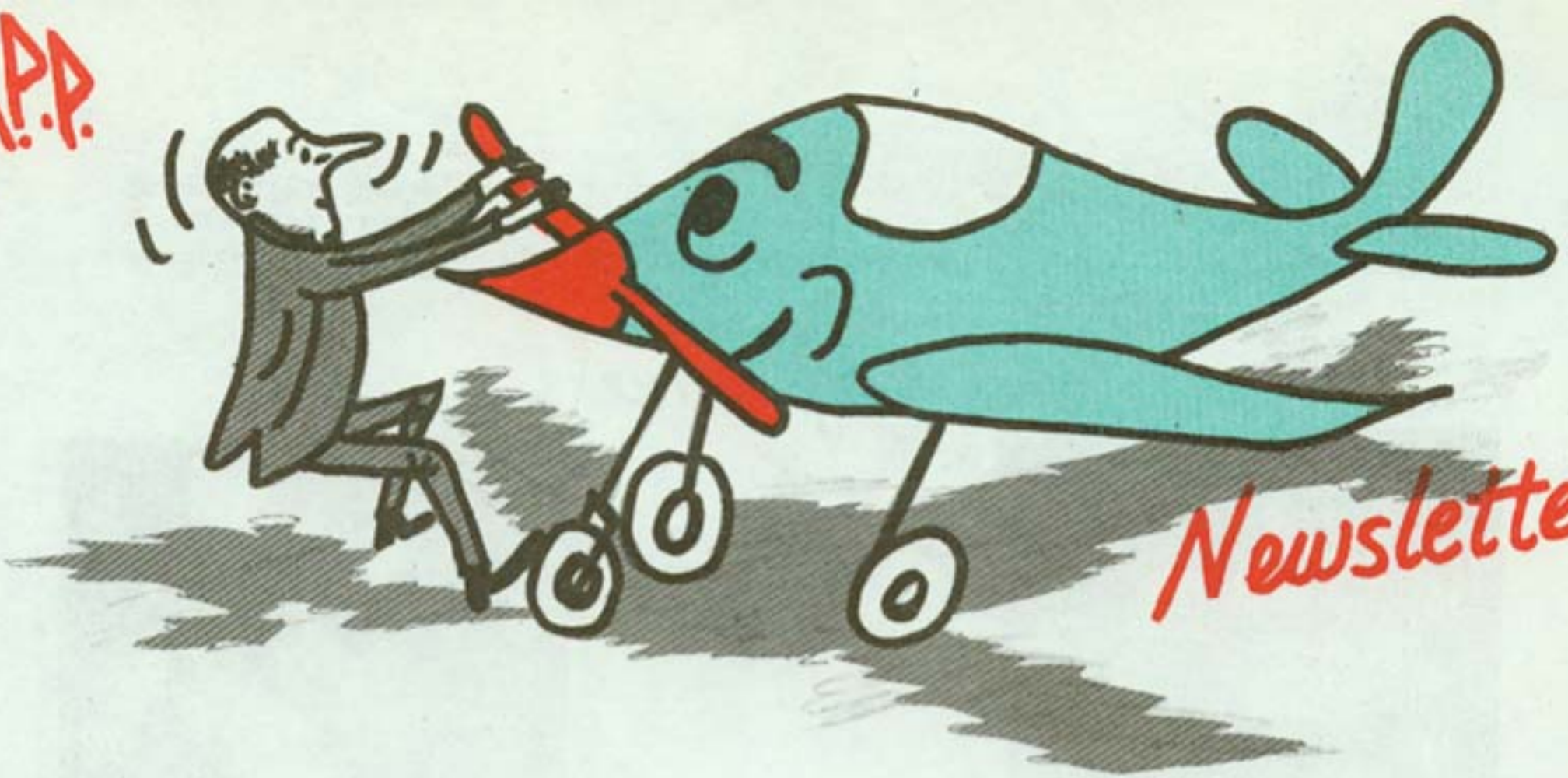


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After much delay the Sanderson Audio-Visual courses NAPP is making available to its members is finally a reality. The time needed to establish an open account was much longer than anticipated so we are getting started about a month late in our operation.

The IFR reservations look like this: Oct.-Nov.: Wolan; Dec.-Jan.:Teufel; Feb.-March: Friederick; April-May: Pfab; June-July: George Baldwin; August-September: Schaefer; October-November: Frank Nemmers.

The Private course is reserved as follows: Sept.-Oct.: Rossello; Nov.-Dec.: Pfab; January-February: Elliott.

Anyone else wishing to reserve the courses, please let me know. The rules and regulations were printed in the last issue.

To use the film strips and cassettes, the ideal piece of equipment is a DuKane projector with the cassette built right into it. If you don't have access to one of these any projector and cassette recorder will work.

I can also make available to you the texts and study exams that go with the audio-visual materials. With my 40% discount, the cost of IFR texts is \$11.50; the private is \$10.55. I would recommend that you have these materials to go along with the vis-aids.

The investment that NAPP has made for you is \$479.50 for the IFR course and \$488.50 for the private. So handle with a lot of TLC.



A word of thanks is once again in order to co-founder Henry Haacke. Each year Henry assumes the responsibility of filing the incorporation papers for NAPP as a non-profit organization in Kentucky. Because of Henry's change of address this year, the fee was \$10.00 instead of the customary \$1.00.

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## Central Region Meets



At Mayo Clinic



At dinner

The NAPP Central Region was hosted by Fr. Vern Schaefer of Byron, Minnesota on Monday, September 13. Highlight on the agenda for the afternoon was a guided tour and lecture at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. The group had dinner together at the dining room at Rochester Municipal Airport. Following the dinner, a short business meeting was held to elect a new regional president. John Herzog of New Hampton, Iowa was elected to replace John Bellon who recently moved out of the area.

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**Are you  
still  
looking skyward  
and wishing?!**

(I'm not.)  
Nancy

For the past two years, Nancy Johnson has assisted with the lay-out and done all the lettering for the newsletter. After reading and writing about planes for two years the bug "bit" and I began giving her flying lessons. She got her private ticket on July 21 and immediately began to make some kind of pilot history. On July 25, I accompanied her to Mexico City where we met a friend of hers who returned to Iowa with us. The trip home was made via Guadalajara, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlán and Monterrey. By the time we got home she had logged almost 32 hours in a Mooney and had flying experience that some never have in a lifetime of flying.

We have had several communiques from Bishop Leo Arkfeld, Wewak, New Guinea, the past couple of months. In one letter he writes, "We have 4 planes in our Sepik River Mission---three Cessnas and one Dornier 27. Our pilots are usually volunteers who are trying to build up hours. The permanent staff of myself, Fathers Ruiter and Fincutter form the unchanging element."



#### THE MIGHTY SEPIK RIVER

is one of the largest rivers in the world. It winds and coils for 700 miles through jungles and swamps. It can rise several feet and flood the villages along its banks. At such times life gets very serious. Pigs and chickens have to be brought into the people's dwellings and if the water comes over the floor, the animals will be lost, but the people save themselves by living in their canoes.

On such a rare occasion, the people can come to Mass only by canoe. Over 140 canoes were counted at such a Sunday Mass. They were all tied up to suspended walks leading to the Church. The Church was built on pillars, and the water was within inches of the floor. It was a beautiful sight, but what a hardship for missionary and people.

Wewak, New Guinea

Dear Friends of Wewak,

I have now been in New Guinea for 25 years. That is really no great achievement in these days of modern medicine.

There is, however, a priest still living in Germany who spent 25 years here in New Guinea from about 1900 to 1925. That was really something, because in those days the average missionary only lasted about 15 years. The average age at death of the first 80 missionaries to this part of New Guinea was 43 years.



I had the privilege of meeting this venerable priest, Father Theodore Averberg, S.V.D. a few years ago. I found him in his room reading his office. One would think that a priest born in 1878 would consider himself excused from reading the office, but, not so, Father Averberg. He was very enthusiastic in telling me all about the early days in New Guinea. It seems they had the same problems we have now, with some extra ones thrown in for good measure. He still rides a bicycle, does full time work as a hospital chaplain, and insisted that I go with him to the family farm to see their cattle. All I could think of was, "what a man, what a priest, what a missionary." He still writes to us, and sends offerings when he can. His heart is still in New Guinea. Father Theodore Averberg, S.V.D. is probably the eldest member of that group called, "Friends of Wewak". He is 93.



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*Briefs from here + there*

Fr. George Baldwin of Father Judge High School flew his confrere, Fr. George Schneider, to the NAPP Convention in Pittsburg but had to return immediately to Philadelphia as some last minute school work required his immediate attention. Consequently, he missed the convention.

George has been appointed the new Dean of Studies at the school. He also plans on working on his IFR ticket in the not too distant future.

Father P. J. McDonald, Tom (Tank) DeCarlo and Bernie Gottner of Des Moines flew the Alaskan Highway to Anchorage. They flew a Cessna Cardinal, 1968, 150 horse and with 2 heavies and survival gear P.J. says "it was a struggle." It was the longest trip for all three and the first mountain experience for Tom.

P.J. says it's an easy and beautiful trip to fly for interested vacationers, and he'll be happy to fill anyone in on details.

Father John Birk of Spokane joined one of his parishioners on a camping trip to Rapid City, South Dakota via Canada. On the way, they stopped off in Regina, Saskatchewan where John attended seminary and also made an excursion through Banff National Park.

The return trip-Rapid City to Spokane-was by commercial flight with a Clergy Pass. Frontier 737 non-stop Rapid City to Denver.—Changed to another 737 which stopped at Casper, Wyoming; Billings, Montana and Great Falls, Montana. ~~He~~ overnight with friends found him on Northwest Airlines 727 next morning with a stop at Missoula, Montana on the way to Spokane.

John says if you have time it is worthwhile looking into the use of the clergy pass in your area.

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Fr. Tom DeCarlo of Des Moines has been assigned to a new position. He will live at Dowling High School and will be working full time with a new youth ministry.

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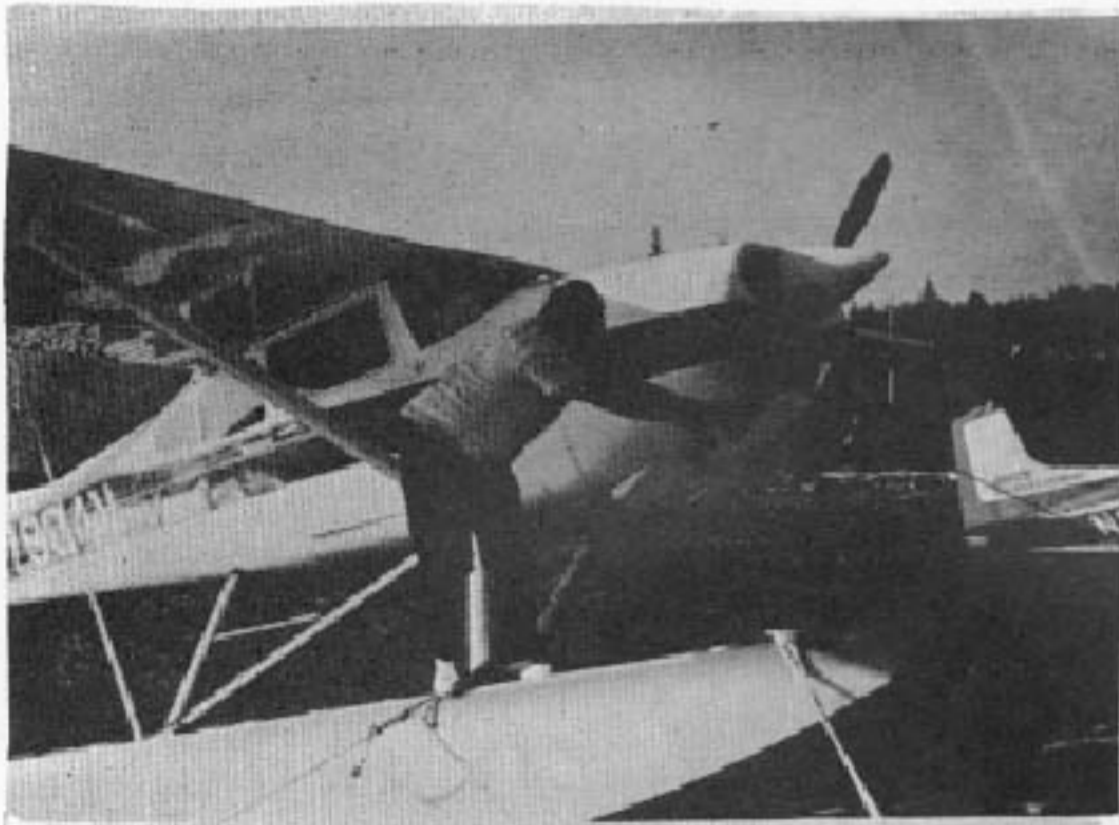
Max Conrad sends his new address and the fact he missed the Pittsburg meeting because he was in Switzerland delivering a Navajo and taking care of some business for his late wife.

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Father Ray Churchill of Ketchikan, Alaska returned back East in May to spend the last day with his Dad before he passed away and to officiate at his funeral.

Back in Alaska the big excitement was the arrival of the new "baby"--a 1967 Cessna 180 on floats. A gentleman in Tacoma who has 15,000 hours on floats gave Ray an 8-hour checkout. Flying right seat to Alaska was the Seventh Day Adventist minister who is an instructor and ferries planes from Washington to Alaska. Since this was his sixth trip, Ray says, "he was a very inexpensive insurance policy for me."

Recently the pre-fab "parish house" was finished. It's not a rectory in that the house is used by anyone who needs a place to stay. The list of occupants goes on and on.



Ray  
and  
Baby

## NEWS FLASH...

Proverbs 25:25... Rev. Mel Hemann... 2210 Lincolnway...  
Ames, Iowa... 50010... STOP



The following is an article from a recent Philadelphia paper. (George attended the convention in Pittsburg).

AVIATION by Lew Hodges

The Rev. George Schneider teaches religion at Bishop Shanahan High School in West Chester. In addition, he is a Lt. Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol, and chief of Chaplains for Pennsylvania.

There are, besides the Church, two truly important things in his life--young people and flying. Father Schneider felt that if the two can be put together, both aviation and the world would be better off. So he did.

The priest created an aviation course for his school (and subsequently, the West Chester public high school). He was able to get it accredited - perhaps the only high school credit course in flying in the United States.

The six-week course is tough. Two hours each day are spent in class, studying not only the "regular" ground school subjects, but also search and rescue, survival, aerodynamics and aerospace, and radio technique. Over the summer, that's 32 hours of ground school--about twice the norm.

And the kids fly. Each of the students receives about 2½ hours of dual instruction a week, and many of the students are ready for the FAA "final" by the end of the course.

Father Schneider's summer class is open to every high school student in the county who is willing to join CAP, will be 16 before solo, and can pass a class three physical exam. Ground instruction is free, and flight time costs \$8 an hour.

The balance of the costs is subsidized by donations of friends and a few adult members, and by skating parties, bake sales, and car washes undertaken by the students.

No youngster has ever been turned away. Asked what would happen if a boy or girl wanted to join and honestly couldn't afford the low cost, Father Schneider said, "We would find a way." If a kid wants to fly, he'll fly.

"Finding a way" hasn't been without its setbacks. A few weeks ago, someone broke into the hangar and removed the panel from the CAP-owned Cessna 150. The \$2,000 cost of replacement meant the end of a special program of free orientation rides for less-privileged West Chester youth.

Last week the Chester County Board of Commissioners refused the Father's request for \$5,000, 80 percent to be used for the school and the balance to restore the "orientation flight" program. The expense was "not justified," they said.

The Boeing Company didn't agree, and managed a contribution. And area pilots are beginning to reach for checkbooks. But there is a long way to go. Father Schneider's kids could use some friends.

# NAPP CONVENTION

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