

LICENSED AIRPLANES HAVE FEW ACCIDENTS

STATISTICS ARE ISSUED

Report Shows Over 97 Per Cent Safe Operation by Licensed Pilots; Others Show Tragedies

The airplane still is regarded by a great many persons as merely the vehicle of adventurers or a luxury of the rich or well-to-do rather than an everyday agency in furthering the more prosaic interests of the general public. Their imagination is intrigued with the romance of aviation and they are thrilled by stories of disaster.

"Only last week, newspaper stories told of the death of eight men in airplane crashes in one day," said Colonel Paul Henderson, Vice President and General Manager of National Air Transport, Inc., "but a careful analysis of airplane accidents in the United States tells a different story from what is featured in front page headlines. The complete figures for all fatalities in airplane accidents during the last year have just been published by the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America and they disclose that 131 of the 164 fatalities occurred in unlicensed airplanes. It further shows that 97 per cent of the licensed airplanes in the country operated throughout the year, flying millions of miles, without a single fatality."

From Official Report

The facts were obtained from official reports of the Department of Commerce and from 382 reports submitted to the Chamber by all classes of operators giving performance and traffic data for nearly all the fixed base flying organizations in the United States.

"In the Government air mail operations there was but one fatality to 1,413,381 pilot-passenger miles and in was one to 1,413,330. The significance of this is apparent in that the latter figure equals sixty times the circumference of the earth at the Equator.

"In addition to the casualties occurring in the regulated operations of Government air mail and air transport companies, twenty-eight fatalities occurred in trans-oceanic, racing, demonstration and test flying and twenty-one among students attempting to learn to fly. The remaining 110 fatalities were attributed to aerial service operations."

Question of Time

"It will only be a question of time," said Colonel Henderson, "before public sentiment will demand that all aircraft and all pilots be licensed because people are beginning to realize that flying operations are equally safe and equally deserving of public confidence when conducted with the same care and regard for safety precautions as are applied to railways and ocean navigation. As far as our company is concerned, National Air Transport, Inc. operates licensed planes only with licensed pilots and mechanics and in two years of operations we have flown over 2,000,000 miles, far exceeding the average for the country, with only one pilot fatality and we have never injured a passenger or lost a single air mail letter or air express package.

"When the public is shuddering at the account of some fatal accident in which generally the crash is featured much more strongly than the fact that it is a second hand plane operated by an inexperienced or unlicensed pilot as the case may be they often lose sight of the fact that in the meantime thousands of planes are pursuing their unromantic course through the air on regular scheduled flights carrying mail, express and passengers without unusual incident."

CHRISTMAS TREES BRING TUSSOCK MOTH TO STATE

Christmas trees from the New England states brought the Antique Tussock moth to Illinois, according to the investigation the division of plant industry, Illinois department of agriculture, has concluded. This insect pest detected recently at Belleville, is one from which the farmers of this state thus far, have been free. The department of agriculture deems it better to prevent its importation into Illinois than an effort to combat it.

BUTLER IS HEAD OF RELIEF COMMITTEE

Madame Liapcheff, wife of the Prime Minister of Bulgaria is receiving funds through the Bulgarian representative of Near East Relief from an American committee of which Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia university, is chairman. These funds have been contributed by American individuals to feed 1,000 children rendered homeless by the recent earthquakes. A similar contribution is being made by Near East Relief to care for 500 baby victims of the earthquakes in Greece.

Cooking Centers
A cooking center is necessary for every home, thinks a leading housewife; therefore one of the bride's first trips is usually to a hardware store for purchase of a stove.—Farm and Fireside.

MINERS EMPLOYED IN ILLINOIS INCREASE

More of Them Employed Than a Year Ago and Tonnage Is Greater

Approximately 20,000 miners were employed in the coal mines of Illinois during the month of April, according to reports made to the Department of Mines and Minerals. Coal production for the month reached 1,224,546 tons, or a little more than five times that produced during the month of April one year ago.

The report shows eighty-five mines in operation for some period during the month, with the employes working an average of twelve days during the month.

Four Fatal Accidents

Four fatalities were reported in the mines of the state during the month of April. These occurred in Franklin, Montgomery, St. Clair and Washington counties. During the same period 216 accidents were reported which resulted in loss of time from employment, an average of a little over one accident for each 100 miners employed.

For the first four months of the present year there has been produced 19,968,902 tons of coal in Illinois, a falling off of more than 6,000,000 tons from the corresponding period of 1927, when a tonnage of 26,247,900 was reported.

Semi-official information received during the present month by the Department of Mines and Minerals shows a steady increase in the number of miners working and it is indicated the number at present is practically double that shown in the report for the month of April.

FLOOD CONTROL WORK TO START IMMEDIATELY

Flood control work on numerous streams throughout the country will begin immediately and will be pushed by army engineers as rapidly as is practicable under allotments of funds aggregating \$1,500,000 announced a few days ago by the secretary of war.

The funds will be used for the beginning of surveys of the streams with a view to formulation of plans for their most effective improvement from the standpoint of flood control and navigation, in co-ordination with irrigation and power where these uses may be involved. The allotments included an Illinois river budget of \$40,000.

FACIAL MASSAGE BY CAREFUL USE OF WORDS

Writer in Magazine Says Beauty Aided by Voice and Choice of Language

Facial massage by careful use of words, elimination of wrinkles by means of fewer elevations of the eyebrows and eye squintings, are possibilities in the modern wish for everlasting youth.

Hazel Rawson Cades, beauty editor of Farm and Fireside Magazine, sees not only beauty and charm in a well modulated voice and careful choice of words but a positive beauty aid in facial expression from these characteristics.

"Do you talk vigorously, squinting up your eyes?" asks this beauty expert in the June issue of Farm and Fireside; "do you elevate your eyebrows, grinding furrows into your forehead and etching lines from the corner of your mouth to your nose? Watch yourself in action before a mirror and you'll be aghast. Then consider whether you think other people enjoy looking at you going through these motions. It's extremely tiring, I think, not only to listen to but also to watch a vigorous talker."

Miss Cades thinks there is strength in short, apt words which say things economically. "You don't need to use high falutin many syllabled words to speak well. You don't need to avoid slang. But you do need to choose your words carefully and to avoid the habit—if you have it—of using lazily, over and over, whether they apply or not, the same shopworn phrases."

VAGRANTS MAY BE SENT TO THE STATE FARMS

Under an interpretation of the state vagrancy law handed down by the attorney general's office, it is held county judges have the power to sentence to the state farm at Vandalia. However, sentence can be passed only if the offender is convicted at the law term of the court.

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