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NEWS FLASHES FROM CLEVELAND

NATIONAL 99 OFFICERS FOR 1937-38 - President, Daisy Kirkpatrick; Vice-president, Betty Gillies; Secretary, Dorothy Pressler Morgan; Treasurer, Dorothy George.
NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1938 - Chairman, Helen McCloskey Rough; Nancy Love, Dorothy McBirney, Jane Ray and Elizabeth Hayward.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Mabel Britton, Gladys O'Donnell, Ruth Nichols.

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL - Among other things decided at the National meeting, it was voted to establish a Memorial for Amelia Earhart, the nature of which will be determined by the Executive Committee from suggestions sent in by the Sections.

99 GUEST DINNER - The annual 99 guest dinner was a complete success. Casey Jones held the spotlight as toastmaster, introducing in his own inimitable way Capt. Alex Papana, who paid a most charming tribute to his feminine hostesses; Tex Rankin, who said aviation would never be a really great industry until the number of women flyers was comparable to the men; Art Goebel and Dud Steele, who spun some amusing yarns; Ruth Nichols, Blanche Noyes, Gladys O'Donnell, Daisy Kirkpatrick, Margaret Cooper and Dorothy Monro. The ingenious, little, blue, paper airplanes which marked the places for the guests, were all made by Belle Hetzel, chairman of the Omaha Chapter.

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL TROPHY RACE -

First place; Gladys O'Donnell, flying a Menasco powered Ryan.
Second place; Betty Browning in a Warner Super-Scarab Cessna.
Third Place; Edna Gardner in a Warner Super-Scarab Cessna.
Fourth place; Annette Gipson in a Lambert Monocoupe.
Fifth place; Dorothy Monro in a LeBlond Rearwin.

BENDIX TROPHY RACE- Jacqueline Cochrane upheld the women's honors by placing with her Beechcraft.

GENEVIEVE SAVAGE

A shadow was cast over the National Air Races when the tragic death of Genevieve Savage was learned. A pilot of great ability and much experience, Genevieve had left her home in San Diego in a Ryan Speedster bound for the races where she planned to compete in the women's race. The wreckage of the plane was found a few miles across the Mexican border near El Paso.

Always a lovable and enthusiastic 99 member and a true friend, she will be greatly missed, not only by her personal friends, but by the entire 99 organization.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Cleveland Chapter - We are proud to report three new members, namely; Marion Coddington, private; Helen G. Curtiss, Junior member; Marion Jackson, private. Mrs. Charles (Mary G.) King has recently purchased a 1936 Stinson and has already made a trip to New York in it.....Betty Playford was a guest in Cleveland for a few days on her way to Canada.....Leora Stroup, Northern Ohio Chairman, has returned from New York City where she has been doing Post Graduate work at Columbia University.... Several of the 99 members flew over the Great Lakes Exposition on Air Defense Day and attended the dinner that evening....."Despite the fact of being very busy planning entertainment for 99s during the National Air Races, I have managed to do quite a bit of flying", says Florence Boswell. "The early part of the month my daughter and I flew to Suffolk, L.I. to have my radio checked and enjoyed three days in New York. Flew to Manitowoc, Wis., to visit a friend, stopping in Chicago Sunday to attend an Illinois chapter meeting and landed back in Cleveland at 7 P.M. One day my son accompanied me on a flight to Ypsilanti, Mich., to lunch with Mabel Britton."
--Florence Boswell

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Michigan Chapter - held its regular meeting August 8th at Bishop Airport, Flint, with Margaret Horton hostess. Four planes flew in: Dorothy Carpenter with Helen Montgomery, guest, in Dorothy's Low-Wing Aeronca; Alice Taylor in a Commandaire; Bobby Lupton in a Waco; Mabel Britton in a Rearwin. The Hartung's beautiful new Cessna having been damaged by a careless taxi-rammer in the Michigan Air Tour, Gladys Hartung drove from Detroit with Leila Baker; Mary VonMach brought her mother as a guest. Jeannette Lempke had engine trouble at the last moment and so arrived late in her car (looking very spiffy in her flying clothes however). Two members were welcomed; Helen Montgomery of Detroit and Marion Weyant of Lansing.....Gladys Hartung announced Michigan Girl Flyers Day, to which we all look forward, will be celebrated at Hartung Airport in October as usual.....Dorothy Carpenter leaves August 30th for Allentown, Pennsylvania, to take up her position as Professor of Botany in Cedarcrest College.....Mabel and Harry Britton have traded their Waco F for a 1935 Fairchild 24, which is equipped with extra instruments, landing lights, etc.
---Mabel Britton

A MINNESOTA CHAPTER is hoped for soon, since there are five new members from there. They are: Edith Campbell, L.C.; Dorothy Ives, Junior; Ruth V. Kuntz, Junior; Vida V. Shaffer, Junior, and Ella Stene, Junior.

NEW ENGLAND SECTION - With most of our members dashing here and there this summer, we manage to kick up quite a bit of activity..... Hortense Harris had the thrill and fun of flying over the International Yacht Races for America's cup, not only once but several times.

It was a great and beautiful sight and we wish that all you southern and western and northern girls could have seen them too!..... Ruth Granger was there too, covering the race for the London Times-- on the press boat, however, not in the air.....Daisy Kirkpatrick with her spouse and eldest daughter flew to High Gate Springs, Vermont, in a new 4 place Warner-Fairchild.....The week of the 14th saw a cruise of 99's and their friends to that quaint and charming island of Nantucket, sixty miles off Cape Cod. Those participating were Dolly Bernsen, Jean Adams, Ruth Granger, Constance Sheridan, Miriam Vanderslice and Elizabeth Horton. Miriam Vanderslice bought herself a Fleet this spring.....Dot Shaw has just returned from Bermuda and says she looked longingly at the New Bermuda Clippers, but confined her flying on this trip to a New York-Norwood, Mass. flight in a brand new Waco.....We're happy to report a new member--Madelaine Suttie of Waterville, Maine. She has a private license.....Blanche Treharne of Concord, Mass., who also has a private, has rejoined us.....We've not had the chance to say much about our spring dance, which was run for the benefit of our scholarship fund and was both a financial and social success. Preceding the dance, a dinner was held at the Boston Airport restaurant with the Aero Club of Boston joining us. Dick Merrill and Jack Lambie were our guests of honor and nearly broke all the feminine hearts. Daisy Kirkpatrick was a delightful mistress of ceremonies and Dick Merrill spoke to us. Dick Sears, one of Boston's Ace news cameramen spoke to us in his inimitable manner, which had everyone rolling under the table, or at least on it. The Wiggins Airways loaned us the Shobe hangar, which was very nicely decorated, with Dick Merrill's transatlantic Lockheed having the big spot of honor. Two Airline tickets were given away as prizes during the evening. Hortense Harris won the American Airlines trip and a Harvard student the Boston and Maine ride. In fact everyone had a grand time and \$300 was netted for our fund.....This month's meeting is to be at Jean Adam's summer place at Cohasset and next month's bulletin shall have all the news.

---Louise Howard

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION - Los Angeles Chapter - Lauretta Schimmoler, after having safely renewed her license, took off by the overland route for the Cleveland Convention. She will also visit relatives in the east.....Dorothy Reuther recently returned from a delightful vacation spent at Bryce, Zion and June Lake.....Rachel Donnell was seen recently Waco-ing around the Municipal Airport..... Kay Van Doozer and Hilda Jarmuth were last heard from in Egypt..... Kay flew from Alexandria to Cairo with a pilot who at one time lived in Santa Monica, California.....A committee headed by Elizabeth Hayward, Dorothy George and Gladys O'Donnell promoted an out-of-doors steak dinner, which was held August 14th in Griffith Park. Over one hundred and twenty five guests were present. Dick Barnetts provided professional entertainers and such notables as Milo Burcham, Joe Plosser and Bud Morris were comptrollers of the steak grills.....Bessie Owen's luncheon party in the patio of her Santa Barbara home August 1st was an overwhelming success. Guests flew and drove in from all directions. The southern girls were delighted to meet Governor Harriet Isaacson in person. Now we know why her "Cock-Pit Chat" is so refreshing. Beatrice Nadon, also from the Bay Cities Chapter was a guest. Bessie told briefly of some of her flying experiences in strange countries. We eagerly

await the publication of her book.....Several Southern Section 99's drove or flew to Oxnard August 7th and hostessed the local Chamber of Commerce at a beach picnic luncheon. After luncheon, the girls who flew in played follow-the-leader over the town and put on a little airshow. Melba Beard hopped passengers in the afternoon, thereby augmenting the club coffers. Gladys O'Donnell and Dorothy Rauther flew a Fleet; Elizabeth Hayward and Dorothy George a Kinner; Bessie Owens, a Stinson; and Melba Beard, a Bird.....Ethel and Bill Sheehy took part in the Oregon State Air Tour, the first two weeks in July. They took part in air shows at Medford, Klamath Falls, Bend, Baker, Ontario; Pendleton, Salem, Marshfield, Astoria and Portland.....The number of ships on the tour varied from thirty-five to forty and included everything from a Taylor Cub to a trimotored Stinson. Ethel and Bill placed favorably in the navigation contest held in conjunction with the trip. They flew 3250 miles in all. Others from Los Angeles partaking in the jaunt were Al Lary, Tex Rankin, Bernadine King, Joe Cook and Dorothy Bardon.....Clema Granger is in from Palm Springs for the summer. She recently renewed her license. While Anita Thorley took a short sick leave in July, Clema took her place in the office of the Al Lary Flying Service.

---Gayle Stewart Burns

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION - Bay Cities Chapter - Harriet Isaacson, Janet Knight and Beatrice Nadon joined as hostesses for the August meeting where they delightfully entertained the girls at a delicious steak dinner at the Women's Athletic Club in Oakland, August 3rd. It also proved to be a surprise shower of which you will hear more later. Grouped around the beautifully appointed table in the center of which stood a huge bowl of California's loveliest flowers were: Pansy Bowen, Avis Bielefield and Dorothy Jones, all of whom drove down from Sacramento; Ruth Wakeman, Marjorie Hook, Janet Knight, Ruth Rueckert, Olive Bledsoe, Dolores Guinther, Kay Nidick, Phyllis Burchfield, Pat Kendall, Afton Lewis, Vilma Johnston, Bea Nadon, Harriet Isaacson and Maude Miller. After dinner, coffee and mints were served in the Club Lounge. At this point, our newest 99 infanticipator, Ruth Wakeman, was presented with the surprise of the evening, and immense air-mail package delivered by special messenger. The "Baby shower" was a complete success from a bank full of pennies to lovely woolen sweaters, cunning pairs of booties, beautiful baby blankets, useful travel sets, a downy pillow for baby's head, a sterling silver cup, sterling silver fork and spoon set with pairs of wings on the handles and many other lovely things to make a baby glad it is going to be a Wakeman. Ruth was plain flabbergasted and hopes it will be twins to show her gratitude.....At the business meeting which followed Bea Nadon was elected delegate to the 99 Convention to be held in Cleveland during the National Air Races in September. Bea, who works for Pacific Airmotive, will be on her vacation then and will take in the races while at Cleveland. She and Harriet Isaacson will fly there in a 4 place Fairchild 24 and will return in a new car, which Bea expects to drive through for the manager of the Pacific Airmotive in Los Angeles. From Cleveland Harriet plans to go on to New York City for a few days.....Olive Bledsoe has bought herself a snazzy looking black and yellow 125 Kinner Fleet de lux. She can do some fast commuting between here and her ranch up near Redding, Calif. Now,

no more excuses for not attending meetings, Olive.....Dolores Guinther did some real fancy wingdings at the Alameda Air Show the other Sunday. In fact, she says she has never done anything like them before and never expects to be able to do them again. Later, when asked by some of the awed and thrilled spectators what some of her maneuvers were called, she replied that they did not have names for 'em---they just happened. Anyway, the "happenings" were so good that Dolores is now a prominent wingdinger.....Marjorie Hook and her little Kinner Fleet have parted company. Marjorie had it looking so nice after it came out of the shop that a local flyer took a yen to the ship and offered her a price that was too good to refuse---cash on the line, too.....Your reporter and Bea Nadon were among the favored invited for a half hour flight over the Bay District in one of those gorgeous new Super Luxury 21 passenger Sky Club Planes belonging to TWA on its inaugural flight, August 20th. These airliners are going fancy in a big way..... The Southwestern Sectional Meeting will be 10 o'clock Sunday morning, September 26th in Sacramento. Many of the girls will also attend the Aeronautical Planning Conference which is scheduled for the preceeding three days, in Sacramento called by Gov. Merriam to acquaint State and Municipal officials of eleven western states and Hawaii with latest developments in the industry.....Avis Bielefield has recently returned from a delightful trip to Lake Louise and Banff, Waterton, Glacier and Yellowstone Parks.....Bay Cities Chapter is happy to welcome a new member, Lois Stanton of Olive View, Calif., who says that flying is just a hobby now, but that she hopes to make it more than that someday. Latest news has it that Anna Cort Meyer was wedded to Nick Hansen of Long Airmotive of San Francisco Bay Airdrome in a ceremony at Reno. Other happy news was that Phyllis Burchfield won the much coveted L.C. license this past month.

--Maude Miller

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