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### LOW FARES FOR TOURIST

The Civil Aeronautics Board has released an order which grants approval for the operation of low-fare tourist air service across the North Atlantic during the 1952 summer-traffic season. A year-round one-way tourist fare between New York and London is \$270, round trip fare is \$486 during the months of April through October, and \$417 in November through March. The service is to be inaugurated on May 1, 1952.

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### OH! THOSE AWFUL AIRPLANES!

That's the sort of thing you hear all of the time after a plane crash. "You couldn't get me up in one of those things for a million dollars!" a fellow will say. "If the Lord wanted us to fly, He'd have given us wings."

We didn't come into this world equipped with wheels, either, but few of us consider that a reason for not riding in a car.

And, if you'll think about it for a minute, is flying on scheduled airline any more dangerous than riding on a highway?

Many of those people who wouldn't fly for a million dollars think nothing of making a trip by car. They'll trust their lives to a driver who thinks 70 mph is about right on the open road, but who hasn't the slightest idea how fast things happen at that speed.

When the driver approaches another car crawling along at 50 mph, then trails him 10 feet while waiting a chance to pass, ducking in and out all the time, the people who are afraid of airplanes think his procedure is perfectly proper.

At night they laugh when he snarls, "If that so-and-so won't dim his lights, I won't dim mine either!" This shows he's aggressive, and they like an aggressive driver.

But they don't like to fly--it's dangerous.

(Kentucky Irish American,  
Louisville, Kentucky)

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### THIS AND THAT

There was quite a turn-out at the Chester Breakfast club meeting on Sunday, March 2nd. Approximately 80 persons attended. The next meeting is scheduled for Florence, Sunday, March 16th. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held the following Sunday, March 23.....Does lightning strike an airplane? I guess this question has been kicked around considerably with answers varying according to different meteorological theories. According to Noble Mills, Aircraft Sales & Service, Columbia Municipal, a C-46 came in the other night and the pilots were commenting on the fact that lightning had struck the props. Noble has always been of opinion that "it ain't so", so he went out and sure enough there were small indentures on all three blades of the props with black markings. Something for sure happened; was it lightning?.....The Commission office, Columbia, has (on a trial basis) a 122.8 mg. transmitter and receiver, so if you are in the vicinity of Columbia and want to give us a call for any information, do not hesitate.

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### HOW TRUE

.....TIME WAS WHEN WASHINGTON'S FACE WAS ON ALL OUR MONEY. NOW IT'S WASHINGTON HANDS  
.....NOWADAYS MONEY STILL TALKS BUT IT DOESN'T SAY VERY MUCH.  
.....EVERYTHING IN THE MODERN HOME IS CONTROLLED BY SWITCHES EXCEPT THE CHILDREN,

NEW ALPHABET

CAA has adopted a new phonetic alphabet, the reason being that this alphabet is to be used internationally and is easier to pronounce (that is for the boys of foreign nationality).

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| A--ALFA    | N--NECTAR  |
| B--BRAVO   | O--OSCAR   |
| C--COCO    | P--PAPA    |
| D--DELTA   | Q--QUEBEC  |
| E--ECHO    | R--ROMEO   |
| F--FOXTROT | S--SIERRA  |
| G--GOLF    | T--TANGO   |
| H--HOTEL   | U--UNION   |
| I--INDIA   | V--VICTOR  |
| J--JULIET  | W--WHISKEY |
| K--KILO    | X--EXTRA   |
| L--LIMA    | Y--YANKEE  |
| M--METRO   | Z--ZULU    |

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AIR TAXI OPERATORS

CAB has eliminated the classification of air carriers known as "small irregulars" and substituted a new class of "air taxi operators". Change was accomplished through promulgation of new regulations which became effective February 2, 1952. Over 2,000 operators of small aircraft (under 12,500 lbs. maximum take-off weight) are affected. The major effect of this action is abolition of "letters of registration" for all small operators and elimination of report requirements for most of them. Only those operating aircraft in passenger service with more than five seats will still be required to submit annual reports. Air taxi operators will be permitted to engage in unlimited "jitney-type" operations as a connecting service with certificated carriers.

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REAR VIEW MIRROR FOR AIRCRAFT

Through the efforts of the CAA Technical Development and Evaluation Center at Indianapolis, Indiana, a transparent streamlined plastic bubble, which includes a mirror, has been developed. This is mounted in the cockpit canopy above and ahead of the pilot. Extensive flight tests have proved its effectiveness. Even small aircraft can be seen at quarter mile rearward distances. In fact, practically all of the sky above and to the rear of the airplane can be scanned. The bubble mirror is light in weight, easy to install, and so far has shown no tendency to affect the flying characteristics of the airplane. The use of this arrangement in the Cessna 140 airplane already has been approved. Approvals for other airplanes require, mainly, that flight installations be demonstrated to CAA officials to make sure that they are properly installed and to make sure that the flying characteristics of the airplane have not been seriously affected. . . . Western Air News

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HUMOR

A WOMAN'S "IGNITION" - -

"Young man," said the old married man to a friend about to be wed, "you will find, as you give things to your wife, she will go through three stages."

"Really?" rejoined the lovesick swain. "That's very interesting. What are the three stages?"

"At first," came the solemn explanation, "she will say, 'You are the dearest, sweetest, most wonderful husband in the world.' Then, before you know it, you will find her accepting a gift with 'Well, it's about time. I thought you'd never get it for me!'"

"And the third stage?" the young man inquired fearfully.

The older man sighed. "Then she'll say, but softly, and only to herself, 'He gave it to me without a struggle. I wonder what he's up to?'"

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