

AIRMEN RIVAL FEATS OF 1927 IN DARING FLIGHTS OF PAST YEAR

By FOSTER HALEY
NEW YORK, Dec. 31. (AP)—The year 1930 saw aviation progress as a science, progress as a business. In the past of spectacular flying achievement it was the biggest year since 1927. Bigger, better, faster planes were built, and flown. Research engineers waged a winning fight against old man weather—against fog and storms and the hazards of unmapped spaces of sea and land.

Three times the north Atlantic was spanned from east to west—by Wing Commander Kingsford-Smith, by the German Von Gronau, and his three swedish assistants, by Cosie and Bellente in the Question Mark.

Captain Frank Hawks dashed around the country from city to city in his little Traveler. Mystery monoplane faster than man had ever before flown such distances.

Roger C. Williams sent the old Bellanca Columbia winging straight for that pin point in the Atlantic—Bermuda—hit the mark and came home again. Capt. Lewis Yancey and Emil Burgin flew the same course, landed on the water when dark came and continued their flight the next day.

The great German flying boat DO-X belied its name, "the unknown quantity," by carrying hundreds of passengers—among them the Prince of Wales—safely or flights. Only an unfortunate fire which destroyed one wing, kept it from attempting a planned flight either to North or South America.

Radio engineers perfected sea compact enough and light enough to be used in a safe and sure guidance of his boat. A new direction finder weighing only ten pounds and which could be tuned to any commercial station was built and successfully tested.

Only one startling advance in design was brought forward during the year, innovations in construction being largely those not noticeable to the non-technical observer. Juan de la Cierva a Spaniard in a manner who had been experimenting with helicopters and kites and airplanes for several years, finally brought his autogyro, the aptly named "windmill" plane, to a point of perfection where he was able to interest American capital in its possibilities for commercial production.

In the field of lighter than air, the British dirigible R-100 made a round trip across the North Atlantic. The Graf Zeppelin, veteran of the skies, flew to South America into safe harbor at Lakhurst, then home again to Friedrichshafen.

Only one major accident marked the year and that the loss of the second British leviathan, R-101, which crashed against a hillside in France on an attempted flight to India.

Passenger airlines flew their routes practically without interruption.

The great cities of this hemisphere were linked by airlines that ran almost as close to schedule as the railways and with only little more difficulty.

The beginning of the year saw show rooms filled with unsold planes, factories geared to produce more, the aviation business—infant of the big industries—set for a banner year.

Then the world-wide depression, the conservatism of purchasers which had been gaining momentum through the last three months of 1929, struck. Sales fell away to almost nothing. Factories were manufacturing airplanes for which there was no market. Mergers, particularly that of Curtiss and Wright, had resulted in formation of companies in which there was much duplication of effort.

Aviation leaders are agreed that good as well as evil results have come from this trying year. Much deadwood, many fly-by-night aviation companies, many airlines with little reason or demand for their existence have fallen by the wayside.

Into the furnace of depression the aviation business went. They believe it has come through strong steel, its roccoco trimmings reduced to ashes in the fire of supply and demand.

Up to the age of about 14 years the progress of the mind can be followed by means of tests. At three years of age the child should be able to point to his nose, eyes, mouth and hair and to name when shown them a key, penny, knife, wash and pencil.

At four he should count four pennies, copy a square that has been drawn for him, and repeat four figures and such a sentence as "The boy's name is John; he is a very good boy."

At five he is supposed to know the colors and to give a definition of a chair, horse, fork, doll, pencil and table.

Six years should bring him the capacity to point to the right eye, left ear and right hand, and to name small coins. This age also shows the buds of reasoning: "What is the thing to do, if you find that your house is on fire?"

At seven the average child knows how many fingers are on each hand and on both. He can tie a bow knot and tell one way in which a fly differs from a butterfly, a stone

THREE A. A. U. TRACK STARS TO COMPETE IN ANTIPODES



Rufus Kiser, University of Southern California, Harlow Rothert, Stanford, and George Simpson, Ohio State, are to compete as a three-man track team in Australia and New Zealand.

SEATTLE, Dec. 31. (AP)—A three-man track and field team will represent the United States in New Zealand and Australia during the next three months.

The team, representing the A. A. U., is made up of Rufus Kiser, University of Washington; Harlow Rothert, Stanford, and George Simpson, Ohio State.

The track stars who were to sail for New Zealand this month will return home April 11.

Kiser will run the mile, Rothert will compete in the shot and discus and Simpson will enter the 100 and 220 yard dashes.

"Owing to the small size of our team we will not go into anything but individual competition," said Kiser while training in Seattle. "Each athlete will be on his own."

RECEIVER CAN'T SELL RAILROAD IN OHIO
LISBON, O., Dec. 31. (AP)—No one, apparently, wants the once prosperous Youngstown & Ohio River railroad which is in default on a bond issue.

CALIFORNIA PEAR TREE SETS NEW CROP RECORD
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ON THE SIDELINES

By BRIAN BELL

Many friends of the University of Southern California blamed their defeat by Notre Dame to close the 1930 season on the lack of a hard schedule.

These friendly critics thought the Trojans had not met the opposition furnished the Rough Riders during the season and as a consequence they should have been on December 6 when their supreme test came.

Whether this was deserved or not may continue to be a topic for debate in and out of the walls of Troy, but Bill Hunter, director of athletics, has made it impossible for this charge to be leveled at Southern California in 1931.

A schedule has been formed including nine hard games and only one easy. Montana has been slipped in between the Stanford and Notre Dame games. Montana, of course, has not been consulted as to whether it will permit this game to be a "baiter" and the Trojans may find they have reckoned without their opponents. At any rate he other nine games will furnish plenty of opposition.

Starting with Slip Madigan's St. Mary's team on September 25 and ending with Harry Mehre's Georgia Bulldogs December 12, the Trojans will be occupied in between with Oregon State, Washington State, University of Oregon, University of California, Stanford, Montana, Notre Dame and University of Washington.

Notre Dame will be encountered at South Bend and California at Berkeley, with all the others booked at the Coliseum at Los Angeles.

The schedule stretches over eleven weeks with one game in September, four in October, three in November and two in December.

Howard Craighead, iron man pitcher of Oakland, held an odd position in pitching averages of the Pacific Coast league. Although he suffered the most defeats—22—he

was the fourth most effective pitcher in the circuit. His earned run average for nine innings was 3.64, but he lost 22 games and won only 21, finishing under .500. Only three pitchers in the league were more effective on the earned run basis.

Bill Baecht, Los Angeles; Tony Freitas, Sacramento, and Walter Reuber, Seattle.

Fay Thomas, former star college football player, forced 238 batsmen to miss 1,122 strikes, averaging more than six strikeouts to each nine inning game. His name appeared in 52 box scores and he worked 298 innings.

Baecht pitched the most complete games—32—and the most total innings, 364. Baecht and Jimmy Zinn, San Francisco tied for the most victories at 29 each.

The unenviable distinction of being the most liberal pitcher in the league fell to Pete Duglia. The Oakland hurler gave 149 bases on balls.

Boris L. Lerner, who could not speak English when he emigrated from Russia six years ago, has completed high school work and now is attending the University of Texas.

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BANDIT NEEDED MONEY FOR HIS WIFE AND KIDS

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 31. (AP)—Something new in the holdup racket was experienced by John Somerville, traveling salesman, recently. Stopping to fix a puncture on a country road, Somerville was held up by an elderly man who after extracting his wallet, counted out \$12.50 and returned the balance, amounting to \$50.

"I'm not a regular road agent," the elderly gentleman explained. "My wife and the kids and myself are on our way to Kansas. We ran out of funds. We figure it will take just \$12.50 to get us home. I'll send the money to you later."

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