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### BREAKFAST CLUB

The cold front passed over the state the night before the last meeting, Sunday, October 9th, leaving beautiful conditions for the gathering at Donaldson Air Force Base, Greenville. In excess of sixty aircraft and one hundred fifty persons attended. The Base was open to the club, with static displays of a Globemaster C-124 and a H-19 helicopter. The giant multi-million dollar hangar was open for inspection; this hangar will accommodate four of the huge Globemasters along with numerous smaller type craft. Colonel Wade Hampton, C.O. of the 63rd Troop Carrier Wing, was our host, breakfast being served in the Officers' Club. Gifts from various sources were given; all in all, one of the most successful affairs of the club. We do not know of a finer way in cementing relationship of the highest type between civil and military flying than by having such get-to-togethers as this. We learn from reliable source that another military installation will be our host in the immediate future -- just as soon as the date is established you'll be notified, and this we promise you -- you're going to like!!!

The next meeting -- GEORGETOWN, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd. There is a group in Georgetown who are really waxing enthusiastic in aviation. We don't know what they have on the program for this meeting, but let's all go over and find out. A special church service will be provided those wishing to attend among the Breakfast Club members at this meeting. Mass will be held at 8:00 and 10:00, protestant services at 9:15. Transportation for these services will leave the airport shortly before 8:00 and 9:00. Breakfast at the usual time of 10:20. A large airport here, with 5,000 ft. paved runways. No tower - circle to the left and land as directed by the wind tee.

### OPPORTUNITY FOR ENLISTMENT IN AIR TROOP CARRIER COMMAND RESERVE

A unit of the Air Troop Carrier Command Reserve is being formed for operation at Donaldson Air Force Base, Greenville, S. C. Applications for enlistment are now being accepted with special attention given those who have served in the Air Force. This will afford an excellent opportunity for those wishing to continue in service of their country while a civilian. As you probably know, retirement benefits are accorded the military reserves now, another reason for serious thought. If you are interested, contact Lieutenant Colonel Ben J. Mangina, Airtex Corporation, P. O. Box 1656, Spartanburg, S.C., who will command the unit. We know Colonel Mangina - he is a man you'll be happy and proud to serve with.

### DOCTOR WILLIAMS NAMED BY CAA

The Civil Aeronautics Administration recently named Dr. Arthur V. Williams of Charleston as being authorized to give Commercial medical examinations. Dr. Williams is very interested in aviation and the many friends he has made in aviation will welcome this news.

### R.O.T.C. BILL TO BE CONSIDERED NEXT YEAR

Passed by the House late in the session, the R.O.T.C. Bill authorizing the Air Force to contract with civilian flying schools for flight training of R.O.T.C. cadets was committed to the Senate Armed Services Committee. It was too late for action and will be referred to a Sub-committee for hearing and consideration early next year.

UNHEEDED ADVICE

Some years ago an airliner was being readied at a New York City airport for takeoff. Its flight path was in the direction of what appeared to be a vicious squall line. Just before the pilot boarded the aircraft, a man remarked to him that he reasoned it would be dangerous for the flight through the storm. The pilot remarked that he was flying the craft and that therefore he should be the best judge of that question and that he did not think it would be dangerous. The other man remarked that he built airplanes and he didn't think that particular airplane could weather that storm. A tall lady nearby overheard the conversation and on the strength of it, she went into the terminal building and cancelled her reservation. The airplane took off, entered the storm, crashed and all aboard perished. The man advising against it - Walter Beech. The lady cancelling her reservation - Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

S.C. AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS

The new airport at Sumter is coming along nicely and latest word is that it should be open for traffic by December 1st, coming. On the 13th of October, a routine inspection of the airport was conducted by CAA officials and the owner, the City of Sumter. Sumter was represented by city officials and Mr. John T. Talbert, airport engineer employed by the city for the project. At this time, a final inspection was conducted by the same group on clearing, grading and turfing.

On this same date, the new runway lighting systems at Columbia and Florence were inspected by these CAA officials and Mr. Talbert, Mr. Talbert also acting as engineer in these projects.

SAFETY? - LOOK AT THIS!

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A GOOD RULE OF THUMB

In 1860, a Dutch scientist named Buys Ballot devised a pretty good rule of thumb on the weather: "Stand with your back to the wind and pressure is lower on your left hand than on your right, in the northern hemisphere." In flying this can be converted to: "If you have a right drift, you are heading toward deteriorating weather conditions; if you drift left, weather conditions should improve." Weather conditions can change rapidly; a trend can reverse itself or a frontal movement can stabilize, but in general this rule of thumb is something to be relied upon.

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