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The following poem was written by Harriet Isaacson after the tragic accident which took the life of Beatrice Nadon, secretary-treasurer of the Bay Cities' chapter of the Southwest section. She says, "We all miss Bea very much. I find it hard to realize that she is really gone she always was so full of joy, and with it all a very sensible person. Here is my humble expression for the News Letter."

TO BEATRICE NADON

There was a sincerity in your life  
which drew us all to you.  
You would never fail us.  
In you we could find certainty  
Proving that people can live by the way of love.

God loved you much  
And one day  
You wanted to run and jump and fly!  
Yes, fly!----up, up with those hurrying clouds!

Soon across the folding twilight  
Down on the round earth, hushed to hear  
The angels at their vespers  
You saw the beacon far, serene and clear.

And may we each also have a quiet moment of remembrance for our other member who flew into the Great Beyond a year ago this July, Amelia Earhart.

Arrangements for the 1938 National Air Races:

Registration at the Grand Stand Building, Cleveland Municipal  
Airport

99 Headquarters, Carter Hotel

Sunday, September 4, 1938, 10:00 A. M., 99 National Meeting,  
Carter Hotel

Sunday, September 4, 1938, 8:00 P. M., 99 Banquet, Carter Hotel

Monday, September 5, 1938, 10:00 A. M., North Central Section  
Meeting, Carter Hotel



PLEASE NOTE: All members wishing to make reservations, please get in touch with the Carter Hotel management and make reservations both for rooms and 99 banquet with the hotel direct. There will be only one 99 Club bus leaving the Hotel Carter at 11:30 A. M. sharp for the Cleveland Airport, every day during the Air Races. The bus will leave the Airport for the return trip to the Carter Hotel only at 6:30 P. M. Acting hostesses will be members of the All-Ohio Chapter of the 99's with Florence Boswell, Governor of the North Central Section, officiating as Chairman. Further information will be supplied by writing Florence Boswell.

The Selection of the Los Angeles chapter of the Southwest section for the Amelia Earhart trophy is the annual awarding of a plaque or trophy to the woman in the United States who has contributed most to the advancement of aviation. This could be through a flying feat, a technical or scientific development, or a political or humanitarian act. The cost would be low and the honor great. The Bay Cities' chapter of the same section prefers raising an annual sum of money by holding a ball or dinner, one-third to go to the section treasury and the balance to the Aeronautics Division of Purdue University to be used as the trustees of the college see fit, in connection with aviation.

#### NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION meeting was as usual a great success, being held as it was at Jeannette Lempke's in Bay City, Michigan, on July 16 and 17. A cottage and two trailers were available for night accommodation, and a grand steak dinner and even better breakfast of ham and Canadian bacon cooked over the outdoor grill, eggs, rolls, etc., were features. Saturday evening the local broadcast station interviewed Jeannette, Mabel Britton, former president of the 99's, Florence Boswell, Governor of the North Central Section, and Faye Davies Kirk, Secretary-Treasurer, of the section. Then everyone adjourned to the casino at Winona Beach where dancing and a floor show were enjoyed. The business meeting was held Sunday, and everyone left for home that afternoon after a delightful time.

NORTH CENTRAL - All-Ohio Chapter - Congratulations to Helen Curtiss who flew a fine test for her private rating (we welcome you as an A-1 member, Helen) and to Edith Lackner who has just been appointed National Secretary of the 99's. We are very glad to hear that Ione Coppedge of Dayton, who has been very ill, is much better. A day of continuous rain almost spoiled the buffet luncheon meeting planned by Mary King, our chairman, on Sunday, June 26. The Pittsburgh and Michigan girls were planning to fly in, but zero-zero

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from morn till late night spoiled that. Members who came, however, had a very gay time. We were glad to have with us again Marion Coddington, who drove in from Akron, and Leora Stroup, who has come to "hanger" in Cleveland for the summer months. Marion Pease came for a short while and left early. Baby Pease is mama's main interest now, flying only running a mere second. Arlene Davis was still very much excited over the trip she made to Iowa in a tri-motor job. Florence Boswell took Leora Stroup, Mary Winstanley and Helen Curtiss up to the Sectional meeting on Saturday afternoon. The girls enjoyed meeting Belle Hetzel of Avoca, Iowa, whose vivacious and buoyant spirit hasn't changed one iota. Grace Pitkin Birge, B. A. and M. A., a very fine and charming young lady, is our latest addition to the 99 membership list. Thank you, Minneapolis members, for inviting us to your dinner dance scheduled for the evening of July 18. We are sorry that because of bad weather we were unable to attend. However, we hope it was the best party you've ever had. Helen Curtiss has stirred up a lecture on aerial photography which will be presented by Major C. D. Barnhill of the National Air Guard, Friday night, July 29, at Hotel Cleveland. All who are interested are cordially invited.

- - Ann Barille

SOUTH CENTRAL - Three cheers for Edna Gardner of New Orleans! She has more students than any other flying school on Shushan airport. Edna flew up to Lake Charles the first of the month in her cream and blue Taylorcraft, stopping at LaFayette, Louisiana to visit with Fanny Leonpacher. We are happy to welcome a new member, Grace Stevenson of Norman, Oklahoma. Grace drives up to Oklahoma City to fly as there is no airport at Norman now. She holds an L. C. license and the way she's flying the Monocoupe around, it won't be long before she's up for her Transport. Alma Martin, our Governor, flew up to Asheville, N. C. to put her two young sons in Camp Highland Lake for the summer. Alma decided she needed a vacation, too, so flew on to New York for a couple of weeks, stopping off at Columbus, St. Louis and Tulsa enroute home. Laura Tucker Morgan of Tulsa is vacationing in Colorado. Laura was pretty wise in leaving when she did, thus missing all the hot weather and election. Gayle Horrall, another Tulsan, entertained with a house party at her lodge at Cedar Crest the 4th of July. Una Goodwin spent her Fourth of July swimming and motor boating at Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Wanted, another stork! The South Central section has been working the stork overtime. On June 12 he flew in with a baby girl, 5 lbs. 12 oz., for Dorothy Edgar at Beaumont. He hardly got his bearings until he was soaring toward Oklahoma City in answer to a summons from Nona Allen Young, where he left Barbara Joe, 6 lbs. 9 oz., on July 5. Both mothers and daughters are doing well. Dorothy Presler Morgan has her order in and we'll see Mr. Stork dropping down to a three point landing there in September. Looks as though we have a future increase in membership in this section. The W. N. A.A. gave a shower for Dorothy last week, and she received so many



things two of a kind, she is afraid it will be a twin-motored job. Jimmie Kolp flew down to Shreveport the first of the month to visit Alma Martin, but Alma was in New York. How about you girls in some of the other states sending in some news? Just skip the blushes of modesty and get out the pen.

- - Una Goodwin

SOUTH CENTRAL - Missouri Valley Chapter - Our July meeting was held at Irene Adamson's home in Omaha on July 1 at 6:30 for a buffet supper and meeting afterwards. Guests served themselves and then found their places at the table by hand-made place cards in the form of women flyers. Also little airplanes of stick candy for fuselage, gum for wings and life savers for wheels were at each place. This was the first meeting held in a home, and those present seemed to enjoy themselves very much. Dorothy Berendsen, Ivah Carlson, Annabell Nielsen, Beatrice Mack and Irene Adamson attended. Vacation plans seem to hold the interest now, Belle Hetzel has been flying a Waco out of Chicago where she has been staying. She flew in to Omaha to visit and attend to some business with a stop at Iowa City and a necessary one at Des Moines to avoid storms. Ivah Carlson spent a week recently at Lake Okoboji. Beatrice Mack left July 10 via car for the Black Hills and other destinations, yet unknown. Annabell Nielsen has gone to her home in Douglas, Wyoming, for a two weeks' vacation and expects to take in some fishing trips. Dorothy Berendsen leaves July 30 for Green Bay, Wisconsin, with a stop in Chicago to look up some of the 99's and do some flying. Beatrice Mack and Dorothy Berendsen have flown to Lincoln lately and Dorothy Broadson and Irene Adamson flew to Sioux City for lunch one day, and to an air show at Harlan, Iowa on July 17. The next meeting will be on July 30 at the Fontanelle Hotel.

- - Irene Adamson

NEW ENGLAND SECTION - With twenty-five members and guests at the July meeting on Hortense Harris' yacht, the attendance record was practically broken. The "Yankee Pilot", New England's new aviation magazine, hints at treason on the part of the 99's in its July issue. However, we wish to assure everyone that our hearts are still with the air though we do find speed boating mighty fine fun, too. Hortense ferried three slightly dampened boat loads between the East Boston airport and the "Guardian". A delicious buffet lunch was served and enjoyed on the after deck in the sun, after which the business meeting was held. Corsages of roses were presented to the guests and hostess, Dorothy Carpenter, editor of the News Letter, who was staying with Daisy Kirkpatrick over the week end, was with us. Everyone was extremely pleased to have the opportunity of making her acquaintance and hopes she comes again soon. Barbara Southgate, now living in Stamford, Connecticut, was also there, and Dorothy Munroe, who lives in New England only in the summer, flew to

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the meeting in a Rearwin from the Cape. It was decided to have a clam bake at Nahant, Massachusetts, the date not yet fixed. Ora King has been spending her vacation flying from Taunton, Massachusetts to places with both swimming and flying facilities such as Hyannis, Boston and Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts. Jean Adams left immediately after the meeting to fly to her place at Nantucket for a day or so. August, we hope, will have bigger and better news of New England.

- -Louise Howard

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY - (June) Eighteen members and guests held forth at a dinner and business meeting on May 26 at the Hotel Pennsylvania, our first get-together since February. Nove. Davenport offered to arrange for the club to visit the Sikorsky factory in Bridgeport if the girls are interested. It was also suggested that one or two Sunday-breakfast trips might be planned. Being well acquainted with the famous 99 appetite (attention, Michigan chapter!) may I say that it is my sincere hope that there be a sufficiency of food; a 100 mile jaunt to the breakfast table is apt to bring on a pretty fierce hunger. As yet nothing definite has been planned in the way of a 99 booth at the 1939 World's Fair, but a committee was appointed at the meeting and the 99's will be represented. Teddy Kenyon had an operation and was in the hospital in New York for two week ends, to her disgust. The stress analysis was O. K. when they let her go, though, and she and Ted shoved off for Langley field and Nick Nichols' wedding. While there Ted demonstrated his pet new gadget to the army. It's a new-type automatic pilot that really works, which Ted has been developing for Sperry. The Army didn't like it. . . MUCH. One of our most enthusiastic little new members, Virginia Farr, came down from Rochester special for the meeting. Says she's trying frantically to get her transport before fall. Margie White, Dorothy Schanz and Barbara Catlin are more new members who were present. Barbara originally joined us as Barbara Ashley, but is now Mrs. Wayne Catlin, due to a marriage ceremony in which she recently participated. Here's happiness, Barbara.

Hermalinda Briones says she recently flew to Hartford in her Fleet; had a slick trip. Barbara Southgate renewed her private and is now flying a Taylorcraft in Connecticut. Annette Gipson Magoffin had a fine baby boy at 3:13 on Friday the 13! He ought to be a lucky fellow. Lucille Boudreau attended an American Federation of Arts meeting in Washington, D. C. Margo Tanner has a new job with Pennsylvania Central Airlines, which sounds very swell. They wanted an air-minded little gal to get more women flying, and Margo's just the one who can do it. And she didn't even have to ask for the job. They phoned her and asked if she'd take it. Margo said that when she came back from Manila on the Clipper she had to sit up nights because when she was lying down the vibration tickled her nose and kept her awake! How's that for a tall one? Lucille Boudreau has



asked me to act as Governor of this section during her absence this summer, since she will be unable to attend any of the meetings. I'll try to do as well at it as she did. I "flew the coupe" up to Long Island last Monday and spent a most enjoyable week with Ted and Teddy in their lovely home at Huntington. Sunday they took my husband and myself to the annual "air demonstration" at the Aviation Country Club in which nearly every known type of aircraft was demonstrated; everything from a Lockheed 14 to the new Luscombe "50" (Nifty Fifty to you), with a buzz from the Bermuda Clipper which had left Bermuda that morning, thrown in for good measure. After a delicious luncheon there was a parade in which each ship gave a demonstration take off, climb, top speed, slow speed, cruising speed, and landing. Afterwards the guests were invited to go for a ride in any of the ships they liked. This type of demonstration is more interesting than a regular meet and seemed well worth the extra trouble. Spent a swell week end with Betty and Bud Gillies a couple of weeks before that. If I don't watch out I'll have the championship for #1 guest, spelled with a "P". I hope lots of you will be able to go up to Elmira to the soaring meet between June 25 and July 10; it's much fun!

(July) Last month's news didn't get printed before now because it reached the editor on the 22 rather than the 20 and the copy had been mailed to the printer. Sorry! There is very little news for this month due to the get-together being held after press time. But it's good news. Mabel Clemson, a member of the Southeastern section, has invited us all up to Starhaven airport at Middletown, New York for a mixed get together day on Sunday the 24. Sounds like lots of fun; we're to wear old clothes and bring our bathing suits and golf clubs. She's even made provision for the weather! We're to come Monday if Sunday is a bad day. Pretty nice, but we'll hope Sunday will be O. K. From now on Margo Tanner will be your reporter, so if you know anything newsy, jot it down and send it to her at 93 Jane Street, Hartsdale, New York.

- - Laura May Brunton

MIDDLE EASTERN - The July week end meeting of the section was held at the lovely east shore home of Elizabeth Phillips at Cambridge, Maryland. The hard and continued rain made the group that arrived very small. . . tiny, in fact, but they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. At the business meeting Governor Lydia Clements and Helen Frigo were voted delegates to the annual 99 meeting, with Elizabeth Phillips as alternate. Dorothy Carpenter was elected to the sectional nominating committee. Congratulations go to Elizabeth Phillips; the first student she taught to fly received his private certificate the other day. Two new junior members were taken in-- Lee Hazen and Joan Abrey, both of Easton, Maryland. There will be no August meeting, but a sectional meeting will be held in Cleveland sometime during the National Air Races.



SOUTHWEST SECTION - Los Angeles Chapter - On July 10, fifteen "hungry birdies" flew to Fontana for a delightful breakfast party, sponsored by the Fontana Farms Corporation, and hostess to all this was Ethel Sheehy, local resident and secretary to the vice-president. Eleven planes arrived, and the girls were greeted by the Chamber of Commerce and pictures taken. Then a caravan of autos took all to the Fontana Inn, a gorgeous spot in the midst of flowers and an emerald pool. The Women's Club presented each girl with a dainty pink and blue corsage and the table was decorated with yellow candles and colorful flowers. A large model airplane was suspended from the ceiling. It was one of the nicest winging parties we've had. Members attending were Dorothy George, Wilma Fritschy, Melba Beard, Clema Granger, Kay Van Doozer, Myrtle Mims, Evelyn Kilgore, Maurine Brunsvold, Ethel Sheehy, Gladys O'Donnell, Mabel Bull, Dorothy Ruether, Grace Prescott, Jessie Ostrander and Hilda Jarmuth.

Kay Van Doozer, residing in the winter up at Bakersfield, is back with us again for the summer and it's swell to see that grinning countenance once again. Melba Beard will spend the summer in Bay Cities' area while husband Bill does special work at California Library at Berkeley. Vacation time is here and several of our girls have become afflicted with the wanderlust. Mary Alexander is back on the job, tired from "resting" in her new desert cabin. Lucille Orman has taken off for Bryce and Grand Canyons. Onita Thorley just returned from Salt Lake City. Bettymay Furman has soloed her auto with "wire-haired Tuffy" for companion back to New York where she will stay for several months. We welcome a new member from San Bernardino, Maurine Brunsvold: she's petite, good to look at, with an enthusiasm which will make her a grand pal. Hasta la vista!

- - Hilda Jarmuth

Daisy Kirkpatrick announces that each and every 99 in effect becomes a member of the Private Fliers' Association by reason of a group membership arrangement at a nominal cost amounting to less than 10¢ per year per member. This will entitle us to call on P. F. A. for its support and help in Washington with respect to pending regulations and other matters coming before the Bureau of Air Commerce.

The following poem is reprinted now from the Los Angeles Times where it was printed just a year ago when Navy planes were still looking for Amelia Earhart. It was written by Dorothy George, 99 member.

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A foolish speck 'gainst equatorial skies,  
Where never eye of man was turned aloft.  
A humming particle that bravely vies  
With two and thirty winds o'er water soft  
To measured touch, but cruel hard as stone  
To fragile craft meant only to be flown.

Useless the sacrifice, the risk, the pain,  
Useless as music, color, beauty, art.  
This urge to stretch the frontier of man's brain  
Has nought to give his being; 'tis apart  
From habit, caution, sense, utility.  
It is self-censored wholly, wild and free.

Yet every heart is lifted on those wings,  
And every ear is strained to catch a breath  
Of hope. Great navies are no longer things  
To blast out life--their target now is Death.  
And no man grudges gold or toil or strain,  
If he may know that Spirit lives again,  
A link between his vision and his span.