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"STICK TO IT"

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 It's the old story of the tortoise and the hare, -Instructor Wiggin at the Seaplane Base, All by himself, has graduated five of the CPTPs into private licenses, which sounds like a record to us. Those who got their tickets this week were J.R. De Hart, Quint Feland, Dudley Whitman and C. Smith. Congratulations to those fellers. And to those pilots and students at Municipal-come on, youse guys, let's get going!

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We have a story on John DeHart, navigation instructor at the University, which is just too good to keep to ourselves. When one of the CPTP students asked how they could fly cross-country to Boca Raton before they had had instrument flying, John is reputed to have told them, "Well, when north bound, if you see too much water on the right of you fly to the left, and if there appears to be too much land on your left, fly to the right. On the return trip, just reverse the procedure". That sounds simple enough, doesn't it? We wonder if the airlines ever thought of that.

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Jim Sawyer passed his aircraft engines examination the other day and is not plugging on an aircraft license. Bob Johnston got his advanced instructor's rating several weeks ago. Charlie Barnhardt and several of the other boys are going to follow suit. Harold McClelland, advanced student graduated on last summer's program, flew a Luscomb in from Avon Park for a short visit. Mac is trying to get into the Navy. Birthday Greetings to Irene Cropp. She had a birthday this week, and we wonder if she'll be mad if we tell you it's the 21st time it has happened. Of course, she looks only 17.

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ADD-IT'S A SMALL WORLD: When Boss Riddle was having dinner with a friend in Los Angeles a couple of weeks ago, he discovered that the friend's wife knew Bob Johnston as a kid back in Waterloo, Iowa, the old home town. Incidentally, we found out that Bob's middle name is Sean, which is what Bob always goes when operations go wrong. The girl in the case was Fay Martin who is quite well known in Hollywood circles and is now the beautiful wife of Carl Anderson, Public Relations chief for Embry-Riddle in Cincinnati.

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Since Moses stood on the mountain, most everybody has written Ten Commandments to cover almost every situation. However, it took Wilbur Sheffield to write an aviation version, which we present herewith:

1. Don't show off, -zooming over girl friend's house or waving to her on a takeoff is an easy way to terminate romance suddenly.
2. Know your limitations, -do not attempt the impossible with yourself or with the ship. Don't be afraid to take a little extra time to check yourself on a strange ship; especially find out when it spins and why, so that you won't be too surprised some day.
3. Don't take things for granted, -no one will resent it if you personally check your fuel and controls before taking off. It is the mark of a good pilot.
4. Get away from home, -you may know your own airport well enough, but making practice landings at a strange airport is a good form of insurance. As long as you are qualified get in all the cross-country you can; learn to look for other wind indicators than the wind sock.
5. Watch your weather, -even the best of airline pilots spend lots of time studying weather maps and flight conditions before taking off. Stay on the ground when weather conditions look doubtful.
6. Study the regulations, -become familiar with the rules which have been drafted for your safety. Most accidents can be traced directly to violations.
7. Choose your friends, -especially when it comes to hangar flying stories. A lot of feats you may hear from old-timers never happened anyway, and besides, somebody may be pulling your leg.
8. Think ahead, -take time out to consider all the possible things which might happen to you and decide in advance what you will do under all circumstances.
9. Set a good example, -you may be young at this business but there are others younger than you who look to you for guidance.
10. Fly high, fly fast, keep the nose down on all turns. And always remember, **DON'T TRY TO BE THE WORLD'S BRAVEST PILOT, BUT DO TRY TO BE THE WORLD'S OLDEST.**

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Jimmie Kent, the 16-year old lad about whom we wrote two weeks ago, took his first training flight at the seaplane base Saturday. Jimmie plans to go straight on through to a commercial ticket.

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Fred Richards, Pan American pilot, came in at Municipal the other day to look up Henry Felton, an old pal from the days when Fred used to fly off this field. On the P.A.A. Western Division, Fred flew the "China Run" for three years, and on this trip was flying from Trinidad to a new assignment out of Brownsville, Texas. These boys sure get around. Come in and see us again, some year, Fred.

Music we would like to hear: Bud Holloway singing "The Peanut Vendor".

Van Burgin got a postal from Nelson Miller and Don Beardlee in Washington. The boys are well, happy and so forth, and have plenty of work out for them at the CAA.

What Scotty McLaughlin thought was a riot in the pilots' room the other day was just the instructors changing over to the new log books. Speaking of a "controlled course" of instruction, those books really cover it".

An injured dove wandered into the hangar at Municipal Thursday. Jean Ogden ventured that it was probably a refuge from Europe, You know "Dove of Peace".

New flight students to enroll during the week include, James Waddell, Miami, private refresher; William D. Wood, Miami, primary refresher; Charles W. Ryan, Moore Haven, Fla; commercial refresher; Charles Alvert Stoddard, Oshawa, Canada, commercial refresher; A. D. Neill, Homestead, Fla., commercial refresher; Geo. F. May, Miami, secondary refresher; Frank Dew, Miami Springs, commercial refresher; Frank Baque, Jr., Miami, commercial refresher, Welcome in, boys!

Kenneth Evett has joined the line crew. Just call him "Shadow."

Dave Pinkerton Secondary student from Orlando passed his flight test Friday and immediately went to work at the Seaplane Base to replace Charlie Martin who has gone with the Navy.

Also joining our family is Geza Robert Tinay of Ft. Lauderdale, who will be an instructor at Municipal base.

Dr. and Mrs. Hemphill visited at Municipal Friday. "Doc" is one of the leading dentists in Pittsburgh, Penna. He received his initial training at the seaplane base three years ago and now owns his personal plane. His plans for the winter season include sailing in the Carribean to recuperate from a recent illness.

Word has drifted up to Kent School in old Yanks County about the beautiful gals training here with Embry-Riddle and the news from there is that Albert Emanuel will be here in the spring to do more flying. Albert sends best wishes to Henry, Jiggs and every one.

