

R. S. NORTHINGTON has been elected President of the National Air Taxi Conference for this year. The conference is composed of 34 Fixed Base Operators and 21 scheduled airlines as certificated members, with approximately 75 Fixed Base Operators on application for membership. The purpose of this Conference is to provide a working arrangement whereby the traveling public is enabled to fly "all the way" - using "taxi" service to and from airports not served by the airlines.

T. H. DAVIS on April 17 delivered a paper before the Society of Automotive Engineers at their annual aeronautical meeting in New York. The paper presented by Mr. Davis was entitled "Wanted - A New Airplane", and set forth the specifications and requirements for a local service or feeder type airplane for the future. The April 16th issue of American Aviation magazine features Mr. Davis' paper. (As soon as re-prints of this paper are available a copy will be forwarded to each station).

R. D. HAGER addressed the Concord Rotary Club on April 4.

W. G. MCGEE was guest speaker before the student body of Griffith High School INT April 13 and also before the student body of Old Town High School - INT on April 26.

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Andy BUNGO suggests for the Piedmonitor a question and answer column called "Questions for the Know-Its". He further supplied us with several questions to get the ball rolling, and here they are:

1. What is the outlook for Huntington, W. Va., as being a Piedmont stop? and When? Piedmont is certificated to serve Huntington, and will begin service into Huntington-Ashland, through a joint airport, when it is completed late this Summer.
2. How does the Roanoke, Beckley, Lexington, Louisville run look for operation this year? This is up to the C.A.B. and will be decided in our Certificate Renewal Case. The hearing will be held in about two months. We hope for a favorable decision in this connection late in the year. The Beckley airport is under construction and should be ready late this Summer. This should be a good stop - there's money in them thar hills.

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- INT SPORTS - By Tom Morton

The first and second innings have proved fatal to the Piedmont INT Softball Team in their first three competitive games in the City Commercial League, as they have lost each game by runs scored by their opponents in these innings. Repeated errors and walked batters, have enabled their opponents to build up more runs in these opening innings than the local sluggers have been able to overcome. In the opening match against Mim's Esso at South Park School on April 23, the local team gave up three walks and two errors which enabled their opponents to score five runs in the first inning. The game was called after five innings on account of darkness with Mim's Esso still out in front 7 to 5.