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- CONTEST WINNER -

Congratulations to ELIZABETH ANN BEST - CLT for the winning name for our news sheet! And many, many thanks to each of you who submitted a suggestion. Out of some 75 proposed titles you can well imagine the judges' difficulty in reaching a decision. Deserving of honorable mention was the suggestion of "Winds Aloft", submitted by C. W. RUSSELL, LYH, and also "The Pacemaker", submitted by Virginia WADE, R. H. KITCHEN, George WILLARD, Pem REES, W. M. PICKEL, Robert H. REED (and also by Elizabeth Ann BEST)

- APRIL TRAFFIC -

Carrying a total of 14,721 passengers for the month of April (incidentally a 30 day month) put us 1,731 ahead of the April quota. The May quota of 15,500 should be topped. The load factor for the month of April was better than 51%, and is a load factor to be proud of. Once achieved it should be pushed higher. With new schedules and beginning of vacation travel it shouldn't be too difficult to break all past records. To carry this many passengers Maintenance during April had to be good. To maintain our schedules in May it's got to be perfect. Let's see what Nick says about it:

"As you know we will have 9 planes in service beginning April 29, with a total block to block time of about 89 hours per day. This will be flown with 8 planes, the 9th being the only maintenance spare. For your information, this will establish the following maintenance work load per month: 36 No. 1 inspections; 9 No. 2 Inspections; 9 No. 3 Inspections; 6 Engine Changes; 3 Prop changes.

Our utilization of aircraft over the past year has kept us in first or second position almost continuously and it appears the new schedule will assure us of first place while it is in effect. This is something for which this airline is justly proud, and indicates the willingness and ability of the entire department to do its full share. In order that Maintenance is advised of "How goes it", a graph showing the days with no mechanical delays is being put up near the aircraft status board. Also, any delays encountered on any aircraft will be entered in Red chalk in the remarks column of the aircraft involved. Let's see how many days we can get "No Delays"." - H. W. Nickerson.

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Orchids to Maintenance past work, and I know you can make the grade with the new schedules. - (Editor)

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- CARGO DATA - By Norm Arnold

Air mail carried by Piedmont during March 1951 showed an increase of 93% over March of 1950. We carried 55,266 lbs. of air mail for a total of 5,088 ton miles. March was the second best mail month in our history.

With the growth of Fort Bragg, FAY was moved into second place on the system in total mail handled for March. This station handled over 15,000 pounds on and off, and