

China Clipper's Commander Veteran of 22 Years Flying

Musick Takes Greatest Pride in Record
of Having Flown 1,000,000 Miles
Without Serious Accident



Capt. Edward Musick

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LOS ANGELES—How would you like to spend four and one-half years in the air? Or fly over 1,000,000 miles in airplanes varying from a home-made "crate" to the smartly equipped American "air-blazer", the 25-ton China Clipper.

That, remarkable as it is, is the enviable record of Captain Edwin C. Musick, who has successfully guided the world's first transoceanic air transport from California to its western terminus, Manila.

Born in St. Louis, in 1894, Musick, now rated America's first international air mail pilot, learned to fly 22 years ago in a commercial flying school in Los Angeles. His first ship, a pusher-type plane of his own construction, was the beginning of a long string of planes, comprising almost every imaginable make, and upon which he was continually experimenting and piling up flying hours. He thus became one of the "early birds" and continued in exhibition and commercial flying until the United States entered the war in 1917.

Trained U. S. War Aces

Appointed civilian instructor in the United States Army Air Corps at San Diego, California, he eagerly volunteered to go overseas, but was assigned to the air base at Wichita Falls, Texas, and at Miami, Florida, training the "eaglets" for war service.

This is the man we see in 1927 at the airport in Key West about to take off in the first American tri-motored plane ever to go on a commercial line across the little 90-mile airway to Havana, the "laboratory route" from which has developed the

great Pan-American system, covering over 32,500 miles.

Now the greatest air transport unit in the world, the Pan-American Airways consisted of its president, Juan Trippe, a secretary, a few stenographers and a small office full of a lot of ambitions, when Musick was employed in 1927 as their first pilot. As the company expanded in flight operations, Musick expanded with them, until in 1930 he was made chief pilot of the Caribbean division with headquarters in Miami. He still holds this position.

Associate of Lindbergh's

While active in this post, Musick gained the unique record of having passed through American customs house offices more than 2,000 times on his various flights to the countries of the West Indies, Central and South America.

During several of these flights, when new trails were being blazed between North and South America, he served as co-pilot with Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, head of Pan-American's technical committee.

Less than a year ago, when Musick captained the Brazilian Clipper, first of the transoceanic type Clipper ships developed by Sikorsky, he succeeded in breaking almost all the world records for speed and load for various distances up to 2,000 kilometers while on a test non-stop 1,250-mile flight.

Modest, quiet, effective, and with hands and slender fingers of a musician, Musick, himself, is prouder of a record which is figured in other measures than percentages. No serious accident has ever befallen any aircraft of which he was the pilot and no injury has ever been caused to any passenger in any of his planes.

should be regarded as dangerous.

A good way to watch the road is through the windshield.

To be able to laugh last one must be in safety first.

Limbs, lives and losses are saved by caution.

Letters To



Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:

I am eight years old and am trying my best to be a good boy.

Please bring me a basketball and two baskets, an electric flood light tower, electric track switches and a bridge. What I have just written down that I want is what I want at the Christmas tree, and what I want in my stocking follows:

A Buck Rogers watch, sparklers, silver bells and apple. Please give me some string to follow. I have a little sister who is 4 years old, her name is Allen. She wants in her stocking some silver bells, sparklers, and a doll. At the Christmas tree she wants a doll house, a book to cut out, a story book and a doll bed to fit the doll in.

She has been trying to be good. Please don't forget mother and father. Am I the first little boy in Wayneville to write you? Please tell me over the radio.

With love,
HUMES HART.

Waynesville, N. C., Dec. 11, 1935.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl two years old. I want you to please bring me a doll and a tea set, also a doll bed, some candy and nuts. Santa please don't forget my brother. He wants a Ford truck.

With love,
BETTY JANE UNDERWOOD.

Waynesville, N. C., Dec. 11, 1935.

Dear Santa Claus:

I guess you know where I lived last year. I have moved since last year. It is the next white house down the road. The chimney is big enough for you to come down. I want you to bring me an Erector set, and a train, and some fire crackers.

With love,
GENE HOWELL.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a Patsy Ann doll, an electric stove, a cabinet, a lamp, gloves, raincoat, pocket book and books and games, oranges, candy and mother a box of candy, and bring daddy something nice.

Love,
PATSY DILLINGER.

Roosevelt Cracks Down On Political Profiteer At Meet

President Roosevelt, in addressing the American Farm Bureau federation convention at Chicago last week, "cracked down" on the "political profiteer," the "dispenser of discord," and the "family howler."

He spoke confidently of the "broad recovery program," endorsed the new Canadian trade treaty, and asserted that the farm program of his administration has actually given consumers "net benefits."

He assured city dwellers of justice under the new administration farm relief program.

He was greeted by a huge crowd. Referring to the depression, he asserted that "justice and old-fashioned common sense demanded that in the building of purchasing power we had to start with agriculture."

The farmers cheered his assertion that "the Nation's life is coming back—bonyon, happy life—we need no evidence beyond what we see and hear around us."

The President declared the administration farm program "originated in the aspirations of the farmers themselves, expressed through the several farm organizations."

We sought to stop the rule of tooth and claw that threw farmers into bankruptcy or turned them virtually into serfs," he said.

Attacks on speculators in farm products drew a round of applause from the audience.

He was interrupted again by applause when he emphasized with raised voice his significant contention that "forty-eight separate sovereign States, acting each as a separate unit, never were able and never will be able to legislate or to administer individual laws adequately to balance the agricultural life of a nation so greatly dependent on a nationally grown crop of many kinds."

As usual, reaction to the President's farm speech divided along party lines, Republicans assailing some portions of it and Democrats generally approving.

Before the Farm Bureau federation closed its seventeenth annual convention Wednesday it adopted resolutions recommending a balanced Federal budget, endorsing the AAA, and urging managed currency.

The federation also passed a resolution dealing with reciprocal trade treaties, which some observers described as a "straddle" on the recently signed agreement with Canada.

According to figures compiled by the National Safety Council, between the ages of 5 and 19, accidents cause more deaths than any single disease.

Dear Santa Claus:

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