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**MAPPING FLIGHT**—Gale Brownlee of Woodstock points to various locations in the area on map before taking off with Freeman Reporter Walter S. Clark, Jr., for flight over sections of Ulster and Dutchess Counties. Her flying career began in September, 1963. (Freeman photo by Kruh)

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*Article from the Kingston Daily Freeman, July 19, 1967*

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*News Post from Ninety-Nine News, February 1968 edition, Greater New York Chapter*

Woodstock, N.Y., member, GALE BROWNLEE, has just been awarded the first Doris Mullen Whirly-Girls Scholarship of \$500 at the annual Helicopter Assn. of America Convention in Las Vegas. Another rather unusual honor came to GALE a few weeks ago. The first woman to get a license at the new Kingston-Ulster Airport, she's now Instrument rated and an Instructor (she gave the third lady pilot at Kingston a ticket...prospect DR. PATRICIA WANNING), with charter duties to boot. Gale was asked to take a charter from Albany to Kingston in a 182 – at night – with passenger ROBERT F. KENNEDY on board. The Senator complimented her on her "fine and proficient" flying.