Notice to All Would Be Aviators— Arthur Gibson, Registrar, has just told us that applications are being taken for enrollment in the new primary civilian pilot training program, to begin sometime early in February, with most all expenses to be paid by the government under their defense training program. As we understand it, any physically fit young man between the ages of 19 and 28, who is now in college and has completed at least one year of college, or is not now in college but has already successfully completed at least two years of college, is eligible. Anyone who is interested in learning how to fly and can meet these simple requirements should contact Professor Close at the University of Miami. His phone number is 4-0001. Also along the same line, all graduates of the primary civilian Pilot Training Program are eligible for entry into the Advanced Training Program, subject to the approval of the Selection Board. This program, giving you 40 to 50 hours of advanced aircrash training on 2-0 ships, Waco and Fairchilds, is also scheduled to start early in February. Again, Professor Close is the man to see, and we suggest that you contact him early before the quota is filled.

CORRECTION: Van Burgin has told us that we made a mistake last week in saying that Wilbur and Virginia would be married on Monday, Feb. 4th. If you look at the calendar, you will see that it is on February, Monday, at 3:00 in the afternoon. Incidentally, plans for the wedding are progressing in great shape. It will be one of the outstanding events of the Miami social season. As for invitations to the wedding, well, specific invitations have been sent only to the immediate members of the bride and bridegroom’s families, but the editor of the PLY PAPER has been requested to make it clear that all Embry-Riddle students, personnel and friends of the company are invited to attend. Don’t miss it!

As you probably saw from your daily newspaper, Webster Wiggin and Howard Wade, Embry-Riddle Seaplane instructors, were among the many who helped search the plane lost on its return from the Miami-Havana Race.

THINGS WE NEVER EVEN UNTIL NOW: Nobody ever tells your Editor anything, so it took an inquiry from Harold G. McCallum, a visiting friend from Morgantown, Pennsylvania, to wake us up to the fact that George N. Baudin, Director President, of Ingeraill-Baudin in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was among the students at the Seaplane Base. McCallum and Baudin were old friends in Pennsylvania and have visited together in Brazil. Among interesting facts gleaned from Baudin were that aviation is undeveloped in Brazil to the extent that he often has to land his ship downwind in fields that would make an all-American aviator shudder with horror. Also, however, he suggested that any young American aviator who contemplates an aviation career in Brazil should give this idea due to the rule that flying licenses can be held only by native born citizens of Brazil. This, he explained, was a law designed to prevent Brazilian aviation from being exploited by foreigners and to cut the strangeshold once held by the German aviation interests.

Among visiting ships at the Seaplane Base are the green and yellow Luscomb of Fred Marley, New York City, who is taking instructions and working towards his private license and the Fairchild of W. G. Gardner from Washington, D. C., Mr. Gardner is growing his ship for an extended air cruise thru the Bahamas. At Holderbucker, one of our old Seaplane students and now Chief Engineer on the Submarine S-49, has returned for a short visit and more instruction in an effort to get his private license during his brief vacation.

We just learned the Patricia Bronte, charming Daily News feature writer, is taking a private pilot’s course at the Seaplane Base. She will describe her experiences in a weekly feature to be published each Sunday in the Daily News.

Apprentice instructor student Irwin Carter, who doubles in the steelroom mornings, reports finding a parachute with the following red tag attached: "WARNING Do Not Use F.S. If you do, you’ll be sorry. It has no rip cord!"
Among new students to enroll this week was Elbert Root, one of the feature divers in the MacFadden-Deauville water show. Among other accomplishments, Root won the Olympic trials in Chicago in 1936, and is International 3 meter and 10 meter diving champion; a title he won at the Olympic Meet in Japan. He is taking a private pilot course. Other new students include Clyde Ellis, Miami, Dick Lemmon, West Palm Beach, Harold Alford, Miami and George Esker who are taking secondary refresher work; J. E. Mitchell, Miami Beach, taking instruction in his own Stinson 105; Charles Gildersleeve, Hudson, Ill., taking hourly instruction; Arthur McCanin, Palm Beach, Private Refresher; Dr. E. E. Ellsworth, New York City, hourly instruction; Colen Breslin, Miami and Leonard Loffler, Coral Gables, solo courses; Earle Bach, Homestead, primary refresher; Louis J. Maery, Naval Air Station, Opa Locka, check time and flight test on Fairchild and John T. Hole, Miami, commercial refresher.

Little known facts and stuff: C. W. Tinsley, who is taking a secondary refresher course on the Fairchild with Roscoe Brinton, works, in his spare time, for the Ferguson Dairy Company. C. W. tells us he doesn’t milk the cows, but his job is to buy feed and supplies. Which seems to be a pretty good dry land job as compared to Primary CPTP student Charlie A. Mills, Jr., who is the owner and proprietor of a boat yard at 198 S. W. North River Drive. There you are, kids, if you want anything from a quart of milk to a hundred foot yacht, don’t forget to patronize our own students.

Butch Beine and Johnnie Davis just passed their written exams for commercial tickets. They plan to go ahead and take commercial and primary refresher courses.

Met Jessie Plant the other day in Brundage’s Hardware Store where he works. Made us feel good to have him compliment the FLIX PAPER and thank us for sending it to him. Incidentally, the offer still goes, if you or any of your friends want the FLIX PAPER mailed to you, just leave your name and address in the Embry-Riddle main office.

Jack Wantz and Max Husted passed their secondary instructor’s rating flight tests Tuesday. Also passing flight tests this week were Dave Burch, Ronnie Campbell and Lacty Long. Lorry is leaving Feb. 10 for Randolph where he will join the Flying Marines.

As predicted by this paper two weeks ago, Heroes Inashor, James MacLaughlin, Tom Schepis, and Gene Vaughn left Wednesday for Canada, and wonderful service with the RFC in England as ferry pilots. All the boys promised faithfully to write and give us the truth and details of the service “over there.” In any event, and whatever happens to you all, all of us here at Embry-Riddle wish you God-speed, best of luck and “Happy Landings”.

Mrs. Elia Spears, 81 year old winter visitor from Rochester, N. Y., and now living at 1224 N. W. 50th Street, Miami, took her first airplane ride with us during the week. She described it as “Grand”, and expressed the desire to go right back up again.

Boys Riddle and Les Povey with their charming wives, are attending the Annual Rodeo held at Arondia, Florida Thursday thru Saturday of this week.

I LEARNED THIS FROM CHARLIE BARNHARDT OUT AT EMBRY RIDDLE