



## Hawthorne Haw-Haws

by Grano Salis

Bob Wier came into the pilots' building the other day and said the CAA inspector had finally caught up with M. Smith. When asked what the Legal Eagle had done wrong, Bob explained, "They got M. for impersonating a Pilot."

Not knowing just exactly how to report a faulty tail wheel on the airplane he was flying, a cadet wrote on the Form 1: "Tail wheel crazy."

**BREEDIN'S BEST BONERS:** Louise Breedin, lower-class dispatcher, breaks into this column with a couple of good ones. At the end of a long, hard day when she worked a double shift, a cadet checked in after getting air sick. Procedure in such cases is to give the cadet a slip to go to the doctor, but when the cadet looked at his slip it was a permit to go to the barber shop. Bewildered he asked his instructor why he had to get a hair cut for being sick. Next day Breedin told Maintenance to take a ship off the line because "it idled."

Some one popped up with a good local definition of LS/MFT: "Lebednik and Smeed Mean Fouled up Traffic."

Bud Crocker, who runs that little airport near town called Jennings I believe, has been having trouble hiring line men, but his worries ended when he got this letter from Reeves, the addresser to Hawthorne Motor Service:

"I am writing you to ask you. does you hire colored people. up there, and what all coin of work up there, and how old does you hafter be. I here about howthorne Flying Service over the radio. From Columbia, S. C. Write me. Back at once please."

Doc Tilton's French is really getting good. He picked up the word for "take-off" the other day. It's "decoler" pronounced "day-koh-lay." With this knowledge, Doc told his student, "OK, let's decolate."

Some one told us to call Ken Ellis "Mullet" Ellis from now on. We don't know why.

If you ask C. O. Boone how high a fly flies he'll answer, "Damned High". Flying along at 1,000 feet last Sunday he felt something hit him a terrific wallop on the forehead. Reaching up he found his assailant was a common, ordinary horse fly and has a scab on his head to prove the whole thing.

## Red Cross Drive Gets Under Way

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Hawthorne Field's participation in the current Red Cross fund raising drive went into high gear last week and indications were that the highest sum ever contributed would be collected before the drive ends next week.

One hundred per cent participation by both military and civilian personnel appears to be within sight as those participating in the drive turned in preliminary reports of their progress.

Amongst school employees the campaign is being handled thru the department heads who are contacting each employee under them. Lieut. James E. Cashon is handling the campaign amongst military personnel. A competition is under way between officers, enlisted men, and civil ser-

## New Club Opened for French Cadets

NEVER A DULL MOMENT...



Awe-struck cadets stand frozen in their tracks as an unidentified pilot chose this unorthodox method of flying his PT-13 over Hawthorne Field. While an investigation is still under way to apprehend the culprit, rumors flowed that the pilot was none other than PROP WASH's own Grano Salis. P. S.—Just in case you swallowed this story, the photo was perpetrated by Jake Broody who made it by hanging up a model and posing the cadets.

## BEVERLY HOWARD NAMED TO IMPORTANT CAA ADVISORY BOARD

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Beverly E. Howard, President of the extensive system of Hawthorne flight operations, has been named to serve on the important Civil Aeronautics Administration's Committee on Non-Scheduled Aviation, according to notification received last week by Mr. Howard from T. P. Wright, Administrator of Civil Aeronautics in Washington.

The new committee was instituted by CAA to advise on important matters pertaining to present and prospective problems of personal aircraft manufacturers, sportsman pilots and airport service operators. Creation of the Committee has been heralded by

the aviation industry as an important step in the proper promulgation of civil air controls and development of personal (non-scheduled) flying.

Mr. Howard has been named to serve on the Committee to represent the nation's airport service operators. Others named include William T. Piper, President of Piper Aircraft Corporation, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, and Joseph Bergen, State Aviation Director for Utah. Seven Regional representatives were also named, as well as three high-ranking CAA officials.

First meeting of the Board will be held in Washington March 22 and 23. Quarterly meetings will be held thereafter.

Mr. Howard is First Vice-President of the National Aviation Trades Association, an organization of all commercial flying operators in the United States, and a Director of the Aeronautical Training Society, liaison agency for the civil contract schools training aviation cadets for the Army Air Forces. Last year he was named by the Junior Chamber of Commerce as the "Outstanding young business man in South Carolina."

Notification of his appointment was received by Mr. Howard while attending a Los Angeles meeting of the Aeronautical Training Society Board of Directors.

## Several Contests Planned at Columbia

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Details are now being worked out to sponsor a spot landing contest and an essay contest at Columbia Municipal Airport. Tentative plans for the spot landing contest are to hold three trials; one for student pilots, one for private pilots, and one for the commercial pilots.

The essay contest will be held for the benefit of the women of Columbia, school and college students, business girls, mothers and housewives. Full details will be announced at a later date.

## CABARET-STYLE CLUB IN CITY

DEDICATED WITH "OPEN HOUSE"

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—At an open house ceremony on Tuesday, February 27, the new Aviation Cadet Club was opened in downtown Orangeburg. The occasion was attended by prominent local citizens, staff personnel, instructors and several high French officials from Washington.

### WHO IS GRANO SALIS?

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—The mystery of Grano Salis, PROP WASH's roving reporter who gets his nose into everything will be cleared up in next month's issue. Because of repeated queries as to the identity of this mystery man photographers Jack Dean, Paul Hannum, Jake Broody, John Stevens and Al Turbeville have been assigned to track down this elusive individual. His picture will be published next month.

The new club is the result of a need for a place in town where cadets can feel at home and be entertained during their off-duty hours. The Cadet Club originally occupied a large two story mansion near the hotel, but the sale of this building necessitated finding a new location. All seem agreed that the present arrangements are a happy solution.

Construction of the new club is largely the work of Lt. James E. Cashon, Special Services Officer, who supervised remodeling of the premises. The Club is located in a large store on East Russell street, one block from the center of town.

It's styling has followed that of a French cabaret with the French colors of blue, white and red predominating. The large windows facing the street have been shielded by white draperies with red drape border. The front of the club is occupied with a lounge and is furnished with several day-nights, coffee tables and overstuffed chairs.

Beyond the lounge is the cabaret itself with a raised 45 foot by 35 foot hard-wood dance floor in the center. Four large palm trees at each corner of the dance floor add a decorative touch.

A large bar, painted red, is on one side of the main room with booths on either side along the walls. Tables have been placed around the dance floor and 48 chairs were purchased for these tables. Music is provided by a record player located behind the bar and broadcast throughout the room by public address system speakers located in the skylight above the floor.

New manager of the club is Melvin Ayers, World War I veteran, who was very instrumental in securing labor and materials for the renovation. Others who contributed materially were the enlisted men from the Field who moved the furniture and the Hostesses and officers' wives who helped on the uphostering.

## DON'T GROUND LOOP 'ER ANNE...



When it rained last week and time hung heavy on the flight line Dispatcher Anne Burns took a try on the ground control trainers much to the amusement of the instructors. Her efforts at holding the gadget straight were supervised by Willis Petrie, Squadron Commander Dave Wolfe, and Frank Campbell. New face type microphones are shown attached to helmets. (Broody photo)



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## Hawthorne's Parachute Department Is One of South's Most Complete

ORANGEBURG—One of the most complete civilian parachute departments in the South is in operation at Hawthorne Field, with facilities to do practically every type of parachute repair and maintenance.

Located in the west hangar at the field the facilities include a large loft for drying out chutes, sewing machines and packing bench. It is classified by the Civil Aeronautics Administration as an Authorized Parachute Loft

and carries A, C, and D ratings meaning personnel are qualified to do general maintenance and minor repairs, harness overhaul, and metal parts and container overhaul. Chutes from as far as Alabama and Tennessee are sent to Hawthorne Field for re-work.

Head of Hawthorne's parachute department is Forrest J. Ketcher, one of the oldest employees on the field. "Ketch" learned about chutes during the 5½-year hitch in the Army from which he was released in 1941. He first started parachute work in 1933 and graduated from the Air Corps Technical School at Chanute Field, Ill., in 1933. He spent most of his service at Maxwell Field but also served at Wright, Paterson, and Barksdale Fields and a 7-month stretch at Ft. Benning where he packed chutes for paratroopers.

Ketch hails from Port Arthur, Texas, but seems to like the fishing—his favorite hobby—pretty well in South Carolina. He's rated as a Senior Parachute Technician and has three jumps to his own credit.

His assistant is Mattie Way of Orangeburg, who recently received her parachute riggers license and soon after had proof of her thorough work when a local pilot bailed out of an AT-6 using a chute packed by her.

Ketch, too, knows his work is "good to the last drop". He figures he's packed about 6,000 chutes none of which have failed to work. Between 50 and 60

## Revenge

By Andy Griffith

My neck's stiff, lips are cracked,  
My head hurts, brains are racked,  
My arms are aching and hanging  
slack,  
My shoulders supported by a  
wobbly back.

Patience is gone, Nerves are bad,  
Face hardened, chapped and sad.  
Winter has been hard with me,  
Terrible thought, "Winter in a  
P.T."

No protection for my Palmolive  
skin,  
Poor hands, blistered, cracked  
thin,

Winchell's Jergin's did no good,  
(I never in heck thought it  
would).

Voice creaky, cracked and cold,  
Bones aching and feeling old.  
If only a cabin were on the P.T.  
All this, friends, would never be.

Physical impossibilities, I some-  
times say,  
But I'm living for my day.  
The day that I shall bring to right  
That inventor guy that caused my  
plight.

The guy who invented this groud-  
loopin' critter,

The fellow behind my nerves a  
twitter,  
The man who put no windows  
around

This silver thing that leaves the  
ground.

When on that fatal day I'll find  
That guy with cold and wicked  
mind,  
My best revenge for him will be  
To fly him NUDE in his P.T.

No sheltering clothes, just flying  
stark,  
Thermometer below the zero  
mark.

To let him freeze in his invention  
Is not the worst of my intention.

(The rest ain't fit to print)

## Special PT-13 Fitted With Winter Canopy

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—As if in answer to Andy Griffith's poem above, one of Hawthorne Field's PT-13's has been fitted out with a winter cockpit enclosure. Equipped with instruments and with wings and tail surfaces painted yellow the airplane is used as an Alert Ship for weather checking and other special missions.

The cockpit canopy was manufactured by Piper Aircraft and is the same as used by the Navy on their Boeing trainers. It is made of molded Plexiglass on wooden frames and slides aft to the rear of the cockpit for entrance and exit.

paratroopers found his work satisfactory and seven local Caterpillar Club initiates have made emergency jumps with his chutes.

## HAWTHORNE FIELD'S DISPATCHERS...



Here are the girls who keep 'em flying. They're the dispatchers who assign the airplanes and have a devil of a time keeping instructors and students happy with the right airplanes at the right time. Seated (l to r) Mrs. Maude Cartwright, Mrs. Elma Owens and Nell Felder. Standing: Mrs. Bebe Brickley, Anne Burns and Louise Breedin. (Broody photo)

## MURMURS FROM MAINTENANCE

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—The proposed merger of the Aero and Maintenance Clubs has been dropped. The Maintenance Club has opened its membership to any white employee, Army or Civilian, who works for Hawthorne. Forty members have been acquired to date. It is the plan of the Club to operate during the Summer season, and is planning now for dances, parties and swimming for the Summer. The Club held a dance for all Hawthorne Personnel Saturday night, March 10.

Mr. Claude Neal, chief line mechanic, met with a grave misfortune Saturday afternoon, March 3, when the house in which he was living approximately seven miles west of Orangeburg, burned to the ground. His wife and four children were removed in time and, of their household goods, only the refrigerator was saved; everything else was lost except the clothing they were wearing. Numerous contributions have been given by personnel of Hawthorne which Mr. Neal and his family greatly appreciate.

Work will be started as soon as material is received in giving PT-13s a new appearance. Orange-yellow dope will be applied to the upper surfaces of the upper wings, the lower surfaces of the lower wings and all the surfaces of the empennage.

The following conversation was overheard on the interphone a few days ago and went like this: "Lower Class Dispatcher to Maintenance"; Maintenance, "Go ahead"; "Pull number 17 for idling"; Maintenance, "Idling too fast or too slow?" Lower Class Dispatcher, "Don't know—just idles".

## JENNINGS CHATTER

Hawthorne Airmotive  
Orangeburg Municipal  
Airport  
Ralph Crocker, Mgr.

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—The flying cadets from Carlisle Military School at Bamberg are beginning to solo now. Five of the boys made their first solo hops last week. They were: Henry Black, Bill Williams, Tom Mangrum, Ben Yarden and Allen Smith. Sgt. Lemmons and J. C. Martin of Orangeburg also took their first solo flights this month.

Biggest sensation at Jennings in March was the week-end visit of the 100 h.p. Piper Super Cruiser. Over 35 Orangeburg people had demonstration rides in the ship. It's good cruising speed and ability to get in and out of the smallest fields will make this post-war model an ideal ship for pleasure and business flying.

Anxious-shop-visitors include Bill (Against the Tee) Baldwin whose re-built Stinson Voyager should be ready to fly soon and Frank Schreiner and Walt Derrin who spend all their spare time trying to make "Ox" Oxner hurry the recovering of their Taylorcraft.

Bevo and Arden Howard completed a very successful business trip to Hollywood, Calif., and return in the Green Waco last week. Bevo is more anxious than ever now to have his 450 h.p. Beechcraft back in service.

Jim Harrison made another Washington trip in his Taylorcraft. The previous one was made at night—some excitement, he says.

CAA Inspectors H. C. Faller and J. P. Jones of Augusta, dropped in at Jennings for a visit in the UC-78 twin-engine Cessna the other day. Hawthorne Airmotive will soon have a Radio Repair Station. Our equipment is arriving and the

## Malaria Control Work Under Way

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Work on digging 2,000 feet of intercepting ditches has been under way for the past two weeks in the swamp area between the west side of Hawthorne Field and the Edisto river. The ditches are being dug to facilitate drainage of this area and further eliminate the possibility of malaria.

The project is being carried out by the State Department of Health in cooperation with the U. S. Public Health Service. The new work supplements previous ditches already dug as part of a project to eliminate "ponding" of water near the field.

shop will be put into operation as soon as possible.

—Bud Crocker

## FIRST DAY FOR A NEW CLASS AT FIELD...



First day at Primary is a day few cadets ever forget. Shown here are French students of the class of 45-F immediately after arrival at the field by train awaiting orders and room assignments.

ments, their baggage stacked up in front of the barracks. Barracks Number 3 is shown at left, Number 4 at right and west hangar in background. (Stevens photo)



# NEWS FROM THE HAWTHORNE BASES

## Hawthorne News from COLUMBIA

Hawthorne Flying Service, Inc.  
Walter Phipps, Mgr.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—NOTICE! The haloes, supported by horns, surrounding the heads of Jimmy Price and Louis Murray in the picture on the bulletin board. When did you two boys take up cycling as a sport? To Bill Strohmeier—better tie a pink ribbon on the next Cub you park on the Columbia ramp or you may find yourself minus transportation back to Orangeburg! The student who took it declared that was the best flying Cub on the field!

I hesitate to mention the name of the instructor who let the line-man work himself into a state of frenzy trying to crank a cruiser before "it" discovered the gas was cut off. The only argument there is that there WAS an operator, however incompetent, at the controls. This happened the same day the T-Craft was cranked sans operator, competent or otherwise.

**Best-laugh-of-month:** Sinkler, feeling no pain, telling Noble Mills (also under the "affluence") about the time he was solving a student under difficult traffic problems. Mrs. Mills tried to get in a question sledge, whereon Noble quips, "M'gosh honey, here I've got Delta coming in on runway one, Eastern on

runway two, a solo student taking off on runway three, and you interrupt me at a time like this!"

Writing at random: Don't miss Ed Turnes' vivid description of his forced landing with Gus Rancey. Daisy has the most unique method of handling the Sunday afternoon crowds.

The latest solos are: Bill Duttenhofer, Sgt. J. P. Dennicki, U.S.M.C.; Lt. Dan Nickols, Jr.; Gordon Berry; Pfc. Andrews, Fort Jackson. Mr. S. O. Sullivan, Anderson, S. C., received his private license recently.

The following have been issued horsepower ratings by Claude Rinehardt, flight examiner: Lt. C. Carney, Lt. D. O. Bial, Lt. G. E. Bost, Lt. Charles Kittle, Lt. Brinkerhoff, and Lt. L. A. Schroeder.

Columbians who have begun flying at Owens Field are: Mrs. Land, Mrs. Frankie Collier, Mr. Mill White, and Jack Shoar.

It was a pleasure to see Lee Borie, Jr. again. Lee flew down from Rocky Mount recently and, for first class entertainment, got him to tell you of his trip down to Columbia.

Page Winchester was the recipient of many envious glances Sunday morning when he stated that he intended to spend the day fishing on the Santee. Now we're wondering whether he was fish-tailing us when he told us the number of trout he caught.

Have you ever asked Mr. Phipps a question on any aspect of aviation which he couldn't answer? Neither have I, and if you really wish to be astounded get him on the subject of art, photography, or horticulture. It's amazing!

—Betty Morton

### AERO CLUB WIVES HAVE SUPPER PARTY

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—With the greatest attendance for any Aero Club party yet, the wives of Aero Club members held a supper party at the Club on Saturday night, March 3. Nearly 100 persons attended.

Food which included chicken, sandwiches, baked beans, cake, etc., was contributed by each wife. The success of the party indicates another one will be held soon.

## Report from Rocky Mount

(Hawthorne Flying Service)  
Lee B. Borie, Mgr.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.—Ted Gannaway's classes in salesmanship and his sales promotion program has gotten us squared away for a good take-off and we confidently look forward to leveling off at cruising speed and with a darn good tailwind.

Our line service took care of quite a variety of visiting aircraft during the past few weeks. They ranged all the way from a Cub J-2 to a twin-engine Beechcraft. Had these two planes been photographed together at the gas pit an appropriate caption for the picture might have been "Before and after filling".

Linesman Bob Boswell, got his Private License February 14, and on March 3rd, flew to Fayetteville where the army called him to report for active duty. Best of luck to you, Bob.

Imagine our excitement, when the other day a lady's voice on the phone announced that a plane had "fallen" at the Southwest edge of town. Inasmuch as all of our planes were not in from solo practice flights, we naturally got to stirring about. However, the "fallen" plane turned out to be a Cub from Wilmington, N. C., which had run out of gas and the pilot had very neatly and safely landed it in a field. He seemed grateful enough when Hawthorne's pilots offered to fly his plane out for him and over to the airport. This done, and after a thorough check up revealed no damage to the plane, he continued his trip on into Pennsylvania.

The "First Solo" honor roll had added to it's imposing list, the following since February's Pron Wash went to press:

Willie Simpson Burg, Mitchell Robert Skazalski, Hugh Alton Freeman Chase, Elmer Buchanan Davis.

Enjoyed Noble Mills' two brief visits recently. He and his passenger stopped in on their way to Franklin, Va., and again on their return toward Columbia, S. C.

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## News from Greensboro-High Point

Hawthorne Flying Service (Incorporated)  
ED HOVIS, Manager

GREENSBORO - HIGH POINT, N. C.—Weather permitting transient pilots are visiting this operation more frequently each month. Latest visitors were: Roy Douglas from Burlington; M. E. McManus, Charlotte; F. J. Brown, Charlotte; Ivan B. Bauguess, Salisbury; R. W. Pettigrew, Camp Mehan; S. L. Smith, Winston Salem; Otis Hobbs, Burlington; J. F. Holden, Burlington; H. Patterson, Salisbury; J. A. Webber, New York; Lloyd Parker, Winston Salem; L. V. Laney, Philadelphia; T. May, Atlanta; John Tarro, Charlotte; L. L. Cheek, Atlanta; E. C. Black, Charlotte; L. R. Darbey, New York; H. P. Rainville, Spartanburg; Herbert Ray, Salisbury, and H. Folkers, Charlottesville, Va.

The ground school conducted by Dr. Ben Hill was terminated this past week, and the final examination was given by CAA Inspector Foster.

Charter trips took E. N. Hovis and J. R. Bell to Greenville, Mississippi; West Palm Beach, Florida; Miami, Savannah, Ga.; Decatur, Alabama; Danville, Ky.; Danville, Ill.; Baltimore, Md.; Dansville, New York, and other points nearby.

## "AIR FACTS" EDITOR VISITS S. C. . . .



An unexpected week-end visitor to Columbia recently was Leighton Collins (center) well-known Editor of AIR FACTS magazine. After months of bitter winter in New York Mr. Collins enjoyed Columbia's fine spring weather for two days. Shown with him are Bill Strohmeier, Hawthorne public relations director (left) and Walter Phipps, Columbia Vice-President and Manager. Leverett photo)

## FAYETTEVILLE Flying Facts

Hawthorne Flying Service, Sib Law, Manager

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—What local pilot is now answering to the name of Down Wind? We advise him that the next time he goes into a new airport he'd better check the wind sock. Will the above mentioned party also stop stuffing our Coca-Cola machine with slugs?

We of the office welcome Mrs. Law, who is due to join Mr. Law this week. We hope she will like it here as well as we do.

It happens every time. Those late dates will cause you to miss the bus on Monday mornings. (Ask Miss Huggins, she knows.)

On February 25th two liaison planes flown by Lt. Schuedel and Flight Officer Cusler of the C.A.P. came over from Charlotte and gave a large number of the C.A.P. Cadets in Fayetteville a short hop. Lt. Williams, local C.A.P. commander, recently made flights to Stedman and Clinton.

What local flight instructor has gone on an egg diet recently? The other morning in a great rush to get to work, he grabbed up a sack of eggs and started out the door with them instead of his lunch, which his wife had prepared.

We take our hats off to the State Highway Patrol and another unnamed party for completely solving our second robbery. (At least our airport is popular among the thieves.)

A parking line has been installed. We finally had enough good weather for the painters to finish the signs on the hangar and office building and now people at least will know who is operating the municipal airport.

J. P. (Cadet) Putman flying a Culver Cadet, was a recent visitor to our field. With all his paraphernalia and complicated figuring, he managed to get lost twice between Orangeburg and Fayetteville. E. H. Gary and another feminine pilot, both ex-Wasps, flew through, headed for a vacation in Florida. W. D. Wiggs of Serv-Air, Raleigh, ferried a ship through for the Ace Flying Service. W. L. Meyers stopped over for a day. He is using his Cub for all of his business trips. Patrolman W. M. Whitley flew over in his Cub from Burgaw for a recent Highway Patrol meeting.

M. Green and J. S. Hagie played tag coming up from Miami, Fla. They took off from the same field in Miami and made identical stops, including Orangeburg, until they got to Fayetteville. When they arrived here, they found this out and also that they were about twenty minutes apart at each stop. Sara E. Payne, another former Wasp, was also a recent visitor to our field on a ferry trip to Wilmington.

We continue to have a large number of transient planes stopping by. Sgt. A. J. Hoffman of the Marines, flew over from Clinton in a J-3 Cub; J. H. Epps from Rocky Mount flying an Aerona; J. W. Beard from Clinton; M. H. Schosburg flying a 'Craft on cross country from Winston Salem to Burgaw; K. J. Wooten cross-country to Winston-Salem; Bill Wilkerson from Raleigh on solo cross-country; W. C. Norris from Pittsburg flying a Culver Cadet; Sam B. Long and Mr. Pennington from Carolina Beach flying a T-Craft.

T. E. Wannamaker has been a fairly constant visitor on his numerous business trips to and from Washington; Noble Mills of Hawthorne at Columbia flew through in a T-Craft Tandem; Lee Borie, Jr. from Rocky Mount; J. B. Waller, Hawthorne Aero Supply, Ev. Hart and Jim Harrison on an instrument flight through to Washington, D. C. Dwight Cross flew over from Charlotte for a business meeting; A. L. Mecca on a cross-country trip from Pennsylvania; G. W. Love on a cross-country trip to Clinton; Matt Brown flying a Stinson SR-9 on a cross-country trip to Lynchburg; E. H. Vestal, Southeastern Aviation, flew from Atlanta, Ga.

W. C. McIlwain is already conducting limited operations on his and Grantham's new field at Red Springs. C. B. Williams of the Curtiss-Wright Corp., has recently spent several Sundays trying to make up for the flying he missed while on duty overseas.

The Army took over our office on Inspector Richardson's last visit. There was a great rush by these pilots to obtain civilian licenses as most of them are going overseas shortly.

## Aero Club Dance For Red Cross

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Scheduled to be the "best dance in Orangeburg", the Aero Club has announced a benefit dance for the Red Cross to be held in the Armory Friday night, March 16. All proceeds from the affair will be turned over to the local Red Cross.

Frank Campbell, who is organizing the party for the Aero Club, has secured Jimmy Jett of Columbia, the "South's Finest Singer" and his 12-piece orchestra. Jett recently completed a 30-week engagement at the Plantation in Memphis and 20 weeks at the Riverside and Five O'Clock clubs in Columbia.

The dance is open to the public as well as military and civilian personnel at the field. Admission will be \$1.00 per person plus 20 cents tax. It will start at 8:00 p. m. and close at midnight.

## BEAUTY AND THE BEAST . . .



Recently interviewed on Hawthorne's "Spotlighting Sports" Program heard daily over WIS was the famous Swedish wrestler known as "The Angel". He's shown with sports announcer Bill Simmons (right), Bill's cute little daughter "Ginger" and Bill's not so cute bull dog. (Price photo)



# Hawthorne Service is Named Regional Representatives for Beechcraft

## Will Handle Sales of Beechcraft Planes in Several Eastern States

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Carl Wooten, Sales Manager of Beech Aircraft Corporation of Wichita, Kansas, has announced the appointment of Hawthorne Flying Service as Regional Representatives for post-war sales of Beechcraft airplanes.

The area in which Beech sales will be under the jurisdiction of Hawthorne includes major portions of North and South Carolina, a portion of eastern Georgia including Savannah and Brunswick, the District of Columbia and several counties in Maryland and Virginia served by the Washington, D. C. area.

As regional representatives, Hawthorne will appoint distributors and dealers in these areas to handle the sale of Beech planes in their communities. Hawthorne's President Beverly Howard and Carl Wooten have indicated that a meeting of prospective distributors and dealers will be held somewhere in the territory soon.

The Beech franchise gives Hawthorne representation of one of the world's best-known aircraft manufacturers. Before the war Beech built for commercial and private use two models. One was the single engine Model 17 bi-plane with retractable landing gear which was the fastest type of ship in the five passenger class. The other, known as the model 18, was an eight passenger twin engine model used extensively by corporations for executive travel. Both these models and modifications of them have been used extensively for both Army and Navy for personnel transport, twin-engine and bombardier training. Many feeder line applicants are proposing to use Beechcrafts for air mail pick-up routes.

Several other Beech models including ships to sell in lower price brackets will be announced soon for post-war production.

Hawthorne Flying Service is also distributor in South Carolina and a part of Georgia for Piper Aircraft Corporation, which with the higher-performance Beech models, will give Hawthorne a complete line of aircraft from small Cub types to large twin-engine transports.

The sales area outlined by Beech for Hawthorne is generally covered by existing Hawthorne bases or bases to be opened after the war. Sales in the Washington, D. C. area will be in conjunction with Hawthorne's affiliate Air Services, Inc., licensed by CAA to operate a charter service from Washington National Airport.

## Capt. H. C. Mitchell B-24 Combat Veteran Assigned Hawthorne

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Capt. H. C. Mitchell of Martinsville, Va., has been assigned to Hawthorne Field. He is the first combat veteran to join the military flight staff here. As First Pilot on a B-24 Liberator bomber he completed 30 missions in the European Theater of Operations.

Capt. Mitchell holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three clusters, and a Group Presidential Citation. He participated in three separate campaigns in the European Theater.

He received his primary training at Albany, Ga.; basic training at Greenville, Miss.; and advanced at George Field, Ill.



Hawthorne's Field's first permanently assigned combat returnee—Capt. H. C. Mitchell. (Broody photo)

## Allen Named Aero Supply Manager

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Resignation of M. Berley Kittrell as Manager of Hawthorne Aero Supply and the appointment of John J. Allen to succeed him were announced as Prop Wash went to press. The rapidly expanding scope of Aero Supply's activities in distributing aircraft parts and supplies has necessitated full-time managerial services and Kittrell's resignation was tendered to prevent Aero Supply activities from interfering with his duties as Group Commander at Hawthorne. Joe Allen has served Hawthorne Aero Supply as Assistant Manager

since the new parts and supply house was opened last summer.

Allen's experience in aircraft merchandising is extensive. A native of Pittsburgh, he served as storekeeper for Curtiss-Wright Corp., which operated a large chain of airports. Later he worked for Pennsylvania Airlines before being named Superintendent of Pittsburgh-Allegheny County Airport.

Prior to coming with Hawthorne, Allen was Recruitment and Material Supervisor for CAA-War Training Service in the Charlotte office.



Shown talking over details of Hawthorne's Beechcraft franchise are Beech Sales Manager Carl Wooten (left) and President Beverly Howard. Mr. Wooten recently spent several days at Orangeburg and Columbia at which time arrangements were completed to name Hawthorne Flying Service as Regional Representative for Beechcraft planes. (Leverett photo)

## DOGFACE CHATTER

By Gee Bee

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—So many things have happened, one doesn't quite know how to start the ball rolling, but maybe if we browse around amongst the different departments on the field, we'll come up with something worth printing. First, and most important to us GIs as this goes to press, is the establishment here of a time-honored policy politely called "Sergeant of the Guard." Its a real fancy title, but all it means to most of us is that instead of just working days, once in a while we'll have a chance to work at night, too. To M/Sgt. Jackson of Link goes the honor of being the first one to take a crack at it so let's wish him luck (he'll probably need it. I can just see the Medics laughing up their sleeves).

Looks like two of the boys from Engineering, Wissner and Powell, got their orders just at the right time so they really don't know what they're going to miss. Seriously, though, I know we're wishing them both the best of luck in their B-29 training out at Seattle. Looks like the rest of the boys will just have to sit between the frying pan and the fire under the new P.T. set-up. If one should chance to miss P.T. without authorization, one shall chance to receive in exchange, one extra tour of duty as Sergeant of the Guard. What chance has a poor guy got? S'about all for now, so it's back to work and we'll be seeing ya.

### Notes From the Link Dept.

With the warm days of what appears to be an early spring the topic of discussion in the Link Trainer Dept. is some unbelievable fishing trip with a "fini" of a nice string of fish or one of above the average sizes, ah! some dream. Other than fishermen we have golfers, sleepers, "woosers" and photographers, and most of those have at some time or other turned some exceptional work. Oh! by the way—not to mention any names—but we have one expert car washer.

All joking aside now, the men are doing a "jam-up" job trying

**FAMOUS PHOTOGRAPHER  
WILL VISIT HAWTHORNE**  
COLUMBIA, S. C.—Hans Groen, hoff, internationally known aviation photographer, whose picture stories appear frequently in Life, Colliers and other important magazines, will visit Hawthorne soon on assignment by FLYING magazine to do a complete picture story on Hawthorne operations at Columbia as an outstanding example of modern airport service

## FLIGHT LINE

### Gossip

By Andy Griffith

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Jerry Swantek, former instructor and a Captain with China National Airways keeps writing nice letters back to his old pals. You can't appreciate China unless you've read one of Jerry's letters. Incidentally Swantek's side kick, Jack Nyland, will soon have his hand on more than one throttle. Jack left last week to go with TWA.

Among recent visitors to the field was F.O. James Broody (brother of the famous local photo). Jim is a former Hawthorne instructor and ferried in one of the new PT-13's.

Bud Crocker sends words that working conditions are getting better. He now has to change diapers at 10, 12, 2 and 7 and warm the bottle at 9, 11, 1 and 4. "What a life sighs Crocker as he rests his weary head on Ken (he is still No. 1 pin-up boy) Ellis' shoulder.

The Expectant Fathers' Club has been organized and is now VERY active. Watch this space for more news later. Next issue will include names of officers and members.

Doc Tilton, who has been ill for quite a spell, recently threw this remark at a traffic cop that had reprimanded him. "Why don't you join the cavalry and relieve four jack-asses for active duty."—same old Tilton.

The last graduation dance was complete except for one thing. In spite of every encouragement Bill Catron could not be persuaded to give the old Tennessee Hog Call.

## LT. KING WINS PING PONG TOURNAMENT

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Newly crowned ping pong champion at Hawthorne Field is Lieut. George King who defeated Sgt. Frederick C. Perry, Jr. to win the ping pong tournament for military personnel held during February.

Lieut. King defeated Sgt. Perry in four straight games 21-18, 21-17, 21-17, and 26-24.

A doubles ping pong tournament is scheduled to get underway soon, according to Lieut. Maurice Clay.

to do their bit in making the finished product a better pilot—level off—"fly right". See you next issue.

## GROWING EVERY DAY . . .



Here are two insignia worn by French students and pilots. The one on the left is the training emblem showing three French chicks looking up to the American Eagle, symbolic of the American training of French pilots. The motto "Ils Grandiront" means "they will grow". The other unofficial emblem is worn by French pilots who have graduated and are ready for combat. They show the three chicks now as full-grown roosters about to finish off a Nazi crow. The motto "Ils ont grandi" means "they have grown". (Dean and Broody photos)

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