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### Howard Franklin Wehrle Scrapbook

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LOWER-Howard Franklin Wehrle, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Wehrle. of s City, former residents of Charleston. Mrs. Wehrle and son are visiting her s, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Estill of South Side.

MONDAY  
DECEMBER 11, 1923  
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH  
AERONAUTIC OFFICER  
DISCUSSES 1923 MEET

Maj. Howard F. Wehrle and Robert Lester GUESTS of St. Louis Committee at Dinner.

International aspects of aviation and the relation of the 1923 races to America's air program were discussed by Maj. Howard F. Wehrle of Kansas City at a dinner given for him and Robert Lester at Hotel Jefferson Saturday night by the St. Louis committee seeking to obtain next year's meet of the National Aeronautic Association.

Maj. Wehrle is one of the governors of the seventh district of the National Aeronautic Association and vice president of the Air Terminal Association of Kansas City. He was formerly president of the Kansas City Flying Club. During the war he served with the aviation section of the Signal Corps. Lester, also a pilot during the war, is a member of the board of directors of the Air Terminal Association.

They came here at the invitation of W. Frank Carter, chairman of the St. Louis Race Meet Executive Committee. Among those present at the dinner were, besides the chairman, Festus J. Wade, John G. Lonsdale, F. W. A. Vesper, Lyman T. Hay, Paul V. Bunn, Louis P. Aloe, Joseph Pulitzer, W. B. Weisenburger and Randall Foster.

Traces Development.

Maj. Wehrle traced the development of flying from the time of the fabled flight of Daedalus son, Icarus whose artificial wings melted when he soared to near the sun, down to the ships of the present day. He recalled that it was about 19 years ago that the Wright brothers, Wil



bur and Orville, made the first successful sustained flight in a heavier-than-air machine at Kitty Hawk, N.C.

"And tonight," he said, "we are discussing a meet at which ships travel from 200 to 224 miles an hour. I believe that a speed of from 250 to 260 miles an hour will be attained by the ships which complete in the 1923 races.

"There is no sport skin to flying. I used to be a golf bug. Now I have but one hobby, one avocation, as it were-the air. Mr. Lester and myself came here on a fast passenger train in seven and one-half hours. We could have made the trip by airplane in about three and one-half hours."

Maj. Wehrle then visualized a day when America will be dotted with air ports, when ships of Pullman-car capacity will ply between Kansas City and St. Louis San Francisco and New York and other cities, and when London, Paris, Rome or Berlin will be merely a one-night hop from the Atlantic seaboard.

Usefulness of Air Meets.

Your national air meets," he said "have the same relation to the development of the airplane that automobile racing has to the motor car. They help to demonstrate the practicability and utility of the plane for commercial purposes. And that is what we want to do-put aviation on a business basis."

Maj. Wehrle told how Kansas City, which conducted a successful meet during the American Legion convention in 1921, had planned to seek the national air meet for next year, but had withdrawn in favor of St. Louis. Carter thanked him in behalf of St. Louis, and said Kansas City had displayed "a fine sportsmanship and neighborly spirit that we of St. Louis can never forget."

Accompanied by Albert Bond Lambert, Maj. Wehrle and Lesterday yesterday morning inspected the flying field at Bridgeton. They departed for Kansas City in the afternoon.

Maj. Wehrle will make a report of what St. Louis has done to obtain the 1923 air races at the meeting of the Board of Governors of the nine districts of the National Aeronautic Association at New York Jan. 15.

Send Greetings to Orville Wright.  
A congratulatory message was sent yesterday to Orville Wright pioneer of American aviation, by the Kansas City chapter of the National Aeronautic Association. Maj. Howard F. Wehrle, President, signed the greeting.  
Low first cost, low cost of operation-long life-the New Essex Six.-Adv.

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1924 'RAT' BABY  
SHOULD BE RICH  
BELIEF OF JAPS  
Signs of Zodiac Promise He  
Will Prosper if Born in "Year  
of the Rat"

#### RODENT ORNAMENTS TOYS

TOKIO, Feb. 3- Children born in 1924- year of the rat, according to the old Japanese signs of the Zodiac -will follow the example of the rat in that they will be ever busy, and in consequence, unless the rules are wrong, every 1924 baby should turn out to be a wealthy Japanese. This is the belief throughout the island empire, and in consequence every shop where trinkets are sold is this month displaying pictures of rats-rats in plaster of Paris, stuffed cloth rats and representations of white mice. Every baby born this year will be given for toys tiny toy rats. And good luck, so the signs of the Zodiac say, will follow the child throughout its life.

Not every year is one of good to the Japanese baby, according this belief of "animal year are twelve animals that have influence on the Japanese who follow this idea, and snake, the sheep, the horse key, are not believed to be ful, provided one is born of one of these. The belief horse is "that those born year are incapable of deed and are always hopping a one subject to another." Fortunately the present Premier, Viscount K. Kiyoura, a old gentleman of some severe

years, is said to resemble the  
by those Japanese who dish  
politically, and there are m  
these. Viscount Kiyoura wa  
born in the year of the horse.  
has a long face, and the Japanese  
cartoonist has been quick to  
ears and horse-like features to  
Premier's otherwise attra  
enough profile. "The horse does  
understand human language,"  
the cartoonists: "Kiyoura, the horse  
will do us no good as Premier."  
The Japanese animals of yeras a  
their respective influences on t  
people who were born in these part  
cular years are as follows:  
Year of the rat-busy people, wh  
are quite apt to be wealthy.  
Year of the ox-slow, conservative  
folk, who are a benefit to the empire.  
Year of the tiger- energetic people,  
with the initiative, are born this year.  
frequently Premiers are born.  
Year of the rabbit- sympathetic,  
moderate thinking folks.  
Year of the dragon- people with  
heavenly influence upon them.  
Year of the snake- Jealous, ambi-  
tious people apt to do no good.  
Year of the horse-Hopping-about  
folk, with no deep thoughts.  
Year of the sheep-Weak-minded  
people who follow others.  
Year of the monkey-People of no  
originality, always chattering.  
Year of the Chicken-People with  
great family pride, always crowing.  
Year of the dog-Steady people.  
whose business dealings are reputable.  
Year of the boar-People of energy  
who follow a straight line to achieve-  
ment.

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