

LIGHT AIRPLANE AS PLEASURE VEHICLE

ITS USE PREDICTED

President of Aeronautical Co. Believes Craft Will Be in Demand by Individuals Soon

Use of light airplanes on much the same basis as the small pleasure automobile is employed at present was forecast as possible in the immediate future by Charles L. Lawrance, president of the Wright Aeronautical Corporation and designer of the motor use by Colonel Lindbergh in his transatlantic flight.

Mr. Lawrance, addressing the aeronautical session of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in Detroit, urged the unification of national interest concerned with development of aviation to bring about an increased flying public through a better understanding of what is offered in modern aircraft.

Produce More Mac Short, vice-president and chief engineer of the Stearman Aircraft Company, Wichita, Kan., said that more lightweight planes are being produced in the United States than in any other country and for this reason there is more private flying here for pleasure than elsewhere.

This growing demand is strikingly evidenced in production of four planes daily by one leading manufacturer, approach of that figure by another maker and completion of two planes each day by a third firm, he pointed out. He states that small commercial planes are being employed to an increasing extent for every manner of flying, from strictly pleasure flying to instruction, paid passenger carrying, sight-seeing, photography, cross-country and even to carrying of the air mail.

Attractive Lines Attractive lines and comfort in the modern commercial aircraft are being demanded by the flying public in addition to better performance, Mr. Short said. He mentioned application of two-tone body colors and stream-line appearance as outstanding demands. A few years ago cruising speeds of 100 miles per hour were thought satisfactory but now the operator of either a private machine or a transport is not content even with 125 to 130 miles, he stated.

The problem of reducing noise in planes is troubling the designer, according to Mr. Short. If a sound and heat insulator such as balsa wood is effectively used, the roar of the engines is reduced but the high-pitched tune of the propellers is still annoying, he pointed out.

Gilbert Betancourt, formerly with the Aircraft Development Corporation, of Detroit urged establishment of an airship-building industry in the United States because of possibilities thus presented for providing swift, safe and comfortable transportation. He said that this country is now trailing Great Britain, Germany and Italy in the manufacture of airships but that, thru employment of mass production methods and machinery, this type of aircraft can be constructed in groups of five or more from the same design and of the same size, thus bringing manufacturing costs on a basis comparable with those in airship-wise European nations.

CONTRACTS AWARDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPT.

The following contracts have been awarded by the state division of highways:

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- Route 140, Wayne-White counties, grading; to M. Hasse, St. Joseph, Mo., \$79,323.47.
- Route 78, Carroll county, grading; to Nelson, Mullen & Nelson, Minneapolis, \$103,812.26.
- Route 78, Whiteside county, grading; to Stevens Brothers, St. Paul, Minn., \$62,105.05.
- Route 78, Carroll county, bridge; to A. Olsen, Waterloo, Iowa, \$7,631.80.
- Route 173, section 131, Boone-McHenry counties, pavement; to Froemming Brothers, Milwaukee, \$124,654.97.
- Route 89, Marshall county, pavement; to Cameron-Joyce, Keokuk, Iowa, \$24,934.03.
- Route 153, Washington county, pavement; to W. F. Smith & Co. Wood River, \$127,545.28.

CHILDREN MOVING FROM ONE SCHOOL TO ANOTHER

A recent study of the California intra-school movements of rural-school pupils shows that only 29.2 per cent of the pupils reaching the eighth grade have continued in the same school system from the first grade; 28.6 per cent of the pupils have changed school systems four or more times.

Importance of Wanting A great deal of modern education is based on the theory that wanting is the important thing.—Woman's Home Companion.

GREEN RIBBONS FOR JAYWALKERS URGED

Method Adopted in Constantinople Might Be Used to Advantage

New word is received from Constantinople that the police authorities are compelling certain persons to wear ribbons as a warning to motorists of their plight. Deaf persons wear yellow ribbons, dumb persons wear red, while the blind wear white. These bands are worn around their hats.

It is a startling admission, however, according to Si Mayer, president of the Automobile Club of Illinois, that no mention or precaution has been made to safeguard the interests of the "jaywalker." Surely the granted in trying to beat an auto across should have some sort of a decoration or mark of distinction so that his classification can mark him as a jaywalker and thus save him from possible grave injury.

Why not a badge of green? Statistics tell us that a goodly portion of fatalities occur between street intersections while our common judgment continually reminds us to cross at crossings or intersections only. But with all this, some still seem to forget that the days of the old "cow-path road" is now an obsolete fact and where the slow horse-drawn vehicle caught our breath a quarter of a century ago, swiftly moving automobiles, trucks and other motor appliances have taken their stead.

"Education along the lines of safety should begin about the same time that one is taught their A.B.C.'s." That is the one and only sure method of preservation, and the sooner this fact is comprehended, so much sooner will a notable decrease be shown in motor car accidents," declared Mr. Mayer.

Caution and courage should be partners.—Woman's Home Companion.

BELL-HOP SERVICE IN SUMMER RESORTS

Hotel Customs Brought Nearer American Tourists, Says Magazine

Beaming bell hops and ready pitchers of ice water, summoned by the buzz of a button, are being brought nearer to the summer tourist who stops his motor car at the roadside camp and breaks his journey for a night's sleep.

The United States, says the Woman's Home Companion, has accepted the summer auto touring idea to the extent that within a few years all the comforts of a high class hotel may be available at the roadside auto camp. Among the camps de luxe already to have become nationally known, says the magazine, are those in Ohio, those near Denver, Colorado Springs and at Camp Grande in El Paso, Tex.

In some cases, says the magazine, "outdoor hotel service is available at motor camp sites. First class camps offer well equipped playgrounds, swimming pools and other conveniences. Pike's Peak's Cottage Camp has the custom of concerts every evening.

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