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BULLETIN VIII

PLANT VACATIONS - JUNE 30th - JUNE 9th

Please note everybody, that both Farmingdale and Evansville Divisions will be closed tighter than a drum June 30th to July 9th for well earned vacations. Pres Mabry and one assistant will report daily to open the mails, but if you want yours truly, bring some old clothes and a fishing rod and join me on "The Bluffs", Newport Vermont. We have plenty of beds and "Camp Elizabeth" next door for any overflow. Our new airport will take anything up to B-29's.

MABRY NAMED ASSISTANT SALES MANAGER

For outstanding help in setting up the Seabee national distributor organization, Preston H. Mabry is promoted to be Assistant Sales Manager. He has been flying since 1929. He joined Republic in 1943 before which he was nearly three years with the Civil Aeronautics Administration as Assistant Superintendent with headquarters in Atlanta.

GEORGE SCRANTON - SERVICE MANAGER

Another man I want you all to know is George J. Scranton, newly appointed Service Manager of the Personal Plane Department. George was a top service man for the Ford Motor Company for some eight years and has had world-wide aviation experience as service administrator of Republic's far flung Thunderbolt Field Service Department. Give him your ideas of what you want in the way of Seabee Service.

MEET MISS HELBURN

Most of you have met the capable staff of our Personal Plane Department but there is one more new member to introduce to you Miss Margaret Helburn, a former WASP pilot with over 1000 hours of flying. Miss Helburn will help in handling of correspondence, receiving of visitors and in demonstrating the Seabee.

ENGINEERS WANTED

Do you know any engineers whom you can recommend to Republic? We need several hundred more of all kinds and have even opened offices in lower New York to make working conditions better from a living or commuting standpoint. Republic has nine major engineering projects including the Seabee.

VISITORS at PLANT

Republic distributors are a great joy to me and to all of us here at Farmingdale. Among recent visitors have been Ben Smith, new president of Southeastern Air Service of Atlanta; Tex Rankin of Tulare, California; Wes Raymond of Florida; Ed Garbacz of Little Rock, Arkansas; John Livingston of Waterloo, Iowa; Les Bowman of Fort Worth; Foster Lane of Lane Aviation Corporation, Columbus, Ohio; Jim Burnham of Simsbury Flying Service, Connecticut; Joe Garside and Fred Tobey of E.W. Wiggins Airways and Everett Welch of Hinck Flying Service of Monticello, Minn.

JULY FIRST REPORT

Republic's Directors are keenly interested in every detail of the Seabee program. They ask repeatedly about your sales. Will you send me promptly, please, on July 1st, the enclosed report on your dealer and consumer sales up to June 30th. Again I say, if you have made very few, feel no embarrassment in saying so as we are still months away from making deliveries and you are the best judge as to when and how hard to push for sales. Please send back report in any case.

WATCH FOR BOSTON GLOBE STORY¹

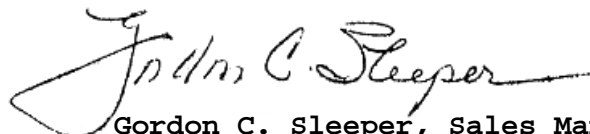
I'll send you in a day or so, as soon as received, the rotogravure page of the Boston Globe, Sunday Pictorial of June 24th, in which Arthur Riley, the Globe Aviation Editor, tells of his adventures with us at Lake Memphremagog, featuring the pictures taken by his staff photographer, Arthur Griffin.

SUGGESTION FOR HANGARS

Pres Mabry asks me to send you the enclosed story of the Portland Cement Association².

LISTEN IN THURSDAY, JULY 5th.

Over the Columbia chain, 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard time, Thursday, July 5th, the "Weapons of Victory" program will feature Thunderbolts in action in the Pacific with an interview between a combat pilot and one of our engineers.



Gordon C. Sleeper, Sales Manager
Personal Plane Division

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¹ Article attached to the end of this Bulletin

² Article NOT attached to the end of this Bulletin. If you have it, e-mail it to smestler@bellsouth.net

DISTRIBUTOR SALES REPORT

From:

To: Gordon C. Sleeper

Subject: Seabee Sales to June 30, 1945

SALES TO DEALERS

<u>Dealer Name</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>No. Sold</u>	<u>Deposit Rec'd</u>	<u>Quota</u>
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SALES TO INDIVIDUALS

<u>Customer Name</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Deposit Rec'd</u>
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NEWS RELEASE

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SEABEE WINS DISTRIBUTORS' ENTHUSIASM

Republic Aviation Corporation's amphibian Seabee was the center of attraction at the recently completed million dollar airport in Newport, Vermont when a score of foremost aircraft distributors of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Maine were gathered there for a three-day roundup. The Seabee was landed on the airport on the shores of beautiful Lake Memphremagog on the Canadian border by P.H. Spencer, of Republic's engineering staff. His passengers on the flight from Farmingdale, Long Island were Gordon C. Sleeper, director of Republic's Personal Plane Department, and "Tex" Rankin, nationally known stunt flier and distributor from Tulare, Calif.

Others from Republic who flew to Newport for the occasion included C. Hart Miller, executive vice-president and general manager, P.H. Mabry, assistant sales manager, and George Scranton, recently appointed service manager of the Personal Plane Department.

While the flight of the Seabee was just a step in the process of developing it for Army rescue service, the purpose being to give the plane a workout under natural conditions of water and high terrain, circumstances enabled its introduction to many of the men who will handle its distribution when it goes into civilian production. The group of highly interested visitors at Newport had an opportunity to ride in the Seabee and had the experience of both land and water maneuvers.

Planes from other points, which gave the new airport an atmosphere of unusual activity, brought Ted Hebert of safair, New Jersey,

Dick Benson of Air Commuting, Inc. and his associate, Ed Rowe of Westchester County's new airport, Roger Smith, Jerry Respass, and Jim Burnham, all three of the Simsbury Air Service in Connecticut, Fred Toby, Hal Martin and Frank Darling of Wiggins Airways. The BOSTON GLOBE sent Arthur Riley, aviation editor and Arthur Griffin, a staff photographer, to make a feature of the occasion.

Newport made an event of having the Seabee and the many other flying visitors there. Among those who joined the visitors were Cy Searles, chairman of the Newport Airport committee, Arthur Roe, President of the Rotary Club, Franz Hunt, editor of the NEWPORT DAILY EXPRESS and Edward Knapp, Inspector of Aeronautics of the Vermont Motor Vehicle Department.

Performance of the Seabee developed a high degree of enthusiasm among those who are looking forward to prouction of the civilian model just as soon as necessary materials are released and the Army's demand on Republic's facilities for the P-47 Thunderbolts makes civilian production possible.

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