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SUGGESTION PAYS OFF!



With the first award of \$30.00 being presented to Joe Gwynn, one of our lead mechanics, the Suggestion System is at last under way.

Dick Hoyt, Chairman of the Suggestion Committee, offers this bit of encouragement to all who have submitted suggestions: "The volume of suggestions that has accumulated over the several months the Suggestion System has lain dormant has somewhat slowed us down in getting them all processed. As the wheels begin to turn in the revitalized plan, however, the necessary time required should be materially shortened. We ask all those who have submitted suggestions to bear with us and we, in turn, will see that each contribution is given the fullest consideration it deserves."

Suggesters should check the Suggestion Committee's monthly report on the System Bulletin Board in Hangar #1 to determine the current status of their ideas. The report is the result of careful consideration by the Committee which decides upon recommendation of the appropriate department heads. Anyone who wishes to appeal a decision should contact the Committee Chairman for a reconsideration of his suggestion.

Your Suggestion Committee is composed of the following:

- Dick Hoyt, Chairman - Personnel
- Bill Hodson - Maintenance
- Art Klein - Material Control
- Pat Compato - Inspection

CAMERA CLUB TO

SWING INTO ACTION SOON

In spite of the fact that there was only slight mention of the new FTL Camera Club in the last issue of the TigerReview, enthusiasm is growing and many people have requested more information on this activity. Perhaps the following will answer a few of your questions and will give you a general idea of the operations of the Camera Club.

The purpose of the club is for members to aid each other in the promotion of better photography and to provide instruction in the finishing of photographs. All you need to be eligible for membership in this club is an interest in photography and some sort of camera — even an old box camera will do.

Preliminary plans call for two meetings each month, to be scheduled so that people on both day and night shifts can attend as many meetings as possible. At some of these meetings there will be lectures by individuals who are well versed in the art of photography and there will be exhibits of the work of professional photographers. Round table discussions will be held at other meetings, at which time members will strive to improve their camera technique through constructive criticism.

Occasionally there will be planned field trips when Camera Club members en masse will pack up their autos with picnic supplies and their trusty Brownies and head for some scenic spot to spend the day "shooting" and picnicking.

As soon as the club is organized, members will be able to purchase photographic supplies at discount prices and at a later date arrangements will be made for renting a dark room for the use of the FTL Camera Club.

Each month the most outstanding picture-of-the-month will be selected for reproduction in the TigerReview.

In the very near future bulletins will be posted in the hangar and office building stating the date and time of the first meeting of this club. In the meantime, anyone wishing further information may contact Bob Norton, Ext. 306.

HOT FLASH: Dick Yung rolled a fabulous 267 at the bowling session on July 31st!

ACCOUNTING for Accounting -by- Mary Brady

Accounting was left unaccounted for last month due to YOURS TRULY and ALICE GRIFFITH taking off for a BIG vacation up through the California Redwoods, the Great Northwest and into Canada, returning via Reno.

I know all of us have yardsticks of superlative beauty...but if you want a super-scenic vacation I suggest you just head north on Route 101 'till you run into the Mountains...or should I say "Mounties"?????

PAT BURKE is also back at his desk with a "How's You All" from an extended vacation way down South in New Orleans with his wife and three daughters.

FRANK SMITH preferred the local scenery at Lake Arrowhead for his vacation this year. From all appearances Frank did a little time in the sun...could it be you had a SCOOP for me about that proverbial fish that got away and didn't speak up or was it caused from just sittin' in the noonday sun?

Others back from vacations include LOUISE CAMERON after a week at the beach just resting, and JOYCE NEUENSCHWANDER reporting that farming in Denver is the thing to get one's health back to normal.

What with HEAT WAVES, VACATIONS, NATIONAL CONVENTIONS and EARTHQUAKES, is there any wonder everyone seems to be in a delirium these days. Maybe it's like the fellow said over his mid-morning coffee, "I told you that Democratic Convention would be an earth-shaking affair!"

But I prefer to attribute our delirium in AUDITING to too many AIRBILLS...which brought forth all the new crew of TIGERETTES you've seen lately in Frank Smith's "Airbill Clearing House"... namely: MARCIA BOYD, IDA OSERANSKY, LAVERNE BURKETT, LOUISE CADY, MAY SCHOENEFELD and ISABELLE BLAIR.

At the moment the changes and replacements are too numerous to mention as factual...there's so many new faces it seems more like a rush at the bus station before a holiday. But we do remember Bell Blair as a former employee with Paul Grace of the Inspection Department. Bell will now be helping HAL BROUK and KAY GILLINGHAM in Adjustments and Cash (and if she doesn't ADJUST it will be all your fault, Hal).

I understand RHEA LOCKARD has a very capable new assistant, too...ETHEL MARCHBANKS.

And to wind up our list of new employees we have JEANNE GOETA as our new comptometer operator and CHARLES N. TAYLOR, auditor. Welcome to all!

JOHN MOYNIHAN of the Accounting Department, and formerly assigned to the Internal Auditing Section at Burbank, has resigned after a period of two years with FTL. He is accepting a position as Assistant Treasurer and Office Manager of another company.

John has asked me to give his best regards to his many friends in the company and to publicly thank the various station managers for the splendid cooperation given him in the past.

KRYSZYNA HAUGEN will take over John's work in processing accounts payable invoices for payment, with CHARLES TAYLOR assuming other duties including the reconciliation of the various bank accounts.

Best of luck to you, John, in your new assignment.

I've been joined by several others in passing along a suggestion to you about forming a "Monthly Get-Together Club" to play bridge, canasta or to attend some current show, such as "South Pacific" now playing at the Philharmonic Auditorium, or shows of the Pasadena Play House and various Theater Guild Plays.

We could earn a percentage on tickets to the Pasadena Play House and earn money for our Welfare Club.

We are inclined to believe there's a lot of employees who would vote for such a club in our company. So let's have some opinions and suggestions from you guys and gals if you would like this type of entertainment. Just send your ideas in to the Personnel Department or call extension 204.

That's all until the Tiger passes in Review again...



Surprise birthday parties are quite the thing this season. Happy victim above is Sales Department's "Poor Ole Harry" Adamson, one of the most popular fellows around the office building. Of the many insignificant gifts showered on him was small, worm-eaten peach which signified that he is just "peachy."

by

Katherine M. Smith



GEORGE CUSSEN

George Cussen, our V.P. Sales, has been appointed air transportation consultant to J.D. Small, Chairman of the Munitions Board. Among his first major projects will be mobilization planning in the field of air transportation. He will work closely with MB's Office of Transportation and with Kenneth L. Vore, advisor on transportation planning.

California almost out-did Chicago in the headlines by staging a major earthquake just at convention time!

A well-known earth movement scientist has written that "earthquakes are what make California tick"...geologically speaking, of course. According to Elmer Peck of Riverside College, the state owes not only its terrific scenery but its underground water reservoirs and its oil industry to the shifting of our earth "faults." What it does to the residents is slightly more than a "tickling" and after a full week of feeling we are living on top of a bowl of jelly, we are still wondering if that quaking is really another shift for more spectacular scenery or just a case of our own jitters. The dead silence that pervaded the whole general office building after one jolt last week, when even the teletypes stopped, was deafening!

Anyone want a transfer to California???

Speaking of transfers - our newest District Sales Manager for the New York territory is Art Breyfogle who has relocated from Detroit. This is not a new district for Art who cut his FTL air-freight teeth in our New York area. He has been in Detroit for two years where he has done a swell job.

Doug Bush has moved up into the spot vacated and is our new DSM at Romulus.

Best of luck to both of you boys in this new assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Dickinson of TOL are the proud parents of a baby girl - Leslie Gail. Born June 18th. Congratulations, folks.

RML Tigers held their picnic on Sunday, July 13th. No details as we go to press.

BGM says, "We at BGM would like to convey our thanks to those topside for the picnic we were

happy to enjoy on July 10th. The event took place at Beaver Lake, Windsor, N.Y., and all sales and operations got together with their families and had one good time. This certainly was a morale booster. As guests we invited our part time personnel and their families." (Signed) Tom Ruggiero.

Too late for inclusion last month came news that Dave Gardner of our GRR station married Edna Faber at Richmond, Ind., on July 5th.

This makes it unanimous at our GRR station, since the "other half" of our staff, John Warren, was married two weeks previously.

Best wishes Dave and Edna.

Letters from Shippers - It happens in the best of regulated airlines!

(For obvious reasons names and places have been omitted, but we think the letter worthy of reproduction - also for obvious reasons.)

"On May 29, 1952, a shipment was consigned to us via air cargo. It arrived today, June 11th.

In order that we may have some guidance as to what to expect in future shipments we would like to have a report on the routing of this shipment.

"If the shipment came direct from.....we estimate your average flying time at 4 miles per hour. We are wondering if you have no faster planes available as we have a competitive offer from a local teamster who claims he can make better time with his wagon and team of horses.

"On the other hand, there would appear to be some possibility that this consignment was shipped west.....and went around the world in the other direction. Even if this was done your average flying time would appear to be 70 miles per hour which we think is not good flying time having in mind the speed of some of the planes owned by your competitors."

We try to take comfort in the solace offered by someone else who remarked "other airlines have given much worse service....."

We also have a stack of letters from satisfied customers which we will be glad to quote from - after this has been digested.

IF ANYONE IN SALES AND OPERATIONS IS INTERESTED IN SENDING IN NEWS FOR THIS COLUMN, we open mail every day from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Monday through Friday - every week - and the next deadline (as if that means anything to anyone other than the Editor of TigerReview!) will be August 22nd.

A prosperous workman in Worcester
For the Payroll Plan is a borcestester,

He puts part of his pay
Into Bonds each payday,
So he has far more dough than he youcester.

WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

by

Dick Hoyt

This month's introduction to one of the more interesting phases of our business takes us to the plant dispensary, a division of our Personnel Department, where Nurse Duke keeps watch on the safety and health of all of us.

The dispensary, headed by Nurse Duke who is a veteran of many years in her profession, and assisted by Nurse Marian Blake, ministers to from seventy to ninety patients a day including both first and second shifts.

Besides this emergency first aid, the department administers all the inoculations required by personnel on overseas assignments, in addition to maintaining first aid kits in all of our world-wide installations.

Another function of this department is the follow-up on all accidents occurring throughout the system and writing detailed insurance reports. Nurse Duke states that carelessness is the cause of most on-the-job injuries. The three most prevalent types of accidents are eye burns from contact with stripping chemicals, respiratory ailments caused by inhaling injurious fumes requiring oxygen treatment, and lacerations while performing sheetmetal work. We are warned that however insignificant these injuries may seem, they should be reported and given immediate treatment to prevent any future complications.

Nurse Duke's advice in all matters of first aid care is to prevent accidents before they occur. A study of the last several months shows that this produces favorable results. Credit should be given also to the Safety Committee for making us more safety conscious.



NURSE DUKE, HEAD OF FIRST AID DEPARTMENT, RECENTLY COMPLETED FIVE YEARS SERVICE WITH FLYING TIGERS

In line with our recent FTL-Red Cross blood donation drive, Nurse Duke has asked that we make every effort to donate blood again this year. We may now assign our donation directly to the Korea War effort or we may contribute to our own FTL Blood Bank.

NEWS and NOTES

by Ina Mae Barker

Which two Inspectors were sleeping on the steps of City Hall waiting to get Special Deer Season Hunting Permits?

Bill Vosper's been enjoying himself at Balboa Island the last two weeks. Wish I were there to enjoy that beach weather.

Best wishes to Al Taylor who recently returned from two weeks in the hospital after an appendicitis operation. Glad to see you back, Al.

Goodbye and good luck to Ray Arrowsmith of the Engineering Department who's leaving for the Air Corps, and hello to Dick Grey who's taking Ray's place in that department.

We wish to welcome Simon Kechechian to the Tigers. He's come on a special assignment from Continental Aviation and Engineering, Inc.

Olan Meador, Al Penrose and Hank Garcia recently returned to Burbank sporting brand new cars...Meador and Al with Mercuries and Hank with the last Oldsmobile to be delivered to Southern California.

The Al Kizmicki family wishes to announce the arrival of a new Tiger - an 8 lb. 4 oz. baby boy, born July 27th.

THE CHINNIN' BAR

by Nancy Tarr

WELCOME to Ruth Nelson who transferred from the Purchasing Department in the hangar to the Message Center. Reports from the "Center" have it that Ruth's a good worker and helps all around besides being lots of fun.

Bob "Skipper" Jones, who leaves his yacht long enough to man the FTL Bicycle Express, goes sailing every week end. When the "earthquake" hit Monday morning, Bob was dreaming that he was sailing and had run aground. The "Skipper" is also quite a connoisseur of music. Everyone in Message Center admires his splendid taste. Lawrence Welk's "Champagne Music" is really terrific according to him. Bob also is just crazy about Mickey Mouse cartoons...this is what L. Welk's music sounds like! (This info comes from his "buddies" in Message Center. Oh, is he gonna love 'em for this!!!)

Alice Griffith finally (just jealous - who wouldn't be!) came back from her vacation in Canada. Guess she had to come back to work in order to rest up from said vacation. That Mountie really must be some guy 'cause Alice still has THAT "far away look in her eye." She's got us all wondering. Has he got a friend, Alice???

Next month this column will try to clear up some misconceptions regarding AIR-PACK by explaining all about it, so be sure to keep "tuned in."

Q: What's a psycho-ceramic?
(Turn page upside down for answer.)

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RUMMAGIN ROUND THE READY ROOM by Va. Lindstrom

Lois Conaty has joined the Flight Operations staff at Denver, and we couldn't be happier. A hearty welcome to Lois. She is going to do the Link Training at Denver and assist Art Seymour in the office detail. She has also been swell about submitting news of the Denver activities -- we couldn't be grateful-er. Welcome and Thanks, Lois.

Lois reports that at the recent Denver Station picnic, held at Bergen Park in the Rockies on Saturday, June 12th, a big softball game was held between ground personnel and the pilots. It was generally felt that the reason for an easy win by ground personnel was that they were drinking beer and the pilots were drinking soda pop. This is good publicity, but gee, fellas, can't you win anyway?

Also at the Denver picnic, flight personnel did grab some honors -- Vern Westman emerging victorious. This all ended with a square dance and we understand that it was a huge success.

Congratulations to W. J. Adams on a new baby girl on June 30th.

It's a good bet that many of our single pilots will be unhappy at this news. Barbara Lynn Cruvey has resigned to be married on August 23rd in Las Vegas. The lucky groom-to-be is George N. Glass of Interstate Engineering Corporation. Very best wishes from all of the Flight Operations Department.

It is reported that R. A. Taggart had a big time in Santa Rosa on his recent vacation -- fishing, visiting relatives and just lazing around. He caught eight rainbow trout, he says, size not being mentioned.

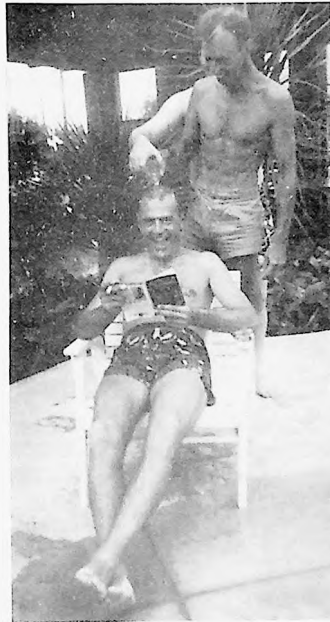
R. R. Stevenson of Chicago was on his vacation too. A sort of busman's holiday as he was seen around the hangar and in the office several times, but who knows -- perhaps he couldn't find a lake to go fishing.

Jack Tarry of Chicago sort of fell down on the job (or is that good usage from a flight department?). No news from Chicago Station this time. However, by some eavesdropping, I hear that Bill Steinhagen is being married in August. No particulars -- just that. Congratulations, Bill.

Christine Dakos is also going to be married in the very near future. We lose more stewardesses that way. Our very best wishes, Christine.

It has been reported that Rhonda Fleming will be one of our passengers soon. What a lucky crew that will be!

And -- three rousing cheers -- Billie Welsh is returning to FTL as Chief Stewardess! Welcome, welcome, welcome, Billie. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the gals for being so cooperative and so helpful while I was trying to fill in. Thanks a million, I really appreciate it.



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Captain Roy Olson getting "cooled off" by Copilot Don Wilson. The extra arm must remain unexplained.

I wonder if it would be legal if, thru these pages, Jill McCormick was requested to add reporting Idlewild news to her duties? Sure would be helpful, Jill. Can't see how you can refuse when approached so publicly. Also need a representative among the navigators -- any volunteers?

A public apology, too, to Charlie Hicks. He sauntered in smoking what appeared to be a "corn cob pipe" as I remember them. However, it turned out to be a very good "Meerschaum." My apologies. Such a social blunder!

MONTHLY FEATURE

HANDSOMEST PILOT OF THE MONTH: A. H. Peters, who also celebrated his birthday recently while attending ground training sessions.

His health wasn't any too good so the Eastern city-dweller went looking for a place to live in Arizona. He approached an old-timer sitting on the steps of the general store. "Say," he asked, "what's the death rate around here?"

"Same as it is back East, bub," answered the old fellow, "one to a person."

INA MAE BARKER REPORTS ON SPORTS

Excitement is running high in the FTL Bowling League as the end of the first schedule draws near. At this writing the Non Specks are on top by four games, while the Lucky Ones and Team #1 are battling for second place.

Hal Brouk, captain of Team #1, was man-of-the-night at the bowling session on July 24th when he rolled a 231 for high game of the league.

Sweepstakes will be played Thursday, August 8th, and anything may happen!

The FTL Softball Team is still mowing 'em down and it looks like our boys are destined to win the championship this year.

In the game on July 8th, FTL won over Collins Radio 10 - 9 and on July 17th, FTL took Old Mission 8 - 0.

Our ball club has won 15 straight games, eight of which were league games, and they now lead the league by three games. ALL THIS WAS DONE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF MUCH OF A CHEERING SECTION! We'd sure appreciate some interest in the team so why not come on out to some of the games before the season is over. There is a schedule of all games posted on the bulletin boards.

We'd like to offer condolences to Lou Melzer and Les Branchflower who were injured in the July 17th game. Both are coming along fine now.

It seems that very little is known about the FTL Flying Club, so for anyone who is interested, here goes:

The club has just entered its 4th year of operation and at present has approximately 22 members. The one airplane which it purchased a year ago, a Cessna 140, is now being re-licensed.

Officers of the club are: President, Carl Jones; Vice-President, Harold Hopkins; Treasurer, Earl Nichols-Roy; Secretary, Bruce Waterman.

Some members of the club go on breakfast flights occasionally, or on week-end flights to the desert. The ship has made numerous flights to Oakland, San Diego, Phoenix and Las Vegas.

The club has regular meetings each month, and all work on the plane is done by the club members. During its four years in operation the club has owned three planes - an Aeronca Chief, Piper Super Cruiser and a Cessna 140.

Anyone wishing further information about the club can see Earl Nichols-Roy, Inspection Dept.

Last night I held a little hand,
So dainty and so sweet.
I thought my heart would surely break
So wildly did it beat.
No other hand in all this world
Can greater solace bring,
Than that sweet hand I held last night—
Four aces and a king.

FTL FISHING CLUB NEWS

by R. Campato



Hear this! The Flying Tiger Fishing Club makes its debut!

In the picture at left Orville Vignes of the Hydro Shop proudly displays his jack pot fish, a 39 pound Albacore, "Lucky Pierre."

We didn't all catch fish, but we made a good showing. The weather was wonderful, the water smooth and the fish were there. All we had to do was apply our skill, because those fish are tricky and soft mouthed. They cannot be horsed into the boat.

There were quite a few hook ups and many of them got away; however, we all had a wonderful time because of the good fellowship among us.

We will have more trips soon and if you are interested in going on these trips, we recommend

you join the club. Contact R. Campato or Al Senko for complete details.

See picture below to get an idea of what you may expect as a member of the FTL Fishing Club.



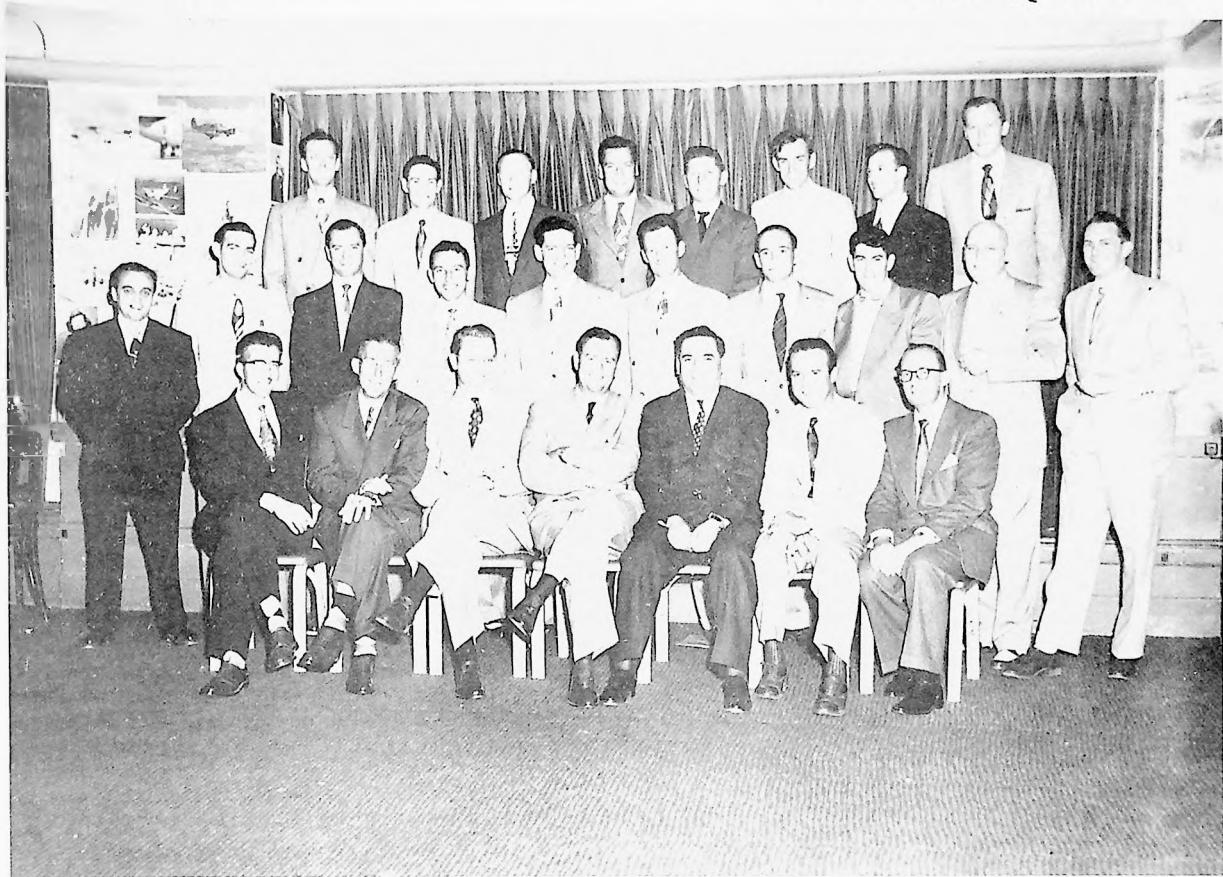
L to R: R. Henkel, J. Adelestein, G. Morrise, O. Vignes, H. DeYoe, J. Mobley, K. Willet, C. Brown, W. Vosper.

Do you like words? Do you like to hear words beautifully spoken?

Do you like poetry? It has been said, you know, that poetry can only be appreciated when it is read aloud.

If you like words - and you like poetry - would you like to join a verse choir? A verse choir is a choric speaking of poetry. Choral speaking is an old, old art. We remember the Greek choruses who spoke without musical accompaniment. The chants you hear in church are a part of this ancient heritage.

It's fun - and it's work. So, if you are interested, please contact Shelley Green, Ext. 213. You won't regret it!



TOP ROW: l. to r.: Roy Haworth, SFO; Larry Rentkiewicz, PHL; Bob Rawlinson, BUR Traffic; Harold Ramsden, SAN; Bob Fraser, DEN; Gordon Walker, HFD; Tom Ruggiero, BGM; "Rusty" Replogle, Assistant to Sup't of Stations.

SECOND ROW: Ray McGinnis, MKE; Chas. D. McCarthy, BOS; Ray Ryan, BUR; Ray Healy, BUF; Joe Healy, IDL; Don Bacon, CLE; Art Ives, SEA; Wally Burns, PDX; Bob Moran, RML; Noel Gilbert, CHI.

SEATED: M. G. Montgomery, Director of Traffic; G. T. Cussen, V.P. Sales; Fred Benninger, Secretary-Treasurer; R. W. Prescott, President; Norman Meyers, Legal Counsel; W. E. Bartling, V.P. Operations; Ed Hembree, Superintendent of Stations.

Well, there they are - our Station Managers, from Coast to Coast. Above picture was taken at the Station Managers' Dinner at the Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel, which climaxed a week of daily business sessions at the Annual Traffic Conference, held in Los Angeles this year from June 23rd thru June 27th.

During the day, regular scheduled sessions were conducted with various Department Heads and Top Management, to bring out problems affecting our Operations system-wide and to discuss all conceivable solutions - while after the meetings everyone had an opportunity to hash over mutual, individual quirks of the Air Freight business, and just get acquainted in general.

On Friday, after one last closed meeting at the Hollywood-Roosevelt in the morning, everyone adjourned to the General Office - and some made their first tour of the Burbank Station operations.

It was agreed by all, the Conference was highly successful - and we're all looking forward to a repeat next year. Space here does not permit more details; however, the notes taken by Bettie Kennison at the Conference are now being edited for distribution in the very near future - they tell the whole story in a few thousand words!

HOBBIES and other favorite PASTIMES by Shelley Green

Speaking of hobbies, our General Foreman of Shops, JOE BAKER, has not one, but MANY. The one on which he has spent the most time is stamp collecting and the story of how he became interested in it is most unusual.

It seems that years ago Joe lived in a "river town" on the Mississippi. It was an old, old town, with ancient houses and buildings. Suddenly it caught hold as a resort and the community began the process of renovating, destroying and refurbishing the town into a quaint and profitable place.

Joe was ambling down the street one day when he saw several men carrying trash and papers from what had once been the Court House. He asked if he could take over the job. It was then that his interest in stamps was aroused, for he found some priceless papers. One was a letter written in 1852 which bears no stamp, but is marked "Paid - 3 cents." It had no envelope, but was folded over and sealed with wax. This was in the era before postage stamps became general, and is one of the rarer items in his collection.

Ever since then Joe has been an avid philatelist. He estimates that his collection is worth \$750.00 book value at the present time. Not a bad hobby, is it? And far more interesting than most people realize!



Photo by K. Smith

The Baker small fry never tire of viewing Papa Joe's stamp collection or watching their Mother turn out beautiful ceramic objects. When Mrs. Baker became interested in ceramics, Joe bought her a kiln and is seriously thinking of giving her a helping hand. Ceramics can be a profitable business, as those who have bought the finished product know.

Joe is also interested in refinishing antiques. He says his home back in Prescott, Wisconsin, is filled with them and although he hasn't done much about it out here, he mentioned a beautiful cherry wood grandfather clock which is a real antique. It has WOODEN works and still runs and keeps good time. Joe thinks it is about 150 years old.

Hats off to a man of many hobbies — JOE BAKER!

OPERATIONS BLOOD BANK



Photo By Bob Norton

On July 30th eighty FTL employees put aside their spray guns and typewriters and took their place in line at the Mobile Blood Bank to exchange a pint of blood for orange juice and coffee.

Because of limited time, some willing donors had to be turned away. However, we're all very proud of the excellent response to this worthy cause and hope that anyone who was not able to donate blood on July 30th will contact the local Red Cross Unit or Mobile Blood Bank and pledge a pint of blood to the FTL Blood Bank.

ANNOUNCING A NEW SERVICE

LAMSON & GILBERT COMPANY are now offering their facilities to FTL employees, making it possible to purchase all types of merchandise at an excellent discount.

The membership cards which will be distributed within a few days will enable you to purchase directly from any of Lamson & Gilbert's fifty-two wholesalers and warehouses. Some of the more popular items available through this service are automobiles (new and used), major appliances, television, furniture, clothing, sporting goods and equipment, hardware, fabrics, lamps and a host of other merchandise.

Lamson & Gilbert handle ALL NAME BRAND MERCHANDISE and back it up with service, the same as any major department store. For example, on all major appliances such as refrigerators, ranges, and automatic washers, your price not only includes the regular factory warranties, but also includes delivery, installation and one year unconditional free service where they pay all labor and parts cost.

Inasmuch as this is probably a new way of purchasing for most of us, Lamson & Gilbert sincerely urge all members to shop any place of their choosing and then contact them for the group discount. They want every member to make price comparisons for themselves.

Financing can be arranged quickly and conveniently.

For further information call MA 6-7141, or visit their showrooms located at 1127 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MY INSPECTION TOUR OF THE
NORTH ATLANTIC

by Paul B. Grace

Although my recent trip to European FTL bases was strictly business, it was equally pleasurable and instructive. I must say I didn't see much ocean enroute to Gander because of the heavy overcast below us; and except for the airport, wooded terrain, a few houses at the cite of the airport and Ollie Osko, Gander is merely a geographical stop for gasoline.

About six hours later, Capt. Jim Alexander and Bob Sorenson decided that we best stop at Shannon Ireland for gas. The high thrill of my entire trip was listening to the operator of the G.C.A. (Radar Ground Control Approach) direct Bob Sorenson into a perfect approach and landing at Shannon with a three hundred foot ceiling.

I had a heck of a time trying to keep my watch set to the correct time the way we were crossing time zones.

We landed at Rhine-Maine Air Base in Frankfurt in the light of day and it was very good to see Jack Dupree and Colly Colquette wildly waving their arms with parking instructions. For those who don't know, Rhine-Maine Air Base has two distinct phases of operation and has two arrival and embarkation points, one civilian and one military. Our Air Force is well represented at this airport judging by the number of Fairchild Packets lined up and down the taxi strips. In the daytime there is one taking off or landing practically every minute.

In addition to observing the FTL operation at Frankfurt, I observed the beautifully wooded



WHISTLE STOP UP THE RHINE RIVER IN GERMANY countryside, but there is a definite lack of pleasant scenery in sweaters and skirts that so nobly grace our streets of Burbank. Everybody rides a scooter, a bicycle or one of those small cars. I saw a family of three and their dog out for a Sunday drive on the family motor bike. One is impressed with the contrast in scenery from

the terribly bombed districts which haven't yet recovered to the sublime scenery lining the ageless Rhine River. The castles, the quaint towns and the vineyards on the slopes to the side of the river are very beautiful.

On a brief trip to Geneva, Switzerland, where we perform emergency maintenance, the Swiss Air pilot treated us to hedgehopping over hills, valleys and beautiful Lake Geneva which runs right through the main part of Geneva. In Geneva there is found both the old world architecture with tiny French type streets and crowded buildings, as well as more modern architecture with wider streets where the town is taken over by various types of velocipedes.

In Paris, Mr. Fred Pratt of the C.A.A. was very glad to see someone from Flying Tigers at Burbank, since he was formerly assigned to the Burbank C.A.A. office as Communications Supervisor. Like every tourist going to Paris, I was properly awed by the immense size of the Eiffel Tower and the beautiful view of the city as seen from the top observation tower, with the Seine River running down below. Points of interest other than Paris night life which I observed were Napoleon's Arc de Triumph, stately and historic Cathedral of Notre Dame, and the palatial headquarters of General Ridgeway's NATO organization.

Departing the Continent of Europe, we flew over northern Scotland to Keflavik, Iceland, landing there at approximately midnight where there was sufficient light to properly expose color film. How those people regulate their sleeping hours is beyond me.

From Keflavik we were forced to detour Gander in favor of Goosebay, Labrador, because of bad weather. Goosebay, like Gander, is little more than an airport with a few houses and barracks for several hundred U.S. Servicemen assigned there. Goosebay is supplied by ocean vessels only during the summer months which makes it very expensive to purchase food. We were quoted a normal breakfast of bacon and eggs at \$8.00 a plate! We sighted several icebergs in the waters nearby which must worry the sea captains more than an instrument landing worries our pilots.

After approximately eight hours flying time, we landed at KIDL where more than ever I appreciated the skill of our flight and maintenance crews, and the privilege of being a citizen of the U.S.A.

I'D LIKE TO BE A COULD-BE
IF I COULD NOT BE AN ARE;
FOR A COULD-BE IS A MAY-BE
WITH A CHANCE OF TOUCHING PAR.

I'D RATHER BE A HAS-BEEN
THAN A MIGHT-HAVE-BEEN, BY FAR;
FOR A MIGHT-HAVE-BEEN HAS NEVER BEEN
BUT A HAS-BEEN WAS AN ARE.

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