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By Grano Salis

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—In last month's issue of PROP WASH we said that, due to wide-spread curiosity as to the identity of Grano Salis, we'd reveal, if possible, who P/W's roving reporter was.

Photographers on the field instituted a mass hunt for the elusive creature and two of the most likely possibilities are shown below. If any of you have a better idea who Grano Salis is, let this column know.

Foto Paul Hannum, who doubles as meteorology instructor, claims that the picture on the left is that of Grano Salis and substantiates it by the fact that most of Grano's reporting is about monkey business.



Grano?



Salis?

Jake Broody, flight photographer and instructor turned in the picture at the right saying that the witty, clever writing of Grano Salis could only come from such a wide awake intelligent face as shown here.

Now if you're really wondering who Grano Salis is, we suggest that you brush up on your Latin. For Grano Salis means in Caesar's language, "With a grain of salt." (Mystery ended.)

One of Tony Hurd's solo students made ship number 8 famous several Sundays ago and caused no end of amusement on the sidelines when he made 12 passes at the field before getting in.

Lieut. James Cox, veteran B-17 combat pilot now stationed at Hawthorne, stole the show at the officers' weiner roast last fortnight when he took humorous advantage of the "kind treatment" which veterans are supposed to get. "Hey Major," he shouted to the C. O. "I'm a combat returnee. Come over here and open my beer."

We understand that Cox's performance under the sheet at the same wing-ding with the aid of Lt. Jay Cashon also had them in the aisles—or should we say fish pond. . . . We're told that Comptroller Dick Person has (or had) a new hat that looks "like an Easter egg."

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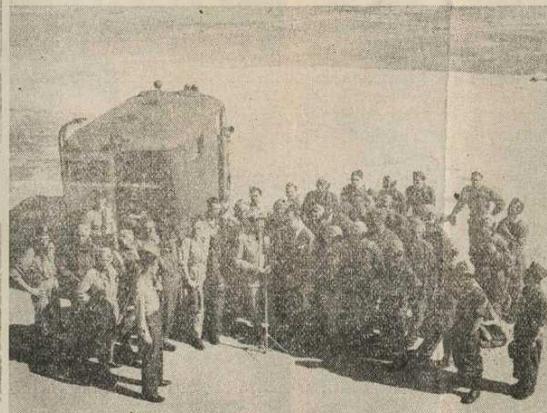
BEECHCRAFT AT-7 ASSIGNED TO FIELD

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—A twin-engined Beechcraft AT-7 has been assigned to the Hawthorne Field for use by military personnel. The ship, with two 450 hp Wasp engines, had been used for navigation training and carries five people.

It is similar in appearance to the twin-engine Model 18 Beechcraft pictured on page three.

An AT-6, condemned for further flight use, has replaced the BT-13 outside of the ground school building. The ship is used for instruction purposes and student familiarization.

OWI BROADCASTS FROM ORANGEBURG



Capt. LeB., French Commandant d'Armes at Hawthorne Field, is interviewed by OWI announcer Daniel Dedina-Deluc as French cadets look on. Specially equipped sound truck sent to Hawthorne Field by the Office of War Information to record broadcasts for transmission to France in background. (Dean photo)

Interviews of French Students Recorded For Overseas Broadcasts to France

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Broadcasts of interviews with French students at Hawthorne Field will be heard soon in France as a result of a visit to Orangeburg last week of a crew of technicians and announcers from the Office of War Information.

Arriving at the field with a specially constructed sound recording truck, containing equipment valued at \$25,000 kept under constant armed guard, the OWI men interviewed approximately 25 students taking training at the field.

The recordings, in which students related their experiences and reactions to life and training in the United States, will be

broadcast twice daily from New York short wave stations beamed to Europe. The broadcasts are picked up by London for relay on medium wave lengths and by Algiers radio for short wave rebroadcast. Paris radio records the interviews to be re-broadcast later in the evening.

The OWI men who came to Orangeburg were Daniel Dedina-Deluc, announcer; Francis Dohr, writer; Louis Ross, technician; and Bill Graham, a government policeman.

Interviews were also made with Major W. O. Riley, Commanding Officer at Hawthorne; Capt. LeB., the French Commandant d'Armes, and a number of recordings describing the general activity and scene at Orangeburg were made as well.

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COPE FIELD IMPROVED

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Work has been finished on regrading and smoothing of the runways at Kennedy Field, Hawthorne's auxiliary training airport located at Cope, S. C., ten miles west of the main field.

Accounting Office In Clark Building

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Headquarters of Hawthorne's General Accounting Office have been moved from Hawthorne Aero Supply building on Langston avenue to the Clark building, where Hawthorne Airways' office is located.

Occupying three offices on the first floor of the Clark building, located across from the Court House, Accounting handles all book-keeping and financial details of the various Hawthorne activities.

A new addition to the office is S. O. Coker, formerly of Columbia Record, who will serve as Assistant to R. O. Person, Hawthorne Comptroller. The Accounting staff in addition to Messrs. Person and Coker includes Miss Viola Thomas, Mrs. John J. Allen, Mrs. A. C. (Inney) Wilkins, and Miss Janie Walker.

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Thomas' Squadron Wins Safety Award

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—For the sixth time, Squadron Commander Waldo Thomas' Squadron 3 has won the safety bond for having the lowest number of accident points. For the class of 45-E, Squadron 3 had only 14 points charged against it.

Squadron 1 (Arnold Graham) placed second with 27 points; Squadron 5 (Ray Anderson) third with 34 points; and Squadron 7 (Dick Harmon) fourth with 35 points.

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PAINTING BARRACKS

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—A thorough repainting of the four barracks at Hawthorne Field has been underway for several weeks by a contractor. The work has included inside as well as outside painting.

FIRE BOMBS AT HAWTHORNE FIELD



As part of a demonstration of chemical warfare given recently at Hawthorne by Capt. White of Shaw Field, an incendiary bomb was ignited. Military and civilian personnel who witnessed the demonstration look on with interest. Truck in background is mobile direction finding radio station located near the field.

(Hannum photo)

Hawthorne Field Mourns Death Of President F. D. Roosevelt

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Friday, April 13—the day scheduled for the 17th Detachment of French mourners at Hawthorne Field as personnel and civilian employees

ed and realized the nation's great loss.

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Aviation Trades Form S. C. Group

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Robert F. Turner was elected President of South Carolina Aviation Trades Association at an organization meeting held April 7th at the Wade Hampton hotel.

Other officers include W. S. Scott of Charleston, vice-president, and Walter Phipps of Columbia, secretary and treasurer. Members of the board of directors elected were: Mr. Turner, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Scott, Charles C. Giles of Clinton, S. B. Mahaffy of Rock Hill, Myron Brooks of Greenville, and Paul L. Cromelin of Aiken.

The association is composed of men of the state who own and operate airplanes or airports. The object of the organization is to promote aviation and its development in South Carolina.

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NEW GENERAL . . .



Brig. Gen. Hume Peabody, recently named Commanding General of the Eastern Flying Training Command.

(AAF photo)

MAXWELL FIELD, ALA.—Brig. Gen. Hume Peabody, a West Point flying officer and veteran of overseas service in both World Wars, has been named Commanding Officer of the Eastern Flying Training Command under whose jurisdiction Hawthorne Field training operations are conducted.

A native of Pennsylvania, Gen. Peabody entered West Point in 1911 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Corps in 1917. He assumed command of EFTC following duty in headquarters of the Strategic Air Force in Europe.

Previously he commanded the Third Tactical Air Command, Barksdale Field, La., and the Tactical Center at Orlando, Fla.

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11 NEW INSTRUCTORS AT HAWTHORNE FIELD

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Recent additions to the flight staff at Hawthorne field have included the following instructors: Edward F. Jungemann, Savannah; Jules Parmentier, Green Bay, Wis.; Joseph H. Kirk, Macon, Ga.; Thomas W. Reeves, Carrollton, Ga.; Harry T. Price, Valley Stream, NY; George M. Austin, Perry, NY; Starling E. Carter, Barnwell, SC; Clarence B. Anders, Hendersonville, NC; Fred J. Petrik, W. Englewood, NJ; Richard A. Cain, Jasper, Ala.; and Bill Martin, Highland Park, Ill.

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NEWS from JENNINGS AIRPORT

Hawthorne Airmotive, Ralph Crocker, Manager
Jennings Municipal Airport, Orangeburg, S. C.

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Walter Smith, a former Army primary flight instructor at the Decatur, Ala., school, has joined the flight staff at Jennings as a full-time instructor. He taught Army cadets at Decatur for about two years and has had a great deal of experience training civilian students as well. His home is in

Staff Officers Hold Gay Weiner Roast

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Nearly 50 American and French staff officers and guests attended a weiner roast on Friday, March 30, at the Fisheries Station. The affair was arranged and organized by 1st Lieut. Francis Gillis, Hawthorne Field Personal Services Officer.

Potato races, three-legged races and sack races were included on the program, as well as a tug-of-war between the captains and lieutenants which resulted in a draw after five minutes during which the rope didn't budge either way.

A highlight was a little act put on by Lieuts. James Cashon and James Cox "under the sheet" in which Cox played the leading role (!)

EX-INSTRUCTORS MEET IN AZORES

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Squadron Commander Bill Thompson had a letter from former instructor Earl Sharpe that he had bumped into another ex-Hawthorneite, Jack Freer, in the Azores. Sharpe is co-pilot for TWA and Freer is with Pan-American.

FORMER C. O.



Here's a picture taken in England of Lt. Col. Jack Wallace, former popular Commanding Officer at Hawthorne Field. Col. Wallace is in command of a B-17 squadron and the picture was taken as he observed the return of his airplanes from a mission over Germany. (AAF photo)

Around the Hangar . . .

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—The Maintenance Club has enjoyed three successful parties this past month. The first was a dance on March 10th; second a Smoker party on March 31st. With the coming of warm weather, swimming has already started and will increase as the Summer season rolls along. The Club is planning various other parties for the coming season.

Several members of the Maintenance Department enjoyed a fish fry down by the river Monday afternoon, April 2, after work. The afternoon was spent fishing, playing games and eating, etc.

Fred Stabler, Assistant Hanger Chief, is planning to take on a wife the last of this month. It is the belief of several members of this department that he had better set the date up as there is little doubt in their minds that he won't be able to last until the time comes. We have to watch him constantly for fear that he will walk into a propeller or something.

The best-of-the-month goes to a certain instructor who turned an airplane into Maintenance for the following defect: "Airplane smells like flit". What we are wondering is: "Who scared who?"

—HERB SMITH

DOGFACE CHATTER

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—All the personnel at Hawthorne Field had the pleasure of seeing one of our combat returnees in action. Capt. D. L. Harris and his plane "Gremil Delight" were in the technicolor War Department film "Combat America!" The picture was made in England under the supervision of Capt. Clark Gable.

The last French movie was well attended but one American officer (single, from up Charlotte way) was a little perplexed. Lieut. Marcotte asked him if he liked it. "Yeh! But what the hell was going on?" The last French movie carried no English captions—oh, my.

The golf tournament is well under way. Conversation at mess hall last week between one Major and one Legal Eagle went something like this: "Now you can't lose, Major. This Calcutta Pool thing—blah, blah." One major bought one ticket (number 13), Major lost one \$10 bill. He had ticket on one dark horse.

What officer threw in a "heart flush" at the last session and said it was no god in this game? It sure wasn't. Those combat returnees must have played the game before somewhere—they always manage to turn up three of a kind. But the fellowship around the table is wonderful—don't you think so?

Officers, ask Major Riley about his trip through the woods to the last airplane accident. It should be interesting.

It's a boy for Sgt. Segall—six pounds. We're all waiting for those cigars. Congratulations!

All officers and enlisted men are urged to build up some spirit over the coming baseball games. Watch the B. Board for details. The enlisted men and their wives had a nice outing last Sunday at Fairley's camp on the Edisto river. Fried chicken and links were served.—J. E. C.

C-AIR-olina Personalities



Truman W. Miller, Carolina Aero Club, President

As it should be, the President of the Carolina Aero Club is a veteran pilot with 5,300 hours of flying time and an aviation background which has included everything from air show and barnstorming activity to airport development work for CAA. Head of one of the most active private flier groups in the country is Truman W. Miller, President of Serv-Air, Inc., operators of the Raleigh Municipal Airport.

Born in Atlanta December 3, 1908, Truman Miller has "lived and flown in many sections of the country. He went to high school in Columbia, S. C., and attended the University of South Carolina under the hopeful prodigies of his father who wanted him to become a surgeon. "Hating illness, accidents, the smell of ether and everything else connected with medicine," he says, "I told my father he was wasting money on my medical career and he reluctantly sent me off to flying school."

That was in 1923. Truman soled that year at Davenport, Iowa, in an old Standard J-1. In 1929 he received his Commercial and A & E Mechanics licenses and launched forth on the typical hamburg-diet career of early pilots who had to contend with OX-5 powered airplanes, the depression and public apathy toward flying.

His first job was hopping passengers for Sky-Ways, Inc., at the Cleveland Air Races and it was a nervous, confused brand-new commercial pilot who weaved in and out of the heavy Cleveland traffic that week. Some freelance barnstorming followed until he joined the Malone Flying Circus which he describes as "a polite name for a bunch of seedy barnstormers." His act was "throwing off" the parachute jumper from a 180 hp Hisso Eaglerock.

Deciding that a respectable career as a fixed base operator was what he wanted he became assistant manager of the Sky-Ways' base at Pontiac, Mich., but the urge for barnstorming was still strong and he continued covering air meets in that section of the country. Finally on July 4, 1930 he won the Norman Trophy Race at Detroit flying a speedwing Monocoupe.

It was after that that he became a test pilot for the Cabinaire biplane at Saginaw, Mich., where he had reactivated the flying school there. Neither the Cabinaire plane nor the Saginaw school turned out very well—due to that well-known depression—so it was back to hamburgers until he was chosen as District Airport Engineer for CAA in 1935. In the four years at this work he planned 50 airports in his territory which included the Carolinas.

The airport development program in North Carolina is already receiving the benefit of Miller's previous experience as airport engineer since his services are being sought in developing new fields at the present time.

It was during this time that he became interested in Raleigh. In 1940 he married Marie M. Meyers, who had been with Serv-Air since the company was formed in 1930 when the Raleigh municipal airport was first built. Serv-Air was one of the original 13 flying schools chosen by CAA in 1939 to start training college students, the program which eventually developed into the far-flung Civil Pilot Training Program.

Aero Club Active

As President of the Carolina Aero Club, Miller heads one of the most active private pilots' organizations in the country. Membership is open to pilots of both Carolinas and the current roster shows over 300 members. Before the world the CAC sponsored monthly air meets and meetings at various cities in the two states and did much to encourage private aviation. While much of this activity has been curtailed because of the war, the CAC has already accomplished several programs of vital interest to private owners.

In Truman Miller, the Carolina Aero Club has an able and experienced leader. Under his direction the club should go far in meeting its objectives.

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BOOK TELLING STORY OF CONTRACT FLYING SCHOOLS AT CANTEEN

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Willard Weiner's book "200,000 Flyers" telling the full and amazing story of how civilian contract flying schools such as the Hawthorne School of Aeronautics helped train hundreds of thousands of Air Forces pilots is on sale at the main Hawthorne Field canteen. Complete with pictures, the authoritative book records the complete story of the world's largest pilot training operation. A section is devoted to the history and development of Hawthorne Field.

NEWS FROM THE HAWTHORNE BASES

FAYETTEVILLE Flying Facts

Hawthorne Flying Service, Sib Law, Manager
Municipal Airport, Fayetteville, N. C.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—Recently two Dehavilland biplanes powered with Tiger Moth motors drew many spectators when they landed here. They were flown by Juan B. Viera and D. Newhall, both natives of Havana, Cuba. Their inability to speak English plainly and my impossible Spanish caused us a little delay in getting them on their way.

(Old Man) Jeanes is really logging the flying time in the "Beetle" which is the Fairchild formerly owned by Johnny Mayo recently purchased by Mr. Jeanes.

Joining the Solo Club recently were W. T. (Bill) Croom, Sgt. Harold Ingle, Sgt. Gene Crow, and Sgt. Ralph Ortleb. The latter two are mechanics on liaison planes and decided they would like to fly as well as do mechanic work.

A large number of Army pilots are taking advantage of their recently acquired C. A. A. licenses. While brushing up on their flying in light airplanes some are having the opportunity of taking up their wives for the first time.

While speed records are being claimed daily in the papers we wish to claim for a certain Army Captain the record of making the slowest flight in history. On a recent cross country trip it took him 2:25 to fly twenty-five miles or was it twenty-five miles.

Amusing Incidents: Bill Croom requesting Instructor Rivers to get back into the ship instead of allowing him to go solo for the first time, Sgt. Ingle taking off and landing downwind to increase the membership of the local Downwind Club.

Yours truly was tied up in court for two weeks recently with the trial of five defendants for stealing gasoline from our local operations. Just in case this gives anyone any ideas about where to get gasoline, the minimum sentence imposed was three to five years.

Lt. Gale Williams recently flew one of our ships on a C. A. P. mission to see if she could locate some smoke signals being sent up by the local squadron. Through the courtesy of Hawthorne the film "Octane and Power" was shown at a recent C. A. P. meeting. Also a short talk and demonstration of the use and the care of a parachute was made by yours truly at the same meeting.

A new sign has recently been painted on the top of the Atlantic Coast Line freight station which will be a great aid to anyone flying in this area. This sign was made possible through the cooperation of the C. A. P. Unit and the Chamber of Commerce.

Bob Davis, local grocer, recently chartered a ship to fly to Sanford so that his young kid could receive a package that had been delayed in the mail.

Several prominent North Carolina pilots have dropped in recently. These include Ed Brockenhough from Charlotte, John W. Terrell from Hickory, Slim Powell from Charlotte and Geo. Hatch from Tarboro.

George Hatch says that he is through riding on trains after it took him two days on a day coach to get to Florida. He returned by air in less than a day.

Lt. J. E. Carpenter, Jr., whose present duty is ferrying P-51's through to New York, recently

chartered one of our ships to enable him to carry his father to Greensboro so that he could witness the flying of these fast pursuits by his son.

Now that spring is here we are really keeping busy. Three of our students are coming from Lumberton, N. C., and C. B. Williams and several military pilots are coming up from Laurinburg each week to fly with us.

—SIB LAW

Report from Rocky Mount

(Hawthorne Flying Service)
Lee B. Borie, Mgr.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.—Boeing PT-17 planes belonging to Mr. F. M. Burgess and Ensign Charles Vellines are welcome newcomers to our hangar. Both of these airplanes look almost new and attract lots of attention.

Remember the old slogan, "The Mail Must Go Thru." Well that wasn't mail the other day when Bob Burrows made his famous run to Norfolk Army Air Base during a young hurricane. It was a pretty "Wave", who pleaded frantically over the phone that in a couple of hours she would be A.W.O.L. Well, to make a long story short, it was just another case of "Casanova" Burrows to the rescue. It took forty-five minutes going and two hours and twenty minutes coming back.

Our sincere thanks to Jimmy Randolph, of Norlina. We enjoyed those excellent movies you were kind enough to show us. The whole Hawthorne "Gang" enjoyed them and appreciated your thoughtfulness. Regarding the "shots" of Nancy, we might say a new star is born.

Congratulations to Jack Dean and J. E. Daughtie. Nice work on those first solo hops.

Glad to have Spence Edmondson back flying with us these days. The Edmondsons had been in Kentucky for about ten weeks in connection with Spence's tobacco business.

And Kathy Butler really did a nice job on her first solo cross country flight the other day. Major J. D. Winstead, who was at the airport when Kathy returned, was very enthusiastic about the neat way she had negotiated the flight. The Major promptly signed Kathy up as a "short snorter" and gave her a dollar bill in connection therewith.

Benny Baxter, prominent jeweler of New Bern, N. C., hopped off last week for New York, Syracuse and other points on a business trip. He flew his Culver Cadet which was recently overhauled in our shop.

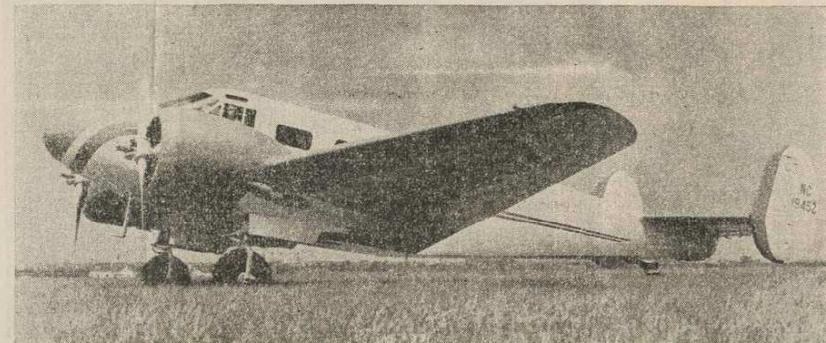
—LEE BORIE

Charter Service for Columbia Base

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Fast charter service, using four passenger cabin airplanes, was inaugurated last week at Columbia by Hawthorne Flying Service.

Claude Rinehardt with over 3,000 hours of flight experience, has been appointed Charter Pilot for Hawthorne's new service which provides direct aerial transportation to any point in the Nation on 15 minutes notice.

TWO BEECH MODELS HANDLED BY HAWTHORNE . . .



Here are two pre-war Beechcrafts which made the name of Beech so famous among private owners and corporations for fast personnel transport. Shown above is the twin-engine Beechcraft Model 18S, 6-8 place transport powered with two 450 hp Wasps which give it a cruising speed of more than 200 mph. The Army and Navy have used modified versions of this ship for bombardier and navigation training and personnel transport. This ship is considered one of the most ideally suited for feed-line use. The biplane shown below is the

famous Model 17, fastest 4-5 place private plane available before the war. Its landing gear is retractable. Noted for its stability and ease of handling the ship was extremely popular among sportsman pilots and hundreds of this model are in use by the Army and Navy for fast transport. Sales for improved post-war models of these two Beechcrafts as well as several others to be announced later by Beech will be handled by Hawthorne Flying Service in the Carolinas, parts of Georgia, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D. C.

(Beech photos)

HAWTHORNE PILOTS

NOW NAVY FNSIGNS

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Of six former Hawthorne WTS instructors four are already Ensigns in the Navy and the other two will be commissioned this week. Ensigns Harold Segars and Larry Bond, along with Dan Lomax and Frank Kendall, who will be commissioned this week in New Orleans, have been assigned to Norman, Oklahoma.

Ensigns Fred Burchinal and Kenneth Bates are stationed at Bunker Hill, Lomax and Kendall were back in Columbia last week on a 14-day furlough.

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MILITARY SOFT BALL

LEAGUE UNDER WAY

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—What with spring in the air and all that, the baseball enthusiasts at Hawthorne Field have already started League play under the guidance of Lieut. Maurice Clay.

Three teams made up of military personnel have already started competition. They represent Headquarters, Engineering and Operations. Captains of the respective teams are Lt. George M. King, Lt. James Cox, and Capt. Douglas Harris.

It is hoped that several teams will be recruited from flight instructors and maintenance personnel. Squadron Commander Dick Harmon, is already organizing a flight department team.

Hawthorne News from COLUMBIA

Hawthorne Flying Service, Inc.
Walter Phipps, Mgr.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—We surely miss the scintillating personality of Bucky Taylor of Piper Aircraft Corporation. Mr. Taylor, who was demonstrating Piper's new 100 horsepower Super Cruiser throughout the Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida, made many friends at Hawthorne before returning to Lock Haven.

Woody Woodward, who stands in the foremost ranks of our most conscientious students, is getting a big kick out of checking out the instructors at the field on his motor scooter.

Best party of the month was T. Lewis Murray's "Suds" Party. As usual, Jimmy Price made some "la-de-dah" pictures and is threatening to expose certain parties who over-indulged in soaking-up suds.

"Elsie" Sinkler, of the pleased expression, has all of us wondering who's on the other end of that line every evening after sun-down. His retort to our probing is that it's the gas man.

Just wondering if the pictures Mr. Groenhoff took from the air will reflect the worried expressions of the passengers. If so, we'd like you to know, Mr. Strohmeier, that it wasn't your piloting or the gusty air that was responsible but Hans Groenhoff's precarious position hanging out the side of that other Cub without a safety belt or parachute!

Just a solo on a furlough—Sgt. Opalinski, a student of Hawthorne stationed at Fort Jackson, soloed last week while on furlough at his home in Erie, Pennsylvania. He liked it so well that he bought a Cub Cruiser while he was there and intends to base it with Hawthorne.

Tanned by the Miami sun and clad in Navy whites, Merton Miles is paying Hawthorne a visit while on leave from the Navy. Miles worked as chief linesman for Hawthorne for several years

and during that time his good humor and disarming smile made him a favorite with students, instructors, and everyone with whom he came in contact.

Newest names in the solo book are: Peter Zitso, William L. Metheny, Sgt. Robert Rogers, Lt. J. M. Conroy, Lt. Anthony M. Conway, Angus L. Loop, Jr., Mrs. John Land, Miss Jennelle Strange, William Weatherly, and Mr. J. J. Nettles.

Horsepower rating were issued by Claude Rhinehardt, flight examiner, to Vivian Williams, ex-wasp of Charleston, Lt. F. O. Fulmer, Lt. T. C. Walsh, Capt. W. R. Blakie, Lt. J. W. Hall, Lt. M. E. Hammond, C. R. Overfield, and F. E. Boshears. Major Paul Lovett, H. W. Jordan, and F. W. Law received their private licenses and J. L. Weatherford received his commercial ticket.

As a final note, I'd like to suggest that cockpit check list be revised to add "check for bees, wasps, yellow-jackets, and sand flies!"

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STUDENTS' WAR BONDS BUY 70 PT'S AT FIELD

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Over 70 of the more than 100 PT-13 trainees at Hawthorne Field bear decalcomanias stating that the war bond purchases of students from various schools all over the country had made possible the purchase of each individual airplane. The name of the school and the address appear on each airplane.

Orangeburg's 'Jeunes Hostesses' Keep Things Humming at Cadet Club

Junior Hostesses Entertain Cadets

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Orangeburg's version of the "Stage Door Canteen" is the Aviation Cadet Club and the 35 young ladies who help entertain the cadets are no less devoted to their duties than the screen stars who, with fanfare and glamor, entertain service men and women.

The girls are known as Junior Hostesses under the direction of Mrs. Francis Best and their French appellation is "Jeunes Hostesses." They've done much to make the attractive cadet club a place where French students from Hawthorne Field can feel at home. As one typical French cadet put it to Mrs. Best, "You don't know what it means to have a place to come where you can meet nice girls."

Les "Jeunes Hostesses" range from 16 to 24 years of age and are mostly H. S. seniors. So popular is their role in making the French feel at home in Orangeburg that all requests from Orangeburg girls to join the group cannot be filled. And it's not too easy to become a Junior Hostess. Applicants must be recommended by three "Jeunes Hostesses" and then be approved by the 3 Junior Hostess Captains.

They're bound, as well, by certain rules which include drinking nothing stronger than cokes, not leaving the club while on duty and not being absent without sending a substitute.

The Junior Hostesses entertain Wednesday and Saturday evenings when the cadets have open post, on Sunday afternoons and at Open Houses for new classes and graduation parties.

They work in three groups, one of which is scheduled for duty whenever the club is open. Group captains are Lazelle Sain, Nelle Felder, and Julia Glover. A fourth group will be organized next month to be made up of girls who will be seniors next year in high school.

The entertaining of the French has of course been a unique and new experience for the Hostesses and they are enthusiastic about the beautiful manners of their guests. And on the other hand Mrs. Best has had more than one cadet say, "We are crazy about the American girls. They're very much like our own French girls. They act alike and dance alike."

Dancing, in the newly decorated cabaret-style cadet club on East Russell street, is a matter of mutual instruction. Many students are avidly learning to jitterbug and the hostesses are learning with equal enthusiasm to do the waltzes, rumbas, and tangos which are popular with the French. Because the French

WATCH YOUR ALTITUDE. This is what a cadet sees when his altitude varies. The finger and thumb signal from the instructor means "Check your altitude." This view was taken by Jack Dean from the back seat of a PT-13 in the traffic pattern at Hawthorne Field. Since you may have a little difficulty identifying the pilot, it's Ev Hart.



Here are the Aviation Cadet Club's Junior Hostesses. In left photo, back row: Anne Wise, Esther Herlihy, Constance Shealy and Mrs. Francis Best, Club Hostess. Middle row: Mrs. Claudia Summers, Assistant Hostess; Anne Bryant, Chevalette Fenton, Betty Ray Davis, and Louise Breedin. Front row: Freer Glover, Caro-



Line Moss, Millie Trentham, and Ashlyn Crum. Right picture, back row: Anne Wolfe, "Sparky" Smith, Claudia Ann Summers, and Marie Smith. Middle row: Marguerite Hayden, Elizabeth Feagin, Nelle Felder, Lazelle Sain, and Nina Carson. Front row: Billie Easterlin, Margaret Felder, Dottie McKeithan, and Julia Glover.

(Dean photo)

Frank Campbell Wins First Hawthorne Field Golf Match

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Sixteen golf enthusiasts from Hawthorne Field turned out for the school's first golf tournament, Sunday, March 18th, at the Country Club of Orangeburg. Winner of the tourney was instructor Frank Campbell who, with a handicap of 28 scored a 70 for 18 holes. He won the first prize of \$7.50 in war stamps.

Second place and \$3.75 in stamps went to Capt. Edwin Grafton, Flight Surgeon, who scored a 74 with a handicap of 27. Mar-

ion Wannamaker, tax consultant for the school who with a handicap of 8 scored a 76, took top honors for largest number of pars by making 10 of his 18 holes with no extra strokes. Booby prize went to Bevo Howard who amassed the impressive total of 148 strokes before his handicap of 42. He was almost nosed out for this "honor" by Major W. O. Riley. The only "birdie" of the day was made by Sgt. Little who took a 2 on number six.

Credit for the success of the tournament goes to Lt. Maurice C'way, Physical Training Director who organized the matches.

Traffic Pattern Changed at Field

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—A number of changes in traffic control at Hawthorne Field have been effected recently, the most important of which is elimination of two-way traffic under north-south and east-west wind conditions. Single traffic now prevails with all eight tee settings. Center-line markers and flags on the edge of the airport divide the field into two areas—one for take-offs and the other for landings. After landing, planes taxi to the end of the field before returning for take-off.

think it improper to cut-in events like the Paul Jones and Square dances are popular in mixing the groups.

Probably no other single thing has been so instrumental in improving the morale of the young Frenchmen so far from home as the grand work Orangeburg's "Jeunes Hostesses" are doing at the Cadet Club.

MANY HAWTHORNTITES IN CITY TOURNAMENT

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—A number of military and civilian personnel were entered in the Orangeburg Open Golf Tournament which started last week. Among favorites to win top honors were Lt. Francis Gillis, Personal Service Officer, and Bud Crocker, former golf pro and Hawthorne Airmotive manager.

Three Initiated In Caterpillar Club

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Three new members of the exclusive Caterpillar Club, made up of those who made emergency parachute jumps, were initiated into the club at the graduation banquet of the 16th Detachment (Class 45-E). Officiating was Squadron Commander Hal Foster, who is International President of the organization.

The new initiates were three French pilots, two who made their jumps here and one who had qualified before arriving in Orangeburg. Other local members include President Beverly Howard, Major W. O. Riley and John Syrek, instructor.

HAWTHORNE PICTURES IN FRENCH MAGAZINE

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—A full page of scenes of French training at Hawthorne Field as well as an article and several cartoons by a sergeant stationed here appeared in the February issue of the magazine "Courrier de l'air" published in Washington for French Air Force personnel in the United States.

FLIGHT LINE GOSSIP

By Andy Griffith

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Highlighting the Easter season and saluting spring's appearance was Charlie Goodman's "baby blue" re-touch paint job on his "current" automobile. Charlie still belongs to the H.A.T.A.—"Hawthorne Auto Trades Association"—along with Coburn, Graham, Radda and Bidgood. They take one car and trade heck out of it for about a month among themselves and then it finally arrives back to the original owner at a two dollar loss.

A pretty moo-cow leisurely strolled out on Kennedy Field at Cope a few days ago and Stage Commander Ev Hart nearly had a fit when she ambled straight toward a turning propeller. After frantically waving and yelling, Hart got the cadet in the ship to stop the engine just when the cow was about three inches away.

An old negro showed up about

Kathryn Haigler Is New Cashier

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Mrs. Kathryn Haigler, wife of Office Manager Earl Haigler, Jr., has been named cashier in charge of the recently instituted Cashier's Office which handles a variety of services for cadets including postal and money order facilities.

Since the Office was opened off the main hall way in the Administration building the service has proven extremely useful. Over 200 packages, mostly bound overseas, are handled for cadets each month and an average of \$4,500 worth of stamps are sold during the same period.

Money orders have averaged over \$5,000 per month. Recently the office has started cashing checks for enlisted personnel of the field.

Hours during which the office is open have been revised slightly and now follow a week-day schedule of 9:00 to 12:30, 13:30 to 17:00. On Saturdays the office is open from 9:00 to 12:00.

that time looking for the cow and Ev reprimanded him by saying, "Do you know that your cow nearly tore up a \$13,000 airplane?" The answer was, "Y'know, mister, I'se been meaning to buy a bell for that cow and now I guess I'll have to."

They tell us that Art Herring, handsome Group 2, instructor, is about to tie the wedding knot! She's a local school teacher. Look out fellows, that's what spring will do to you.

Frank Long is nominated for the school's best story teller (true or false). He has a new one each day. One of his cadets bounced Frank about fifty feet high on a landing and left the ship stalled there. After a lucky recovery, Frank asked the boy if he knew what happened? In his boldest and best English, he replied, "Yes, sir, but I was not afraid, were you?" P. S. The battle of nerves continues.

I recently ran across a motto that wouldn't be bad for us instructors. "Men are like steel—when they lose their temper, they are worthless."

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NEW BUS ADDED AT ORANGEBURG

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Improved bus service between Hawthorne Field and Orangeburg for military and civilian personnel has been effected by the addition of an Army bus. The new vehicle is a 29 passenger International model painted in regulation Army camouflage.

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