

New Airport Near Wasaga Beach

There is now an airport just 10 minutes' walk from famous Wasaga Beach in Ontario. Situated two miles north of Stayner on 100 acres of land, the airport is owned and operated by Hugh Thomson, formerly of Tripp Flying Services.

The new field has two X-shaped sod runways measuring 2,100 ft. and 1,875 ft. and at the present time is temporarily licensed for skis. With a lunch room already

available, Thomson plans to erect cabin accommodations. Aircraft available at the airport include three Canucks and a Cub.

Tudor IV's Grounded Pending Enquiry

As a result of the loss of the British South American Airways plane which disappeared over the Atlantic ocean on January 30, the Civil Aviation Ministry in London has suspended all flights of Tudor IV airliners pending inquiry into the mishap.

British Civil Air Attache Flies On West Indies Tour



The Percival Proctor V, used by the air attache for his goodwill tour of the West Indies, flying past the Washington Monument in the U. S. capital.

The only light aircraft of British registration located permanently in the USA at the present time is the Percival Proctor V owned by His Majesty's government and stationed in Washington for the use of the Civil Air Attache and his staff at the British Embassy.

Mr. Nigel Bicknell, who is at present acting Civil Air Attache, accompanied by a member of the embassy staff, recently carried out a flight which took him to a number of countries in the Caribbean.

In eight days, Mr. Bicknell and his companion flew the Proctor 4209 route miles, 1610 of which were over water and 750 at night. The cost of the flight worked out to 2.58 cents per passenger mile.

The object of the Air Attache's journey was to dis-

cuss aviation problems with British government officials at Nassau, Kingston, Port au Prince, Turks and Caicos Islands and Havana, and to see the airports at Nassau, Kingston, Montego Bay and South Caicos.

At Havana, Cuba, Mr. Bicknell observed an interesting sidelight to the operation of Latin American airlines when Colonel Quebedo, president of Aerovias "Q" pointed out that his hostesses and ticket sellers work behind counters with no structure below the hips in order that passengers may observe their attractive undercarriage.

The British Attache reports that everywhere he went in the West Indies he found enormous press and public interest in aviation generally and in British aircraft.

Aviation Pioneer Orville Wright Dead

Orville Wright, 76, co-inventor of the airplane, died in Miami Valley Hospital, Ohio, on January 30.

Pioneer in the field of aviation and the first man to fly in a motor-driven heavier-than-air machine, Orville Wright together with his brother Wilbur forsook a ministerial career early in life in favor of mechanical experimentation.

The climax of their experiments came at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903 when Orville flew the now famous Wright Biplane for the first time, traveling 120 ft. in 12 seconds.

Four flights were made that day with Wilbur alternating at the controls. On one of the flights, Wilbur stayed up 59 seconds and gained an altitude of 852 ft.

In 1908 the brothers formed the Wright Company and began manufacturing planes commercially.

Ticket Agencies for World's Airlines

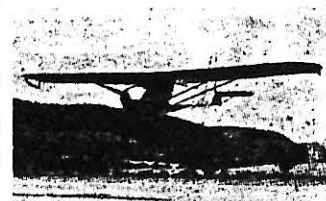
Almost two thousand passenger and cargo agencies in the United States, Canada, Alaska, Newfoundland and Bermuda have now been certified to sell passenger and cargo space on behalf of member airlines of the International Air Transport Association. The certification process is part of an intensive campaign by members of the world airline organization to achieve world-wide uniformity and efficiency in traffic matters.

Triple U. S. Air Power Committee Recommends

According to a report to President Truman by the Government's Air Co-ordinating Committee, "unsettled" world conditions at the present time justify tripling the present production of military planes in the United States.

The ACC recalled that it had advised in October, 1945, that at least 5,780 war planes should be turned annually until peace is assured. Production last year totaled about 1,800 military aircraft.

The committee is the highest aviation policy group in the Government. It includes representatives from the military departments, the state and commerce departments, the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Budget Bureau.



WANT TO SOAR THIS SPRING?

It won't be long now! Warm spring sunshine will bring the rising thermal currents that keep glider enthusiasts "up in the air." NOW is the time to plan. Join one of the existing gliding clubs—or if there is no club in your district, get a group of interested people together and form your own club!

Plenty of information is available on gliding and soaring. You'll get help in forming your club from the Soaring Association of Canada and from LEAVENS BROS. The ranks of soaring enthusiasts are steadily growing in Canada. New clubs are being formed and existing clubs are getting more members and better equipment. It is expected that competition for the Roden and BAIC Trophies will bring new Canadian records this year.

As distributors for SCHWEIZER GLIDERS, Leavens Bros have a keen interest in the progress of this exhilarating sport. Literature explaining how to form a glider club and describing Schweizer Gliders will be mailed to interested persons or groups.

Schweizer Utility Gliders are ideal for clubs in the formative stage that can afford only one plane. The utility models are built extra strong for safety in training flights—but they are designed with a low rate of sink that gives excellent soaring qualities. There are two Schweizer Utility Gliders. The SGU 1-19 is a single-seater and the SGU 2-22 is a two-seater. Both have rugged steel tube welded fuselages for maximum protection and minimum repairs. Both have shown their ability to soar in thermal conditions in Canada.

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