY, Chairman of the Flying Activity Committee. She so beautifully expresses her appeal to all women pilots that it is worthy of EDITORIAL SPACE. Take it to heart!

Kay Menges Brick  
Your President

FLYING ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE  
By Dora Dougherty, Chairman

The American pilot is becoming the number one weapon for 'peace in our time'. Our nation can and must maintain superiority in the air when we are combating such infinite forces on the ground.

With the stress and tension of today, when the military is enlarging their training program so intensively, the roll of the woman pilot is unknown. It was proven during the last war that women could do many military flying jobs (ferrying-towing-tracking-instructing-cargo and personnel transportation-weather wing flying-radio control flying-etc. etc.). There were times when some of the military operations even preferred women pilots, however this proves nothing more than the fact that women pilots can do a job effectively and efficiently.



Brazil's distinguished pilot and Ninety-Nine, ANESIA PINHEIRO MACHADO (3rd from L) has just presented a silk blue and white banner and wings to PRESIDENT KAY BRICK from the AERO CLUBE DO BRASIL in a gesture of admiration and friendship towards the NINETY-NINES. The stars arranged on the shield symbolize the Southern Cross. On the left is MURIEL STEINELL and on the right ALICE JEAN MAY, NY-NJ 99s who greeted Anesia at TETERBORO, N. J. when she arrived to take delivery on her new Ryan Navion which sports a special blue and white paint job, and which she is now ferrying back to her home in Rio de Janeiro.

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I do not believe that the Air Force will call upon W/Ps again unless there is an all out war, but the way the politicians are hopping around in the D. of C., like frogs legs on a hot skillet, there is no telling when they may hop right out and into the fire.

If you will remember back to 1942 when the AAF decided to try W/Ps, the qualifications were women with 500 hours and the number that was eligible was extremely small. In the event of another call, how many of us will be qualified? Will we be able to save precious time by having those hours under our belt?

Our fervent desire is that there will be no necessity of calling women into the Air Force; that our military pilots can fly in peaceful skies, but we can never be too ready.

Something that we can do right now, and that I would like to overstress if possible, is complete cooperation with civil defense efforts. Civil defense groups are forming throughout the nation and we, as the representative group of the women pilots, must help in every way possible. You and I as individuals can best be prepared by keeping ourselves (1) checked out and familiar with as many aircraft as possible; (2) by getting out of the local area and obtaining as much cross country experience as we can; (3) by keeping our 'medical' current; (4) getting our Radio-Telephone permit and learning as much about the use of our aircraft radio as possible. The more we can learn about our own aircraft and our own area the better. WE CAN NEVER BE TOO READY.

The latest billet-doux from me to you includes an explanation and rules of a TROPHY CONTEST which is held annually by the UPPER IOWA CHAPTER. This was very kindly sent in by Beulah Frotscher, Chairman of the Upper Iowa Chapter.

I would really like to hear from more of you with ideas that you have for activities. Step right up ladies, don't be bashful! Altho I have received the names of only a few Flying Activities Committee chairmen, I feel sure that each chapter has one now and that she is the whirling dervish of the local unit.

Relax little girl, pop that stick!



IMPORTANT

"Calling ALL OFFICERS, GOVERNORS and CHAPTER CHAIRMEN, and MEMBERS - listen in"---

This is an OFFICIAL INVITATION (and the ONLY ONE you will receive) to send in business you would like taken up at the 1951 Annual Meeting. Bids for the 1952 Convention are due by the same deadline date --- May 1, 1951. Send in TRIPLICATE TO Secretary Howard.

Also, bids for the TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE for 1952 should be submitted in detail at the 1951 Annual Meeting to facilitate coordination of events for 1952. These need NOT be submitted earlier.

MEMBERS - The Minutes for the 1950 Meeting in Brackettville, Texas have been sent to your Chairmen and Governors. All Chapters should go over them when they work out items to be included in the Agenda this year - deadline May 1.

NOTE: In reading the Roster, you will notice several chapters and sections have failed to elect officers for the present year. It is important that we have a complete and current listing of all CHAPTER and SECTION OFFICERS. Otherwise, National notices and refunds can not be sent. PLEASE make an effort to meet and elect and S O O N!

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\* Any Fancy Printers among the \*  
\* 99's? President Kay Brick \*  
\* requests that any 99 who can \*  
\* do fancy lettering please con- \*  
\* tact her. \*  
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ATTENTION: Section Governors and Chapter Chairmen  
SUBJECT : Nominations for International Officers for fiscal year 1951 - 1952.

- 1. Nominations for International Officers must be received by the Nominating Committee not later than May 1, 1951.
- 2. In order to introduce your candidates to the membership I must have a thumbnail sketch of their aeronautical and 99 experience to include in the June issue of the Newsletter. Please send these sketches with your nominations.
- 3. If candidate is from your Section or Chapter, it is requested that you receive her written consent to hold office if elected, and a copy of same be attached to your nominations. I must have this for my files before her name can go on the ballot.
- 4. Nominations are to be submitted for the following offices:

President 1 name  
Vice-President 1 name  
Secretary 1 name  
Treasurer 1 name  
Nominating Committee 1 name (must be from your Section)

- 5. In accordance with the procedure outlined in the Resolution creating the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, nominations for Trustees will not be sent in by Sections and Chapters this year. The Executive Committee will select two candidates for this office and these two names will appear on the ballot.
- 6. For your information:

President Kay Brick, though eligible for another term in office, will not accept renomination "for personal reasons".  
Vice-President, Arlene Davis, eligible for another term, will run if renominated.  
Secretary Jean Ross Howard, eligible for another term, will run if renominated.  
Treasurer Mary Francis, eligible for another term, will run if renominated.

- 7. These Nominations are of great importance to the Ninety-Nines and you are urged to cooperate by taking this matter up at your earliest meeting.
- 8. Please send your list of candidates to me, with their written consent and an outline of their qualifications, as soon as possible, and in no case postmarked later than April 27, 1951.

Betty H. Gillies, Chairman  
1951 Nominating Committee  
P.O. Box 336, East San Diego 5,  
California

1951 AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Members wishing to apply for the 1951 Award of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship, and believing themselves able to meet the requirements set forth below, should write to me for an application form.

- 1. The applicant must have been a Ninety-Nine in good standing for at least two years prior to application.
- 2. She must have a minimum of 200 solo hours and hold a Private rating or better.
- 3. She must be earning not less than \$500, nor more than \$2,500 per year. A married woman is eligible but her financial needs will be evaluated in the light of her husband's income and work.
- 4. If applying for an airman rating, she must agree to use the rating or certification acquired through the Award for at least two years.
- 5. She must intend to work in the field of aviation, broadly interpreted.
- 6. Application may be accompanied by one sheet of testimonial, such as from an employer. The applicant is advised to enclose a snapshot or other picture.
- 7. The application must be notarized.
- 8. Postmark for returning the application must be not later than midnight, May 15.

Applications are carefully considered by each of the five Trustees, and those rated highest are sent to the final judges - three men outstanding in aviation. The applicant receiving the highest score is contacted by the chairman to determine if she is still able to proceed with the training and accepts the Award. Applicants anticipating matrimony, maternity, active status in the Reserve, or other major changes, should re-evaluate their needs.

The winner will be announced at the 1951 annual meeting, and the \$200 Scholarship may be applied toward tuition for any course of study or training to advance her in some career in the aeronautical field, and is paid to the school or institution of the winner's selection. For example, it may be used for training as aeronautical engineer, meteorologist, aircraft or engine mechanic, in aviation medicine, for advanced airman's ratings, and others.

Because of the high quality of past unsuccessful applicants, they are encouraged to apply again. All information on the application forms is confidential. Remember, the deadline for mailing completed applications is MAY 15. Send to me for your application form.

Melba M. Beard, Chairman  
Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Trustees  
1981 Meadowbrook Rd.  
Altadena, Calif.

1951 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - MACKINAW ISLAND  
August 22 through August 26

The Michigan Chapter is happy to announce that plans for the convention are shaping up. Registration will start at Mackinaw Island, Wednesday, August 22nd and the business sessions will be held Friday, and part of Saturday - if necessary.

The International Air Fair will be held in Detroit the preceding weekend - August 17, 18, 19. The Women's Committee of Detroit's 250th Anniversary Celebration is integrating plans to entertain the 99's Monday and Tuesday, August 20th and 21st.

We are planning a mass flight from Detroit to an airport near Mackinaw City on Wednesday morning.

More detailed plans will be forthcoming regarding hotel reservations and the program.

We would like every member to visit Michigan and us.

Helen Anderson  
Publicity Chairman  
1951 99 International Convention

#### HAWAII CHAPTER

The New Year brought a big event and a great thrill to Hawaii Chapter members. 2500 miles of open ocean separate our group from our nearest 99 sisters on the West Coast. Isolated as we are, the arrival of any fellow 99er would be an eagerly welcomed occasion. You can all imagine, then, how glad we were to have that visiting 99er turn out to be Jacqueline Cochran with her husband, Floyd Odlum. They arrived on the Lurline December 27 intending to stay two weeks. Of course, they got to "sunny Hawaii" in the worst part of our rainy season and didn't get a good look at the sun or the beauties of the Islands until the day they left. Their stay was cut short as Miss Cochran was called back to the Mainland on business, and they left by plane the night of January 4.

Ten of us were able to meet Jackie over cocktails at the Royal Hawaiian Surf Bar the afternoon she and Mr. Odlum left. We are all grateful for that opportunity. Five of our members are ex-WASPs and they all bombarded Miss Cochran with questions about the past, present and future of the WASP.

We will have to go some to make the rest of 1951 live up to its auspicious beginning.

Our November meeting was a luncheon with prospective new members invited. As speaker, Capt. R. T. Freng of United Air Lines, who considers his assignment to the Honolulu--San Francisco route a "retirement run," told us about a young lady who has been with him everywhere he goes and who probably has more flying time than all our chapter members put together. She's a doll given him by his daughter years ago and has been his mascot ever since. She is now an "honorary guest" of the Hawaii Chapter.

No regular meeting was held in December or January, but our February meeting combined regular business with the pleasure of showering Miss Vivian Hicks who was married January 14 to Mr. John Fagan of W. A. Ramsay, Ltd.

#### -- FEBRUARY 27 TAR MEETING --

Due to world conditions it is not thought advisable this year to publicize the Transcontinental Air Race as we have in the past, nor to arrange entertainment along the route. The mission is, in a sense, a "Training Mission", accomplishing this training by demanding the best in navigation and the complete understanding of aircraft range, fuel consumption, power settings, optimum altitudes, use of radio etc. Efforts will not be made to seek personal publicity for the participants, nor for the aircraft, but rather for the training value of the race and the possible use of women thus trained in case of emergency.

Entertainment will be kept to a minimum thus accentuating the seriousness of this operation, which we will call "Operation TAR".

Sponsorship will be asked for purely on the basis of furthering the proficiency of the participants. We all know how much is learned in such a race,--so much more than is possible on any extended cross-country flight made under regular circumstances.

It is felt that the press will follow the Race with possibly even more interest and attention than if it were purely a "social" sporting event. "Operation TAR" has a real objective and it can be said to have real value in training for Civilian Defense.

Participants will understand that, in entering this Race, they are giving their time to concentrated practice in cross-country flying, and they may expect to benefit a great deal by this experience as well as to make themselves more valuable to their country in case of emergency. As stated above, we feel that the Press will be particularly interested in this angle (of training for defense) at this time and are confident of their full support. Every effort will be made to give full credit to sponsors who have shown their interest in "Operation TAR" by putting up prize money or by backing an entrant."

The Rules and Regulations for the Transcontinental Air Race, and the entry forms, will be ready in the near future. Those girls wishing to participate may address inquiries to: TAR Committee, 5858 Parkcrest St. Long Beach 8, Calif. (This will relieve Chairman Crane of some of the letter-writing load.)

Betty H. Gillies  
Trustee, TAR



On the beach at Waikiki, enjoying sunshine, surf and cocktails with Jacqueline Cochran on her recent visit to Hawaii are, left to right: Phebe duGal, Pauline Banken, Vivian Hicks, Elaine Jones, Marguerite Wood, Stella Hardin, Hazel Wolf, Jacqueline Cochran and Natalie MacDonald. Front and center are, left, June Johnson and Terry Thibadeau on the right. (Diamond Head in the background is hidden by the umbrella.)

Honolulu Advertiser Photo



In next month's issue we hope to have a more complete picture of figures. I am sure that many of the 403 girls who are listed as less than 200 solo hours, really have more. But in filling out their renewals neglected to state their time. Then too, the occupations were not listed, making it impossible to tell how many career girls or housewives fly. All are important.

During the next month, each chapter chairman will be asked to help. Let's show our true flying spirit by making this an all-out drive.

It would be nice, in the near future, to run a short article in each issue of our Newsletter about one of our sections, i.e.:

Middle Eastern  
Number of chapters  
Number hours flown, 200, 500, 1000 up  
Numbers operators, instructors  
Number new members  
Number hours flown in each chapter in month preceding publication.

This could be used for activities comparisons. It may also prove to be an incentive for competitive flying.

April 1, we are having a check-out party at Hybla Valley Airport. Rosemary Lane in charge.

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GOAL LETTER FROM INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN  
Donna T. Myers

Greetings from the Membership Committee! Well, gals, here is our goal for the year of 1950-51. We know you can do it, or we wouldn't ask you. For the year beginning September 1, 1950 to August 1, 1951:

Each Section: To strive for 15 new members in your section for the above eleven months. You no doubt have a fine start on that goal already.

Each Section: Two (2) new chapters for the above eleven months in your section.

Chapters : Each chapter desiring to enter the Membership Contest may send \$2.00 to the Membership Chairman, Donna Myers, to be held until the end of the contest, August 1, 1951. The rules of the contest?—To the chapter who obtains the most members during the 11 months goes the first prize. And the chapter who obtains next largest number of new members will receive the second prize. The amount of the prizes for your treasury will, of necessity, be announced later — which depends on the number of chapters entering.

Will each chapter chairman please send a note along with the \$2.00 stating the number of members in the chapter as of September 1, 1950, that the contest may be based on a percentage basis.

Now, get busy, gals — there's a lot of work to be done.

It would be appreciated if the governors of each section would advise me as soon as possible the number of new chapters in their section since September 1, 1950, and the chapter chairmen advise the number of members at that time. If room permits in the Newsletter, perhaps in June, we will give you a blow-by-blow account — amount of prizes, etc. Thanks, all of you, and let's go!

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Helen McChesney

No news from us since November and we have a lot of ground to cover, so let's go.

The Christmas meeting was a gala party, attended by over 75 people, held at Roosevelt Field, Long Island on Dec. 9. The field, so famous in aviation history and where many 99's got their wings, is due to close shortly and many "old timer" pilots were guests of the gals. NY-NJ Section played Santa Claus to the Children's Recreation Service at Bellevue Hospital and each member brought with her an aviation gift or toy for distribution to the children. Cocktails in the lounge of the Roosevelt Field Inn preceded a roast beef dinner. Novel entertainment was provided after dinner in the form of an Aviation Quiz. MC was Gene Raebur, WNEW radio star. Timer and judge was President Kay Brick. The questions and answers mixed the serious with the hilarious and the ad-libbing and variations kept the party in high amusement for the evening. Thanks to Governor Bella Heineman for planning a gay meeting.

Our next meeting on Feb. 13 at the Fountainbleau Restaurant in New York City was one steeped in memories and brass. It was a joint dinner meeting with the Air Service Post #501, American Legion, oldest aviation post established in 1919. Governor Bella Heineman and Harry Bruno, past commander of the Post and present chairman of the Executive Committee, put their heads together and came up with such luminaries as Brig. Gen. Robert Candee, Deputy Commandant of the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk; Senora Anaesia Pinhero Machado, our Brazilian member; Maj. Gen. Willis Hale, Commanding General of the Continental Air Command, whose headquarters are at Mitchell Air Field and who, incidentally, invited the 99's to plan a party at the Officers Club at Mitchell; Jackie Cochran; Frank Farrell, columnist for the New York World-Telegram and Sun; past president Blanche Noyes; Air Vice Marshall G. E. Gibbs, RAF, CIE, CBEMC, Great Britain's member on the Military Staff Committee of the U.N.; our own International President Kay Brick and William B. Leeds, past vice-commander of the Post. Toastmaster was Commander George F. Watson, present Chief of U. S. Naval Airship Program at Lakehurst, N. J.

That third week in February surely was a busy one for 99's, what with the American Legion meeting, Valentine's Day, and then, on Feb. 16, a delightful tea given by the Women's International Aeronautical Association at the home of Mrs. Clarence Crocheron to present to Jacqueline Cochran the Lady-Hay Drummond-Hays Trophy. Special guests were Mrs. James Doolittle and Commodore J. F. Baylis, (USCG (ret.)), outstanding authority on aerodynamics. Some of the 99's we glimpsed at the tea were Jeanne Spielberg, Selma Cronan, Bella Heineman, Gloria Heath, Marjorie Gray, Margaret Manser, Kay Brick and many others. We were happy to visit again with "Ma" Chamberlain, Alice Klutas and other members of the WTAA.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By: Vera Foster

After two tries at holding a meeting—both postponed on account of extremely icy roads—the Washington 99's made it on their third attempt, Feb. 21st. Best described as "wonderful", the meeting was held at the home of 99'er Mitsi Moore and 49'er Wendell. Hostess Mitsi served a delicious buffet supper of shrimp salad, vegetables, and many extras.

Rosemary Lane reported on her work as Chairman of the Flying Activities Committee. Appropriate enough, we thought, was her choice of a 99 "airing" on April 1st! We all are going to meet to fly.

Blanche Noyes gave us many interesting anecdotes on luncheons and aviation gatherings in New York recently. Progress has been made, Perry Robinson reported, on the Air Age Education program. All in all, the 99's found the meeting most rewarding and encouraging.

A Civil Air Patrol film was shown "The Civil Air Patrol". This well put together film gave us a startling picture of the organization and uses of the CAP. Quite a good outfit!

Marion Nesbitt, hearing of the meeting only that day, climbed into her auto with Dorothy McCausland, a prospective member and drove in to Washington from West Virginia.

#### EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By: Mildred Zimmerman

In coordination with the attempt to promote an increase in flying time and higher ratings among chapter members, a special Flying Activities Committee, chairman of which is Mrs. Howard Eckhart of Clay, Pa., has been originated. A series of events to include contests on precision flying, cross-country races, etc., will be planned by the committee for the Spring and summer months. Serving with Jessie will be sister Helen and Nell Richards of Lancaster. A committee of this type, functioning under such capable leadership, has great potentialities! Let's all insure its success by cooperating and participating in the events coming up.

A lovely dinner was planned for the February meeting at Camden Airport by Marge Kodrich and Ruth Shafer. Incidentally, all of us are very proud of Ruth who recently obtained her Instrument Rating. Nice to see Catherine Slocum after a long absence and learn that she is now writing a column for the Philadelphia Daily News.

The March meeting was held at Bowers' Country Club. Marie Miller served as hostess. Marie recently returned from a pleasant visit in Florida. She has turned over her duties as chairman of the Activities Committee to successor Lillian Marks. Learned that Ethel Evans also flew to Florida and is spending some time there. We all missed Augusta Roberts in her Cessna. Our sincere hopes for a speedy recovery are extended to her husband.

Frances Nolde, our Governor of the Middle Eastern Section, has been appointed County Chief of Aviation in the Civilian Defense Program by Mr. William Anderson, who heads the program in this state. This appointment culminates a series of successful accomplishments in numerous aeronautical activities for Fran, which can only be explained by a very keen insight and genuine desire to meet the demands of the war emergency situation. Our best wishes!

The latest trend for Spring involves our making plans and preparations for the forthcoming National Convention. There are approximately 18 members in our chapter who are either owners or part owners of private aircraft or who have ships available to them. That number would be a nice representation at the convention and a lot of fun, especially if everyone could arrange to leave at the same time. Let's try.

#### MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Toby Lord

January meeting found travelers back from Florida where Margie Cook had a chance barely to say hello to Frances Nolde at the Air Show and where Dottie Miller and her

husband and family had a real chance to try out their new Beech Bonanza.

Jean Peden was elected Flying Activities Chairman which was a logical choice inasmuch as Jean is the center of whatever flying activity there is in our chapter. Since our last meeting, we have found out that Jean is Adjutant in the local CAP organization - which has 150 members, by the way. This makes her third in command. In addition, Jean has been active in organizing the local Civil Defense program and we understand that the Chief of the County Civil Defense Organization is going to recognize Jean's efforts by appointing her to represent the 99's on the Council for Civil Defense in the County. We are very proud of you, Jean - and good luck!

Harriette Mosbacher is in Mexico this month and we are looking forward to seeing her and hearing all about the trip. She has met a Mexican gal who is interested in the 99's organization and we shall forward what information we have to the national membership chairman in the hope that the right kind of information gets to our Mexican friend.

We missed seeing Eleu Miller at our February meeting but are assuming that she is having a whiz-bang time in New York - and we all have missed seeing Vega Ihsen and Pauline Harabedian the last few meetings and all the other girls from Erie for heaven knows how long! How about a revival meeting up there?

Many thanks to our hostess, Marian Freund, for the meeting and the yummy refreshments! Everybody had a double helping which is OK for all the slim ones in our crowd, but for yours truly who is expecting a 24 3/4er, it presents weight hazards.

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

#### CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Louise M. Smith

Meetings -- April 15, Municipal Airport, Charleston, S.C.  
July 15, Lake Murray, Columbia, S. C.

Did you know ... that Amalie Stone is in Miami studying for her commercial license and instructor rating? ... that Page Shamburger is with Aviation Magazine as "Flying Field Reporter"? ... that Sherley Redding is working with Piedmont Airlines in Winston-Salem? ... that Myrtle Thompson has her commercial with instructor rating? ... that we have a new member, Frances Miller, of Columbia, S. C., who also has a commercial license with instructor rating? ... that Bird Eaton has been very ill and is still far from well?

Our January chapter meeting was in Winston-Salem. High winds, velocities up to forty and fifty grounded the light planes, so most of us drove on these "dangerous" highways, and made safe landings. Chairman Amalie was grounded in Columbia, so we planned our next meetings, reminded every one to get the questionnaire back to Washington, and after a little hangar flying adjourned until April in Charleston.

#### TENNESSEE CHAPTER:

By: Evelyn Bryan

Since the Tennessee Chapter has not been heard from lately, I will try to go back and catch up with what the girls have been doing this winter.

Jane Hilbert and her husband Louis are vacationing in Florida for the month of February. Bet Jane will come back with a suntan that will make us all envious.

Elizabeth Wallace and Harry, her 49<sup>1/2</sup>er, drove down to

Miami for the Air Show in January. They were sporting a new Buick in which they drove on down to Key West where they greeted the pilots returning from the Havana Cruise. There they saw a lot of friends they had not seen for some time.

Patricia Burnett and Evelyn Bryan flew down to Miami for the Air Show in this writer's Piper Pacer. From there went to Havana for three wonderful days.

Eddie Lee Griffin and Bonnie McDonald report that the bad winter weather has them grounded, but they intend to get back in the air now that Spring is approaching.

Cora McDonald does a little flying now and then up at Bristol. Virginia Lumpkin is still working toward that Commercial License she hopes to get in the not too distant future.

Ruth Thomas writes that the winter has held nothing but hard work for her. She has recently been re-elected Secretary of East Tenn. Flyers Club. She is very capable in the job as this is her "fourth term".

Nothing has been heard from Pearl Brock and Phyllis Mowery, maybe next time we can report on their activities.

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

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The Spring sectional meeting will be held at Rochester, Minnesota, June 2 and 3, 1951.

#### ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By: Jessie Anderson

The last meeting held was at Eitel's Grill in the Field Building in the Chicago loop - we decided an informal dinner meeting with prospective members as guests was in order. After a delicious dinner, we sat around the table and got caught up on news and activities. It was good to see Esther Hoffke again, and we were delighted to hear she had passed her written exam for A.T.R.

Tentative plans have been made to fly down south half-way to meet the southern Illinois members at some convenient airport. This will probably be in May or June, and maybe at Peoria. Some of the gals suggested an airport with a motel for an over-night visit.

Erlene Conel (lucky, but hard-working gal!) won a T.W.A. contest on aviation news, and was awarded a free trip by plane to Arizona, all expenses paid!

Anne Noggle and mother have moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico. We shall miss her - she's got to bring back that travelling trophy to our next air meet!

We have been raffling off "The Thing" at each meeting to benefit the Amelia Earhart Fund. Each member takes a turn at donating a gift in the value of about \$1.50 - and tickets are sold for 25¢. We are also selling some yummy peanut brittle for 75¢ a mitty, crunchy pound - 25¢ of which goes to the Amelia Earhart Fund.

The next meeting will be at the United Air Lines Office in the loop on March 8th at 7 o'clock.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Joan Ferguson

Well, here I have two months to catch up on. The Indiana Chapter had nine members attending the January 21st meeting which was held in the Sky Room of the Weir Cook Municipal airport at Indianapolis.

Our guest of honor and speaker was Mr. Charles Barntt, a test pilot for Allison's in Indianapolis. His speech was presented in a round table discussion form with attending 99 and guests taking part.

Lois Whitney of Muncie flew over to have lunch with yours truly and our Chairman Charlotte Foland on January 15, which incidentally is Lois' birthday. Many happy returns.

Mrs. Verona Ruzika of Kokomo Airport has been hospitalized for surgery. We all hope she will be well and back to meetings soon.

One of our charter members Jane Gaines of Lafayette was married September 30th to James K. McBee and has moved to Hawaii. Sorry to see you go, Jane, but we wish you lots of happiness.

Lois Whitney and Ginny Eberhart and their 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>ers attended the Air Maneuvers in Miami--lucky girls.

Our February meeting was held at Winchester with Myrtle Cox as hostess on the 18th. Sure had a grand meal and a wonderful afternoon. Only had nine members in attendance as the airports around here were too soft for enjoyable flying.

The March meeting will be held on the 18th at Ft. Wayne. Come on all you gals and lets have a big turnout.

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By: Fern McKinnon

As usual, Spencer was "socked-in" so it was a "drive in" meeting for February 18th with Betty Barton as hostess. We had dinner at the Hotel with a very long and detailed meeting at Betty's. In attendance were Millie Burt, Bernie Eno, Helen Flaherty, Beulah Frotscher, Betty Barton, Virginia Koestner, Betty Patterson and Fern McKinnon.

It was one of those meetings with everyone putting in her nickel's worth and in great detail - yet we stayed on the subject - we really cleared the decks on every item of business.

Virginia read the new contest rules and it was discussed at great length and the new log books were passed out. Mr. Kirkberg has donated another trophy -- an airplane perched atop the world. The contest started January 1st and lasts nine months. Each month's points should be into Virginia shortly after the first day of each month.

Helen gave a report on all Air Marking. Would each member please check her files again and report to Helen. It just wasn't complete. She needs everyone's cooperation.



A report was given by each member on Air Age Education. Beulah read a report from National President Kay Brick. A request for 68 teacher's packets for Intermediate and Primary grades was received from Webster County Schools Betty screened "Air Age" to 700 elementary students and her Flyers Club. Bernie screened "A Plane is Born" and "Fog" to the Sacred Heart School in Ft. Dodge. Our next meeting will be another Air Age meeting with the teachers in Waterloo and Cedar Falls -- March 18th with Verna Mae.

The Sectional Scrapbook arrived and all looked it over and enjoyed it. Plans were discussed about attending the Spring Sectional Meeting to be held in Rochester, Minnesota on June 2-3.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Thelma C. Lindsay

From the goodly number of members and guests who slipped, slid and drove blind into Lansing Airport for the January meeting, it looks as tho the Michigan Chapter started the year out with a firm determination to attend all meetings. We were happy to greet a new member Iola Mae Parbonnet of Owasso, Michigan and prospective member Doris Bond of Grand Rapids. After a business session on Convention plans, a delicious brunch was served with Marion Ruth and Margaret Windfuhr hostesses. Our guests were General Lester J. Maitland, Director of Civilian Defense for the State of Michigan; Col. Wm. Joy, Commander Michigan Wing, Civil Air Patrol and Major Carl Willey, AAF Liaison Officer for CAP. Col. Joy spoke on the activities of the CAP and extended an invitation to all to join. Gen. Maitland told us of plans for Civilian Defense and how flying personnel could be of help in the program.

For the February meeting we went to Bishop Airport, Flint, Michigan where Bernice Trimble, Gertrude Prochazka and Edna Chapin greeted us. Following breakfast, Jeannette Sovereign gave a glowing account of the recent trip she and W. J. made to Hawaii by train, boat and plane. Said it was such fun running into Deedo and Dr. Heise from Milwaukee on the beach. Letters were read from three sister Ninety-Nines; Capt. Lenore McElroy, Asst. Ferry Control Officer, 1737 Ferrying Squadron, Kelly AFB, Texas. Capt. McElroy and her daughter Sherrill looked mighty good to us in the enclosed snapshots. Sherrill is attending Trinity University there while Mother practices instrument flying in C-97's and C-54's making (GCA) ground control approaches and ILS landings. Marguerita Huff also enclosed snaps of the house she and Floyd are building near Mt. Holly, N. C. They began the project by bringing in a sawmill and making the lumber from their own trees. The girls all thought it would be a grand place for a meeting. The third letter with snaps was from Ruth Reilly Bauer, College, Alaska, which is near Fairbanks. Ruth is a former member of the Wisconsin Chapter. She and her husband Egon are both pilots, too busy now to fly while they are subdividing their sub-division and building their home.

We were glad to welcome Estelle Uplegger's guest, Barbara Cook of Detroit. Congratulations to our vice chairman, Mary Creason ... its a girl Yvonne Marie. Our sympathy to Clara Dickerson of Adrian who lost her Mother and to our Governor "Cokie" Cocanougher who has been seriously ill.

March meeting will be held in Grand Rapids. April on the 8th at Tri-City Airport near Midland, Saginaw and Bay City, as announced by our Chairman Becky Thatcher.

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Novia L. Frey

Plans for the North Central Sectional meeting to be held in Rochester, Minnesota, in June were discussed at our Jan.

meeting which took place at my apartment in Minneapolis the evening of the 17th. If enthusiasm is at all indicative, it will be a very successful affair. Evelyn Knowlton and Marietta Sonnenberg, our chairman and treasurer from Rochester, will make arrangements and every member is expected to pitch in and help make the Spring meeting really g-o-o-d. They will welcome your ideas.

Miss Dorothy Anderson of Rochester, formerly of LaCrosse, Wisc., attended our meeting as a prospective member. She is the new public health nursing director at Rochester.

Evelyn Knowlton and her father, C. E. Knowlton (we should have a moniker for dads such as 198'er) flew to Palm Springs, California, the weekend of January 18th in their Beech Bonanza. Their week's vacation was scheduled to include the Air Show being sponsored there by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Bea Brand of Redwood Falls is enjoying the warmth and luxury of a Caribbean cruise and will be back with us for our March meeting. She promised to take some movies so that we might enjoy, second-hand, the beauties of that "other world."

#### GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER - By Marie Kuhlman

News of the Kansas City Chapter will be very brief this month as the writer has had several hectic days preparing for a vacation and having left Kansas City and flying the Bellanca via Brownsville, Texas, Neva Rea and I are now enjoying the sights of historical Mexico City. After a week here, we will fly on to bask in the sun at Acapulco, Mexico.

After a dinner meeting this month at the Advertising and Sales Executive Club, we met with the Aviation Committee of Civil Air Defense for Kansas City. Betty Siggs was appointed to represent the 99s on the Advisory Board. Our chairman, Marge Farrell, then called a special meeting at the home of Lois Bohrer to further our plans for our part in the Civil Air Defense program.

#### GREATER ST LOUIS CHAPTER

By: Rae E. Logsdon

The Greater St. Louis Chapter has finally discovered that it is really very easy to sell dance tickets to raise money for the chapter -- the only thing you need is beautiful girls! -- in our efforts to make our annual dance, to be held April 6th, at the DeSota Hotel, a more interesting affair the idea of a beauty and personality contest was adopted, and the entire chapter got together and started working on one of the best publicity schemes that we have ever had. To be eligible for the contest a girl must have a pilot's license (and nearly everyone in the area who has is a Ninety-Nine), be single and under 25 years of age. Out of our own chapter we came up with nine beautiful candidates and have a sponsor for every one of them. Pictures have been taken and posters made and placed in every airport in the area and in other "Strategic" places. The Chamber of Commerce is co-operating with us wholeheartedly and the newspapers and radio commentators have been most helpful. The girl is to be chosen by an impartial ticket count on the night of the dance and will be crowned "Miss Aviation of Greater St. Louis". Trudy DeVries, Dorothy Condon, Pat Shea, Marie Greeley, Sally Statler, Rita VanCoutren, Betty Burks, Dot Schuler, Jean Moll are the candidates entered and, by the way, ticket sales are soaring. All the girls are "queen" material. Good luck, gals---please accept this as our invitation for all of you to attend our dance if you possibly can, we guarantee each and every one a wonderful time.

We are most happy that one of our best workers, Audrey Femmer, is now out of the hospital after a very serious operation and is buzzing around as though she had never



been ill, we missed her and are glad that she is able to again be with us.

The St. Louis chapter is also very proud of the ability of Mary Leach to lick that old Commercial written examination by receiving a grade of 90% or above on all five subjects. Mary has only been flying for two years and now holds a commercial license and has her eyes set on higher ratings.

Rita Van Coutren, of American Airlines, seems determined to leave us for the great state of Texas, but as she snagged an American Airlines Texan guess we'll just have to give her our blessings. Sure is a beautiful ring she's flashing these days.

At long last our gal Pat Shea who has done so much work for the Ninety-Nines while not being a member has finally got her Private License and can resign that "cloak and dagger" position and come out in the open. Seems that Pat didn't know that she was going up for her check ride and didn't have a chance to get nervous and we are sure glad she passed---every chapter needs workers like Pat.

Will give you more details on our dance later and certainly hope some of you can manage to be in St. Louis on April 6, 1951 and attend our dance---and don't forget those 49½'ers.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER  
By: Lore Kugler

In January we met in Columbus with Marge Miller serving as hostess. Meeting and lunch were held at the Notti Pine Inn where the engagement and approaching marriage of Helen Linn, our last year's Chairman, was announced. She's to marry John Evans on St. Patrick's Day. We all are wishing her every happiness.

As usual, we gals who had to stay at home are most sad that we couldn't attend something or other that the 99's were participating in. This time it was the annual air show at Miami and of course the flight to Havana. Ohio was represented however in the persons of Mildred Harshman in her Bonanza and Arlene Davis in the Cessna. All reports sounded exciting.

On January 24, William O. Ash, Jr., checked in at the William O. Ash, Sr. household (that's our Ann Ash) and was found quite capable of holding his own when it comes to getting attention. We're very happy for the Ash's and understand the mother and father both came through fine.

February meeting was held in Bucyrus with Jeanne Hunt and yours truly coping the secret arrival time and first to arrive prizes respectively. Don't know how we managed to hit it right on the button, but there we were.

It was strictly a drive-in-meeting because of wet fields, and Ruth Carle, our hostess, took us to the Roehr House for a very special dinner. Very special. There was so much food it took us over two hours to eat it.

Rosemary Krebs, a member whom Ohio has not entirely given up yet, and who is currently living in Wisconsin, was down for a weekend visit and had hoped to make the Bucyrus meeting on Sunday, but time was short and since she and Joe had to drive instead of fly, time was all important. It was nice to see Rosemary again however, and we are planning on having her at meetings again in the near future.

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

COLORADO CHAPTER  
By: Marjory Cones

Our last meeting was held at the lovely new home of our Chairman, Marilyn Nordstrom, and I might add it was a most enjoyable and pleasant evening. Even though the weather was threatening that evening, we had the largest

number of members present for some time. Those attending were as follows: Jennie Tschoep, Rusty McLean, Jane Nettleblad, Marian Lemaster, Kati Mehlin, Cricket Anderson, Mary Wenholz, Mae Boettcher, Frances Tepper, Claudia Perry, Darlene Gray, Donna Myers, our Hostess, Marilyn Nordstrom and yours truly. It was certainly nice seeing all you wonderful people again.

Since we were all thoroughly engrossed in the delicious food being served, and our poker and canasta games, a very brief business meeting was held. It seems we have been having treasury problems of late and ideas are needed to increase our bank account. However, after much discussion, a motion was passed to assess members of the Colorado Chapter \$4.00 per year, retroactive to January 1, 1951, up to January 1, 1952. By doing this, it would easily take care of "Crosswind Chatter", pot luck suppers and other incidentals we may have. Rusty McLean, another of our versatile members, suggested ideas for a raffle, and offered three miniature propellers as prizes, and will also donate some of her own lovely hand-loomed weaving. Tickets for this raffle are being made up now, and will be distributed at our next meeting.

The March meeting, from all indications, will be another delightful evening. Mae Boettcher has again graciously asked us to her home for our annual dinner, which is furnished entirely by her. Remembering our past dinners at Mae's, I can say it is always a highlight of the year and something to look forward to.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER  
By: Lois V. Boien

The below zero readings from this part of the country certainly have not cut down on our activities. Our most successful meeting of the year was held in Lincoln on the 21st of January. The Omaha gals gathered for publicity shots before take-off, and the -4<sup>0</sup> temperature really brought out the roses in our cheeks. At Lincoln we were the guests of the Nebraska State Aeronautics Department and we had as our speaker, Mr. James Ramsey, the 'Chief Pilot' of the State Aeronautics office. Mr. Ramsey outlined the present plans for defense in the state and compared the various plans of other states. A round table discussion was held and we really found out what is being planned. At this meeting Dorothy Reed announced the appointment of Janie Bay and Belle Hetzel to the Advisory Committee on Aviation to the State Defense Commission. Besides perfect flying weather and a most interesting meeting, we gained two new members at this meeting.

At the Grand Island meeting in December, we discovered that only three of the members present had less than 200 flying hours. Also that Marguerite Durbin, busy gal that she is, has logged about 25 hours of instrument instruction and that Wilda Wilson has been co-jockeying a C-47 around. We are most proud of Belle Hetzel, the super saleswoman of our chapter. 93 Air Derby games sold. If everyone has as much fun playing the game as Belle has selling them, the printer better get more ready. That is almost a national record, isn't it?

We almost forgot to say thank you to the committee from Wichita for the lovely Sectional meeting. Six of our group were present and altho we developed a dislike for Kansas fog, we certainly want to get together again soon. We're hoping that the Wichita gals get a chapter going; they have that enthusiasm!

The February meeting was a fly-in to Beatrice, Nebraska and the March meeting will be in Omaha.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER  
By: Ann Martin

On February 18, the Oklahoma Chapter met at Municipal Airport at Chickasha, Oklahoma, and after the business was disposed of, we all enjoyed a wonderful chicken dinner at the Airport Cafe, and were those hot rolls wonderful! We missed the girls that missed the meeting because of rain and fog Sunday morning. But, the day

blossomed beautiful around noon, not a cloud in the sky. Janice Putnam from Anadarko, Oklahoma, a prospective 99 member; Jimmie Kolp, from Electra, Texas; and Sarah Ellis, reporter for the Chickasha Express, were all welcome guests of the Chapter.

Our January meeting was held at the Municipal Airport, Oklahoma City. At both meetings, the Civil Defense Program was discussed, and what part we 99's can do to participate in the program. Mrs. Simmons from Abilene, Kansas, gave us a very interesting account of the mobile units that are set up in Kansas.

On February 4, 1951, Broneta Davis, Elizabeth Sewell, Beth Smith, Bertha Hare, Helen Simmons, and Anne Waddell, of the Oklahoma Chapter, and Ruby Bonds, of the Greater Kansas City Chapter, met in Wichita, Kansas, with prospective members of the 99's, for the purpose of organizing the Kansas Chapter. The final organizational meeting is to be March 24 at Cessna Aircraft Company at 2:00 p.m., closing with an evening dinner in downtown Wichita.

Dot Young has been busy conducting classes for wives of pilots, teaching map-reading, use of the radio for contacting the tower and getting weather reports, navigation and meteorology. She hopes that by these instructions women will become more interested in not only passenger time, but learning to fly. Best wishes and congratulations for your work from us all, Dot.

#### TEXAS CHAPTER:

Fort Worth Unit - By Marie Nix:  
Edna Gardner Whyte writes that she is working on a helicopter rating at the New England Helicopter School in Hillsgrove, Rhode Island. Edna, urges all girls who possibly can to work for a helicopter rating.

Dallas Unit:  
The Dallas Unit entertained the Fort Worth Unit with a buffet supper at the White Rock Airport. Dr. E.O. Rushing and Capt. Horace Hagler, USAF, representing the CAP were guests and principal speakers for the evening. The two units joined the CAP as an individual group. We are, according to Dr. Rushing, the first group of women in the U. S. to form such a unit for Civil Defense. The meeting was attended by Dr. Rushing, Jack McBride, Capt. Horace Hagler, Josephine Allison, Doris Weller, Martha Ann Reading, Delphine Bond, Marjorie Gray, Cleve Godfrey, Verna Burns, Helen Clark, Kathy Boswell, Lillian Milam, Virginia Miller, Phyllis Burkhart, Olean Sellers, Pappy Reeves and Marie Nix.

The Dallas girls held their regular meeting Feb. 28th at a Chinese place to gossip and eat some Ding Dong Fu Yong. A big time was had by all that attended.

El Paso Unit - By Florence McDermott:  
Mrs. Jim Duthie was the first winner of a gold cup in a spot landing contest sponsored by the El Paso 99 Chapter, Jan. 21. Mrs. Duthie sat her Ercoupe within 26 feet from the center of a 100-foot circle in a contest at El Paso's International Airport. That means she gets to keep the gold cup for one month, until another champion lander wins.

The pilot winning the monthly contests the greatest number of times gets to keep the cup. In the 1950 contests, Mrs. Neva Peters, an Ercoupe pilot, took the cup home which now decorates her new residence near the airport.

Mrs. Ruby Hays, Ninety-Nine chairman at El Paso, started the new contest. There will be room on the cup for 13 names--the persons winning each month plus space for an extra name in the event of a tie.

Others participating in the January contest were Mrs. Ruth Deerman, Mrs. Lois Hailey and Mrs. Lois Ziler. Mrs. Laura Carwardine flew down from Las Cruces, N. M. to watch the contest.

The El Paso Ninety-Nines have been flying in landing contests for over two years. They have competed with

sharp pilots in the El Paso Sheriff's Skyway Patrol and Civil Air Patrol.

The El Paso members have voted to chip in on a donation for the 1951 "Powder Puff Derby."

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

BAY CITIES CHAPTER  
By: Dorothy Monahan

A happy start for the New Year was our January 19th meeting at the Harts in Walnut Creek. A brief meeting was held and a photo map book raffled and won by yours truly. We enjoyed reading of Marge Fauth's exciting adventures in Singapore. Maxine Christian was the only member to nite-fly into Buchanan Field. Those present were the hosts Al and Rita Hart, Miriam Brugh, Lindy Boyes, Gladys Davis (prospective member), Betty Budde, Maxine Christian, Dorothy Monahan, The Keltons, Rueckerts, Gerhardts, Coffins, Essers, Jacquots, Chases, Barnicks and baby Kay.

The home of Helen Menefee, San Mateo, was the setting for the February 16th meeting. Business was the order of the evening. Seventeen members and two guests were present. Ruth Rueckert presented information for those interested in buying a club ship. Plans for the March anniversary of the chapter were discussed. Refreshments of coffee and cake were served.

Please send all future membership applications to Lindy Boyes, new Membership Chairman for remainder of the year.

Bits of News: Marfreda Coffin has been piloting an air photographer over her hometown, Livermore ... Jerry Jordan has a new baby girl, a future Ninety-Nine ... Marian Barnick, 49<sup>2</sup>er, and Kay made a fly trip to Colwell, Idaho, for Christmas ... Lindy Boyes is now working with Trans-Ocean at the Oakland Airport ... Pat Gladney is making a fly-trip to Los Angeles ... Miriam Brugh, Maxine Christian and Ruth Rueckert went to Modesto to help form a new chapter.

COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER  
By: Eleanor Wagner

The January business meeting of the Coachella Valley Chapter was held on Friday, January 26, in the dining room at the Palm Springs Airport. The ground-work connected with the newly organized chapter is beginning to take shape and the cooperation of our very few members is most gratifying.

Ethelyn Bushey, as Membership Chairman, has begun her method of recording each member and is including a history along with those records. She also has under way what we believe will prove to be a very interesting scrap-book that will outline this chapter's activities from the very beginning.

Kay King, as Treasurer, is going strong toward injecting some new ideas into the chapter toward building a substantial treasury.

Winifred Wood, who is Chapter Secretary, will know all the answers connected with the Salton Sea Aircruise, the date being April 29; and we would like to see a lot of Ninety-Nines participating in that event. More details will be published in the Newsletter in the near future.

At the present time this chapter is making plans for taking some Wing Scouts under its wing, with more planning and more work to be done on that. It will be one of our projects for 1951.

Visitors at our luncheon meeting were Ailene Miller from Needles and Ruby Souleles from Beaumont. They are both interested Ninety-Nine boosters and we know that they will be a welcome addition to any chapter. Modene Story of Indio is our most recent new member, with two more additional fly-girls about to join us. We may grow



into quite a good-sized chapter before long--surely do hope so.

We were most happy to be hostesses to the chapter officers from the Southwestern Section over Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10 and 11.

Those who could attend the social-business meeting, with or without 49ers, all flew in; not one using that primitive mode of transportation known as the automobile. Gerry Mickelsen, Governor of the Southwestern Section along with Ethel Sheehy, flew Gerry's Bellanca from Sacramento; Billie Wyatt and husband, Ed, Evelyn Handley and husband Walt flew down from Modesto; Frances Dias from Newman; Solange D'Hooge, Martha and Ray Lundy from Las Vegas; Isabelle McCrae from Lemon Grove; Anne Grogan from National City and Betty Knier and Marjy Crowl from Phoenix.

On hand from our local chapter were: Mary Nelson, who was hostess at breakfast on Sunday morning at the world-famous Doll House in Palm Springs; Winifred Wood, Chapter Secretary; Kay King, Chapter Treasurer; Eleanor Wagner, Chairman; and newest chapter member, Modene Story.

Dinner on Saturday evening was held at the Airliner Restaurant at the Airport where a short business meeting was conducted by Gerry Mickelsen. After dinner, all attended a late floor show at one of the local night spots.

This was a most enlightening meeting for many reasons--- the girls who did attend surely took advantage of the wonderful opportunity to get acquainted; or if they were already acquainted, for the first time in many years had a lot of old-times to talk about. There was surely a lot of catching up on places and people in the short time that the group was here.

This occasion was such a refreshing one that we are all looking forward to and rooting for a great attendance at the "fun" meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada in April--April 21 in fact. We hope you are planning on it, too.

#### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By: Trixie-Ann G. Schubert

A desert flight to Apple Valley Inn was our January meeting in conjunction with the Las Vegas Chapter. Los Angeles Ninety-Nines taking to the air for the breakfast fly-in were Margaret Sturges, Mary Kitson, Barbara London, Betty Glaser, Clara Davis, Yvette Kovary, Irma Story, Mary Elgin, Margaret Cook, Jean Parker, Monie Dye, and this reporter. Two prospective Ninety-Nines soon to be initiated into the L. A. Chapter also were on the flight - Ellen Roherer of Pasadena and Catherine Wagner of San Gabriel.

The gals rendezvoused at International Airport for the February meet. Dinner at Western Airlines cafe preceded a talk by airport manager Woodruff DeSilva on the nation's "third busiest airport with its 42 operations per runway each hour. These include infuriated palm tree (helicopter) landings and takeoffs." Ninety-Nines arranged to air-educate the Gardena Girl Wing Scouts, sponsored by the Ninety-Nines, with a tour through the airport maintenance division.

Highlight for the Ninety-Nines was a trip to the control tower, in groups of five, to watch GCA radar in action.

Personnel briefs: L. A. chapter chairman Clara Davis and hubby bought a new home in Burbank, Calif. The new address is 443 S. Lamer Street. Rita Patten received her instructor's rating and now contemplates a multi-engine rating.

#### SACRAMENTO CHAPTER

By: Olive DeKellis

A brief Who, What, When, Where and Why for December, January and February. News has been accumulating fast and a small book would be necessary to tell all. Our December meeting was in Sacramento at the home of Gerry and Mick Mickelsen, and believe me their culinary accomplishments are "right in this world" and was I glad, turkey and trimmin's!

Members and guests were: Clyde and Alice McPherson, Walt and Ev Henley and Helen Zimmerman of Modesto; Elaine Baldwin and Clarice Larson, who flew in from Arcata, California; Ruth Rueckert, Miriam Brugh, Adele Chase and Bay City mascot, Marsha Rueckert, aged four and a half; 49er Al Hart flew in his Culver from Walnut Creek, his wife Rita was busy at Crescent City with duties befitting a brand-new grandmother. Congrats! John and Ruth Sullivan, Mel and Tony Jacobson, Bill and Edith Phipps and Doris Perkins came from Marysville, California. Frank and Louise Sue from Live Oak; Marion DeKellis from Oroville; Ethel Sheehy, Nel Florence, Elsie Mills, Rose Cas and Ellen Brown from Sacramento also were in attendance.

The January meeting was held at the home of Louise Sue in Live Oak. Bad weather kept a few away. We had a wonderful ham luncheon. Means for raising money for our chapter were discussed. Guests attending were Lucille Swain and Athene Giersch, Nevada City; Doris Perkins, Betty L. Brandt, Laverne Thompson, Marysville; Ella Little, Gridley; Margaret Colloway, Fairfield; Marion DeKellis, Oroville, California.

Our February meeting was at Hotel Marysville, Marysville, California. Our hostesses were Dolores Morton, Doris Perkins and Edith Phipps. We enjoyed a chicken dinner. The Modesto Chapter received their charter, January 28, and the girls there are doing a lot of Wing Scout work already. Members and guests attending the February meeting were: Gerry Mickelsen, Tony Jacobson, Laverne Thompson, Margaret Boon, Margaret Colloway, Alta Wyatt, Alice McPherson, Mary Disney, Vivian Dalton, Louise Sue and Marion DeKellis.

The calendar with all the coming events in the Southwestern Section is working out wonderfully. Sacramento Valley Chapter's next meeting will be at Dalton's Airport, Williams, California.

Don't forget the Southwestern Section meeting in Las Vegas! Wahoo! Ki-Yi! and Adios! Nevada, we're on our way!

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By: Julie Hale

Jane Page Hlavacek is busy getting her airline transport rating, which brings me back into these familiar columns as vice-chairman and reporter. Our chapter is happy to have been able to send \$21.10 to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund from profits of our rummage sale, which also paid miscellaneous expenses and our incorporation fee. While it may seem odd to some for our chapter to be incorporating when the national organization has already done so, we do feel that it will give us greater security for financial risks in our local projects, such as taking Wing Scouts for plane rides.

The Wing Scouts are completing qualifications for wings on an airline flight on March 17, after which the 99's will honor the girls and their parents at a party. Mary Ring, Ruth Gamber, Lois Bartling and Maxine Smith have given the Scouts all of their required ground school work.

Our new Flight Activities Chairman Anne Grogan, scheduled a Fly-In to La Pressa airport which was a big success in

spite of RAIN, which verifies our claim that we are the most reliable rain-makers in California. Several of the girls were fortunate enough to check out in a Cessna 170 and a Navion.

Civil Air Patrol is keeping the pilots busy with Betty Gillies, Mary Ring, Ann McComb, Jacqueline Trenfel, Dottie Sanders and Anne Grogan on call for searches. Others are assisting the Associated Glider Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce with the Soaring Meet at Torrey Pines March 24-25. By the time you read this, we hope that you will have read of new records by Betsy Woodward, which she hopes to establish at this meet.

Isabelle McCrae, sectional treasurer, is in charge of our coming Aviation Ball, scheduled for June, which will be given in conjunction with other local aviation groups. Those attending the Palm Springs meeting Feb. 10-11, might be interested to hear that Isabelle and Anne had to land at El Centro, 100 miles east of San Diego, en route home due to local weather.

Betty and Art Lambert proudly announce the birth of a boy February 20....Lois Bartling has persuaded a local aircraft firm to put her commercial license to use ferrying her husband to Los Angeles and back each week in her Swift.

#### UTAH CHAPTER

By: June Raybould

We especially want to thank those members of the South-western Section, Gerry Mickelson, Sectional Governor; Ruth Rueckert, National Historian; Toni Jacobson, Marys-vale, California — who spent a weekend to come up to Salt Lake and help us get started, last November 11 and 12.

A long stretch of fog and bad weather combined to prevent our December meeting. Our January meeting was held on the 31st at the Doll House and was attended by Genevieve Thornton, Lucile Christopherson, Aileen Roundy and June Raybould. After dinner, a short business meeting was held. It was decided to send out questionnaires to all members to get a program lined up for summer. It was also decided to combine the duties of secretary and treasurer.

Our February meeting on the 24th was combined with a tour of the nearby Air Force Base, Hill Field. We were given special permission to fly in and four planes made the trip. Through the courtesy of the commanding officer and Miss Ford and Mr. Baker from public relations, nine members spent an enjoyable afternoon seeing films, having lunch and inspecting some of the aircraft in the hangars and watching some of the repair work done at the base. Onita Hoff flew in, or rather around some bad weather, to be there from Idaho Falls, several hundred miles away. With her was Margaret Jacobsen, prospective 99'er. From Provo came Peg Roundy and Lucile Christopherson and from Salt Lake came Eunice Naylor, Dorothy Allen, Marilyn Pratt, Alberta Hunt and June Raybould. Dorothy and Marilyn are our two new members. Dorothy is an ex-Wasp and boasts over 500 hours. Marilyn or "Bobbie" is the baby of the chapter and got her license last summer. She has been active in the CAP and is a supply officer. We are very happy to have them join us. And a special welcome to Alberta Hunt, a 99'er of long standing. Alberta is a girl of many talents and has just returned from 2½ years in Germany where she was an assistant airport administrator. She is also an ex-Wasp and a widely known musician.

#### LAS VEGAS CHAPTER

By: Helen "Casey" Cannon

Our January and February meetings were held at the home of Martha Lundy whose plans were made and completed for a money-making scheme. On the 24th of February we gave a Hangar Social and Buffet Supper. The dinner was delicious. A returned Air Force Captain from Korea, stationed at Nellis Air Base, showed aerial combat pictures and gave a short talk.



#### CANADIAN SECTION

By: Betty McCause

A caller, two fiddlers and a lounge filled with animated pilots have made our three square dances most successful. Everybody has a whale of a good time at these affairs held at the Ottawa Flying Club and the small profit which is made helps to pad our bank account.

Governor Phyllis Klotz, with her 49½'er Dr. Max Klotz, has left for the United States on a six weeks skiing holiday. She'll be hitting the trails at Asten, Colorado; Alta, Utah and Sun Valley, Idaho. On her return trip she plans to spend some time at Banff, Alberta.

We have four new members to introduce this month ... Lorna Bray, a scholarship student at Carleton College is a very active member of the Ottawa Flying Club. She started to fly at 14 and soloed at 15. She is 1950 winner of the Barbara Ann Scott Trophy for spot landing competitions and is a member of the Ottawa Parachute Club... Dorothy Rungeling of Fenwick, Ontario, is Treasurer of the Welland Flying Club. Dorothy has 180 hrs. logged and writes an aviation column for the Welland Evening Tribune. She and 49½'er Charles Rungeling were on the Miami Air Tour this year ... Elaine Delisle who is studying at the University of British Columbia for her B. S. degree in nursing. She is 1950 Pacific Zone winner for the Webster Memorial Trophy Competition ... Lorraine Cooper is a member of the Calgary Flying Club. She has her Private License endorsed for night flying and hopes to get her Commercial License and Instructor's Rating this summer.



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