

## Big Program of Air Activity Marks the Coming Season

Preparations for long distance flights across oceans and for the purpose of establishing new records are going forward to-day in all parts of the world. The following is a list of some of the outstanding among these projects:

First—Cesare Sabelli, New York to Rome. Base, Roosevelt Field, L.I. Personnel, Sabelli, Roger Q. Williams, chief pilot; Peter Bonnell, navigator. Plane, Bellanca seaplane, Rome, powered with Pratt & Whitney Wasp.

Second—Thea Rasche, New York to Berlin. Base, Curtiss Field, L.I. Personnel, Fraulein Rasche, chief pilot; Ulrich Koerhmann, navigator. Plane, Bellanca monoplane, powered with Wright Whirlwind.

Third—Mexico goodwill flight, Mexico City to Washington, non-stop. Base Mexico City. Personnel, Major Emilio Carranza. Plane Ryan Mexico-Excelsior. Power unit, Wright Whirlwind.

Four—Mears's Round the World Race—Base, Curtiss Field, Personnel, John H. Mears, passenger; C. B. D. Collyer, pilot. Plane, Fairchild folding wing cabin monoplane.

Five—French official navy flight, Paris to New York. Base, Bordeaux. Personnel, Lieutenant E. Paris and two others. Plane, C. A. N. S. Navy seaplane, powered with two Isotta Fraschini motors.

Six—Byrd South Pole flight. Temporary base, Ford airport, Detroit. Flight personnel, Commander Richard E. Byrd, Bert Balchen and Chief Petty Officer Harold I. June. U.S.N. Plane, Ford tri-motored, Wright engines.

Seven—Japanese official Pacific flight, Japan to San Francisco. Base, Tokio. Personnel, four. Plane, a special twin-motored land plane.

Eight—United States Marine non-stop flight, Washington to Nicaragua. Base, Bolling Field. Pilot, Major Charles A. Lutz, U.S.M., winner of the Curtiss marine trophy race, 1923. Plane, tri-motored Fokker.

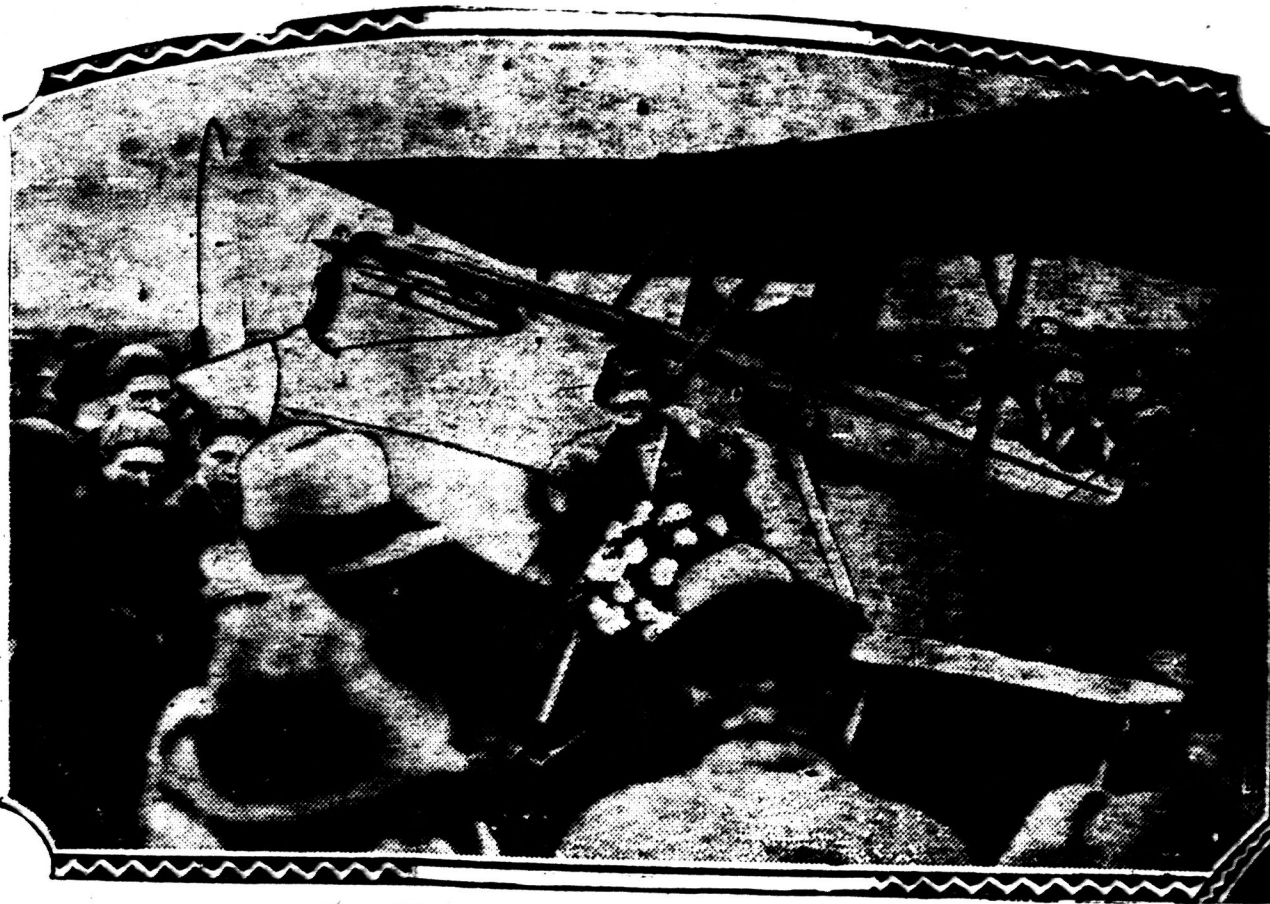
Nine—Courtney, England, to United States flight. Temporary base, Pisa, Italy. Pilot, Captain Frank T. Courtney. Plane, Dornier-Whale flying boat.

Ten—Official navy San Francisco to Honolulu. Base, Philadelphia aircraft station. Personnel, unannounced. Plane, PN-12, which recently broke four world records, powered with Wright Cyclones.

Eleven—Polish trans-Atlantic, Paris to New York. Temporary base, Le Bourget. Plane, White Eagle, special twin-motored landplane.

Twelve—Rome to Buenos Ayres flight. Base, Rome. Personnel, Captain Arturo Ferrarin. Plane, special monoplane powered with two Isotta Fraschini engines.

## A Lengthy Flight For a Fair Aviator



**FIRST WOMAN TO FLY FROM CAPE TO LONDON**  
Lady Heath arrived at Croydon after completion of her 10,000-mile flight when her aeroplane was surrounded by a large and highly enthusiastic crowd of well-wishers.

outside interests has been his connection with the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago. He has been connected with it for some time and has served as a director for the past three years. He has been superintendent of the International Grain and Hay Show, a branch of this exposition. Each year, one or more of those who have been prominently identified with the Chicago Exposition are asked to have their portraits painted to hang in the Saddle and Sirolo Club, which has been the centre of live stock men during the fair for a great many years. This year the two men selected for this honor were Mr. W. M. Jardine, Secretary of Agriculture in the Washington, and Dr. Christie. Last year, in company with a director of one of the leading agricultural colleges, he was asked to visit Europe and make a special study of the subject. The investigation occupied about three months and was very complete and useful. Thus Dr. Christie brings to Ontario the latest and best information available on this important subject.

Dr. Christie has been the author of several publications.

Dr. Christie married Miss Ethel M. Carpenter, of Des Moines, Iowa, in 1906. They have one daughter. He is Presbyterian in religion, and belongs to several fraternal organizations, including the following:

Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Beta, Sigma Delta Chi, Eigma Xi, Lafayette Rotary Club, honorary member, Lafayette Kiwanis Club, Indiana Academy of Science, American Academy of Political and Social Science, Mason Town and Gown Club, West Lafayette Country Club.

### Immigration Permits

Saskatoon Star (Lib.): Accepting this statement, what is the reason for permits at all? Why issue such documents? Members of Parliament deny that permits have been a source of profit to them. On the contrary, they have been harmed by insinuations that the permit system is abused. They should therefore be very ready to see "letters to facilitate entry" become a thing of the past.

Post: "I cannot understand why you refused my poems. I put my whole heart into them." Editor: "It would have been better if you had not... we had to pay excess postage on them."

### British Authors Attack Predatory "Publishers"

London—A black list of alleged disreputable publishers who, it is stated, obtain money from unwary authors without ever selling their books has been drawn up by the British Society of Authors, Playwrights and Composers for the guidance of its members.

Such publishers usually obtain their business through advertisements asking for manuscripts and promising to place them. An author who sends his first book will receive an immediate reply telling him that he has written

a work that there will be no difficulty in selling.

The letter will go on to say that the cost of publishing is so great that the publisher must ask the author to contribute towards it on a co-operative basis and to share in the profit on the first edition.

A few copies of the book are printed after the author has contributed \$500 or \$1,000, but there is rarely any profit, and the author never gets his money back.

A good book is the best of friends, the same to-day and forever.—Martin F. Tupper.

## "Barking Sands" Has a New Fame

**Pacific Air Pilots Add a Touch of Romance to the Hawaiian Strand That Makes Strange Noises**

Barking Sands, in the Island of Kauai, Hawaii, was prominently mentioned in the cables last week when Captain Charles F. Kingsford-Smith and his three companions took off there in the monoplane Southern Cross for the second leg of their trans-Pacific flight.

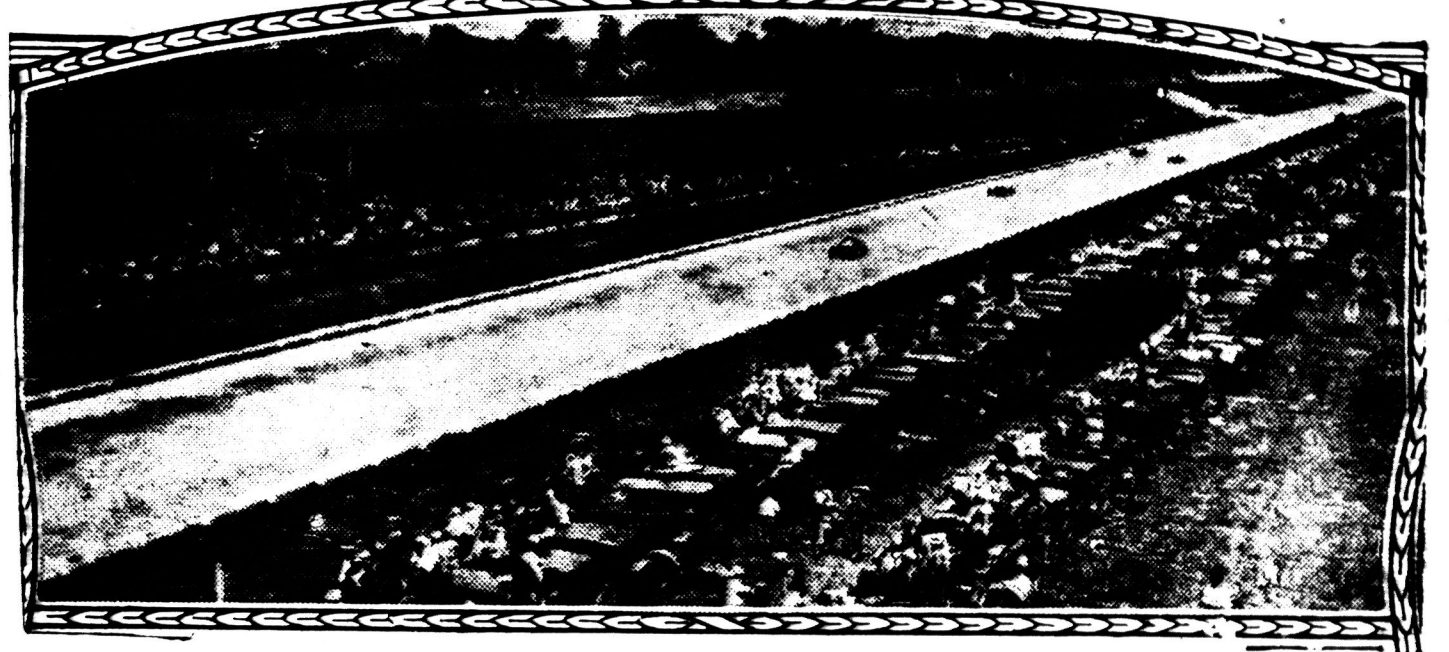
Barking Sands is another of the little known names which overseas flights in recent years have raked from the depths of the world atlases. Interest in the progress of the Southern Cross airmen was accordingly marked by some general curiosity as to what the name of their immediate springboard to the Fiji actually meant.

The island of Kauai itself as a whole was a little more familiar. Its name was recalled perhaps as that of the most northerly of the Sandwich Islands, and as Captain Cook's first landing-place on Hawaiian soil. But Barking Sands? Was it a geological phenomenon, or some new oddity in geographical nomenclature? Did the sands there really "bark"? Or was the name taken from some other place—as, for example, some town named Barking in England?

Kauai's Noisy Strand  
Barking Sands, as a fact, is named for its geological phenomenon. Its slope of sand is notably sonorous. Its wind-started sand-slides now "rustle," now "rumble." Two handfuls of its sand clapped together might sound to imaginative minds like the barking of a dog, says an island naturalist.

This remote freak of physical nature in mid-Pacific is held by scientists to be one of the famous examples of the hundred or more so-called "singing sands" found here and there

## The Place Where Motor Speeding is Legal



**DARING RACERS TEARING AROUND THE SPEEDWAY**  
Fourteen thousand people witnessed the 500-mile automobile race when Meyer, the novice driver from Los Angeles, was the victor, with Lou Moore of Hollywood second.

### Heidelberg Students Fight Duels in Secret

Heidelberg—Any young man seen walking the streets of Heidelberg with a gash on his head or face must do some tall explaining. The police have orders to take him to police headquarters, where he must narrate the genesis of his "accident."

Republican Germany is determined to put an end to student dueling, once the favorite sport of aristocratic student fraternities. Century-old cus-

oms, however, are not to be eradicated by a simple ordinance and secret duelling continues.

A fresh gash in the face or on the head is presumptive evidence that a duel has been fought. The students have developed a wonderful technique of alibi, however, and many a time the duelist gets away with the "proof" that he fell into a glass door or was accidentally struck by falling glass. Nevertheless, the vigilance of the police has done much to reduce dueling to a minimum.

throughout the world. Science has not agreed upon the cause of this strange locality. But the acoustic property of these sounding hills and beaches poses when disturbed by the wind has been pronounced a certain, if mysterious, fact.

The "barking" sands of Kauai appear to be largely confined to one particular sand dune. This mound, about 100 feet high, forms one end of a mile-long range of dunes that parallel the south coast at the western end of the island. It is back 100 yards from the sea and is steadily being built inward by the wind.

### A Variety of Sounds

The top and landward side of this windblown dune alone seems to possess sonority. The wind sweeps the sand in widening wave-lets down the slope, and the musical reverberation varies with the heat, dryness and friction from a sound like rustling silk to a deep-toned peal. One traveler wrote that a horse ridden down the slope makes a noise akin to "subterranean thunder." Another has said that, stamped upon, "the sand cries out in different cadences." "A deep bass tremolo" was the way it impressed a third witness. The sound given off by these sand rushes is heard clearly for some distance, all agree. The natives say the sound is made by the spirits of the dead, who "grumble at being disturbed."

The late Professor H. Carrington Bolton reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1889 that a bagful of the Kauai sand he brought to his laboratory in this country preserved its strange properties for months, finally losing them after frequent manipulation.

### Ecuador's Traffic Police Claim World's Courtesy Title

Quito, Ecuador.—Quito's traffic policemen probably hold the record for politeness. When north and south bound traffic is stopped to allow east and west bound traffic to proceed at the street intersections the traffic officers on duty motion to the north and south bound pedestrians to keep on the sidewalks and say, "With your permission, ladies and gentlemen."

Man is the only animal that blushes or that needs to.—Mark Twain.

## New O.A.C. Head Native of Ontario

Graduate of 1902—Classmate of Dr. W. S. Black, Ex-President of Manitoba Agricultural College Chosen

### FINE RECORD

While all old O.A.C. students will be sorry to know that the kindly smile of Dr. Reynolds (who remains as principal-emeritus) will no longer welcome them to their Alma Mater, they cannot but congratulate the Hon. John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, on his selection of Dr. George I. Christie as successor to Dr. Reynolds.

The years 1902, 3 and 4 graduated some outstanding men from the O.A.C. Dr. W. S. Black (classmate of the new president) was president of the Manitoba Agricultural College, and is now Director of Colonization for the Canadian National Railways. Dr. Melville Cumming president of Truro, N.S., Agricultural College, and Premier John Bracken of Manitoba all come from this notable period of college life.

George Christie was one of the outstanding men of his class, and Ontario may well be proud of securing his services.

Dr. Christie, who is a native Ontario, and was a student at the O.A.C., obtained his B.S.A. degree from Toronto University. He went to Iowa State College in 1903 for post-graduate work, and thereafter engaged in a wide range of activities across the border, but is well known in agricultural circles on this side of the line, and has a very high reputation in his chosen calling. It will be several weeks before he will be able to take over his new duties at Guelph, but he is to be installed well before the opening of the fall term. Prof. Reynolds, it is understood, will be retained as principal-emeritus.

"Dr. Christie," said Hon. Mr. Martin, in announcing the appointment, "is regarded as one of the most brilliant graduates of the Ontario Agricultural College. He has made an outstanding contribution to American agriculture, and it is most gratifying to have him back to his native province at this time. There is no more important position in agriculture in Canada than the presidency of the O.A.C. Dr. Christie brings to it a wide experience, a fine intellect and attractive personality. I bespeak for him the cordial co-operation and support of all interested in agricultural development of this province."

### Career of Progress

The career of the principal-designate has been one of continuous progress. He was born in 1881, on a farm near Winchester, Dundas County, in Eastern Ontario, the son of David and Mary Ann (Howes) Christie. After education in the local schools he attended the O.A.C., obtaining his degree of B.S.A. from the University of Toronto in 1902. He went across to Iowa State College for post-graduate work and received the degree of B.S.A. from that institution in 1903.



**DR. G. I. CHRISTIE, B.S.A.**, of Purdue University, Indiana, whose appointment as president of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, succeeded Dr. J. B. Reynolds, is announced by Hon. John S. Martin.

After many years of splendid work in the States, Iowa College conferred upon him in 1925 the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. While, therefore, he has been engaged across the line for many years, he has kept in touch with his native province and its well known here. He has been much in demand as a speaker, combining unusual powers of thought with vigor and general expression.

After completing his academic training, he continued for a couple of years on the staff of Iowa State College, as an assistant in agronomy. From there he entered the service of Purdue University, in 1905, and has continued in various capacities with that institution until the present time. During the war, however, he was loaned to the Federal Government and served as assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture for a couple of years, during which he rendered excellent service. He also served on the U.S. War Labor Policies Board, and on the National Committee for the Employment of Soldiers and Sailors after the war.

In Indiana his activities have covered a wide range. He was first an associate in agricultural extension, later being appointed superintendent of agricultural extension, and since 1920 combining with this the position of director of the experiment station, so that both experimental and extension activities were under his administration. His services, moreover, have been in demand in general state activities. He has served as director of the Summer school for teachers, as superintendent of the Indiana Agricultural Exhibit at the Panama Exposition, as chairman of the Indiana Centennial celebration and as state food director of Indiana. He is also a member and secretary of the Indiana deep waterways commission.

### Many Public Services

While Dr. Christie has thus had a varied line of activities in the state, he has been prominent in other circles. He is vice-president of the Association of Land Grant Colleges, a member of the Committee on Economics of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and chairman of the Midwest Agricultural and Economics Research Council. One of the most important of his

## ADAMSON'S ADVENTURES—By O. Jacobsson.

