

## HERE AND THERE . . .

making 100 descents from a Piper Cub in just over eight hours.

At a flying club near Buenos Aires, a 19-year-old girl made nine jumps, also from a Cub, in 40 minutes; and a new note was struck by another intrepid lady, who used two parachutes in succession, discarding the first, during a single descent.

A third Argentine aviatrix, Señora de Oyamzu, recently set up a new record for the greatest number of loops completed in succession. Flying a 65 h.p. El Boyero light aircraft, she looped no fewer than 237 times, at a reported rate of "six flings a minute."

## Spotters' Contest

THE third annual contest of the Aircraft Recognition Society is to be held in the Science Museum, South Kensington, at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, January 21st. Competing teams will each consist of three persons, not under the age of 16, representing any Service or civilian organization interested in aircraft recognition, and the test comprises 35 flying views of modern aircraft.

The winning team will receive from Mr. Peter Masefield, the president of the Society, a trophy consisting of a solid silver model of a Hurricane, at present held by the Barking Aviation Club. Entry forms, together with a fee of 7s 6d, must be sent to the chairman, Mr. E. G. A. Wilton, Laymorna, Taymount Rise, London, S.E.23, before next Saturday, January 7th.



**BROUGHT UP TO DATE:** B.O.A.C.'s director of technical development, Mr. A. C. Campbell-Orde, was one of the first British airline captains, and also a test pilot, during the inter-war years. He is seen leaving the second prototype Ambassador after a flight made during a recent visit to the Airspeed factory at Christchurch.



**MUSTANGS AT KITTY HAWK:** North American F-51 Mustang piston-engined fighters of the U.S.A.F. in spectacular passage over the Wright Brothers' hilltop memorial at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The fly-past was part of the celebrations commemorating the 45th anniversary of the first powered flight.

## Not So Fast

LAST week's report in the *Los Angeles Times* that the Bell X-1 research aircraft had flown at Mach 3—a speed of practically 2,000 m.p.h. at the altitudes involved—drew an official statement from the U.S. Air Force, to the effect that the X-1 had flown "hundreds of miles per hour faster than sound," but that specific figures were still secret. Recent reports of specific speeds were described as incorrect.

The Bell X-1 first achieved supersonic speed on October 14th, 1947, and the latest X-1A version is said to have a maximum designed speed of 1,700 m.p.h. (approximately Mach 2.6) at 30,000ft. The X-1A is fitted with a 6,000-lb thrust rocket-unit with turbo-pump fuel system. Its endurance is 2½ minutes at full thrust.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

THE Argentine Air Force is reported to have shown interest in the Saab Scandia twin-engined transport, which was demonstrated recently in Buenos Aires.

Mr. Stephen J. Mattock has been appointed publicity manager to Venner Time Switches, Ltd., New Malden, Surrey. He previously held posts with Rolls-Royce, Ltd., the General Electric Co., Ltd., and in technical journalism.

Avica Equipment, Ltd., is the new title of Aviation Corporates, Ltd., 53, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1. The change has been made in order to identify the firm more closely with its American company, Avico, Inc., Portsmouth, R.I.

Mr. J. G. Scott, who recently joined Electro-Hydraulics, Ltd., Warrington, has been appointed supplies manager of the firm. For a number of years Mr. Scott was with General Aircraft, Ltd., Feltham, and Miles Aircraft, Ltd., Reading, in various capacities on the material-supply side.

Miss Thorn, daughter of the late Capt. S. A. ("Bill") Thorn, Avro chief test pilot, is to marry Lt. Cdr. E. D. Hanson, a test pilot at R.N.A.S. Anthorn, Carlisle.

The engagement is announced of F/L Duncan E. de la Hoyde to Miss Stella Howse; both were formerly at the Royal Aero Club, and Miss Howse is now with R. K. Dundas, Ltd.

At the recent annual meeting of the Air Transport Section of the London Chamber of Commerce, Mr. J. Vivian Holman was elected chairman of the section in succession to Mr. J. S. Wills, and Mr. A. M. Desoutter was re-elected deputy chairman.

S/L Bob Moore, who for the past three years has been chief experimental test pilot to the Swedish Saab firm, and before that was a Rolls-Royce test pilot, is to act as technical representative of the Royal Swedish Air Force and Saab in London. He can be communicated with c/o the Swedish Embassy, 29, Portland Place, W.1.

Orders for helicopters and spare parts placed recently with the Kaman Aircraft Corporation by the U.S. Navy and Coastguard have raised the company's "military backlog" to nearly £40,000. The new contracts cover helicopters and spare parts to be delivered during the year, and two previous Navy orders were for helicopter research and development.

Appearing this month, the 1949-50 *F.B.I. Register* runs to over 1,000 pages in which nearly 6,000 firms in British industry are catalogued under cross-referenced headings. The register is published at 25s (with special terms to F.B.I. members) jointly by Kelly's Directories, Ltd., and Iliffe and Sons Ltd. Home orders should be addressed to the first-named firm at 196, Strand, London, W.C.2, and overseas orders to the latter, at Dorset House, Stamford Street, London, S.E.1.