

## AIR TOUR BRINGS NEW MODELS HERE TODAY

Latest In Aircraft to Be Displayed At Port.

### CRASHES MAR JOURNEY

Notables, Including F. Trubee Davison, Jimmy Doolittle and Lewis Yancey to Arrive at 3 O'clock From Murfreesboro.

The National Air Tour planes depicting the progress in structure and design of the twentieth century's marvel of transportation, the airplane, will visit Memphis today, and a crowd is expected at the Municipal Airport to see the craft.

Arriving from Murfreesboro, between 2 and 3 o'clock the planes will spend the night in Memphis and the personnel, including some of the world's most celebrated fliers, an assistant secretary of war and one of America's leading transportation engineers will be honored with a banquet at the Gayoso tonight.

#### Several Forced Down.

A series of accidents yesterday marred the advance of the tour planes into the south. Only 10 of the 14 contesting ships were checked in officially at McGhee-Tyson airport at Knoxville last night.

Difficulty in locating Middlesboro, Ky., in the Cumberland Mountains, one of the official stopping points, was held responsible for the mishaps by officials.

Since regulations did not require the ships to land at the Middlesboro airport, four of the pilots took their planes through to Knoxville without stopping, following their take-off in the morning from Huntington, W. Va.

One plane was unheard from, one was badly damaged in a crackup, and two others were forced down in small fields north of Middlesboro.

#### Mummert Out of Race.

Harvey Mummert was forced out of the tour when he crashed his plane in a forced landing near Middlesboro. Walter Henderson, who was reported to have returned to Huntington after the take-off, was unreported. Eddie Schneider, 19-year-old holder of the junior transcontinental flight record and youngest participant in the tour, was forced down 30 miles north of Middlesboro by motor trouble. It was believed that he would be unable to continue with the other planes. Joe Meehan encountered engine trouble and made a forced landing about 20 miles north of Middlesboro in a field that was so small he did not have room enough to take off again.

The quarter of fliers who went direct to Knoxville arrived shortly after 1 o'clock. First to land was James H. Smart, who brought his

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plane into the field at 1:14:18 p.m. He was followed at intervals by Jack Story, Capt. William Lancaster and James H. Hart.

Of those who landed at Middlesboro and later took off for Knoxville, Harry Russell was the first to reach Knoxville. He brought his ship down at 1:59:01 p.m. He was followed by Lowell Bayles, Eddie Stinson, Lee Gehlbach, Bill Gould and George Dixon.

#### Russell Still Ahead.

Carl Colby, one of the official timers of the tour, said tabulations of the elapsed time for the flight from Huntington had not yet been made, but that he believed Harry Russell was leading the contestants, with James H. Smart second. Officials at Knoxville were awaiting the arrival from Middlesboro of the timer's records.

The contestants are scheduled to leave Knoxville this morning between 8 and 9 o'clock for Murfreesboro.

The visit of the planes to Memphis is sponsored by the Aero Club, of which Anker F. Hansen is president, and the Exchange Club, headed by Royal A. Harrison. Reservations for the banquet may be made with either Mr. Harrison, Mrs. J. C. Harbin of the Aero Club or at the Gayoso. Admission to the airport will be free.

#### Seek Ford Trophy.

The pilots are competing for the Edsel B. Ford reliability trophy and the Great Lakes trophy for smaller ships. The Ford trophy, which has been awarded annually for seven years is given to the winning ship on a basis of speed, load and safety performance, and the rule for the Great Lakes trophy are much the same.

Louis Carruthers is the field referee for the Memphis flight and will assist Capt. Ray Collins, manager, and other officials of the tour in determining the standing of the pilots upon their arrival here. Abe Goodman, Jr., is the chief timer and Jack Bondurant the chief checker for the Memphis stop. There will be three checkers to each plane.

The ships range from the tiny Buhl pup to great trimotored

transports. Two of the most important achievements in aviation since the World War, the autogiro and the Diesel radial motor, will be included.

#### Yancey Pilots Autogiro.

Capt. Lewis Yancey, hero of the New York-Borneo ocean flight, will pilot an autogiro, entered by the Champion Spark Plug Co. This queer ship, with its great horizontal rotor, can hover over a given spot or descend vertically. It will fly over the city, so that it can be seen by the entire populace. The Diesel radial motor, brought out by the Backard Company, has been installed in a Bellanca monoplane, piloted by Walter Lees, who recently established a non-refueling endurance record of 37 hours.

The radial Diesel burns fuel oil and has neither carburetion nor ignition. Its safety factors are many and its fuel-cost is slight. As yet, it has not been developed sufficiently to permit a horsepower rating sufficient for large transport ships.

#### Jimmy Doolittle Referees.

Major Jimmy Doolittle, celebrated army flier, will be the referee. Other famous aviators in the tour are the veteran Eddie Stinson, Eddie Schneider, Lee Gehlbach, Mrs. Mae Hartzel, Eric Hoffman, Joe Meehan, who has been leading the other pilots so far, Lieut. Leonard Flo, Lowell R. Bayles, William Lancaster and Jack Story.

Besides Captains Collins, the officials in the tour will be F. Trubee Davison, assistant secretary of war; Edward Pearson Warner, former assistant secretary of navy and now editor of the magazine Aviation; and William B. Mayo, chief engineer of the Ford Motor Company.

Mr. Davison, Mr. Warner, Mr. Collins and Major Doolittle will speak at the dinner. Mayor Overton and the city and county commissioners are to be present.

The description of the event and a running account of the flight from Murfreesboro will be broadcast by Radio Station WNER.

The banquet addresses will be broadcast over WREC.

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Municipal Airport, scene of several huge welcome celebrations during its brief history, will be jammed by another crowd within