

News FROM Clubs AND Members

RAY CHESLEY writes from Wickenburg that the gang, Harland Ross, Kemp Traegen, Frank Muller, Stan Hall, though now serving as primary instructors forget themselves and try to soar the "PT's".

TED BELLAK'S Minimoa is now at the Ypsilanti Airport in the possession of one of the men in the Flight Department of Willow Run.

HANS NORDMAN was given a fine write-up in the "Republic Aviation News," the house organ of the Republic Aviation Corporation where Hans is assistant chief inspector. The story traced Hans' activities in gliding from the time he built his first glider in 1909 to the time he was the main attraction at the Air Carnival at Mitchel Field in 1923. Hans has a difficult task trying to convert the home of the P-47 to gliding.

ELIZABETH ROTH is back in Elmira after tackling Weather Bureau work and publishing.

HEASLEY ENTZ reports from Wichita that Dick Deaver enlisted in the Air Corps, that Jerry Gordon lost six feet from the wing tip of his BG-7 and some of the fuselage nose contours when he argued with a local corn field.

BILL PLAGE, Lt., USN, sold his "Baby" to the trio, Verne Hudson, James Wickham and Bob Elliott. Bill is commanding a PC boat somewhere in the South Pacific.

PAUL H. LOUDON, Flight Officer at Bowman Field, Kentucky, seems to be doing more power plane flying than is to his liking.

HELEN M. MONTGOMERY seems to be getting around these days. Now she's down at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas, training girls for the WASPS, and needless to say finds both the work and the climate appealing.

LT. JOSEPH G. ANTHONY sent us a most interesting letter from Key West, Florida. In his spare moments he has been working on a two-place side-by-side job following more or less the design of the MIT "supersailplane that we all bragged about but that no one could get ambition or money to build." He hopes it won't be long before he can trade the Navy for his proposed "Frigate Bird." So do we Joe!

FLIGHT OFFICER, DON STEVENS and **STEVE SOLANIC** are seeing the war through together it seems, first Africa, and now Sicily. Both of them are having a time together, designing and working out quite a number of new ideas for gliders. Don writes us he saw his old friend Dick du Pont while the latter was in Sicily and they had a long talk together, mostly on angle of dangle indicators it seems.

DON HAMILTON, Major, USA, is now with the Air Service Command.

MALCOLM W. HUGHES is having his troubles. He has a Bowlus, built in 1941, which he can't get licensed, nor can a field be gotten to fly it from. That's like having your cake and not being able to eat it.

LYMAN WIARD who hails from the Detroit Glider Council is now doing all electrical and instrument installation on CG-4A Gliders. Between times he flies a single place Briegleb and is assembling a two-place kit, also a Briegleb.

ARTHUR HOFFMAN, you may remember as chief test pilot, bottle washer, cook, Romeo deluxe and what have you. His last stamping ground was Lamesa Field, Texas. Of course, his Romeo days are over as Mrs. Hoffman, a pretty girl from Texas, has nailed him down.

HERBIE ABRAMS, who was a member of the ABC Glider Club and the Detroit Glider Council and who was stationed at Lamesa Field, Texas, has done a lot of travelling in this manner. He left Lamesa Field for Detroit, was inducted into the Army, then sent back to Texas, from Texas he went to Springfield, Ohio, to attend school, from there he went back to Texas where he is at present with the Army Air Forces, as a Navigator. He just can't get away from that touch of Texas in his blood.

BOB BLAINE is living next door to Mickey Mouse, or should we say Walt Disney's studios, in the San Fernando Valley, California, where he has trouble assuring his two little girls that all is well with Mickey Mouse next door.

RANDALL CHAPMAN, acrobatic artist with the Yankee Doodle Glider and now residing at Saint Louis, is the proud Pop of a new addition to the family—a boy.

PAUL NISSEN of the Hudson Valley Glider Club and a former resident of Lamesa Field, Texas, where he instructed gliding is now instructing in power at Stockton, Texas. More power to Paul who is doing a swell job.

WILLIAM PUTNAM, who used to be known as "Wandering Willie," is staying put at Twentynine Palms as a power instructor. Of course, he is married and lately there has been a new addition—a girl.

DALLAS WISE, of the Detroit Glider Council, and one of the main stays at Lamesa Field has just got through paying his family a visit down there. They seem to have fallen for the mild winters at Lamesa. Dallas Wise, Jr., whom you may know as one of the youngest glider pilots in the country, attends High School there and plays fullback for Lamesa High.

BILL EICHLEAY informs us that the gang at All-American is starting a club with the Carnegie Tech Junior Hawk, a Zogling Primary of Carnegie Tech's still available, and a lot of hopes. They have permission from the C.A.A. to tow in the area as long as the tow line remains attached to the glider.

F/O KENNETH L. HOLLINSHEAD, listed as "missing in action," was doing great things in North Africa. He soared a Waco, CG-4A 15-place cargo glider for a period of 58 minutes. His altitude at release was 1,000 feet and after losing 400 feet of that he found a thermal under a strato-cumulus cloud which was terrific according to F/O Robert B. Wilson who accompanied him. He worked this thermal until his altimeter registered 1,200 feet.

ROBERT F. LITLE, who was responsible for reviving the Carnegie Tech Glider Club is now with the Aviation Cadets at San Antonio, Texas. Good luck Bob!

PROF. JOHN A. EUBANK is very active in his capacity as chairman of the Committee on Aeronautical Law.

DICK JOHNSON is now a regular pilot with Pan American and recently married Dorothy Jones of Twentynine Palms.

BILL TRACY is at the Army Airplane Mechanics School at Lincoln, Nebraska. When Lamesa Field closed he spent the interim before going into the Army soaring his beloved "Baby". Naturally enough he wants to be transferred into the Glider Unit.

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