

NEWSLETTER

THE FLYING TIGER LINE INC.

(Line of the Sky Tigers)

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The month of July marked what we hope is a turning point in our long struggle to establish a self-sustaining airfreight business. Except for the ATC Contract, we have lost money consistently since the inception of operations. In July, however, we were able to stop the cash losses. We still have a long way to go before we can say we have a profitable, successful business, but the significance of last month's results is this:- If we can keep that July record up, we're in to stay. It means security for all employees, it gives greater assurance to customers who make it a habit to ship with us. Let's make it even better this month!

R. W. Prescott

PICNIC AFTERMATH

On Sunday, August 15th, THE FLYING TIGERS, their families and friends totaling nearly three hundred persons gathered together at Sunland Swim Park for an afternoon full of gaiety, games and beer. Drawings for seven gifts were held. Names of all employees throughout the system were placed in a large box and the winners were Robert B. Burke, Sales Department, New York City, Velma Mundy, Accounting Department, Burbank and Joe Gwynn, John Mobley, Art Lawson, Leo Lippman and Bill Skaggs of Maintenance, Burbank. The children were given prizes and balloons.

The soft ball game ended with a score of 22 up. Walt Loeffler was the umpire and both teams complained that he watched his beer can closer than the ball. The major event of the day was the special 50 yard dash, the Handicapped Handicap, otherwise known as the Fat Men's Olympic. This race was limited to Company Officers, persons weighing in excess of 250 pounds, and any one else willing to compete with one leg tied behind him.

Our President, Bob Prescott, after two weeks of grueling practice around his back yard, won the race with a good five yard lead. Dick Taverner, Chief Timekeeper, was given a handicap of eight yards because of his strenuous work as bartender at the picnic, and nosed out Fred Benninger, Secretary-Treasurer, for second place. Fred blamed his defeat on his inability to get around Dick in order to pass him. George Cussen, Executive Vice-President, was carried across the finish line in style by four stalwart salesmen.

The winner's prize, which Mr. Prescott immediately put on, was a fancy girdle, the latest creation of J. G. Perry.

There was swimming and dancing in addition to a songfest and everyone agreed that the Tigers Anniversary Picnic was a huge success.

BLUE CROSS RE-ENROLLMENT

On October 15, 1948 our group will be eligible for a semi-annual re-enrollment with Blue Cross. At this time non-members will have an opportunity to enroll, and present members may add eligible dependents to their contracts. Applications must reach our Personnel office before September 15th, to become effective October 15th.

PERSONNEL

Effective August 16th, Mr. H. E. Jackson was appointed Special Representative for the Southern California territory. Mr. Jackson will be responsible for the development of the outlying districts surrounding Los Angeles City and will extend his sales development activities to San Diego, Imperial Valley, Coachella Valley, San Bernardino and Riverside as well as points in between and surrounding the above points.

Mr. Jackson will also assume the special duties of the development sales of specific commodities and conduct sales campaigns concerned therewith.

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On August 16th, Mr. L. Kimball was appointed Sales Manager for the Los Angeles District replacing Mr. H. E. Jackson who is taking over another assignment.

Mr. Kimball will personally supervise and direct our cut flower business in addition to supervising the direction of the Los Angeles sales representatives.

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Mr. John Dewey was recently promoted from Leadman to Crew Chief in the Maintenance Department. John, together with Red Duehren, will be responsible for Line Maintenance crews on the Day and Swing shifts.

CORRECTION

In our last NEWSLETTER our reporter erred by stating that we have thirty Douglas AT6's in for repair. No less than twenty employees have informed us that the AT6's were manufactured by North American.

POLIO PRECAUTIONS

Yesterday's papers reported an increase in Polio cases in Southern California. For the benefit of parents, following are some of the common symptoms and recommended precautions released by the Los Angeles County Health Department.

Symptoms may include a preliminary sore throat or signs of a cold and fever. There may also be constipation or diarrhea, followed by nausea, persistent headache, fever, stiffness of neck, back and legs, and tenderness or weakness in one or more muscles.

Polio Precautions - Cont'd.

All children as well as adults with an unexplained fever should be put to bed and a physician summoned. There is no known immunization against poliomyelitis but a few simple precautions should be observed, especially during the summer months:- Avoid fatigue. Avoid chilling such as would come from staying too long in water of low temperature. Avoid overheating, as from prolonged sun exposure or from over-exercising on a hot day. Use the purest milk and water obtainable. Keep flies away from food, as they have been known to carry the infantile paralysis virus.

It is believed that many people have had a slight attack of this disease; hence are immune. If a case occurs in the neighborhood, avoid needless fear and panic but be on the alert for any symptoms mentioned above.