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New $150,000 Landing Field Built by Sidles Airways Ranks as One of Best in Midwest

UNION AIRPORT PROVES POPULAR

Planes of Many Kinds and From All Parts of U. S. Use Field.

Hangar Costing $50,000 Now In Use, Investment Totals $150,000.

Although Union airport has been in operation but a short time, on the port register are found names of planes of almost every make, which have landed there from every section of the country. Owned and operated by Sidles Airways corporation, Union airport is located a mile north of Havelock on the Cornhusker highway. Construction of the hangar and reparation of the and field into a first-class landing field was begun last November and completed this spring. Since then, Union airport has become one of the nation's leading ports.

Union airport represents today an investment of $150,000. The hangar was erected at a cost of $50,000, and the remainder has gone for equipment and purchase and preparation of the half-section of land comprising the port site. The cost of the hangar and field by will be doubled before present plans for Union airport are brought to final completion. The port administration offices are at present housed in the hangar, but will be located in the administration building, when that structure is erected, at a date as yet unannounced.

Hangar 100 Feet Wide.

In erecting the hangar, the best features and details of airport construction were followed. In order that Lincoln might possess a field qualified for the highest government rating. On the south boundary of the field, and located near the southwestern corner of the field, the hangar is 130 feet long, 100 feet wide. The hangar door has a ceiling clearance of 25 feet. It is constructed of red brick with a white stone trim.

The largest plane flying commercially in this country can be safely and easily housed here. It faces the east. The Union airport hangar is the only one in Nebraska with a warming apron, which is of concrete. Here planes can be rolled out for servicing and warming up, before taking off or for servicing before being stored with the hangar.

On the south wing of the hangar are located the offices of the port; the new offices of the port; locker and toilet facilities for air travelers and port employes; the parts department and the shops. Union Airport has been planned with an eye to the needs which it will be called upon to meet as air travel increases year by year.

Servicing of Airplanes.

Servicing of automobiles has been brought to the high state of perfection, and at Union airport every effort has been made to provide the same efficiency for the aviator.

For the refueling and servicing of aircraft, special equipment of the Union type has been provided at Union airport. At one corner of the hangar, there is a 1,000-gallon tank which fuel is dispensed to planes. A switch in the pit starts a motor pumping gasoline from a storage tank through a short hose to the plane's tanks. A meter in the pit registers the gasoline in gallons as it is pumped into the ship.

When a number of planes await service, the pump is operated in service with a truck, carrying the gasoline, and air for the landing gear tires. The truck carries two fifty-gallon compartments for oils, and a 100-gallon gasoline compartment. Thus a ship can be serviced without being pulled to the apron, and prevent freezing of the oil in cold weather. This truck is provided with an arrangement, whereby heat from the exhaust is piped through the oil compartments keeping it above freezing temperature. Gasoline is dispensed to planes by pumps operated by power from the truck's motor. The same pumps are employed to refill the truck. For safety's sake, when fuel is being dispensed to a ship, a chain, connected to the truck is also loosely attached to some part of the ship in order to prevent explosion of the fumes by static electricity. A large powerful spotlight is also carried on the service truck so as aid at night or during fog. A tow ring also makes it possible to tow planes into the hangar.

Landing Field Added.

Much of the landing field itself has been added. It rolls away from the hangar to the east and south. The field is a gentle rise, and is kept in perfect condition. The field is entirely free from all hazardous obstruction, such as poles and wires. The 12,000-gallon gasoline storage tank and pumps is located to the rear, and west of the hangar, well out of the way of taxiing or departing planes. All wires are carried underground after crossing the boundary line of the field. Thus the causes of many air disasters at other ports have been removed.

Water is piped from Havelock to the road bounding the port on the south. Water has been piped to the hangar, and toilets are now being laid to the southwestern corner of the field, where an automobile service station is being erected. This station will also be supplied by gasoline from the large port tanks. A spur track laid by the Burlington makes possible the delivery of gasoline in car lots direct to the port.

Traveling is always conducive to hunger, and air travel is no exception. To serve the wants of the air traveler to this report, H. L. Parmenter operates a restaurant, located in the hangar, surrounded by a grove of large trees. Dinners, light meals and other refreshments are served.

Young Men Are Adding Impetus To Aviation Progress

Aviation typifies the spirit of youth and adventure. More and more, it is the young men, according to the industry's leaders, who are adding the impetus to aviation's progress. Proof of the younger men who are assuming the lead in building America's flying future, is Harry S. Sidles, president of Sidles Airways corporation, operating Lincoln's Union airport.

Formerly connected with the Nebraska Power company, Mr. Sidles entered the aviation business as an owner of Sidles Airways and Union airport, with its numerous affiliated organizations.

Union airport has a brilliant future, Mr. Sidles believes, for a number of reasons. Chief of these, he says, is the fact that the future of Union airport is linked with that of the city of Lincoln, a fast-growing city in a state which is geographically distanced at the crossroads of air travel, and Union airport will not only have to fill the needs arising thereby, he points out.

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SIDLES HOLDS STATE AGENCY

Curtiss-Wright Products Distributed in Several Nebraska Towns.

The Sidles Airways corporation, operating Union airport, holds the distribution of Curtiss-Wright products in Nebraska. The organization embraces sales agencies, with flying schools attached, in a number of cities in Nebraska and in western Iowa.

Omaha is the Mid-west Aviation corporation, operating agencies at North Platte, Grand Island and in a number of Iowa cities. Fred Sisson is the Curtiss-Wright dealer at Columbus. At Norfolk, A. A. Bisner, an old experienced pilot, operates a Curtiss-Wright agency and conducts a flying school under Sidles Airways.

A large number of the leading business men of Hastings have formed the Great Plains Aircraft corporation there, and operate a flying school and agency. The Curtiss Oxpay biplane is used exclusively for training and demonstration purposes.

Business men of McCook have organized a flying club there, which has been successfully launched with a Curtiss-Wright Oxpay biplane, always popular as a student ship, is likewise used there.

Sunday Tours Popular

Popularity of Sunday air tours over the city is steadily increasing, according to officials of the Union airport. Last Sunday, 100 passengers, up to Sidles Airways ships since the regular Sunday tours were inaugurated at the field.

FIRST GLIDER FLIGHTS TODAY

Lincoln Club Members In Exhibitions At Union Airport.

Lincoln will be treated to its first glider exhibitions today, when members of the Lincoln Glider club take their initial flights Sunday afternoon at the Union airport. The flights are scheduled to start shortly after noon, according to Jack Kolbenschlag, organizer of the club.

The club has purchased a primary glider, which will be used Sunday afternoon. Kolbenschlag, who is also instructor for the University Glider club, will make the first flight Sunday. Afterwards, that, each of the members of the Lincoln club who is present will make a flight.

Organization of the club was begun in January. Membership is limited to thirty, and qualified young business men of Lincoln, numbering twenty-one have applied for membership. In the near future the club will acquire a powered glider, or a soaring plane for towed gliding.

The University Glider club is rapidly bringing to completion a glider, which it has been manufacturing under the instruction of Mr. Kolbenschlag. As soon as it is completed, the Lincoln club will start work on their third class glider license, which normally requires about thirty days time.

The general public is invited to be at the Union airport Sunday afternoon, to witness this unique and thrilling form of flying.

A BIG STEP AHEAD

The opening of the UNION AIRPORT marks another important forward step in the development of Lincoln and Nebraska.

Its builders and operators are deserving of much commendation, for a project of such magnitude calls for optimistic vision and a complete confidence in the city's and state's future.

Here again we see evidenced the same sort of vision and confidence that has developed this community to such a marked degree in a very short span, and has given it such prominence in the Middle West.

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