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Maiden Name: Blanche Wilcox

Married Name(s): Noyes

Date of birth: June 23, 1900

Birthplace: Cleveland, Ohio

Date of death: October 6, 1981

Death place: Washington D.C.

Occupation(s): pilot

License(s): 6540; 1929

Known stats:

1. Powder Puff Derby 1929 – her plane caught fire midair near Pecos. She set down the plane so hard that the landing gear was damaged. She put out the fire, made repairs, and got back into the race. She placed 4th in the heavy class.
2. Bendix Trophy Race 1936: Blanche teamed up with Louise Thaden and they won
3. Chief of Air Marking for the FAA until 1972
4. 99s international president 1948-1950

Publications:

1. "Famous Flyers: Blanche Noyes, The Grand Dame of Air Marking." FAA General Aviation News. Jan/Feb. 1980. Page 13.

Award(s):

1. First woman awarded a gold medal by the Commerce Department for 35 years of government service improving air safety.
2. Aviation Hall of Fame 1970

Miscellaneous information:

1. Married Dewey Levi Noyes (1900-1935) in 1928. He died as a pilot in a plane crash in a snowstorm.
2. By the time Blanche retired in 1972, over 75,000 communities had been identified for airmen.
3. Wrote textbooks for air marking and designed air markers

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File contents:

1. One 8 x 10 black and white photo of Clara Whittaker Morrissey, Blanche Noyes, and Kay Menges Brick
2. One 5 x 7 black and white photo of Blanche standing next to airplane and holding flowers