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DON'T TALK OUT OF TURN!



AMERICA'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE IS
HERE!

An innocent remark made to the wrong person at the wrong time may spell disaster. Be suspicious of the pleasant stranger who tries to "pump" you. Just imitate a Clan, and pass your suspicions along to the proper Authorities. Keep Safe! Keep Mum!

The above warning, with picture by famous Pittsburgh Post-Gazette cartoonist Cy Hingerford and words by George Sherman, is an excellent example of the not too quiet word being passed around defense projects by the governmental authorities.

Since we of Embry-Riddle are an integral part of the national defense program, we, too, should heed this warning - BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY, AND TO WHOM YOU SAY IT!

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FLY PAPER

'STICK TO IT'

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NEWS FROM AN OLD FRIEND IN SOUTH AMERICA

From George N. Baudin, president of Ingersoll-Rand, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, comes a letter addressed

"To Wiggin, Wade and the rest of the gang
"Thanks for the copy of the Fly Paper. I am sorry I didn't know that McClellan was in town at the time.

"I didn't know that I was talking for publication, and the Brazilian Civil Aeronautics Department would cut my throat if they read the little skit, which gives the impression that there aren't any decent fields in Brazil. There aren't too many, but there are some. Pan American has a new one 1500 miles up in the jungle which is as flat as a billiard table and with three 10,000 foot runways. Just about my size. And the Rio airport is pretty nice, and only three minutes from the main street, which is something you can't tie in the States.

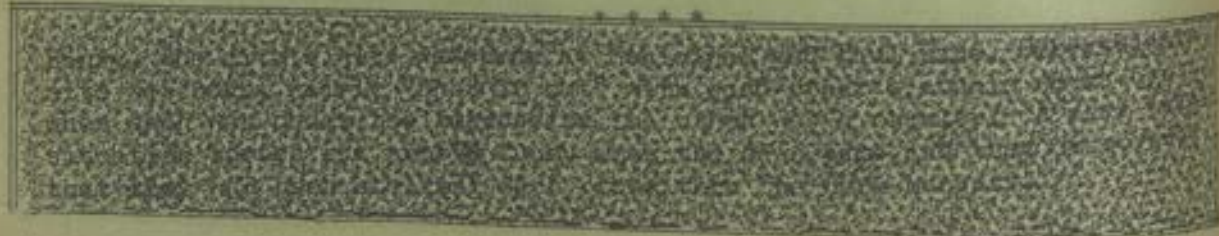
"I'm sorry I couldn't stick around for a few more days and get my seaplane rating.

I need it - just bought a half interest in a 90 Hearwin on floats. Would particularly like to have practised that trick of shooting the ramp under power in a cross wind and falling off the other side of the dock. Will report on the state of the pontoons after I check out.

"Hope to see you all again one of these days. Best Regards,

"Baudin."

We, too, George. Thanks for the letter and come back to see us soon.



DON'T MISS THIS

Add Required Reading, for all aviation-minded individuals:

FIGHTER COMMAND, beginning on page 83 of the March 24th issue of Life Magazine. Technical School students are asked to pay particular attention to the picture and caption at the lower right hand corner of page 87, which says, "Each plane takes twelve ground men to keep it up."

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ABOUT THIS AND THAT

W. A. McCurdy, Titusville, Penna., and an old friend of "El Capitan" Povey, has checked in at the Municipal base for a secondary instructor's rating. While in Miami, Mack will live with Joe Garcia and George Hall, and will give primary flight instruction. Eventually, he will be assigned to RAI at Carlstrom.

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Best Parlor story of the Week:

Indian to tourist: "I am Brave Eagle. This is my son, Fighting Hawk, and my grandson, Low Wing Bomber."
-(Detroit Lakes Tribune).



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Ed Welles, the famous Arcadia host to RAI, flew home Monday with Lt. Van Burgin after spending the week-end with the JPRiddle's. Also in the ship was young Bob McKay, son of Atty John McKay, who was taking his first plane ride. On the return trip, Bob and the Lieutenant ferried in Company ship #1.

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GOVERNMENT INAUGURATES GROUND SERVICE TRAINING

The Works Progress Administration, in cooperation with the CAA and the Federal Office of Education, has just begun a 90 day ground servicemen's training program at our Municipal base. Ten young Miamians will be "given the works" from pushing ships around on the line to assisting the mechanics in the maintenance department. At the end of their training period, they will be able to render competent airport ground service.

in charge of the program is H. A. Savage, a private pilot in his own right, with 450 hours of flying time and seven years experience in aviation mechanics. Students already assigned to the program include Gabe A. Harper, John E. Curry, Charles W. Helgar, Eugene Herndon, Philip A. Feldman, Joe D. Banks, Stanley Swiderski, and Clayton C. Baggett.

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PRODIGAL SON RETURNS HOME (TO EMBRY-RIDDLE)

Bud Saeger, who chalked up a 94% average on his commercial ground school written examinations last month, has returned to Embry-Riddle after a thorough inspection of other aviation schools on the eastern seaboard. EP, according to Bud, is far superior to any other school he saw on his travels, and he is mighty glad to get back with us. He will take an instrument course with Jack Wantz doing the flight instruction and Wilbur Sheffield doing the ground schooling.



Incidentally, at the Congressional Airport, Washington, D. C., he saw Howard Wade who is now instructing there. Howard sends "Greetings to the Gang" with the further remark that it "Ain't June in Washington".

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IT'S A LIE!

Dear Wiggie: After all your glamour girl publicity, we sneaked down to the seaplane base Wednesday morning - and saw not a single pretty prettie. Where were those lovely damsels? Or do you just cut pictures out of movie mags and paste in an Embry-Riddle background?



However, Mike Covert was there, flying around in a 30 mile wind, and we met some of the primary CPTers, Jim Brickell, U of M student; Bob Grant, night clerk at the Riveria Hotel, Preston Griggs, doorman at the Lincoln Theatre and his friend Jim Pickering and Tom Hall, who works at the Miami Beach Kennel Club.

Henry Pelton was still there, keeping the little boats in the air, and Jim Parrott, secondary CPTer was doubling on the line and in operations office. And Ad Thompson visualizing the new inter-cockpit communicators

being used in big business offices,-the boss sits on one side of the desk and dictates to his secretary on the other side of the desk. Shucks Ad, that isn't any fun!

Well, Wiggis, you have a swell set-up at the seaplane base; nice ships and personnel, cozy "country-club" atmosphere; excellent splashways and flying facilities,-but where were the beautiful girls????
Dejectedly yours, - The Editor.

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FLASH! First to solo on the primary CPT program was Jim Brickell, who was turned loose by Mike Covert at the Seaplane base at 8:30 Thursday morning. Second solo in the closely contested race was Bill Robinson, Trail Lumber Company salesman, who took his first lonesome trip at 9 o'clock the same morning. Congratulations, boys. Incidentally, Robbie seems to come from a flying fraternity. Among his Pi Kappa Alpha brothers now flying with Embry-Riddle are Duke Boyle, Charlie Carr, Elroy True, Bob Grimes and Felix (The Flash) DeFrancisco on the primary program and Sam Lightholder and Morton Dupree on the secondary program. Company comptroller Geo. Wheeler is also PKA.

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AT CARLSTROM FIELD

by Dale Delanty

As reported before, the first class of cadets are now in actual flight training, and everyone is much the happier, all the way down the line. A fine group of upstanding young men, who give promise of great success.

It is rather an impressive sight these days to see 14 or 16 Stearman PT-17 trainers taking off at the same time. We all thought we had seen some heavy traffic around some of the various airports, but this will top them all when things really get going.

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THE DOCTOR DOES A DOUBLE SOLO!

Being the genial gent that he is, "Doc" Nethery displayed a lot of good nature when he was thrown bodily into the new swimming pool. The reason - he finally made the Cub Coupe behave, and Wy Ellis turned him loose for the first time. Thus, on the 23rd of March, Lt. Nethery was the first to solo since the re-opening of Carlstrom Field, and was the first to try out the pool. The only thing that bothered the Doc was that he had on his very best uniform.



GOOD-BYE, MY CAREFREE PAL!



In what is probably one of the biggest surprise moves of the season in these parts was pulled by Earl Martin last Sunday. Earl decided to leave the ranks of the bachelors, and to depart on the sea of matrimony. The Mrs. arrived in Arcadia at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, and two hours later the ceremony was culminated at Ft. Myers. Best of everything to you and the Mrs., Earl, from the whole gang.

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With all the ex-CAA men present, it isn't too remarkable that we have a CAA here at Carlstrom. However, this particular alphabetical agency has a different function than the more famous federal agency. The CAA in this case stands for Carlstrom Athletic Association, and is the result of the order of the Army that all personnel on the post participate in at least one hours' recreation per day. Each member came through with a one dollar ante, and the proceeds furnished enough baseball equipment for the softball teams, handballs, etc. Included in the list of eligible sports are swimming, baseball, bowling, handball, golfing, volleyball, and, much to the joy of Messers Camden, Lehman, Duff, Huff, and Cockrill, fishing.

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STUFF AND THINGS

Things we'd like to see again-- "Squire" Gates, the sheriff of Carlstrom Field, riding Frank Wheelers horse Buck on his tour of the field -- Charlie Ebbets leading the "hold down" at Ed Wells party -- Doc Nethery making music on those swell barbecued ribs -- Lt. Ola wowing the ladies at the dance with his dress uniform. Things we don't want to see again -- G. Willis Tyson or Sterling Camden collecting the five cent fine, from US.



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Was is primary CPTPer Pendergast who complained on his flight report board, "Ship bounces on landings." Naughty, naughty, chum. No wise cracks, please.

Charlie Ebbets groaned for a week about all the photographic work he had to do at RAI, but when he left Miami his station wagon contained, among other things, golf clubs, tennis racket, rifle, baseball bat, riding boots, a hand ball, fish pole, swimming suit and a bottle of Sloan's Liniment. Oh, yes, he did have one small camera with him.



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An extra bundle of orchids to Harry Levine, "Washed" under the strict primary CPT schedule, who "stuck to it" and kept going "on his own" until he finally got his private ticket the other day. Nice going, Harry - them's the kind of people who go places in life. Also getting a private water rating this week was Richard Duggan, nephew of Mr. Chalk of Chalk's Flying Service.

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Special notice to Zack Mosley, creator of "Smilin' Jack" -- All flights from the seaplane base are keeping an eye peeled for Joy Beaverduck, missing at sea in your comic strip. Incidentally, did you people notice Zack's reference to Ike Vermilya in a recent cartoon. Ike is well known at Embry-Riddle, and was with the old original company in Cincinnati, circa 1928.

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Scotty McLachlan, waiting around for the new Apprentice Instructor course to start, is piling up hours in the C-3, 35 of them since the first of the month. He reported Paul V. Erwin and Allan Ringblom as having joined the Flying Marines and Ted Wayne, of the U of Miami, as being an instructor at Pensacola.

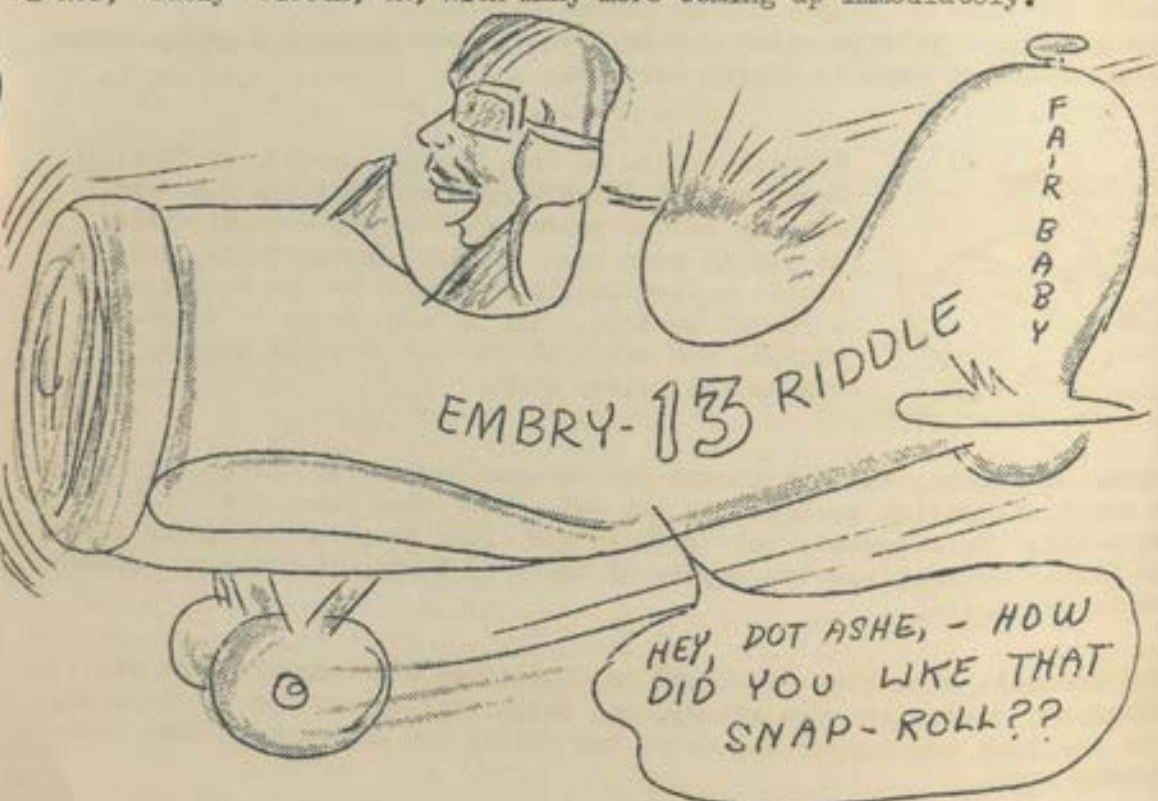
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Mark Trammell is making "dollies" to facilitate stacking of ships at Municipal. Under the new set-up, the ships will be stacked on the nose, thus doubling our hangar capacity, and giving the maintenance boys more working room.

Dorothy Ashe was elected temporary chairman of the Miami Chapter of Women Fliers of America at their organization meeting held Wednesday evening in the home of national president Mrs. Roth. Other temporary officers selected were Mrs. Kay Schoonmaker, wife of PAA pilot, as secretary, Mrs. Baker, who recently married the president of National Air Lines, as entertainment chairman, Elaine Devery, as assistant secretary and Ruth Shelly as treasurer. Lt. Van H. Burgin and Webster Wiggin attended the first meeting as technical advisors and representatives of the Embry-Riddle company, which will handle the flight phase of the new organization. Best of luck, girls, and many happy landings!

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S. Garver, Cincinnati, passed his instructor flight test this week. He has applied for a secondary refresher course and will stay on with ER to take the flight work. Others to successfully pass flight tests this week include E. Brown, Apprentice instructor, E. W. Shepard, CR, W. Wiggin, 2-Ref, "Lucky" Gibson, CR, with many more coming up immediately.



HONORED GUEST

Outstanding visitor of the week was Janice Meyhercy, president of the Chicago Flying Club (organized 1931 and now boasting 60 flying females) who has been spending her vacation in Miami. "Jan", a private pilot with nearly 100 hours, has done some pretty smooth flying in her day, and holds many trophies, including those awarded by American Airlines and Popular Aviation. During her stay in Miami, she put in several hours at the seaplane base on her water rating with Mike Covert; took a demonstration flight with Lt. Burgin in the new Stinson "Voyager", and was an interested visitor at the Tech Division. A mighty fine gal, and we all hope she'll come back to see us real soon.



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For those who would fly hither and yon, there is a dandy 4-passenger Stinson Reliant at the Seaplane base which can be chartered for long or short trips.

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After just "one too many oil baths" in the Fairchild, Clyde Ellis suggests using blue oil and requiring the pilots and students to wear blue clothes. "At least," says Clyde, "it wouldn't show."

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INVESTIGATION DEMANDED!

At the insistence of local citizens, the CAM and Hialeah police department will in all probability soon instigate an investigation of the charge that Flight Instructor James Cousins was seen flying too low over Le Juene Road, and that he did, further, attempt a left snap roll under the prescribed altitude - in his nice new Buick convertible coupe.

"It's a lie" shouted Cousins, "I was doing only 25 or 30 miles an hour because the road was wet, and ----" In any event, regardless of what he did to his car, Jimmie was plenty lucky to walk away from that one without a scratch. To protect him from repeating his mistakes, it has been suggested that he wear a string tied to his right hand when driving and a string on the left hand when flying. Such stuff!



Only word from Joe Weiser, USNR studying at Northwestern University, comes via Colleen Breslin who got a letter last week. As soon as they got him into a uniform, says Joe, they shoved about 27 thick text books into his hand and told him to go to work. He did! And still is!

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WOTTA LIFE!

All sympathy for ex-Embry-Riddle instructor Kim Scribner who now flies for Pan American Airways. His oh so tough schedule runs something like this: one flight a day to Havana, for three days -- then a 10-day lay-off to "rest". The hardest part of his new job, so far, was picking bunny fuzz off his uniforms. For further details, ask Kim and Bud Holloway!

TECHNICAL SCHOOL NEWS

Aeronautical engineering, a two year course, is set to start around the first of April. Deferred enrollments are now being accepted at the Main Office, Technical Division.

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Joining the roll of students at the Technical Division this week are Nate Jordan, Kenneth Tongret, Earl Hutt, Robert Fisk, Ernest Schindler, Bruce Freeman, Ray Drieman, Jos. W. Douthit, T. Foster Slaughter, John L. Tierney, James Sackett, James G. Sutherland, Jeanne B. Hughes, Cecil H. Thompson and Hewett Cochran in the sheet metal department; Scott Lyons in the "A" course and Eddie Meehan and George Shelton in the Private Ground School. Latest enrollees in the Instrument Technicians course include Leonard R. Moeller, Millard Jones and Fred C. Hawes.

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Welcome in to Charles I. (Duke) Bernard, new co-ordinator at the Technical division. The Duke is a good looking young gentleman, and plenty competent in his line of work.

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George Heathcote took a few days off to nurse a cold and returned with a nifty shiner. Rough hospitals in Miami, Georgie, or was it the nurse?

WANTED



REWARD! The main office crew will pay a reward of gratitude to the mighty huntsman who can successfully deliver, dead, the migrant, night flying owl which has been all too familiar around the offices on his nocturnal wanderings. (There's an unpublished story there!")

Sobie Smith, instructor on the new instrument technician course, has issued his first information bulletin, as follows:

"Safe, economical and reliable operation of modern aircraft and their power plants is absolutely dependent on the use of instruments. Due to inability of the human senses to cope with the many and variable climatic conditions and the complicated mechanical devices, it is essential that certain physical quantities be measured and indicated. These measured indications must be extremely accurate and readily accessible to the flight crew of the aircraft.

In modern air transports, there are about one hundred five instruments and controls for fuel, radio, landing gear, flaps and engines. These instruments must do for the airplane somethings of what the brain and nerves do for the human body.

The instrument course being offered by Embry-Riddle is designed to cover the purpose and use, principles of operation, disassembly and repair, testing and calibration, installation, and service maintenance on each instrument, as well as parts of the airplane associated with the instruments. In this way, the student gets a clear picture of the entire instrument installation.

There is undoubtedly an excellent field for instrument technicians, both at the present time and in the future."

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The new phone switchboard at the Tech Division is so confousing! The other day Don Watson requested the operator for an outside line - and got the emergency desk at Police Headquarters. Operators Helen Bussert and Ann Vince have gotten in the groove, but when Jean Ogden had to take over in an emergency, the only fittin' description would have been "Like someone eating spaghetti with boxing gloves."



Buddy Shelton drew this
very pleased looking
duck to show how Jimmie
Brickell felt when he
made his first solo
flight in the seaplane.

Very nice, Buddy - may
we also dedicate it to
"Doc" Nethery who was
first to solo in the now
swimming pool at RAI in
Arcadia.