

# JUNIOR BIRDMEN OF AMERICA

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TODAY PILOTS OF MODELS— TOMORROW'S MODEL PILOTS!

## Only 6 Days Remain Before Albany Wing's Indoor Air Races; Entries Close Tues.

By G. JAMES PACKARD  
Albany Wing Commander

**S**ATURDAY'S day. Only six days left and the 1935 Albany Wing Indoor Air Races will be in full swing. Charles Akullian, winner of last year's indoor competition, will defend his title of indoor wing champion. The coveted Wing trophy will be awarded the high point scorer of the meet as well as a trip to Chicago, with

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all expenses paid by The Albany Times-Union, to compete in the National Junior Birdmen Air Races during Christmas week.

### PICTORIAL AIR DICTIONARY



You have everything to win and nothing to lose. If you are an Eagle and enter all three events and take a first to fifth place in any one of them, you will be qualified to receive the Ace rank. There will be medals awarded for first, second and third places in each event. And if you are the winner of the meet, you will make the trip to Chicago and try for one of the National prizes, such as the grand prize of \$250, and temporary possession of the William Randolph Hearst National Championship trophy. Only two days are left to send in your entry blanks for the big meet. All entry blanks MUST be in the hands of the Albany Wing Commander before midnight, Tuesday, December 3. Failure to send in your blank will result in your being barred from competition.

#### On Basis of Points.

The Wing Champion will be chosen on the basis of points won in the events. However, in case of a tie, the winner of the meet will be the member with the greatest total flying time of each event. The points will be awarded as follows for each event:  
First place—100 points.  
Second place—75 points.  
Third place—50 points.  
Fourth place—25 points.  
Fifth place—10 points.  
The entrants for the meet include: Ruth Wardell, Gertrude M. Rose, Joseph E. R. Callio, Harry Dolgin, Charles Akullian (defending champion), James S. Cole, Henry Edward Smith, Walter Tiedeman, Jr., James Ottman, William Jefferson Hammond, Nathaniel Alexander, Edward John Strobel, William Nugent, Bernard Engel, John Bell, Eugene Kotkowiak, Warren Parkinman, Franklyn Thomas Parkinman, and Francis W. Cushing.

#### SEND YOUR ENTRY BLANK IMMEDIATELY TO WING HEADQUARTERS.

**HERE** are a few last minute hints for entrants:  
1—To carry models to the scene of the contest, secure a large cardboard box such as used for florists and clip the various parts (not the whole model) to the top, sides and bottom, to prevent damage.  
2—When making adjustments, toss the model lightly into a flat glide. This will tell you all you need to know about what adjustments are necessary without winding the rubber motor.  
3—Do not make test flights on the contest floor. With Junior Birdmen rules it is not necessary as you will have as many flights of each model as your allotted time allows.  
4—Use castor oil to lubricate

## Ready for the Races



WHEN the Junior Birdmen Model Plane races get underway Saturday, Dec. 7, Nathan Alexander, left, and Bernard Enzel of the Albany Aeronautical Association Squadron, Albany Wing, will be there with their models. They with many others, will participate in the event, which will be staged in the 10th Infantry Armory on Washington avenue.—International Photo by The Sunday Times-Union Staff.

## Fair Sportsmanship Keynote Of This Year's Air Races

By LAWRENCE SHAW  
National Director

**T**HOUSANDS of boys and girls, throughout the nation, have already participated in Junior Birdmen Indoor Model plane activity during the past week and thousands more will vie for the coveted local championships during the seven-day week to come, as the local wing indoor air races for model planes are conducted from coast to coast.

True sportsmanship has been the keynote of this year's activity. With thousands of boys and girls competing in indoor glider, stick and cabin events, who never had the courage to get up on an armory floor before to demonstrate their skill, are being shown the ways of the true model builders by the more experienced model builder and flier, many of whom will bow to the new comers.

each of them the opportunity to prove himself America's champion of champions. To those boys who have already become the champion of their wing, and to those who will win the air races have not yet been held National Headquarters bids welcome to the national contest. To the many thousands of other contestants who tried just as hard to win, but were not as fortunate, we say try again. There is fun and clean sport in model building and flying. And along with the disappointment there is always a note of encouragement, for those mistakes you made can always be corrected for the next time.

#### Hail the Champions

As in the case of all sports, true sportsmanship must reign supreme in this new national pastime. There are many ways of getting around the rules set by the committee and fooling the director of the contest, but there are few to take opportunity of showing this bad faith. And those few are being rapidly weeded out by the honest competitor who enters the competition to win if he can, but lose if he must.

And so it will be at the forthcoming National Junior Birdmen Air Race championships to which seventeen local wing champions will travel the last part of this month. Arrangements have been made at Chicago, the scene of this great national model plane championship, to welcome the boys with open arms, and give

the motor. It gives a smoother action and longer life to the motor.  
5—Oil the bearings of your model. There is some friction there no matter how small it is.  
6—Accidents will happen. Bring a repair kit and additional microfilm solution. Fans and water for making emergency film will be provided.  
7—Bring extra parts for your models, particularly propellers.

## GANNON HEADS U. S. EMPLOYEES POST OF LEGION

New Officers Installed and Committees Appointed for The Coming Year's Business

The following officers have been elected and installed for the coming year by the VanDeLoo-Miller post, 1022, of the American Legion: William P. Gannon, commander; first vice president, George Hiller; second vice president, Harry Brickman; third vice president, James Sheehan; adjutant, Louis Goldstein; finance officer, Albert Lawlor; chaplain, Past Commander, Leo Lundy; sergeant-at-arms, Thomas McCaffery; delegates to county convention, Past Commander John J. O'Reilly and Past Commander Leo Lundy; bugler, Herman Camadine.

The following members were named to various committees: Americanism, John Banahan, Past Commander Percy Mattimore, Henry Garfield, Herman Camadina and Raymond Hoe; reception and entertainment, Past Commander Francis Doran, Charles Thomas, Albert Lawlor, Past Commander John J. O'Reilly, John Hayes, George Miller, James Sheehan, Past Commander Leo Lundy, Past Commander Thomas McConnell, Ed Knapp, Ed Coffey and Paul Morse; executive, Past Commander Francis Doran, John J. O'Reilly, Percy Mattimore, Thomas McConnell, Leo Lundy, Ed Coffey and Peter Grant.

Membership, Thomas McConnell, John J. O'Reilly, Leo Lundy, Paul Morse, Gregory Kiley, Thomas McLean, Patrick Kindion and William Doran; history, Joe Sullivan, Fred Glass, Raymond Biggam, and Fred Smith; inspection, John J. O'Reilly, Albert Lawlor, Gregory Kiley and Harvey Erickman; publicity, Thomas McConnell, James Sheehan, Michael O'Heaney, Thomas McCaffery, Ed Skelly and John Dugan; finance, John J. O'Reilly, Francis Doran, Leo Lundy and Roy Girvin.

At the most recent meeting of the post, the principles of the American Legion were exemplified by the retiring commander, Percy Mattimore, who urged that members give a helping hand to the children of today so they may learn patriotism, love of flag and country, and to "stand steadfast and true to the ideals of Americanism and All the Time."

Mr. Mattimore also spoke of the universal draft bill which will be submitted to the next Congress and urged members to work in favor of the bill. The bonus bill was also up for discussion and the post decided that in the event the bonus is enacted, the members will give a sum of money to the American Legion Veteran Mountain camp at Tupper Lake.

## Brings "Flivver" Plane to Capital



EUGENE L. VIDAL, director of the Bureau of Air Commerce, photographed in the cockpit of the "Curtiss Wright coupe," the second of the government's model low-cost "foolproof" airplanes, which he flew to Boston during the week. Should it pass final tests, the government will take delivery on a half-dozen of the planes, capable of mass production at less than \$1,000 each. The plane is designed particularly for amateur fliers. It has a wing spread of 35 feet and an overall length of 25 feet, six and a half inches. (Photo by International.)

## News of Boy Scout Activities

**T**HE Fort Orange council, Boy Scouts of America, expects that at least 250 new scouts will join the movement before February 8, which is the 26th Anniversary day of the council. All new scouts registered in the troops of the council during November, December and January, will take part in a special Ten-foot recognition ceremony to be conducted during the organization's Round-Up, which will be held on that date, in the Tenth Infantry armory.

Special committees composed of scoutmasters, commissioners, troop committeemen and council members are developing plans for the big demonstration, in which it is expected that at least 1,500 Scouts will participate. During the past week an additional group of troops were signed up to demonstrate various scout activities. The general committee, of which Edward M. DeRouville is chairman, anticipates an attendance of 5,000 spectators at the gathering, which will be the first of its kind ever held in the Albany Area.

**First Aid Medal**  
The Corley First Aid medal, donated by the Medical Society of Albany county, will be awarded to the Boy Scout from one of the Fort Orange Council Troops who gives the best demonstration of Boy Scout first aid in the contest, to be held in the Albany High school, at 7:30, Friday evening, Dec. 6. Dr. William C. Rausch will head the medical society committee, which will give the examination. Each of the contestants will try an oral examination, a written examination, and the final event will be a demonstration of first aid on problems selected by the committee. The contestants are to bring all first aid equipment and to furnish pencils for the written examination. The medal is given annually by the Medical Society in memory of R. Wesley Corley, who at the time of his sudden death, was scout executive of the Fort Orange council. Russell J. La Grange will hold another session of the Bugling

class at Troop B Armory next Saturday morning at 9:30 a. m. Mr. La Grange said recently that approximately 20 scouts had learned bugling and others had made marked improvement. Several scouts as a result of the class are ready to try for a Merit Badge in First Aid.

**To Receive Calendars**  
Members of the Fort Orange council scout troops will receive the annual Boy Scout calendar next week. The distribution will be made at Scout headquarters. Each troop leader has been asked to call for a supply of calendars for the entire membership of the troop.

**Courts of Honor**  
Dates and places for Courts of Honor to be held during the month of December were announced as follows: Rensselaer, December 10; Bethlehem-New Scotland, December 13 at Voorheesville. The Greenbush-Nassau-Schoadack District Court and the Colonie Court as well as the Albany Court of Honor will all meet on Friday evening, December 20.

**New Scouts**  
The following is a list of the new Scouts recently signed up in the Troops of Fort Orange Council, according to Scout Headquarters where the new members were registered: Edward Elwood, James Keeher, Troop 10; Russell L. Millman, Robert M. Stone, Edwin Swire, Daniel Weiner, Troop 38; Wm. Caplan, Troop 33; John M. Tymchyn, Troop 50; Thurman Bishop, Troop 51, South Westerlo and Lester Van De Wal, Troop 53, Castleton.

**Charter Application**  
Five Troops have recently filed applications for renewal of Troop charter. Among the units making application, together with the Leaders are: Troop 3 Roesseville—Joseph Camp, Scoutmaster; Troop Committee: Wallace S. Cornell, Chairman; Ralph E. Grounds, William Sewell, George C. Van Dyck, Elmer E. Henzel;

**Assistant Scoutmasters—Joseph M'elligan.**  
Troop 9, of the First Lutheran church—George Dennis, Scoutmaster; Assistant Scoutmaster—Clarence Eckert, Jr.; Troop Committee: E. L. Kemp, Chairman; Fred W. Smith and A. J. Livingston.

Troop 24, of the Madison avenue Presbyterian church—Edward M. De Rouville, Scoutmaster; Troop Committee: Robert E. Ten Eyck, Chairman; P. H. Conway, C. D. Cross, Dr. Everett C. Long, Kenneth Ireland.

Troop 49, Van Rensselaer Preventorium—Pierce J. McElligott, Scoutmaster; Troop Committee: J. A. Horan, Chairman; Dr. F. C. Conway, Leo M. Doody.

Troop 60 of Guilderland Center—Raleigh V. Moffett, Scoutmaster; Assistant Scoutmaster Russell C. Case and Robert A. Relyea; Troop Committee: Edmund Withersaw, Chairman; P. J. Howenstein, Floyd Bradt, Jesse Wood, Chas. H. Snyder and F. J. Van Wormer.

**To Collect Toys**  
Troop 60 of Guilderland Center will make a collection of toys to be reconducted for Christmas and donated to children as a part of the Christmas season program. Raleigh V. Moffett, Scoutmaster of the Troop, who made the announcement regarding the collection of toys, said that the activity was already underway.

**Handbook Set For Christmas**  
Nothing would make a better gift than a complete set of the official Junior Birdmen Handbooks for Christmas. Any Junior Birdman would cherish such a donation. Perhaps you have a friend or two for whom this would make a perfect gift. Or perhaps you would like a set yourself. Well, don't forget to drop a hint to the folks.

**4 Bridge Players Get Complete Suit**  
MELBOURNE, Nov. 30 (INB).—Four bridge players achieved the "impossible" at Balacava, Victoria. During one deal, each player got a complete suit. The odds against this happening are estimated to be so enormous as to be beyond calculation. The players were Mr. and Mrs. John Guthrie Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Skinner. Mr. Campbell held 13 clubs. His wife held the 13 hearts. Mr. Skinner held 13 diamonds while Mrs. Skinner held the spades.

**GIVEN STATE POST**  
H. S. Walseby, Detroit Wing commander of the Junior Birdmen of America, has been named state adviser of Junior Aeronautical activities of the State of Michigan by Walter C. Averill, recreational supervisor of the Michigan WPA.

## Baltimore Group Guests of Mayor

Members of the E. V. Rickenbacker squadron of Baltimore, Maryland, were guests of Mayor Howard W. Jackson recently. The reception was given by the mayor as a tribute to the members of this unit to whom the Junior Birdmen honor banner was awarded for achievements during the third quarter of 1935.

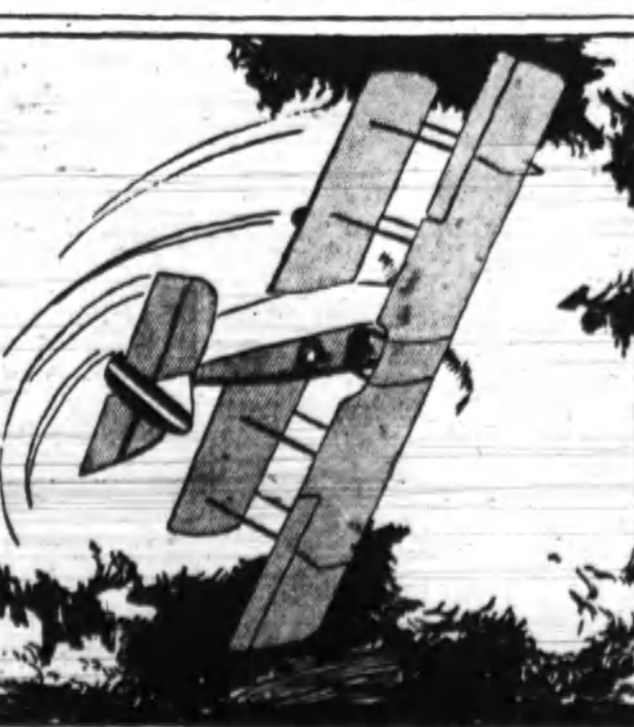
## Data on Albany Wing's Contests

**Schedule**  
10 a. m. to 12 noon. All Balsa Glider Event.  
12 noon to 1 p. m. Lunch period.  
1 p. m. to 4 p. m. Stick Model event.  
4 p. m. to 6 p. m. Cabin Model event.  
**Officials:** Max J. Pollett, chief judge, Donald W. Strevel, inspection of models, Henry Kuznar, official timer, G. James Packard, contest director.  
**How to Get There**  
Delaware avenue, Pine Hills, and West Albany trolleys stop at Lark street and Washington avenue in front of the Armory. Or, you may take a West City line, Western avenue, Washington avenue, West Albany or Whitehall road bus to arrive at the contest.  
If you live in Schenectady, a Schenectady Railway company bus line or the Albany-Colonie bus line will bring you to the Armory. Troy and Rensselaer members may take any bus going to Albany and transfer at Clinton avenue and Broadway for an uptown bus or trolley.

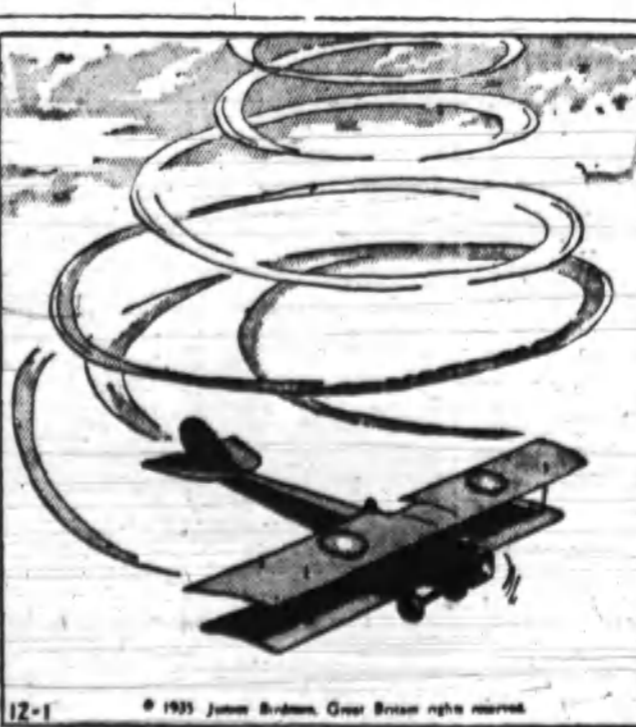
## "AIR CONQUESTS"



**U**PON reporting to the instructor in charge of acrobatic maneuvers, to which section I had just been transferred, he went aloft with me to put me through my first stunts. I was up only thirty minutes when he told me to land the ship. He got out and encouragingly said "let's see you take 'er up alone and go through some acrobatics, you seem like a pretty studious flier."



**I** WAS instructed to fly about 1500 feet on a course parallel to a road which separated the hangars from other buildings on the field. This land was free from other craft and I would have no fear of colliding. I took the ship up, looped, spun, barrel rolled and did everything he showed me. Some were good, others poor. But I found acrobatics were nothing more than glorified maneuvers.



**I** SPENT only five hours in acrobatics. I remember one amusing incident. I wanted to see if I could spin a ship for a long time in one direction without becoming dizzy. One morning I climbed to 10,000 feet—the Jonny's absolute ceiling. I surveyed everything beneath me. All was clear so I kicked the ship into a spin. Around and around and down and down I came in a dizzy whirling maneuver.



**I** DIDN'T feel altogether right and after a thousand foot drop I leveled off. My head kept spinning and I found out everything I wanted to know. I couldn't take it yet! Try as hard as I could to keep my breakfast down, I got sicker and sicker and finally had to give in. I presented a rather tell-tale appearance when I landed and it was a long time before I laid a long spin again.

By Frank Hawks

