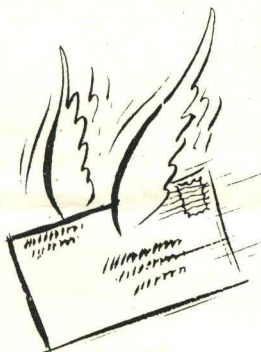


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Please include dates, facilities for housing, entertainment, etc.

REMINDER: AWTAR bids due October 1, 1953

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

September, 1953

DEAR NINETY-NINES:

"Flying time" vs. "Typing time" which is the greater prerequisite for International President? Typing so far seems to be ahead. The "Bellanca" has been hammering on the hangar doors to see the blue skies but I have not caught up with all the "deadlines" in order to leave the "swivel" chair. I would rather carry on the "biz" from the seat of the airplane so if you don't get a "right quick" answer you might get a call from the airport. Maybe I can work it that way? Anyway, let me dream!

Seriously speaking, I am deeply moved by your faith and confidence in electing me president of the Ninety-Nines, and truly feel that this is one of the greatest honors that could ever be paid me.

In direct contrast to the lengthy (?) speech I made at the Convention Dinner, I will make an effort to say more than "Thank You" from now on (watch this column). However, unaccustomed as I am to public speaking - I prefer to be known as a "doer" rather than a "sayer." But, if you will bear with me during the coming year I will endeavor to scrape up a little speech for you now and then.

1954 is the SILVER ANNIVERSARY of the Ninety-Nines! As your president I wish to acclaim this year also as our "FRIENDSHIP YEAR"...during which time let us resolve: each month make the acquaintance of another Ninety-Nine; visit another chapter quarterly; invite other chapters to your meetings. It's fun and exhilarating to meet new faces and ideas. And, remember you can't have friends without being a friend.

A vote of thanks to HELEN WETHERILL for her fine work on the News Letter these past years. It has been a big, time consuming job but she has met it faithfully each month. Helen deserves this well earned rest but we do hope she will act in an advisory capacity to our new editor, RUTH JACOBSON.

As the last half of this year -- the Fiftieth Anniversary of Powered Flight -- gets under way, communities everywhere are planning commendatory celebrations. We, as Ninety-Nines, are a part of this celebration....let's find our roles in this colorful pageant and play them. This is but one of the many ways we can show what the "Ninety-Nines" are doing to better aviation. Appoint a member to investigate programs planned in your area. Then advise airport managers and committee chairmen of these events that the Ninety-Nines are willing and are available to do their part.

As the incoming President may I express my thanks and the thanks of the Ninety-Nines for the inspiring leadership of ALICE HAMMOND during these past two years. Alice, we'll certainly miss your enthusiastic and informative column. And we'll always remember that it was during your term that we successfully set up an independent Ninety-Nine Headquarters to handle our own affairs. You've done a wonderful job! Fortunately for the Ninety-Nines, we still have you serving on the Executive Board.

Thank you again....there is nothing I would rather do than work for and with the Ninety-Nines (even if I DO have to stay home). I will do my best and will do everything in my power to follow your wishes for the betterment of the Ninety-Nines as an organization. Let me hear your wishes.

Sincerely your friend

Geraldine Mickelsen
P R E S I D E N T

SECRETARY'S CORNER

From all the delegates and members attending the 1953 annual meeting at San Diego, California, July 9-12, 1953 - CONGRATULATIONS TO SAN DIEGO CHAPTER CHAIRMAN CLAIRE HALE, ISABELLE McCRAE, CONVENTION CHAIRMAN, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE SAN DIEGO CHAPTER FOR A WONDERFUL, SUCCESSFUL, WELL-PLANNED MEETING. WE LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT!

Your 1953-54 officers and executive committee are: President, Geraldine Mickelsen; Vice-President, Edna Gardner Whyte; Secretary, Donna Tracy Myers; Treasurer, Broneta Davis; Members of Executive Committee, Alice Hammond, Jean Ross Howard, Kay Brick.

Concerning the proposed amendments: Your delegates will carry the definite information to you. There was some re-wording done on the Constitution - not changing the meaning, but merely making it more clear. Another item, vital to chapters, was the approval of \$100.00 as an outright gift to the chapter whose successful bid will allow us to descend upon them en masse, at convention time.

Believe one of the most important items to you as individuals, is that you have ONLY TWO months to renew your dues, rather than three as in the past. This will facilitate getting membership lists to the chapters more quickly. This was approved -- REMEMBER, YOU HAVE ONLY UNTIL OCTOBER 31 TO RENEW.

For more detailed information on these and other amendments, please contact your chapter delegates.

Thank you for your vote of confidence. I have loved working with you and for you in the past year, and I know I will enjoy it equally during the coming year.

Donna Tracy Myers

THINGS TO COME

Starting with the October Issue of the News Letter, we will run Important Dates for Ninety-Nines or for Aviation in General. So send for this column all information regarding Extra Special Meetings or Affairs which would be of interest to Ninety-Nines outside your Chapter or Section.

If these dates are publicized far enough in advance, members can arrange to be present. Information should include date, place, time, hostess' name and address for reservation purposes.

Remember - the News Letter will not reach members before October 20th--so dates should not be sent in that will fall before this time.

Run your dates for a couple of months.

TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE

The Board of Directors of the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race would very much appreciate receiving bids for the start and finish of the TAR. It is planned to start the '54 race on the West Coast and terminate it on the East Coast. Those chapters interested in hosting the TAR please send in your bids as early as possible to Betty H. Gillies, P. O. Box 5336, East San Diego 5, California.

Deadline for receiving bids will be October 1, 1953. No commitments are necessary on the initial bid. Invitations will be considered immediately following the deadline on October 1st.

Betty H. Gillies, Chairman
AWTAR, Inc.

AVIATION EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Betty McNabb

"Air Power is Peace Power," said Gill Robb Wilson, Editor of Flying Magazine, at the Second National Aviation Education Workshop, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

Three Ninety-Nines were among the 138 people, mostly teachers, who were flown in Air Force planes from 35 states, Hawaii, and Alaska, to attend the five-weeks session. Ninety-Nines were Janis Romanio, Dallas, Texas; June Walsh, St. Louis, Mo., and Betty McNabb, Albany, Ga.

They heard others speakers reiterate this statement again and again -- they heard the brilliant pedagogy of Dr. Roland Spaulding, Professor of Aeronautical Engineering, New York University; they heard the convincing oratory of the workshop director, Dr. Mervin Strickler, Aviation Educationist, Civil Air Patrol; the dramatic word pictures of Dr. Clay McDowell, Hurricane Hunter and Meteorologist, University of Porto Rico; Captain Lloyd Aronson, USAF, who flew the North Atlantic during six years, and the Berlin Airlift, held navigation classes; adding to their weather lore was Captain Randolph Stevens, USAF, AFROTC Meteorologist; General Lucas Beau, USAF, National Commander of the Civil Air Patrol, painted the C.A.P. picture; Aeronautical Engineering Chief at Colorado U., Dr. Harold Sibert, lectured on aerodynamics; David Stacy, sailplane expert, demonstrated his fascinating craft; they learned about aviation and the law; air-power and education in the Soviet; human dynamics and motivation for flight; airports, vocations and opportunities in aviation, the WAF, the Air Force, the airplane in industry; they visited Stapleton Airport, weather, the C.A.A., a fixed base, the tower, the fabulous new home offices of United Airlines, the busy shops and maintenance sections of Continental; they spent a day at Lowry AFB and saw all that is not classified of guided missiles and the nation's newest aircraft; they had a look at the President's Airplane, Columbine (but not the President! he was out fishing). They went to a real Luau given by the 43 Hawaiian members of the workshop, they heard the C.A.P. exchange student to Switzerland and Victor Moore of TWA, Ray Mertes of United, the two workshopers from Belgium--they learned to Hula, they crossed the Continental Divide and scanned the spectacular countryside from Pikes's Peak and Trail Ridge Road, they ate steak high on Flag Staff, flew over the ridges west of Boulder, made model airplanes by the hour, swam, rode horseback, played tennis, danced, studied, climbed mountains, made new friends.

The Ninety-Nines were guests of Colorado-Wyoming Ninety-Nines, Flying Farmers, and the El Jebel Shrine Air Patrol at a fly-in breakfast at Longmont, Colorado. Some 200 flying people were there. Such barbecue even the deep south girls had never tasted.

And they came away more convinced than ever that the freedom of spirit is in the air, that aviation will give thousands of youngsters new opportunities, and that the peace of mankind depends, in this shrinking world, on the balance of Air Power.

The workshop was evaluated as enlightening, enjoyable, immensely worth while from the standpoint of the individual participant, both as teacher and citizen.

Janis teaches in Dallas, was a Seminar Group Leader, attended the workshop last year, as did June, who flies for Ford Foundation. She was also a group leader. Betty flies her hospital assignments as a consulting medical record librarian, attended the workshop on scholarship.



Women fliers at the Second National Aviation Education Workshop, Boulder, Colorado, 1953

Caroline Weiss, Student, Richmond, Va., Billy Tucker, private license, Richmond; Betty McNabb, Private License, Ninety-Nine, Albany, Ga.; Frances Steinhilber, Student, Newark, N.J.; Janis Romanio, Ninety-Nine, Dallas, Texas,

Another Ninety-Nine, June Walsh, is not in the picture.

Picture by Louis Periera, Hawaii

AIR MARKING

After meeting all the wonderful people and renewing old acquaintances during the TAR and the Convention, it makes you glad you're one of the Ninety-Nines and you want to bear down and work even harder for the organization. The only drawback to the Convention was that it was impossible to be able to talk to everyone.

Things have settled down to a roar now and it's time to start working on that report for the 1954 Convention! The Airmarking Report for the 1953 Convention, thanks to all the Ninety-Nines who worked so hard on the program, was a total of 68 airmarkers promoted and/or completed by Ninety-Nines during the period of July 1, 1952 to July 1, 1953. The state aviation bodies completed 1138 airmarkers, exclusive of the Ninety-Nines 68 airmarkers, during that period through the efforts of our own Blanche Noyes. Our 68 was 4.5% of the grand total for that period. I would like to thank each and every Ninety-Nine who made this report possible.

Our next aim is to see how much we can increase that total for the 1954 report and this is the time to start!

Depending on the climate in your area, this time can either be used for the actual painting of the airmarkers or for the contact work to be ready for the painting as soon as the weather is right for painting. Or, if your state is one of those that has its own airmarking program so that there is no active way you can participate in the workings of the program, you can do much for the overall airmarking program by making use of every opportunity you have every place you go to sell the general public on the importance of having the country airmarked. As soon as we can get this basic point sold every place the actual airmarking will automatically take care of itself. The basic job of the Ninety-Nines is to make every town WANT TO BE AIRMARKED and every Ninety-Nine can do that selling job no matter where she lives.

One chapter has worked out an arrangement whereby the fixed base operators take turns furnishing an airplane once a month for the girls to use to airmark. Maybe that idea or a similar one would work for your Chapter. In another Chapter, two or three girls take out in their car when there isn't an airplane available, to contact the towns and although they realize they are living dangerously when they travel by car, they are very careful driving and they do get the airmarking program sold. So, if you don't have an airplane available to use for the program, don't let that stop you. Besides, many of the small towns that actually need the airmarking the most have no airport so cars have to be used to contact them.

After you have your program lined up get your newspaper and radio people to go with you on one of your jobs, either painting or checking. They are amazed at how fast an airmarker can be painted and the trip also proves to them that airmarkers are urgently needed. Once you get the newspaper and radio people sold on the program and its importance you will have a lot of help conveying your message to other people.

Let me know who your Airmarking Chairman is for this year - let me know if I can help you in any way - and let's start on increasing that total for 1954!

HELP A LOST PILOT -- IT COULD BE YOU.

Bobbe Slade
International Airmarking Chairman

CHAPTER NEWS

CANADIAN SECTION

BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER
BY: Betty Hutchinson

The August 23d meeting of the British Columbia Chapter was called to order in the lounge (Comfort--plus) of the Aero Club of British Columbia at Vancouver. Due to unpredictable weather and holidays, attendance was not good but a lively business session consumed the afternoon in a hurry.

A big "Little Aircraft," ferried from Kerrville, Texas, was on the tarmac, awaiting customs clearance. What a little honey--single seater, 65 HP, weighs 520 pounds, cruises 120 mph at 10,000 feet. No wonder it was getting the "eye" from the Ninety-Nines.

Sorry to report that our Chairman, Lois Paige, who has been our brightest "guiding light" since organization, is off to Edmonton, Alberta, in September. It's an ill

wind that blows nobody some good, so our loss is Edmonton's gain. I can see the Edmonton Chapter greeting her with open arms already.

Of very special interest to us in British Columbia is the fact that a Ninety-Nine, Lynette Hayes, has just been elected First President of the newly formed Westview Flying Club. To top it off the club has already purchased their first aircraft and Lynette will be flying it to Westview this week. Who says those Canadians aren't interested in Aviation? The Ninety-Nines just have to convince them!!! Congratulations Lynette; we are all very proud of you and the new Westview Flying Club.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

TENNESSEE CHAPTER
By: Helen Deason

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Evelyn Bryan, whose father passed away July 31st.

Sarah Duke, Georgie McConnell and Helen Deason, who are also members of the Civil Air Patrol, participated in the SARCAP held at Tullahoma, Tennessee, August 22-23. Georgie and Helen are with Squadron #1, Nashville, Tenn., and Sarah is with Squadron #3, Chattanooga, Tenn. Sarah holds the rank of a First Lieutenant and is the Public Information Officer. She is doing a swell job. We all had lots of fun (especially Saturday nite) and did lots of work.

Sally Jackson of Murfreesboro, Tenn., has set the date. She is to be married September 1st. Congratulations, Sally.

We have a future Ninety-Nine in Nashville - Mrs. Mary Beth Sargent. She is going up for her private ticket very soon.

The official opening of Evelyn Bryan's new airport at Morristown will be September 6th. Everyone invited. There will be Fly-in Breakfast Monday morning.

NORTH FLORIDA CHAPTER
By: Helen McBride

The August meeting of the North Florida Chapter was held on Sunday, Aug. 16th, at the home of Helen McBride. It was the usual "everybody bring a dish" with 49 1/2er Tom McBride furnishing the barbeque.

The meeting was well attended and we were pleased to have Verda Mae Jennings as a prospective transfer, and we feel that someone else's loss was our gain.

Betsy Collins read answers to the questionnaire that she had sent to the pilots in the IAR. Their expressions of approval and their suggestions for future races was appreciated by all of us. Tentative plans for next year were advanced.

Elaine Mogelvang read a letter from Mary Lee, our past secretary and treasurer, telling all about her new baby girl. We miss Mary and it made us all happy to know that that she is so happy with the baby. She also said that although she liked Massachusetts, she would always feel that Florida was home.

Plans were discussed for building our own airstrip. The commercial fields are so crowded and many of the small fields are going out of business. There will be more of this at our next business meeting in October.

Ruth B. (Pat) Marshall, chairman of the Beverly Whitfield Trophy Race, gave a brief report and stated that a formal outline of the race would be mailed to all members as soon as completed.

Our next meeting will be held at the annual Vero Beach ("Driftwood") gathering. This will be September 26-27. We would be very pleased to have any of you who can visit us at this time. (And at all times, of course!) The Beverly Whitfield will be run at this time, too.

The necessity for air marking was discussed, however the appointment of a chairman was left until after the coming election.

Following the business, we had a congenial social mixup with the attending 49 1/2ers and our respective children. We were also pleased to have Margaret Pitt announce her engagement to Robert Stannah as a climax to a very pleasant day.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER
By: Edith Harmon

The August meeting was held at Grimes Field, Urbana, on the 23d. Prior to the meeting, Mr. Garrett, of the Cleveland Junior Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the All-Ohio Air Tour over the Labor Day weekend. Several members said they were going on the tour this year. Members present at the meeting were Helen Ailes, Virginia Ashelford, Marion Betzler, Bonnie Butler, Mary Fecser, Edith Harmon, Joan Hrubed, Ione Kiplinger, Janice Kuechenmeister, Edythe Maxim, Marge Miller, Bernita Nickell, Blanche O'Brien, Alice Puller, Kathleen Ruff, Martha Walter and Martha Wilcox. We were happy to welcome Mary Wenclaw of Wickliffe, Ohio. Kathleen Ruff who formerly belonged to the chapter and has been in nurse's training, has rejoined and is again a Ninety-Nine. Kathleen is now a graduate nurse and is going to college this fall.

Martha Wilcox is the proud owner of a Cessna 140 and, according to Helen Ailes, she's up in the air most of the time. Martha has logged 25 hours since she purchased the plane on July 20th and made trips to Columbus and Indianapolis.

Bernita Nickell has just completed a hanger for her J3 Cub on the farm located north of Indian Lake. We are sorry to learn that Bernita's father died of a heart attack on June 14th after 34 years of flying. Our sympathies, Bernita. Glad to see you and your 49 1/2 at the Urbana meeting.

Arlene Davis spent some time at Elizabeth Arden's in Maine for rest and relaxation after her recent illness.

Marge Miller flew some friends up to Sandusky the 19th for a day of fishing. Caught some, too, she says.

Edythe Maxim has been helping out at the airport recently.

Virginia Ashelford is looking forward to a trip to the factory at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, to pick up another new Tri-Pacer.

Alice Schlott was unable to attend the Urbana meeting account illness. Hope you're better by now, Alice.

The annual meeting of All-Ohio Chapter will be held September 27 at Zanesville. Bonnie Butler will be our hostess.

INDIANA CHAPTER
By: Joan Ferguson

The August meeting of the Indiana Chapter was held at the Anderson Airport on the 16th. There were 16 members and 1 guest present.

The business meeting was held before luncheon and our new officers are as follows: Chairman, Mildred Hurt; Vice-Chairman, Lois Whitney; Secretary, Betty Lou Lehmer.

We were all happy to have little Doc Retherford with us again and on the road to recovery. She and Doc have just bought a new Tri-Pacer.

There will be no meeting in September, due to the Sectional in Michigan.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER
By: Margaret Windfuhr

Wonderful outdoor picnic with steaks roasted on the outdoor fireplace, corn and the works was offered us by our hostess, Becky Thatcher for our August meeting in Stanton. A grand time was had by all. 19 members and 12 49 1/2ers and guests were present.

Amelia Leslie, from Flint, is renewing her membership. Good girl.

A prospective member is Mrs. Ann Neal, of Akron, Mich. She has been flying four years for fun and has logged 120 hours, owns a plane.

Mary Gardinier, with Ruthmary Buckley Cole and her 2, 3 and 4 year olds, drove to Dallas, Texas. They took the airlines to Denver and then to Chicago. They averaged 385 mph for 14 hours.

A vote to thanks is in order for the Ohio girls for their wonderful hospitality for the combined July meeting.

It pays to have Ninety-Nine friends. When our guest, Harold Schmidt of New York, was here, he had to get from Flint to Baldwin to join us, but no busses, trains or anything, so Bernice Trimble flew him over, circled the lake where we were - and we dashed out to the airport and picked him up.

Yours truly gets some of her flying hours in by accompanying her 49 1/2er on some of his business trips. He flies one way - I the other.

See you in Traverse City in September.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER
By: Virginia Rabung

[Editor's Note: Interesting excerpt from personal note. Thought you'd all enjoy knowing the benefits of being in TAR.]

"...but have just returned from the West Coast after having flown in the TAR with Helen O'Hara in her Cessna 120. We were on the west coast doing publicity for our sponsor, International Minerals & Chemical Corporation and their product AC'CENT and then took the northern route over Reno, Salt Lake City and Denver to Chicago, doing radio and television publicity along the route, returning to Chicago only last Thursday. Here is our chapter news:"

Well here we are - all back from the TAR - thinking about the experiences we had on that toughest of a course from east to west, which presented us with headwinds that kept us on our toes as far as gas stops were concerned. It was good experience and great fun.

While some of us lucky people - Doris Langher and Gladys Muter, Jane White and Miriam Orr and yours truly and Helen O'Hara were racing cross country, things were far from standing still in the Illinois Chapter. The July meeting was held at DuPage County Airport at St. Charles, Illinois. Bea Siemon was hostess at her lovely country home several miles from the field. After the picnic, news of the convention in San Diego sent back by Nell Brown was discussed. The full coverage which Nell gave the event, including photos and clippings was much appreciated and very welcome. Spot landing contest that day was won by Frances Spooner in her Silvaire (right on the spot) and second place by Sylvia Roth (30 feet over). At the June meeting in Elgin the spot landing contest was won by Alice Kudrna. The August meeting will be at Elmhurst on August 16th.

The Airmeet Committee (September 13 at Chicago-Hammond Airport) is working diligently on the program for the Airmeet. Irene Leverton is Chairman, Jane White - Programs, Sylvia Roth - Supplies, Millie Carlson - Drawings, Marge Raglin - Judge, Harriett Noah - Registration, Esther Noffke. The events will be a handicap cross-country race, commercial and private spot landing don-tests, bomb dropping and a ribbon cutting event. There will be a first and second place trophy for each event and the Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the holder of the best score in all events for one year. Mr. Kurt Kunau of Chicago-Hammond Airport is doing much toward making the meet successful.

Irene Leverton reports that Janice "Chris" Christensen is back in circulation again - flying a Super Cruiser at Chicago-Hammond. Hazel Hackwith checked out in the 140 A at Palwaukee and is also flying a Stinson 165. Yes, and imagine, while Helen and O'Hara were at Capitola Airport near Santa Cruz, California on our way back from the TAR, what a surprise to see looking up at us from a copy of Contact Magazine the smiling countenance of Major Virginia Jansen, of the Civil Air Patrol, climbing out of the cockpit of a T-33 jet trainer at O'Hare International Airport. Congratulations, Virginia. Sylvia Roth has passed the flight instructor's oral examination and added an Aeronca Champ to her checkout list. Sylvia, that must make every type of a ship but a jet in which you have been checked out?? Helen Budwash and 49 1/2er are off to California and all points west on a vacation via auto. Inger Johnson is flying a Cessna 170B after checkout in the 140A. Millie Carlson has launched her sailboat on Crystal Lake and can be found enjoying the life of a fresh water sailor every weekend on which she is not instructing at Palwaukee Airport. Many thanks to Elgin Airport for donating the Super Cub to the girls at the recent airmeet for shooting spots. Millie Carlson was check pilot.

This is to announce that Harriett Noah of our chapter is now Harriet Magee. Mr. Magee runs B&M Aircraft Maintenance at Elmhurst Airport. They own an Ercoupe.

Betty Archibald is hopping passengers along the shores of Lake Michigan in a Tri-Pacer out of Meigs Lake Front Airport. Sylvia Roth is doing likewise in a Stinson 150 at Palwaukee Airport northwest of Chicago.

Millie Carlson has added another plane to her list of checkouts, having checked out in a Cessna 170B at Chicago-Hammond Airport which, by the way, is the scene of our air meet on September 13.

Irene Leverton, of Kunau Aviation Company, advises that on a recent charter trip in the Cessna 195 she met Louise Skelton at the Port Erie Airport in Erie, Pa. Louise is from the Jamestown, New York Chapter of the Ninety-Nines.

It was a nice feeling when Helen and this reporter arrived in Lawrence, Mass. for the start of the TAR to meet the other Chicago entries - Doris Langher and Gladys Muter and Jane White and Miriam Orr - along with the other girls from all over the country. Sorry to hear Jane had some gear trouble on the last lap home from the TAR. But all turned out well and she landed at Sky Harbor Airport in fine fettle. Helen O'Hara and this reporter covered some 7,000 miles, flying up the coast of California after the convention at San Diego to visit with Lucy Welles and Pat Stouffer of Vallejo and Napa, California respectively. By the way, Lucy and Pat won 10th place in the TAR and the award for the best score by the entry flying the race for the first time. From Napa we stopped at Capitola, Santa Cruz, San Jose, Sacramento, and returned to Chicago via Reno, Salt Lake City and Denver, Colorado, Chadron, Neb., Sioux Falls, S.D., Mason City, Iowa, Rockford, Illinois and Chicago. I know Doris, Gladys, Jane and Miriam will agree with Helen and me that one could go on talking forever about her adventures in the TAR. The line must be drawn somewhere, however, and this is as good a place as any

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER By Beulah L. Smith

I'm writing this as one of those who didn't attend - but the last meeting of the Chapter was a success anyway. Luncheon at the Royal 400 Club at Fort Dodge, with Helen Flaherty doing the honors.

Officers for the coming year are Chairman, Virginia Koestner; Vice-Chairman, Millie Burt; Secretary, Betty Barton; Treasurer, Jean Wildman.

Most everyone is or has been vacationing, Helen to the Grand Canyon, Jean, 49 1/2ers and 24 3/4ers Wildman to the Lake of the Ozarks, Virginia and Don Koestner to Lake Okabaji.

Millie has been recuperating from a month's stay in the hospital and so was good to see her at the meeting.

Helen O'Hara and Virginia Rabung of Chicago, stopped at Air Activities, Inc., Mason City visiting with Bernice and staying over night. The girls flew in the TAR. We like having you girls stopping in, don't we, Bernice?

Millie's "Jess-Mill" Club has been sold and is being converted into a grocery store. We will all have many favorite memories of some wonderful times as Ninety-Nines and friends of the owners.

Win and A.R. visited in Fort Dodge two weeks ago on their way back to the north woods after a trip through Canada and the northern states.

Saw Dorothy and Wayne Hunt at the Estherville Flight Breakfast - an invite to the Sibley Flight Breakfast which is the 6th of September. Yours truly won a silver dollar for being the oldest lady pilot! The other "young" lady was 20 and a student pilot!

No more news - sign off.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER By: Dee Southard

The Kansas City Chapter would like to tell all the air race contestants how much we enjoyed their coming through Kansas City. It was a great day for all concerned here and we met so many interesting people.

Atchison, Kansas has a brand new airport with a name to live up to. It was dedicated as "Amelia Earhart Field," Sunday, August 16. A number of Kansas City Ninety-Nines were present at the dedication. Dee Southard and her roommate missed the breakfast as when driving to Atchison they stopped along the highway to administer first-aid to victims of an automobile accident. They are happy to say that all concerned recovered from the accident.

At the August meeting, new officers were elected. Results: Chairman, Neva Rea; Vice-Chairman, Marie Kuhlman; Secretary, Mary Ruth Dietrich; Treasurer, Catharine Van Wye.

We want to thank Verna Wilson, the out-going chairman, and the other officers of the past year for the splendid work they did. It was through their leadership and help that we had the opportunity of having, for the first time, Kansas City as one of the stops for the TAR. The past year was a good one and I know that the coming year has many things to offer and to challenge us.

This is all for now, from your new reporter--who does not advise wearing shorts when waving yellow flags during air races--sunburns are rather painful for any activities -- but it was fun.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

TEXAS CHAPTER Ft. Worth Unit By: Rowena Burns

Verna Burns was hostess of the month with a get-together at her ranch. Those attending were: Verna, Ann Atkeison, Mary Helen Rattikin, Frances Withers, Johnny Stutts, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Northington, King Bodine of Casper, Wyoming, your reporter, her husband and two children. Verna's riding horses, Dutch and Tex, were kept busy all afternoon. An outdoor dinner of hush puppies (were they good!), French fries, salads, topped by a big watermelon was heartily enjoyed by all.

Edna Gardner Whyte called your reporter last week. She was here from Flint, Michigan to get her Aeronca Chief which has been hangared at Meacham Field. It was nice to talk to Edna and to get the news from up her way.

Beulah Conn has just returned from a three-week flying vacation. She and her husband flew their Cessna 170 to Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado, visiting friends and relatives. At Colorado Springs they went up Pikes Peak. Then they flew on to Phoenix, Desert Palms, Los Angeles, San Diego and back home. One out-of-the-ordinary place that Beulah and Tommy enjoyed was "Desert Air Lodge" at Desert Palms. It is about five miles from Palm Springs and had good food, swimming and fine accommodations. Beulah had just gotten home from the trip when she broke her toe and had to take another vacation from work.

One night last month I met my husband coming in on the airlines to Amon Carter Field. We were invited to inspect the new tower. The tower has been staffed with personnel from Love Field in Dallas and Meacham Field in Ft. Worth. Our visit was during one of their many busy sessions, and we got a first hand view of the newest approach lighting system. The center-line approach lights and high-intensity runway lights are the most up-to-date in the southwest. The approach lights (to the ILS runway) can be set to a maximum brilliance during weather conditions of low visibility. When the pilot gets on final approach, the controller has a selector switch to dim the lights on the runway to avoid excessive glare as the aircraft touches down. While these are primarily a night landing aid, under minimum instrument conditions these lights are also a wonderful aid in the daytime.

The airport runways have long, unrestricted approaches from all directions, with facilities for extension in length and the inclusion of parallel runways as traffic increases. Taxi strips are all well marked and lighted at night by modern blue lights and arrows.

The radio equipment is all operated by remote control. The new, compact control consoles take up so little space that this tower is the most roomy that we have ever seen. There is adequate space for the addition of surveillance radar and precision approach GCA. On two lower floors there are offices and radio maintenance facilities, making a complete unit for airport traffic control.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

SAN FERNANDO CHAPTER By: Clara B. Davis

Pinch-hitting for Trixie A. Schubert, who is vacationing in Colorado -- and a well-earned vacation it is, after handling all the publicity of the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, along with taking care of her two small children, writing magazine articles and she has recently been elected President of the Faculty Wives at Los Angeles City College where Dr. Schubert teaches. With all this, Trixie still has time to give anyone who calls a helping hand.

The San Fernando Valley Chapter has another airmarker to their credit - it being Bekens Van & Storage building in Arcadia, California. Credit for this marker goes to Mary Rance, Elsie Ringer, Margaret Jepson and Jean Parker.

Our August meeting was held at the home of Clara Davis. This was strictly a business meeting or we should say, a work meeting, getting things ready for the Fall Sectional which will be sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Chapter at Bakersfield Inn, in Bakersfield, Calif.

Margaret Jepson has moved into her new home in Altadena and our chapter is looking forward to a house warming in the very near future.

Latest report from Anne Rambo is that she is having a wonderful time touring Alaska.

SAGUARA CHAPTER By: Betty Knier

The month of August has been a most exciting one for the Saguaro Chapter. Approximately three-fourths of our chapter was able to attend the Convention at San Diego. We made this our project for the year to be there, and we even had two race contestants.

Speaking of race contestants - Claire Walters has moved again - this time she and her 49 1/2er and child have moved to New York. We certainly enjoyed having her with us. Our newest member, Alice Roberts, just got her license in time to make the TAR as a Ninety-Nine contestant with Claire. What we need are more enthusiastic new members like her.

Another one of our members, Verda Mae Jennings, is transferring to the North Florida Chapter.

Hazel Wakefield, 49 1/2er and children are back in Chicago again, but she says she will be back in Phoenix with us next year.

Ethelind Woodhouse and 49 1/2er flew back to the north-eastern part of the United States and the southern part of Canada and whizzed right back to the Convention in her new Cessna 170. She detoured by the way of Winslow to be timekeeper for the TAR. Keep up the flying time, Ethelind!

On the 6th of August, a business meeting was held at Wilma Bland's new home. What a cool restful place to have a meeting these hot summer days.

Bonnie Fugitt gave a report on the new Civil Defense and Home Nursing courses that are starting next month. Also our Civil Defense contest is still on and the deadline is extended until September 30.

Ethelind Woodhouse is giving a lecture and showing movies September 2 in Prescott to a group of teachers and 4-H students on "The Advantages of Flying and Farming." This is a great boost to our Air Education program.

Juanita Newell has been flying Mr. Welsh, of J. H. Welsh Plumbing Company, in and around the state. She and her husband have also been flying up to Flagstaff for a cool weekend of fishing.

Camille Shapley and 49 1/2er are vacationing in Balboa, California.

Aside from her landscape and commercial art work, Ruth Reinhold has been busy flying the Arizona Fertilizer Company around the state this summer.

This is getting close to Sectional meeting time again. Hope to see you all in Bakersfield this Fall.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER By: Geri Masinter

The Bay Cities Chapter has not gone out of existence. The Reporter has just been too involved in TAR.

The Chapter has had some fine meetings. In May, we went to M. Coffin's in Pleasanton. They put on a wonderful barbeque. The 49 1/2ers and 24 3/4ers were on hand since the meeting was on a Sunday afternoon.

The July meeting at Marion Barnick's was devoted to a session on the TAR. We had seven participants this year and hope to increase that number next year.

What we are wondering is how soon the TAR will be Trans-Ocean as well as Transcontinental, since Marion Hart [a former Ninety-Nine from New York] has made the trip?

Pat Gladney had the August meeting in her lovely home in Los Altos. This was a business meet. A fly-in is planned soon. We haven't done much group flying this year, but feel our participation in TAR compensates somewhat.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER By: Edna Stennett

We are glad that Donna Evans has won the AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

At the August meeting, our Chapter voted to submit bids for the start of the 1954 AWTAR - to be from Long Beach, California. The City of Long Beach is including a substantial amount in their budget to assist in the event, if the bid is accepted by the Board of Trustees.

Announcement was made by the chairman, Barbara London, that the sectional meeting would be held in Bakersfield, Sept. 19-20. Delegates and alternates appointed were: Edna Stennett, Adeline Maylen, Betty Loufek, Donna Evans, Barbara London, Iris Critchell, Shirley Blocki and Mae Sharp.

Election of new officers was announced for Friday evening, Sept. 25. The meeting to be held at the home of Edna Stennett. Nominating committee: Mae Sharp, Iris Critchell and Adeline Maylin.

By the way, Edna Stennett flew her Ercoupe (the one she flew in the 1952 AWTAR) to inspect a \$75,000 gude-guest-cattle ranch she has for sale, located just north of Phoenix -- the "valley of the sun."

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER By: Dottie Sanders

To honor 49 1/2ers and local San Diego people who aided with the convention, a patio party was held at the home of Lois Bartling on Sunday, July 23. Lois has been patiently (?) awaiting parts for her Swift ever since July 6, which the Gremlins put out of commission during the TAR. She expects to have wings again and be home from Prescott by August 28. She says she still hopes to cross the finish line at Long Beach, even though she is a couple of months late. (She never likes to leave a job undone.)

Since her daughter, Joan, was stricken with polio last winter, Thelma Bishop has been working on a polio benefit show to be given at the Russ Auditorium in San Diego on September 4. Good luck, for a worthy cause, Thelma. We are glad to know that Joan is now recuperating at home.

Vacationing: Betty Gillies and family are still in Europe; Maxine Smith and 49 1/2er, Gordon, have been taking a little tour of the Redwoods; Ernestine and Joe Stanley have been spending a lot of time this summer in their Laguna Mountain retreat; we hear that Jean Murray and 49 1/2er, Bill, have been vacationing in these parts from Japan where they have been the past year.

If you hear the tinkle of wedding bells on September 6, they will be for Margaret Williamson who has set that date for her marriage to Frank Lang. Welcome to another 49 1/2er.

Congratulations to Mickey and 49 1/2er Bill Young on the birth of their 24 3/4er, a boy, Daniel William, born August 16. Mickey reports that he weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and is just the "most adorable and cutest baby there is."

Claire Hale has enjoyed flying the "Honey Bee," the San Diego built single-seater which in its advertising literature is the "world's sweetest plane." Claire says it's true.

Jessie Ostrander opened her home to the August business meeting, where officers for the year 1953-54 were elected: Chairman, Lois Bartling; Vice-Chairman, Dottie Sanders; Secretary, Margaret Williamson; Treasurer, Ethel Gainer.

Isabelle McCrae has been appointed by Squadron 99 of C.A.P. to coordinate activities between the C.A.P. and the Chamber of Commerce for the forthcoming San Diego Air Games to be held September 26-27, which will also be the celebration of the 50th Year of Powered Flight. In addition to Ninety-Nines who are C.A.P. members, it is expected that a number from our chapter will enter the games. We hope to see Ninety-Nines from other chapters there too.

Sue Penners is just back from a vacation in the San Francisco area and reports that she "had a ball." Her mother, Edna, our newest member, flew their Stinson up after her the weekend of August 22.

We are sorry to learn that it was necessary for Charlotte Kleutsch, her 49 1/2er Joe and 24 3/4er Bernard, to make a trip to Medford, Wisconsin because of the loss of Joe's father, there.

The term, "nautical mile," does not necessarily mean air miles to a couple of our gals. Betty and Art Lambert have just acquired a sailboat, a 34 ft. Cutter with auxiliary engine. Mary Ring's 49 1/2er, Roger, entered the Gold Cup Speedboat Regatta in Seattle in August and we are proud to learn that he placed second in the regatta itself and equaled the world's record in the mile straight-a-way trial.

TOURING TEXAS WITH THE TURKS

The first woman to ever participate in the Civil Air Patrol International Cadet Exchange was Madame Sabiha Gökçen, first woman pilot of Turkey and adopted daughter of Kemal Ataturk.

At the present time, Madame Gökçen is Chief Instructor of the Turkkusu (Turkey Bird), the Civil Aviation School of Turkey. In addition to powered flight training, the school operates summer glider camps where teen-aged boys and girls are given glider training. Turkey air conditions their youth!

It was my wonderful privilege to serve as Madame's escort while she, five cadets, a Turkish congressman, and an Air Force officer toured Texas as guests of the Texas Wing of the CAP. We were given the red carpet treatment - a la Texas. Police escorts, plane and 'copter flights, a night on a dude ranch, a night on a yacht, a night at the Shamrock, tours of factories, oil refineries, airports, Kiwanis and Lions Club luncheons, dinners, barbeques and the group left as honorary citizens of Texas - Deputy Sheriffs - complete with 10-gallon hats.

Typically, the group were given American nicknames-- Madame is now known as "Mamie" (our first lady in the program), and the cadets are "Joe," "Jim," "Jack," "Johnny" and "Tex" (the youngest and our mascot).

We met Ninety-Nines at every stop. Marie Rushing of the Dallas Unit flew to Washington to escort us to Texas. In Dallas we saw Marian Guiberson, Doris Weller, Martha Ann Redding and about-to-be-reinstated Posy Willess. In Fort Worth, Verna Burns and Anne Atkelson welcomed us at the Convair plant. Rowena Burns dropped in at the beauty salon where "Mamie" and I were getting glamor. In Longview, Marie Barnes, also an active CAP, was our hostess. Ziggy Hunter drove 200 miles so she could welcome us at the Austin airport. In Corpus, "Mamie" enjoyed meeting Charter Member Edith Foltz-Stearns who has been flying since 1928. Edith and Pauline Glasson joined us at all the "doings" in Corpus. And in Houston, Bobbie King took annual leave to escort us to the airport.

Before we left for Texas, Fran Nolde gave "Mamie" a Navion flight over Washington and the Washington, D.C. Chapter entertained at a luncheon. Present were Blanche Noyes, Mitzi Moore, Katherine Stinson, Louise Calhoun, Louise Kidd, Billie Cain, Nancy Moore and Ada Mitchell. We suggested "Mamie" become a Ninety-Nine. Marie Rushing, representing the Dallas Unit, voiced a protest--the Texas Chapter wanted to sponsor Mamie. A happy compromise - both Chapters would sponsor.

On our last Texas night at Col. D. Harold Byrd's party, Doris Weller presented "Mamie" with a scroll, illustrated with a sketch of the Washington Monument and the Alamo, inviting her to become a Ninety-Nine.

At the reception given by the New York-New Jersey Section, "Mamie" met Kay Brick, Barbara Evans, Cecile Hamilton, Jeanne Spielberg, Marjorie Davis, Lola Perkins and others. (Have lost my Roster, so please forgive omissions of many of you we met.)

Our trip proved hangar flying is international. It overcomes any language barrier. When "Mamie's" application is finally completed, we can be truly proud to welcome her as a member-at-large from Turkey. She is an outstanding pilot and a wonderful person with the true Ninety-Nine spirit.

Jean Ross Howard

