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Director, Aeronautical Center

MITCHELL TO HEAD AGENCY MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL TRAINING SCHOOLS. James B. Mitchell has been selected to head the Agency's Management and General Training Schools located at NAFEC. Established last September, this training organization is the operating element that develops and conducts FAA management and general training, including The Executive School, the Administrative Management Development Program, Management-Through-Team-Action-Courses, and the Air Transportation Systems Specialist Program. Mitchell, who joined the Agency in 1957, has been Assistant Director of the FAA Academy since 1960. He has a B.S. degree from East Texas State College and an M.A. in Education from the University of Texas.

GOUDIE NAMED SM DIRECTOR. Glenn E. Goudie, former Deputy Director of Systems Maintenance Service, has been named Director, replacing Bernard J. Vierling, now Deputy Director of the Office of Supersonic Transport Development. Goudie's FAA service dates back to 1940 when the Alaska Aeronautics and Communications Commission, of which he was supervisor, was taken over by the Federal Government. In 1945 he was transferred to Washington as chief of the former CAA's radio engineering section. In 1951 Goudie was detailed to ICAO to survey, install and commission Iceland's air navigation facilities. Two years later, he became chief of an ICAO technical assistance mission to Lebanon to establish and commission Khalde International Airport. The governments of Iceland and Lebanon decorated Goudie for his work. He also holds two meritorious service awards from FAA. He is an active pilot and holds a commercial license with multi-engine and instrument ratings.

TYPE RATINGS ESTABLISHED FOR FLIGHT ENGINEERS. In a move to update flight engineer certificates, the FAA issued new rules last week requiring flight engineers to obtain ratings for the classes of aircraft on which they fly. Effective February 22, 1966, flight engineers must have a rating in at least one of three classes of airplanes: piston engine, turboprop, or turbojet. Training, experience, knowledge and skill requirements leading up to the particular class rating will be based on a specific airplane class rather than on aircraft in general, as is now the rule.

PERSONNEL OFFICERS TO CONVENE. Among the subjects to be discussed by field personnel officers when they convene in Washington December 7-9 will be the impact of the area manager program on Agency P&T activities and the long range personnel and training goals and objectives. These semiannual meetings are designed to assess objectively Agency P&T programs and discuss new developments affecting the program.

FLIGHT STANDARDS EXECUTIVE OFFICER NAMED. Gordon A. "Porky" Williams Jr. has been selected as Executive Officer for Flight Standards Service. Williams replaces Dick Skully, recently appointed Deputy Director of the Aeronautical Center. Williams' most recent assignment was that of chief, FS Evaluation Staff, having moved to Washington from the Central Region in July of this year where he served as supervisory inspector of the Air Carrier District Office in Kansas City.

BIG YEAR FOR AVIATION. The Flight Standards Information Manual for the first quarter 1966 shows that active general aviation aircraft totaled 95,372 as of September 30. This figure is up from 88,742 as of January 1. Production of civil aircraft during the first six months of 1965 reached 6,014, a trend which promises to bring total production for the year above the 12,000 mark, the largest since the post-war high-production years of 1946 and '47.

AIRPORTS BEAUTIFICATION PLAN SOUGHT. A nation-wide plan to beautify American airports is being developed by the FAA Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation. The committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Philip A. Hart, is working with aviation association, women's organizations and state and municipal authorities to develop plans in response to the Administrator's recent request of them for specific recommendations as to how such a program could be carried out.

SLIDES TELL THE STORY. THE FAA STORY has been neatly packaged into a 33mm slide presentation complete with accompanying script. Designed for use by Agency personnel in the field who have opportunities for speaking before service clubs and other groups, this 20-minute presentation -- through the medium of 77 color slides -- tells the story of the FAA. Beginning with a brief, general history of aviation, it reports on the role of airmen, touches on the National Airport Plan, and, through the means of a typical flight, shows the many air traffic services available to both VFR and the IFR pilot. Included in the program are scenes showing FAA research activities and even a look into the future. Regional and Center public affairs officers have this kit available for your use.

NAVY AIDS AGENCY HELICOPTER STUDIES. The Navy supplied a model UH-34D helicopter in support of extensive Agency test flying at sea-level, 4000 and 7000 foot altitudes as part of a study of autorotative approach and landing characteristics of single-engine lift helicopters. The tests, scheduled for completion in early December, will improve safety in both commercial and military helicopter operations.

FAA/DOD AIRWORTHINESS REQUIREMENTS CONFERENCE. The Federal Aviation Agency and the Department of Defense is holding a conference on airworthiness requirements for rotorcraft at the Aeronautical Center Staging Facility. This conference is being sponsored by the Engineering and Manufacturing Division in Washington and is being conducted in Oklahoma City to utilize the Engineering and Manufacturing personnel of the Flight Standards Technical Division and the facilities of the Aeronautical Center. The purpose of the meeting is to make a comparison study of Federal Aviation Regulation 27 and associated Technical Standard Orders with the military specifications of the Department of Defense. The objective is to identify differences in these two sets of standards and endeavor to bring them as close together as possible. The reason for doing this is that the DOD in the past has used the civil standards in procuring certain helicopters, as well as aircraft, and would like to continue using them in the future.

One for the road may be more than you can handle.
Live it up - but live.

GOBBLEDYGOOK OF THE WEEK. "At this stage in the NAS Terminal Area Program, we see the necessity of ATS determination of system reliability requirements. Once we have this statistical datum, we can realistically set criteria for intrinsic equipment reliability as a trade-off with maintainability and staffing requirements to assure practicability and the best cost/benefit ratio."

ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL NAMED. Charles J. Peters has been named by the Administrator to the position of Associate General Counsel, General Legal Services Division. Peters, who has been with the Agency in the Office of the General Counsel since August 1948, had previously served as Assistant Associate General Counsel, Litigation Division.

LOWER WEATHER MINIMUMS PROPOSED FOR GENERAL AVIATION. The Agency is considering rule changes that would lower the airport landing weather minimums for general aviation aircraft to equal the present minimums for commercial transport aircraft. Applicable to aircraft either weighing over 12,500 pounds or the small turbojet type, the proposal coincides with the Category II all-weather landing program, reducing the current runway visibility limit from 2600 feet RVR (runway visual range) to 1600 feet RVR initially, and eventually to 1200 feet RVR. The proposal calls for more stringent pilot requirements and improved airborne and ground equipment.

AIRPORT PLANNING GUIDES PUBLISHED. Two advisory circulars, one designed to assist communities in preparing airport layout plans, and another in developing airport industrial parks, have been published by the FAA. "Preparation of Airport Layout Plans" is a detailed guide for communities seeking to improve their airport facilities under FAAP. "Planning the Airport Industrial Park" analyzes the advantages of this type airport for certain types of communities, outlines steps to be taken, lists sources of funding available and shows, with maps and data, some recently completed examples.

CONTROLLERS FACE CAMERAS. Air traffic controllers at the John F. Kennedy International Airport will be featured on an ABC-TV nation-wide program on Sunday, December 12th. The program, "Discovery-65," will focus upon "Jets at JFK." Local showing will be at 10:30 a.m. on KOCO-TV, Channel 5.

CHRISTMAS PROJECTS FOR THE NEEDY. With the approach of the Christmas season, many fine projects will be undertaken by various organizations to provide food and clothing for the needy, less fortunate families. It need not be said that these are worthy and commendable projects. Any plan to solicit or accept funds or assistance for such projects from other than FAA employees should be coordinated with the Personnel Relations Branch, AC-13A.

DEMONSTRATION OF PORTABLE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM and dictating-transcribing equipment will be conducted by representatives of Audograph of Oklahoma. The demonstration will be Thursday, December 9, 1965, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Room 111, Aviation Records Building.

Christmas comes but once a year....
So keep it safe - and full of cheer.

HEALTH BENEFIT CHANGES: Many of the health benefit plans which are available to Government employees have been altered either by benefit changes or rate increases. Rate increases will be effective with the first pay period beginning after December 31, 1965. Changes in benefits are effective January 1, 1966. The next open season will be scheduled and announced before February 15, 1968. A brochure giving further information about plan changes is being distributed this week.

1965 COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN FINAL REPORT. Recent newspaper articles have proclaimed the success of the 1965 United Fund Drive in Oklahoma County. A great share of the credit can be claimed by area employees of the Federal Aviation Agency. Under the Combined Federal Campaign FAA employees not only contributed record support to the local United Fund in the Oklahoma County and surrounding counties, but also to the National Health and International Service Agencies. Following is the final breakdown of local support.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>% of Participation</u>	<u>Amount of Pledges</u>	<u>% of Quota</u>
Immed. Office, Dir.	100	305.36	271
Intl. Liaison	100	107.00	247
Public Affairs	100	162.00	251
Counsel	100	142.40	203
Def. Readiness	100	43.26	137
Compl. & Sec.	80	109.55	118
Pers. & Trng.	100	1572.76	201
Accounting	100	1642.68	160
Budget	100	355.10	200
Admin. Services	100	2038.97	138
Plant Engr.	91	2326.21	99
Mgt. Analysis	91	331.00	157
Audit	100	200.00	155
Data Services	96	5188.24	137
SST	100	2.00	4
CARI	85	1657.69	86
Engr. & Mfg.	97	899.32	137
Natl. Flt. Insp.	95	3672.00	116
A. M. Cert.	100	678.92	105
Maint. Tech. Stds.	100	211.44	126
Depot	97	17356.86	138
Med. Clinic	80	139.00	81
ASB	94	13806.23	96
Academy	92	14851.86	112
Oper. Airman	100	531.31	135
Oper. Data Div.	100	139.50	105
NAAIS	100	193.28	180
Miscel.	-	106.50	-
TOTAL AC	95	68770.44	119
S.W. Region	89	2143.55	82
TOTAL FAA SECTION	95	70913.99	117

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NEW ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT AT ACADEMY APPOINTED. Warren W. Smith, chief of the Flight Standards Training at the FAA Academy at Oklahoma City since 1958, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Academy. Smith joined the Agency in 1939 as an aeronautical instructor in Wichita. He went to the Aeronautical Center in 1948, after a tour of duty as Assistant Director, Airman Services in Washington headquarters. He replaces James B. Mitchell who has been selected to head the Agency management and general training schools located at NAFEC.

CIVIL SERVICE INSPECTION HERE JANUARY 3-14. The Civil Service Commission will conduct its periodic inspection of our personnel management operations during the period January 3 through January 14, 1966. Inspection team members will make some contacts with supervisors and employees in the course of their information gathering. Any employees so contacted will be expected to cooperate fully. The Commission has asked us to announce that inspection team members will be available during the inspection period for individual interviews with any employee who may wish to discuss matters directly relating to personnel management operations. Employees who wish an interview should get in touch with Mr. John Beard, extension 2503, Room 127, Headquarters Building, not later than December 30.

ANNUAL RE-REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES ELIMINATED. Aeronautical Center employees with automobiles presently registered with the Compliance and Security Staff, AC-9, will NOT need to re-register when they purchase their 1966 license tags as required in past years. The procedures for the purchase of new vehicles and transfer or sale of vehicles will remain as outlined in existing orders.

EMPLOYEES TO ENJOY CHRISTMAS MUSIC. Aeronautical Center employees will have the opportunity to enter into the Christmas mood Tuesday, December 21, when a choral group from Moore High School presents two programs of seasonal music in the Headquarters auditorium. Supervisors are urged to schedule employees to attend either the 11:00 o'clock performance or the 1:30 performance on that day. Those attending are urged to be prompt. The program will last approximately 30 minutes.

EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS DANCE - DECEMBER 17. The huge, new Sheraton Hotel Ballroom will be the scene of the Annual Christmas Dance, Friday, December 17, 9 to 1 A.M. The charge is \$2 a person for Association members (includes spouses), \$2.50 for non-members and guests. Mike Fowler will provide the music. Get a group together - purchase tickets from your representative, the Credit Union, or Association Secretary - and join in this gala affair.

234 FAAERS TO RETIRE IN DECEMBER. As of December 1, 234 employees have planned to retire prior to December 30 to take advantage of the 6.5 per cent bonus feature. The largest number, 59, are in the Western Region; Washington Headquarters is next with 38; followed by Central Region with 31. The Aeronautical Center will have 18 retiring. This number is expected to increase before the deadline date and a final report will be made in INTERCOM.

CYROCKI NOMINATED FOR FLEMMING AWARD. John M. Cyrocki, chief, Flight Standards Division, Pacific Region, has been nominated by the Administrator for the 18th Annual Arthur S. Flemming Award. Cyrocki was selected as the FAA nominee, upon recommendation of the Agency's Executive Personnel Board, for his Administrative achievement during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965. The award recognizes young men who have performed outstanding and meritorious work for the Federal Government. The award is designed to attract outstanding men to the Federal Government; to encourage high standards of performance in the Federal Service and to enhance appreciation of our form of government.

TWO STAFF APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED. Arven H. Saunders, Deputy Director, BNCA, has been appointed Director of the Bureau of National Capital Airports. He replaces G. Ward Hobbs, who has been appointed special assistant to the Assistant Administrator for International Aviation Affairs. Saunders joined the FAA in March 1963 as manager of Dulles International Airport and was later appointed Assistant Director for Operations of both Dulles and Washington National airports. He has more than 20 years experience in aviation, including 12 years with American Airlines, and was manager of the Greater Cincinnati and also the Raleigh-Durham airports. Hobbs came to the Agency in January 1960 from Capital Airlines. Prior to that he was with American Airlines.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES. Following the usual custom, a number of organizations at the Center plan to hold open house on the last workday preceding the Christmas holiday. This provides a good means for exchanging feelings of goodwill during this joyous season. While all are encouraged to participate in these activities and enjoy themselves, the usual Agency code of ethics and standards of conduct will be observed. There will be no early dismissal of employees nor excused absence for individuals who may not participate in these activities.

HOLIDAY WEEKENDS. Many Government employees will get Friday-through-Sunday weekends over Christmas and New Year's this holiday season. The three-day holiday weekends are due to the holidays falling on a Saturday. Under the law, whenever a legal holiday occurs on a Saturday it is observed as a holiday in Government on the preceding Friday. Irregular workweek employees who have worked 32 hours before a Friday which is observed as a holiday in lieu of a Saturday holiday are not entitled to 8 hours compensation with charge to leave if they do not work on Friday unless they are prevented from working on that day because of the closing of the office.

FLIGHT ENGINEER WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS. The Operations Airman Branch of the Flight Standards Technical Division has recently completed development of eight new Flight Engineer Written Examinations and associated examination guidance materials to implement the revised Subpart B of Federal Aviation Regulation Part 63 "Certification: Flight Crew Members Other Than Pilots." This amendment was signed on November 16, 1965, and establishes airplane class ratings for flight engineers, viz.: Flight Engineer-Reciprocating Engine; Flight Engineer-Turboprop; Flight Engineer-Turbojet. These examinations are to be placed in normal field use on the effective date of February 22, 1966. However, earlier administration of these examinations will be effected in those cases where air carrier company applicants have completed training leading to certification in these newly established class ratings.

CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS AVAILABLE TO ALL. The Classification Act of 1949 is the basic act establishing the current system of position classification in the Federal Service. A part of the system is the development of standards by the Civil Service Commission which must be used by all Federal Agencies when classifying a position. Recent evidence indicates that some employees and supervisors have felt they were not permitted to review the classification standards. This is not true. A nearly complete set of GS Classification Standards is available for anyone to review in the Aeronautical Center Library located in the FAA Academy Headquarters Building. Wage Board Classification Standards are available in the Compensation Branch, Room 112, Headquarters Building. Because in many cases only one copy is available, no copies may be "checked out." However, any employee desiring to review standards applicable to his position may do so at any time.

MECHANICS SAFETY AWARDS ENTRIES DUE. Only two weeks remain in the FAA's Annual Aviation Mechanic Safety Awards Program. December 31 is the deadline for all entries to be submitted to FAA district offices. Both general aviation and air carrier mechanics from industry are eligible for regional and national awards. An additional state award is made to general aviation mechanics. Full particulars are available in Advisory Circular AC 60-2B. If you know anyone who may be eligible, urge them to get their entry forms in by the end of the year.

MARTIN NAMED SMS DEPUTY. Mervyn M. Martin, former chief of the Standards Division, Airports Service, has been named by the Administrator to be Deputy Director of Systems Maintenance Service. He succeeds Glenn E. Goudie who recently was named Director of that Service. Martin began his Agency service in 1946 at Fort Worth in air navigation facilities maintenance. In 1955 he went to the Aeronautical Center as chief of a communications unit and instructor in radar and DME. In 1959 he was assigned to SMS in Washington and in 1962 became assistant to the Director of that Service. Martin returned to Fort Worth in 1962 as chief of the Systems Maintenance Division and two years later transferred to Airports Service in Washington.

GOBBLEDYGOOK OF THE WEEK. A friend in ATA nominated this bit of FAA prose: "The model is a first approximation to the physical systems under consideration which allows using the tools of probability and statistics in their most fundamental aspects, rather than the more esteric new answers of these mathematical formalisms."
Translation: The contributor gives up. Our guess is: "This first model of the system being considered makes it possible to use fundamental statistical methods and the laws of probability in place of hard-to-understand mathematical equations."

NEW WEATHER HANDBOOK ISSUED. Air Traffic Service has issued a new manual of operations for facility personnel titled "Aviation Weather Procedures." Instructions concerned with operational use of weather information previously contained in a number of separate publications are now consolidated into the one manual.

PROMOTION PLAN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AERONAUTICAL CENTER EMPLOYEES ONLY

Closing Date: 12-22-65. The best qualified applicant will be selected for these positions regardless of race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO PLACEMENT BRANCH, AC-14. Those received after 4:30 p.m. on closing date will be returned.

A Personnel Data Summary (FAA Form 2062) must be initiated the first time an employee requests consideration for a vacancy. A new PDS should not be submitted for future requests unless the employee's supervisor or the Placement Branch determines that a new rating is needed.

Applications are also solicited from employees on a Center-Wide basis who wish to be considered for REASSIGNMENT to announced positions.

ACPP NUMBER	POSITION TITLE, SERIES & GRADE	AREA OF CONSIDERATION	KEY NUMBER
Position Location: ACPP-1723	FAA Depot Procurement Agent, GS-1102-11	Procurement Br.	267
Position Location: ACPP-1724	Data Services Division Mail and File Clerk, GS-305-03	Center Wide	*
ACPP-1716	Secretary (Steno), GS-318-06	CANCELLED	

*Qualifications on file Room 104, Hq. Bldg.

Promotion lists established as a result of these announcements may be used for a period of 90 days to fill additional vacancies in the same tenant organizations and/or the same area of consideration at the Aeronautical Center.

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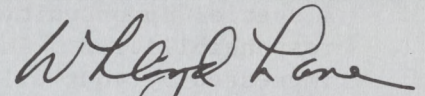
PROMOTION PLAN SELECTION LIST - Selections for November, 1965

ACPP NUMBER	POSITION TITLE, SERIES & GRADE	SELECTED
PP Bulletin #1	Secretary (Steno), GS-318-05	Jolene A. Brown
	Secretary (Steno), GS-312-05	Janis St.Clair
ACPP-1691C	Supervisory Supply Systems Analyst, GS-2003-13	Leo C. Smith
ACPP-1694C	Conveyances Examiner, GS-963-04	Edwin Stevens

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65-51 December 21, 1965


Director, Aeronautical Center

Dear Fellow Employee:

The Christmas Holiday is, perhaps more than any other, centered around the home and family. Yet tragedy will be the unwrapped gift for many, for accidents never take a holiday and they strike more often at Christmas than at any other holiday period.

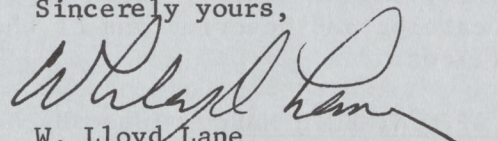
Each year during this season, thousands of lives are lost and many more persons are seriously injured in traffic, home, and public accidents as the rush of holiday activities encourages carelessness and haste.

An accident at this time of year is especially regrettable, since each succeeding Christmas is an inevitable reminder of the tragedy...an anniversary of sorrow.

Those of us at the Aeronautical Center can be sure Christmas is the happy time it should be by making an extra effort to practice "Accident-Prevention." This means using extra care in driving, keeping our minds on the road instead of window-shopping or day-dreaming. It means using common sense in our home activities, with only approved wiring on Christmas trees, non-hazardous toys for children, being careful of open fires and Christmas wrappings, and generally using common sense and good judgment in all our holiday activities.

My sincere wish is that your Christmas will be a safe and merry one, and that we can continue our accident-prevention throughout 1966 so that the year may be filled with health and happiness for you and yours.

Sincerely yours,


W. Lloyd Lane
Director, Aeronautical Center

ADMINISTRATOR GREETES EMPLOYEES. Administrator William F. McKee addressed the following greeting to employees through the Washington INTERCOM dated Monday, December 20: "This marks my first Christmas at the FAA and the holiday presents a special opportunity for me to thank each of you for helping me meet my new responsibilities. In the short time that I have been with you, I have been impressed by your diligence, your loyalty, and your dedication to this Agency's single mission: to provide safety and service to the American people. As we enter a New Year, new demands and more difficult assignments await us. Let us face these coming challenges with confidence and conviction. May you and your families enjoy the merriest of Christmases and the happiest and healthiest of New Years."

HOLIDAY WEEKENDS. The Personnel and Training Division has been informed that under provisions of Executive Order 11226, the FAA is designating December 24 and December 31 as the days to be officially recognized as holidays for irregular workweek employees in lieu of December 25 and January 1. Accordingly, to make up the 40-hour week, eight hours of excused absence shall be recorded for such employees on the Time and Attendance record if they have these days off. The net effect of the Executive Order is to give full benefit of all holidays to irregular workweek employees. This supersedes the information included in last week's INTERCOM.

GUIDELINES FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT. To be eligible for the bonus under the amended Civil Service retirement law, those seeking disability retirement must be in a non-pay status by the close of business, Thursday, December 30. An applicant for disability retirement must be on leave without pay beginning no later than the last scheduled working hour on December 30. Employees on sick leave or any other compensable leave or in pay status after the last working hour of December 30 will not be eligible for the bonus.

OSU TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES COURSES. The Oklahoma City branch of the Technical Institute, Oklahoma State University, has announced the following courses which will be available this spring: Analytics and Calculus, 5 hours; Data Processing Accounting II, 2 hours; Unit Record Equipment, 2 hours; Statistics, 2 hours; Computer Programming II, 4 hours; Introduction to Small Business, 2 hours. The Institute will offer these courses during the evening and during the day. The enrollment fee for residents is \$7 per credit hour for day students and \$12.50 per credit hour for evening students. Registration for these spring classes will be January 20 and January 21, 1966. For more detailed information, contact the Training Branch, AC-11, or the Director of Admissions, 1900 N. W. 10, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Telephone CE 2-5539. Copies of the Institute catalog and descriptions of the specialized courses are available at both offices.

TWO STAFF APPOINTMENTS MADE. Isaac H. Hoover has been appointed Assistant to the Director of Supersonic Transport Development. Clarence R. (Tex) Melugin replaces Hoover as Special Assistant to the Deputy Administrator. Melugin moves to his new assignment from Flight Standards Service where he was in charge of Headquarters Aircraft Management Branch, Aircraft Services Division.

GOBBLEDYGOOK OF THE WEEK. This nomination of a sentence from an Agency order came all the way from the Alaska Region: "The overall operation of the MRR program, the volume of data and expertise attendant upon derivation of maximum management significance therefrom, point to the desirability of central analysis." Translation: The need for central analysis is evident in the quality of present MRR reports.

CENTER EMPLOYEE TO CHAIR FEDERAL SAFETY COUNCIL. James Heath, Aeronautical Center Occupational Safety Engineer, was elected to serve as Chairman of the Federal Safety Council, Western District of Oklahoma, at their recent bi-monthly meeting. He will serve during the 1966 term of office. Representatives of 54 Federal agencies in the western half of the State work together to develop safety programs and promote accident prevention within the Federal agencies.

CLIFFORD BURTON RETIRES. Deputy Director of Air Traffic Service since July 1963, Cliff Burton retired from Federal service December 10 and brought to a close a long and productive career that began with the CAA in 1938. It was interrupted by military service during WW II and work with the Federal Telecommunications Laboratories until 1953, when Burton returned to the CAA for assignment in ICAO. Burton was one of the founders of the Air Traffic Control Association in 1956.

ADMINISTRATOR SETS SPEED RECORD. Last Wednesday Administrator McKee set a speed record from Washington, D. C. to New York City where he went to address a meeting of the Wings Club. The total elapsed time of 1 hour and 3 minutes from city center to city center demonstrated the feasibility of such air service. Departing from the helipad atop the FAA Headquarters Building at 10:24 a.m., the Administrator touched down on the Pan Am Building heliport in Manhattan just 63 minutes later. The flight was by helicopter from FAA Headquarters to Washington National Airport, by Agency JetStar to Kennedy International Airport, and by helicopter to the roof of the Pam Am Building.

SPEEDY SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC. The new instrument landing system for runway 32R at Chicago's O'Hare Airport, commissioned on December 4, sets some kind of record for speed of installation. The go-ahead signal was given September 30, and engineering was finished by October 6. Materials were delivered on October 18, construction completed November 15, and flight checking started November 29. Chicago Area Manager Kirby Brannon reports outstanding cooperation among Washington, the Region and the Area made it possible. The new ILS will be a boon to controllers at O'Hare Tower by making parallel instrument approaches possible on runways 32L and 32R during the coming critical winter months.

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR TURBULENCE RESEARCH. In-flight data to help pilots of swept-wing jets deal more effectively with atmospheric turbulence is the object of FAA contracts awarded last week to General Dynamics Corp. and to Eastern Air Lines. The \$30,100 General Dynamics contract calls for design of a method of recording reactions of pilots and their aircraft to encounters with clear air turbulence. The EAL contract for \$23,700 includes recording of meteorological factors in jet flights above 20,000 feet for possible correlation with turbulence conditions and for preparing materials for training flight crews to recognize and report meteorological conditions related to clear air turbulence.

PROMOTION PLAN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AERONAUTICAL CENTER EMPLOYEES ONLY

The FAA Washington D.C. Area Office has vacancies for:

Secretary (Steno.)	GS-318-04
Clerk-Steno.	GS-318-04

Any employee interested in being considered for these positions should submit 2 copies of SF 57 and FAA Form 2062 to Ac-14E by January 5, 1966. Applications should indicate Washington D. C. Area Office as place of employment in which interested.

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TWO ACADEMY "OLD TIMERS" RETIRE THIS WEEK. Two of the foremost members of the FAA Academy staff retire effective December 29 following lengthy careers dedicated to aviation. Guy L. Arnold, senior flight navigator in the Flight Standards Training Branch, will complete 35 years in maritime and aerial navigation work with the past 18 years being with the CAA/FAA. Arnold's career was highlighted by many contributions to aviation in the field of aerial navigation including participation in a round-the-world study of thunderstorm static conducted with the Air Force in 1946. His services in the CAA/FAA have centered around instructing FAA safety inspectors in navigation technologies.

The man who was instrumental in selecting Oklahoma City as the site for the Aeronautical Center also retires this week. L. E. Shedenhelm, head of the Technical Standards Staff of the Flight Standards Training Branch, will wind up an aviation career dating from 1915 when he was an employee of the Spaulding Aviation Manufacturing Company of Iowa. "Murph" entered the CAA in 1929 in the Safety Regulation School in Washington. In July, 1945, he forwarded a letter to Washington recommending Oklahoma City as the site for the proposed Aeronautical Center.

INTERCOM congratulates these two men on their distinguished careers and extends best wishes for a long and pleasant retirement.

FENDLER TO HEAD NEW BUDGET DIVISION. Kent W. Fendler has been named to head a reorganized Budget Division which will consolidate all present budget operations into one office effective January 29. Fendler's appointment will take effect January 17 subject to Civil Service Approval. A. Karl Whitacre will assume the duties of Assistant Chief, Budget Division.

AGENCY ISSUED NEW NATIONAL AIRPORT PLAN. A new five-year National Airport Plan recommending construction of 887 new landing facilities and improvements to 3,219 others was released last week. Included in the Plan are proposals for 762 airports, 124 heliports, and one seaplane base. Recommendations of the 1966-70 Plan are based on a predicted rise in domestic air carrier revenue passengers from 82.5 million in FY'65 to 107 million in 1970, and on an expected rise in hours flown in general aviation from an estimated 16.3 million in 1965 to 19.5 million in 1970. Communities marked for airport improvements are eligible to apply for matching grants under FAAP, but the National Airport Plan does not carry any obligation on the part of the Federal Government to award such grants.

HARRISON TO HEAD COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAM. William F. Harrison has been named Community Relations Specialist, a new Agency position within the Office of Information Services. Harrison, former manager of NAFEC, reports to his new assignment January 17.

PEOPLE ARE OUR MOST IMPORTANT ASSET. The great emphasis placed on Agency personnel and training matters by General McKee is reflected in a report of a conference of Agency Personnel officers held early this month. Personnel needs facing the Agency today were outlined by Associate Administrator Robert H. Willey as: (1) better manpower planning, (2) an improved system for career inventories and career progression for professionals, (3) more evaluative information and qualitative rather than convenient data, (4) overhaul of the grievance and appeal system and, (5) better communications and simplified procedures for providing improved service with less paper work to line managers. These things, Willey pointed out, are necessary to support the Administrator's vital interest in careers for individual employees and in systems to provide a continuous flow of able, professional people.

VFR FLIGHT PLANS UP FOR '65. An estimated 1,693,000 general aviation VFR flight plans will have been filed in 1965. This is 11 per cent over the 1964 total of 1,530,000. Single engine piston aircraft will account for 74.5 per cent of the total with the balance as follows: Multiengine piston, 25.1; turbine, 0.4; and helicopter, 0.1 per cent.

U.S. AIR FORCE HAS JOB OPENINGS. The Department of the Air Force has announced over 100 vacancies in various fields, Wage Board and Classification Act, for overseas positions. Locations include Alaska, Canada, France, Germany, Hawaii, Japan and others. U. S. Citizens recruited from within the United States for employment in a foreign country get Government quarters or a quarters allowance. List of positions by title, grade and location may be seen in Room 101, Headquarters Building. SF-57's will be forwarded to Tinker AFB Civilian Personnel Office.

STEINER RECEIVES AGENCY AWARD. Paul F. Steiner, manager of Dulles International Airport, last week was presented the Agency's Certificate of Achievement by Deputy Administrator Thomas. In a ceremony at Dulles, Steiner was lauded for his long and distinguished career in Federal service, particularly for his effectiveness in the management of both Washington National and Dulles Airports, during the period February 1944 to December 1965. Steiner retires from the Agency December 30.

GOBBLEDYGOOK OF THE WEEK. In consideration of the propriety of conveying expressions which, by their timeliness and spirituality, are effectively keyed to the popular practice of observing events of religious, seasonal and social significance, the persons engaged in the production of the publication officially designated as INTERCOM, take the opportunity of using the aforementioned publication for the expression of their own collective and individual attitude toward the spirit they would desire for all readers of the above mentioned publication to practice and enjoy for the duration of this specific season. Translation: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GLIDER RECORD SET BY FAAER. David L. Johnson, pilot examiner in the Denver GADO, set a new Colorado State glider altitude record last month soaring to a height of 37,500 feet. Flying a Schweitzer 126 Glider from the Black Forest Glider Port, near Pikes Peak, Johnson reported exceptionally good mountain wave conditions. The record was set during a mountain wave seminar in which pilots from several states participated.

TRAINING EVALUATION SYSTEM LAUDED. A method for cost/benefit evaluation of Agency training plans and courses was presented by Homer C. Rose, Education Specialist, at a recent American Society for Training and Development Conference. The system used by the FAA represents a milestone in the evaluation of training.

SHIFT OF FUNCTIONS WITHIN FS. An organizational realignment within Flight Standards Service consolidates Aircraft Services and Flight Inspection and Procedures into the new Aircraft Programs Division. The Control Systems Division as such is abolished and its functions moved to other FS divisions. The FS extension at the Aeronautical Center becomes the National Flight Inspection Division.

SWATEK HEADS FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ASS'N. Philip M. Swatek, Director of the Pacific Region, has been elected president of the newly formed Honolulu Federal Executive Association. Like the Federal Executive Boards now established in 12 mainland cities, the purpose of the Honolulu association is to improve coordination and communications among Federal agencies locally, with the hope of reducing costs through joint effort.

STALLO TRANSFERS TO HEW. Kenneth J. Stallo, chief, Program Evaluation Staff, PT, transfers to Health, Education and Welfare, December 27 as Assistant Director of Personnel.

AGENCY TO FURNISH ATC EQUIPMENT TO GREECE. Radar equipment to modernize the ARTCC at Athens, Greece, will be supplied by the FAA under a memorandum of agreement between the Agency and the Greek government. Equipment will include one radar bright display system (RBDE), one video mapper to be used with the existing Athens radar system, and one microwave link (RML) to bring the radar data into the center. FAA will be reimbursed by the Greek government for equipment and engineering costs estimated at \$376,670.

'...OMIT POSITION REPORTS.' A new rule permitting pilots to omit routine position reports when conducting IFR operations in a radar environment becomes effective January 10, 1966. This rule follows an extensive trial period during which time the elimination of position reports in a radar environment was found to reduce congestion on air traffic control radio frequencies and to lessen the communications workload on both pilots and controllers. Under the new rule, pilots will discontinue routine position reports when advised that ATC has radar contact and will resume them when informed that radar contact has been lost or radar service terminated, or when specifically requested to do so.

LOCKED COCKPIT DOOR RULE REVISED. On those airliners which have any accessible floor-level exit forward of the cockpit door, the pilot-in-command may leave the cockpit door open during take off or landing. Change in the rule which required cockpit doors to be locked at all times was made in order to provide passengers with access to an additional exit in the event of an emergency calling for evacuation. Aircraft having such floor-level exits as cargo service doors and crew exits are certain types of DC-6, DC-7, Constellation, and Caravelle aircraft.

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