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AS YOU WILL LEARN IN OTHER PACES OF THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWSTETTER FOUR FLYING PADRES AVIATED TO FLORIDA AND BEYOND FROM ICWA. AT LEAST AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED, PART OF THE RATIONALE FOR THE TRIP WAS TO ASSESS THE AVAILABILITY OF AVGAS. SOME OF YOU ARE WONDERING IF THERE'LL BE A CONVENTION IF THE SHORTAGE PERSISTS.

IT WAS OUR EXPERIENCE, HAVING LANDED IN PENNSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, FLORIDA, OH YES, AND ILLINOIS, THAT THE ONLY BAD SPOT FOR GAS WAS OL' MDW IN CHICAGO. IF IT DOESN'T GET ANY WORSE IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THERE OUGHT TO BE ENOUGH AVGAS TO GET ABOUT 50 - 75 NAPPERS TO THE NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION IN JULY. IF WE LOAD UP THE PLANES OR CARS, LESS AIRCRAFT AND MORE MEMBERS COULD MADE THE CONVENTION. ALL ACREED???

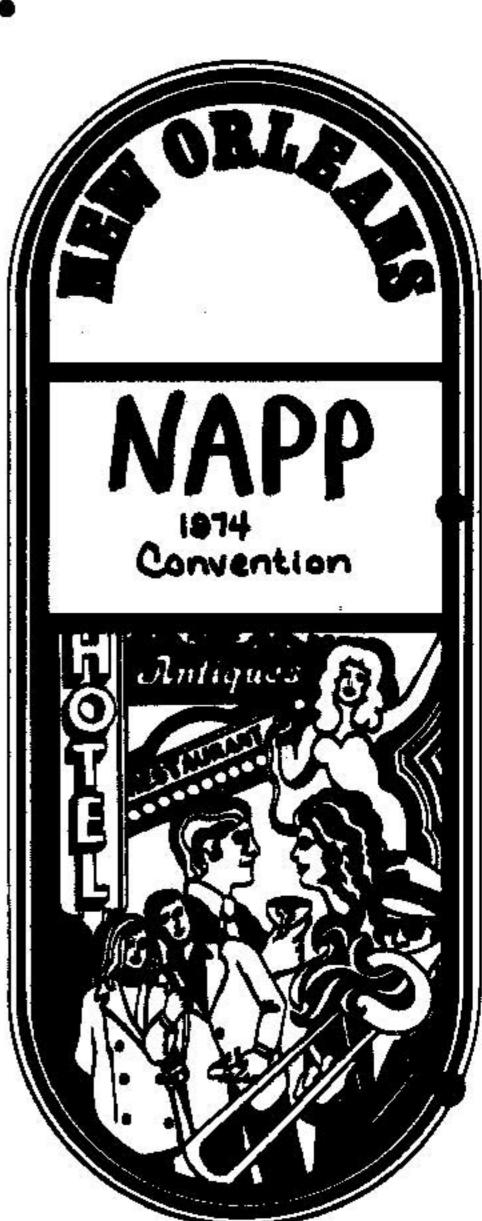
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## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW?







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V. J. Schaefer - April & May Richard Funke -- June & July

The PVT course is not presently booked up after this month. Anyone interested let me know at 10 River Heights, Mason City, Iowa 50401.

The new TFR course which we ordered last Auguest and was to arrive - newly revised - in December has not been heard from to date. Hopefully it'll arrive one of these days.



# AIR FORCE MUSEUM

The April issue of the newsletter will be out in plenty of time to give the details on this Central Regional meet. It's Monday, May 6. Come and join in the day of looking over the museum. Rook what popped up from mel Many have

President Dick Skriba mentioned that we took a little journey. He, John Herzog of Iowa Falls, Iowa, Jack Murphy of The Farmstead and myself took off on January 28 for Eleuthra in the Bahamas to spend a week in the sun. Very quick and to the point - it was great. Got in 35 hours of flying in all kinds of weather. Good time! Good experience! The pictures below show several of the things we had to put up with while the Folks backhome were struggling with ice and snow.

I must apologize for the tardiness of this letter.

Many things have been happening in the last month that
have made it rather difficult to meet the regular
schedule. But we'll try and do better in the future.

I've been doing a bit of instructing and charter work at the

local airport. Best one to date was to fly two couples to Miami in the 210 owned by one of them. Business man who had to go that week and the only way out was with a CFII. Left here at 2:30 pm on Friday. Arrived in Miami at 2:05 am Saturday. Got A Delta jet out at 2:50

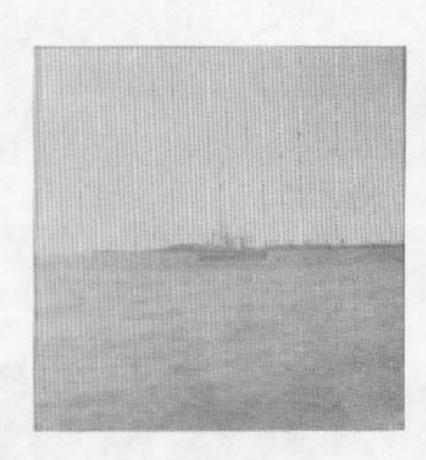
and was home by 10:00 am on Saturday. Very enjoyable day off!

Start making plans for Dayton in May and New Orleans in July. Dick has a fantastic plan for NAPP at the Convention. Don't miss that!

The Sanderson courses are being put back one month because of slow mail in Alaska.







#### The Farmstead Inc.

#### Salem Road Moorestown, New Jersey 08057

Country Day School 3-5 years
Summer Riding Camp 5-13 years

Christmas, 1973



Life on the Farm

Greetings Dear Friend:

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Our original theory: the introduction of the child to the farm experience can balance the weight of today's technological culture in the psyche, has proven itself sound. Children have an experience here that will last the rest of their lives. Each youngster becomes a 'part' of the FARMSTEAD somehow. Each lives his own dream here, and it remains with him.

It's been interesting for me: planning and executing the camp, nursery school, and riding school programs; raising the money; mucking the stalls; building the playground; and getting new horses and ponies. Monsignor O'Dea, my former Pastor in Hicksville, Long Island remarked, "You'll need state help in your school program." He stared blankly at me when I replied, "We're struggling along without institutional assistance from State or Church. I put the garbage out in the morning, plan the curriculum, ferry the kids, etc..."

We moved trails around all the orchards; built jumps in the fields; put new heating units and sinks in the schoolroom, thanks to the help of some fathers, mothers, and teenagers. Now, a child can get good riding lessons on a fine pony by the best instructress in the State for a very low price. We have an excellent, dedicated head teacher in the classroom, as well as enthusiastic young teacher aides and camp personnel.

When approaching the farm of a morning, the children in the car shout, "There's the silo! Hey! There's the farm!" One mother of last year wrote me, "Donald still talks about the farm...the hay rides... Thank you so much for it meant a lot in his life."

Summer camp was great for the kids, but financial disaster for the FARMSTEAD. We spent more for equipment and salaries, etc. than we took in. But cake sales, barn sales, donations, and volunteers keep the place going. We are still a non-profit organization (getting moreso all the time). Be it known that anyway you can help the cause is deductible. The philosophy of our program rings true, and that is why I ask your help. The long hours, hard work and sacrifices we have made here have contributed a real and lasting good in the children who have come to us.

Perhaps the only drawback here is that the moving spirit gets so wound up by myriad problems and exhausting labors, he is sometimes tempted to devour everyone or everything in sight.

But this is Christmastime, and the beast within us is converted to genuine human by the scene of the Holy Babe in the manger. The Spirit of Christmas doth make human beings of us all.

May God bless you and yours.

Merry Christmas!

Father Jack Murphy





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