Going,--- Going,--- GONE! Yes, sir, kids, the old year is gone, and in its place we have a nice clean New Year---365 days in which to live joyously and accomplish worthwhile things. Looking back, we're right proud of old Embry-Riddle's record in the last 12 months. We've done much, and come far, but there's nothing as compared to the plans for the New Year. With our flight school already one of the best in the country and our Technical Division growing like a weed, we prophesy for the record that the day will soon come when Embry-Riddle School of Aviation will be recognized as NO outstanding aviation training organization in the whole world!

The whistle's blown! Let's play the game right down the line, hard and fast---going places and doing things with and for Embry-Riddle in '41.

Incidentally, just as the old year was sneaking out of existence, the boys out at Municipal Base hung up a new record for hours flown, the most hours of flight training ever flown in the history of Embry-Riddle. Plenty nice going, boys and girls! And now we're all out to break that record---quick. We sincerely doubt that that record will stand long, 'cause both students and instructors are flying both ends against the middle, and skipping lunch hours, so watch our dust.

SPECIAL DELIVERY---Speaking of speed---Mr. Piper, president of the Piper Aircraft Corp., and his son Tony, flew delivery on our two latest trainers, Embry-Riddle company ships #19 and #20. Due in from Lock Haven, Penna., at one P.M. Thursday, they arrived on the dot, and were welcomed by quite an impressive delegation of newspaper men and photographers. During the course of the interview, we learned that Piper makes about 30% of all light planes in the United States. During 1940 he delivered 5100 training planes to private pilots and flight training organizations. Hats off, Mr. Piper for making what we consider to be the best primary training plane in existence, and welcome to you and Tony. If you stay for the Air Races, come in and see us often.

The Ultimate in Ultimates---The other morning when Eastern Air Lines landed beside our hangar at Municipal, we discovered with some surprise that the management had hung wall holly wreaths in each window of the big Douglas Transport to keep alive the Christmas spirit even high above the earth. Nice, huh? However, we can't let E A L beat Embry-Riddle---next year, we plan to tie nice red ribbons on the propellers of each of our Cub trainers. So there---!

We are sorry to hear that Red Holloway and Kim Scriver, advanced instructors at Municipal base, have transferred their allegiance to Pan American Airways, where they will undergo a short training period and then be assigned to fly as co-pilots on the big clipper ships. Before long we'll probably be getting post cards from those boys mail ed in all kinds of odd ports in the world. Good luck, fellers!

Mark Trammell, Superintendent of Maintenance and a real pilot in his own right, is going to take the instructor refresher course in order to get his instructor's rating. Swell going, Mark. By the way, when does the editorial department get a little flight instruction? Or does the old saying, "only angels have wings," exclude us? (Quiet Please)

Ye Editor has requested and Controller George Wheeler has agreed, to have Purchasing Agent, Arthur Carpenter, with Boss Riddle's consent, purchase a Guest Book for operations office during the Air Races, and after. It should be mighty interesting to see who visits, old students, friends, visiting firemen and so forth. For instance, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau was in a couple of weeks ago. Boy, would we like his signature, on a check, for example. The only other visitor we had time to see this week was Billy Joseph, from last summer's primary O.P.T. program. Bill is up in Mississippi and is planning to take the secondary work there. He was accompanied here by his niece.
Oh, yes, Archie Baxter of Floyd Bennett Field, New York, was in for a while. He is vacationing in Miami and came to visit Andy Steine.

PAGE ROBERT RIPLEY: On the morning of Dec. 28th, during the big wind occasioned by the storm off Cuba, Embry-Riddle Instructors Jack Wantz and Charlie Barnhardt took off at the north end of Miami Municipal Airport: in a 65-horse power Piper Cub Trainer, flew for 15 minutes, reached an altitude of 2000 feet, did not leave the boundaries of the field, did not make any turns, and still landed in the middle of the same field.

Believe it or Not! (Ed. Note—That’s progress.)

Before we forget it—Welcome to all pilots attending the all American Air Races. Come on over to the hanger and fly with us a while. We’re always glad to have visitor.

Add Visitors; More and More— we just found out that Hank Fuller, instructor at the Army basic air training center, Maxwell Field, Alabama, visited the other day. Hank is well known around Embry-Riddle and Miami. He got his first training with us on the very first Primary CPT program. Shorty Hall was his instructor.

The secondary CPT boys are graduating just like that—on schedule. Those to get their advanced wings this week were Harvey Duval, Don Robbins, B.P. Downie, Charlie Pulford and Bill Moore. On the primary side of the ledger, we find Bill Jaster as the sole entry. Congratulations, boys! Keep your noses down.

Capt. Peter Brooks just received a letter from Bob Ike at Pensacola in which Bobby says it’s a mighty tough school. Among other things, Bob says that the pressure on the students is terrible, and while they do make cracking good pilots, the whole thing is about as impersonal as "scrap iron going into the Ford factory." Which is a rather neat way of putting it, no? Good luck and keep going, Bob.

Commanders E.O. McDonnell and R.H. Slater were in from the Navy—the Boys showed them around Municipal and thru the Technical School, which reminds us if any of your friends are in the Draft better take a course at the Technical Division of Embry-Riddle and be prepared to do something besides X.F.

Speaking of the Technical Division, Mr. Bispal has joined our school as Engine Instructor, Mr. McShane as Aircraft Instructor, Mr. Lacinak as Sheet Metal Instructor and Bobie Smith as Instrument Instructor. Welcome to the Technical Division of Embry-Riddle.