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## MOTHER OF LEX AGENT NAMED KENTUCKY MOTHER-OF-YEAR

Mrs. Helen Dryden Smith Neill, Mother of LEX agent James L. Neill, has been named "Kentucky Mother of the Year" for 1956. Seventy neighbors testified by letter to her "courage, cheerfulness, patience, affection, kindness, understanding and homemaking ability."

In 1908 she married John B. Neill, now retired after 50 years' service with the L & N Railroad. The parents of 10 children Mr. & Mrs. Neill still live in the same home into which they moved 48 years ago. They now have 16 grandchildren.

Mrs. Neill taught Sunday school for 42 years, was Logen County Presbyterian president for six years and has served as president of the Russellville (Ky.) Missionary Society.

She has also served as chairman for eight war bond drives, Near East Relief, Polio Campaigns, Junior Red Cross, PTA feeding program and Christmas parties for indigent children.

She is president of the PTA Council, the Third District PTA Woman's Club and Music Club and is vice president of the State PTA. She is a member of the DAR, American Legion Auxiliary, Red Cross, Order of the Eastern Star and Homemakers.

The Piedmonitor wishes Mrs. Neill the best of luck when she competes for the national title in New York in May, but with the accomplishments she has shown by devoting her life to others, we felt sure that she will be elected unanimously.

## MACKEY AIRLINES GROWING; PLAN NEW ROUTES AND MERGER

Mackey Airlines, a rapidly growing Fla.-Nassau carrier with headquarters at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has charted a program which includes extensive broadening of its route structure and new types of equipment.

The route program was boosted recently when CAB Examiner Curtis B. Henderson recommended a new Florida-Havana-Nas-



sau route for the airline, as well as new stops at three points in the Bahamas. He recommended also that Mackey's certificate be renewed for three years.

Subject to CAB and White House approval, further expansion is expected through the purchase of Midet Airlines' route and assets. This purchase would give Mackey a route between Miami-Palm Beach-Grand Bahama Island.

Rejecting National and Eastern applications for the Bahamas routes, Henderson said the services needed in the area are best supplied by an aggressive, shorthaul carrier like Mackey, rather than a larger trunk airline.

Operating DC-3 equipment on its routes between Tampa, St. Petersburg, Fort Lauderdale, Palm Beach and Nassau for three years Mackey started service with DC-4 Sky-masters purchased from Capital Air Lines in February. Two DC-4's were purchased, but one was leased back to Capital since it isn't needed on the airline's present routes.