

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Squadron Leader Edwin Burns has joined the Ottawa branch office of MacDonald Bros. Aircraft Limited as assistant to the branch manager. S/L Burns recently retired from active duty with the RCAF after 27 years continuous service.

Born in Boulder City, Colorado, but raised and educated in Ottawa, S/L Burns joined the RCAF in 1927 as a supply technician. He served in that branch continuously, gaining promotion from airframeman to squadron leader. Before joining the Air Force he served for three years in the Canadian Army, also in the supply trade. During World War II S/L Burns was active in setting up new supply depots across Canada. He also played a vital role in the movement of No. 2 Equipment Depot from Calgary to Vancouver in early 1943, a shift designed to provide logistics support for the coastal units on the west coast.

Dr. S. G. Hooker has been named a director of The Bristol Aeroplane Co. of Canada Limited, it has been announced by the firm's head office in Montreal. Dr. Hooker is also a director of The Bristol Aeroplane Co. Limited, England, and chief engineer of its Engine Division. His appointment to the directorate of the Canadian subsidiary is a result of increasing Canadian interest in Bristol engines, according to Bristol of Canada.

Tom Kennett has been appointed to the export department of Cessna Aircraft Company, Wichita, Kansas, it has been announced by Gene Charlton, export manager.

Charles U. Forbell, veteran bush pilot of St. Jovite, P.Q., has been appointed chief pilot and assistant chief engineer of Wheeler Airlines. Mr. Forbell, apart from his wartime service with the RCAF, has been with Wheeler since 1939. He also obtained his private pilot license at that time, and the following year qualified as an air engineer.

He joined the RCAF in 1940 and became assistant chief engineer at the EFTS at Windsor Mills, P.Q. In 1941 he was posted to No. 8 AOS, Ancienne Lorette, P.Q. as staff pilot. He subsequently became chief instructor on twin engine aircraft. Mr. Forbell returned to Wheeler in 1945 and has

been engaged in flying to many parts of northern Canada ever since. He now has approximately 10,000 flying hours, as well as considerable engineering experience. In relinquishing flying duties to some extent he will supervise and train pilots, and assist Bert Gregson, chief engineer, in the enlarged maintenance set-up.

V. R. Knudsen, sales & service manager for Standard Aero Engine Limited of Winnipeg, was elected a director of the Aviation Distributors & Manufacturers Association at that organization's eleventh annual meeting, held recently at St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Knudsen's term expires in 1956.



V. R. KNUDSEN

The sudden death occurred in Vancouver on November 17 of **Gordon D. Scramstad**, assistant superintendent of Sales & Traffic (Overseas Lines) for CPA.

Born and raised in Camrose, Alberta, Mr. Scramstad entered the aviation business in 1940 as traffic clerk with Canadian Airways Limited at Edmonton. In the next few years he held posts as agent station manager throughout the Northwest Territories and the Yukon with Canadian Airways and, after the merger in 1942, with CPA.

In March, 1950, he was appointed manager for CPA at Hong Kong, and remained in the Orient until November, 1955. On his return to Canada he was airport agent for the air line for a few months until his promotion to the post he held at his death.

★ **Vic Crompton** has been named assistant to the manager, Sales & Service Department, Gas Turbine Div., A. V. Roe Canada Limited, Mr. Crompton,

who was closely associated with Sir Frank Whittle during the initial development of the turbojet engine, has been with Avro Canada since January of last year. Prior to his present appointment, he was special assignments engineer for the Gas Turbine Division.

A. G. McLarty has been named district traffic & sales manager for TCA at both Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury. Mr. McLarty joined the air line in 1946 and opened the Sault Ste. Marie office a year later.

A. F. McLachlin, president and a director of Railway & Power Engineering Corporation Limited, has been appointed to the directorate of Canada Iron Foundries Limited.

PRODUCT LITERATURE

● **Pressure Plugs:** Heat-treated precision pressure plugs, which seal tight without sealing compound by crushing crests and roots in softer threads of mating tapped parts, are discussed in a new bulletin available from Standard Pressed Steel Co., Box 927, Jenkintown, Pa.

● **Shock is Well Met in the Gentex Helmet:** This eight-page booklet describes and illustrates one make of the now-familiar protective helmets worn by the jet pilots of most air forces. Copies available from General Textile Mills, Inc., 450 Seventh Avenue, New York 1.

● **Ducting Systems for Aircraft:** Ducting, bellows, and other components of pneumatic systems are used to carry hot compressed bleed air to various sections of turbojet aircraft, and this equipment is the subject of a new eight-page booklet issued by Solar Aircraft Company, San Diego, California.

● **Micro Switches:** A two-page piece of literature describing and illustrating 14 of the many types of precision snap-action switches made by the Micro Division of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., is available by writing to Minneapolis-Honeywell, Leaside, Toronto, 17.

● **Rotax Electronic Navigation Lamp Flasher Unit:** Two page catalogue leaflet (revised) describes and illustrates this Rotax ZA.2903 electronic interrupter. Copies available from Lucas-Rotax Limited, Toronto 13, Ont.

● **Solar Aluminum Welding Flux:** Copies of a booklet on Solar's new Type 202 flux for aluminum welding can be obtained from the Flux Dept., Solar Aircraft Co., 2200 Pacific Highway, San Diego 12, Calif.

● **Electro-Hydraulics:** Recent technical literature now available from Electro-Hydraulics (Canada) Limited, Box 14, Postal Station "D", Toronto, includes the following: The Semi-Articulated Multi-Wheel Bogie Undercarriage; An Aircraft Hydraulic System; The Development of a Multi-Wheel Undercarriage; The Design and Manufacture of Highly Specialized Equipment; Features of the Hermes IV; The Monomatic System; Electro-Hydraulic Valves; a four page service sheet on Accumulator Part No. 4037; Multi-wheel Landing Gear; Adjustable Relief Valve,