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EDITORIAL

HARRY BROOKS

One more name has been added to the roster of those who "go up in the air in ships," and have come down for the last time. The progress of aviation has cost one more life and another hero's name is added to its roll of honor.

And though the air has claimed many victims within recent months, probably few tragedies have touched as many hearts as has that of Harry Brooks. In the vicinity of his home, of course, hundreds who knew him well and thousands who felt a pride in his achievements, mourn his loss. And for every one of these there are scores in the wider world who felt the weight of a genuine sorrow when they read the news of the "flier's" plane's fatal dive into the sea.

Only his own community, of course, could have watched with pride young Harry Brooks, cherishing one ambition, grow from a friendly, smiling youth to young manhood, and then suddenly step forward into the spotlight of world renown. Only they could know that fame would not affect his modesty, and nothing could take from him that intriguing, everlasting smile.

Yet there was something about Harry Brooks' career that caught the imagination, tugged at the heartstrings of the great numbers to whom he was unknown, except by name.

In many ways, indeed, the life of Harry Brooks seems to typify America. Born and raised on the farm, going through a typical American schooling, then becoming absorbed in a work for which he was willing to give his life. Meeting parental objections as best he could, he held unwavering to his purpose, and finally conquered them. When the time came, his father, as so many thousands of others, did his best to help his boy.

Harry Brooks was many years ahead of his time—he thought and talked and lived in terms of fifty, a hundred, perhaps hundreds of years from now. Rising from obscurity to chief test pilot of the Ford company with a swiftness that would have turned many an older head, Harry Brooks yet kept to what might be called "old-fashioned ways."

He lived with his father and mother on the old farm, and nothing could alter his choice. Flying to his work as men may do decades hence, Harry Brooks showed that it is possible also to respect the ideals of those who have lived most of their lives in decades that have passed. There was something about the spectacle of this world-famous aviator flying to his home every night when his work was done, using an old barn for a hangar for his plane—something that aroused more than mere curiosity among the thousands who read about him. Small wonder that even the newsboys on the corners wept as they handed out papers to those who eagerly bought each new edition, in the hope that it might tell them Harry Brooks was saved.

"Bright Sunshine"

M. Marie Walling
(Dedicated to Mrs. E. C. Grace)

Do days seem long or short to you?
Art troubles hard to bear?
In sunshine do you ever find
Consolation there?

Life is not made up of sorrows,
Or troubles, as often it seems;
We're only placed here to be happy—
And find where the sunshine gleams.

You'll find that days which are darkest,
Often turn out to be light;
If only we'll gaze around a bit,
And see where the sun shines bright.

The present mourns the loss of so promising an aviator—what of the future? Those who believe that aviation is destined to take a place in the life of advanced nations as has the automobile, cannot help but believe also that Harry Brooks will be ranked high among its pioneers. When a history of aviation is written, when, in fact, the complete history of the world is written, a hundred or more years from now, will it not, crowded as its pages may be, will it not say something like this?—"One of the great pioneers in popularizing the airplane was Harry Brooks, of Birmingham, Mich., the first man to 'commute' between his home and his work each day in an airplane—who helped develop the "flier" plane, and once landed it on a busy highway to show its practicability."

For a biography of Harry Brooks' life, posterity will need no more than the words of his mother, "He lived for aviation." And aviation will live and grow because of such as him.

THE METROPOLITAN AREA

Settled at last is the question of Detroit's Metropolitan Area. After much to-do, caused chiefly by Pontiac's opposition to that city's being included in the Detroit Area, the boundaries have been announced and seem to be satisfactory to all concerned.

The most interesting result of this designation of the Metropolitan Area is its revelation of the true constitution of suburban Detroit. It is interesting to note that although the Metropolitan Area as designated covers three counties, Oakland, Wayne and Macomb, there are parts of Wayne omitted. And the reason given is that these sections were too sparsely settled to meet the accepted standard of territory within the Metropolitan Area, which is 100 persons or more to the square mile.

Farmington Township and city, with a rated population of 3,200 for 36 square miles, is apparently one of those cases in which exceptions are made "because of the community's absolute dependency on Detroit with their drainage system, transportation facilities, manufacturing, trades, etc."

The omission of parts of Wayne County, in the face of the inclusion of parts of Macomb and Oakland which do not come up to population requirements, is but an interesting sidelight on the Metropolitan Area. The new outline affords an excellent opportunity for those who would know Detroit and its environs to study its development and predict its probable extension.

CHURCHES

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor
9:30—Sunday School.
10:30—German Lenten service.
Subject, "Christ in Gethsemane."
7:30 p. m.—Stereopticon sermon, "The Last Passover Week."
Wednesday afternoon—Monthly meeting Ladies' Aid in parish hall.
The Young Peoples League will meet Wednesday evening.

Methodist Church
Rev. E. F. Dunlavy, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship and sermon.
Special music by our choir.
P. Owen Pauline will sing.
The pastor will speak on "The Hater."
11:30—Sunday School. There is a class for you.
6:00—Epworth League.
7:00—Evening service.

In addition to the music given by our choir, we are to have with us an Octette from Ann Arbor, four young women and four young men who will both sing and speak.
8:00—Fellowship hour with lunch.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville (At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor
9:30—Sunday School.

10:30—German service.
Wednesday 8 p. m.—German Lenten service.

Universalist Church
Dr. Frank D. Adams, Pastor
Sermon topic will be, "Universalism and the Evangelistic Note"

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship and Communion service. The pastor's subject will be "Loyalty to Christ." There will be the reception of new members.
11:45—Sunday School. Come and increase your Bible knowledge.

6:30—B. Y. P. U. Group number One will lead.
7:30—Gospel service. We will have about twenty minutes of song service lead by the choir. The message will be on the theme, "A Thief in the Church." The choir will sing a special number.
Wednesday nights we meet for Bible study and prayer.

North Farmington Independent Church
Rev. George P. Davey, Pastor
Morning worship, 10:30 a. m.
Sunday School, 11:45.

Catholic Church
Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. E. J. O'Mahoney, Pastor
Sunday masses 8:30 to 11 a. m.
Sunday School after 8:30 mass.
Daily mass at 8:00.
Special services during Lent.
Wednesday—Rosary sermon and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
Friday, 8 p. m.—Stations of the Cross; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

David Green, a New York importer, predicts that the straw hat will be a thing of the past among well-dressed men within five years.

NORTH FARMINGTON

A great many friends in this neighborhood are mourning the fate of Harry Brooks, the young Ford flier.
The Ladies' Community Circle will meet Wednesday, March 14 at Mrs. George Howe's home on Orchard Lake road at Baldwin Stop.
The Alpha Card Club will be entertained by Mrs. John Brown of Greening boulevard on Thursday, March 8.
Mrs. Clyde Seeley, has been ill for the past few weeks.
William Lake and family have a new automobile.
Jean Ross is well again and will soon be back at her classes.

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Comedy—"A Short Tail"

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Clara Bow in "Get Your Man"

It's Leap Year, Be careful the girl's have seen Clara Bow in "Get Your Man" and they're running wild.
Comedy—"Easy Curves"

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

LOIS WILSON and CLIVE BROOK

"French Dressing"

A sparkling comedy drama of an American wife who went to Paris for a divorce and went home with a husband.
Comedy—"Visitors Welcome"

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Tom Mix in "Silver Valley"

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