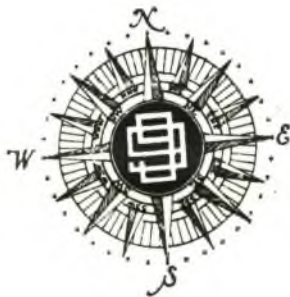


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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

September 1952

DEAR NINETY-NINES:

If your President seems a bit detached these days with a far-off look about her, here is the reason - she just hasn't gotten over the THRILL of her first flight in a JET! It was a T33 - and a perfect day and I would that it could have gone on forever! It was that super! The pilot even turned it over to me to fly for fifteen unforgettable minutes! LUCILLE QUAMBY and I were on duty with the Michigan wing CAP Cadet Encampment at Selfridge Air Force Base. We took the Encampment's outstanding girl Cadet and two outstanding boy Cadets over to the flight line for their big Award - a ride in a jet, and that is how it came about. We, too, were invited to go!

We were especially interested in all the safety preparations required before our flights. Each of us received detailed instructions in their operation as we donned each piece of safety equipment, including the Mae West (we were to fly in the Great Lakes Area), the parachute and how to ditch it if descending into the water, the oxygen mask, the safety helmet with its built-in communications equipment, the good old safety belt, the shoulder harness, and the seat ejectors in the ship! At long last, gotten up like women from another World, we were ready for our flights - and truly the whole wonderful experience was literally "out of this World."

September, as you all know, marks the beginning of our new Ninety-Nine year. This is the month your new International Officers for the coming twelve months are assuming their duties, and you will find them listed with their addresses on the front of this and the next eleven issues of the News Letter.

I am deeply grateful for the confidence you have placed in me by re-electing me to serve you as President for another year, and I shall do my very best during the ensuing months to justify it. The many, many expressions of good wishes you have been sending are certainly appreciated, and I hope to acknowledge each one personally as soon as the rush of the "changing of the guard" starts to let up. With the help of these fine new officers, Executive Committee, Chairmen of Committees and all of you grand members, I know this will be another outstanding year in the growth and progress of the Ninety-Nines.

The following members have accepted appointment as International Chairmen of their respective Committees for the coming year: Membership, RUTH SHIMON, Upper Iowa Chapter; Contest, EDNA GARDNER WHYTE, Texas Chapter; Air Marking, BOBBE SLADE, Kansas Chapter; Flying Activity, DORA DOUGHERTY, Central Illinois Chapter; Air Age Education, ZIGGY HUNTER, Texas Chapter; Budget, KAY BRICK, New York-New Jersey Section; Civil Defense, JEAN HOWARD, Washington D.C. Chapter; Headquarters, MARJORIE DAVIS, New York-New Jersey Section; Historian, RUTH RUECKERT, Bay Cities Chapter; Resident Agent for Corporation, MARY HOCH, Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter; Records Librarian, MELBA BEARD, Los Angeles Chapter; and VERA SELF, Florida Chapter, will again issue 49 1/2er cards (upon receipt of 10¢ and proper certification from the Chapter Chairman that the applicant is the HUSBAND or FATHER of a Ninety-Nine member in good standing!). Addresses of these Chairmen are listed in your Rosters under their Chapters.

We are most happy to announce the election of BETTY GILLIES as Chairman of the Board of the Trustees of the All Women's Transcontinental Air Race, Inc. Betty, a past President of the Ninety-Nines, and a Charter Member has flown in four TAR's, placed in the first five in two of them, and has given invaluable help through the years in every phase of putting on this great cross country race. She replaces Mardo Crane who resigned as Board Chairman after six years of devoted service which has brought the TAR to its present day stature as a major National Annual Flying Event.

From my mail I am pleased to note that most Sections have scheduled their Fall Meetings and the elections of their new officers. It is most essential for the smooth running of our organization that all Sections and Chapters hold their elections at the earliest possible date in accordance with our By-Laws, and that they send the names of their new officers in to our Headquarters in New York as soon as they are known.

The question has come up as to whether a member is eligible to hold two Ninety-Nines offices at the same time, such as in the Chapter and in the Section. Nothing in our Constitution or By-Laws prohibits this, but it would seem in an organization with nearly 1,200 members that the honors and the responsibility should be more widely distributed.

Renewals have been coming in very promptly this year, but there are still a number who do not fill out their Renewal Forms completely. We cannot accept your renewal without this information so PLEASE check your form carefully before you mail your check!

Yours for the NINETY-NINES,

ALICE H. HAMMOND  
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 \* I M P O R T A N T \*  
 \* LAST CALL 1953 CONVENTION BIDS \*  
 \* In order for the Executive Committee to give prop- \*  
 \* er consideration to all invitations for the 1953 \*  
 \* Annual International Convention of the Ninety-Nines, \*  
 \* it is necessary that all invitations with details as \*  
 \* to dates, facilities for housing, entertainment, etc. \*  
 \* be in the hands of President Hammond by Oct. 31, 1952. \*  
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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Please send description of articles approved for sale and still available for listing in the October News Letter. Do your Xmas shopping HERE!

The 99 Executive Committee has voted to absorb the cost of cuts for pictures to be carried in the News Letter. Send in good activity photos and we will print whenever there is room.

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Do you own - and wear - a Ninety-Nines pin? If not, Headquarters has them for sale at \$2.00 each - postpaid.

And - do you know the story back of the founding of the Ninety-Nines? Headquarters can supply a booklet - The Ninety-Nine Club - at \$1.00 each. It tells of the beginning of our Organization and the events of the first ten years.

Also - if your Chapter needs stationery, Headquarters can supply a cut of the Compass Rose for use on this - \$3.00 each.

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ATTENTION: All coastal and near-coastal Chapters:

The Board of Trustees of All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, Inc., is anxious to receive bids for the Start and Finish of the 1953 TAR so that the route can be determined as early as possible. If your Chapter is interested in sponsoring either the Start or the Finish of this great annual event, please get your bid in immediately so that it can be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

All bids must be received by October 31, 1952.

Please may we hear from you soon? Your cooperation is needed and will be very much appreciated.

Betty H. Gillies  
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AIR MARKING

In order to promote the airmarkers that are needed throughout the country, we must first sell the general public on the idea that they are necessary, and we believe one of the best kinds of favorable publicity to do this is by way of actual true stories relating how an airmarker actually helped a pilot in distress. We therefore appeal to EACH AND EVERY NINETY-NINE to send in such stories as you may have of your own experiences or the experiences of any friends or acquaintances. We want to assure the public that without being careless or reckless a pilot can get off course enough - either because of increase in wind velocity or a change in wind direction while in flight - so that he isn't sure where he is and in cases of bad weather and/or a low supply of fuel it could mean disaster unless that pilot can look down and see the welcome sight of the name of a town prominently painted on a roof top so he will know where the nearest airport is. A lot of people don't understand flying and feel that a pilot gets lost only because he is reckless and that he therefore doesn't deserve much help. We want to correct that thinking.

PLEASE SEND IN AS MANY OF THESE 'TESTIMONIALS' AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN - including, of course, permission to use them for publication.

On each flight you make, check the towns on your map which have airmarkers and then when you get home send a postcard to a city official of that town - something along this line: "Several days ago I flew over your town and was

extremely happy to see the airmarker on your airport. We Ninety-Nines (an international organization of licensed women pilots) have taken airmarking on as an international project and we think towns like yours whose leaders have the foresight to airmark their town certainly deserve much credit for furthering aviation safety. Even though a pilot is on course, it is a very welcome reassurance to look down and see an airmarker to definitely confirm that fact, and of course when a pilot is off course or flying in marginal weather, an airmarker is invaluable. Many thanks for your contribution to the safety of our country's pilots."

The wording of this card is only a suggestion - it should be changed to fit each particular case, but something along this line will serve the purpose, which is to encourage the towns which now have airmarkers to keep them up and in first class condition. After receiving several cards like this they are sure to be convinced that their airmarker is well worth the repainting cost.

Urge all of your Flying Farmer friends and other pilots you know to do this also -- if we can see that all airmarkers now existing in the United States are kept in readable condition, one big and important job will have been accomplished and we can then concentrate all our efforts on promoting additional airmarkers.

HELP A LOST PILOT -- IT COULD BE YOU!

Bobbe Slade  
 International Airmarking Chairman

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CIVIL DEFENSE:

In our President's acceptance speech, she fixed her eye on the up-coming Veep and said "I have plans for you!"

So - as newly appointed Chairman of Civil Defense for the 99's, I too have "plans for you."

As Ninety-Nines our role in Civil Defense is on an individual, volunteer basis, but I would like to ask each Chapter Chairman and Governor to appoint a Chairman for Civil Defense, to serve as liaison with the local Civil Defense organization. As soon as I have received the names of your Chapter's or Section's Civil Defense Chairmen, I will send them a list of your state's CD officials and suggested programs and activities.

"Civil Defense is every woman's job."

Jean Ross Howard

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INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Just a note to thank all the members of the International Membership Committee who worked so diligently during the past year: Ann Ross, Florida Chapter; June Raybould, Utah Chapter; Ruth Shimon, Upper Iowa Chapter; Ethel Sheehy, Bay Cities Chapter; Josephine Allison, Texas Chapter; Arlene Davis, All-Ohio Chapter, and Hope Howard, Washington, D.C. Chapter. And also thanks to all the members who have obtained new members, and worked on new chapters - all on their own.

A lot of ground work has been done on starting new chapters and I believe this coming year will see them a reality: New Mexico, the Dakotas, Montana, Alabama, Alaska.

The girls on the Committee have done so much on their own and I know we all appreciate it.

Donna Myers, Chairman

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CHAPTER NEWS

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: A. Ann Cutler

The August meeting of the New England Section was held at Hiller Field, Barre, Mass. on August 2 and 3. Our charming hostess for the weekend, Catherine Hiller, is manager of the airport. The weather did not cooperate but seven members and three guests showed up despite the rain: Catherine Hiller, Governor Sally Driver, Rose Abbott, Anne Crathern, Barbara Cloud, Betsy Gaines and Ann Cutler. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Kirkman of Lawrence who helped make the opening day of the International Convention such a success in Lawrence, and Gaynor Inman, who is a member of the Civil Air Patrol and going up for her private very soon. Good luck, Gaynor.

The September meeting is to be held in Nantucket in connection with the New England Air Tour.

Our Governor is taking a well-deserved vacation in Michigan but plans to be with us in time for the September meeting. Have fun, Sally.

#### NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Lois Fairbank

Once again the New York-New Jersey Section had the pleasure of playing hostess to the 99's. This time at the terminus of the Sixth All Woman Transcontinental Air Race - and we loved every moment of it. We hope you did too. Our rather belated congratulations to all the gals who participated in the race. Well done!

This is a second-hand report but I hear that the breakfast on Friday at Teterboro Airport, given by the New York Port Authority, was a big success and that the flight to Lawrence came off to perfection. Mayor John J. Buckley of Lawrence, who flew up with Gerry Mickelsen, is still telling everyone of the wonderful time he had. At the Lawrence Airport were all kinds of greetings, including food and cars which whisked the gals to the Country Club for cocktails and lobster. Then off to the Convention.

We hope that in the not too far future we may have the privilege and pleasure of again being your hosts.

Local tidbits are few and far between these summer months. Here are two items - Alma Harwood is in Honolulu and Helen McChesney Mennitto visiting New York with her future Ninety-Nine, Maria.

By: Alice-Jean M. Starr

The August get-together at the Hangar Restaurant, Paramus, New Jersey was attended by approximately a dozen members and friends and two prospective members, Jean McClave and Barbara Williams.

Gloria Heath and Beverly Dodge of Flight Safety Foundation, New York held a lively discussion and showed manufacturers' photographs, specifications and literature on some of the latest aviation developments revealed at the Aviation Writers' Association Convention in July. Glo flew out in a MAT C-97 Stratofreighter and Beverly in a Convair.

Wilhelmina Hanzlik is the new owner of a King Size lawn umbrella and table under which, no doubt, will loll some of the best "coke sippers and bounce counters" at Speed's (Hanzlik) Flying Service, Flushing Airport, L.I., N.Y.

Mary and Bob Anderson of Coastal Cargo will move near Trenton soon -- and we hope their #35 race Navion will permit many visits back this way.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Ethel Fedders who lost her husband and mother in the month of July.

#### MIDDLE - EASTERN SECTION

##### MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Vega Insen

Our regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Harriette Mosbacher in Meadville, Wednesday, August 13th. Those attending were Marge Cook, Jean Swartwood, Betty DeVore, Josephine Weaver, Vega Insen and Harriette.

Jean told us all about the Boston Convention and, from her report, we gathered that it was a wonderful experience all the way through.

We also talked about the possibility of this group (or those who can) serving as ground observers. This will be discussed more fully at our next meeting.

Our main business of the evening was nomination of officers for the coming year. Ballots will be mailed out immediately. Following this, our meeting was adjourned, after which Harriette served us a delicious lunch. See you all in September.

Your reporter and friend recently flew to Pittsburgh in a lovely new 170 Cessna. Nope, sorry we don't belong to it - just took it down for a friend, to pick up some new accessories.

##### WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER

By: Hope M. Howard

Katherine Stinson was recently elected Vice President of the Society of Women Engineers. Now she has been selected as official representative of CAA to speak on

"Aviation Safety" September 5, at the Engineering Centennial in Chicago. A recent issue of the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR carried quite a story - three columns and six - on Katherine's activities in engineering.

The Chapter was invited by the CAA to attend the Air Age Education Conference here August 7-13. So we held a dinner meeting on August 7 at a local sea foodery, and went together to the opening session to hear Gill Robb Wilson, editor of FLYING magazine. During dinner, our delegates Louise Millican and Blanche Noyes gave us a report on the Convention. We heard the welcome and entertainment at Lawrence was out of this world and the New England hostess section deserves many orchids for the grand job they did.

Louise Millican was one of four pilots (and the only girl) from the National Capital Wing, CAP, who ferried 4 L-16's from San Marcos Air Force Base, Texas to Washington. Two of the ships will be assigned to the West Virginia Wing and two will remain with the National Capital Wing. During the 1500 mile flight, the ships made 16 gas stops!

Mary Jane Sasala and Jean Howard have been appointed Arthur Godfrey Air Fellows. Under these flight scholarships, established by Mr. Godfrey at American University in Washington, D.C., the recipients are given 35 hours of flight time. Mary Jane is using hers to get an instructor's rating - Jean a commercial rating.

Ada Mitchell chairmanned a spot-landing and bomb-dropping contest for Washington Air Derby Association - did mighty well herself.

#### SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

##### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By: Evelyn Bryan

The Ninety-Nines were well represented in the Tennessee State Booster Air Tour. Georganne McConnell and Helen Deason flew a Cessna 140, Ruth Thomas, accompanied by her young son Andy, flew their Cessna 120, and Evelyn Bryan with co-pilot Eddie Lee Griffin flew Evelyn's Piper Pacer. It was a wonderful tour and we are all looking forward to next year's tour which will be divided in two sections - one in the Spring and one in the Fall.

August 9th and 10th were the dates of our week-end meeting in Nashville. The weather provided a problem, but finally we found a "hole in the mountains" and were able to get over to Nashville. Hostesses Helen Deason and Georganne McConnell made it a memorable meeting. They gave us a wonderful picnic supper with heaps of fried chicken, and wonderful home made ice cream and cake to top it off. They invited a group of CAP officers and members in for dessert and an evening of hangar flying. The business session was held at noon on Sunday.

Welcome to our new members Sally Jackson, who is associated with Mid State Aviation at Murfreesboro, and Ada Cheek of Pulaski. Ada is truly a flying Grandmother - she has EIGHT grandchildren.

All Ninety-Nines of the Southeastern Section take note - Plan to be in Knoxville, Tennessee for the week-end of Oct. 4-5 for the fall section meeting. We are planning to have the largest group ever and are making plans to have fun along with a business meeting. Land at Island Airport. Transportation will be furnished there. It is a sod field 4000' long, and is only three miles from downtown Knoxville. If you plan to come by Airline, let us know what time so someone can pick you up at Municipal Airport.

##### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By: Mary Lee

News? Oh goodness yes. I have just returned from our August 17th meeting in Lockhart, Florida where our host and hostess for the weekend were our Chairman Elaine Mogelvang and her 49 1/2er Paul, who entertained us at their beautiful lakefront home. Arriving late Saturday afternoon, found Maxine Pratt, Margaret Pitt and Betsy Collins already there and in swimming. And not too many minutes later a call from the airport told us that Frances Harp and her 49 1/2er had just landed from Miami in their new 170 accompanied by Verna Burke. We had the usual "meeting weather" that weekend with numerous thunder-showers to upset the plans of most everyone who had planned to fly in.

Elaine's famous barbecue specialties weighed down the table that evening as we gathered under the big top out on lawn and unashamedly lingered over our second helpings. Guests included Theo and Mina Medernack, friends of Elaine's who had slipped off for the party after driving down from Savannah to pick up their new Lincoln convertible; CAA and tower personnel from the Orlando Airport;

and Bill Ayers, winner of the Florida Flying Farmer Cross-country trophy several weeks ago.

Jane Kochmit writes from Miami that she is leaving in September for a two year sojourn in Germany, and our Margaret "Sparky" Sparks accompanies that with a note "Going overseas---." Our Miami meetings just won't be the same without these two gals!

We missed having Pat Marshall, from near-by Mount Dora, but learned that she was on her way to Texas this past weekend to ferry back a plane for the local CAP.

Doris Zeagler wrote that she was thinking of us even though she has been unable to attend meetings the past few months. We were sorry to learn that the reason is that her husband, Dr. Zeagler, underwent an operation at the University Hospital in Augusta, Georgia, August 18th, but that he is recovering favorably.

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

##### NOTE:

The Illinois Chapter invites you to attend the fall meeting of the North Central Section at Chicago, Oct. 4-5. Congressman Peter F. Mack, Jr. of Illinois will be speaker at the banquet. (He flew solo around the world last year.) Registration 9 - 12. Transportation by Ninety-Nines from Rubinkam Airport and Meigs Field.

Make reservations direct with the Hotel Del Prado (headquarters) and indicate they are for Ninety-Nine meeting.

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We've always felt that the best part of our get-togethers was the informal chit-chat after the meeting. We have exchanged experiences--hair-raising, funny, adventuresome, etc., etc.--and had many a good laugh from them.

We would like each one of you from the North Central Section (whether you attend the coming Sectional meeting or not) to write briefly of the most humorous or most embarrassing experience you have had in connection with your flying. The winner will be announced at the banquet October 4th, and her story related by our Master of Ceremonies, Louis Roon of N.B.C. We have a lovely prize for the winner!

Entries should be sent to Mrs. Robert Gronowski, 376 River Bluff Road, Elgin, Illinois, and postmarked not later than September 27th.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER  
By: Jessie Gronowski

Another elegant flying day, and the Illinois Ninety-Nines congregated at Rubinkam Airport on August 17th. Erlene Conel and Helen Budwash had arranged a wonderful

feast of Bar-b-qued Spareribs with all the fixings, and plenty of watermelon---a super-meal for an airport get-together.

Alice Kudrna has left on a flying vacation to Washington, D.C. and all points east in a Cessna 140. Maybe she'll get material for another article in Air Facts like the one she did on her last trip over the mountains!

Kay Ferris will be leaving soon for several months visit in Southern California.

Dora Dougherty is back up in our parts again. It's like a shot in the arm to talk to that gal! She always has some new phase of her work at the University of Illinois to tell us about. We think we should plan a fly-in to Champaign to see a football game this fall, and have a get-together with the downstate girls afterwards. How about that?

Plans are all set for the air-meet at Elmhurst Airport on September 7th, beginning at 9:30 A.M. We are expecting a big crowd, and hear that Mrs. Priester is organizing for a ham dinner, etc. etc. (The Priesters have been wonderful to the chapter and always have a Cub on hand at the fly-in meetings for those who don't fly in, so that they can still participate in the bomb-dropping or spot-landing contests!) Esther Noffke, Chairman of the Meet, now has her A.T.R. Congratulations, Esther! We're real proud of you!

Anna Kroening is instructing at Arlington Heights and Milda Carlson at Stinson Airport on a part time basis. Jane White is instructing full time at Sky Harbor. Eleanor Deeming is with Crea Flying Service at Harlem Airport, working in the office and giving instruction in both flight and instrument.

Irene Leverton is at Terry Aircraft. Three fellows were down there from this vicinity and reported she was doing all the checkouts on the pilots and also was the only one who rated a Stearman with a 450 h.p. Pratt & Whitney engine. The others had only Standard Stearmans with 220 h.p. engines.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER  
By: Blanche E. O'Brien

August 17 at Lunken Airport, Cincinnati, the All-Ohio Chapter of Ninety-Nines were guests of the Cincinnati Airmen's Club and Edith Harmon, our Secretary-Treasurer. Martha Walter, Alice Fuller, Marjorie Miller, Virginia Ashelford, and Alice Schlott flew in the Efficiency Race. Our Vice-Chairman, Marjorie Miller won the second place trophy in the Cessna 170 class. Our pictures and a write-up were in the Cincinnati Enquirer. Marjorie Gorman and 49 1/2er flew down from Mansfield in their Bonanza, but couldn't stay for the luncheon. Marjorie is hostess at our annual meeting at Mansfield September 21.

Dorothea Greene recently returned from a trip to Europe. Jean Hixson, our Air Age Education Chairman, attended the conference held in Denver, Colorado



Picture taken in backyard of Jessie Gronowski after a bomb-dropping contest held at Elgin Airport on July 20, 1952. Picnic followed. [Elgin Daily Courier-News]

Left to right, seated: Hazel Hackwith, Evelyn Martin, Wanda Cartwright, Regina Devine, Marge Raglin, Doris Langher, Alice DeWitt; standing: Esther Noffke, Harriet Noah, Jane White, Jeannie Nachtwey, Helen O'Hara, Beatrice Slemmon, Alice Kudrna, Jessie Gronowski, Virginia Jansen, Florence Lacy, Dorothy Schmitt.

**MICHIGAN CHAPTER**  
By: Faye D. Kirk

Margaret Crane was hostess for our July meeting at Fenton. About 25 members enjoyed a wonderful brunch of fried chicken, corn fritters, with maple syrup 'n everything.

We elected officers for the next year - Chairman, Bernice Trimble; Vice Chairman, Margaret Crane; Secretary, Mary West, and Treasurer, Velta Skutt.

Betty Little flew to New York for her vacation.

Captain Lenore McElroy spent a short vacation in Michigan with her family. She returned to her Airforce Base driving a brand new cherry red Buick convertible. Her son Warren, a Sergeant, accompanied her.

Westport, at Clio, home base of Michigan Chapter's grandmother Mary West, is now Airmarked.

Thelma Lindzay recently returned from a trip to Oklahoma.

Jeannette and W. J. Sovereign spent six weeks in Alaska, flying both ways. They had a wonderful time and took some nine hundred feet of movies, which we are looking forward to seeing at one of our meetings in the near future.

Mary Creason has gone to Texas to be with her husband, Dr. Bill Creason, who has been called back into service.

September meeting will be at Becky Thatcher's home in Stanton.

**UPPER IOWA CHAPTER**  
By: Bernie Eno

Here we are again! We hope you have missed us, and we certainly have enjoyed reading about you this past year. You may think we have been dormant--we haven't. We have had twelve meetings this past year, meeting in seven different locations--we have continued our work on Air Age Education and other projects--we have attended Flight Breakfasts, an Air Lift, a Flyers Dance and carried on our Ninety-Nine Good Will. We have added two new members, Mrs. Jean Wildman, Ford Dodge-an ex-WAC who is studying for her Commercial Certificate, and Mrs. Dorothy Hunt, Sibley-a Private Pilot.

Virginia Koestner presented us with a prospective Ninety-Nine this summer--Vicki Lee is the name. Jean and Quentin Wildman recently returned from a vacation in New Jersey. Governor Ruth Shimon has been terribly busy going from Chapter to Chapter as well as attending Sectional and International Meetings for us. Betty Barton has been busy all Summer with her work at the State Park Lodge at Lake Okoboji. Your reporter has just settled down after vacationing since April 1. Our other members have also been flitting around and keeping themselves busy.

Sunday, August 24, nine members met at the summer cottage of Betty Barton at Lake Okoboji, where they were guests of Betty and of Fern McKinnon. A summary of the past year's business and activities was reviewed. Luncheon was served at Oak Hill Lodge on the Lake. During luncheon our new officers were announced: Chairman, Bernie Eno; Vice Chairman, Mildred Burt; Secretary, Helen Flaherty; Treasurer, Betty Barton.

Activities scheduled include: Dinner Party, Sept. 20 at the Cobblestone Ballroom, Storm Lake, Iowa; North Central Sectional in Chicago, Oct. 3-4; Fall Picnic, Oct. 19, Fort Dodge, Iowa. November 4, the Chapter will conduct the program at Buena Vista College, for the Storm Lake Chapter of the American Association of University Women. A guest speaker and movies are on the program and a large attendance of Ninety-Nines is expected.

**INDIANA CHAPTER**  
By: Joan Ferguson

The August meeting was held at Rochester, Ind. on Aug. 17 at the Colonial Hotel. Fifteen members attended. Luncheon was followed by business meeting and election of officers, as follows: Chairman, Jane Shope; Vice-Chairman; Rachel Miranda; Secretary, Lois Whitney; Joan Ferguson, News Letter Reporter. This was followed by a dip in the lake.

Jane Shope and Tannie Schlundt stopped by to see yours truly on the way back from Dunreith where Lois Miranda had been helping them paint an air marker. The Indiana Chapter has been responsible for six air markers.

Got a letter from Rae Cawdell. She has her private license now so we are looking forward to a new member.

Betty Pettitt had some bad luck on her return home from New Jersey. The fuel pump went out on the Ercoupe and

she had to make a forced landing. She didn't get a scratch and the plane was damaged only slightly.

**GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER**  
By: Neva Rea

Congratulations to our new officers: Chairman, Verna L. Wilson; Vice-Chairman, Rena Ryan; Secretary, Marie Kuhlman; Treasurer, Valencia Wyatt.

Sarah Gorelick, the delegate to the International Convention, gave a thorough and very interesting report of the business meetings, as well as on the banquets - parties - and Oh the Sea Food - and we were all ears listening and watching her enthusiastic gestures! This was Sarah's first International meeting...she is nineteen August 30th...has her commercial...is taking Link training along with her college work at the University of Denver...entered and finished the TAR...very good for an eighteen-year-old Ninety-Nine.

The Greater Kansas City Chapter offers a trophy to the member with the most flying time each month. This trophy, presented by two of the members, is known as the K-R Trophy, and will be a permanent gift to the member winning it three months during the year. We hope to make this a yearly project...will keep you posted on the outcome and the monthly winners.

**MINNESOTA CHAPTER**  
By: Marietta Sonnenberg

We are quite proud of completing our first airmarker at Northfield and hope we can finish others before the snow flies. Were so glad to have Blanche Noyes on hand to give her approval. She stopped off on her regular trip through the area for CAA. Bobbe Slade, International Airmarking Chairman, had hoped to come also, but couldn't make it. Besides painting the marker the weekend of August 16-17, we had a most fruitful meeting and a flying trip to a nearby airport for breakfast. Pete Frey won a picnic basket. Marilyn Kvalheim and Margaret Manuel lined up seven Boy Scouts to help with the marker and had it most completed by the time Pete, Dot Anderson, Rita Orr and I arrived! The Chamber of Commerce donated the paint and the Northfield Iron Company the roof. The Boy Scouts were treated to a big hamburger fry afterward and the next day we had our pictures taken on the roof for the local paper.

Several of us helped at the booth of the State Department of Aeronautics at the Minnesota State Fair, where youngsters are given "rides" in a Link trainer and the public is informed of aviation activities in the state.

Marilyn has achieved her seaplane rating...Audrey has another little boy...Marietta is putting in two-hour weekly stints on airwatch in Rochester... Evelyn has announced October 18 as the date for her wedding to Bob Paige. Other big news with Evelyn is the sale of her big department store in Rochester to the Dayton Company of Minneapolis. Evelyn and Bob plan to continue residing in Rochester after their marriage and may go into a smaller business here.

**WISCONSIN CHAPTER**  
By: Mary Lou Thompson

Dora Fritzke and Jeannette Kapus have just returned from a wonderful vacation trip to Maine.

Readelle Kellner and 49 1/2er Barney announce the birth of their son Paul.

Dorothy Wittman's 49 1/2er Steve Wittman, will be honored by having a plane he built, "Buster", placed in the Smithsonian Institute. Steve flew his midget plane to victory in Detroit September 1 in the Sixth Continental Motors Trophy Race. Congratulations.

Gladys Dean and family have had a fabulous flying trip to Minnesota, Seattle, Vancouver, San Francisco and down into Texas. Certainly gives us stay-at-homes "itchy wings."

Chapter Chairman Jeannette Kapus had a wonderful write-up in the Milwaukee Journal August 18 - "Women in Air Force Still Flying Planes as Civilians." It was wonderful publicity for women in flying.

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

**COLORADO CHAPTER**  
By: Donna Myers

While we filled our "tummies" with good Chinese food at the Lotus Room, August 8th, we made plans for the coming year and out-going chairman, Mary Collett, handed over the reins to Jane Nettleblad.

'Twas a pleasure to see Georgia White again. It had been a few moons since she'd been with us. And we were all mighty sorry to tell Darlene Gray goodbye for a while: 49 1/2er Fred, captain on Continental Airlines, has been transferred to El Paso and Darlene and daughter Jackie will leave to join him shortly.

September meeting will be a pot-luck supper at Lucia Joliff's - at which time Jane will appoint her committees for the coming year and will announce our projects for 1952-53.

Just received a letter from Gerry Mickelsen - she and Ethel Sheehy plan a quick trip to Salt Lake City, Great Falls, and on to Lethbridge and Calgary to visit the Canadian gals - strictly chapter visiting - how's that for Ninety-Nine good will?

KANSAS CHAPTER  
By: Helen M. Puffer

A large attendance is expected on September 14th at the home of Chairman Ann Waddell in Garden City, when the results of the election will be announced and our new officers installed. The meeting will begin Saturday the 13th and continue on through Sunday. Bob and June Alter and Ann will teach us all to play "Ugh and Wolf" on Saturday evening - a game picked up at the Concordia airmarking meeting. Also - pictures taken of the Concordia meeting will be shown.

From the appearance of the write-up in the Concordia Blade-Empire, the meeting there was more than successful! Margaret Ash has the clipping in the scrapbook. Hosts and Hostesses at Concordia included Ernest and Ruth Huscher, Mr. and Mrs. Blosser (who own an air service and the Skyliner Motel where the 99's stayed), Jack and Eleanor Bowman, Bill and Martha Bolman, Dr. and Stella Kosar, Dean Larson, Ross and Kaye Rolph, Russ and Dot Reeves, Jan and Meridith Daugherty, Joseph and Sally Bond. All the men are pilots although the majority of them are now inactive.

99's present at Concordia were Ann Waddell, Ann Hertlein, Helen Simmons, June Alter, Marge Cooper, Bobbe Slade, Ama Lee Jameson (our Governor from Brackettville, Texas), Verna Burns from Fort Worth who came up with Ama Lee in her Ercoupe, Pauline Hawks from Bruning, Nebraska, Belle Hetzel, Helen Nestle and Janie Bay from Omaha, and Jan Munkres from Weeping Water, Nebraska. And 49 and a half-ers! A lot of them. Lowell Waddell, Roy Simmons, Bob Alter, Dr. Bay from Omaha and Bud Hertlein. All stayed at the Skyliner Motel right at the airport. Dinner was served at the Motel with a party by the Chamber of Commerce at the Country Club, also a breakfast Sunday morning. Ann Hertlein has already repainted Belleville so Sunday was spent checking airmarkers.

Ama Lee was honored with a birthday breakfast roll and a Happy Birthday Song Sunday morning, in view of the fact that her birthday was Saturday and no one knew it until Sunday. Incidentally, it's 800 miles from her home to Concordia.

A number of Kansas members are expecting to attend the Fall Sectional Meeting at Lake Murray September 19-21. The program and reservation cards have already been sent out and returned. The program planned sounds like a summer vacation. We are quite proud that while we are in only our second year as Ninety-Nines we have two candidates listed on the ballot for Sectional officers.

We have heard from Doris Hall who has been staying home with her young Nick to more or less recuperate, but she is feeling better and hopes to be back to the meetings soon.

I read a very nice column in "Downtown Wichita" re Kansas Ninety-Nine meeting in Independence, but also the article questioned just who and what the Ninety-Nines were. Bobbe Slade, our secretary, is working on this problem of identity by sending out news releases to various Wichita publications. Any suggestions as to how we can become better known will be appreciated.

Bobbe Slade reports a most interesting trip to Elko, Nevada where she was the guest of Doris Eacret and husband Johnny at the Bing Crosby Ranch for the afternoon and dinner. She just missed Bing himself, as he had left the previous day for Los Angeles. However, the four Crosby boys were at the ranch. It was haying time there, but Doris took time out for company and Bobbe says she had a great time - as she did the following weekend in Los Angeles. She stopped at Van Nuys and had lunch with Ninety-Nine Bobbie Smith. This gal will soon be qualified to write a book about her travels.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER  
By: Dorothy Higbee

The weather man was very cooperative with our Chapter on the weekend of August 9-10 for our flight to Concordia, Kansas to meet with the Kansas and Greater Kansas City Chapters. Members of the Chamber of Commerce entertained us Saturday night at the Country Club and Sunday morning with a breakfast at the Skyliner Cafe. Five members of our Chapter attended: Belle Hetzel, Helen Nestle, Janie Bay, Janet Munkres and Pauline Hawks - all flying. We were happy to see Ama Lee Jameson, our South Central Sectional Governor, fly in. We all had a lovely time and want to thank the Concordia Chamber of Commerce and the girls of the Kansas Chapter for their hospitality.

On August 17th, our monthly business meeting was held at the Administration building at the Omaha Municipal Building. Six members were present. Lois [Boien] Durham has returned from Missouri to Omaha and will again take an active part. Clara [Spindler] Kruger writes from Texas that she is getting in a lot of flying time and may return to Omaha soon.

The results of our election were: Chairman, Jane Bay; Vice-Chairman, Laura Russell; Secretary, Helen Moore; Treasurer, Janet Munkres.

September meeting will be held at Lake Murray, Ardmore, Okla. in conjunction with the Fall Sectional meeting, September 19-21.

TEXAS CHAPTER  
Ark-La-Tex Unit  
By: Barbara Williams

Our first anniversary will be celebrated Tuesday, Sept. 16 at the Flame Restaurant, Gregg County Airport, Longview. That's the place where our first meeting was held a year ago.

Dinner at Romeo's, on the Longview-Kilgore highway, was enjoyed by members and two guests on Tuesday, August 19. Marie Barnes of Kilgore told how she helped her husband [Group 7 Commander for Civil Air Patrol] entertain Danish Air Cadets on their first visit to Texas. Virginia McJilton reported that the Ninety-Nines have interested Gladewater city officials in air marking the town. One of the guests, Margaret Jenkins of Gladewater, who has often flown with her husband in his Cessna, told of her Clipper trip to Hawaii. Others present were Lorraine Averett of Daingerfield, Barbara Williams of Gladewater, and Barbara Williams and a friend of Henderson.

Our July meeting was held at Hotel Marshall with only four members and one guest present - Mildred Carney of Shreveport, Syble Sanders of Marshall, Virginia, Barbara and Frances Woods of Gladewater.

Margaret Walker of Shreveport and her husband are now in business for themselves, renting their new plane and also instructing for the Barksdale Field Flying Club.

Dallas Unit  
By: Doris Weller

During the summer vacation months the Dallas Unit has been rather widely scattered, so there is not too much news to report this time. To date Dallas has had 20 consecutive days of temperatures above 100 degrees - which hasn't contributed to the desire to do much flying.

Martha Ann Reading has taken up aerial photography as a hobby. Recently she flew down to the Reading ranch in the Texas hill country and made a number of very fine aerial photographs, both in color and black and white. She and Bob (her 49 1/2er) intend to build an air strip on the ranch.

Josephine Allison has been spending most of the summer in west Texas helping with crop dusting and defoliating the cotton fields. She has gotten a nice sun tan and lots of good experience.

The Dallas Unit is very proud of our Director, Olean Sellers, who has been made Worthy Matron of her Eastern Star Chapter this year.

Delphine Bohn attended the International Convention in Boston and reports a marvelous time.

Martha Ann Reading and Doris Weller recently flew to Fort Worth for a visit and lunch with Bobbie Taylor who operates Midwest Airport there. Bobbie, though busy with her flying school, took time out for a little hangar flying.

El Paso Unit  
By: Florence McDermott

Summer vacation, some hot and rainy weather, plus illness, curtailed flying activities for the El Paso Ninety-Nine members this summer.

But the weather has lifted, and the vacationers have returned, so El Paso members are tuning up their planes for some more flying fun.

Anne Duthie was on the sick list. Pneumonia took her out of circulation for about two weeks after she and her husband made a flying trip to the West Coast in their Ercoupe to watch a favorite Scotty win some blue ribbons in a dog show.

Director Ruby Hays flew to San Diego to see her son, Raymond, complete the first phase of his boot training at the U. S. Navy Base.

El Paso members are awaiting a chance to repay the Albuquerque fliers for their hospitality in May. The El Paso group flew up with Ama Lee Jameson to help get that chapter reactivated. Virginia Cutter and Mary Lambert have done a lot of preliminary work in connection with this group. In this group at Albuquerque were Lela Carwardine, Louise Ziler, Ruth Deerman, Ruby Hays, Wilma Dittmore and Florence McDermott.

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

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Because of the recent upheaval at Bakersfield, the Fall Sectional meeting of the Southwestern Section will be held at Fresno, California on September 27-28. The San Joaquin Valley Chapter has agreed to serve as the sponsoring chapter.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER  
By: Trixie-Ann G. Schubert

The August meeting was a barbeque on the newly equipped patio of Jeanne and John Strahl's home at Encino. The date - August 11 - was also the wedding anniversary of the Strahl's; both were happy and tanned - the tan from a week at Lake Tahoe.

Also vacationing was Ruth Ann Ranse at Lake Arrowhead. Chairman Margaret Standish was on the temporary sick list and Clara Davis was playing nurse to her recently hospitalized 49 1/2er.

Roberta Smith dined Kansas Ninety-Nine Bobbe Slade, who ferried a Cessna 170 to Van Nuys Airport, where Roberta works.

Irma [Babe] Story reports that she sat hours at the phone at Lancaster Airport phoning emergency messages relayed from earthquake-struck Tehachapi only 40 miles away. Irma is well acquainted with the little town which was almost destroyed July 21st - she has done considerable crop dusting around the area. Since Tehachapi was cut off by road, rail, and telephone, press and radio people from all over the country swarmed into Lancaster Airport waiting for air rides into the stricken area.

Margaret Sturges has a new car; got it in a rather devious fashion by accidentally smashing up the old one.

San Fernando Valley Chapter Ninety-Nines joined with the Los Angeles and Long Beach Chapters August 15th, at a banquet honoring the TAR contestants.

SAGUARO CHAPTER  
By: Bonnie Fugitt

Our August social meeting was held at the home of our galling 'gal, Betty Knier, who just returned from a vacation trip to Hawaii (via airlines). We were all wishing we had been there as she showed us some very interesting color movies that she took of the Islands. In addition to seeing Oahu, she also visited the lovely little Island of Kauai where she took color shots and movies of a live volcano--live, but not erupting, just seething and simmering, gathering strength for its next violent upheaval. Betty reports that Hawaii is a heaven-

ly vacation spot; that she was not disappointed -- quite the contrary, in fact; the climate there is just perfect.

Another of our traveling members, Ethelind Woodhouse, is in Alabama for the convention of the National Flying Farmers at Auburn. She and her 49 1/2er, Harold, are breaking in their Cessna 170 - their new pride and joy-- on this trip. Ethelind, who is a member of the Yuma Squadron, CAP, took time out of a very busy summer to be the senior member in charge of girl cadets at the Cadet Encampment at Williams Air Force Base in June.

Lost: two members to other chapters. Our loss--their gain. We lost Rita Gibson to the Long Beach Chapter this summer. Then Verda Mae Jennings moved to Florida recently when her 49 1/2er, who is in the Air Force, was transferred. Two prospective members, Camille Shapley and "Babe" Williams attended our August business meeting at the home of Berniece Jespersion.

Flyingest member in Saguaro Chapter is Juanita Newell who just can't keep her feet on the ground! If she isn't piloting a Cessna 195 for the Vinson Construction Company or the Welsh Plumbing Company, she is wild blue yondering in McGinnis' Beech Bonanza. And in her spare time she rides herd on business for Sky Harbor Air Service when the operators are out of town -- where they have been most of the summer.

I'd like to back up to July and the AWTAR long enough to say that the members in our Chapter hope the race contestants enjoyed their stop-over in Phoenix as much as we enjoyed having them here. It was a real pleasure seeing so many of the girls who came through last year and also meeting the "new faces."

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By: Lindy Boyes

This month got under way with a fly-in at Buchanan Field, near Concord, 15 miles east of Oakland. Playing hostess to northern California 99's, this chapter was represented by Hazel Miles, Marion Barnick, Rosemarie Gehling, Margaret Gerhardt, Miriam Brugh, Ann Rodgers, Dorothy Monahan, Patty Sherwood, Pat Gladney, Helen Menefee, Lorene Misener, Esther Haney and Yours Truly. Others who flew in were Ruth Hewitt, Coral Bloom, Margaret Callaway of Sacramento Chapter; Frances Dias, Billie Wyatt, Jean Vincent, Irmyl Fitzgearl of San Joaquin Chapter; Anna Brenner and Nellie Palmer of Redwood Empire Chapter. Lotsa food and talk on a beautiful sunny day, and fun was had by all.

Visiting Miriam Brugh last week was Dorothy Grieve from Hawthorne, Nevada, who was en route to her new home in San Bernardino.

Another fly-in was made to the Capitola-Santa Cruz Airport on the edge of Monterey Bay. Swimming and picnic lunching was in order for all who made the trek. This list includes Rosemarie Gehling who checked out in a Bonanza for the flight and took Miriam Brugh as co-pilot, Ruth Rueckert who flew down in her Taylorcraft, and Helen Kelton, Dorothy Monahan, Hazel Miles, and Patty Sherwood who was hostess, and Alberta Hunt, recent transfer to this chapter from Salt Lake City.

Yours Truly went the opposite way for the weekend by flying to Travis A.F.B. to be guest of Margaret Callaway, Sacramento Valley Chapter Chairman. Had fun flying with Margaret in her Fairchild K-R-21 doing acrobatics.

San Diego Chapter  
By: Maxine Smith

A combination business-social meeting was held August 15 at the home of Betty Gillies. Betty, Bud [her 49 1/2er] and son, Pete, assisted in an interesting and informative demonstration by Macmillan Oil Company on the merits of various brands of oil in connection with horsepower development of automobiles. Betty and Bud set up the floodlights, Pete used his Chevrolet pick-up, and Ruth Gamber loaned her convertible for the tests. The demonstration was arranged by Aileen Pickering of the Long Beach Chapter and questions were invited from all present. Pat Gillies returned from Hawaii, where she attended the University, a few days before the meeting, and departed a couple of days later for points east.

Julie Culbert and 49 1/2er Larry were present as guests. Julie, now of the Los Angeles Chapter, was formerly our chapter chairman. She has been in San Diego for a few weeks, preparing to move to Florida.

Arriving home in the nick of time for the meeting were Mary, Roger and Ward Wing. They spent their vacation

at Seattle, Washington, where Roger entered the Gold Cup Regatta speed boat races and came out fourth place winner in the 48 cubic inch class [that's a speedboat, he tells me]. They viewed the Golden Gate Bridge and Yosemite Park during their return trip.

Chairman Claire Hale, 49 1/2er Kenny, and son Tommy, left on the 16th for a two-weeks camping trip in Sequoia National Park. Betty, Bud, Pete Gillies and a guest departed recently via auto pulling a trailer for a vacation at Lake Tahoe.

Dottie and Bob Sanders are off for a long Labor Day weekend flight in their Cessna to Sioux City, Iowa. They planned to make the trip in one day, plus a little night flying - barring bad weather - and give that omni and super radio equipment a good check-out.

Thelma and Harold Bishop are back in the air. They had their damaged Piper brought home from Arizona, traded it on a 1953 four-place Custom Tri-Pacer, delivery scheduled for December. In the meantime, Baker Aircraft Sales of Long Beach loaned the Bishops a Piper Cruiser to "keep them flying." Daughter Joan has decided to take flying lessons.

Helen Dick, Maxine Smith and 49 1/2er Gordon, gave a beach party and weiner roast on August 2d and got the TAR contestants together to relate their experiences in the race. Forty-eight members, 49 1/2ers and guests attended, and all non-race participants enjoyed hearing the stories. Mickey Young recited the "Turtle Song" from Wheeling.

Lois Bartling is another chapter member who attended the International Convention and reports wonderful hospitality and a good meeting. Harry met her at Rochester, New York, and they vacationed in New York and Des Moines, Iowa, flying their Swift home via Cheyenne, Wyoming and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Helen Dick, Lois and Harry Bartling, Evelyn and Bob Bridges, and Jacqueline Trenfel report a good time at a beach party and picnic hosted by the local chapter of The Women Flyers of America.

Evelyn Briggs completed her summer graduate work at State College with four "A's".

Dottie and Bob Sanders, Lois and Harry Bartling, and Isabelle McCrae are quite active CAP members and attended the August CAP picnic. Dottie is now an Assistant Adjutant.

Art Lambert went to Canada to bring his family home around the first of September.

#### LONG BEACH CHAPTER By: Betty Loufek

Discussion of the potluck dinner September 15th at the beautiful home of Dianna Bixby in Long Beach took most of the August meeting. Movies and slides of the 1952 AWTAR will be shown, and Dianna will show movies taken in Mexico. The dinner will be the first social meeting, open to 49 1/2ers and friends, that the Chapter has held since our Christmas party. That's what working on the air race does to your time!

Present for the closed business meeting were Donna Evans, Shirley Blocki, Barbara London, Fern Stiefler, Aileen Pickering, Edna Stennett, Rita Gibson, Betty Loufek, Mae Sharp, Claire Walters, Iris Critchell, and two brand-new members Adeline Maylen and Mary Drummond. Also present was 8-week-old Mike Jr., proudly shown by Claire.

Many items of business were discussed, among the more serious were possible candidates for Sectional offices. An informal report on the International Convention was given by Barbara London.

The Chapter announces the following officers for the new year: Chairman, Barbara London; Vice-Chairman, Betty Loufek; Secretary, Edna Stennett; Treasurer, Donna Evans.

The Long Beach chapter still has some official programs for 1952 AWTAR which we will be glad to send, postage paid, for 50¢ each. Orders should be sent to Betty Loufek, 5316 Carita Street, Long Beach 8, California.

#### SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER By: Frances Dias

Lillian Brown was hostess to our August 17 meeting at her home on Brady Avenue. It was almost impossible to get those members attending out of the swimming pool long enough to hold a business meeting. However we did manage

to make nominations for sectional and chapter officers for the forth-coming elections. Those attending were Laura Mae Crawford, Hazel Zimmerman, Frances Dias, Ev Hendley, Dottie Houghton, Lillian Brown and Billie Wyatt.

Seven of our members attended the Bay Cities Chapter fly-in to Buchanan Field at Concord, Calif. on August 3d. Every one had a very good time and enjoyed seeing the large number of Ninety-Nines present. Following this fly-in, the Zimmermans, McPhersons, Wyatts and Frances Dias flew to Santa Cruz for some cooling sea-beezes.

While at Felton Airport, Billie met Lois Spier from Eureka, Calif. Lois is a member of the Humbolt Chapter whose members live at the northern tip of California and are hampered by very foggy weather conditions so we see very little of them.

Due to the emergency at Bakersfield, our Chapter is sponsoring the Southwestern Sectional meeting on September 27-28 at Fresno, California. We have a lot to accomplish on short notice but we are willing to do our part under such circumstances. We hope to make the visit of the Section to Fresno a pleasant one and please try to come. Your support is needed.

#### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER By: Ruth B. Hewitt

A luncheon meeting was held August 3d at the home of Edythe Phipps of Marysville. Present were Gerry Mickelsen, Ethel Sheehy, Margaret Callaway, Louise Sue, Ruth Hewitt, and prospective member Eileen Bruce. Eileen is a first lieutenant in the Nurse Corps stationed at Travis Air Force Base.

Gerry and Margaret had just returned from Teterboro, by way of Vancouver, where they visited the Ninety-Nine chapters in Canada.

Ethel Sheehy and Gerry are on their way to visit the girls in the Calgary-Edmonton vicinity. This is our newest Chapter. On the flight up, the girls are stopping at Great Falls, Montana and Salt Lake City to visit the local Ninety-Nines.

Our Chapter is planning a flight to Klamath Falls, Oregon on Sunday, Sept. 14th, to meet with the Oregon girls. Everyone is welcome!

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

#### WASHINGTON CHAPTER By: Virginia Stover Richardson

The August meeting was held in Yakima and the highlight of the meeting was the showing of the colored slides of the 1952 TAR, 1952 Convention, and Canada Tour.

Our Chapter voted to pay for the paint for an airmarker for an Eastern Washington town and we will have the help of the CAP in painting it.

The September meeting will be held in Seattle at the home of Mildred Mandeville.

#### C A N A D I A N   S E C T I O N

#### CALGARY-EDMONTON CHAPTER By: Margaret Littlewood

The local members of the Calgary-Edmonton Chapter of the Ninety-Nines held an informal "snack" meeting on Monday, August 18 at the Seven Seas, Edmonton.

The purpose of this interim meeting was to discuss further the possibilities of sponsoring a scholarship for a girl Air Cadet, and suggestions regarding the raising of funds for same.

Plans were tentatively arranged for the regular fall meeting to be held in October, at a date suitable to all members--this meeting to include the election of the new officers for the coming fiscal year. Another item of discussion was that of contacting prospective members so that they, too, may attend the fall meeting.

After the business portion of this meeting, Shirley Goldring showed us numerous photos of her trip to Whitehorse, Yukon and explained many points of interest.

Those attending the Monday "snack" were Doris Taylor, Shirley Goldring, Jean MacLean and Marg Littlewood.