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Are Women Students Interested in Flying?

Eighty-three per cent of the college girls of America want to fly. At least this is the indication given by replies to a questionnaire sent out by the Curtiss Wright Woman's Department to representative universities, colleges and finishing schools in America.

Of the fifty-three deans who replied to the query, forty-four answered that their charges were interested in aviation. And the varying degrees of this interest are clearly established. In five of the forty-four schools, the answers indicated that there was "great" interest in flying among women students: in seven of the forty-four, the interest was said to be "considerable", in twenty-three, the women were said to have shown "some" interest or a "certain amount" of interest; nine of the replies stated that "a little" interest had been shown.

Those schools at which women students were reported as having shown great interest in aviation are: the University of Southern California, the University of South Dakota, Shorter College at Rome, Ga., Miss Madeira's School at Washington, D.C., and the Faulkner School in Chicago.

The schools where the students have shown considerable interest in aviation, according to the replies are: Mount Holyoke College, Radcliffe College, the University of Michigan, the University of Kansas, Highland Manor and Junior College of Tarrytown, N.Y., Marlborough School for Girls at Los Angeles, and Averett College, Danville, Va.

And those schools where the students have shown some interest in the subject of aviation are, according to the replies to the questionnaire, the Universities of Maine, Nevada, Tennessee and Texas, Northwestern and Syracuse Universities, the University of California at Los Angeles and Ohio State University; Smith College, Wellesley College, Sweet Briar College, Mills College, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, the State College of Washington, Elmira College, Hood College, Kenka College, Blue Mountain College, Oklahoma Presbyterian College for Girls, the Knox School, the Anna Head School, Randolph-

The interest of women students was gauged by their conversation, their response to lectures on aviation, their tendencies toward forming flying organizations, their use of airlines as a means of transportation, and finally their desire expressed or already put into action of learning to fly. Very interesting information was included with some of the replies.

Mary Sinclair Crawford, Dean of Women of the University of Southern California, amends her reply as follows:-

"You will note that there is very great interest upon our campus in aviation, and I have been hoping that we might have a scholarship, possibly to be awarded by competition in order to make it possible to have the best material, and opening it to girls who might not otherwise be financially able to attend."

According to a survey made by Eva Glassbrook, Dean of Women of the University of South Dakota, seventy-five per cent of the girls enrolled in that university are interested in flying aside from just reading about it and fifty per cent are interested in learning more about aeronautics.

Bernice Brown, Dean of Radcliffe College, reports that three of their students already have pilot's licenses and that three more are now learning to fly. Radcliffe offers a number of courses which are taken by students particularly interested in aviation, and which are helpful in building up the sort of a background that will be useful if they decide to learn to fly or to enter some other phase of aviation, such as, writing, sketching, designing airplane interiors or flying costumes.

Dorothy Vernon Noble, of the Department of Geology at Mount Holyoke College reports:-

"In connection with the introductory course in Geography, the topic of weather and climate is studied. While the problem of weather forecasting is not presented in sufficient detail to be of value in itself to a potential flyer, the possibilities in the field of aeronautical meteorology never fail to arouse great interest. The students sometimes pursue independent investigations on the location of landing fields in their home communities from the standpoint of topographic and climatic advantages just because a new train of thought has been opened up quite apart from the regular class work. Particular interest has been attached to the recent report of the

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extension of the short-range forecasting service over air routes throughout the country."

Spring Fashions Loom for Flying

As the thermometer tends upwards furlined flying suits are going up also, up on the peg until next winter. Our spies tell us that a number of couturiers are busy working out designs for fetching spring flying togs. Some sketches by Fay Gillis, that versatile young lady caterpillar and pilot, who designs flying suits what time she isn't selling airplanes and flying courses to Curtiss Wright customers, literally took our breath away. A little creation which will emerge in Alice blue and orange rajah, or printed cotton pique or any desired color or material, suggests beach pajamas gone ever so air-minded and in a very entrancing though not too fussy way. Big pockets have been liberally provided for. Then there is a bloused trouser affair that has a neatly rounded collar, and a profusion of pocket space.

Pilot's License Notes

The 185 total with sixteen transports, eighteen limited commercial pilots and 148 private pilots stands as is for this week.

Footnotes on the three new pilots of week before last were crowded out because of lack of space last week. Here they are:-
(Fla.)

May S. McCormick was chosen by the Jacksonville/Journal to take a flying course after a series of competitive tests, and later was made aviation editor of the paper. Since she has passed her license tests, she writes: "Now that I have the private, it looks so far to the L. C. and transport. I hope it is not as far as it looks. And I hope too that I'll have a better day for the other exams. It was the coldest day of the year, and I could barely waddle forth when I got on all the clothing necessary to keep me warm." In addition to her work on the Journal, she has done a number of magazine stories on learning to fly and aviation in general.

Mrs. Fred Maibucher of Indianapolis went out for a pilot's license because she felt that in the air she feels closer to the memory of her distinguished flier husband, Lieutenant Fred J. Maibucher. She does not plan to make flying a career, but looks upon it only as a spare time occupation without which she couldn't seem to struggle along. Miriam L. Blagden, of New York, is a real estate builder, and is piling up more hours toward a higher license rating at Curtiss Field, Valley Stream, L. I.