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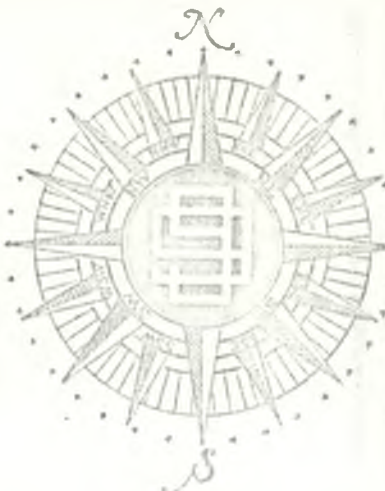
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### 99 PROGRAM AT NATIONAL AIR RACES

THE HOTEL CLEVELAND, which will be 99 headquarters during the National Air Races, offers the following rates to 99's:

Single room with bath - - - - -	\$3.00 Up
Double room with bath, double bed - - - - -	4.50 Up
Double room with twin beds - - - - -	5.00 Up

GUEST DINNER for 99's and their guests will be at 7:30 Saturday evening, September 2, at the Hotel Cleveland, at \$2.00 per person.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the 99's for 1939 will be held Sunday morning, September 3, at 10:00 o'clock at the Hotel Cleveland. Every member of the 99's is welcome to attend, and to take part in the discussion, but only qualified delegates may vote on such matters as may come before the meeting.

RESERVATIONS for rooms should be made directly with the Hotel Cleveland, and reservations for the dinner should be made through Mrs. Mary King, Hillside, Pinery Farms, Mentor, Ohio.

TRANSPORTATION will be provided members to and from the Hotel Cleveland and the Air Races each day. Anyone arriving a few days early will be furnished cars upon notification.

### THE ARGONAUTS

Still hangs a golden fleece on high  
For Jason's sons and daughters;  
Luring their ships through windblown sky  
As his, through stormy waters.

Daring adventures, dangers, charms  
In swifter competition,  
Still they pursue its golden gleam,  
The fleece of man's ambition

Far on some distant shore of space  
Where powers undreamed of lie,  
May they some day achieve their quest -  
Man's conquest of the sky.

- - Dorothy Monroe

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NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION - Notice to CHAPTER MEMBERS: Send

pictures and information, especially your flying history, to Marjorie Ludwigson, 4 Irving Place, New York, N. Y. Please do this at the earliest date possible. Honors come our way again through Ruth Nichols. Congratulations, Ruth! Explanation is as follows:

"CITATIONS LISTED BY BEAVER COLLEGE, JENKINTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, IN PRESENTING AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE TODAY" - June 6, 1939--Ruth R. Nichols--Graduate of Wellesley; distinguished aviatrix, holding the earliest license of any woman flying actively today, only woman in the world to have held three maximum international records; recipient of the 1930 American Championship Award of the International League of Aviators; holder of national aviation records; lecturer in college science on its application to aviation; contributor to magazines; one interested in the development of better international relations, having exerted a profound influence upon college students; member of the Women's Engineering Society of Great Britain and member of the executive committee of the 99's, a national woman pilot's organization of which she was one of the co-founders with Amelia Earhart; devotee of the pioneering spirit of womanhood; distinguished lady of the air. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of Beaver College, I have the honor of conferring upon you the Degree of DOCTOR OF SCIENCE, and in testimony thereof I present you this diploma, bearing the seal of the College and the inscription of its proper officers."

All this seems to have given Ruth a lot of extra energy (not that she ever lacks energy) as she has been commuting from New York to Boston and to Washington. Along with giving a student a glimpse of x-c flight, she has had time to inspect the new Bellanca ship, of which she has brought back glowing reports; transact business hither and yon; visit the Luscombe factory at Trenton; attend the 99 meetings and dine at home occasionally.

The Air Meet at the Long Island Aviation Country Club on June 25, was a most enjoyable one to a number of the members from this section. Demonstrations of the latest models for private ownership were given in landings and take-offs, fast and slow flight across the field. On the ground everyone could inspect them to their heart's content. A TWA Airliner and several of the larger ships gave flights to some of the unfortunate few who had never flown, to children and to the eldest. Reliable and ever-willing Al Williams put on a show that excelled all of his previous performances in precision and grace and ease. A test pilot from the Gruman factory put one of their ships through its paces. The Navy gave another of its delightful demonstrations of formation flight and then the day was complete, for after all no Air-Meet is complete without formation flight. The dinner and meeting on July 6 at the Pennsylvania Hotel was well attended and much business was transacted. Marge McCormick of Pittsburgh was our only visitor and we do hope she will come back again when the evening is more social. We are very busy preparing for the dinner-dance - THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE - at the Waldorf-Astoria on November 4th. New members: Gertrude Brown, with a Private Pilot Rating and flies from Bendix, New Jersey, made a trip to Kingston last week. From Nelson Field, New Jersey, we have Marjory Grey and Barbara Sloane, with Solo ratings. We are glad to have you with us. Kay Traulsen flew to Elmira, New York and attended the

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Glider Meet on July 3 and 4. Special arrangements were made at Elmira for the 99's on July 8 and 9 through Alma Harwood. A number of the girls had planned with much enthusiasm to attend the meet but when the four cars arrived at the airport to transport them to the Hill, Margo Tanner was the only one present. She had arrived with her passenger, Walt Fowler of Reader's Digest, after much skirting around various thunder clouds and rain storms. Miriam Blagden turned back to Roosevelt Field when she ran into the bad weather. Alma Harwood was ill and did not get started and several others were unable at the last minute to obtain the planes promised to them because of the extra heavy schedules for flying instruction. Amy Andrews flew up in her Stinson on Sunday and reported a most pleasant day on the gliding field. Margo was fortunate in being present for the cocktail party given by Mr. and Mrs. Learned on Saturday - a grand dinner at the Italian Gardens - and then later entertained at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rathbone. There was practically no gliding on Saturday because of the inclement weather and therefore on Sunday everyone participating in the meet was on the Hill for his final day and spent as much time as possible in the air. REMEMBER THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 4th,--Dinner-dance, Waldorf-Astoria, New York City!

- - Paula Ling

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER - Thanks to all the distributors who helped make our Air Show of June 24th such a tremendous success. Also, thanks to the Shell Oil and the Standard Oil Companies for their splendid cooperation. The show was followed with a "Hamburger Roast" at "Little Mountain", Mr. and Mrs. King's beautiful estate. We still do not know if it was the moon, mint juleps (now known as the King juleps) or the camp fire that instigated the singing. Far into the night the singing continued until the last flick of the fire went out. Our out-of-town 99 guests were Ellen Smith of Meadville, Pennsylvania, who flew in with her "hubby", and Marion (vocalist) Coddington and Sue Mostenik, from Akron. Congratulations go to Arlene Davis, who has been promoted to a Commercial rating; along with this she received her 4-M ticket. And we must not forget Grace Birge who is now a very proud "Private". We hear from Florence Boswell who, with her daughter, Louise, is yachting in Boston, Massachusetts, and having a grand time. She will turn her plane south after she leaves Boston to visit the Capitol, Washington, D. C., and then head for Atlanta, Georgia. Happy landings, Florence! Helen Curtiss, who has been trying to recuperate after the air show, has been doing it flying a new ship - a Stearman. She is planning some cross-country work in it, making her first landing in Toledo. Mrs. King has gone north for a little vacation spree, and Mrs. Laughlin returns from a western trip. For our finale, may we extend a cordial invitation to all the girls to the 1939 National Air Races. We, the Cleveland "gals", shall be happy to serve you again. We welcome you, sky-matos! And now, switch off, 'till next time.

- - Ann Barillo

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NEW ENGLAND SECTION -

Jean Adams has asked me to drop you a line  
And say that the New England Section is fine.  
We are all of us busy as busy can be  
With WEDDINGS and AIR TOURS and PARTIES - you'll see.  
Our bride, Margaret Kimball, better known as Peg,  
Her husband a Harvard Prof., a very good egg.  
The wedding took place the nineteenth of July  
Then off to Los Angeles Peg and Charlie did fly.  
A luncheon and shower held at Daisy's estate,  
But our Governor, Jean Adams, arrived very late.  
Our July meeting, I hope you will note  
Was again held on Hortense Harris' boat.  
This time t'was a dinner and evening affair  
And boy-friends, and lovers and husbands were there.  
Jean Adams attended the Falmouth Air Meet,  
Won the spot landing - it sure was some feat.  
Ruth Granger, Moya Mitchell, Marion Tibbets were there,  
You wouldn't think that those girls had a care.  
Our Secretary, Ruth Hamilton, has a unique way  
Of going off for a swim every Saturday  
With Camilla Larson in the co-pilot seat.  
Camilla is one of our members quite new  
We all like her much - and so will you, too.  
Vice-Gov. Hortense Harris flew to Detroit,  
I hope, my dear, that you did enjoy it.  
The New England Air Tour was quite an affair,  
Daisy K. did a broadcast asking all to be there.  
Betty Gillies went on it, Jean, and Toddy Kenyon, too,  
Dot Garside, Ruth Granger, Ruth Hamilton - some crew!  
Poor Madelaine Suttie went on her back at Augusta,  
It didn't hurt Madelaine, but her Fairchild it musta.  
The Kirkpatricks - oh, here is some news!  
Are flying to Canada on the Sportsman Pilot cruise.  
We hope that Clara Livingston while on the air ways  
Will stop in Boston and spend a few days.  
I will grant you this poem is not perfection  
But after all girls, it's the news of our section.

- - Daisy Kirkpatrick

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - MINNEAPOLIS - The fair sox is really taking to the air up in "these yere parts" these days. Latest statistics reveal that the 99's have five prospective members at the Robbinsdale Airport, three at Cedar Airport, three at Holman Airport, St. Paul, and Wold-Chamberlain Field in Minneapolis is several laps ahead with seventeen. Vida Shaffer invited the 99's out to her lovely new home at Orchard Gardens the other evening. The ping-pong table did double duty and the baby-grand piano followed a close second. During the latter part of the winter Vida flew to Louisiana and Texas with her husband and very recently returned from another air trip to New York and the New England states. Vida does all the navigating. During June we had the pleasure of having Blanche Noyes with us as

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our guest at a 99 meeting. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. William Todd. Mr. Todd is a District Airport Engineer for the C. A. A. and his office is in St. Paul. Miss Noyes talked to us about airmarking and we are pleased to report that our first airmarking project has been completed. Janet Wakefield, who by the way, just got herself a new private license (and we're proud of you, Janet) claims Marshall as her home town. Virginia Marter, who got her private in Miami, does a lot of x-c flying and picks out the towns to be airmarked. Jacqueline Cochran recently sat down at Wold-Chamborlain in her Beechcraft. Edie Campbell, holding an L. C., was thrilled practically into a loop when Miss Cochran took her up in her ship and let Edie handle the controls. Greetings from all of us up here to all of you everywhere!

- - Emily Cikanek

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION - With the temperature soaring around the hundred mark and above, most of the members have migrated to cooler climates and have failed to send in news of their whereabouts and doings. The meeting and dinner held July 15 at Sunrise Inn at Tulsa, July 15, was well attended. Dorothy Morgan, Dorothy McBirney and Gerry Honomichal were hostesses. Gerry entertained the group with a cocktail party preceding the dinner. The next morning Dorothy McBirney had the bunch out to her Turkey Mountain summer home for a picnic breakfast. We were happy to have as our guest May Hazelip, ex-Ninety-Niner, with us. May has been living in Europe the past three years and is now residing at Tulsa. She informs us she is getting her American certificate in the near future. Those attending the meeting were: Harriet Davidson, Jimmie Kolp, Jennie Tschoep, Grace Stevenson, Alma Martin, Dorothy McBirney, Dorothy Morgan, Gerry Honomichl, Una Goodwin, Jeane LaReno Foote, and May Hazelip. Seems Mr. Stork, flying between sections, got on the beam to Brownsville, Texas, having a forced landing there June 25th. Elizabeth Haywood played hostess to him, and for her hospitality he left her a fine young son by the name of James E. Haywood. Congratulations, Elizabeth! We hear that Evelyn Sharp is going over big with her barnstorming. She is booked up at Fairs for the rest of the summer. She reports that she has hauled 3200 passengers. Not bad for one so young as Evelyn. Helen Wheeler is kept busy between spending her time at the beach and flying.

- - Frances Brown

SOUTHWEST SECTION- LOS ANGELES CHAPTER - Aw, shucks, can't a gal play hooky just once? 'Twas fun, even tho "teacher" Jimmie Kolp was right there to catch us at it! So, back to the news and there's a good bit of it. . . First, there's the May 14th wedding of our section's vice-governor, Peggy Vining to Mr. Charles M. Potter. They sky-laned it to Reno and came back to Coalinga with the surprise news. Peggy and Charles have now left for Bahrain Island, Persian Gulf, Arabia, where they will live the next three years. Next is news of names we all have heard of often here, but never seen. Florence Boswell and Abbie Haddaway visited us in June and we had a chance to become acquainted one evening while "doing" China Town.

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Swell girls, both. . . Evelyn Kilgore and Ethel Sheey just finished an interesting c-x, starting from San Bernardino, California, to Boulder City, Reno, Sacramento and San Francisco in a Waco. Bessie Owen flew her Beechcraft up to Frisco, and all congregated at the Fair, being royally foted by Bay Cities' members. Mary Alexander also vacationed in Frisco, and reports a g-u-r-and time! So does Pansy Bowen, from Sacramento, who was "persuaded" to fly along with Bessie to the Coast city. Seems there was a very special reason. Ethel Sheey and husband, Bill, just bought a Luscombe-50, and are planning a real vacation trip. Ethel has modest ideas of the north-west, but Bill dreams of Bermuda. The little plane answers all its needs, and we wish the new owners many wonderful adventures. Evelyn Kilgore is sure a busy gal. She is now back in Pennsylvania and will ferry out a new Taylor Cub, to add to her fleet of training planes for her school in Beaumont. Good luck, Pinky! Our very interesting Clara Livingston, who plantations in Puerto Rico, flew her Stinson Flying Gift Shop here, and last Friday had a sale of the lovely linens, exquisitely embroidered and hand-drawn in her home land. A real undertaking--and we hope the coffers are bulging happily! Another celebrity favors us, and while a few have already met her, the rest are anxiously looking forward to the buffet supper at Gladys O'Donnell's home Tuesday evening, when we will meet the charming Australian flyer, Nancy Bird. Nancy had the privilege of flying up to San Francisco in the new Clipper plane, and Bessie Owen brought her back for a brief stay at Santa Barbara. Guess that's all, so Hasta la Vista!

- - Hilda Jarmuth

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION - BAY CITIES CHAPTER - The past three monthly meetings have been red letter occasions in that at our May meeting members and their guests were privileged to see the Port of Oakland's splendid film, "Famous Flights", which showed preparation and take-off of all the famous trans-Pacific flights and the landing at Oakland of Amelia Earhart on her solo flight from Honolulu, and Sir Kingsford Smith when he brought in the Lady Southern Cross. This film, starting out with the Army trans-Pacific flight, prior to the Dole flight, is really a museum piece, and we all felt most fortunate to view this historic record of aviation through the years. In June, we had the honor to have with us Mrs. Amy Earhart, Amelia's mother, who told us so many interesting things about herself and her famous daughter. We all loved her--she's a real thoroughbred, gals. In July, Nancy Bird favored us with her presence on her last day in Northern California and told us of her work in Australia and of the marvelous trip she has been making during the past year and the splendid work she has accomplished during her travels. What wouldn't we give to see that exhibit she has planned for lucky Australia! The April Winging party was planned for Monterey and two of the ships got through the fog in the pass in time to breakfast at the Hotel Del Monte. Your humble scribe didn't like the looks of the weather, however, so turned the Fairchild back to San Jose where we had breakfast, after talking by phone to the more successful ones of the party in Monterey.

The May flight was postponed, but on June 25th, the monthly Winging party saw three ships, piloted by Ruth Wakeman, Irma Wallace



and Olive Bledsoe, headed for Sacramento, where we had a grant get-together with the Valley members. Pansy Bowen, Avis Bielefeld and Dorothy Jones presided over doughnuts and coffee, and promised to come down and see us sometime. Dorothy Jones kept her word just two weeks later when she flew a Fairchild down from Sacramento to attend a doughnut and coffee meeting at Oakland Airport, at which Olive Bledsoe and Irma Wallace were hostesses. Olive's Fleet, now in the throes of a check-up for its annual licensing, watched us from the hangar door. Olive has accordingly been obliged to go on her vacation by car. We learned with considerable regret that this was our last meeting with Irma Wallace, as her husband has become pilot for Northwest Airlines, with headquarters at Spokane, Washington. Good luck in the Northwest, Irma--we're going to miss you down here.

Afton Lewis's flying has been curtailed lately by the recovering of her usual ship, and then when it was all finished an unhappy fate stepped in and her beloved Kinner burned up in the hangar before her very eyes. Afton is eyeing another Kinner at San Francisco Municipal, but hasn't as yet decided what she will do in the future for a ship. Harriet Isaacson has been so busy with her apparel and gift shop that she has neglected her Spring flying, but has promised herself to get back into the air, so we shall expect to see her and the Stearman at Santa Cruz on July 23, the date of the July Winging Party, at which time we are to be the guests of our Lodi member, Eleanor Turney, at her summer place near Santa Cruz. Ruth Wakeman flew a Fairchild to Sacramento recently and visited a minute with Pansy Bowen. Vilma Johnston has been flying the new Stinson "105" and declares it is pretty nice. Marjorie Hook made three week-end trips recently with the Fairchild--the first one, which was intended to end at Reno, wound up at Stockton due to thunder storms in the mountains; the second was to Fort Miller Ranch near Fresno, and the third was to Los Angeles over the July 4th holidays. And boy, am I broke! I'll be thumbing my way the rest of the year. We had the pleasure one night at dinner of having with us Bessie Owen, Ethel Sheehy, Dorothy Kilgore, Florence Boswell and Abbie Dill Haddaway, all at once. Imagine our joy at this collection of out-of-towners when we got excited about just one visiting 99. Well--gas off until next time.

- - Marjorie E. Hook

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - MICHIGAN CHAPTER - Twenty-eight Michigan Ninety-Nines and guests descended upon Sara Winn's home in Saginaw early Sunday morning, July 9, for breakfast. But Sara, it seems, was ready. The day before, she confessed, she had purchased eight dozen eggs from her grocer, "and I warn you", she told him, "these will all come back on Monday morning if it rains tomorrow!" Well, the skies were CAVU, and the twenty-eight made quick work of the hundred odd scrambled eggs, to say nothing of the piles of crisp bacon, buttered toast, luscious doughnuts, and delicious home-made jams that combined to make an unforgettable breakfast party. Jeannette Lempke and Betty Grohman, the other two Saginaw Ninety-Nines assisted Sara as hostesses. Mabel and Harry Britton flew in from Ypsilanti in their Fairchild 24, bringing Louise McEnnon with them. Marion Jane Weyant flew her new Aeronca K-3 over from Lansing; Eloise Smith brought her husband along in a Fairchild 24 from Kalamazoo, and John and Alice Hammond came up from Detroit in a Fairchild 22. Those who

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drove in were Faye and Bob Kirk, Florence and Bob Pasineau, with young Terry, and Florence's sister, Carol White, Leila Baker, Gladys Hartung, Mary von Mach. Among the breakfast guests were three girl students from Saginaw--Mrs. Bert Lindzay, Marion Poulson and Helen Ashley, all prospective members when they become eligible. The next breakfast meeting (they're proving tremendously popular) will be at Lansing Airport on Sunday morning, August 13, at 9 a. m., and any Ninety-Nines who can make it will be given a royal welcome. Notify Marion Weyant, Airport Road, Lansing, Michigan, (so she can be sure to have enough eggs on hand!). Helen and Monty Montgomery are being heartily congratulated upon a seven-pound four-ounce Ninety-Nine prospect who arrived June 23. They're the first family since the Chapter was started over five years ago to have a daughter. Gladys Hartung won the prize at the shower for Helen last month, guessing the baby's birthdate, weight, height, etc., most nearly correct. She's taking her prize, a propellor letter opener, to Racine with her August 1 and hopes the girls will be writing her so she can test hop it on their letters. Jeannette Lempke flew her Davis to White Sulphur Springs last month, where she was delegate from Saginaw to the National Zonta Club Convention. . . . Blanche Noyes spent a few days with the Hammonds while having the engine checked on her Cessna, by Warner Aircraft before starting for the tall hiss of the West.

- - Alice H. Hammond