

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE MEMORIAL FUND

A MEETING of the Executive Committee, the last for the year 1927, was held at Iddesleigh House, on December 14 last, at which the following Members of the Committee were present:—Lord Hugh Cecil (Chairman), Lady Leighton, Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, Mrs. L. M. K. Pratt-Barlow, Sir Charles McLeod, Bart., Air Marshal Sir John Salmond, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Philip Game, Air Vice-Marshal F. R. Scarlett, Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, Air Commodore E. R. Ludlow-Hewitt, Lieut.-Comdr. H. E. Perrin.

The usual list of donations and subscriptions which had been received since the last Meeting, held on October 12, 1927, was laid on the table, and in view of the extraordinarily generous donations sent to the Fund by the Air Council on behalf of the Royal Air Force share of the profits of the Royal Tournament held at Olympia in June last, and of the extremely good profits earned by the Royal Air Force Display held at Hendon in June last, the total reached a very considerable and very welcome sum, and the thanks of the Committee were forwarded by the Chairman to the Air Council for their generous help, which has now extended over a period of more than seven years.

The Hon. Treasurer was given authority to invest in Trustee Securities, a certain sum of money, and also was authorised to place to the "Reserve Account" of the Vangbrough Castle school a further sum in view of possible improvements and enlargement of the school.

A letter received at the end of November from a firm of London solicitors was read to the Committee by the Secretary, and conveyed the wish of an anonymous donor to make a large contribution to the fund in the near future, subject, of course, to the Committee submitting a suitable scheme for the use of the money, and in this regard a deputation from the Executive Committee, consisting of the Hon. Treasurer, Sir Charles McLeod, Bart., Air Vice-Marshal Sir Philip Game, Air Member of Personnel, Air Ministry, and Lieut.-Comdr. H. E. Perrin, together with the Secretary, were directed to arrange an interview with the solicitors in question, and to submit a scheme for utilising the interest on the large sum concerned towards the education of the children of officers, beginning with those who have died in the service of the country, whether at war, or in times of peace.

The Committee agreed to make a grant of £20 to the St. George's Home for Officers' Children, Old Woking, Surrey, in respect to the children of officers of the Air Force who are inmates of the home.

The Secretary reported to the Committee that Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir H. M. Trenchard, Bart., G.C.B., Chief of the Air Staff, had laid a wreath provided by the fund on Armistice Day at the foot of the R.A.F. War Memorial, Victoria Embankment, on behalf of the Royal Air Force and of the fund.

He likewise reported that a wreath provided by the fund was laid on the same day, and at the same hour, at the foot of the R.A.F. Bay of the Scottish National War Memorial, Edinburgh, the senior Air Officer in Scotland being present at the ceremony.

The Secretary was directed as usual to prepare an Annual Report for the year 1927.

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De Havilland's Annual Meeting

At the annual general meeting of the De Havilland Aircraft Co., Ltd., at Stag Lane on December 30, a dividend of 10 per cent. was declared, and Mr. A. S. Butler, chairman, stated that from the year's working it had been possible to place £10,000 to the reserve account.

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NOTICES TO AIRMEN
Farnborough Aerodrome: Flying of Kite and Captive Balloons

PILOTS who may be flying in the vicinity of Farnborough are warned that until further notice a kite balloon and a captive balloon will be flown at intervals from the Farnborough aerodrome, up to a maximum height of 1,500 ft.

The mooring cables will be marked in the normal manner, but special care should be exercised to avoid these cables, especially in conditions of poor visibility.

Cancellation of Notices

The following Notices to Airmen or parts of Notices are cancelled:—
General.—1927.—Nos. 76, para. 4; 81; 83, para. 2; 90; 91, para. 1.
Note.—No. 85 of 1927, relating to Notice to Ground Engineers No. 6 of 1927 is suspended until further notice (see N/GE. No. 9/1927).
 (No. 100 of 1927.)

Procedure for Aircraft reporting their Passage Across the Irish Sea
 WITH reference to Notice to Airmen No. 51 of 1927, the following is the telephone number and telegraphic address of the Commandant, Army Air Service, Irish Free State, Baldonnell Aerodrome:—Telephone Number: Clondalkin 22. Telegraphic Address: "Aviation Baldonnell."
 (No. 102 of 1927.)

PERSONALS
Married

SQUADRON LEADER JAMES MILNE ROBB, D.S.O., D.F.C., was married on December 29, 1927, at Beaulieu Abbey, to BESSIE MURRAY, youngest daughter of the late J. T. JOHNSTON and Mrs. Johnston, Pulborough.

BRIAN COURTENAY YARDE, R.A.F., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Yarde, of 7, Kimbolton Avenue, Bedford, was married, on December 17, at Holy Trinity Church, Bedford, to MARJORIE, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. SYDNEY SMITH, of 107, Bramham Road, Bedford.

To be Married

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between KENELM EDWARD LEE GUINNESS, of The White House, Kingston Hill, Surrey, younger son of the late Captain Benjamin Guinness and Lady Henrietta Guinness, and JOSEPHINE STRANGMAN, younger daughter of Sir Thomas and Lady Strangman, of 3, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1.

Item

The will of the late Lieut.-Col. VINCENT NICHOLL, D.S.O., D.S.C., of The Mill House, Stoke Poges, a director of the Fairey Aviation Company, has been proved at £44,299.

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THE WESTLAND AIRCRAFT SOCIETY
 (The Yeovil Branch of the R.Ae.S. and Inst.Ae.E.)

ON Friday, December 9, a most interesting lecture on "Aircscrews," illustrated by lantern slides, was given to the Society by W. E. Park, Esq., Wh.Sc., A.R.C.S., A.M.I.Mech.E. (of the Aircscrew Co., Ltd.) at the Mermaid Hotel. Capt. Keep took the Chair.

Synopsis of Paper.—The first part of the paper dealt with the scope of the subject, with reference to the standard method of construction. The problems of design were considered from the manufacturer's point of view with reference to various empirical formulae, and to the laying out of the airscrew blade from the main dimensions.

The second part of the paper dealt with the construction of the timber propeller in detail, with references to the comparative costs of the various processes and the departures from standard practice. A brief summary of special methods of construction was included.

The third part dealt with metal construction; the properties determining the choice of material, and the existing types of metal airscrews being discussed.

A long discussion followed the paper, in which Mr. Park was enabled to still further expound his views on Aircscrew design and performance.

After emphasising the great improvement in design and construction which had taken place since the pioneer days, Mr. Gibson proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was heartily acclaimed by the members present.

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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

The Air Pilot Monthly Supplement. No. 38. December, 1927. Air Ministry, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

All the World's Aircraft, 1927. Edited by C. G. Grey. Founded in 1911 by Fred T. Jane. Sampson, Low, Marston and Co., Ltd., 100, Southwark Street, London, S.E.1. Price £2 2s. net.

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AERONAUTICAL PATENT SPECIFICATIONS

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