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Howard Franklin Wehrle Scrapbook

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Howard Wehrle left Saturday-ary 13th, for Philadelphia, to-e general managership of the - air races to be held there in - this year in connection with - tennial celebration there of - f the Declaration of Independ- - er representative of the Kin- - y probably will be sent here - ajor Wehrle in his absence. - as become nationally known - efforts to promote the general - civilian flying. He is one of - en who launched the Air Ter- - ation idea in 1922, resulting - ase of Richards Field. - of 1924, he spent three weeks - g and managing the Wichita - t the request of Henry Ford, - rd managed the Ford airplane - ur which passed through Kan- - e had charge of all flying at - t here in connection with the - [[Am]]erican Legion convention in - s at this time that the Rotary - [[pu]]rchased a valuable cup which - sed in the future at these an- - ts. The winner of the cup on - tive occasions became its per- - er. The cup has never been - mber of times required but - le has now arranged to put - for final disposition at the - held in Philadelphia.

Major Howard Wehrle to Philadelphia

The Kansas City Rotary Club is losing a far too large a number of valuable members to the East but we suppose as long as our geographical position remains in the Heart of America and a stepping stone to the higher and more fertile lands of the east, it will ever be thus. Howard has acted as an official "starter" at the Pulitzer trophy races in Omaha, Detroit, St. Louis, Dayton and New York. He was one of the organizers of the National Aeronautic Association and one of its first governors. Howard will be gone from Kansas City some eight months but will retain his membership in the club here making up his attendance by visiting the Philadelphia Rotary Club each week. His many Rotary friends here will miss him but we look forward to the time when he will return and attend our meetings each Thursday.

[[image]]

As one strolls through the aisles of the American Royal building, viewing the exhibitions in the eighteenth annual [[ann-?]] think that the sleek, stream-line figures that line the booths are outcomes of the "contrivances" pictured in the above The Studebaker museum in South Bend, Ind., is one of the most



complete in its line in the country. Aside from five-passenger coupe, the photos are taken from exhibits in the museum. They are: -
No. 2. A carriage presented by the United States government to General Lafayette for us during his visit to this ago. No. 3. President Lincoln's carriage, used by him on the night he was assassinated. No. 4. A Canastota wagon father of the five brothers who established the Studebaker business. No. 5. The carriage used by General Grant during United States.

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-as being in favor of paving the Richard's flying field road. Rodgers Crittenden and Maj. Howard Wehrle, representing the Kansas City Air Terminal association, assured the board the building of the road would eliminate the danger which the 7 per cent grade on the Blue Ridge Road presents in rainy weather. The flying field road has only a 4 per cent grade.

The fact that Kansas City probably will be a station of the transcontinental air mail system and that it will take only forty-five minutes to bring mail to Kansas City on the proposed road also was mentioned.

Judge H.F. McElroy of the county court assured the board the county is ready to pay its half of the costs. The grading cost for the county is estimated at \$12,000.

Residents in favor of paving the road will meet with the park board and the county court soon to make some kind of arrangements which will lead to the paving of the road.

The board declared that although there now is money to build the road it will be cooperate in all efforts to begin the work.

AIR MAIL SERVICE NEARER

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SELECTION OF KANSAS CITY LANDING FIELD ROUNDS OUT
PLAN.
7/31/24

City of Chamber of Commerce May Buy Site for Airplane Base,
According to Plan of Aeronautical Association Officers.

Efforts of the Kansas City chapter of the National Aeronautic Association to obtain air mail for Kansas City are beginning to show results.

Howard F. Wehrle, president of the Kansas City branch of the organization, said last night only a landing field remains to be procured. This must be done by the city or by the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Wehrle said.

Carl H. Wolfley, St. Joseph, district governor of the National Aeronautic Association, was in Kansas City yesterday. While here he conferred with Mr. Wehrle and E.W. Mentel, industrial commissioner of the Chamber of Commerce, on establishing an air and mail service depot in Kansas City.

One of two courses is open in the selection of a field for the postoffice air mail base. Either a new field must be selected for the use of air mail planes or Richards field may be rented from the Air Terminal Association.

Officials of the Air Terminal Association said last night the rental of Richards Field, if leased to the city or the Chamber of Commerce, probably would cost about \$2,500 a year.

Other airplane activities at the field would not cease if the air mail used the field. The postoffice department planes simply would add to the aerial activity of the army and civilian flying there now.

The result of the conference between Mr. Wolfley and Mr. Wehrle was that a telegram was sent to Col. Paul Henderson, second assistant postmaster general at Washington, requesting that Luther K. Bell, traffic manager for the air mail division, be sent here for a meeting with Kansas City and St. Joseph business men and Chamber of Commerce officials.

The air mail route from Kansas City to Omaha would include a stop at St. Joseph, Mr. Wehrle said last night. St. Joseph already has appropriated \$63,000 for its municipal and air mail field.

Kansas City would be one of the terminals of the air mail and considerably more equipment would be placed here than if it were merely a stop on an air mail route. A hangar, probably a little smaller than the hangars at Richards field, would be constructed by the postoffice department.

AIR MAIL TO CONTINUE.

After Month's Trial Schedule Is Found to Be Satisfactory.
WASHINGTON, July 30. - Performance of the New York-San Francisco air mail service and the quantity of mail offered for transmission has been so highly satisfactory Postmaster General New has decided to continue operation on the present schedule indefinitely. The original order establishing the service called for only one month's operation.

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