

## STORIES of New Jersey

The Traffic Control Tower regulates approximately 125 scheduled take-offs and landings daily and about 75 unscheduled flights. Following the hurricane in September 1938 the number of scheduled flights for one day, September 25, skyrocketed to a record mark of 476.



*Atop the Administration Building, the Traffic Tower faces the field*

From Newark Eastern Airlines flies the east coast and as far west as Texas, making about 30 trips to and from the port daily. Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, renowned flying ace of the World War, is president of this firm. American Airlines, United Airlines and Transcontinental & Western Air carry passengers and mail from coast to coast. American Airlines makes 48 flights into and out of Newark every day, while the others make about 20 each. Ships fly the 752 miles to Chicago in four hours and 40 minutes. Los Angeles, 2,735 miles away, is reached in 15 hours and 10 minutes. The largest ships, with a wingspread of 95 feet, can carry 21 passengers.

The New Jersey State Military Air Unit, a division of the National Guard, maintains a squadron of eight ships manned by 20 commissioned officers and 100 noncommissioned officers and men. Applicants must be between 18 and 45 years old and must pass a thorough physical examination.

About 35 private ships are stored and repaired in the hangars of Newark Air Service and Eastern Aeronautical, two airplane service companies. These hangars have been associated with many famous figures in aviation. Once frequented by Wiley Post and Amelia Earhart, they now attract student mechanics from the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics in Newark. Howard Hughes, the record breaking round-the-world flyer, houses an experimental plane in one of the hangars.