

LOCAL BOY ENTERS MODEL PLANE MEET

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Last week, which he and Mrs. St. Peter attended. They are now enjoying a western tour. H. F. Kelley spoke briefly with reference to some extracts from Minneapolis papers regarding the convention, and Paul L. Udell introduced young Ewell and his model plane and suggested that the club sponsor the boy as a competitor in the national contest. The club received the idea with favor and voted unanimously to do so.

Airplane Model Contest

Under the auspices of the National Aeronautic association entrants will compete for famous trophies, trips to Europe and to the Pulitzer Air Races held in Los Angeles, \$3,000 in cash prizes, medals and honor certificates. There will be three contests. The Stout Indoor contest for the William B. Stout trophy, competed for annually by the members of the Airplane Model League of America; the Mulvill outdoor contest for the Mulvill trophy, which is perpetual and competed for annually by members of the league, and the Scale Model contest, also an annual event for members of the league building exact-scale models of mancarrying planes.

Two Classes

In each contest there are two classes; class A for boys over sixteen years of age and class B for boys under sixteen. James Ewell, twelve-year-old member of the Airplane Model League of America, will therefore enter class B.

The National Aeronautic Association, The American Boy Magazine and various civic groups of Detroit are planning two days of memorable events for the boys who enter the contests. At Selfridge Field, they will meet famous flying men, and army aviators of the renowned First Pursuit Squadron. Major Thomas G. Lanphier, commanding officer at Issoudin, largest training camp for American aviators in France, during the war, and Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Danforth, Commander Richard Byrd, and Clarence Chamberlin will be there. They will meet William B. Stout, designer of the great Ford trimotor all metal plane, and Eddie Stinson, builder of the Stinson plane and America's greatest ace, Eddie Richkenbacher.

Interesting Features

They will visit airplane factories, see many kinds of planes and witness the start of two great air events—The National Reliability Tour, and the James Gordon Bennett Balloon Races.

Edsel Ford Interested

Edsel Ford, who is greatly interested in model aviation invites contestants to a dinner under the wings of a giant Ford tri-motor plane in the universe hangar at the Ford Airport. There they will meet William P. MacCoaken head of the aviation division of the department of commerce, and many other air leaders, men responsible for the development of aviation in this country, who realize the value of model airplane building.

How Lucky We Are!

Someone offers the explanation that much of the bad weather this spring is due to radio waves. What an advantage we have over our forefathers, who used to wonder what it was that made the bad weather, but had no one to tell them.—Kansas City Star.

According to Captain Fitzmaurice, the Bremen fliers took along no matches, just a patent cigarette lighter. Such optimism deserves the good fortune the fliers won.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

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REVIEWS COST OF COOLIDGE CAMPAIGN

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Interesting Figures From Political Battle of 1927 Given by Philadelphia Newspaper

The Philadelphia Public Ledger, which has been making a study of political campaign funds and expenditures, has recently printed a dispatch from its bureau in Washington calling attention to the fact that the 1924 Coolidge campaign cost only two million instead of three million dollars, and intimates that Chairman William M. Butler believes that a successful campaign could be run on close to a million dollars.

In his article the writer says: "The Republican campaign which elected President Coolidge in 1924 ended with a surplus of \$354,264. The Democratic National Committee that year had a deficit of nearly \$265,000. The chairman of the Democratic committee recently announced that this deficit had been cleared and that the Democrats had a nest egg of \$225,000 with which to start the 1928 campaign. He made public at the same time a list of those who had contributed to the wiping out of the 1924 deficit. The largest contributor was Thomas Fortune Ryan, who gave \$50,000 despite the fact he had been read out of the Democratic Party by the late William Jennings Bryan.

Eight Years Back

"The sins of the Republican Party in presidential campaign-hat passing are eight years back as the conduct of the 1924 Coolidge Campaign heralded a era of decided reform.

"Although \$940,800 of the \$3,063,592 expended by the Republican in 1924 went in grants to State committees, the congressional committee and the Senatorial Committee, thus reducing the actual presidential expenditure directly in the candidate's interest will be nearer \$1,000,000 than \$2,000,000.

"It costs money to run a national political campaign. The items that cannot be put aside and must be considered are as follows: Headquarters rent and furniture, campaign literature, buttons and halls, bands and speaker, banners and placards, stenography and typewriting, printing and stationery advertising, sample ballots, telephone and telegraph, traveling expenses, clerk hire and headquarters payroll, copies of registration lists, Election Day expenses and, last but not least, postage.

Spent in Postage

"More money can be expended in postage than in any other way.

"Then in a cost ascertainment report made by the Postoffice Department for the fiscal year 1926 it was shown that the congressional franking privilege had cost the Government \$544,695 in that year. This is the private cache for many members of Congress who express horror at what the National Committees expend.

"Obviously the campaign of 1928 is bound to usher in many reforms in political financing."

VARIETY OF COLORS USED ON AUTOMOBILES

Only One Shade a Few Years Ago, But Cars Now Like Joseph's Coat

When Detroit revolutionized the automobile industry only one color of paint was known in the business, and that was black. But nowadays Detroit has as many colors for cars as there are varieties of tastes among the purchasing public.

Detroit is also setting styles in new colors for airplanes. The colors are not arranged merely as matters of decoration but they have a practical application for the business of flying.

A series of new colors that has been developed and made especially for airplane use, is aimed to provide the greatest visibility and therefore safety. A recent Detroit show a well known plane was shown ducoed in two shades of green trimmed with gold. A scarlet vermilion color has also been developed for polar flying. Color specialists working on the subject have decided that this color has the highest visibility in snowy regions of any color in the spectrum. Color visibility tests have been made with this and other colors in order to obtain the shade which, when seen from an elevation against a white background, will stand out most sharply against the snow and ice.

The usual method of finishing fabric surfaces on airplanes is to apply four coats of clear nitrate dope by brush. This is done for two reasons; one is to work the dope well into the fabric and the second is to lay the fibers. After these four coats are applied and the fabric properly shrunk, it provides a good surface for the specially developed duco. Three coats of this lacquer is then applied over the surface by spray.

Thinking Out Loud

The McNary-Haugen Bill is the thirteenth bill vetoed by President Coolidge in the present session. No doubt many wish he had been superstitious enough to stop at twelve.

A Holstein cow at Middletown, N. Y., accidentally drank five gallons of gasoline, but has suffered no ill effects. Good thing she didn't hit on some bootleg liquor!

Charles M. Schwab says he does not know how much money he has—he is too busy to find out. Some of us are too frightened to find out how much we have!

It costs \$180 for the average baby to be born, according to figures recently compiled. The storks seem to have bigger bills nowadays!

A mother caught picking pockets pleaded that she needed the money to give her daughter an education. Now the daughter may at least learn the meaning of a sentence!

"Scientists Seek to Kill Disease Bacilli by Radio" — News Headline. We know several broadcasters who could recommend to these scientists!

Chicago now has a court of justice devoted exclusively to dogs. Will barking at the judge be construed as contempt of court?

Dr. Serge Voronoff believes that people could be made to live 150 years. D. Voronoff is the originator of the monkey gland treatment, which seems to work on the principle that a man can keep young by making a monkey of himself.

When Dr. Voronoff's theories prove true, we may see the older generation scoring shameful conduct of seventy-year old flappers!

A Chicago juror claimed that anyone in a free country had the right to stage a hold-up if he could get away with it. The voice of the city!

Since cosmetics have been shown to help keep women from becoming mentally unbalanced, many men no longer fear for their wives' sanity.

Now that tomatoes are reported to be getting scarcer, we wonder if the supply will ketchup with the demand. Women favor of Smith have been seen wearing brown derbies. If this method of campaigning keeps, up we may be seeing female Dawes upside-down pipe!

A man in Philadelphia complains that his pet skunk has been stolen. It shouldn't be hard to find the thief! A juror who winked at a pretty blonde defendant in Washington caused a mistrial to be declared. Evidently gentleness of the jury prefer blondes!

Many an uneducated man has taken his third degree. After being kept awake by the noise all night, the man next door wondered why they called it a speak-easy.

Spring is here—officially. On Straw Hat Day we saw a man wearing a Panama hat and earmuffs!

"Every poor boy can become President." Yes—if he can pay the campaign expenses!

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