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FURTHER DETAILS OF NATIONAL FLYING SERVICES, LTD.

Air Parks, Country Clubs, and Service
Stations



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THE main features of this helpful scheme have been embodied in an interesting brochure issued by the company, giving details of its proposed activities. First, the company has on its board of directors Capt. the Rt. Hon. F. E. Guest, P.C., D.S.O., M.P. (chairman); Mr. J. G. Peel, J.P. (deputy-chairman); the Hon. Dame Mary Bailey; Col. the Master of Sempill, A.F.C., A.F.R.Ae.S., Sir Alan Cobham, K.B.E., A.F.C.; Mr. A. G. Hemsley; Capt. W. S. Stephenson, M.C., D.F.C., F.R.S.A.; Lieut.-Col. I. A. E. Edwards, C.M.G. (managing director); and Mr. G. E. F. Boyes (deputy managing director). The secretary and commercial manager is Mr. Noel I. Smith; and chief engineer, Maj. F. R. Williams. Information and publicity are in the charge of Mr. E. M. Rossiter.

As the initial stage of the programme, the company is putting into commission as quickly as possible an organisation comprising the following: a central air park and country club for the service of London (this will be at Hanworth, Middlesex); 22 national air parks and clubs at important centres in the provinces; 100 intermediate landing grounds; 100 light aeroplanes with reserve aircraft and engines; 50 flying instructors and pilots, 50 licensed ground engineers, and 50 assistants, with a reserve of instructors and engineers.

There will also be a fully equipped central repair depot and stores, a route information bureau, technical advisory bureau, and sales and insurance organisation and meteorological information service. For a parallel in motoring to this organisation, one must imagine such a body as the Automobile Association extending its activities to embrace co-operation with the local authorities in the planning and provision of roads; teaching people to drive through the medium of regional motoring clubs; acting as motor-dealers, engineers, and garage owners; providing a motor-car hire service and taxi service, operating commercial road vehicles; serving as booking agents for road transport; and, finally, organising races and competitions for motorists. All such duties in the air, and others for which a need arises, are to be undertaken by National Flying Services, Ltd. The company's 123 flying grounds will be distributed at average intervals of some 15 minutes' flying time from one to another.

Air Taxi, Instruction and Pleasure Flying

While all the company's services, more particularly aircraft and pilots for air-taxi flying, will be open to the general public, the 23 main centres will operate primarily as flying schools and clubs, and as service stations for private owners



An aerial view of the Hanworth Park (Middlesex) aerodrome and Club-House which will be the Central Air Park of National Flying Services, Ltd. The excellent flying approaches are a good feature of this site.