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NEW SCHOOLS APPROVED FOR GI TRAINING

The Aeronautics Commission reports that during the month of January, Bamberg Flying Service was approved to give primary flight training under the GI Bill on the Barnwell Airport, Barnwell, S. C. This school is managed by Mr. A. E. Cadle who also heads flying schools at Bamberg and Hampton-Varnville.

During January, three schools discontinued GI training. These were, Colleton Aviation Service, Walterboro, S. C; Andrews Flying Service, Andrews, S. C.; and Camden Flying Service, Camden, S. C.

Brannon's Aero Service, operating on the Municipal Airport at Greenville, S. C. added commercial, instrument rating, and flight instructor courses for GIs to their approved GI courses.

These changes left a total of 37 flight schools in the State offering GI training as of the last of the month of January.

ACCIDENT REPORT FOR STATE SHOWS DROP FROM LAST YEAR

During the month of January, there were three aircraft accidents reported by the Aeronautics Commission. Two of these were minor. The third which was the crash of a Coastal Airline's DC3 in Beaufort County resulted in the complete washout of the plane and the death of 18 persons. This accident resulted in the second largest number of fatalities ever to occur in a plane crash in the State. It is topped only by the airline crash near Florence in 1945 in which 23 were killed.

In spite of the large number of fatalities in that one crash last month, the accident report for last month was a considerable improvement over the report for January 1947. In the first month of 1947, there were 14 accidents reported in which there was one fatality and two planes completely washed out. Three of these accidents resulted in serious injuries to the plane occupants and two airplanes suffered major damage.

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AIRLINE SERVICE INTO FLORENCE BEGINS MARCH FIRST

On March 1st, Eastern Airlines will inaugurate airline service into Florence, S. C. The city is planning a program to celebrate the occasion to which the public is invited. Among the guests for the occasion will be Senators Olin Johnston and Burnett Maybank, Congressman McMillan, Governor Thurmond, and Director of Aviation Dexter Martin.

Mayor Haskell M. Thomas; City Manager Ed. Blackwell; Mr. Charlie Womack, Chairman of the Planning Committee; and Dexter Martin plan to fly on the first scheduled flight from Washington to Florence.

The program in Florence will begin 11:00 A. M. and the first flight into Florence is scheduled to arrive at 12:25 P. M.

The Committee has planned for Eastern Air Lines to take twenty crippled children from the local hospital on a ride in the Silverliner over the City. The children will be taken to the airport on fire engines by the Florence Fire Department and escorted on the plane by the Mayor.

The Aeronautics Commission has completed the construction of the Administration building on the airport and representatives of the airlines on a recent inspection stated that it was perhaps the best planned small administration building on their entire route.

NEW HANGAR COMPLETED AT NEWBERRY

Mr. E. O. Shealy, operator at the Newberry Airport, reports that he has completed the construction of a new hangar on the airport. This large hangar measures 48 feet by 54 feet and, with the other hangars now on the field, will give ample hangar facilities at the airport.

BREAKFAST CLUB MEETING TO BE HELD IN GREENVILLE

The next meeting of the South Carolina Breakfast Club will be held on February 29 at the Municipal Airport at Greenville.

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WILLIAMS FLYING SERVICE, TRENTON APPROVED FOR GI TRAINING

The Veterans Administration has announced that Williams Flying Service at Trenton has been approved for GI flight training and will offer the Primary Course to veterans under the GI bill.

LIGHTS REPAIRED AT GEORGETOWN AIRPORT

The Maintenance Department of the Aeronautics Commission reports that they have recently completely reworked the lighting system on the large airport and they are now in working order for the first time since the armed forces abandoned the airport.

This will allow night flying on the airport and several pilots in Georgetown plan to take advantage of this fact.

EXPANSION PLANNED BY CAP LEADERS

Civil Air Patrol leaders this week expressed the hope that the volunteer organization will eventually grow into a nationwide body of 100,000 trained flyers and technical personnel qualified to fill positions in commercial and military aviation in emergencies.

While the present adult membership of the Patrol is currently far short of the above figure, valuable emergency aid has been delivered by CAP pilots and technicians during such emergencies as the Texas City disaster and the more recent Florida and Louisiana hurricanes.

CAA ISSUED PUBLICATION ON FLYING CLUBS

The Civil Aeronautics Administration has recently issued a new bulletin titled "How to Organize and Operate a Flying Club."

As most of us know, the flying club is often the only way that many of us can own an airplane or a part of it. Yet the most frequent cause of the failure of flying clubs is improper organization or operation of the club.

This publication may be obtained from the Washington Office of CA

SENATOR JOHNSTON DEFENDS GI FLIGHT TRAINING

Senator Olin D. Johnston this week notified Director Dexter Martin of the Aeronautics Commission that he will confer with President Truman and Major-General Carl R. Gray, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, regarding veterans flight training under the GI Bill.

Senator Johnston stated that "We have all recognized the advance of the impending air age. Certainly aviation is the transportation of the future. To argue its importance to National Defense seems unnecessary. The money which we spend to encourage the development of private flying, to promote interest in aviation as an instrument of commerce and of national security, is an objective worthy of the support of our Government." The Senator added that he "will make a vigorous campaign to continue the authority for the flight training program."

BOB JONES UNIVERSITY TAKES OVER PARIS MOUNTAIN AIRPORT AT GREENVILLE

The Paris Mountain Airport at Greenville has been purchased by Bob Jones University and has been named "Bob Jones University Field." With the acquisition of this airport, Bob Jones University will conduct a flight school in connection with the other university courses offered. The University has been approved for GI flight training on the field.

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