

Waukegan Has Nine Licensed Aviators; Total in Illinois

Waukegan has nine licensed aircraft pilots, not one of them a woman, according to results of a nationwide study just completed by the aeronautics branch of the department of commerce and made public last week, according to the Waukegan Times.

The Waukegan pilots are: Guerdon W. Brockson, transport; Murray B. Boess, 229 North Butrick street, limited commercial; Clarence L. Clabaugh, transport; Dwight Morrow, 315 North Sheridan road, transport; Gerald E. Beatty, rm. 310, Y.M.C.A., private; Thomas O. Drury, 504 Genesee, Clayton bldg., private; Roy J. Heeden, 143 S. Elmwood avenue, private; Norman A. Miller, 1516 Hamilton court, private; Harold J. Van Alstine, 1027 Porter street, private.

Illinois has a total of 472 licensed planes and 213 that are unlicensed. The state has also 71 gliders. It has 17 glider pilots and 561 aircraft mechanics. Its aircraft pilots total 1031 as follows: transport 407, limited commercial, 119; industrial, 5; private, 500.

Throughout the country, according to results of the survey, there are 16,268 pilots, 7,458 aircrafts and 9,222 mechanics holding active department of commerce licenses. In making the announcement, Colonel Clarence M. Young, assistant secretary of commerce for aeronautics, said there has been a growth in each of these classifications since the beginning of the calendar year, when there were 15,280 licensed pilots, 7,354 licensed aircrafts and 8,993 unlicensed mechanics.

Leading the states in number of aircrafts, licensed and unlicensed, was New York with 1,190; California was second with 1,160, and Illinois third with 685.

New Angle of Sears Case Bobs Up; Att'y Wants Fees Reduced

Judge Charles S. Cutting, of Chicago, counsel for Mrs. Anna Sears, widow of Richard Sears, founder of the mail order house bearing his name, last week appeared before Circuit Judge Ralph J. Dady and asked that \$9,000 in fees assessed against the estate be removed.

Costs, the bulk of it for the special master-in-chancery. Attorney Will Strong, amounted to \$18,000, of which half of the burden was placed against the Sears.

Won in High Court
Judge Cutting, in his arguments before Judge Dady, contended that the rulings of the supreme court in upholding the Sears did not make it necessary for them to defray half of the court costs. This, he argued, should be borne by the loaner.

Cook county, the final residence of Sears, instituted the suit and claimed

more than \$1,000,000 in back taxes. Claire C. Edwards, then circuit judge, finally accepted the report of the special master, and granted close to \$800,000 as a judgment against the Sears estate. The supreme court failed to hold with the lower court, and denied a rehearing.

Judge Cutting pointed out that the Sears had been forced to pay a corps of lawyers for close to 16 years to defend the suits, and that costs could not be assessed against the estate in view of the court victory.

Had Three Masters
Three special masters heard the case. Judge Upton, after a few hearings, died, and Chief Justice Charles King became master. When he moved to California more than a decade ago, Strong was called upon to finish the trial and make the report to Judge Edwards.

Judge Dady took the case under advisement and indicated that he would rule on the problem within ten days.

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