

## CITY IN KANSAS TAKES LEAD AS FLYING CENTER

Wichita, Kan., Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—If there is one city in the United States that takes its flying seriously it is Wichita.

The aeronautical industry has been developed here beyond any expectations. Commerce figures—will manufacture approximately one-third of the airplanes turned out in the United States this year. Six factories, one of them listed among the largest in the country, are busily turning out the latest model airplanes, unable to meet the demand despite improved production methods.

The six in order to their size and output, are: Travel Air, 20 planes a week; Swallow Airplane company, seven; Sesma Aircraft company, three; Swift Airplane company, two planes produced to date with a projected production of one a week; and Laird Aircraft company, one every two weeks. The Wichita factories produce all types of planes except the giant tri-motor. Luxurious cabin monoplanes and biplanes, swift little two-eaters, air mail craft—all are manufactured here.

Incidentally, Wichita boasts the oldest commercial airplane company in the United States, the Swallow firm.

But the factories, important as they are, are only a part of the industry here. There are two motor companies; the Wichita Blue Streak Motor company and the Quick Air Motors. The latter company has erected a factory, and production of five motors a day is scheduled. It will have an annual turnover of more than \$4,000,000.

A propeller company, transportation services, repair shop and flying schools also are centered here.

Wichita offers six landing fields; the municipal airport; the "California section," soon to be made the city's landing field, Cessna field, Swift field, Swallow field, and Stearman field.

A recent survey of the industry shows that today 841 men and women are employed in Wichita's airplane factories, as compared to only 42 at the same time last year. That is exclusive of the number employed in other lines of the air business.

Another important phase of aeronautics in Wichita is the four-year intensive aeronautical course offered by the University of Wichita. Instructors are taken from the School's faculty, plane factories here, and from the army flying corps at Marshall Field, Fort Riley. The instruction offered



Map shows sweep of storm from Virgin Islands to Florida, the death toll of which may reach 1,000. Best information is to effect that 700,000 persons are homeless, while property

covers every angle of the industry.

Kirchner and daughter Sunday. The Ladies Aid of Beulah Chapel met with Mrs. Charles Furtman, Wednesday.

Mr. Carl Koeneman called on Mr. and Mrs. Otto Koeneman and family Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Snarr and daughters Marjorie and Opal, of New Mexico, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Albert Werling and family.

E. A. Goldner is spending a few weeks at Laketon, taking up the work of S. Henry.

Gertrude Hoffman, of Fort Wayne, spent the week-end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hoffman.

Berne Gives \$135.95 To Salvation Army; Quota \$250

Berne, Sept. 20.—(Special)—A total of \$135.95 was raised in the annual Salvation Army home service appeal, which was made in the four local

churches, last Sunday. The town's quota was \$250. The Rev. C. W. H. Sauerwein, president of the Berne Ministerial Association, has made an appeal to the citizens of the town to make up the deficiency.

The four churches reported the following contributions: Missionary, \$9.20; Evangelical, \$17.17; Reformed, \$25.30; and Mennonite, \$84.28.

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## Grim Sweep of Tornado



## LAKE OF SIGHT AN ADVANTAGE, REPORTER SAYS

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Bramwell Peck, news reporter on the Cache Valley Herald, Logan, Utah, has been blind for 15 years. Yet, each day he covers a downtown news run, recognizes the people he wishes to interview by the sound of their voices, questions them, and returns alone to his office to write the stories he gathers on a typewriter.

Peck walks through crowds with ease, crosses traffic-streets with confidence, depending solely on his hearing for safety.

His employer, Leslie T. Foy owner of the Herald, describes him as one of his most efficient men. Foy found Peck doing publicity work in Idaho and watched him long enough to satisfy himself that the man was a good reporter.

Foy points out many instances of seemingly uncanny faculties Peck has developed to replace his orderly and free from errors, his employer says.

Telling of his work, Peck said, "My memory serves me well. A good deal of my work is done over the telephone. I believe I can remember every telephone number I have ever called."

"In the morning," he continued, "it is convenient to call many persons to get the trend of the news. Afterwards I go on the streets, stepping into this place or that, finding out through conversation what local and personal items are available."

Peck tells of his day's work with a simplicity that seems to place him on the ordinary level, although to persons with perfect vision he is considered a marvel.

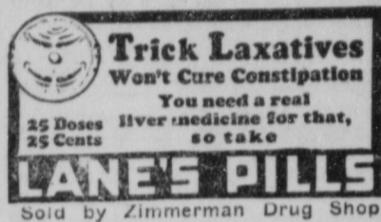
"It is my opinion," Peck said, "that I have an advantage. I can ask questions without appearing ridiculous and since I do not see people are always ready to explain even the most minute detail."

"Walking about the streets does not

bother me. I go wherever I hear of news. Reporting is one of the most delightful things I ever attempted."

recovering nicely. Mrs. Burl Dudgeon, Craigville route one, is in a very critical condition following a major operation to which she submitted, last night, at the Adams County Memorial hospital.

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