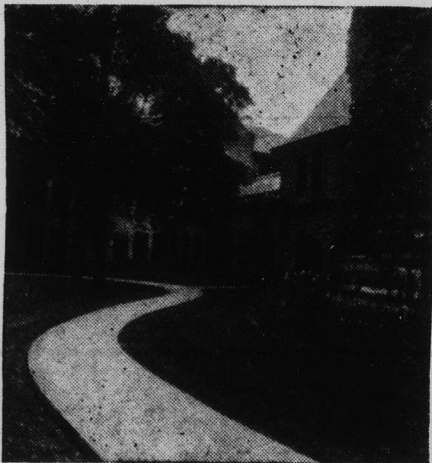


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# AVIATION

## EFFICIENCY

Performance records during the first five months of United Air lines' operation of Douglas-built Mainliners confirm the high efficiency rating given the 14-cylinder two-row type of Wasp aircraft engines by exacting service in the Army air corps and in long range trans-Pacific flights, according to H. O. West, chief of engineering for United.

The Mainliners, which mark the first passenger landplane installation of the 14-cylinder Wasps, have been flown more than 2,000,000 miles since being placed in schedule in December, with a record of performance described by West as "outstanding."

The twin-bank engines enable the Mainliners to cruise at 190 miles an hour utilizing only 62 per cent power, making possible 15 1/3 hour coast-to-coast flights with only three stops. With only one engine in use, the fully loaded 12-ton transport can climb to 9,500 feet, and its twin-engine ceiling is 24,000 feet.

## Flying Lab

Mainliner power plants include constant speed propellers and automatic mixture control, which United engineers pioneered, as a standard feature. Tests are now being conducted on the company's flying laboratory with a new type fuel feed system designed to eliminate the ordinary carburetors.

The line chose the two-row engines for installation on its fleet of 29 Mainliners after they had been proven in stringent military service and in long-distance over-water flights on Pan American's trans-Pacific route.

## CHIEF PILOT

Ragnar T. Freng, million-mile veteran of United Air Line's coast-to-coast airway and the country's foremost pilot in the field of instrument-landing development, has been named chief of flying for United, it is announced by President W. A. Patterson of Kenilworth. His appointment coincides with expansion of the flying departmental organization which more than doubles the number of pilot-executives in the company's operations division.

Effective immediately, Patterson announced establishment of four operating divisions—Eastern, Mid-Western, Western, and Pacific—with the pilots of each supervised by a chief pilot with one or more assistants.

Freng learned to fly in the Army air corps at Maxwell Field, Alabama, in 1919, and then engaged in exhibition and scenic tour flying in southern Germany and Norway. Returning to the United States, he flew forest patrol planes until 1925 when he entered the air mail service.

During the past two years, Freng, who has been flying for United since inception of the company's service in 1927, has devoted considerable time to the flying end of the instrument-landing system under development at Oakland airport, and has successfully accomplished more than 500 instrument landings "under the hood."

Assisting him will be the following chief pilots: Walter Addems, eastern division; W. D. Williams, mid-western division; Harry Huking, western division, and Reuben Wagner, Pacific division.

## NEW DUTIES

Major R. W. "Shorty" Schroeder, who recently resigned from the position of assistant director of the Bureau of Air Commerce to accept a post in the operation department of United Air lines, arrived at Chicago recently to take over his new duties as manager of operations for the company. In his new capacity, he will be in control of operating policies and practices, according to President W. A. Patterson. He will shortly make a complete inspection tour of United's New York-Chicago-Pacific coast and Seattle-San Diego airways.

## AT CURTISS FIELD

B. D. De Weese, president of the Stinson aircraft corporation, and his son, B. D. De Weese, Jr., were visitors at Curtiss airport for four days.

First drill at its new base at Curtiss field was held by the naval reserve aviation squadron last Saturday. In all, 18 aircraft have been assigned to the squadron, and of this number, seven are new Grumans, five are older "hell divers," and two are Fledglings. There are a number of amphibians as well. Formation flying and dive bombing occupied the time of the flyers.

Space has been leased to the Mignet syndicate which contemplates building two planes at Curtiss.

## North Shore Students Graduate at Purdue U.

Several students in New Trier township were listed among the graduates at Purdue university last Sunday. Diplomas were presented by President E. C. Elliott. Governor M. Clifford Townsend, of Indiana, made the commencement address. Local students included:

Jane Russell, Glencoe, home economics.

Eugene P. Berg, Wilmette, mechanical engineering.

William Henry Smythe, Jr., Kenilworth, mechanical engineering.

Robert H. Walpole, Jr., Winnetka, mechanical engineering.

Lewis Cole Birdsall, Glencoe, electrical engineering.

Benjamin W. Brion, Glencoe, electrical engineering.

Walter J. Lempke, Jr., Wilmette, electrical engineering.

Ray P. Dunn, Wilmette, chemical engineering.

Richard H. Pickard, Wilmette, chemical engineering.

## BAHA'I LECTURE

"The Oneness of Mankind" is the subject on which Mrs. Margaret Lindstrom, of Evanston, formerly of Boston, will speak in Foundation hall, Baha'i Universal House of Worship, Wilmette at the Sunday afternoon meeting at 3:30 on June 20. The children's classes will meet as usual at 11 o'clock in the morning.

## GIVEN AWARD

John Spencer Norrington of Glencoe was awarded one of the McPherson prizes for general excellence in scholarship at the fifty-ninth annual commencement exercises of Lake Forest college Saturday, June 12.

## Wilmette Students Get U. of C. Degrees

Three Wilmette students were awarded degrees by the University of Chicago at its 118th convocation exercises held in the University chapel June 11.

They are George Browning, Jr., 423 Ninth street; Richard D. Hall, 809 Central avenue, and Dorothy R. Shapiro, 231 Greenleaf avenue. All three received the degree of Bachelor.

Miss Shapiro was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic organization, for outstanding scholarship in the work for the bachelor's degree.

The total number of degrees awarded by the university in its fourth and last convocation of the academic year was 880.

Robert M. Hutchins, president of the university, conferred the degrees and delivered the convocation address. Harold G. Moulton, president of the Brookings Institution, was awarded an honorary LL. D. degree. Dr. Moulton is a Chicago alumnus.

## Glen Cote Thrift Shop Holds Half-Price Sale

All clothing in stock at the Glen Cote Thrift shop, 659 Vernon avenue, Glencoe, has been reduced in price 50 per cent for a half-price sale to be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Some excellent bargains will be obtained in men's and women's clothing, and infant's and children's wear. Hats and shoes will be included in the sale. Mrs. George Heidman, the chairman of the pricing committee, is in charge of the arrangements, assisted by Mrs. George Pretzel, the manager of the shop. Mrs. Charles A. Steele is chairman of the board of Glen Cote, a project sponsored by the Woman's Library Club of Glencoe.

## PROMINENT



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Miss Frances Marie Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Ellis, 823 Greenwood avenue, Wilmette, was one of the leaders of student activities during the past year at Carleton college, Northfield, Minn.

She has served as president of the Women's league, as an officer of the League of Women Voters and the International Relations club, of the Women's Athletic association and the Young Women's Christian association.