

Per capita cotton consumption in from 20.56 pounds in 1939 to 26. the United States has increased 4 pounds at present.

Ether Class In Meet Mon.

The Esther Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met Monday evening, Mar. 30 at the home of Mrs. W. V. Costello, with Miss Mary Ellen Payne as co-hostess.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Lona Davis and Mrs. Verlin Jones, president, presided. Mrs. W. H. McKeever is teacher of the class. Nineteen members and one visitor were present. During the social hour Mrs. Milus Wright and Mrs. Gladys Odell, class members who are leaving Murphy, were presented going away presents.



AIRPORT NOTES

BY BOB HEATON

THUMB-NAIL SKETCH
If you are really interested in learning to fly, you can secure all your flight ratings at our local airport. Witness the example of Richard "Ace" Parker of Andrews, who at present is pilot for J. F. Shuler Construction Company. At 28, Richard, who served with the Navy in the last version of the World War, plus Korea, has held a student permit, student license, a commercial ticket with multi-engine rating, and is now annexing an instructor's license.

All of these he has secured through the facilities offered by the Andrews-Murphy port since it opened a GI flight school early in 1947.

Parker enrolled in the January, 1947 class and soloed shortly after Cub J-3. Since then he has flown Cub J-3. Since then he has flown just about every light plane available, ranging from Pipers to twin Cessnas, and has rolled up about 600 hours flying time.

Aviation attracts men from all professions. Richard is no exception. After receiving his formal education at Andrews and Clayton, Georgia, he enrolled in barber school at Jacksonville, Florida.

And a barber he has remained both in private life and in the Navy where he was Ship's Service Man, Third Class. He operates a three-chair shop in Andrews.

The advent of the modern four-place family type airplane just after World War 11 began a revolution in aviation circles.

NEW FOUR-SEATER

Fast, quiet, easy to fly, the new four-seaters are very economical, many of them averaging fifteen miles to the gallon of gas. As a result thousands of small businesses and individuals have been able to own and operate them on a limited budget.

For four-place owners who are learning to fly, there are no more tedious hours circling the airport area. Here again is a phase of the revolution. The owner simply carries his instructor along cross-country on his business trips, learning to fly and navigate at the same time.

Right from the start the J. F. Shuler plane has been flown cross-country. Richard estimates that the Cessna 170 has covered 15,000 miles in the last two months in nearly every southeastern state from West Virginia to Texas. (During these trips his wife, the former Lucy Long, remains at home an "airport widow")

To point out the real dollars-and-cents value of the airplane, Parker cites the instance in which it was urgent that Shuler be in Altma, Tallahassee, and Savannah all on the same day.

The time was mid-morning. The distance was 900 miles. But the trip was made. Business was transacted in all three cities, and they were

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