

NAMES IN THE NEWS

James C. Floyd, chief design engineer for Avro Canada transport aircraft, has been awarded the Wright Brothers Medal of the Society of Automotive Engineers, it was announced recently. This is the first time the award has been given to a non-American, and was awarded specifically for a paper on the Jetliner that Mr. Floyd delivered to the SAE at a meeting in Detroit in January of last year.

Mr. Floyd has been engaged on the design of many notable aircraft types, apart from the Jetliner. These include the Anson and the Lancaster. He also took part in the design of the York transport. At Avro Manchester, where he received his early training, he was in charge of the stressing of the York and was engaged on liaison work between Avro Manchester and the Royal Aircraft Establishment.

From 1935 to 1936 he was loaned to the Hawker Aircraft Company to work on the design of the experimental Hawker Hotspur. His last position in England before coming to Avro Canada in 1946, was that of chief project engineer at the Yeadon Plant of Avro Manchester.

An Associate Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, he is also a member of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences (a past chairman of the Toronto Section). He has served as a member of the NRC Structures Subcommittee on Aeronautical Research for some years.

Hector J. Morrow, who has supervised flight operations for Northwest Airlines at several cities along its routes, has been named station manager at Winnipeg. Mr. Morrow has previously held the assignments of assistant station manager in Minneapolis and station manager in New York and Anchorage, Alaska. A native of Fargo, North Dakota, he joined NWA in 1942 as an accounting clerk in Edmonton. For the past two years he has been a cost and requirements specialist at the air line's general offices in St. Paul.

Benjamin Franklin, one-time president of Canadair, is now actively engaged in the breeding of pedigree Shorthorn cattle, according to a recent article appearing in the C-I-L Oval. Mr. Franklin was president of Canadair Limited when it was a Crown

company, and retired from office when the firm was taken over by the Electric Boat Company. During his regime the prototype North Star was developed and flown. His early administrative and organizational work is credited with establishing Canadair as a major component of the Canadian aircraft



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According to the C-I-L Oval, Mr. Franklin bought a farm not far from Joyceville, on the Rideau River eleven miles northeast of Kingston. The property included the farm on which he was born, as well as surrounding land. Since the time of the purchase, some four years ago, he has given all his attention to improving his land and establishing himself as a top-notch breeder of Polled Shorthorns.

Anson C. McKim has resigned as vice-president traffic for TCA to take over the position of vice-president and director of Merck & Co. Ltd. Mr. McKim joined TCA in July, 1947, as vice-president administration and assumed the responsibility for development of the company's traffic as vice-president in March, 1948. Before joining TCA he was the permanent Canadian delegate to ICAO.

Other recent TCA personnel appointments include: that of **E. W. Sellors** as chief architect, replacing **A. Matheson**, who died recently; that of **Captain A. Cirko** as Check Pilot, Eastern Region; that of **J. H. Gehlsen** as manager, Florida, representing TCA on operational and traffic matters in the State of Florida and in Cuba; that of **P. E. Willis** to the new position of Director of Administrative Procedures and **N. E. Taylor** to the new position of Director of Economic Studies; that of **L. J. Coppold** as traffic representative at Sault Ste. Marie; that of **M. R. Short** as station manager at London, Ontario; that of **A. Garwood** as station manager, Kapuskasing.

A recent visitor of Canada was **Squadron Leader Cal Bricker**, DFC, who, according to RCAF Headquarters is the first Canadian pilot to fly a jet aircraft across the Atlantic. S/L Bricker made the flight last July, in an F-84 Thunderjet while on exchange duties with the USAF. A member of the RCAF since 1940, he went overseas in 1943 and flew a tour of operations on Spitfires.

Ray W. Ireland, United Air Lines vice-president — traffic administration, recently marked his silver anniversary in the air transport industry. Presentation of a 25-year gold service pin was made by **W. A. Patterson**, UAL president at the company's executive offices in Chicago. Mr. Ireland entered aviation in March, 1926 as general traffic manager of National Air Transport, one of United's predecessor divisions.