

Brockton Flying Club Conducts Its 29th Reunion

More than 50 members and alumni of the Brockton Flying Club met at the Four Hundred Club for their 29th reunion and enjoyed swapping experiences of the earlier days of the club.

Letters, telegrams and cards from members unable to be present came from Alaska, California, Florida, New Hampshire, Washington, Connecticut and Maryland.

The event was in charge of the officers: Pres. David Keith of Copeland street, Clerk Royal Snell of North Elm street, West Bridgewater, and Treas. Melvert H. Wood of Hillside avenue. A feature of the program was the presentation of engraved silver trays and a purse of money to Mr. and Mrs. Wood for their faithful service over 30 years.

In contrast to earlier days, the club now owns a modern four-place plane and is contemplating purchase of an additional plane for training purposes. Shareholders of the organization are Don Clark of Halifax, Cong. Hastings Keith, West Bridgewater; Atty. Allan Hale, Middleboro; Domenic DeGregorio, West Roxbury; Frank Anderson and Kenneth Dineen of Brockton and Frank Doherty of South Braintree.

Among members unable to be present, Merrill Shurtleff of 118 Sunkist lane, Los Altos, Cal., wrote that he had expected to be on vacation but would be on Cape Cod the week of June 17 and hope to see some of the members. Howard Brooks, 870 Buckland avenue, San Carlos, Cal., vice-president of the Flying Tiger air freight line, was unable to come since his firm recently bought a fleet of new cargo planes and he is busy training mechanics. Rudy Christensen, first president of the club, was unable to attend because of poor health. He now lives at 3100 Glenwood road, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Also unable to attend was Donald Crandlemere of Hol-

brook, who is on an 11,000-mile vacation trip. Letters of congratulation were received from airport owners, pilot associations and manufacturers. Prizes donated by a local flying service went to Alfred Bishop and John Gilmetti.

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Flying Club to Sponsor Reunion In May or June

The Brockton Flying Club, organized 29 years ago by men who liked to fly, will have a 29th anniversary reunion in late May or early June when it is expected that former members will come from the West Coast and foreign countries to attend.

Plans for the reunion were discussed at a special meeting of the club, which lists a flying congressman among its present members, conducted Tuesday night at the home of Melvert H. Wood, 71 Hillside avenue, with the new present, David Keith, presiding. Royal K. Snell of West Bridgewater is the new clerk.

A highlight was the announcement that the Brockton Flying Club's new plane, a Cessna 170 B, would be delivered today on Saturday. It will be at the Taunton Municipal Airport, where the club has kept its plane for the past few years.

Organized 29 years ago by a self-styled "bunch of poor fliers," the Brockton Flying Club, Inc., is composed of 10 members, licensed pilots, who own shares in a corporation. Originally, the club met and kept its plane at the Brockton Airport for many years. Then, when the Brockton Airport was discontinued, it kept the plane at Taunton, then at Hanover, and now is back at Taunton again.

Cong. Hastings Keith of West Bridgewater has bought a share in the club and has been using the plane to better serve his constituents on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. He has soloed and is almost ready for his private pilot's license. He has made visits this way to the site of the proposed National Seashore Park on Cape Cod.

One of the club's former members is now a vice-president of KLM airline in Holland—George Malouin. Another, Howard Brooks, now in Van Ness, Cal., as an official of the Flying Tigers airline.

Anyone having the addresses of former members is requested to notify any of the present officers or members of the club. Among the addresses sought is that of Merrill Shurtleff, who is with TWA on the West Coast, having been transferred from Kansas City. Another is Billy Woodman, who has been in Maine, and now is understood to be flying in Texas. Also Arthur Hallin of Avon, now on the West Coast with an airline. The club would like to have the addresses of all mentioned above.

Guests at Tuesday night's meeting at Mr. Wood's home were John Murphy, a check pilot for Eastern Airlines in Boston, and Alfred Bishop. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Wood.

Next meeting will be held on March 14, at Royal K. home in West Bridge-