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## — Aviation —

**WICHITA TAKES HONORS AS AIR CAPITAL OF U. S.**

Six Plane Factories Run Full Blast; Two Others Build Motors.

*By United Press*  
WICHITA, Kan., Sept. 20.—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. Figures show Wichita will manufacture approximately one-third of the airplanes turned out in the United States this year.

Six factories, one listed among the largest in the country, are 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: Travelair twenty planes a week; Swallow Airplane Company, seven; Cessna 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.

## Produce Many Types

The Wichita factories produce all types of planes except the giant tri-motor. Luxurious cabin monoplanes and biplanes, swift little two-seaters, 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.

## Has Six Flying Fields

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, 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 forty-two at the same time last year.

That is exclusive of the numbers employed in other lines of the air business.

## Sail on Flying Boat

*By United Press*  
LONDON, Sept. 20.—A new all-metal flying boat that carries a mast and sail in case it is forced to descend into the sea, will be tested on the River Clyde.

The hull of the boat is so designed that, even with the wings in position, it can be navigated as a sailing vessel with a fair measure of accuracy.

The boat is known as the Beardmore-Napier, and has been built to the order of the Air Ministry. The construction is on a new principle, and the machine is thought to be equally sea-worthy and air-worthy.

After tests the flying boat will be handed over to the ministry and sent to Felixstowe where secret experiments will be made which, it is believed, will have far-reaching effects on some forthcoming long-distance flights.

## Nab Souvenir Hunter

*By Times Special*  
GENEVA, Ind., Sept. 20.—Sentencing of Claude Ninde, near here, following his admission that he stole the gasoline tank of a \$35,000 plane which made a forced landing, has been deferred in a justice of the peace court. Sheriff Harry Hollings-**Pimples Cleared Away**

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**LAND EXPERTS TO VIEW CITY AIRPORT SITES**

## Nine Tracts on List to Be Inspected; Reasonable Price Demanded.

Land value experts of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board today began work of appraising nine sites proposed for the municipal airport.

Emerson W. Chaille, board president, asked George T. Whelden, appraisal chairman, to select committee to view the nine locations in co-operation with the citizens' airport site committee.

The committee indicated it will seek a site at a price of not more than \$200 or \$300 an acre. Committeemen said the price on several tracts are too high for farm land.

## Would Boom Factories

Clifford L. Harrod, Chamber of Commerce industrial commissioner, cited the need for a 1,000-acre tract to permit leasing of twenty-five acre sites for industries desiring location on the field.

Harrod declared such a plan would place Indianapolis at the front of the aircraft industry, as manufacturers in many cities are seeking relocation to obtain a site on the airport for a testing ground.

Major T. G. Lanphier and H. C. Ferguson of Continental Airways

**High Love***By Times Special*  
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Sept. 20.—Clarence Klichow, student flier at the municipal airport here, gave Miss Evelyn Hanson an engagement ring while they were in a plane 3,000 feet above the city. The plane's controls were handled by Pilot McCabe during the flight.

Terminals, Inc., who are inspecting fields to be used by air-mail service of the Continental and Pennsylvania railroad, viewed several sites with Harrod.

## Drawings Are Ordered

The committee ordered detailed drawings and data on the nine locations and requested local pilots to express opinions of the various sites to the committee. Drainage experts will survey the land.

The committee probably will have first, second and third choice in its final report, to allow the city council to select the most suitable.

Favorable comment was made on the 1,000-acre site offered by L. J. McMaster, south of Ben Davis, on the main line of the Pennsylvania and near National Rd. The price asked is \$340 an acre.

## Planes Fuel Here

E. Robertson and J. E. Steinbauer, flying two Eaglerock biplanes from Terre Haute to Washington, landed at Indianapolis airport Wednesday for fuel.

The Auburn Motor Company Stinson-Detroit monoplane, piloted by J. C. Kelley Jr., landed at the airport en route from Connersville to Auburn.

Each year, on the average, 100 tornadoes visit the United States.

**CAR KILLS MAN IN SAFETY ZONE**

## Two Arrested as Drivers of Hit-Run Auto.

Struck by an automobile piloted by a hit-and-run driver while standing in a safety zone at West and Washington Sts., Daniel Dane, 55, 3107 E. Michigan St., was killed Wednesday night. He was salesman for the Pan-American Wall Paper and Paint Company.

Everett King, 25, and Haskel

Cochran, 19, attendants at Indiana Central Hospital, are held by police. King is charged with manslaughter and Cochran with vagrancy.

Dane, who was waiting for a street car, was hurled more than twenty-five feet when hit by the car, which witnesses say sped across the safety zone.

Without slowing its speed after Dane had been hurled to his death, the death car sped on and witnesses were unable to obtain its license number.

Police, however, traced the machine to a downtown motor car renting concern and arrested King and Cochran within two hours after the accident.

Both are said to have admitted taking several drinks, and both as-

serted they remembered "hitting something" before turning the car in. King declared he was the driver of the car.

Dane came to Indianapolis three years ago from Anderson. Surviving him are the widow and three daughters: Mrs. G. R. Allen, Cincinnati; Mrs. R. F. Helm and Mrs. Loni Riley, Indianapolis.

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