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MAJOR WEHRLE TO SPEAK AT AIR FIELD DEDICATION.

The Ceremonies Will Take Place at 3 o'Clock Saturday Afternoon at the Grounds Near Lake Contrary - Program for the Occasion.

Maj. Howard Franklin Wehrle of the air service of the O.R.C., who will be the principal speaker at the dedication of the Rosecrans Municipal Air Field at Lake Contrary, at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, saw overseas service during the

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MAJ. H. F. WEHRLE,
Kansas City, who will be the principal speaker at the dedication of the Rosecrans Aviation Field.

World War and is now actively promoting aviation in Kansas City, where he lives.

Major Wehrle returned from overseas in December, 1919, and settled in Kansas City where he became vice-president of the Air Terminal Association. He is district manager for the Kinnear Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio. He is governor of the National Aeronautic Association for the seventh district, which is made up of the states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Arkansas. He is also a member of the aerial service committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City and is a past president of the Flying Club of Kansas City, Inc.

C. H. Wolfley, chairman of the aviation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, said that five or six government flyers are to be here from Fort Riley. Individual flyers are also expected to take part in the maneuvers which are to be varied.

The air field was made possible by the appropriations made by the city and county through the mayor and council and the county court.

E. M. Lindsay, president of the city council, will be master of ceremonies at the dedication and other city and county officials will take part.

At the opening of the program at 3 o'clock the Ross Dugger saxophone band

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Charleston Gazette - Sept. 1923

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

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.

KC Times
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MONDAY,
DECEMBER 11, 1923.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

AERONAUTIC OFFICER DISCUSSES 1923 MEET

Maj. Howard ~~P.~~ ~~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 too near the sun, down to the ships of the present day. He recalled that it was about 19 years ago that the Wright brothers Wilbur 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 compete in the 1923 races.

"There is no sport akin 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 practicality 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.

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