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President's Column

Florence, Italy
August 19, 1960

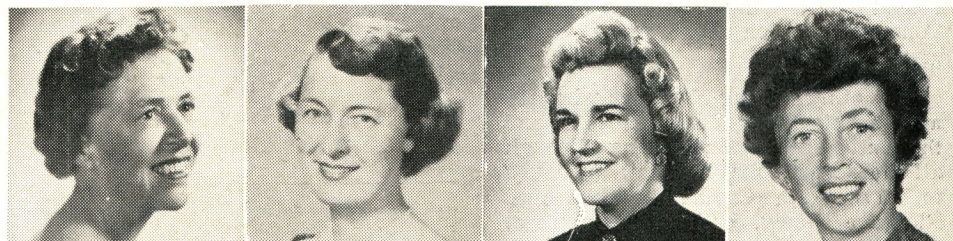
The 54 of us on the trip have been so many places and seen so much that it will be a month before we fully realize and can catalogue our experiences. The regular Grand Tour you can read about in any guide book, but we have been more fortunate than most since we have had the privilege of meeting some of the finest people (what I call the "real people") of the countries where we have been entertained by the Aero Clubs. The first was a semi-formal reception at the Royal Aero Club in London. Here we were able to formally present the Charter of the Australian Section to Lady Maie Casey and several other Australian 99s and to pin a new Australian member. After spending the day trailing behind our stereotyped British guide (remember the cockney voices in *My Fair Lady*) it was a joy to discover that the true Britisher has a delightful sense of humor and a beautifully modulated voice.

In Amsterdam we spent the afternoon and evening at Helversum Air-drome and all had flights over the Dutch countryside in French and German light planes with our host pilots, and a few of us had glider rides with the whistle of the wind in our ears instead of the noise of propeller and engine or the chatter of 50-plus feminine voices in a bus.

In Belgium, due to a late arrival, there were flights for 12 so we drew straws and that evening enjoyed aperitifs in the Aero Club, a former Guild Hall centuries old. In Germany, Elly Beinhorn had rounded up pilots from all over the country and arranged for an aerial salute but our bus drivers took the wrong road so the planes couldn't spot us. That evening we finally all got together in a Ratzkellar for an evening of singing and gemütlichkeit. The following evening in Mannheim (a new hotel and we all had private baths) a formal reception with many dignitaries and AP and UP press representatives. Elena Gerhardt

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Scholarship Contributions Down In 1960

To those of you who attended the National Convention at Wilmington and heard the Treasurer's report, the information that our Scholarship donations fell off badly this past year will not be news. However, for the benefit of the rest of our members, it is felt that an up-to-date accounting will be of interest. Contributions totaling \$150 have been received since the report was made up for the meeting, but even including these, the contributions for 1960 amount to only 77 per cent of those received the previous year. Results, by Section, are as follows:

New England Section	Nil
New York - New Jersey	\$ 50.00
Middle East Section	10.00
Southeast Section	85.00
North Central Section	235.00
South Central Section	65.00
Northwest Section	42.00
Southwest Section	208.06
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Contributions by Chapters were as follows:

San Diego (Calif.)	\$123.06
Chicago Area	75.00
Santa Clara (Calif.)	50.00
Michigan	50.00

Bay Cities (Calif.)	25.00
Indiana	25.00
Iowa	25.00
Idaho	25.00
Alabama	25.00
Greater Kansas City	20.00
Central Illinois	15.00
Wisconsin	15.00
Abilene (Texas)	15.00
Eastern Pennsylvania	10.00
Colorado	10.00
Montana	10.00
Florida	10.00
All-Ohio	10.00
San Antonio (Tex.)	10.00
Phoenix	10.00
Fort Worth (Tex.)	10.00
Dallas (Tex.)	10.00
Eastern Idaho	7.00
El Paso (Tex.)	5.00
Midland (Tex.)	5.00

It is fervently hoped by your Scholarship Trustees that contributions for 1961 will more approximately equal those for 1959 of \$892.64. Let's try, shall we?

Sincerely,
Marjorie E. Fauth,
Chairman
Board of Trustees
Amelia Earhart
Memorial Scholarship

Chatter From Headquarters

By Carol Craig

After the bustle of so many visitors in July due to the AWTAR, August brought only four guests to Headquarters, but such delightful visitors they were.

It was my pleasure to have Polly Stoehr of Pasadena, Calif., stop by again and this time she brought Mr. Stoehr along. These two very wonderful people were just returning from a European vacation and were staying in Oklahoma City long enough to attend the Flying Farmers Annual Convention which was already in progress.

Two other Flying Farmers who are also Ninety-Nines came in to spend the entire afternoon looking through all the scrapbooks. It was a pleasure to have Ruth Craine Lembke and Florence Toney, both of Milwaukee, Wis., take so much time from their busy convention schedule to enjoy their Ninety-Nines Headquarters.

ATTENTION NEWS LETTER REPORTERS

DEADLINE

By the 25th of each month, to 99 Headquarters, except October and June, no News Letter in November or July.

HEADING

Please head each page of report as to section, chapter, reporter and page number. This prevents mix-ups at printer's shop with news from other chapters.

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Type double spaced, full width of regular sized paper. If reports exceed one typewritten page, please number paragraphs in order of importance. Unless numbered, the last paragraph is usually the one deleted if the occasion arises. Do not write on backs.

PICTURES

Color prints will not reproduce, glossy black and whites preferable. Do not write on the backs, but attach names and occasion to the bottom of the picture with scotch tape for removal in printing. (The usual limit of pictures we will print from each Chapter during the fiscal year is two.)

By following the above procedure, you will make assembling and printing of the 99 News Letter easier.

Thanks a million.

99 Headquarters

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 16 - 18

Southwest Sectional
Sacramento, Calif.
North Central Sectional
Cleveland, Ohio

Sept. 23 - 25

South Central Sectional
Garden City, Kan.

Sept. 23 - 25

Michigan SMALL Race
Start and Terminus
Muskegon, Mich.

Oct. 22

Fourth Annual Dallas Doll Derby
For Applications Write Dot Warren
3511 Ridgeoak Way, Dallas 34, Tex.
Deadline for Entries: October 15

1960 - 1961 Roster

The 1960-1961 Roster will be in your possession in November this year, but in order to do so, Headquarters will need to have prior to September 30 the following:

1. A picture of each NEW section governor, international officer and member of the executive committee. These should be at least 1½"x1½" or larger in a glossy black and white.

2. Complete listings of section and chapter officers, meeting dates, etc. Please return forms to Headquarters as soon as possible. Let's make these 100 per cent this year.

3. Notification of any changes of address or name not previously given. Some members are not receiving their Ninety-Nine literature and mail because we are unable to obtain their correct mailing addresses.

4. The names of any deceased Ninety-Nine members effective this past year.

5. Any changes, additions or deletions in the "Articles For Sale" section of the Roster.

Thanks again to all of you for your wonderful cooperation this past year and don't forget to renew your membership prior to September 30.

Headquarters

Pilot's Briefing

CORRECTION, PLEASE! The form letter asking for the listing of Chapter and Sectional Officers was in error, in that it asked for pictures of the Chapter Chairman. So please disregard this portion of the form.

Please notify Headquarters of Section and Chapter Officers by September 30 and be sure that the officers you elect have sent in their renewals.

Any outstanding refund checks must be cashed promptly. Those checks held over six months will not be honored. Help us keep our books up-to-date.

Please fill in renewal notices completely and return with your check to Headquarters promptly.

WE HAVE NOW PASSED THE GOAL OF 1,500 NINETY-NINE MEMBERS. To date our membership is 1,543.

If you desire to transfer to another Chapter, check pages 101 and 102 of your Roster. Completed transfers must be in Headquarters before September 30.

The 99 Display Kit—This kit will be kept in Headquarters but any Section or Chapter desiring to use it, must do so on a first application basis and pay all shipping expenses. These expenses will not pertain to the annual Ninety-Nine Convention.

The AWTAR Board would like to announce there are some extra official Air Race programs still available for 50 cents per copy, just write in for them. These are good to use in obtaining sponsors for the coming TAR next July.

Continue to send all News Letter material to 99 Headquarters. Your new 99 News Letter Editor is Mary Lester, 2051 NW 22nd, Oklahoma City, Okla., telephone JA 8-2508. I'm sure Mary will appreciate your suggestions and cooperation in regard to the News Letter.

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President's Column

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of the largest radio chain in Germany had spent the day with us and taped a radio program and TV show. I pinned another new 99.

In Switzerland at Zurich a full day of yachting, lunch and tour of the airport had been planned by the Aero Club. Due to a conflict with the time schedule, only about half of the group was able to enjoy it all.

In Rome at an evening reception, we met many dignitaries and the Air Attache of our own United States. Yesterday with Fiorenza de Bernardi and Grazia Sartari, Alice Hammond and I flew in an Italian plane somewhat like a Tri-Pacer from Rome to Sienna for lunch and on to Firenze (Florence). We made plans for a Section in Italy (we have 3 of the 5 required now) and told them about the AWTAR. The paper work required for even a short VFR Cross Country here is astounding and would certainly discourage many of us who can fly so casually from one end of the U.S. to the other.

In Geneva in a few days, Countess Lilly is planning a reception at lunch and in Paris we are visiting at a private home near Versailles and meeting personally the French women pilots. Our only problem has been trying to find time to shop in what has been a very, very full schedule.

Thinking myself back in America and to the year ahead, the new officers and Executive Committee members thank you for the faith expressed in electing us for the coming year, and pledge our best efforts for all Ninety-Nines everywhere.

As ever,

Deedo

Eugenia Heise,
President



By Mary Lowry

Summertime and the livin' is easy—especially around the swimming pool at Hiller Airport where we gathered for our July meeting. Catherine Hiller had the way smoothed for us—'table sitters' by the pool to save a table for lunch and meeting and arrangements for glider rides for those who wanted. Sara Hayden, June Douglas and Jim Beekman, Jerry Gardiner and Pat Arnold, Charlotte and Len Kelley all

flew in with assorted children that we lost count of. Anne and Ray Baddour brought their three children to add to the group. Chris Wizner from N. Y. - N. J. flew in with two friends (sorry I lost their names). Lois Dobbin and Mary Lowry drove in as did prospective member Doris Robinson. Sorry that we didn't get more of a chance to talk to Mildred Simenson (who, we hope, is going to renew her membership) but she was busy "airport sitting" while Catherine was at the meeting and getting our glider rides set up. Jim Beekman won the glider ride that was raffled off and June Douglas and Mary Lowry also took to the air saying "look, ma, no engine." Sorry that quite a few of our members missed the meeting—it was such a lovely day. Thanks so much, Catherine Hiller.

Eleanor Horn had the best reason for not being there. Just before she was ready to take off, she got an emergency call from a friend who needed medicine that had not arrived from New York. After convincing the post office to check their packages, Eleanor and Ralph flew down to pick the medicine up. Sorry you couldn't be with us, Eleanor.

Rae Tober couldn't resist the lure of a day with the family. The Tober can took off for Martha's Vineyard for a Sunday picnic.

Got a postcard from Chris Seaver who's enjoying a vacation in Florida visiting her family. Chris did part of her sightseeing by air. Hope you get to the September meeting so we can hear the rest of the details.

Carol Haller has been busy with her job with the Cape and Islands Flight Service on Nantucket. Carol has been doing quite a bit of flying in her spare time, we hear.

Pat Arnold writes that she is busy working on her instrument rating. Guess Pat takes to the airways a lot better than to the highways—she gets "far out, man" on the roads. We don't know whether Pat flew or drove to Scituate for Charlotte and Len Kelley's beach party, but get there she did to join the Kelleys, Anne and Ray Baddour and children, Sara and Frank Hayden and their three, Rae and Merwin Tober and their two, and Lois Dobbin. We were sorry we missed the fun. We understand Len Kelley worked hard all day trying to make points with the Baddour's littlest girl, but managed to get only a good-bye kiss. Better luck next time.

Hope to see some of our Ninety-Nines at the National Air Rally that's being held at Orange the first weekend in September. Understand that several are planning to be there.

See you all at the next meeting.



By Jeanne Spielberg

About a dozen or more of us toasted and "bon voyaged" our 99 members at Idlewild the evening before their takeoff to Europe. It was quite a festive evening. Everyone was jubilant and gay and our own Ruby Sadtler looked radiant. After they were given their instructions for the following morning we bid them adieu and hope they had a very happy trip. We will hear all about it from Ruby. Irene Keith of Pan American saw them off the following morning when Hurricane Brenda was blowing her darndest. After such confusion and a wet and blowy departure, we know they landed safe in London.

Irene Keith has been invited to be guest speaker for the Washington Square Business and Professional Women's Club on September 14 at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Subject: "Dispatching and the Ninety-Nines."

Peggy Norris, our Governor, and Irene Keith tripped to Washington, D. C., to the "Wing Round-up" to present two Amelia Earhart medals to two very worthy gals. Ruth Hill, a lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol and a Girl Scout leader, for her efforts as co-chairman in the new ideas of a "Wing Round-up." This group consists of Wing Scouts, CAP Cadets and Air Rangers for a week's encampment where all phases of aviation are taught. Women in aviation are asked to participate in this program to brief these girls in the future of aviation and how to prepare for their positions. The second medal was presented to Kathleen Harvey, our 99 from Canada in recognition of her efforts and long devotion in the field of Air Education, establishing the Air Rangers and co-establishing the joint Canadian and United States "Wing Roundup." Unfortunately she was unable to attend due to illness. The group of leaders both, Canadian and United States, were an enthusiastic group. They also had an Air Ranger from England with the group. This is the kind of neighbor relations that should be promoted and who is better qualified to do it but the Ninety-Nines.

At our business meeting at Ferdi's on August 9th among other things we discussed the probability of having the terminus of the 1961 Air Race at Atlantic City. The set-up sounds wonderful and we await with much anticipation further developments.

Special Notes: Kay Brick, Barbara Evans and Marion Lopez were given a standing ovation at the convention for their work on the very fine book

about us, "Thirty Blue Years."

Kay Brick and Florence Knight are flying a Super Cub to Alaska for delivery. Destination: Anchorage. Return by jet.

Selma will be appointed to the Race Board. If George, her darling dog, had known this he might not have bitten her.

Our fondest congratulations to Virginia Achmeyer and Kay Tisza. They have both become Mrs.

Eleanor Loija flew a Comanche this month at Bowman Field, Louisville.

We are so happy our Governor, Peggy, is back on her feet again. We missed her very much at our last meeting.

Marjorie M. Gray of the Ne. York-New Jersey Section was signally honored this summer when she was chosen to attend a two weeks seminar on Defense Strategy at the National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D. C. Marj., who is a major in the Air Force Reserve, was the only woman in a class of 201 specially selected reservists from all components of the armed services and the first woman to attend NWC. This was the second such seminar to be conducted by NWC and dealt with the major issue facing the United States and its allies today: the conflict with world communism.

This training was in addition to Marjorie's regular two weeks active duty tour, which took place in March when she participated in Operation Big Slam - Puerto Pine, the largest peacetime airlift since Berlin. Stationed at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, she worked in the Press Center with the Joint Information Task Force.

Her permanent mobilization assignment is with Office of Information, Eastern Transport Air Force, Military Air Transport Service, McGuire, AFB, N. J.



MIDDLE EAST SECTION EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Kate Macario

Marie (Angstadt) Apfelbaum, now living in Florida, surprised us with a call. She and Marvin, who flies a 310 for a charter company in Miami, accompanied Willis DuPont, his boss, to Wilmington for a week's vacation. This way, Marie and Marv had a wonderful opportunity to visit both their families in Philadelphia.

Jean and Jack Rutledge offered their home and hospitality for our August meeting. Though one of the hottest days this summer, their house was comfortably air-conditioned. Their new four-bedroom home in Riverton, N. J., looks like one of the model

homes in a "House Beautiful" magazine. It is decorated in such excellent taste. For those flying in transportation from nearby Moorestown Airport was provided. Peggy Borek and Betty Ward came by Cub, Virginia Thompson and Dorothy Mitchell were a surprise addition arriving from Washington via Europe. Marie and Tony D'Alterio and Kate and Tom Macario flew over in a Bonanza. The rest arrived by car—Arlene and Arnold Feldman, Elsie McBride and "Polly" Alley, who finally made it after many months. At the meeting the new chapter officers were announced: Marie D'Alterio, Chairman; Anne Shields, Vice-Chairman; Arlene Feldman, Secretary; and Joyce Roggio, Treasurer. Following a delicious roast beef supper, we adjourned to the living room to see movies and slides of the Diamond's fly-in both last year and this year and some very good shots taken at New Castle Airport and the DuPont Hotel in July.

Beth Sturtevant had the best vacation in many years as a result of slipping on a wet hangar floor and cracking her ribs—really. She had to take time off, so she and Clyde flew to Canada in the 140. Besides flying she "recuperated" by water skiing for the first time.

Following the terminus, Peggy Borek rounded out her vacation by taking off from Wilmington with contestants Minnie Wade and Marie Carastro who flew her as far as Alabama. From there to Pensacola, Fla., she went by bus to visit her brother who is based there.



SOUTHEAST SECTION ALABAMA CHAPTER

By Gertrude C. Luther

Just one last one about the "Penny-a-Pound" rides we had at the Talladega Airport at Eastaboga, Ala., on May 22. Everything worked out beautifully and the weather was CAVU. Five planes were up all the time from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and for about an hour, one extra plane was flown. We could have had two more in the lineup, since so many left because they got tired of waiting. We carried 33,200 pounds at strictly a penny a pound, and the "lap babies" rode free. Grace Bailey brought over two pilots and donated three planes. Foy Halstead and Charlie Wade, both 49½'s, brought their planes, and flew all the time. Our good friend from Atlanta, Arden Hubbard, flew over and carried passengers for us for an hour. The Anniston CAP unit really put this affair over.

Grace Bailey and Jan Warrick weighed in at one table, Juanita Halstead and your truly worked at the other table, and Minnie Wade saw to it that everybody got in line and out toward the planes.

The wonderful weather has continued and we had a good meeting in Jackson, Miss., at the Hawkins Field on Sunday, June 12. We met in Jackson with the thought of helping the Mississippi girls start a chapter. Since there were only five girls ready and since one less than that makes a chapter automatically inactive, the girls decided to join the Alabama Chapter. And are we happy to welcome them aboard! Bernice Kelly from Jackson seems to be the organizer there, and in addition to her from Jackson there were Jane Williams, Debby Burford, and Jessie Roberts. Also new from Mississippi was Ruby Williams from Summer. Evelyn Brown and Helen Grove from Mobile, Ala., were present and are coming back in. It was good to see Cora McDonald Fraser again, and Meredith Ward finally made it too. Grace Bailey and Jan Warrick came together from Birmingham, Marie Carastro and her 49½ flew in from Selma, Juanita Halstead and hers from Montgomery, and Minnie Wade and her 49½ flew over with me from Clanton.

Our Minnie Wade Jr. and Marie Carastro flew the Wade's Cessna 170 in the AWTAR. It was their first attempt and we are so proud that they entered and finished the race and in addition, they ended in the upper two-thirds of those who raced. The girls in Wilmington, Del., certainly did themselves proud with the annual meeting. Alabama was well represented—Cora came commercial, Juanita Halstead and her 49½ came in their Comanche, and yours truly hitched a ride with the Wades from Clanton in their new Cessna 310.

We were treated royally by Mobile Aviation when we flew in there on Sunday, Aug. 7, and those of us who had a chance to go there I am sure will all go back. Evelyn Brown and Helen Grove were our hostesses. Potential members from Mobile include Jean Armstrong, Bettie Kennard, Edith Chiocco, Sybil Thistlewaite and then the little young thing Ellen McRae whose father has the Piper Agency at Bates Field and who had just soloed the day before. Meredith Ward brought her sister-in-law, Betty Ward, who is content to be a passenger, Grace Bailey and Jan Warrick came together, Flo Fintak and Wanda Jackett came up from Eglin AFB, Juanita Halstead and her 49½, Louise Pollard, her 49½ and their fifth son who is just seven weeks old came from Montgomery, Cora drove over from Biloxi, the two Minnie Wades, Charlie Wade, and Marie and Bob

Carastro all flew down in the Wade's new Cessna 310, and of course, I was thrilled for a chance to try out my new ADF 12 E. We elected Mrs. Minnie Wade as Chairman, Marie Carastro, Vice-Chairman; Evelyn Brown, Secretary; Jan Warrick, Treasurer; and I shall continue on as your reporter. The weather was wonderful and the thunderstorms held off for a change.

The Wades are going to entertain us for the monthly meeting in September which will be held on Labor Day weekend—yes anytime from Friday the 2nd, through Monday, the 5th—at their cottage in Panama City, Fla. Everyone is welcome!



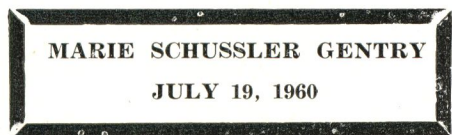
INDIANA CHAPTER
By Billie Smith

August meeting—Sophia Peyton's home. Eighteen members present. Election of officers was held and all committees made reports on their activities. Officers elected were Billie Smith, Chairman; Gloria Richards, Vice-Chairman; Peggy Coulter, Secretary Dorothea Hendricks, Treasurer; and Mid Cassidy, Sergeant-at-Arms.

After the business meeting all conversation seemed to start and end on re-flying the AWTAR with Josephine Richardson, Virginia Maggart, Ethel Knuth and Sophia Payton. Mildred Hurt, Tanny Schlundt and Wilma Gunderson helped prepare a yummy lunch. Nice to see Mid Cassidy. Flora Mae Newman had to leave a little early to meet a train. Her mother came in from Florida for a visit. Ester Berner is in New York, Delia Sanders and 49½er on vacation in West Virginia. Nellie Alger has been taking Wing Scouts for airplane rides—still has some to go as they finish their work.

IMPORTANT: September business meeting Indiana Chapter to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Indiana Chapter has lost a friend and fellow 99. We extend to the family and friends of Marie Gentry our sincerest sympathy.



STATE TALENT CONTEST WINNER

Sandra Callaway, 20, was over-all talent winner in the 1960 "Miss Ohio" pageant in Mansfield on July 30th.

In competition with 16 other lovely and talented entrants from throughout



Ohio, Sandra, a pianist, played the first movement of the Beethoven sonata Opus 10, No. 1. She won the "Miss Wilmington" title in May.

Aside from being an accomplished pianist, versatile Sandra is also a licensed pilot and is on a four year scholarship at the University of Rochester in New York where she is majoring in French. She also speaks Spanish and German fluently and will attend the University of Grenoble in France for a year starting this fall.

Sandra, her sister, Margo, and her mother, Margaret, are all members of the All-Ohio Chapter of Ninety-Nines.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER
By Marilyn Collette

The weatherman is being most uncooperative this year with the All-Ohio drowned us out, but though our group was small it was most enthusiastic. The hospitality offered us by Helen Ailes and her lovely mother, Mrs. Ruth Ailes, made our day very bright. And as always her co-hostess, Martha Wilcox and Alice Schlott had a spot landing contest planned, and unfortunately no one was able to enter, as all drove. Those of us who wouldn't let the weather daunt us were generously rewarded with seconds and thirds on the delicious luncheon of golden brown fried chicken. Our small group included Chairman Mary Fecser, Rosalie Bracht, Helen Sammon, Winifred Caughey, Martha Wilcox and 49½ Jim, Alice Schlott and 49½ Doc, Helen Ailes, and your reporter Marilyn Collette, prospective member Rosaleen Keeler, and our guests were Jun Von Kaenel, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Miller, Harvey Widmeyer, Cleat Wilhelm, and O. K. Brown, our photographer. Lavina Stolte and Kate

Kohler phoned in, but just couldn't get out because of the weather. Our business meeting was taken up mostly with the coming Fall Sectional Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio, September 16, 17 and 18. It really sounds like a great meeting for you all to attend, so make your plans to come. After the meeting we held an auction to help out our limping treasury and we raised a total of \$7 and a lot of laughs. Thanks again to Helen and Ruth Ailes for inviting us into your lovely home, and thanks to all the Alliance girls for a very nice meeting.

THE 99 PARTY LINES REVEAL that Martha Wilcox has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Flying Marmers. Congratulations, Martha. Martha and Jim have also been seeing a great deal of real estate here lately, flying to Atlantic City, Sky Lodge at Jackman, Maine, Quebec City, Montreal, Buffalo, N. Y., and back home. It seems as though some people get to do everything. Genna Rodda is transferring to California, and will be living behind a relative of Amelia Earhart. Helen Ailes is now the owner of the Ailes Insurance Agency. Good luck, Helen, in your new venture. Virginia Schumacher flying 23P around, dropped in on me unexpectedly last Saturday night, with time for leisurely dinner and lots of visiting, real nice, Virginia, do it again some time. European cards received from Mary Schaefer and Gov. Joan Hrubec, touring with the 99's. It almost seems as though I'm getting a chance to enjoy it with them, even if it is a little second hand. Mary's card was from England and Joan's from Venice, and they are having a wonderful time. Rosalie Bracht is off for Atlantic City next weekend. Don't these gals ever stay home. Next meeting Cleveland, Ohio, 18th of September. **SEE YOU AT SECTIONAL.**

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER
By June Basile

What did I ever do before I became a 99? It seems to me that I must have been one of those poor unfortunate people who had scads of leisure time and nothing interesting to do with it. It is my happy opinion that the old cliché, "life begins at 40," could very easily be changed to "life begins when you become a 99." At least a whole new kind of life unfolds itself before those who are willing to recognize it and enjoy it. I'm not quite sure what got me started on this philosophical note, it could be the weather. If it wasn't for the thunderstorms that are with us at present, Eva White and I would be going off in the 175 to lunch and swim at Lake Lawn and I'd be hoping that I wasn't too tired this evening to sit down at the typewriter. Now that I'm here I'm enjoying it because the many pleasant experiences and interesting people I have

met seem to be drifting through my mind. Thoughts like: it's fun having Marjorie Raglin in town this summer; wish Helen Budwash and Bess Weyant could make it to a meeting so that we could thank them personally for their more than generous contributions to our requests for funds. What part of Europe are Alice Dewitt and Virginia Rabung visiting at this very minute and what are Helen Sailer's impressions of her first couple of hours of dual multi-engine. What stories did Sylvia Roth, Lois Seketa and Leda Misiowiec run out of time to tell about the AWTAR and we imagine that Alice Kudrna had a fine feeling of accomplishment when she made a successful flight to Ann Arbor, Mich., with the Sectionals on the back seat to test her knowledge of radio flying and navigation. Hope that Dorothy Vachout has recovered from surgery. How many out-of-chapter 99's will come to our air meet on September 11th. The last thought brought me back to earth and reminded me of some details I promised to get done.

An old-fashioned coffee clutch was the theme of the July meeting and golly, did we have one. Even though the day was a very warm one, we all welcomed the cups of hot coffee and pieces of coffee cake because the Executive Lounge at Palwaukee Airport is pleasantly air-conditioned. While we were all busy enjoying our conversations before the meeting, Hostess Chairman Eve Chilcoat, Joan Baldwin, Janice Christensen, Esther Noffke, Virginia Rabung, Sylvia Roth and Elzabe Yocum were busy passing out name tags to all present. It seems that the Chicago Area Chapter has been growing so fast we've all had a little difficulty putting the right name with the right face. Thanks to this very good idea, the problem has been solved. The hostesses had a new twist for a door prize. They took the term literally and gave a prize to the person who passed through the doorway to the meeting room at a pre-arranged secret time. Bernice Malmanger won the prize, a cigarette lighter, donated by Aircraft Sales Corp.

Our August meeting was a come early, stay late type of day because Hostess Chairman Nell Brown, arranged to have the meeting at Greater Rockford Airport on the final day of the Experimental Aircraft Association convention. When we arrived at the airport, Skylarks (more about that later) Virginia Todhunter and Betty Riddle drove us to the Holiday Inn where we had lunch and held our meeting. C. R. Wellman, national chairman of the 1960 Fly-In, was our guest for lunch along with 99 Rita Eaves of Oklahoma City who was the proud owner of a home built Cougar

140 Stinson; Catherine Hoppenworth, Cedar Rapids, owner of a Taylorcraft and Joan Trefethen, Lomita, Calif., owner of a Stitz Playboy. The people who helped Nell make this day possible were Regina Devine, Constance Graves, Viola Howard, Bernice Malmanger, Martha Morrison, Lois Seketa, Alice Stoltzner and the Skylarks. Now about the Skylarks. About two years ago the women pilots in the Rockford area formed a club called the Skylarks. They were interested in becoming 99's, but because of the great distance between Chicago and Rockford, they felt they could not easily be active members. Deedo Heise and Nell Brown met with them and came up with the best possible solution. A new Chapter! We would like to welcome them into the 99's. Their charter membership includes Mrs. Thomas Todhunter, Chairman; Mrs. Howard Riddle, Secretary; Mae Johnson, Leona Walton, Mrs. Harry Snyder and Mrs. Howard Gregory. The day was full of new adventures. I haven't had a chance to find out how it ended for all the Chicago 99's, but I can speak for about five of us. Sylvia Roth flew us back to Palwaukee and after some iced tea, Helen Sailer, Marge Raglin, Elzabe Yocum and I said thank you to Sylvia and the owner of the Aero Commander by helping to debug it. Just one more thought before I go. Is there any monster in existence called, bored and lonesome 99? I doubt it.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Ryan

Thank heaven for summers! Minnesota Chapter members are geographically scattered and when fly-in weather roils around we see those beautiful summer faces again. Case in point! In July, at our Owatonna fly-in, our schedule and Audrey Baid's coincided and we were able to meet our charming member from Dickinson, N. D., many of us for the first time. She had been visiting her oldest boy who was attending summer school at Shattuck, and brought her middle boy, Johnny, with her. More wonderful faces were Rita and Burt Orr, arriving with Cindy and Billy.

Margaret Manuel and Kay took time from their busy schedule at Stanton Airport to come. Jean Scheifley, who was in New York in June and left for Europe with Chuck on August 11, brought Nancy, Susie and Charlie. Nancy's horse had just foaled and we heard exciting accounts of the darling, soft, wobbly colt. Flying in on that gusty July day were Pat Sullivan in her Luscombe, with friend Lorraine Tiedens. Marian and Keith Champlin, with friends, the Chris Christiansons, arrived in their lovely Cessna 170. Avis Larson flew down with Sherm Booen of the "World of Aviation," in his Bonanza, and ye

olde reporter arrived by Mooney with 49½ Rocky.

Most exciting event of the day was the welcoming to membership of three new members: Ardeth Carlson of Rosemount, Pat Osmon of Rochester, and Thor Kron of Floodwood. Welcome aboard, gals.

One of our number doing some serious flying this summer is Avis, who left for Fresno August 12. From there she plans to fly to Portland and Seattle, returning via last year's TAR route (in reverse). Vacationing in Vermont is Pat Sullivan, who left on a share-the-driving plan August 19. She really wished they were taking their Tri-Pacer instead of a Vlkswagon.

Honorary 49½'er Bill Furlow and his wife, Alyceon, who we hope one day will be a 99, were generous hosts to our August 21 fly-in at Roberd's Lake near Faribault. Rita was our hostess and had made arrangements for a 4:30 dinner at a cute little restaurant just down the shore from the Furlow's. Florence Scriver arrived in her new car—specially painted the famous Scriver yellow—bringing Keith and Marian, too. Margaret Manuel brought both Ralph and Kay, with friends, and a double hulled boat designed, I believe, by her 49½'er Malcolm. It's roomy, sleek and won't swamp. Very nice. With Bill's boat, too, we rode and skied all afternoon. Marian and Keith turned in creditable performances but the first-try Ryans netted a zero (if you call pulled muscles "zero"). Bill Furlow was the star and skis as well as he flies that Bonanza. A plump, enormous innertube kept 29¼'ers Scott, Susie and Barbara Furlow and Jan, Cindy and Billy Orr happy. Our only fly-in (cheers) was prospective member Marge Cushman of Montevideo who 170'd in with 49½'er Roger. Well, it was loads of fun and dinner was heavily, too. Our thanks to Rita, Alyceon and Bill, and to Burt, who was so busy all day on call at the clinic and arrived just as we were leaving.

We would really like to see, and hear from you gals "out there." Please let us know what you are doing and we will pass it along.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Adele Binsfield

The McKay's home in Grand Blanc was a perfect place for an indoor meeting and picnic. The rain did keep us out of the swimming pool—perhaps George could build a roof for it! Fourteen members and eight guests enjoyed Sammy's delicious chicken dinner.

We were glad to see the Phillips and Berrys. Nita and Leslie Berry had returned home from a ten week stay in Europe and had some interesting stories to tell us.

Regina and Wayne Smith were Bernie's guests at the meeting. They are both working on their private tickets

and it sounds like a good contest is going on to see who will make it first.

We hear that Vera Brown, 99 charter member and columnist for the Detroit Times, has been in the Henry Ford Hospital for her fourth eye operation; this time, a detached retina. Am sure she would appreciate hearing from her friends. Send any notes to her in care of The Detroit Times, Detroit 31, Mich.

The most important topics during the meeting were the plans for the SMALL Race, September 23, 24 and 25. The Race Board has been very busy with the CCA Officials, Aero Club and the Muskegon Chamber of Commerce, in order to complete plans for the Race. We know you will enjoy it.

Becky Thatcher gave an excellent report on our by-laws. They were voted on and accepted. A job well done, Becky.

I had an unusual experience a couple of weeks ago. Had my first sail plane ride! It wasn't a very long ride due to uncooperative weather, but long enough to tempt me to try it again. That steep takeoff, then looking for thermals in that intensely quiet sky—landing on a dime, were all very challenging. I now have more respect for the powerless craft pilots.

See you in Muskegon!

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Adela Scharr

The shortest meeting of the year, Sunday, Aug. 14, at the Burton Duenke's hobby-activity packed home took all of five minutes. Main event was the pinning of Dottie Haupt, new member for months who finally got a private license number from FAA.

Preliminaries of the meeting and post meeting activity made this also the longest meeting of the year. Ginny and Burton greeted us in early afternoon and we didn't leave until evening.

Those of us who swam in an aqua-marine jewel of a pool provided the "show" for those who were content to drift from patio to bar as their activity. Members in attendance were Ginny, Connie Matter, Ruth Lake, Mickey Clark, Teddy Hager, Dot Rumsey, Edith Olevitch, Golly Miner, Dot Wheeler, Teddy Inman, Dottie Haupt, June Walsh, Maxine Loeffler, Fran Merrill, Bunny Foley, and Del Scharr. Bunny brought a guest, a nurse lieutenant member of the Scott AFB Aero Club who had just soloed.

In a little ceremony, the 49½ers present were presented with a 49½er membership card. Ginny did the honors.

The barbecue buffet, was on the patio. Every member had brought a covered dish. Result—variety of delicious food.

The Aero Club of St. Louis will have its annual race this August 27th from Arrowhead to Grand Glaze to Farm-

ington and return to a barbecue supper. Results from this will be reported next month.

Several of our members are in new businesses. The Burton Duenkes, custom builders by trade, have opened a very popular resort on Lake of the Ozarks this summer. Mickey Clark is busy with Clark's Variety Store in midtown St. Louis. Del Scharr is working with Dave Kratz, President of the National Aviation Insurance Group. Del's title is "Manager of Flight Sawety Division" and is concerned with the prevention of aircraft accidents. The Flight Safety Bulletin that many of you read so avidly is put out by Dave Kratz in his campaign for safer flying in general aviation. Del will be teaching school and still keep her M. O. assignment with Hdqtrs., MATS at Scott AFB besides this job.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose S. Andrew

A card came from Marilyn Jackson, our teacher member, the other day saying she was having a wonderful time traveling in the northern and western states in new new car. She is camping out, visiting old friends and meeting new one too.

Marge Kelly, our Chairman, has had a busy time this spring and summer helping with her little granddaughters who now live in Milwaukee. One little tot suffered a serious accident and a warning should be passed on to other families. She was swinging high in a swing set that came unanchored, turned over and the iron pipe at the top hit the child across the face requiring hours of surgery to take care of the accident.

This month, August, our group will meet at the Mattoon Airport, with Mary Hendrix as hostess. Mr. Beatty, the airport operator, will be the "program" after lunch.

Kathleen Hudson will have the September meeting at Decatur.

Leah Warren is doing office work at the university now.

Kathleen and her husband spent part of their vacation in Virginia.

Rose Andrew and her family will be leaving August 19th for a trip to Massachusetts and points east. Frank, her 49½er, will be giving a paper at an agricultural engineering meeting at Amherst on August 22nd.



EL PASO CHAPTER

By Brookie Bozarth

This has been a very quiet month as far as flying goes in our chapter—

everyone has been occupied with other things.

Ruth Deerman has been doing some local flying, but she and Charlie have taken up bowling . . . and she is getting real good.

Juanita has been to her mountain cabin in Colorado. One her return home, she found her pipes broken and has had to do quite a lot of work on her house—as a result she decided to redecorate her whole house.

We will have our regular meeting this month in Deming, N. M. It will be a fly-in breakfast, hope everyone can go.

Anne and Jim Duthie are now living in Chula Vista, Calif. We have surely missed Anne since she left.

Ruby and Dick Tatman are still doing a lot of flying. They have just returned from a trip to Arkansas.

I have found out one thing this past week. It's much safer to fly than to go by car. We were run over from the rear. At the time I thought my neck was broken, but after X-rays, etc., I found out it was only nerves—the only damage was to the trunk of our car. From now on, I think I'll fly!

Good flying to U-all.

DALLAS CHAPTER

By Dorothy Warren

The Dallas and Fort Worth Ninety-Nines and local pilots received a special invitation from Carswell Air Force Base on the 12th of August for a luncheon and Rapcon briefing. Dallas girls attending included Pat Jetton, Helen Wilkie, Ramona Upfield, Lucille Hoffer, Hazel Cory, and Dorothy Warren. After lunch we were shown color slides and then enjoyed Lt. Col. Joe Cotten's humorous introduction to the B-58. Following this we were divided into two groups and half were taken through the Rapcon building where we saw precision and surveillance radar in operation. They also answered all our questions and informed us of the best place to cross Carswell was right across the center of the field at an altitude of 3,000 feet and also that if we would call them they would advise us of all their traffic. When the other group came in from the flight line they went to the Rapcon building and our group went out to the flight line and went through the B-52 and then to the B-58. It was a most enlightening day for all of us and we hope they will invite us again at a time more of our girls are able to attend.

Congratulations to Pat Jetton who recently received her flight instructors rating. That brings to three the total for our chapter with Rowena Burns and Virginia Holmes, and we are certainly proud of them for this achievement.

Romona Upfield after finishing refresher ground school and flight check out is now back flying in a Cessna 150

but will switch over to jet riding this month when she and hubby go to Hawaii on vacation.

Hazel and Bert Cory with daughter and son-in-law enjoyed a trip to California this month for a two weeks stay flying the Cessna Skylane.

Hope you all will mark your calendars for the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of October as FOURTH ANNUAL DALLAS DOLL DERBY TIME. Imopund has been set for Friday, the 21st, at 2 p.m. and then we plan a trip to the State Fair of Texas with a dinner on the fairgrounds that evening. The next morning, weather permitting, is race day and the route will again be a mystery enabling the route to go where the best weather is and will be a course of approximately 300 miles. After flying the race we have tentative promises of jet, helicopter and glider rides with more definite plans to be announced later. For the awards we are planning a real informal western style barbecue and think everything will be something your families would enjoy too if they care to come along. By the time you receive the News Letter we plan to have sent out application blanks and handicaps but in case you have not received them please write to: Dorothy Warren, 3511 Ridgeoak Way, Dallas 34, Texas. Entries will close on the 15th of October, so please let us hear from you soon!

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By June Crosby

The August meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter was held at Tulakes Airport. Among those attending were Fern Yount, Jean Williams, Arlene Walkup, Beth Smith, Susie Sewell, Regina Pannell, Dorothy Morgan, Nema Masonhall, Mary Lester, Marie Ketchum, Wally Funk, Rita Eaves, Dorothy Fox, and yours truly. Freda Guild made it down from Tulsa low ceilings and all. We were happy to have five 49½ers with us also. The morning hours were hazy with just a little rain here and there but was beautiful flying weather by noon. Oklahoma weather has been unusual to say the least for the past couple of months with almost springtime like showers and thunder storms mixed with plenty of quiet, cool, sunny days with nary a complaint from anyone.

The Flying Farmers convention was held in Oklahoma City, August 14-19, with 1,400 attending. We felt outnumbered to say the least, but took pride in the number of 99's in their ranks, Arlene being their National Duchess.

Our own Jerrie Cobb has scored another first. Jerrie has been chosen one of America's first women space pilot candidates. She is the first of 12 volunteering American women to pass the test. Congratulations, Jerrie, we are all very proud of you.

Beth Smith reported to us at our

last meeting that Dr. Neil Woodward is now home from the hospital and is progressing nicely with the loving care of his wife, Velma.

Marie Ketchum and Fern Yount have been grounded by tired skin (on their planes of course). We hope to see them both sporting a sparkling new recover in time for the South Central Sectional meeting at Garden City, Kan., on September 23.

Our beautiful new Tulakes Airport has become our second home, and so handy that we are having our September meeting there, the 18th.

Happy flying!

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Peg Ong

Thanks to Donna I have the report of the July meeting. Mary Frenzel and I were on our way to Torrance for the beginning of the race and therefore couldn't attend. The meeting was held at Jo Dennis' home with Marilyn Nordstrom as co-hostess. Those present were BeAnn Coleman, Donna Myers, Lynn Phleeger, Eleanor Millet, Gene Nora Stumbough, Grace Longbrook, Mary Wenholtz, Helen Choun, Helen Maxson, and the hostesses. BeAnn Coleman was voted in as a new member.

CHATTER: Helen Maxson, Betty Stackhouse and the Trinders are now on their way to Europe for the 99 tour . . . wish I could have sneaked into their luggage. Helen Choun, Mary Wenholtz and Francie Warner are now in an investment club called the "Dabbling Dames". The Chouns have a new 190 Mercedes which Helen was flying low. Patty Maxson is taking art lessons.

The August meeting was hosted by Emily Hanrahan at her lovely apartment with Lynn Phleeger as co-hostess. Since both the chairman and vice chairman were not present Mary Frenzel was acting chairman. The election results were announced as follows: Grace Longbrook, chairman; Frances Warner, vice chairman; Mary Frenzel, secretary; and Helen Choun, treasurer. A letter was read from Gene Nora inviting the group to Cascade for the September meeting . . . a picnic and old fashioned "meller-dramar" is planned with Verna as co-hostess. Those participating were BeAnn Coleman, Marilyn Nordstrom, Grace Mayfield, Mary Frenzel, Peg Ong and the hostesses. Our guests included Jean Hixson from Hoopston, Ill., a 99 who flew the race in a Mooney Mark 20A, and Beth Trimbo, Emily's room-mate. Mary and I forced the group to listen to some of the tapes that were made by radio station KCOL from our daily call-ins!

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

By Marian Burke

Vacations, business travels, etc., have made it difficult to get everyone together for a meeting for the past

two months—but we still have news!

The San Antonio Chapter was pleasantly surprised to learn of Marcia Snip's recent marriage (the last of July). Congratulations, Marcia, Say! That also will give us a new 49½er! We're anxious to meet the lucky guy.

Marian Burke flew to Montana again by Cessna 180 . . . emergency trip. More illness in the family.

The August meeting was cancelled and everyone is planning to have the September meeting at Marian Burke's ranch. Hope the weather is good.

We hope next month gets everything back to normal and gives us an abundance of good news to share with our nation's 99's.

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

By Juanda Sawyer

Again this reporter must start with an apology for failing to report on the many activities of the Albuquerque Chapter. Will try to hit the high spots since January.

Guests at the February meeting were Mr. Baird, an FAA examiner, and his wife. They showed movies of a crop dusting operation in Arizona in which they had been active.

The big thing for us in February was the fly-in breakfast held at West Mesa Airport, the 20th. The weather left a lot to be desired and several of the out-of-town people who had planned to attend were disappointed. However the adverse weather grounded people from Phoenix, Wichita, El Paso and Omaha who joined us. In spite of the weather we served ham, eggs, fried potatoes, hot rolls and lots of coffee to 52 people. The newspapers gave us good coverage and we had excellent support from our local friends. The chapter presented a small trophy to Opal Knibbs, operator of the cafe, for her wonderful cooking and the help she had given us in this venture and others in the past. Opal is truly a great friend to the 99's.

For our March meeting a large number of the 99's and their 49½ers traveled, by automobile and plane, to Santa Fe where a wonderful evening and dinner at the Hacienda El Gancho was enjoyed. Our hostess was Nancy Gallivan. The honored guest of the evening was Mrs. Catherine Stinson Otero of the original Stinson Aircraft family.

In April we really settled down to preparing for the AWTAR, and spent all of our meeting time discussing the many details involved in being "on the route."

May 17 our regular meeting was a patio party at the home of Mary and Gene Morgan. Mary served a delicious dinner to the members and their 49½ers.

June brought more planning for the race. This time we brought in the many people besides the 99's who would be involved. Attending the June

meeting were officials from Kirtland AFB, FAA, Weather Bureau, Air National Guard, and the Albuquerque Chapter of Ham Radio Operators. Everyone was most cooperative and all the assistance anyone could hope for was offered. We held another meeting early in July to make the last minute preparations.

Finally the big day arrived and what excitement! Everyone went all out to assist in every way possible. We will never be able to give enough thanks to the men of the Air National Guard. They turned all of their many facilities over to us and provided manpower to push planes or do anything we needed. S. B. Feldman from FFA Communications was on hand the entire time to assist with flight plans; Harold Darling, FAA safety inspector, checked every plane that landed; there was a least one man from the Weather Bureau available at all times with the latest weather information, and female cadets from the Civil Air Patrol served as runners. The tower operators did everything in their power to bring every plane in without delay.

The first plane landed in Albuquerque just before 1 p.m. mountain time, and we were all thrilled that it was our own entry, Randa Sutherland, and copilot Velma Woods. That was the beginning of a very busy few hours for everyone in the area.

Each contestant who landed in Albuquerque was photographed, by a cameraman from the Guard, in front of an F100 which had been labeled "Miss Powder Puff Derby, 1960" for the occasion. The Albuquerque Chapter presented each contestant a string of Indian corn beads. It was a thrilling experience for everyone, but especially for those of us who had never been a part of the race in any way before. The last plane of the day just barely made it before official sundown.

We were all on hand by 4:30 the next morning to start the gals on their way. Randa and Velma were the first off and the others followed in quick order. We had just barely gotten the "overnighters" off when the contestants who had spent the night west of us started arriving. By 1 p.m. all the planes in the race were east of Albuquerque so we were able to close down and go home.

Just a short time after the race we lost our Chapter Chairman. Lucille and A. C. Boyles moved to California where they are both employed in the aviation industry.

Our members have been busy and on the go all summer. Randa Sutherland has received her instrument rating and Roland Burritt, 49½er of Detty) received his flight instructors rating.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

Our section has done it again! What I mean is, that first woman astronaut is from the South Central Section. Of course we knew way last year when it was announced that "a woman professional pilot from Oklahoma" was being considered that the description fit Jerri perfectly. Our Houston members are proud and happy that she was chosen number one. Now who are those other 11?

We have another new mother in our chapter. I was invited to a shower for Sue Collins and when I got there, I learned that Sue had jumped the gun and her baby had arrived that morning. I keep thinking maybe riding in my Renault shortly before may have influenced the arrival. Anyway it's a girl and Sue and the baby are both fine.

An that reminds me—we haven't seen Gertrude Howard or Ellie Childs since way back when. Bring your babies to the next meeting, girls. We miss you.

Merle Boitnott is enjoying having her son home from the University of Texas for a few weeks.

Rhea Hurrle is planning a visit to Minnesota in September. She says she may drive up for a big change.

I hear Marceline Todd has been sneaking out to Municipal this summer and catching up on her flying. Actually I haven't heard much of anything that is going on. I've been trapped at home lately though I did get out to the airport Sunday. Just to show you how far I am behind, I ran into Celia Parrish out there and learned for the first time that she had been to Florida—several months ago.

NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Hazle Nealey

If I may sneak in and say "Hi you all" will try to shake the fuzz long enough to catch you up on some of the activities of these Southern sky gals. My chapter hates me for not reporting in the last News Letter, so sorry girls.

Congratulations to the AWTAR winners and contestants. Was my pleasure to be in Fort Smith and see those brave girls run for the time clock. The ones who did not win were just as tired and weary as the winners. I feel that any girl big enough to enter this wonderful race is to be commended for her efforts. Hello and happy flying to all you gals I met in Fort Smith.

Must back up a bit and tell you that our June meeting was a real goodie. Clark King (Dorothy's 49½er) demonstrated and talked to us on safe, relaxed cross country flying. We hope to have Clark back real soon helping us with the E-6-B. Also in June we flew over to Magnolia, Ark., to a fly-in breakfast. You just can't beat that kind of fun.

Due to vacations we did not have a July meeting. The August meeting was held in the home of your reporter with five members present and a prospective member, Dorothy Wilson. We spent the evening reviewing our constitution and planning a once a month fly-in luncheon to various airports. After considerable discussion we chose Harrison County Airport for our first hop so on Friday over we went and what a wonderful reception. The restaurant management had a Marshall newspaper photographer out for pictures and to get the scoop. Those enjoying the chapter fly-in were Dorothy King, Helen Hewitt, Pat Ward, Dorothy Wilson, Hazle Nealey, Dottie Ports and daughter, Connie, who will no doubt be a future pilot and 99.

Congratulations go to Pat Ward and Helen Hewitt. Pat Ward received her instrument instructors rating and in an eight week period had Helen ready for her instrument check ride. Helen passed giving Pat all the glory as she was Pat's first instrument student; however, we all know Helen must have burned lots of lamp oil.

Dorothy and Clark King were back East at convention time and attended the hangar party at New Castle County Airport. They reported having much fun, wishing they could attend more convention activities but time did not permit as their vacation was planned on seeing Washington, D. C.

Dottie Ports, 49½er Bud and daughter Connie flew to Akron, Ohio, for vacation. Dottie is logging lots of time soon she will be working on her instrument.

Mildred and Bob Carney had a nice vacation in California. Since returning home they have had as house guests their daughter, Dr. Bobette Anderson and son Nils of Houston, Texas.

Come September we will have a new member. Our chapter will be most happy to welcome Dorothy Wilson. This will make our third Dorothy in our chapter. All are very good pilots and most enthusiastic 99's.

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

By Dora Dougherty

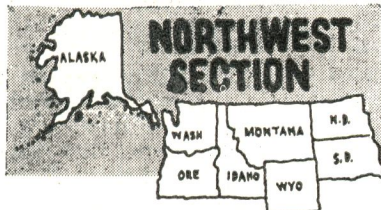
Pardner, the blue, blue skies of Texas sure smiled down on an active group of private pilots when the Fort Worth 99's and friends (some 45 strong) visited Carswell AFB. Eight of our members were present including new member Lou Ellen Foster and husband who flew in from Wichita Falls via Bonanza.

We were guests of the 2048 AAC Squadron on August 13 and were squired around by three fascinating Air Force types: Lt. Col. Darelus, Capt. Dowell and Lt. Col. Cotton. Our major mission was educational—a briefing on RAPCON. This stands for the military radar and approach control. We, as pilots flying in this area,

learned how we can assist in air safety and how to utilize the military installation in case of emergency. We were fortunate to witness, from the RAPCON center, a simulated GCA of a F-102. (You're ten feet above glide path . . . you are doing nicely . . . you're on glide path . . . you are doing nicely . . . correct one-half degree to your right . . .) The controller was a sharpie! The approach was perfect! That's our Air Force.

As an extra we were taken through the forbidden gates and onto the flight line where we were permitted to examine and crawl in and around the magnificent SAC equipment, the Boeing B-52 and the Convair B-58 (made here in Fort Worth incidentally). Our own Ann Atkinson, who works at Convair, was able to fill us in on much of the B-58 and we were very ably conducted about by our hosts. The colorful language of Co. Cotton has altered the vocabulary of many of us. We don't fly along any more—we just "honk along." Our throttle is now the "kerosene handle," the ground personnel are "troops" or "toads" and the pilot seat is the "powder chair." May sound a bit strange applied to light aircraft but it reminds us of a most interesting 99 doing.

Following our wonderful tour we all adjourned to the Officer's Club for a happy hour. Wish you all could have been with us (particularly our Edna Whyte who is reported to be having a grand tour in Europe).



MONTANA CHAPTER By Aileen Gray

In spite of low clouds and a few sprinkles of rain, a few of the Montana Chapter of 99's were able to attend a meeting held at Jimmy Kuhn's summer home on Flathead Lake. She has a most beautiful location on the shore of the lake near Polson, Mont., complete with trailer house and sun deck. Elsie Hartley, Pud Lovelace, Marjorie Rolle, Dorothy Sabo, and the hostess were the fortunate 99's who enjoyed the nice luncheon served on the sundeck by Jimmy. Guests present were two 49½ers, Jack Lovelace and Ken Rolle, also Jack's aunt, Mrs. Lovelace. Our chairman, Pud, who just seems to be in the right place at the right time, was flown from Polson to the lake shore site in Timm's Airways Piper Cub on floats.

Vivienne Schrank had the good fortune to participate in the search for two balloons carrying mice, radio

equipment and fungi. These were parachuted from 144,000 feet above the earth. Vivienne carried as her passenger Frank Heidebauer, who is connected with this experiment in space travel. The capsule was found 15 miles west of Jordan, Mont.

We are happy to have Ernie Gore back home again—after her long summer session in the hospital and at Thermopolis Hot Springs, where she was taking hot baths and therapy. We expect to see you at our next meeting.

UTAH CHAPTER By Alberta Nicholson

In the middle of our 100 degree temperature we enjoyed a cool, cool evening on Ruth Walker's patio in Provo. This was intended to be our July meeting but were surprised to find Ruth prepared to serve a Mexican feast and what a sumptuous feast we had. Eunice showed the history of the Utah Chapter in colored slides which she has accumulated over the years. And we were delighted to have Isabel Blodgett visiting from Cambridge, Mass. Isabel is working on her commercial license during the month her son-in-law is studying at Brigham Young University. He is on assignment by the British Commonwealth. We thoroughly enjoyed her comments on flying in the New England country.

Eunice Naylor who is a lieutenant colonel in the CAP is commanding summer encampment at Hill Field this week and we are very proud of her. I don't know for sure but I imagine it is rare for this encampment to be under the command of a "woman."

I have advanced from a 179 to a 180 Cessna last week and am pretty excited about it.

By the way, I failed to mention that Jo Waddoups is also at Hill Field this week assisting Eunice.

I spent last Thursday night at Doris Eacret's house and had an enjoyable visit. While Johnny is recovering from his surgery, Doris is taking care of the Avis Rent Agency at the airport, so if you fly into Reno stop in to her office. Also visited with Hazel Miles in Piedmont en route home from San Francisco.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER By Marie L. Reynnells

Harvest is over, the combines have hummed their last tune for this season and have been duly hangared. Now the haying equipment is rolling.

The August meeting was cancelled due to conflicting dates with the Oregon Chapter plus family vacations. A joint meeting is pending—time and place to be announced later.

Betty Jane Seavy has been cooking and driving a fire truck through our terrific fire season. Her spare time

was spent driving wheat trucks and roustabouting.

Lygie Hagen bought a new home just across the street from her old one and is duly moved in.

Jean Carbon has been traveling "all over" with Pete. Can't get the landings so let's just say, "Jean has been in orbit."

Our Governor, Minnie Boyd, flew in the AWTAR race as did Gini Richardson. Marian Owen was co-pilot with Minnie and Joan Rorke, a student pilot from Yakima, flew with Gini. Margaret Miquelon of Kennewick, our newest member, flew as co-pilot with Pearl Laska of Alaska. At the convention Minnie was delegate as Governor of the Northwest Section and Gini was our Eastern Washington Chapter delegate.

Our September meeting will be on Sunday, the 19th, at Betty Jane's with a hamburger barbecue at noon. Husbands and children will be guests. The program will feature AWTAR race reports from Minnie, Gini and Margaret, plus convention reports from Gini and Minnie. Minnie will also report on the fall sectional to be held in Idaho Falls. You just can't miss this day!

Marie Reynnells attended the Republican national convention in Chicago, flying commercial. A national political convention is a slice of America in action I wish everyone might experience. I had my address book with me and meant to call several Chicago girls but somehow time flew.

In the pattern: Our October meeting will be at Minnie Boyd's in Pullman. The November meeting will be an overnight package in Pasco, the program a film on the Powder Puff Derby.

On final: The fall sectional in Idaho Falls over Labor Day weekend sound great. Max Conrad will be guest speaker. Swimming, golfing, bowling, flights to Yellowstone, Sun Valley, and the Tetons are yours for the taking. We are assured that "everything is sunny in Idaho Falls" and certainly the memories will be. Oh yes, there is even a dog show to attend!

Isn't it great to belong to an organization offering so much in so many fields? It is amazing the radials we can track on!



SANTA CLARA CHAPTER By Eleanor Wortz

Got my signals mixed on publishing dates and missed getting our news in; and our group has been very busy.

In June we held our regular meet-

ing at Natalie Bossio's in Palo Alto and planned our activities for the following three months. Dell Hauk mimeographed copies for everyone, and we've had good attendance at all festivities since.

Found out Jeannie and Dave McElhatton were "expecting" at the June meeting and next thing I knew they showed up at the Salinas fly-in in August with a darling little girl. Now, in the fall they are leading a 28-day tour of the Orient and Jeannie is making preparations for that. More excitement along that line came at our "charter party" when Jeannie told Patty Sherwood that Dave had just that day received an anonymous check for \$1,000 to be applied to passage on the trip for Patty. We're all so happy and excited for Patty, and think it couldn't have happened to a nicer person.

Anne Gardyne has been making news lately too . . . won the trophy at Merced Antique Air Show for the best cabin Waco. Had a delightful day there with the McElhattons. They also won a trophy for the best antique to fly into Porterville during the Moonlight Flight there.

The swim barbecue at the Barnick's in San Jose in July was a great success fun-wise. But many members were on vacation and couldn't make the date. Dell Hauk and granddaughter came up from Salinas and Mayetta and Bill Behringer and children attended.

The Salinas fly-in the first part of August drew 26 persons. Pat Gladney flew down with Patty Sherwood, Marg Standish and Vivian Essler and they had colored shots to show of their trip up through New England and across Canada to Banff after the end of the Air Race. The Gardynes and McElhattons came together guarding the new baby. Mable and Otto Zehr had been in the area the previous day and just waited over for the luncheon on Sunday. Mayetta, Carol Veris and I took off without checking Salinas weather till aloft and had to sneak in from the south to avoid all the fog that rolled over from Monterrey. Jackie Petty just barely made it, too. Dell had Jackie's plane and had to fly up to get Jackie and bring her down. Helen and Harry Nelson came with them.

Our charter party was at Jackie's Saturday night, the 20th, and it was loads of fun. Neolae Fierling Bandy and her husband made it as did Alan and Pat Johnson. Both are members of our chapter that we haven't seen enough of lately. Pat has a youngster about nine months old now and will be getting out more. Amelia and Bob Reid were also full of enthusiasm for their youngsters. Amelia was the "heroine" of a long article in the Peninsular Living Section of the Palo

Alto Times in June. The article dealt with an open cockpit flight that the author took with Amelia out of San Jose and really gave flying a "boost."

Natalie Bossio, Patty Sherwood, Marg Standish, Pat Gladney and Dorothy Monahan were also at the charter party. Marion and Herm and Mayetta and Bill and the Wortzes and the Pettys—and neighbors of Jackie. Hope I haven't forgotten anybody, and the food so good and the evening just flew by.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

CHAPTER

By Shirley Robinson

You're not yet back to earth from the AWTAR and convention, either? Well, then, how about another air race? Irene Leverton, Betty Hicks, and Norma Ojstedt, in Betty's 172 WON the Sportsman Pilot's Race from Sunset Beach, Calif., to Las Vegas, Nev. Liz Crowley and Lola Ricci did well also in this speed vs. gas economy race.

Called good egg Lola Ricci for chapter news—everyone relies on Lo for help in solving problems, etc., and she came through. Said plans are shaping up for our Christmas hangar party with Minnie Leigh Morgan as chairman, San Gabriel, Long Beach, Los Angeles, and other neighboring chapters will be invited. Ditto regarding our fly-in October 9 at Yucca Valley.

Lois (Zdenek) Miles, almost ready for her multi-engine rating check ride, is speaking before the Riverside, Calif., Rotary Club. She had a lovely professional-type speech written up, with glowing statistics regarding private flying. Come to find out, what the boys wanted to hear was how she landed gear-up at Roanoke in the AWTAR after electrical failure!

Watch for Audrey Schutte and her sleek new Corvair—don't know which is the brightest, the frosted turquoise upholstery or her big blue eyes. Donna Fisher vacationing up north; glad Clara Davis is improving after a much more serious disc operation that any of us realized. Our Chairman Virginia Kahse and Bob are in Europe for a six weeks auto tour with friends. Wonder if she took off during chapter election month on purpose? New member Norma Dey at Whiteman Airpark really piling up 172 time. It worked—note to Mary Jane in last month's News Letter brought a letter from her, telling about plans for their South Central Sectional. Jean Rose, Ginny Hall, and ole Shirl, couldn't have enjoyed Hermosa Beach any more if it had been the Riviera. Took our Wing Scouts another day—good clean fun, hamburgers and Cokes, surf riders, portable radio, ukelele, and bongo drums, cha, cha, cha.

Ninety-Nines were well represented at the Long Beach State College ninth

annual Aviation Education Workshop, a three week symposium for 200 teachers. Our program for the day was titled "Ladies of the Sky"—women in aviation. Jan Dietrich, with a new ATR, gave a talk on "The Lady Business Pilot"—her charter work and instruction. Mary Pinkney in her sparkling manner talked about the 99's and the AWTAR, Shirley Robinson told about what sounds like the New Deal all over again—the FAI, NAA, FAA, AOPA, EAA, PRPA, CAEA., IWW, etc. (Type setter beware!) WAF Capt. Carey Springer gave recruiting pitch, then at lunch Mary and Shirley gave Carey the recruiting pitch to learn to fly herself. All that co-pilot time when she travels Air Force, going to waste. She's stationed at Mather and we may see her at Sacramento Sectional.

Local prospective 99 Joan Trefethen, who built her own little airplane, met Sylvia Roth and Chicago Area 99's at the Experimental Aircraft Ass'n. national fly-in at Rockford, Ill., in July.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Helen Mace

Betty Boggess was hostess for our August meeting at Buchanan Field. Pacific States Aviation (Boggess' Flight School and other aviation services) has such a cheerful pilots' lounge, office and large swimming pool and provided a pleasant setting for our meeting. The water was great. Coral Bloom and Janet Meyers were there, Janet sporting her new 99 insignia. Ruth Rueckert, Lindy Boyes, and Geri Hill visited from Bay Cities Chapter. Sacramento fly-ins included Ruth Wagner in her 180 with a plane load—Genevieve Hall and guests Edith Brewer and Nita King. Florence flew her Tri-Pacer, and Marianne joined your reporter in the Clipper. Laverne Carruso who works at Pacific States Aviation had just passed her flight test for her private license. Hazel Roberts visited from the Flying Skirts.

Hope many of you can make it to our sectional meeting here in Sacramento at the lovely El Dorado, September 16, 17 and 18. Genevieve and helpers had most details planned so we were able to move on to election of officers. Genevieve was unanimously re-elected Chairman (she has done such a splendid job); Vice Chairman, Betty Boggess; Secretary, Marianne McDonald; Treasurer, Florence Breen re-elected.

June Devine writes from Puget Sound on vacation—calls it flyer's paradise. Nelsyne is busy with her family which now includes their newly adopted baby "Betty". Coral was reminiscing her trip to Alaska this summer but wishing for more. Elaine Lancaster and husband are flying to Victoria, Canada, in their 172 barring weather complications. Marianne says enough things happened on her flight

to San Diego to make up for several trips. Reilichs are settled in Visalia now—have probably been too busy to miss their 175 still in Sacramento. The Wagners enjoyed a relaxing vacation in Carmel.

Calling all Reno TAR contestants! Have the cumulus been keeping you on your side of the Sierras. We've had places reserved for a Mary Dunson and Nan Giroux for the last two meetings eager to hear your version of the race. Come to the Sectional and tell us all about it!

Just heard that Genevieve Hall is flying with Gerry Mickelson to the Northwest Sectional meeting at Idaho Falls over Labor Day weekend, and Genevieve is going on to Helena to visit her folks. Edith Hammer has just agreed to be our new Membership Chairman and I'll have to go at reporting the news.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER By Jane O. Hagg

The July meeting of our chapter was held at the home of Jane Hagg in Glendora, Calif. The topic of discussion for the evening was "survival kits." Did any of you ever try "multi-purpose food"? It is a product developed by someone at the California Institute of Technology, it was promoted and developed by Mr. Clifton of Clifton Cafeteria of Los Angeles. This food is used world-wide for undernourished peoples, during disasters such as the recent Chilean earthquake, and, by hospitals and doctors such as Dr. Schweitzer and Dr. Tom Dooley. Further information may be obtained by writing to Meals for Millions Foundation, 115 West 7th St., Los Angeles 14, Calif. It is very reasonable, very light-weight—\$1.50 for one can weighing four and one-half pounds which makes 36 meals.

The August meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter was held on August 11 at the home of Virginia Graham in Sierra Madre. Swimming was enjoyed by members and their guests previous to the business meeting. Members present who enjoyed Virginia's hospitality were Chairman Laura (Penny) Swope, Vice Chairman Norma Wilcox; Sec'y. Betty Humble; Treas., Ginny Graham; and Fly-in Chm., Jane Haag. Guests present were all prospective members of our chapter, they were: Margaret (Boots) Seymour who recently obtained the "ticket" to 99 membership. Boots flew in the AWTAR as co-pilot a few years ago and we are all looking forward to her membership in our chapter. Shirley Gilmore who is working towards her ticket as is Lou Palahnuk, and Lilly Runnel who has already received her license. Lou and Lilly were guests of Norma.

We are proud to announce that 12 Wing Scouts received their analyst ratings in June. It's really wonder-

ful to sponsor such an active group of girls.

Two of our members took part in the recent Powder Puff Derby, Chairman Penny Swope and her co-pilot Betty Humble. They shared their experience with us via colored slides taken during the Derby and reports of activities to the chapter. They had a really wonderful time and listening to them inspires one to plan to fly in a future AWTAR.

Norma Wilcox flew to Oregon with her two grandchildren, Greg and Doug, ages five and three respectively. They stopped in Oakland to pick up Norman's 12 year old niece and take her along with them. It was the young lady's first airplane ride. Norma spent a week in Oregon and returned to southern California to take up residence in her new home in Hawthorne (3854 West 135th St.).

Ginny Graham flew her girl friend to Sacramento to visit a sick aunt. They stayed all night and flew back the next day. Ginny reports that the weather was beautiful for both directions of the flight, and that the Sacramento Airport was most accommodating.

Betty Humble and her 49½er, Arnold, have taken on as a current project the learning of the International Code. It might come in handy sometime! Hm-m-m, I wonder if Arnold thought that the new interest would quell Betty's raving about "that wonderful Powder Puff Derby" from which men are excluded!

Jane Haag and her 49½er, Roy, took the long dreamed of flight to Alaska for their vacation this year. They had a wonderful time, marvelous weather, and either of them, or both of them was ready to turn around and fly back again upon the slightest excuse. To tell you truly, if we could have figured out how to pay for it without the jobs that we'd both have lost if we did it! It was a wonderful trip, a marvelous experience and we are ready, willing and waiting to talk about it to anyone who will bend an ear in our direction! I was most surprised at the inactivity of women pilots in a world where airplanes can readily replace a car!

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Gail Lane

Two new members were welcomed and officers for the coming year were elected at the August meeting held at the charming apartment of Geri Hill in Daly City (San Francisco).

Virginia Fahey and Deby Byram have increased this chapter's ranks and are two real "fly girls." Deby, for instance, made a recent weekend flight to Lake Tahoe . . . all alone. She tried in vain to talk some of her non-flying friends to accompany her. Feeble excuses were made. To heck with them, thinks Deby, and has her-



NEW OFFICERS of the Bay Cities Chapter for the coming year are: Treasurer, Mary Messersmith; Secretary, Dixie Lusk; Jean Kaye, Chairman; and Mary Fields, Vice-Chairman.

self a wonderful flight via Cessna 172 while her more dare-devil friends—though they don't know it—make the trip by automobile.

Re-elected as Chairman is Jean Kaye who will be assisted by Mary Fields, vice Chairman and News Letter Reporter; Dixie Lusk, Secretary; Mary Messersmith, Treasurer; and Lindy Boyes, Membership Chairman.

Activities of our busy members are highlighted, perhaps, with the announcement by Lindy Boyes that her first book, a novel, will be published by Hesperian House of San Francisco and will be out November 11. The name, "Sabres Over Brandywine." A flying story, obviously, which Lindy co-authored with David F. McCallister, a lieutenant colonel in the Delaware Air National Guard and chief of flight test engineering for All American Engineering at Wilmington, Del. How did these two writers get together? Lindy tells us that Dave refers to their meeting in Long Beach. More or less true, says Lindy, but at the Lafayette Hotel, AWTAR headquarters in 1954. She was in the Powder Puff and there was another race slated at the same time for Air National Guard F-86's, the Ricks Memorial Trophy Race. Somebody invited the Ricks racers to join the gals after their pre-race banquets. Jet jockeys are not shy, and that's how the co-authors met.

Chairman Jean Kaye Trojaned her way to Sierraville for a weekend in the Sierra Nevadas, landing on a forestry service trip not far from her family's mountain retreat.

The chapter thought it had lost Mary Fields to Costa Rica, but some paperwork snafu brought her back to us. Cocta Rica's loss is our re-gain. Happy day!

Gail Lane and Lindy Boyes flew from Hayward Airport to the Nut Tree Restaurant landing strip for lunch—via rented Cessna 140. They figure this way lunch costs approximately \$11 each but it's worth it.

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Gail, by the way, flew her 49½er, Fielding, to Ukiah on business (his) and witnessed an attempted jail break while at the courthouse. More exciting than TV!

This busy couple had a rousing farewell party when they departed by ship August 21 from San Francisco to Vancouver on vacation. Some of the guests who toasted the Lanes were Margaret Gerhardt, 49½er John; Gerry Mickelson of the Sacramento Valley Chapter; and Lindy Boyes.

Ruth Rueckert, Geri Hill and Lindy joined a Sacramento Valley Chapter meeting held at Buchanan Field where new member Betty Boggess was hostess at her own Pacific States Aviation (with swimming pool).

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Fritzi Heaney

Los Angeles Chapter is starting to grow again—we were happy to welcome three new members at our recent meeting: Lois Akers, Betty Du Port, and Rachelle Bonzan. We were also happy to see four guests visiting us: Bea Coghnan, Rose Karlberg, Colleen Giglio, and Carol Meyers, all prospective 99's.

Congratulations to our Chairman,

Dru Benefiel, on receiving her instrument rating recently.

Mary Ann Craig, Kattee Braithwaite and Fritzi Heaney told of their experiences in the AWTAR. Mary Ann and Vivian Thompson did so well in their first race, placing 12th.

Mary Ann Craig and Aileen Pickering visited Teddy Hager, another Powder Puffer in St. Louis, on the way home from the race. A wonderful time was had by all.

Plans are being made by some of the members to attend the Southwest Sectional being held in Sacramento in September.

Elsie Smith and Fritzi Heaney and two guests flew to Santa Barbara for lunch on August 11. It was fair weather and fine flying.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By June O'Donnell

Our July meeting was a report on TAR and the convention. Myrtle Wright and Pat Stouffer filled us in on all the interesting details of the race and convention. Although they were not in the money they had a wonderful time even with their bad break with the weather. Pat is now taking her instrument instruction in

a Cessna 182—getting ready for next year?

Ruth Rueckert and Miriam Brough came up from Bay Cities Chapter to join us for lunch and hear about the race. Gladys Haney was officially welcomed as our newest member.

Last Sunday we had our meeting at Napa Valley Country Club for swimming and lunch. Members present were Hazel Bertagna, Pat Stouffer, June O'Donnell, Gladys Haney and her 49½er, Fran DeHaan, and Jane Harrah and her husband from Willits. Guests, or "little sisters" were Hilda Casey, Betty Smith and Anita Connelly.

Fran DeHaan is almost ready for her commercial ticket. She just passed the written test which is the biggest hurdle these days.

The Haney's had quite a tour last week. Their instructor took them into the Sierras for high altitude field orientation. If there is a strip they missed Gladys says only a bird could land on it.

We have started making plans for the San Diego International Convention in 1961 and hope to help make it the best yet.

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