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BUFFALO AIR-PARK HITS STRIDE;
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NEW YORK AIRWAYS BEGINS METRO AREA 'COPTER MAIL SERVICE OCT. 15

NEW YORK AIRWAYS, INC., will inaugurate helicopter air mail service at 3 P.M., October 15th. The initial operation will be between the three air mail fields of metropolitan New York, La Guardia, New York International and Newark. The ceremony of dedication will take place at the New York Airways headquarters hangar at the Marine Air Terminal at LaGuardia Field.

ROBERT L. CUMMINGS, JR., formerly of Pan American Airways, is the President and chief executive officer of the new operation. John L. Senior, Jr., who initiated the petition which resulted in the certification of this service is Chairman of the Board. Jack E. Gallagher is Chief Engineer and Manager of Operations and formerly of United Airlines.
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Auburn Airport Closed; Ends 11 Years' Service

AUBURN AIRPORT in Throop discontinued operations September 20 after 11 years service to Cayuga County. The airport will be sold.

LEMAN B. INGALLS, manager of the airport and vice president of Auburn Aviation Co., Inc. which owned and operated the airport since 1941, said several prospective purchasers plan to use the airport land for farming.

THE AUBURN AVIATION COMPANY had made repeated efforts in recent years to get the City of Auburn or Cayuga County to take over the airport.

Bell 'Copter Sets World Flight Record

ELTON J. SMITH, test pilot for Bell Aircraft, set a new official world helicopter record of 1,234 miles September 17 in a flight from Fort Worth, Texas to Niagara Falls. The previous record of 703.6 was set six years ago.



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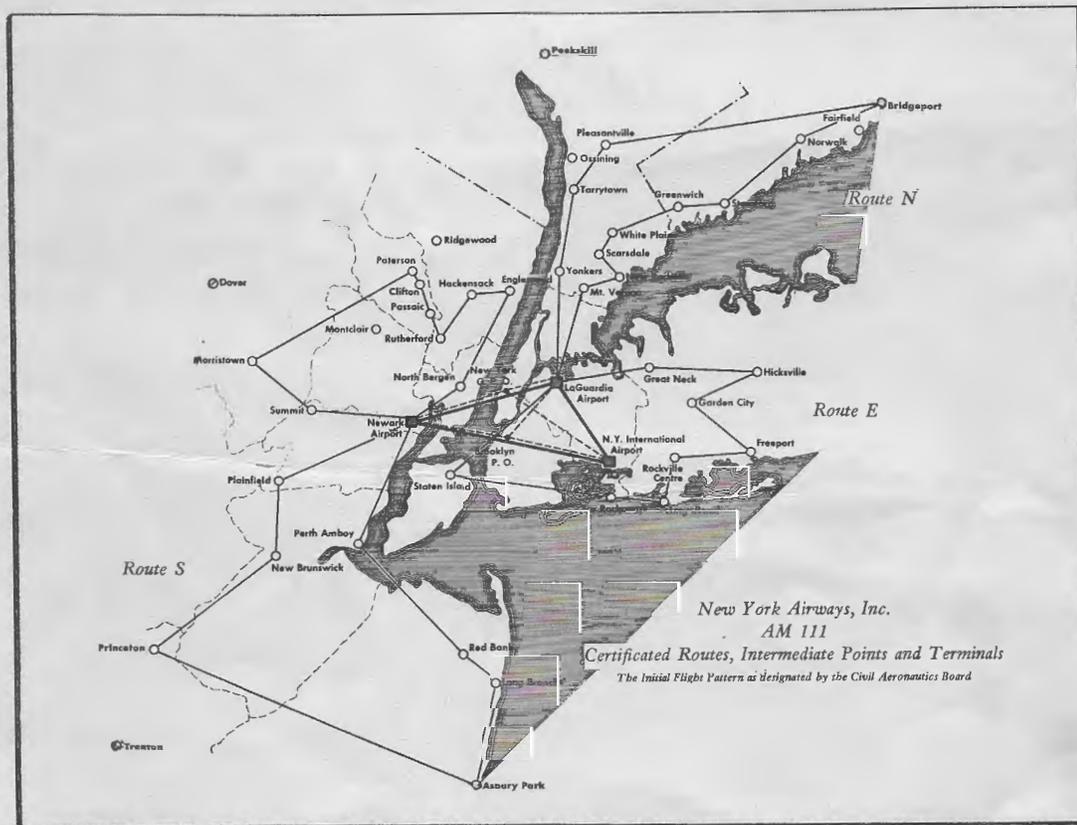
Glen B. Eastburn is Assistant to the President in charge of traffic and community development and was formerly associated with Los Angeles Airways and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

NEW YORK AIRWAYS holds a five year certificate and is authorized to carry air mail, air freight and passengers. After the operating schedules between the air mail fields have been built up the clover leaf pattern of the routes into the suburban areas will be activated. Most of the communities that are certificated have already picked out the landing facilities and some are proceeding with the improvement necessary to receive the service. The initial operation will be to those communities having landing sites available and where air mail load is heaviest.

AFTER A PERIOD OF AIR MAIL OPERATION, New York Airways will go into the carrying of air freight between the airports and also the pickup and delivery of air cargo for the scheduled cargo carriers. Sometime later the transportation of passengers will be undertaken.

POINTS AND TERMINALS which will be served by New York Airways in connection with helicopter service are the following: New York International Airport, La Guardia Airport, Newark Airport, Brooklyn General Post Office, New York General Post Office, Staten Island, Far Rockaway, Long Beach, Rockville Centre, Freeport, Garden City, Hicksville, Great Neck, Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, Scarsdale, White Plains, Pleasantville, Tarrytown and Yonkers.

NEW YORK AIRWAYS helicopter service will also include points in southern Connecticut and New Jersey.



FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT for the Albany Municipal Airport, valued at \$6,000, has been acquired through contributions of residents of the airport district and some airlines. The new equipment will be used by the Shaker Road-Loudonville Fire Department to answer calls at the Albany Airport.

A NEW TYPE OF RADAR that gives airport control operators a clear picture of all moving and stationary objects on the ground in all weather conditions was developed at the Rome Air Base and installed at New York International Airport. Officially termed airport surface detection, it is commonly called "taxi radar."

STEEL PRIORITIES have forced a switch in construction plans at the Broome County Airport terminal, to be used by the Flying Tigers, and at Watertown Municipal Airport, where a storage hangar is going up for use by Mohawk Airlines. Substitutes or available materials will replace the steel specifications.

OPENING OF A LAND OFFICE to clear property rights for construction of a \$5 million airbase at Sampson gives rise to hope that it may materialize before snow flies.

A STOLEN AIRCRAFT has been reported by the Idaho Department of Aeronautics. Missing from Bradley Field, Boise, Idaho, on August 6...a Cessna 170-A, N-1251-D, Ser. 20123, Eng. Cont. C-145, No. 5922-D-1-2. Equipped with Narco Model VTR-1. \$100 reward for location or recovery.

INTERNATIONAL CLAMBAKE---a 16-day tour with a new flavor is offered by Joe Tierno, travel agent at Binghamton. Starting October 18, Mr. Tierno has made arrangements for no more than 30 persons to leave New York by TWA and visit Ireland, England, France, Italy and Spain. Good eating will accent the tour, which costs \$1,350.

PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS...Air France is recruiting more pilots. Candidates should be under 28 years, but older men with considerable experience will be considered. Send info to Department du Personnel Navigant (Bureau 109) Air France, 2 Rue Marbeuf, Paris 8.

WANTED---A JN-4. A New York State pilot wants to prove that the famous Jenny of World War I is still air worthy. He asked us to help dig one up. If you have one hangared in mothballs and want to do business, let us know.

THE AIR FORCE is now shipping some clothing in metal drums, indicating that one of these days you may be able to order a can of double-breasted suit with two cans of trousers to match.

TEN YEARS IS A MIGHTY LONG TIME. That's the way John F. Budd, editor and publisher of Air Transportation feels, now that the world's only air cargo magazine has reached its 10th birthday.

THE 150-FOOT-HIGH CONTROL TOWER at New York International Airport, tallest in the world, cost \$1,000,000, and the tower's electronic gadgets valued at \$600,000 are serviced by 13 miles of wires.

WARREN COUNTY AIRPORT has new elevated medium intensity runway lighting on the N/S and WNW/ESE runways, replacing the old flush light system. A new controllable wind tee was also added as part of a \$40,000 improvement shared equally by the county and the CAA.

THE BROOME COUNTY AIRPORT proved superior to the Tri-Cities Airport from the standpoint of weather conditions during the first year of its operation, according to the Weather Bureau Station at the new airport. The new field maintained 95 percent of schedules in the past year.

JACK PRIOR of Prior Flying Service, Hornell Municipal Airport, reports business on the upswing. Jack is the mainspring in the establishment of a television relay service for the Hornell area, an unusual and interesting sideline for an airport operator. His Hornell Television Service Co. has already spent \$26,000 on a TV tower and prospects for success are more than good.

CONGRATS TO CHET MOULTON, director of Aeronautics, Idaho, on Vol. 1. No. 1. of *Idaho Flyways*.

TOP-O-THE-HILL AIRPORT at Carlisle was closed effective October 1 according to Airport Manager Minnard E. Spateholts, who sold his interest in the farm on which it is located.

INSPECTION SCHEDULE OF THE CAA DURING OCTOBER IN NEW YORK STATE:

| <u>CITY</u> | <u>AIRPORT</u> | <u>WRITTEN TEST</u> | <u>FLIGHT TEST</u> | <u>MECHANIC PRACTICAL</u> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Albany | Municipal | Week days | Appointment | Appointment |
| Buffalo | Municipal | Week days | Appointment | Appointment |
| Dansville | Dansville | 22 | 22 | |
| Dunkirk | Werle | 9 | 9 | |
| East Hampton | East Hampton | | 23 | |
| Edgemere | Rockaway | | 29 | |
| Elmira | Chemung County | 8 | 8 | |
| Endicott | Tri-Cities | 15 | 15 | |
| Farmingdale* | Long Island Agricultural & Technical Institute | | | |
| Flushing | Flushing | | 1 | |
| Gardenville | Buffalo Airpark, Inc. | 29 | 29 | 29 |
| Glens Falls | Warren County | | 16 | |
| Ithaca | Municipal | 15 | 15 | Appointment |
| Jamestown | Municipal | 1 | 1 | Appointment |
| La Guardia Field Academy of Aeronautics | | | | 8,22 |
| Lindenhurst | Zahn's Airport | Week days | Appointment | Appointment |
| Massena | Richards | 2 | 2 | Appointment |
| Monticello | Sullivan County | | 2 | |
| New York | 641 Washington Street | 6 | | |
| New York | Manhattan H. School of Aviation Trades | | 4,18 | Appointment** |
| Olean | Olean | 15 | 15 | |
| Oneonta | Keys-Oneonta | 16 | 16 | Appointment |
| Penn-Yan | Penn-Yan | 1 | 1 | |
| Port Henry | Port Henry Seaplane Base | | 29 | |
| Rochester | Municipal | Week days | Appointment | Appointment |
| Spring Valley | County Airpark | | 22 | |
| Staten Island | Staten Island Airport | | 8 | |
| Syracuse | Hancock Field | Mon. thru Thurs. | Appointment | Appointment |
| Utica | Utica | 8,22 | 8,22 | Appointment |
| Watertown | Municipal | 1 | 1 | |
| White Plains | Westchester County | 8 | 8,9,23 | |

*Mechanical Practical exams by appointment-call Farmingdale 2-2506

**For appointment call Bayside 9-1180

BUFFALO AIR-PARK HITS STRIDE; GROSSED \$100,000 LAST YEAR



"IN THIS BUSINESS you have to plan for the future."

THAT'S THE ADVICE of Tony Riccio, owner-operator of the Buffalo Air-Park, eight miles east of Buffalo, whose \$250 down-payment on 20 acres of farm land in 1939 has "futurized" into a 100-acre, \$250,000 business that last year grossed \$100,000.

THE BUFFALO AIR-PARK is today the mecca of private fliers in the Buffalo Area, a fact attested by the quick utilization of the new 140 by 220 concrete block hangar constructed last year. Some 45 privately-owned aircraft are hangared in Tony's latest addition to the airport.

ANTHONY W. RICCIO, who did test work for Republic Aviation during the war and stopped keeping a log record after 7,000 hours, has 14 of his own ships to meet the demands of some 80 flight students. Forty-four of the students are enrolled in the GI program, the largest in the State west of Albany. While his present GI program is the largest in the area, Tony recalls that in the early heyday of government flight programs, he missed the boat when a fire "virtually wiped me out" in February 1943. Tony had qualified for a CPT Instructor school in 1942 and graduated his first 12 students when the fire destroyed hangar, airplanes, shop, classroom and records.

TONY KEPT THE AIR-PARK OPEN "as a landing strip" during the lush training years and stayed with Republic as a test pilot while he planned the fate of his airport. He returned to Gardenville in 1943 and "from scratch" started to build.

"I HAD TO BE CAREFUL," he recalls, "because all I had was an idea, a strong desire to stay in the business and no money!"

THE INGENIOUS GADGETS and many innovations at the Air-Park reflect Tony's capabilities as a planner, businessman and practical airport owner. His time-saving, labor-saving gimmicks were born of a frugal allowance that dictated that everything be "done by myself" such as pouring the concrete footings for the new hangar, and the development of an ingenious low-cost runway light which he made in his own repair shop.

PART OF TONY'S program aimed at the future is the new macadam surface on the NE/SW runway. As smooth as silk, the runway has already attracted pilots that never landed at his Air-Park.

THE NEW HANGAR, erected next to the 50 by 75 Air National Guard hangar last year, reflects Tony's knack for simplifying chores around an airport. Twin hangar doors frame the gasoline island, and ships entering either door can be fueled from the same pump. His crowning mechanical gimmick may

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revolutionize the design of hangars. Tony will install two tracks, each running through the front doors of the hangar and down through the center of each bay. A platform will slide along the track, thus providing a dolly-track conveyer to carry airplanes to their respective stalls inside the hangar. Each airplane will enter the hangar sideways, and be rolled off the conveyer by a small dolly tractor. This operation will reduce the risk of wing-tip damage, Tony points out. Only two men will be required to service 45-50 planes -- a task for six men.

AS FOR THE FUTURE, Tony feels the industry will soon undergo radical changes. While flight training and service, in that order, are the biggest money makers for most airports, he sees the day coming when sales, service and charter will be the backbone of the business. The era of government-subsidized training programs has been an uncertain one, he points out, and too many small operators have leaned too heavily on such programs to stay in business. They failed to push the business for what it is and can be -- a direct service to the businessman, a time and money saver to anyone in a successful business operation with far-flung contacts.

THE CAA HAS WATCHED the development of Tony's Air-Park with considerable interest, and recently installed a free telephone trunkline to the CAA's weather and control offices at the Buffalo Municipal Airport.

WITH HIS NEW HARD SURFACE RUNWAY, the full hangar, a major repair shop, a flight training program, charter facilities and plenty of room to expand, Tony Riccio has done well with his "start from scratch." Pilots and passengers are pleased with Tony's hospitality. A complete restaurant facility and snack-bar is a popular rendezvous in the administration building. And, for real comfort, you can enjoy the observation deck above the restaurant.

STRATEGIC LOCATION in the Buffalo Metropolitan Area is a valuable asset to Tony's airport. Good bus transportation to the heart of Buffalo takes only 20 minutes -- and the fare is \$.20.

THE RICCIO PLAN and outlook on aviation is "common sense," says Tony. "Be careful, think of the future, develop your plan -- and remember: you have to spend a buck to make a buck!"

TWO SPECIAL FARES effective soon on flights of Mohawk Airlines, were announced by Robert B. Forrest, sales manager.

A 24-HOUR EXCURSION fare on flights between Albany, Utica-Rome, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo, with the exception of trips between Albany and Buffalo, became effective September 28th. The round trip fare is 140 per cent of the one way fare, plus \$1.00. Tickets will be good during the 24-hour period between the time of departure of the originating flight and the time of departure of the return flight.

MOHAWK WILL OFFER the family fare plan at all stations beginning October 13th in conjunction with all of the scheduled airlines.