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BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

On Sunday, December 20th, a joint meeting of the South Carolina Breakfast Club and the North Carolina Breakfast Club met at Lumberton, North Carolina. The turn out from both states was excellent. Approximately 45 airplanes landed at Lumberton. "Doc" Price and Carl Gourche, President of the North Carolina Breakfast Club, were in their usual fine form, conversationally speaking. "Doc" Price was re-elected President of the South Carolina B. C. by unanimous vote from both the South Carolina B. C. and the North Carolina B. C. A very enjoyable meeting was held and many old acquaintances from the sister state renewed. The next meeting of the South Carolina Breakfast Club is scheduled for Walterboro, Sunday, January 3rd. Let's give Marshall Thompson, host for the B. C., a big aviation boost.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR AIRCRAFT FOR 1954?

The Aeronautics Commission is now accepting application for registration of aircraft for the calendar year 1954. It is mandatory that all aircraft based within the state of South Carolina for a period of 30 days or longer be registered with this Commission. Application forms have been mailed to all aircraft owners whose aircraft was registered during 1953 and, in addition, application forms have been sent to all the flight operators within the state for your convenience. It is the responsibility of aircraft owners to acquire forms and register their aircraft as required by law. Failure to register subjects the owner to a maximum penalty of \$500 fine or 30 days imprisonment or both.

We urge your cooperation in registering your aircraft early in order to avoid the deadline rush. Inspections will be made beginning January 15th to assure that all aircraft are registered. There is no fee or charge of any kind for this registration.

In the event that you do not have the appropriate form and/or it is inconvenient to acquire one at a nearby flight operator, if you will submit a post card to us we will be glad to send the necessary forms.

COLUMBIA AIRPORT OPERATOR DIES

Harold Willson, owner and operator of Aircraft Sales and Service Columbia Airport, died suddenly Monday night, December 28th. Harold, who only recently became engaged in commercial aviation, has been a friend and booster of private aviation for many years. His passing is a great loss to all of us and we will certainly miss his genial cooperation and untiring efforts for the betterment of our aviation industry.

THIS AND THAT

O. L. "Andy" Andrews, Manager of the Greenville Airport, is to be congratulated on his recent marriage to Miss Doris Walters of Roswell, Georgia. Since this event has taken place, our hopes have been renewed again that it's not too late for Marion Reid, Manager of Charleston Municipal Airport, to join the brotherhood. While speaking of Charleston, we would like to remind you that the Charleston Municipal Airport is still open to light aircraft equipped with two-way radio. Marion is doing a fine job coordinating military and civilian aviation at Charleston.....Berley Kittrell, Raymond Doughty and many others are planning to fly to Miami for the annual Orange Bowl Game and festivities.....Congratulations are to be extended to the South Carolina wing of the Civil Air Patrol for their participation in the activities of the celebration of the 50th Year of Powered Flight which was recently commemorated December 14 through the 17th at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Colonel A. A. "Tootie" Pate and Major Russell Dobbins, Air Force Liaison officer, were on hand as usual spark-plugging these activities.....The 157th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, Congaree Air Base, South Carolina Air National Guard is acquiring Jet type aircraft replacing the old standby of the air which is the F-51. The T-33 Jet trainer has already arrived and this squadron will be equipped with F-86's in the very near future.

"FLYING BUSINESS MAN" FILM

The South Carolina Aeronautics Commission, in conjunction with other state aviation agencies, sponsored production of a film entitled "Flying Business Man", showing the use of airplanes by individuals and business corporations. This film is in color with sound and has a running time of fifteen (15) minutes. We will be glad to lend this film to any civic club or other corporations for a showing upon request.

FLYING IS SAFE

During the past five years, the scheduled airlines of the United States have flown 99.99 per cent of their passengers without accident. (A pilot on one of these planes, flying 1,000 hours a year, would have a life expectancy of 400 years.)

MAY WE WISH FOR YOU A

VERY HAPPY AND

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