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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"Brickaero"

Dear Ninety-Nines:

It's hot but the Fifth Avenue shops are displaying winter styles so I'll take a cue from them and mention a winter past time, recommended to you by me. Like me you probably love books but can't afford to buy them all. Only ONE Ninety-Nine Chapter I've discovered has the secret - Michigan. They have a lending LIBRARY containing 24 books at present. It includes several technical books and others such as those by Amelia, "High, Wide and Frightened" by Louise Thaden, "Heroines of the Sky" by Jean Adams (Cook) and Margaret Kimball, "Airman's Odyssey" by Antoine de Saint Exupery, "North to the Orient" by Anne Lindberg. Some have been donated and some bought with fines. They're loaned from meeting to meeting - or a .25 fine monthly. A Chapter Librarian is appointed. This year I discovered the AERONAUTICAL LIBRARY SERVICE (117 W. 48 St., NY 19) where one may obtain scarce and out-of-print aviation books and periodicals. At one time they had "The Fun of It," "20 Hours and 40 Minutes," and "Last Flight" by AMELIA EARHART. You'd enjoy having them in your Chapter Library.

We are most happy to WELCOME THREE new members:

NANCY LORNA ELLIS, about whom Nancy Bird Walton, also of AUSTRALIA, has told us such glowing things. As of this spring NANCY ELLIS was first officer on a Lockheed Lodestar employed by Air Cargo Pty. but just recently she has become CO-PILOT ON A REGULAR COMMERCIAL PASSENGER AIRLINE. Among her FIRSTS in Australia: First woman to fly as first officer in a commercial aircraft, first woman to secure a first class wireless operator's license, first woman to have a heavy aircraft endorsement, ONLY woman flight instructor there TODAY, and one of two women gliding instructors. Following a listing of her considerable technical experience she has become the only woman member of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences in New York. During the war she managed to get to fly Tiger Moths "up to 10,000 chilly feet" for the anti-aircraft in her time-off from aircraft production work.

When you realize that in all of Australia there are only 4 women commercial pilots, 32 private and 63 student pilots, you can see what progress Nancy has made. She is eager to spearhead the forming of the 99 Section there and aptly says, "with aviation advanced to the stage it is one country is not so many miles away from one another, but only so many MINUTES FLYING TIME AWAY."

ELIZABETH THERESE BOSELLI of Paris, FRANCE whom Jackie Cochran has met a number of times and sponsored. A graduate of the Diplomatic Section, School of Politics and Economics in Paris, she first obtained her private license in 1938. In 1945 she became a 2nd Lt. and pilot in the FRENCH AIR ARMY and flew such planes as the Pursuit Dervortine 520. Postwar she took up soaring and broke the feminine international altitude record for gliders, as well as that for planes 500-1000 kgs. Right now she is flying aerobatics in Air Shows and is a member of a group of researchers on wave flying and aerology in mountains. Hobbywise she writes stories and poetry, and paints - aviation subjects, of course.

GUNILLA MARFA TELLANDER of Goteborg, SWEDEN, an architect who came here to meet Frank Lloyd Wright and see his famous school of architecture in action. Spurred by the Los Angeles Chapter she plans to form a Swedish Section when she arrives home after a trip to the Fiji's, Samoa and Australia. Gunilla holds the Silver C for excellence in gliding, all of which is done solo in Sweden. She obtained her power license on the British Austin 5, with 120 hp. As in so many countries except the

U.S.A., pilots must be licensed separately to fly each type of plane even of the same hp, that is, you may not fly a Taylorcraft if you hold a Cub license. As you 99s are probably aware, gliding and soaring are more universally practiced by our "at-large" 99s.

Marjorie Fauth writes that she was "sort of adopted" by a Turkish girl on the boat from Egypt to Turkey and when she got to Istanbul the girl and her brother really "showed her around." Turned out that the Turkish girl is married to an American TWA flight engineer. There is NO PRIVATE FLYING in Turkey, but they do have some 20 women in their Air Force who do instructing in military aircraft. And TRUE it is that they did some COMBAT FLYING during the last war.

(I have to diverge here to tell you about Marj's "first." She is probably the only tourist in captivity to CROSS THE BOSPHORUS IN A ROWBOAT. She sat several evenings on her hotel room veranda in Istanbul overlooking the Bosphorus where it runs into the Sea of Marmara, wondering as she looked at the Tower of Leander if it really marks the spot where he swam the Hellespont to see his lady love. Well, she took a boat up the European side and decided to come back along the Asiatic side, so half-way to the Black Sea she hired a man to take them across so they could catch the return boat on the other side. When the boatman unfurled the sail he found the wind too strong and the water too rough - so he had to do the entire trip with the oars!)

We want you to be on the alert for ADA ROGARTO of Sao Paulo, BRAZIL who has flown from there to Alaska in a Cassna which carries her name and greetings from Brazil's First Lady. She will return to Los Angeles and cross to New York, thence to Canada, and home via Florida and the Island chain. (Look around for someone who can interpret Portuguese). This is but a partial story of the friendships 99s have been gaining in nations all over the world. Thanks to Nancy Bird Walton for saying it so simply, "THE BIRD HAS NO NATIONALITY."

OHIO  
It has been our objective this year to cover EACH 99 PROJECT WITH A PICTURE. The one exception is AIR MARKING due to the twice thwarted presentation of the Blanche Noyes Air Marking Trophy to Virginia Ashelford, but at the Mackinac Island Banquet it will be featured. There are now TWO awards available to hard-working 99s: The BLANCHE NOYES AIR MARKING TROPHY given by CAA which goes to the PERSON who is responsible for the most air markers in a year from January to January. RUTH SHIMON is the only other 99 to earn this trophy. The other award certifies that "any 99 responsible for the construction of 10 air markers IN HER STATE for the calendar year of 1951 will be presented a cash award of \$50 by Arlene Davis." BE SURE you obtain FORMS from Blanche or you and the Ninety-Nines may not get credit for your efforts.

A word on PUBLICITY. Get it AFTER you've put in the marker, or accomplished an objective. To publicize your intention and then fail to follow thru hurts the entire program. And in any type of publicity, don't OVERRATE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT to the press. When mentioning news and magazine write-ups in the 99 Newsletter, mention the PUBLICATION AND DATE as other 99s might like to obtain copies.

COMING -- A much needed release, a composite picture of the 99s and their activities thru the years is about to be forthcoming. Through the efforts of KENDALL HOYT who edits the NAA Newsletter, and the generosity of NAA, a 4 page Section will be devoted to the 99s. The material has been selected with prospective members in mind. It will be of assistance to the press for they need background material and our need for foreign release is pressing.

Would that all 1200 Ninety-Nines could be at Mackinac Island at our 22nd Convention to hear the accomplishments of the past year recapped. Each year we solidify our organization further, and younger and newer 99s pick up the self-imposed tasks. Six new chapters this year with South Dakota, New Mexico and Vancouver in the making as well as the Australian, Brazilian, S. African and Swedish Sections. POLICY has been established by the CONTEST COMMITTEE, thanks to the copious and prompt help given Chairman FRANCES NOLDE by the many 99s who have had experience racing. Any Chapter PLANNING AIR COMPETITION should contact this Committee well in advance of the event. POLICY for the NEWSLETTER has been set with a view to making it more informative and enjoyable. Note that 99 items should NOT be

offered for sale until APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD as set forth at the 1948 Convention. Get that necessary approval and your item will be ADDED to the "WHAT AND WHERE TO GET" list.

And are you FILING your 99 Newsletters? So many things would be of great help to you throughout the year, especially to all officers. When you read it each month make notes in the margins for quick reference later. The DUTIES of ALL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN have been disseminated and adherence thereto should definitely help us "GAIN A MEMBER, RETAIN A MEMBER" as Chairman Donna Myers has so adequately expressed it. Cooperating with Membership is the new INTL. WOMEN PILOTS LIAISON COMMA. of the NINETY-NINES, Inc., ably headed by MARJORIE LAWS of CANADA, which will disseminate information and keep up personal contacts "abroad." This is a full job in itself requiring voluntary interpreters. AIR AGE EDUCATION got a good start in ALL its aspects - TEACHERS AIR AGE, WING SCOUTING and CIVIL AIR PATROL. The winner of the WIAA AWARD of a \$50. Defense Bond to the Chapter making the most significant contribution this year in this field is in the process of being determined. The AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND winner will soon be announced. It is not surprising that under MELBA BEARD'S guidance contributions this year have been very good. CLIMAXING all the endeavors are, of course, the TRANS-CONTINENTAL AIR RACE and THE INTERNATIONAL RACE. MARDO CRANE, BETTY GILLIES and HELEN McBRIDE assert that nothing could better demonstrate the VALUE OF THE PRIVATE PLANE TO CIVIL DEFENSE and the CAPABILITIES OF WOMEN PILOTS. The value to membership is marked! Without permission I'm quoting HELEN MENEFEES, "You couldn't scare up 5 people when I lived in San Diego before. Now - whee!"

As Ninety-Nines are taking off from MAINE to CALIFORNIA, and from FLORIDA to WASHINGTON for these superbly planned events, I am rounding out 6 consecutive years in 99 office. I'm still wound up as you perceive, and enthusiastically PROUD OF THE NINETY-NINES INC. My DEEPEST APPRECIATION to ALL my fellow officers, international and local, and to the members and non-members who have contributed so generously to the success of this organization with their "jingle" and with their "hearts."

Sincerely yours,  
Kay Menges Brick, President

#### GENTLE REMINDER FROM YOUR SECRETARY

The new CAA Airmen's Identification Card will be required for active Ninety-Nine membership after effective date September 1, 1951. These may be obtained from your local CAA office. Requirements are two recent photographs 1"x1", copy of birth certificate, passport or World War II identification card and license.

#### ALL-WOMAN TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE NEWS

As this issue of the News Letter is being published and mailed out to members, the 1951 AWTAR will be winging its way across the country from Santa Ana, California, to Detroit, Michigan.

The 1951 Race was limited to 50 entries. We regret that this was necessary and realize how disappointed many of the girls were whose applications could not be accepted due to the quota being filled. We hope that next year the race can be opened to a larger number of entries. It is apparent that nationwide interest in the race is mounting in leaps and bounds.

Our thanks to Mary Ann Weatherby for her donation of \$5 to the Air Race Fund. We are embarrassed to ask this, - but must. Will the Chapter which donated \$10 to the Fund, and has as yet received no acknowledgement, please drop us a card. Your letter has been swallowed up in our voluminous files and we are not certain of its source! - Please forgive us!

The 1951 Air Race Committee and the AWTAR, Inc. wishes to express profound thanks and appreciation to all the Chapters and members of the Ninety-Nines who have helped so substantially to make this race possible. We know that all the entrants in the TAR will fly a safe race, and we wish them all the very best of luck.

Air Race Committee  
Mardo Crane, Chairman

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

As the fiscal year draws to a close, your International Membership Committee would like to express its appreciation for all the fine cooperation and help you, as individual members have given us throughout the entire time.

I believe that our thanks should go to each and everyone of you who have done your utmost to inaugurate new chapters, to contact on your own time, prospective members, and who, bless each of you, have contacted us by letter, listing a prospective member to be contacted, even though she is from another section of the country.

As Chairman, I would like to thank Broneta Davis, Governor of South Central Section. She can be very proud of the new Kansas Chapter and her work in the entire section. Gerry Mickelsen, of the Southwestern Section, and as Governor of that section, has inaugurated - is it 4 or 5 new chapters, Gerry, during the past year, both in California and in Utah. Marguerite Fenley, Portland, Oregon, and past governor, has been right in there pitching. She has done a grand job. Dorothy Shackelford, past governor of the Southeastern Section, has been one of our most active members on the Membership Committee. Marjorie B. Davis, who has long been active in our organization, has had a few problems, almost completely different from the other five members on the committee. She has almost too many members, in a closely populated area, to cope with. Marje, by the way, has a terrific amount of International contacts, and would have worked on them whether or not she had been asked to serve on our committee. I think she needs a vote of thanks for doing a great deal of this work entirely on her own.

Thanks, Marjorie, Broneta, Gerry, Marguerite and Dorothy for serving so ably on our committee - you've been wonderful, each and everyone of you, and I just want the other gals to know

what you have done, although we don't have room to list all the work you've accomplished.

Thanks to all of you Ninety-Nines who have helped and you should know that the biggest spark has come from our president, Kay Brick, who has taken much, much time to advise us of girls who should be prospective members.

REMEMBER "RETAIN A MEMBER - GAIN A MEMBER".

Thank you again,  
Donna Myers, Chairman  
International Membership Committee

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER SPONSORS WING SCOUT TROOP

The Wing Scout Troop, the first of its kind in San Diego County, has grown from eight to twenty-two members since its organization last October under the leadership of Mrs. H. O. Bishop of LaJolla and Miss Joan Lovett, Flight Instructor at Del Mar Airport. The troop's sponsoring group, the San Diego Chapter of the 99's, arranged a tour of Lindbergh Field in cooperation with the CAA.

Mrs. Harry Bartling and Mrs. Robert Sanders, represented the sponsors. A flight was arranged as an award for the successful completion of ground studies. On June 1, wings were presented at the Scout Court of Awards Program, La Jolla Elementary School.

Credit for the 99's participation in the program goes to Lois Bartling, Wing Scout Chairman for us, Ruth Gamber, Claire Hale, Helen Dick and to the Troop leaders who kept us at it. Everyone agrees the Wing Scout Troop is fun as well as work!



WING SCOUT TROOP NO. 489 (The 89 Club)

Pictured: Standing, left to right: Lois Bartling, Wing Scout Chairman (99); Betty Sidey, Troop Secretary; Dottie Sanders, Secretary, San Diego Chapter 99's; Tonia Mann; Shirley Halsey; Judy Sabadois; Claire Dugan, Troop President; Phyllis Hamilton; Linda Luhman; Mary Annette Cleaver; Joan Lovett, Troop Leader (flight instructor at Del Mar); Mrs. H. O. (Thelma Bishop), former troop leader. Front kneeling: Lindsay Krebs; Virginia Beok; Donna Hardesty; Joan Dunkel, Troop Treasurer; Terry Fait.

Through the sponsorship of the Arizona Chapter of 99's, a Tucson Chapter has at last been organized and chartered. Tucson tenders deep thanks to the Arizona Chapter for all the advice and help in forming our chapter. The flight to Payson was really an occasion. We were very sorry Gerry Mickelson wasn't able to make the trip as planned. Though we are a small group of gals, we are going to do our darndest to be an active chapter.

Among the members.....

BEATRICE EDGERLY has to date 143 hours in the air. She won her private pilot wings in 1947. Recently, Beatrice flew to Los Angeles and Phoenix. She uses her plane to fly between her studio and gallery showings of paintings - a new use for flying - this talented D. C. born artist says.

She came to Tucson in 1939. Her husband is also an artist and her two sons are pilots. A nationally-known writer, she wrote "From the Hunters Bow" in 1942.

GERTRUDE GENEVIEVE GELDERMAN is one of ten children. She moved to Miami in 1921 and while there had three years Nurses Training at Jackson Memorial Hospital. As a new R.N., enjoyed this work from Feb. to Dec. 1926. In 1927 she went to Tucson to care for an invalid arthritic gentleman (Dr. Gelderman). After five years, Dr. Gelderman and Gertrude were married. Gertrude has two sons, Fred 18½ and Albert, soon 16. Albert started her interest in aviation. On May 11, 1950, Gertrude first ventured on a lesson and on August 2, 1950, became a proud Private Pilot. She now has 125 hours.

ANN MARTIN HECKER learned to fly one year ago at San Antonio, Texas. She recently married and came to Tucson. Is national woman's skeet shooting champion and only woman to hold all the national championships at one time. Has a Cessna 140.

MENLA MILLS learned to fly at Stephens College, Missouri and is now in her Junior year at the University of Arizona, Liberal Arts College. Objective is Commercial License. She is 20 years old. Menla's home is St. Louis, Missouri.

MAGGIE SCHOCK learned to fly in 1947 at San Antonio, Texas. She owned and operated two airports after the war. Last airport was Silver Dollar Flying Service at Seguin, Texas, where she ran a large G.I. Flight School. Her husband, Ray, is a flight instructor and taught Maggie to fly. He ran the flying portion of the business, Maggie says, and I took care of the office. Now has a Luscombe Silvaire.



Seated, left to right: Marjy Crowl, Maggie Schock. First row: Lucinda Hathaway, Wilma Bland, Faye Jones, Dottie Sanders, Bea Edgerly, Verda-Mae Jennings, Gertrude Gelderman. Back row: Grace Pistor, Rita Gibson, Bonnie Fugitt, Betty Knier, Ernestine Stanley, Pinky Hayes and Patricia Barton (latter a guest).

A word more on AIR AGE EDUCATION. Some wonderful materials are available. AIR AGE EDUCATION in MICHIGAN, Bulletin #341, published by the Supt. of Public Instruction in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Aeronautics, Lansing, Michigan is well worth \$.25 to out-of-staters. This is a comprehensive curriculum with supplemental material for teachers. The section on books, pamphlets and periodicals indicates whether each is for primary, secondary, adult, etc.

CAA, Aviation Education Division, Office of Aviation Development has some helpful pamphlets, too:

1. STATE PLANS, PROGRAMS AND PUBLICATIONS IN AVIATION EDUCATION. \$. (in case you're trying to sell aviation education to your school system).
2. A selected and annotated bibliography on the SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF AVIATION \$.30. Includes Air Safety, Mail, International Air Commerce, Geography, U.N. Reports, etc. (Surprising how many books dealing with aspects of aviation).
3. Selected and annotated bibliography on AVIATION FOR GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS \$.15 (Careers to you).
4. Catalogue of FILMS distributed by CAA. (Free use of - mostly technical)

If you join the NATIONAL AVIATION EDUCATION COUNCIL (in care Aviation Education Division, CAA, Washington 25, D. C.) for \$5.00, all such material is included in membership.

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When flying, don't be a statistic looking for a headline.  
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## CHAPTER NEWS

### MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

#### EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By: Mildred Zimmerman

Our July 25th meeting was held at the Riveredge in Reading, Pa. Nice to see our Chairman Ruth Shafer with Marge Kodrich and Ina Young from Philadelphia; Christine Siegel and Lillian Marks from Allentown and Easton; Augusta Roberts and Ethel Evans from Delaware and Katherine Gaul, Leona McElroy and Frances Nolde, the hostesses from Reading. A nominating committee was appointed for the selection of the new officers and delegate tickets were issued to Fran Nolde, who will be one of the judges on the finishing line of the TAR, along with Betty Warnock.

Vi Delp's beautiful wedding and reception highlighted the month of June. She is now living in Montclair, N. J. We hope she can arrange to attend some of the meetings with us.

We understand a new member has been added to the Richard Miller family (Marie Bowers).

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Augusta Roberts upon the loss of her husband.

#### MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Harriette Mosbacher

Betty Johnson (the feminine half of the Mason Johnson team, who have the beautiful Great Lakes Camps for children, on Lake Erie) was hostess to the Meadville Chapter at their July meeting. Betty is a marvelous hostess. The major part of the business was in relation to convention. Pauline Harabedian is replacing Vega Ishen as our alternate delegate. Incidentally, this will be of interest to some of you gals. Vega, is a talented artist and has been doing some really fine oil paintings of 99's and their planes and 49ers from kodachrome color slides. I am sure Vega would quote prices and sizes on request. Write Box 64, Fairview, Pa.

AND NOW FOR THE NEWS that I have been simply bursting to write. Jean Peden, who is a flight instructor, has been taking some instruction from that little fellow with the arrows and

apparently Dan Cupid has seen fit to solo her into the arms of handsome Ronald Swartwood. Congratulations, Ronald. You picked a fine gal.

### NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Mildred E. Morey

June 24th meeting was held at Beverly Airport and Prides Crossing, where Ann Cutler was hostess at a luncheon at her beautiful summer estate "Broadleigh". Ann's mother, Sen. Leslie Cutler, spoke on advancement of aviation legislation. Guests were Daisy Kirkpatrick, Judy Short, Helen Wright, Connie Sheridan, Isabel Blodgett and Rose Abbott.

Several of our gals had a wonderful evening at Jackie Cochran's cocktail party at the Ritz, following award to Jackie by the Boston Chamber of Commerce as one of the Women of Achievement.

Our Martha's Vineyard group of 99's is growing. Helen Mary Clark sold one of her lovely colonial homesteads at Farm Neck Cove, adjoining Oak Bluffs Airport, to Nancy and Bob Love.

Judy Short and her husband, Marion, formerly an American Airlines Captain, had a most miraculous escape, thanks to Shorty's skill, when the engine of their Howard quit in an overcast shortly after takeoff from Beverly Airport. They came into the clear, at 800 feet and chose the "softest looking" trees.

Esther Gardner and Lucille Dingley are flying in the TAR. Also six girls are planning to fly direct to the convention.

### NEW YORK NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Lois Fairbank:

"DEATH TRAP WIRE KILLS WOMAN PILOT" - thus read the headline in the Daily News regarding the accident which killed Bella Heineman. The result of this is that the wires at the end of the Meriden Airport in Connecticut are being removed. Too late to save a 99er but not too late, we hope, to save other fliers.

Bella had always been interested in safety in flying. We trust that Bella has not died in vain. Isn't it time that most of us roused ourselves from our lethargy and started a campaign to have hidden hazards, such as wires, removed from our fields? We in New York-New Jersey are going to make a definite effort to see that such happens at all our airports.

Let's not wait until another accident occurs before we move into action. We know how hard it is to get the cooperation of local officials and public utilities, but even if we hang white flags on the wires and see that they are kept there, we will have made some progress.

So, let's go to it...and keep 'em flying.

The following is a poem written by Louis DeJean on May 7, 1951 in memory of Bella. We thank him most sincerely.

\*\*\*\* FOR BELLA HEINEMAN \*\*\*\*

One moment, pilots everywhere-  
A NINETY-NINE has gone the way  
Her Leader went - gone West, we say;  
So let us bow our heads in prayer.  
(Flyers, dip your wings, and pray.)

Let's pray that on another shore  
An Honor Guard has watched her land;  
That Earhart waits to grasp her hand;  
That comrades who have gone before  
Now welcome her to their command.

Attention! Daughters of the Sky!  
Now put aside regret for pride;  
For she you mourn has dignified  
The work of all ordained to fly.  
Salute the NINETY-NINE who died.

Louis DeJean  
58 Chestnut St.  
E. Orange, N. J.  
May 7, 1951

### SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Louise M. Smith

The July meeting at Lake Murray was quite a success. The weather was fine, so we were all in the air. The Bradshaws from Pinehurst; Kathleen O'Brien and Jewel Bailey from Charleston; the Hamiltons from Charlotte, bringing Nancy Mayes and Sara Payne; the Smiths from High Point, bringing Burnette Spencer. The Hembels, Shackelfords and Amalie Stone were at the airport to greet us. We spent the whole day on Lake Murray. Host and hostess, Caroline and Les Hembel, took us all over in a house-boat, boasting the name "The Spent Rooster"!

Bits of News: Betty Hamilton has a new Tri-Pacer and also is a Flying Grandmother, a chapter "first"...Frances Miller is off, touring Europe....Congrats on the booklet that the South Carolina Aeronautical Commission has published, featuring Amalie as the Director of the Program of Education on Aviation and on Amalie's new commercial license.

Next event is a joint Carolinas-Tennessee Chapter meeting, Sept. 15th in Asheville, N. C. It was voted to hold alternate meetings on Saturdays and Sundays, so that our Sunday working 99ers could attend Saturday meetings. Sunday, Oct. 21 meeting will be in Charlotte.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By: Evelyn Bryan

Our July 29th meeting was held at Island Airport. Ruth Thomas was hostess, entertaining with a lovely picnic. Although attendance was relatively small, due to vacations, quite a few business items were completed.

About all Eddie Lee Griffin and I can talk about is the trip we are planning. We are entering the TAR and are quite excited about all that flying and the trip to California, as well as the race. Two more girls from our section are entering too.

News Bits: Patricia Burnett and 49<sup>er</sup> Buster are vacationing in Mexico....Bonnie McDonald has gone to her home in Miss. for her vacation....Every Thursday finds Jane Hilbert and husband Louis out on beautiful Watauga Lake in their boat.... Cora McDonald has just returned from her vacation visiting relatives in Miss....Pearl Brock and Fred have purchased a Tourist Court in the edge of Knoxville and are really busy getting it started....We were sorry to learn that Elizabeth Wallace has moved away and left us.

### NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ

#### BIG FALL SECTIONAL MEETING

Location: Madison Wisconsin Date: October 6 and 7

The Wisconsin girls will be hostesses to the Ninety-Nines of the North Central Section for the fall sectional meeting, scheduled October 6 and 7.

Wisconsin products and produce will be featured, which everybody knows means that good Wisconsin CHEESE - that good Wisconsin BEER - famous Norwegian Folk Art - a beautiful water-color by one of Wisconsin's famed Rural Artists - and many, many more items of which Wisconsin is justly proud. Even your 49<sup>ers</sup> will be in line for some wonderful prizes, so be sure to bring them along.

Invitations will be mailed to you in the very near future and we would like you to fill out, and return immediately, your reservation cards. These should be sent to Mrs. Gladys Dean, 24 Paget Road, Madison Wisc.

So get in your airplanes, come by train, car, bus, or walk - but don't miss the fall sectional meeting at Madison, Wisconsin on October 6 and 7.

The Wisconsin Ninety-Nines  
Gladys Dean & Pearl Nelson  
Co-Chairmen of the Fall Sectional

#### ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By: Jessie Gronowski

The last fly-in meeting was held on July 15, 1951 at Chicago-Hammond Airport at Lansing, Ill. It was good to see Doris Langher, back after that broken leg. She still loves Sun Valley.

A secret landing time prize of \$8.00 worth of flight-time was won by Helen Budwash. Alice Kudrna and Doris Langher were appointed delegates to the national convention. Our next meeting is scheduled to be a business meeting for concentrated efforts for the air meet to be held at Elmhurst Airport on September 9th (rain date Sept. 16th)

The Amelia Earhart raffle brought \$2.25 for the fund. Clever gift donated was "Tailspin" cologne by Regina Devine, won by Erlayne Conel. Nice to see Erlayne back after a long illness.

Have you all seen and read the article written by our Alice Kudrna in the July "Air Facts"? Its title "So I went on Instruments".

Olive Tuttle and her husband flew their Cessna down to Bradford Illinois. Irene Leverton finally got word that the crops needed spraying out West, and is on her way. Hazel Hackwith has been flying an Aeronca on floats at Dale Smith's Seaplane base to keep her SES intact. Betty Archibald is instructing there part-time. Bennie Bosler is in Boston again. Kay Ferris reports seeing Dora Dougherty last weekend.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Joan Ferguson

The June meeting of the Indiana Chapter was held on the 17th at Mrs. Hurt's private lake near Stout Field in Indianapolis. There were 16 members in attendance and 2 guests. We had a wonderful time swimming before and after lunch. We are happy to welcome two new members, Lois Christopher from Muncie and Barbara Bedwell from Terre Haute.

The Indiana girls are planning some nice things for the TAR's when they come through Indianapolis. Ginny Eberhart is in charge of publicity and is doing a terrific job. Jane Shope, our secretary, is helping Ginny greet the girls when they come in. Also Fern Rinker, Lois Whitney, Charlotte Poland and yours truly are planning to be on hand. We are hoping the city of Indianapolis will roll out the red carpet and have promises for some wonderful publicity.

#### IOWA CHAPTER

By: Helen R. Gallentine

Our July meeting was held the 15th at Niederhauser Airways with the Upper Iowa Chapter as guests. The weatherman gave us a nice day, permitting seven planes to fly in. Those attending from Upper Iowa were Ruth Schleusner and 49<sup>er</sup>, Ruth Shimon and 49<sup>er</sup>, Verna May Prochaska, 49<sup>er</sup> and their 2 children, Bernie Eno, Beulah Frotcher, Virginia Koestner and Betty Patterson. Attending from our own chapter were Floyd and Irene Dalbey, Thelma Olson, Jean Minden, Esther Niederhauser and myself. Esther and I were co-hostesses. Our noon luncheon was held at Lloyd's Restaurant, south of Marshalltown. Afterwards, we went back to the airport and held an informal business meeting in a shady spot on the lawn.

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By: Fern McKinnon

Sunday, July 15th, eight members, three 49<sup>ers</sup> and two 24 3/4<sup>ers</sup> winged their way to Marshalltown for a joint meeting with the Iowa Chapter. After lunch, all went out to Helen Gallentine's farm to see Helen's family landing strip; later all met at the airport and had a gab session until 4:30; then taking off in time to get home by dark.

Ruth Shimon of Pocahontas, has entered the All-Woman International Air Race which starts at Orlando, Florida and ends at Windsor, Ontario. She will fly co-pilot with Greenwood Cocanougher of Lexington, Ky. The two will then go on to the convention at Mackinac Island. Ruth, we all think its pretty swell having a member of our chapter entered - we'll be pulling for you.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Thelma C. Lindzay

Our June meeting was held at the home of Margaret Crane, next door to her sister's golf course. Our 49<sup>ers</sup> played golf while Chairman Becky Thatcher conducted the business meeting. Before this, we had a delicious brunch. We were happy to have as our guests Carol Conn of Temperance, Michigan, Barbara Lowden of Jackson and Lillian McQuire of Ann Arbor. The last two will soon be our 'new members'. Jeannette Sovereign told of the plans she and Bernice Trimble have made for our entertainment during the convention. They sound so good we can hardly wait.

Our July meeting was held at the home of Becky and Harold Thatcher. Harold grilled steaks for 35 members and guests. For those who stayed on and on, there were steaks of elk, from a 700 pound beauty felled with one shot from the gun of our 'big game' hunter Becky in Wyoming.

NEWS: Charlotte Raymond of Adrian, Michigan became Mrs. Jule S. Theobald on May 11th and is now living in Toledo. Best wishes to both. Lucile Biscoomb is spending the summer in Rapid City, S. D. with her 49<sup>er</sup> Jack in the Air Force there. Capt. Lenore McElroy spent a short 20 days at her home in Ypsilanti. She is Asst. Adj. of the 1737th Ferrying Squadron. Mary Gardanier and Jerry Lynch, Kalamazoo, participated in a CAP search mission. Alice Hammond was on the Hdq. Staff for this Mission. Helen Anderson and Addie Binsfield took the Florida International trailblazers Helen McBride and Ruth Hubert to the Wings Parade at the Windsor Canada Flying Club. Helen Anderson presented wings to the only girl pilot Mary Brannagan, now a prospective 99. Suzanne Hickman has spent a busy month flying about in a PT. A letter from Fran Bera says they have moved into their new home and that she is instructing at Bellplane Airport, Bellplane, California.

In August we make our annual trip to Austin Lake for the delightful picnic with the Kalamazoo members as hostesses. September meeting at Grand Haven, Michigan, when we will talk over all that happened at the convention and make plans to attend the North Central Section meeting in Wisconsin.

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Bea Brand

Our June 17th meeting was a breakfast at Redwood Falls, Minn. with Dr. Brand assisting Bea Brand with a breakfast of baked ham and eggs. Our business meeting discussed the successful North Central Sectional, held in Rochester.

We had another fly in breakfast, Sunday, July 29th, with Virginia Shaw as hostess, her husband, Bill Shaw assisting by preparing the delicious pancakes and sausages on their outdoor grill. Our business meeting took place on their front porch overlooking the Lake Minnetonka and their Republic Seabee, tied down on a cement ramp, right in their front lawn. Our guests were Mr. Leslie Schroeder of the State Department of Aeronautics and Mrs. Schroeder. He stressed registration of aircraft and suggested the 99's help with the program.

Two new members were voted into our chapter: Miss Rita Zbylick from Winona and Miss Pat Murphy from Minneapolis. Welcome girls. Mr. Knowlton of Rochester, our generous 49<sup>er</sup> was presented with a sterling silver bracelet engraved: C.E. Knowlton Co-Pilot 49<sup>er</sup>. After counting the ballots we learned that our new officers are as follows: Chairman, Marietta Sonnenberg; Vice Chairman, Virginia Shaw; Secretary, Audrey Baird; Treasurer, Novia Frey.

Miss Marietta Sonnenberg of Rochester will be hostess for our next breakfast flight, September 9.

#### ALL OHIO CHAPTER

By: Lore Kugler

For the fourth year, Pepper Ambus invited us to her summer home at Cedar Point. Swimming on her own private beach, cool refreshing drinks throughout the day, a grand lunch, a wonderful boat ride made our July 15th meeting marvelous. She won't let us pay! The only thing she will let us do is give a donation to her favorite charity...the crippled children.

After the very short meeting, Pepper showed us the CAP film

which you CAPers all know is very good. Meant to take a count of how many Ohio 99's are participating but got so excited listening to our gals talk about the International and Trans-continental races that we forgot.

Lucille Noyes, our airmarking chief, has given permission to Arlene Davis, North Central Section airmarking chairman, to present a cash prize of \$50.00 to each girl who is responsible for 10 air-markers in her state in the calendar year of 1951. Arlene is also going to present a 99 All-Ohio Goodwill Trophy at the convention.

The All-Ohio Air Tour was once again a big success. A few that we know of who went were Arlene Davis, Mary Oetzel and hubby Fred, Jean Bonar and Doctor, Mary Feoser, Alice Puller, Helen Skjersaa, Joan Hrubeck. There were trophies, a hangar party and much more. Everyone is looking forward to next year. Almost forgot, Ohio's own Mary Jane Sasala flew in from Washington, D. C. just to be on the Air Tour.

Our Ohio TAR gals are going to give you a run for your money. Those we know of for sure are Marge Miller, Arlene Davis, Marge Gorman and we believe Mildred Harshman. We're hoping to see a few more in there too. Everybody's excited, everybody have fun, and we'll SEE YOU FLYING.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Ruth C. Lembke

Pearl Nelson provided the chapter with GAVU weather, a delightful park and marvelous eats at the July 15th picnic at her Planeview Farm in Stoughton. Gladys Dean flew up from Madison, bringing Bernie Voelker and Sue Fern, landing exactly on the secret landing time to win the prize awarded by Pearl--solid cologne. The Heise quartette arrived from Milwaukee in their Cessna, Deedo and Herm bringing their son Paul and his charming wife, Marion. Readelle and Barney Kellner drove over. Elsie Peters will represent us at the national convention. Dot Faust arrived in her Ercoupe to invite us to East Troy for August 12.

Of course, all the conversation and business plans were about the biggest event on our calendar. You are all invited to attend the North Central Section Meeting in Madison on Oct. 6 and 7.

#### SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

##### COLORADO CHAPTER

By: Jane Nettleblad

The June meeting of the Colorado Chapter was held at the ranch of Dorothy Atkinson at Colorado Springs. Claudia Perry, Ruth Mugele, Mary Wenholz, Grace Mayfield, Darlene Gray, Marilyn Nordstrom, Mary Collett and guests Ruth Clark and Lucia Jolliff, both prospective members, attended from Denver. Verna Christopher drove in from Pueblo. Dorothy served cocktails and a wonderful luncheon.

The July meeting was held on top of Flagstaff Mountain, with Clara Lemons and her family as hosts. Frances and Ed Tepper brought their daughter Barbara and son Jerry; Marilyn and Harold Nordstrom and son Craig; Jane and Swede Nettleblad and Christine and Billy; our new member, Lucia Jolliffe and her 49<sup>er</sup> Ray; Bob and Mary Collett and Bob's mother; and Donna Myers attended. A picnic lunch was enjoyed and the afternoon was spent at the Lemon's farm near Boulder.

The Colorado Chapter is mighty proud of the fact that we have two members who were chosen Flying Farmer Queens -- Rheda Short from Wyoming and Clara Lemons from Colorado.

Mary Collett has been given the honor of portraying the part of "Susan" in the Denver Post Opera "The Desert Song". Frances Carpenter is a partner in the new real estate firm "Graphic Realty". Jo Trinder writes they are as busy as bees getting their new motel built in Roswell, N. M.

##### KANSAS CHAPTER

By: Bobbe Slade

Due to a king sized flood, the recent joint meeting of the Missouri Valley, Oklahoma and Kansas Chapters in Concordia, Kansas, on July 14 and 15, was not too well attended as many

of our members were either flooded or helping neighbors. Those who did put on their boots and make it to the meeting were Anne Waddell, Helen Simmons, Marian Hardman, Joan Jacobs and Mary Burke Eiler (who, incidentally, has just become a member), guest Wilma Erhard of Concordia and 49<sup>ers</sup> Lowell Waddell, Roy Simmons and Leo Eiler, also Joan's brother, Fred. The Nebraska girls there were Belle Hetzel, Jan Munkress, Lois Boien, Helen Moore, Ruth Kees and Beatrice Maok and 49<sup>er</sup> Dan Kees. The Oklahoma girls were completely flooded in and couldn't make it. The Concordia Chamber of Commerce really went all out to entertain the girls.

There is an attempt being made to arrange our meeting schedules so that we three neighboring chapters (Missouri Valley, Oklahoma and Kansas) can meet once in a while and still not conflict with our regular monthly meetings.

Greetings and welcome to new members Mary Burke Eiler of Salina and the recently elected President of the WNAA and Mrs. Ruth Nickell of Topeka, our two most recent members. It's good to have you with us. Mary is planning to enter the TAR along with Lucille Cheetham and we hope we can be there to see them cross the finish line.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Margaret Ash, our Vice-Chairman, whose 49<sup>er</sup>, Milt, passed away suddenly the fourth of July. Milt's warm personality will certainly be missed by all who knew him. Our sincerest sympathy also goes to Broneta Davis, our Governor, whose 49<sup>er</sup> Tod recently passed away.

##### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By: Ann Martin

There was no chapter meeting in July due to bad weather, illness and business appointments. Regular meeting for September will be held at the Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Oklahoma on the 22nd and 23rd. Make your reservations early with Ruth Harris, P. O. Box 463, Ardmore, Oklahoma, for that weekend, Sept. 21, 22 & 23.

We were all grieved to hear of the death of Tod Davis, husband of our Sectional Governor, Broneta. Tod was always willing to help the 99's. He and Broneta were in the original group that started the Flying Farmers in Oklahoma, now a national organization. He was in his third term as mayor of Minco, Oklahoma.

Ida Carter reports she enjoyed her week's visit during June in Panama....Ruth Jones returned recently from California, where she spent the summer with her husband there on duty with the Navy...Emily Frost is now in Stillwater, Okla. - her address is 602 So. Hester, Apt. 1...Dorothy Morgan's 49<sup>er</sup> Merrill has returned home from Mayo Clinic. Best wishes for a speedy recovery....Ruth Harris has now received her first aid Red Cross certificate in Ardmore. Congratulations!...Irby Keen and Velma Woodward have joined the group who have their new CAA I.D. cards. Don't forget to get them before Sept. 1st.

##### TEXAS CHAPTER

By: Doris Weller

DALLAS - The July meeting of the Dallas unit began with a dinner at Love Field Airport and was followed by a short business meeting. Candidates for Chapter offices were discussed. We're very proud of our new member, Randy Haggood, from Henrietta, Texas, who not only possesses a Private License, but also an A&E! And when she becomes 18 years of age, she will have all requirements for a Commercial License. Randy attends Stevens College, Missouri.

AUSTIN - The Austin unit met at the home of Florence West on July 19. The following members were present: Pearle Ragsdale, Edna Hammerman, Madge Janes, Mildred Miller and the hostess. A suggested slate of officers for the chapter next year was voted upon and will be forwarded to the Chapter Chairman, Ama Lee Jameson. A report was made on the raffle which the Austin Unit has held for the benefit of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund and we are happy to report a check for \$27.35 has been sent in to the Fund chairman.

FT. WORTH - Edna Gardner Whyte of the Ft. Worth Unit will be entrant number 21 in the TAR. Also Cleva Godfrey and Verna Burns may still enter the race later on.

The Texas Chapter is glad to welcome back a former member, Bobbie Taylor, of Ft. Worth who manages Midwest Airport there.

## SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

### SAGUARO CHAPTER

By: Rita M. Gibson

At our July business meeting, plans were made to publicize the TAR in Phoenix, which is a designated stop for contestants. Our chairman, Marjy Crowl, has since appeared on TV to tell about the TAR. We are all rooting for our lone entrant, Melba Beard, who has recently transferred to our Chapter from the Los Angeles Chapter.

Bernice Jespersen was hostess at our social meeting, a luncheon at the Sky Chef, attended by Margy Crowl, Bonnie Fugitt, Wilma and Bill Bland, Rita and Paul Gibson and Bernice's 49<sup>er</sup> Roy. This was our first social on the ground, but we did get 100 feet in the air by climbing the new control tower at Sky Harbor. It is the latest type tower, with an insulated spiral stairway. The radio gear is installed below the control room, which is sound-proofed.

Betty Knier has flown to Mexico for her vacation. Bonnie Fugitt is vacationing in Seattle. Virginia Hash has recently returned from a flight to Miami, Florida, where she attended a legal convention. Wilma Bland and 49<sup>er</sup> Bill are planning to fly to Santa Ana to see the start of the race.

### BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Monahan

Bay Cities Chapter was asked to Air Mark Hollister, paint furnished by the City. July 20th found the Bay Cities digging out Ye Old Paint Buckets and rags and hi-ing themselves down the valley to Hollister. Adele Chase, in charge of layout and crew Ruth Jacquot, Ruth Rueckert and daughter Marsha and Miriam Brugh arrived on Saturday evening to get an early start. Miriam Brugh was in charge of mixing paint. Those flying down were Pat Gladney, Helen Kelton, Helen Menefee, Dorothy Monahan, Betty Budde, 49<sup>er</sup> and 3 small fry, Ardel Hawk and 49<sup>er</sup>, Carol and Jay, Rita and Al Hart. Marion Barnick and baby motored down. Though somewhat less than the quota of 20 99's showed, we were able to keep the paint flying until we ran out.

Bay Cities entries for the 1951 TAR are Pat Gladney, Margaret Standish in Pat's Cessna 170; Ruth Rueckert and 6<sup>1/2</sup>-year old daughter Marsha in Ruth's T-Craft; twins Jan and Marian Dietrich in a Cessna 120 and Lindy Boyes flying with Margaret Calloway in a Cessna.

On June 17th the Bay Cities Chapter sponsored an Air Show at Gee Bee Airport, San Jose. Margaret Calloway thrilled the crowd with her stunting, Mary Packard did a wonderful job of ribbon cutting, Beth Collins won the Navigation prize and Lindy Boyes the Spot Landing contest. Glider rides were also the order of the day. The gals in charge of eats were kept busy.

### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By: Trixie-Ann Schubert

Race business was the agenda for the July meet at the Officers Club on Sunset Strip. A festive note was added by recent chapter guests, Ethel Sheehy, former national president of 99's; Gerry Mickelsen, governor of our section; and Helen Michejda, editor of new national magazine "Air Age".

Prospective 99s at the meeting were ex-WASP Lola Perkins and Mrs. M. Elizabeth Sanders, a pilot who is "somewhere in my fifties."

L.A. Ninety-Nine Anne Rambo with Rita Patten as co-pilot will trail blaze for the 1951 TAR. The two previously had planned on racing.

While this reporter vacations in Wisconsin, Clara Davis will write the newsletter copy. Then Clara and her hubby will take off for North Dakota and Minnesota in their own plane, ending the vacation trek at a convention in Kansas City.

### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Grieve

This past Monday morning, July 30, I helped save the lives of two men, lost in a storm on Walker Lane, on whose shores the town is built. The boat had capsized, and one man had been

lost. The other two spent most of the night in the water. At dawn, I flew with the local sheriff on a search patrol. Within an hour, I spotted the boat, with one aboard. We returned to the field, alerted the Navy crash boat, and led them to the scene. Soon after, we sighted a man swimming. More dead than alive, he was soon rescued, also. Though we continued the search, most of the day, the lost man was not found until I saw him the next morning while on a lone patrol.

This tragedy has a lesson for any community - that flying is an important part and integral partner of a Search-and-Rescue team. I am proud and grateful for the part I was able to play in this rescue. My flying paid its biggest dividend that day. I hope this will indeed show the world that women flyers do have a place in the sun and can serve, too, in time of emergency.

### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By: Julie Hale

San Diego's aviation dance was a success that brought a sigh of relief to us all. Isabelle McCrae and her committee were responsible for the terrific crown as well as a smooth dance and wonderful floor show. LoWanda Gabriel, Jacqueline Trenfel, Anne Grogan and Jean Murray put out a mountain of work, with special praise to Jean for beautiful posters at airports and the dance. San Diego's twelve race entrants were honored.

News gathered at the dance: Maxine Smith has bought the Piper Vagabond that she will fly in the race...She also is bragging about her sponsor, Breast O' Chicken Tuna, represented by Larry Kanner. Dex and Shirley Lanois were there from Shreveport, where Dex is on Air Force duty. Mary Ring was telling everyone of her terrific forced landing at Tulsa when it took both her and Roger to overcome a broken throttle cable on her T-craft, dodge buildings, bounce over fences, make 90° turns at twenty feet to skid around a DC-6. All the damage was a little hole in the tail from an obstruction light.

San Diego has shipped the individual first place trophy which remains permanently in the winner's possession to represent the big trophy which she holds for a year. It is on display at the General Motors Hangar at Detroit City Airport.

### SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Alice McPherson

Our July meeting was held at the home of Ethel Heiland. Chairman Billie Wyatt presided. Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws were discussed and nominations were made for section officers. Dottie Houghton was appointed Girl Scout Leader for the 99's.

Hazel Zimmerman, Billie Wyatt and 49<sup>er</sup> and Frances Dias attended a meeting of Sacramento Valley Chapter at Travis Air Force Base on July 7th. Margaret Calloway was hostess for the day. A tour of the Air Base was followed by a swimming party. The Wyatts and Frances remained over Sunday nite for the cocktail party and dinner-dance at the Commissioned Officer's Club.

Lillian Brown is spending a month in Mexico City and is missed by sister 99's. Frances and Billie are spending all their spare time waxing Billie's Piper Pacer for the TAR. They have drawn No. 13 for their race number.

### UTAH CHAPTER

By: June Raybould

The annual summer encampment of the Utah Wing, CAP, boasted two 99s among the group flown to Nellis Air Force Base at Las Vegas. Maj. Eunice Naylor, Wing Training Officer, was in charge in the girl cadets. Also accompanying the group was 2nd Lt. "Bobbie" Pratt. Eunice and Bobbie hosted our July meeting at the Salt Lake Municipal Airport. The 8 members attending were given a very interesting lecture on Link training by Mr. R.E. Dunckhorst, CAA Senior Air Route Traffic Controller.

News Bits: A prospective 49<sup>er</sup> was born to the Bob Arentz's on July 25. Mother Zada is now joining our Chapter...Vice chairman Lucile Christopherson had a bad few minutes when her 49<sup>er</sup> Merrill had an engine failure on takeoff recently. He managed to bring it skillfully down in a marshy section and all three passengers walked away unhurt....Good luck to Elko member Doris Baoret who will fly her Cessna Patroller in the TAR.... Dorothy Allen and June Raybould made a RON trip to Mackay, Idaho to enjoy the famous Idaho Fish Fry Breakfast.