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



By ALLEN A. GOLDFIN

International Illustrated News Writer ing over 32,500 miles. LOS ANGELES-How would you like to spend four and one-half years

equipped American "air-blazer", the 25-ton China Clipper.

That, remarkable as it is, is the the world's first transpacific 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 23 years ago in a commercial flying school in Los Angeles. His first ship, a pusher-type plane of his own con-struction, 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 "carly birds" and continued in exhibition and commercial flying until the United States entered the war

Trained U. S. War Aces

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

This is the man we see in 1927 at the airport in Key West about to measures than take off in the first American tri serious accident route" from which has developed the his planes

great Pan-American system, cover-

Now the greatest air transport unit in the world, the Pan-American Alrways consisted of its president, Juan in the air? Or fly over 1.000,000 Trippe, a secretary, a few stenogramiles in airplanes varying from a phers and a small office full of a lot home-made "crate" to the smartly of ambitions, when Musick was employed in 1927 as their first pilot. As the company expanded in flight operations, Musick expanded with enviable record of Captain Edwin C. Musick, who has successfully guided 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, be served as co-pilot with Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, head of Par-American's technical committee

Less than a year ago, when Musick captained the Brazilian Clipper, firm of the transocean type Clipper ships developed by Sikorsky, he succeeded in breaking almost all the perords for speed and various distances up to 2,000 kile meters 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 percentages. serious accident has ever befallen notored plane ever to go on a com- any aircraft of which he was the mercial line across the little 90-mile pilot and no injury has ever been alrway to Havana, the "laboratory caused to any passenger in any of

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Mayor wille, N. C., Roam C.

Dent 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 bod, some candy and nuts. Santa please don't forget my brother. He wants a ford truck. Lets of love.

BETTY JANE UNDERWOOD.

Waynesville, N. C., Dec. 14, 1935. Dear Santa Claus:

I guess you know where I lived last year. I have moved since last 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 moth er a box of candy, and bring daddy

PATSY DILLINGER.

Roosevelt Cracks Down On Political Profiteer At Meet

President Receivelt, in addressing the American Farm Bureau federation convention at Chicago last week, "cracked down" on the "political profiteer," the "dispenser of discord," and the "calamity howlers,"

He spoke confidently of the new recovery program;" endorsed the new Canadian trade treaty, and asserted that the farm program of his adminitial trade program of his administration of his administratio He spoke confidently of the "wood net benefit-

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 aserted that "justice and old-fashioned ommon sense demanded that in the building of purchasing power we had to start with agriculture."

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

The President declared the adminstration farm program "originated n the aspirations of the farmers themselves, expressed through the everal 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 produe s drew a round of applause from the autitence.

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 ind vidual law- adequately to balance the agraultural life of a nation so greaty dependent on nationally grown tops of many kinds." As esual, reletion to the President's

arm speech divided along party lines. Republicans assailing some portions of it and Democrats generally ap-

Before the Farm Bureau federation losed its seventeenth annual conven-ion Wednesday it adopted resolutions ecommending a balanced Federal undget, indersing the AAA, and urgng munaged currency.

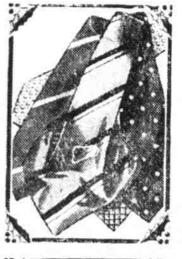
The federation also passed a resoluon dealing with reciprocal trade reaties, which some abservers de-scribed as a "straddle" on the recentsigned agreement with Canada.

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

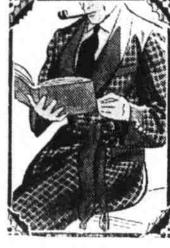
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