

## OZARK AIR LINES NEWS BULLETIN

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Ozark Air Lines is adding three more Hi-Per DC-3s to build its fleet to 20 planes. Laddie Hamilton, President, announced. The three additional planes have been leased from the U. S. Navy with CAB approval. Under the terms of the long term lease, Ozark is permitted to completely overhaul and modify the Navy planes to Ozark standards, which now include the Hi-Per (high performance) conversion. The Hi-Per Ozark DC-3 modification increases the speed of the plane approximately 20 miles per hour without extra power and greatly improves the general performance and safety of the airplane. Ozark is the first scheduled airline in the U. S. to adopt the new development.

The overhaul and modification of the three Navy planes will be performed for Ozark by Pan American Airways at Brownsville, Texas. Pan American is the originator of the Hi-Per DC-3 development for use in flying its routes over the Andes Mountains in South America.

Completion of the overhaul and modification of two of the planes is scheduled to join the Ozark fleet in October.



CAPTAIN ERNIE DARK presenting a bouquet of roses to Joan Melton, MISS NORTH CAROLINA of 1956, who is shown boarding a Piedmont Airlines flight at Greensboro.



### BELL SYSTEM SURVEY TEAM VISITS PIEDMONT

A Bell Telephone System Survey team visited the Piedmont Airlines General Office in INT recently for the purpose of gathering data and statistics on communications requirements of the present and future.

Mr. R. E. Conrath and Mr. T. J. Doyle, members of this special group, were assigned to Piedmont Airlines for this study in which they and their colleagues expect to make a consolidated report to the Bell System management by April of 1957 on the future communications needs of the airlines industry.

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