

AVIATION

JACK KNIGHT RETIRES

Completing twenty years and 2,400,000 miles of flying with the record of more miles flown than any other pilot in the world, Capt. Jack Knight, of United Air Lines, announced this week his retirement from active flying to accept a position as director of public education for United.

Knight disclosed that his last scheduled flight marked completion of his eighteen thousandth hour of officially logged flying time. Coincidentally, the last trip was a non-stop sleeper schedule from Denver to Chicago, the division over which Knight sixteen years ago made a famous air mail flight which made him a national hero.

Enlisted In Army

He enlisted in the air service of the U. S. Army in 1917, and learned to fly at Ellington Field, Texas. He became instructor of acrobatics there. After the Armistice, Knight took an engineering job in Chicago, but one day in 1919 some planes flew over the city's loop. The urge was too strong, and he decided to return to flying.

Knight made early history for the air mail flying "DH's," pioneer "flying crates" as they were popularly known then. He joined the U. S. air

mail service in 1919, first flying between New York and Chicago and later between Omaha and Cheyenne. In 1921 Congress considered bandoning air mail appropriations contending that because mail could not be flown at night the time saved did not warrant the expenditure. Knight was one of a band of seven air mail pilots who volunteered to make a continuous day and night flight across the continent to prove that if the government would make the appropriations to put in the world's first airway lighting system, air mail would serve a more useful purpose. It fell to Knight's lot to draw the night portion of the trip from Chicago, aided only by bonfires which farmers were asked to build along the route. The day was saved for air mail. Congress made the appropriation, and the New York-San Francisco airway became the first lighted and improved airway in the world. This flight, made six years before Colonel Lindbergh flew the Atlantic ocean, brought Knight international prominence over night.

When United Air Lines took over operation of the route in 1927, Knight flew the Chicago-Omaha division, and later the Chicago-Denver section, from which he retired this week.

GLENCOE TOTS VISIT AIRPORT



Courtesy of United Air Lines
A group of youngsters from the kindergarten of the North school, Vernon avenue and Green Bay road, Glencoe, shown as they visited the municipal airport, Chicago, recently.

In the front row are Jean Shannon, Jo Ann Hefter, Lynn Joscelyn, Barbara Jayne Sittig, Betty Ritter, Tommy Corrigan, and Carriellen Reeve. In the second row, with the stewardess, are Robbie Paley, Lachlan Stewart, Audrey Gallery, and Dian Gerts.

In the third row is Carol Wyman, with the teacher, Miss Zoa Favoright. At the rear of the picture are Dickie Broderick, Billy Worthington, Cathleen O'Malley, and David Belding.

Frank Moran, 1047 Linden avenue, and his son, Johnny, left Tuesday morning to spend the winter in Miami, Fla.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

The United States Civil Service commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Associate biochemist (syphilis research), \$3,200 a year, U. S. Public Health Service.

Specialist in maternal and child health, \$3,800 a year, and senior and principal specialists, \$4,600 and \$5,600 a year; and associate in maternal and child health, \$3,200 a year; Children's Bureau, Department of Labor.

Full information may be obtained from the secretary of the U. S. Civil Service board of examiners at the post office or customhouse in this city.

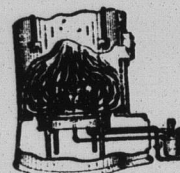
BAHA'I LECTURE

"Abdu'l-Baha, the Mighty Branch," is the subject on which Albert Windust of Chicago will speak at the Sunday afternoon meeting at 3:30 o'clock, November 28, in Foundation hall, Baha'i Universal House of Worship, at Linden avenue and Sheridan road, Wilmette. The Sunday morning classes for children will meet at 11 o'clock. On Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the class for Guides and all who would like to attend, which comes together each Sunday will meet for one hour's study of the "Dawn-Breakers," that unique history of the "Bab," the "Forerunner" of Baha'u'llah and the days immediately associated with him.

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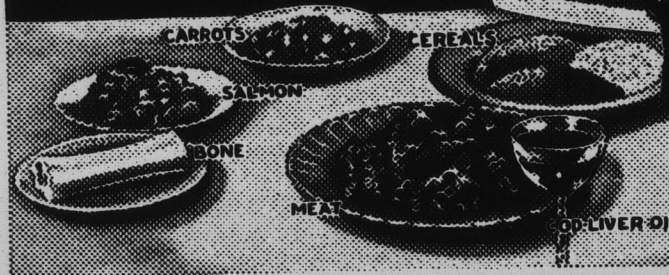
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