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ROUTE OF THE FLYING TIGERS

PREVIEW OF COMING EVENTS

The June issue of TIGER REVIEW will be our ANNIVERSARY NUMBER - The Tigers' Fourth Birthday, and will be devoted exclusively to:-

THE DAYS WHEN - - - Helen Ruth (Mrs Bob) Prescott was our "office staff" - - Bob Prescott and Bill Bartling were out helping to load cargo - Mayo Thomas comprised our sales force - -

Paul Grace will tell us about his trip to Mexico to round up some airplanes - - "Colly" Colquette, Rhuel Trimble, Joe Cuppett and Bob Ghormley will reminisce about the good old days when . . the maintenance department consisted of a collection of tool boxes and the rear ends of the mechanics' cars. . .

Duke Hedman, Cliff Groh and Tommy Heywood will highlight the initial flying days when they flew anything they could lure on board to anywhere it had to go - at any time.

Those of us who have become associated with the company since the Long Beach days and who missed out on the ground work that went into the founding of the present Flying Tiger Line will have a chance to hear first-hand what the boys were doing Four Years Ago...

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Plans are being made to properly commemorate the Fourth Birthday of our company and details will be announced later . However, the Annual Company picnic has been scheduled for June 26th and will be held at the new Sunland Swim Park, in Sunland, Calif.

Blair Smith, who is working out the details assures us that the Park has been much improved since last year and that we can anticipate a very enjoyable time.

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THROUGH LEADS WE WILL SUCCEED
(D. McKay DT)

so

FOLLOW THAT LEAD
(Bill Kline BUR)

TIGER REVIEW

** TIGERVIEW **

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FLIGHT OPERATIONS - Janet Olson

On April 19, the wives of Tiger pilots based in the Los Angeles area gathered together at Lowery's in Beverly Hills for dinner. When they took their places at the table they were each presented with a lovely gardenia - a gift from the husbands! And a little bird let the cat out of the bag . . the gardenias were flown by WESTERN AIR LINES from San Francisco for the occasion.

Captains D.K.ROBBINS, J.V. LANE, G.A. MYER and L.A. HOOPES have taken a leave of absence to fly for VIKING AIR LINES on NC 63396, which VAL has leased from us.

TIGE I was presented to the Flight Operations Department by pilot BOB MARTIN and wife TRUDY, on April 19th, but didn't stay there very long because on April 29th, when the good news came through that FTL had been given their certificate TIGE I was presented to MRS HELEN RUTH PRESCOTT.

TIGE is a very cute little fellow, with much color and personality and really portrays the Tiger spirit. You see Tige is a ceramic portrait made by Bob and Trudy.

The Martins, a very ambitious couple, make ceramics one of their hobbies. They attend class at the Van Nuys High School and are planning to make a set of dinner ware when they acquire enough experience to start on such a large project. In the meantime they have presented TIGE II to Flight

Operations and he has a place of honor just behind the desk of Chief JOHNNY LONG.

WILL FLY TO EUROPE

Tiger C-54's will be doing some more trans-Atlantic flying this summer if plans now formulating go through - the C.A.B. has granted our company special permits to fly three round-trips to Rome carrying Catholic students who are making these educational trips under the auspices of Italian schools.

COUNTING THEIR CHICKENS

Hitting 400 miles per hour at 300' a Lockheed RF-80 zipped over a 22 mile strip of marshland, counted all the ducks on the feeding grounds and turned in a "census" report to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

That's pretty fast counting even for the AAF - but the experiment took place over the Grasslands feeding grounds in the San Joaquin Valley (Calif.)

Capt. C.V.EAST and Lt. C.G.RIGSBY from March Field took the census using a Sonne S-7 camera developed for high speed photography at low altitudes. The camera is synchronized with the speed of the plane and obtains detail never developed in ordinary aerial photographs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO K.L.M.

From Fokker F-18 's to DC-6 sleeper service in 15 years. In December 1934 KLM's Fokker F-18 spanned the Mid-Atlantic which was hailed as an outstanding performance of navigation and flying skill and was the start of the West Indies division which today covers 6,203 miles. K.L.M.'s West Indies Division has also been awarded for the 6th consecutive year the Aviation Safety Award of the Inter-American Safety Council.

FLYING TIGERETTES - Sue Warner

Signing off for the season the team is very pleased that they came out in second place - - this is particularly good since most of the girls started as beginners.

Two of the four individual prizes were won by the team - LAVONNE HERALD \$5.00 for high individual game for the season with a score of 264 . . \$10.00 for high team series for the season with a 2743 score. This was nice bowling for a team that was at the bottom of the league for some time. They also won first place in the sweepstakes for high individual game 909 for \$11.00 place money.

May 27th - Friday will be a BIG DAY - The Tigerettes are to bowl the BUR SALES boys - at the North Hollywood Alleys - which is neutral ground for both teams - the Sales team consists of LLOYD BULLOCK, Captain; LEN KIMBALL; BILL POWELL and BOB McNALLY - (The boys' average 200 - Lloyd says!) The games will be bowled on a handicap basis.

Both teams are looking forward to seeing a good rooting section turn out - THE TIME: 8:00 P.M.
THE PLACE; N.Hollywood Bowling Alleys, 4545 Lankershim Blvd.
THE DATE: Friday, May 27th.

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EDUCATIONAL FILMS

BUR Sales meetings have been producing some interesting material lately. BILL HOLLAN, of SLICK AIRWAYS, came over to show their very instructive color film on Airfreight - The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. exhibited a selector, which is a sort of skeleton switchboard, through which Miss V.M. SIMPSON of the telephone company demonstrated how not to dial wrong number and how to get efficient service from the phone system. MR. GEO. C. BRUCE, also from the telephone company spoke on the value of good telephone service to our customers.

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SOFT BALL - Les Branchflower

The softball team has completed the practice rounds winning 50% of the games. The teams were classified and FTL came out with a Double A club. Teams already played in practice games are SNEYDER-LYNCH; PHIL RAUCH; BROWNS-BRAKE SERVICE; QUALITY PLATING, PACIFIC AIRMOTIVE and BRAGG BROS.

The team will play one league game a week for 14 weeks then there will be playoffs for the league leaders - League competition started May 23rd.

An election was held on May 2nd and AL TAYLOR was elected assistant manager (to act as Manager during JOHNNY REEVES' absence) and LES BRANCHFLOWER was elected Coach.

It was good to see Johnny up and around again when he visited us at the hangar recently. We are looking forward to having him back with the league in the very near future.

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TIGER SQUARES - Leona Ross

The Squares have been somewhat dislocated recently - DICK YOUNG's two offspring have had the measles - EVELYN FLETCHER's better half has been working night and day on the family Aeronca - PAUL ROSS has been back in Dayton taking a refresher course at Wright Field - Paul is technical editor on aircraft handbooks.

EVELYN FLETCHER left for KC and NY on May 16th carrying "El Lobo" under one arm and a large box of candy and her suitcase under the other - and Evelyn is no catnap. She will be on leave for 10 days. (Ed: Evelyn is not stealing our horse charter business - El Lobo is a dappled rocking horse - a gift for her nephew.)

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TIGER REVIEW

The A V G Wings



MEET OUR FLYING TIGERS

Second in the series

Introducing ROBERT P. "DUKE" HEDMAN

It was Christmas 1941 in the Burmese village of Mingledon, just north of Rangoon. The boys of the American Volunteer Group had been cut off from supplies since the raid on Rangoon two days before and their Christmas ration was an uninteresting diet of bread and beer.

At 11 a.m. the alarm was given. Enemy planes were approaching. Seconds later 12 members of the Hell's Angels Squadron were on their way to combat. P-40's that had not quite recovered from the previous melee streaked down the runways.

Somewhere over the Gulf of Martaban they met the first group. There were in all 42 Nakajima fighters covering a flight of 81 bombers and they were approaching Rangoon, flying right over Kipling's famed "Moulmein Pagoda". The 12 battered P 40's sailed in to break up the party and the fight was on.

It was in the midst of this fray that the Flying Tigers learned about a new Jap trick - faked radio orders to land were heard in English and as some of the boys prepared to land they were swiftly followed down by the foxy enemy right on their tails.

At 12,000' a lone P-40 was pursuing a solitary enemy when he was spotted by 4 Nips. In the ensuing minutes the P-40's canopy disintegrated and the riddled plane dove earthward. The pilot, slumped forward in the cockpit, was abandoned by the enemy as dead.

But Robert P. "Duke" Hedman was far from dead. He landed near Pegu with his ship in somewhat worse shape than when he had taken off, and with empty gas tanks and no ammunition.

This may not have been Duke's worst experience. Two days before he had been in a fracas involving 54 twin-engined Mitsubishi bombers with a cover of fighters. It was a blistering day with the temperature sizzling at 115° and the brick colored runways were red hot. With a reputation as an ultra conservative pilot Duke literally kidnapped a plane for this show by beating the lawful pilot to the cockpit. The flight spotted the enemy at 18,000' and peeled off to the attack. Duke dived through the fighters to get to the bombers - he got one fighter on the way down, a bomber on the rebound and two more fighters before the enemy got his gas tanks and shot away his gun sights. Last seen in this fight Duke was headed out over the Gulf to get his fifth credit for the day and to become America's first World War II Ace.

Then there was the time he was shot down near Rangoon and spent two uncomfortable days looking at the wrong end of thin Burmese bayonets. This must have been before the days when the Flying Tigers had stitched to the backs of their jackets an emblem with a Chinese flag and the inscription "I am a foreign aviator flying for China. Please take me to the nearest authorities". Because it was not until an English speaking Burmese Commander arrived that Duke was released and

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MEET AT THE HUNTING HOTEL, PASADENA.

The Crystal Room at the Huntington Hotel, Pasadena, California, was the scene of a dinner given for Flying Tiger Directors, their wives and guests on Saturday night, May 21st. Twenty-five members of our organization, including Mr. Norman Meyers, our Washington attorney, and his wife, and guests of the company Mr. Edwin Pauley and Mr. Robert L. Smith, manager of the Los Angeles Daily News, celebrated the certification of our line.

The dinner was entirely an informal affair with speaking rising to the occasion without formal introductions to express appreciation for the work accomplished by Mr. Prescott and his associates against overwhelming odds.

The aviation theme, designed by Mrs Robert Prescott, was carried out in the table decorations, place cards, menus and favors. Our model C-54 formed the center piece, poised for a landing on a long runway of white carnations that ran the length of the table. The runway lights were red carnations and the field border was outlined in blue and red flowers.

Scrolls representing individual "certificates" were used as place cards and the items on the menus incorporated products from our major points of service. Miniature colored plastic trucks carried red and blue packages. Flying Tiger lapel buttons and pins were presented to each guest as a souvenir of the occasion.

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returned to Rangoon.

When the Flying Tigers were disbanded in July 1942 Duke joined the China National Aviation Corporation and for over a year he and his Chinese co-pilots flew supplies for General Chennault's 14th Air Force over the Hump making 500 trips over that formidable mountain range.

Duke's career started back on the farm in Webster, S. Dakota, in 1916. From grade and high school he went to the University of South Dakota. In 1939 he entered Hancock School of Aeronautics in Santa Maria, California, from which he enlisted in the U.S.A.A.F.

At Selfridge Field in July 1941, Duke resigned his commission to join General Chennault's A.V.G. During those days he was officially credited with 6 enemy aircraft downed and 20 "probables".

From China he returned to the U.S. and in 1943 flew for American Export Airlines carrying medical supplies, mail, passengers and food between New York Europe and Africa and while he was flying this route he decided to join forces with the other ex-Flying Tigers to organize our Flying Tiger Line.

Today Duke is a senior Captain on our line, is a vice-president of the company, and between schedules enjoys a game of golf and, with his charming wife Mary Ann, entertains friends in his home in the much-sung San Fernando Valley.

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SAN FRANCISCO - Lillian Sonstroem

Adobe Lodge, Los Altos, near Palo Alto, was the scene for the combined Sales and Operations picnic on Saturday, May 21st., attended by approximately 45 people, Flying Tiger personnel and friends.

May was moving day for SFO Tigers - HAL BAUER and VAN HURD have both acquired new residences in Oakland while CHUCK BRYANT has moved to Alameda.

(Ed Note - come rain, hail, flood or fire, the mail finally comes through - which brings us at long last the following announcement-----)

To the CHUCK BRYANTS - in the Providence Hospital, Oakland, a daughter SALLY JO-ANN, Born November 21st - weight 7 lbs 10 oz. (Belated Congratulations).

THREE YEARS SERVICE

Practically an "original" with the company HUBERT JACKSON has been with the Los Angeles Sales office since May 29th 1946. With MAYO THOMAS Hugh has watched the department grow.

SHIPPERS' PROBLEMS

The April issue of TigeReview presented the first of a series of aircargo articles which are being prepared exclusively for your paper by the traffic managers of various airfreight shippers. These articles are designed to bring members of The Flying Tiger Line closer to the problems of those companies who have demonstrated their confidence in us by using our service and making it possible for us to establish our world-wide airfreight system.

Mr. Horace Noyes, traffic manager, for Bendix West Coast, graphically described the importance of "Follow-Through" in last month's issue. We now present "THE NEXT STEP IN CARGO DEVELOPMENT" by Mr. L.J. Rowley, traffic manager, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

It is with much appreciation that we acknowledge the time and effort given to the presentation of these feature articles for our paper.

Americans have more time-saving devices and less time than any other people in the world.

FTL IN DOUGLAS MOVIE

When the Douglas Aircraft Corporation decided to make an airfreight film it chose Flying Tigers as one of the "actors"... as their public-relations representative said "We knew the Flying Tigers were tops in the airfreight field."

FROM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

From Scotland mail reads: "I've read quite a bit about the achievements of your Line in the various American aviation magazines I subscribe to, and your company is certainly one of the biggest in the business in the U.S.A." We also get "fan mail" from Holland and England.

AUTOMOBILE ROW

Bur Parking Lot is beginning to look like an extension of Figueroa Street (easterners don't try to pronounce that - its figger - oer) ART LAWSON, PAUL GRACE, WILLIE SKAGGS and JACK DUPREE are all sporting new models.

THE NEXT STEP IN AIR CARGO DEVELOPMENT

By L. J. Rowley, Traffic Manager
Lockheed Aircraft Corporation

"...an intensive campaign of
research and education.."

The comment is frequently made that air cargo is in its infancy. That is not an accurate statement as air cargo has passed the period of its infancy and can now be considered as being in its adolescent stage, feeling its growing pains and flexing its muscles. It has hardly reached the point of maturity where it can stand on its own feet and earn its own way but that day is not far off.

One of the most carping critics of its development is the railroad industry which delights in pointing out the tremendous job it does in handling the vast tonnage represented by the commerce of this country. However, that same industry, unwittingly perhaps, is the greatest single factor in the rapid development of air cargo today. The railroads are setting the pattern for all surface carriers with a continual march of increases in their transportation rates and charges and it has now reached the point where the gap between surface carrier rates and air cargo rates is rapidly diminishing.

The rail carriers, for many years, have built their rate structure on many factors, chief of which were value of the article and value of the service to the shipper with the factor of density thrown in as an added excuse for high rates. As a result, it costs far more to ship a carload of machinery than a carload of coal, and even more to ship a carload of aircraft parts than a carload of machinery, and the net revenue return to the railroads is in the same proportion.

It is hardly conceivable that commercial air cargo carriers can profitably handle shipments of coal, but they are today handling a substantial volume of the movement of aircraft parts. Not only are they now handling the higher rated and higher valued articles, but are more and more invading the machinery shipment field and that of other commodities heretofore considered unsuited for airfreight movement.

With the last increases of rail and truck freight rates and pending requests before the I.C.C. for additional general increases, the industrial traffic manager is beginning to become more and more aware of the advantages in using air freight. Recognition is being given to a broad calculation of net cost by considering savings in packaging and savings in tare weight - and to this can be added, in some instances, savings by maintaining lower inventories.

With the air freight case decisions clearing the atmosphere somewhat, more attention and energy can be, and must be, devoted to the task of proving to the shipping public that in many cases it is cheaper to use airfreight when considering the net laid-down cost. **AND TO DISASSOCIATE FROM THEIR MINDS THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED IDEA THAT SHIPMENTS BY AIR ARE MADE ONLY IN CASES OF URGENCY.**

That program will require an intensive campaign of research and education. The past history of transportation in this country has proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that the greatest revenue return for any surface carrier is in the transportation of freight, in fact the passenger business for some railroads usually shows a deficit. There has been no indication that this same condition will not obtain for the air lines in the future.

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MAINTENANCE - Thelma Goodman

Flight Maintenance has just completed the conversion of "396" to a 72-passenger "plush" airplane for lease to Viking Airlines - "911" arrived at home base this week for an 8000 hour overhaul. With the object of accomplishing this work in minimum time on the ground in order to maintain schedules this department is out to establish a record for a DC-4 overhaul job.

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JACK DUPREE and JOHN MOBLEY have been transferred to the Inspection Department and are now known as "INSPECTOR DUPREE" and "INSPECTOR MOBLEY." LEON COLQUETTE is now lead mechanic on BUD NORTON's night crew replacing HARVEY WIRTA...

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HARVEY, since being introduced to our personnel in the last issue of TigeReview has resigned to join General Chennault again in China..... Harvey's papers were made out for Shanghai but where he will finally land in China is at the moment in doubt. He has promised to let us hear from him upon arrival.

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GLEN SMITH, who was with us during the ATC days is back as Chief Engineer and we are glad to welcome him. Glen has been with Pacific Overseas at Ontario, California, in the interim.

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We have added another member to our family at Burbank - JOHN WILMOTTE has joined JAM ALDONS from the land of the Southern Cross - these two representatives of QANTAS AIRWAYS have become very popular with the Tigers and we are glad to have them with us.

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The first batch of four AT-6's has been delivered to LYONS VAN & STORAGE for shipment to Pakistan under our contract for eleven ships.

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DOUGLAS DULY, who is doing such an excellent job of contact work for our maintenance service is in New York to sign up another customer. Doug's nose for business is keeping our service crews busy during May we had to sign on 70 additional personnel.

DETROIT - Bill Grant

DAVE JAMSEN just back from the Derby where he sipped juleps and bet on a couple of horses - must have flown faster than his horses - judging by the week-end results.

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THE DON MCKAYS are the proud owners of a lovely new home in Huntington Woods - Now that he is a "home owner" Don is learning the hard way that lawns are seeded simply and solely to feed the birds - if a lawn comes up it is just plain good luck! "Oh my aching back" moans Don.

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Five a.m. rising wasn't bad out in California (says BILL GRANT) - the trip was terrific and it was nice to have been in God's country for awhile - but oh the trip back home. It was noisy with lots of baby chicks and sleeping accommodation wasn't exactly a feather bed!

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UNIVERSITY STUDENTS VISIT BURBANK

BOB WOODWORTH, MC'd a tour of headquarters operations with 30 students from the University of Southern California. The boys are enrolled in the Air Lines Practices class under GEORGE FULLER.

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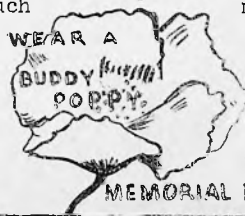
IN LUTHERAN HOSPITAL

GENEVA SCHINDELE (pronounced Schenley as in Hiram Walker) will be missed around the BUR hangar for the next month. We are sorry to report that our cheerful Personnel girl is in the hospital undergoing surgery.

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WORD PICTURE - She left a busy impression on her desk.

(Lois Zimmerman)



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TIGER CUBS - So Glad This Joy has come to you
Hope other Happy Dreams come True

RONALD DAVID, arrived March 29, weighing 7½ lbs, and was welcomed by MR AND MRS HENRY MERAZ. Ronald is reported as already studying for his A & E.

SHIRLA JANET, 7 lbs 9 oz, checked into the St. Josephs Hospital, Burbank, to be happily received by MR & MRS GEORGE GROSS, on May 8th.

Damage Claim has been reported by - HAROLD RAMSDEN as follows:-

1 Pipe burned out caused by oversmoking and smoking too fast by FATHER RAMSDEN
10 Finger Nails chewed down to the quick caused by anxiety - by FATHER RAMSDEN
1 Overworked nervous system - used up by FATHER RAMDSEN
CAUSE: Stork delayed delivery on ONE BABY GIRL weight 6 lbs 10 oz SHIRLEY JANE - April 27 1949.

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DECORATES WING SCOUTS

VELMA MUNDY (Acctg), who is chairman of the Aeronautics Committee of Amelia Earhart American Legion Post No. 678, assisted in the distribution of the First Wings presented to the Rambeau Rockets who have completed their first year as Wing Scouts. As part of their first year training Velma took one class of the Scouts on a tour of our Burbank Operations.

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I AM LOCAL 1903 - DUESBANK

The Union Dance held on May 14th proved so enjoyable that plans are being made for another one in the near future. Music was provided by PAT CAMPATO's 200 records and great credit goes to MRS HENRY GARCIA who took such efficient care of the refreshments. The party, held at the Union Hall, broke up at about 2:30 a.m. A number of the boys from the night shift were able to join the party at a late hour.

DUAL CONTROLS

VERNON "Pilot" DAVIS AND PHYLLIS ROBERTSON were married in Yuma, Arizona, May 14th, and we wish them every happiness.

Captain A.F. SEYMOUR, a recent groom is now "at home" in Kansas City and ready to receive friends and to introduce his bride BERNICE.

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ENGINE BUILD-UP - Sol Bisk

BUCK & JERRY BUCHANAN "flew" over the week-end to Spokane and back in their new Hudson - averaging 59.5 mph. (Its all downhill coming back of course)

THOMAS, known in the shop as "Professor" has passed his entrance exams and is planning to return to the University of California this fall.

FLOYD FUNK is once more a batchelor - his folks, mother and dad, have returned to Iowa.

HOMER "Yukon" VOILE wants to go to Alaska - but like "Sam McGee from Tennessee" Homer claims its too cold!

We were sorry to lose veteran WILL RODGERS, but his doctors have made him take medical leave - he has been replaced in the electrical department by FRANK LANCASTER.

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VISITS FFL HANGAR

MARSHALL MEYERS 10-year son of Mr & Mrs Norman Meyers, of Washington, D.C. was a visitor at our Dur headquarters on May 23rd. JIM DEUIREN, day crew chief took him through our C-54's and THELMA GOODMAN, who has an 11 year old son ROSS, swapped boy-talk with him about his trip to Europe and his school - the Judson School for Boys in Phoenix Arizona.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The past month has been a busy one for our speakers - DAVE JANSEN spoke before the Ann Arbor Lions; BOB ANDERSON appeared at the Chicago Heights Lions Club. Burbank Sales force made 9 talks throughout the Los Angeles area, with TOM HARVEY, KEN FRASER, VIC MIKOLIS, WILLIAM POWELL and BOB WOODWORTH sharing the honors.

MIKE CARNES, SFO Station Manager rates special mention for the good publicity notices he gets into the press. News clippings coming into the home office indicate that Mike not only manages to get some good FTL items in the dailies but when that is lacking he arranges to be on hand when anything spectacular is going on at the airport - for instance an Oakland daily reporting the Flying Wing states "MIKE CARNES of the Flying Tiger Line was present and witnessed the event".. see what we mean?

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DENVER HEARS ROBERT W. PRESCOTT

Our president, Bob Prescott, delivered the closing address at the second annual Airport Operators' Council meeting, held in Denver May 4th. Referring to our position under certification Mr. Prescott said "Because of the rapidly changing character of this business The Flying Tiger Line will proceed on a flexible basis so as to be in a position to take full advantage of the developing airfreight market without risking the danger that may follow from overexpansion....."

"Growth of airfreight in the 50's will depend on the ability of the industry to agree among themselves and with the Civil Aeronautics Board on a rate structure which will protect the carriers against destructive competition and at the same time provide incentives for the extension of airfreight services."

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WE HAVE THAT REPUTATION

LOLA FARNES, on the BUR sales phone the other day, was asked if we could ship a dog to Denver, because, the lady said "I hear you people are so kind to animals"... ROBBIE ROBINSON (Bur Op) must be partly responsible for that - recently he was observed paying cash money out of his own pocket for noon food over a Friday to Sunday night layover for a Boxer, and walking the dog on his day-off.

SAFETY FIRST with FLUORESCENT LIGHTS

LLOYD SHERMAN, our safety engineer warns us again about the danger connected with use of fluorescent lamps - quoting from "The Consumers Research" we are reminded:

"There is a possibility of very serious injury by glass from a broken fluorescent lamp tube. If there is a cut from the glass, or if the powdered material from the surface of the glass enters a wound...chronic inflammation may result and months may be required for the wound to heal..."

"This extreme toxicity is in the powder which is used to line the interior of the lamp.

"Lamp makers have begun experiments with synthetic, non-metallic powders to replace beryllium but in the meantime it is extremely important..to use every precaution in disposing of fluorescent lamp tubes and ABOVE ALL DISPOSE OF THEM IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY CANNOT COME INTO HANDS OF CHILDREN.

"Dust fumes from the materials must be prevented by all possible means from getting into the human system either through a wound or through the nose or mouth.

"The danger is so great that power companies and lighting engineers have contrived a special machine for breaking up the tubes.

"NEVER DISCARD FLUORESCENT LAMPS BY PLACING THEM WITH RUBBISH OR REFUSE WHERE THEY CAN BE CARELESSLY HANDLED OR BROKEN. NEVER DESTROY THEM IN INCINERATORS. DO NOT PERMIT THEM TO BE DISPOSED OF WHERE CHILDREN MAY HAVE ACCESS TO THEM."

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CHICAGO REPORTS - Pat Morrissey

To celebrate the good news of our Certification BOB AND MARIAN ANDERSON gave a lovely party at their home for CHI SALES. We almost forgot the reason for the gathering when we saw the Anderson baby, HOLLY...with red hair and a promise to be as good looking as her Mother, and as much fun as her Father.. with a grin she uses often - and to good advantage.

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BILL AKINS' trip to California truly sold him on that Fair State - at the drop of a hat he will rave about California produce.. for the first couple of days after the trip he looked like a Hollywood "extra" but he gave that up because the men at the market took him for a "tourist".

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BOB ANDERSON has been taking a week's "well earned vacation" - just staying home and loafing - everyone with a home and baby knows how much loafing can be done! (Two weeks rest back at the office should fix you up Bol. Ed.Note)

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At this late date credit should go to the boys who did such a find job at the time of the CHI fire. We were very fortunate that such good men as RALPH FOSTER, EMMET LARAN and BOB MCGEE were on hand at the time and later JOE JURZYCK, TOM CARTER and JOE HENDERSON helped get reorganized. BOB CAMP and BILL AKINS from Sales were on "lend-lease" for a couple of days also.

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The new CHI operations office is reported somewhat restricted in space. ED CRUMPLAR trying to pace up and down while talking to RALPH FOSTER was blocked by BOB MCGEE at the teletype machine, while a cocker spaniel tied to the leg of a chair tried to bark his way to freedom. Ralph is looking for wide-open spaces!

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AT MARCH FIELD

R.N. "BOB" BENNETT has been on leave of absence from the Radio Shop for the past two weeks to become CAPTAIN BENNETT, USAAF. Bob was a fighter pilot during the war flying P-38's in the Pacific Theatre.

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WORD FROM NEW YORK - George Dart

Two young elephants (on the hoof) and one gorilla (caged) were refused passage on FTL to St. Louis recently. It was felt they wouldn't mix well with milady's finery..

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FRANK MINDNICH and ED MURPHY completed one year's service with the company this month.

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HUNT LAFFEY, our resident representative in Hartford, Conn. is very well pleased that the CAB okayed Hartford as one of our New England points.

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CHICAGO ATTENTION - FRANK CLAIN, is about to invade your territory, complete with wife and three children age 4 and 2 years and 7 months. The "blitz" will be the first two weeks in June. Frank's Crosley has been traded for a Lincoln Zephyr for the trip.

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ART BREYFOGLE who has joined the sales staff is doing a wonderful job and incidentally (strictly off the record) the boy has a really terrific tenor voice - which is quite an attraction for THE POWERS GIRLS down the hall.

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On May 7th the Newark Airport looked as though it had opened a class in Junior Operations! FTL played host to BOY SCOUT TROOP #3 of Bloomfield, N.J. and their scoutmaster E.R. WOODLAND, Asst. Mgr. of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. NYC.

BILL GUNTHER gave his all for Operations as his youthful enthusiasts trailed after him - captain RAY KORTY gave up his afternoon off to take the boys through our C-54's and "Pappy" Dart completed the afternoon by providing chocolate sundaes for our guests. Sundry scouts' pappas who came along just to see how an airline operates were taken in tow by FRANK CLAIN.

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