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### SPARTANBURG BREAKFAST CLUB PROVES DIFFERENT.



The Breakfast Club meeting at Spartanburg on Aug. 17, proved to be a most interesting meet from several angles.

The breakfast itself was a chuck-wagon breakfast served in the hangar at the airport.

Approximately 90 people who came in more than thirty planes took part in the breakfast festivities which were



under the supervision of Buck Moss, Airport Manager and Operator of Palmetto Flying Service. Mr. Moss stated that since in most cities the mayor or city manager came out to welcome the group, in Spartanburg things were going to be different. They were. A siren pealed, a police car drove up, and out climbed a prisoner from the chain gang who read a speech of welcome to the group, and then climbed back into the police car which returned him to his group.

Parachute jumps and talks by several of the Breakfast Clubbers completed the program.

Since the meeting at Aiken has not taken place at the time of this writing and will be over by the time most readers get the Newsletter, it will be reported later.

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### FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY COMES INTO BEING

Signed into law by President Eisenhower last Saturday, the Federal Aviation Agency will soon come into being replacing CAA as the governing body for all aviation. It is now the President's duty to appoint an Administrator for the newly created agency, and there are four current contenders who appear to be in the running. They are Louis Rothschild, Delos W. Rentzel, James T. Pyle, and E. R. Quesada.

Rothschild is listed because he is closely connected with the White House, however, it is hoped by all in the industry that the President will not attempt to shove him down the throats of aviation people. He is not an aviation man to begin with and has never been a friend to the aviation industry in that he testified in committee against principles favorable to aviation. While it is doubtful that congress would approve him if appointed by the White House, should the President appoint him now that congress has adjourned, he would still serve quite an interim period and become pretty well entrenched before congress again convened.

Pyle would be a satisfactory choice, but it appears that the majority favor Quesada, and that he would be satisfactory to most people in aviation, however, his current status would prohibit him from accepting the job. He would first have to resign his Air Force Commission and waive all rights to present or future retirement pay. It is not known at present whether he would be willing to do this, however, a request from the President would carry much weight.

Del Rentzel has been mentioned as a possible for the job, but it is known that he is not actively seeking it, and therefore not likely to be nominated.



O. L. "Andy" Andrews, manager of the Greenville Municipal Airport, has turned into a working airport manager and we have a picture to prove it.

The chief of maintenance at the airport was leaving on vacation, but refused to go unless Andrews promised that no one else would ride his new mowing machine. Thus, when the lawn in front of the administration building needed mowing, there was nothing for it but Andy to mount the seat, grasp the steering "stick" firmly, and take off.

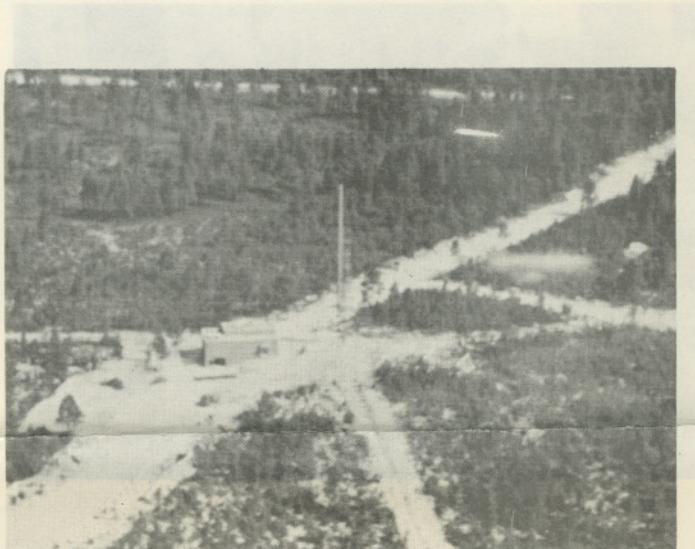
Results of the operation are debatable, but Mr. Andrews states that the sunshine and exercise (?) involved were at least beneficial to him....

#### NOTAMS

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The Sumter, S. C. Municipal Airport is closed to all transient traffic until further notice for paving of the lighted runway. The field has been partially open until now, however, paving of the runway intersection forces closing of the field.

WISTV in Columbia has begun construction on its new television tower located on the edge and due north of the Fort Jackson restricted area near Columbia. When completed in about two months, the tower will extend to 1873 feet above mean sea level. In the meantime, caution is urged when flying in the area as it will remain unmarked during construction.



Lighting on the Hampton-Varnville Airport is nearing completion. Actual installation is expected to be completed this week, however, turning on of the lights will await ceremonies on the field.

#### VFR IN IFR WEATHER IN A CONTROL ZONE

Recently, a pilot filed a VFR flight plan out of a control zone to his destination, and then, although the weather was only 800 feet at the time, proceeded out the runway for take-off in the belief that the VFR flight plan authorized his departure under controlled IFR conditions. The fallacy of this belief was pointed out to him in no uncertain terms, and should serve as a guide to others.

It is possible to receive a controlled clearance out of a control area when the ceiling is as low as 700 feet and visibility one mile only by contacting a tower or other CAA radio facility and getting such clearance direct. This involves accurate reporting of time off and following the clearance given to the letter, plus a mandatory report of leaving the zone.

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