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she was denied permission to fly in combat.

"Women flyers could do a lot of good, of course, just by teaching flyers, but I don't want to be an aviation professor," Miss Law said after completing an unauthorized swoop over Paris.

"I seek activity, danger, accomplishment."

Later that year Miss Law got enough danger for one night, when her plane's gas tank exploded over Lexington, Ill. She put the plane into a sharp dive, and the wind blew out the flames. She escaped with a few face burns.

After the war, there came Ruth Law's Flying Circus, a three-plane troupe that left throngs at state and county fairs astonished. She flew her old Curtiss, and the two male pilots went up in Jennys in close formation with her.

Finally, her husband, Charles Oliver became nervous. Oliver, who managed the Flying Circus, confided that he was becoming distressed by watching his wife fly 25 feet above racing cars on county tracks.

"He was afraid I'd be killed," Miss Law said.

In 1922, Miss Law announced she was retiring to home and hearth.

"After all," she said, "nothing else counts with a woman."

THOUGHTS

There were second thoughts. In 1927, Miss Law considered trying a nonstop summer flight to Paris. But it was Charles A. Lindbergh who made the celebrated crossing.

In 1946, she spoke of flying again and observed, "It wouldn't surprise me to see a flight to the moon one of these days." In 1950, Dr. Cecil R. Smith, the "flying dentist" of Burlingame, took her up for a flight and handed her the controls.

"I found I still knew how," Miss Law said.

Miss Law and her husband, Charles, live in Beverly Hills from 1922 to 1946, when they moved to San Francisco. Her husband died the following year.

Miss Law, who lived at 34 Rosewood drive, busied herself with bowling, golfing and the activities of the Daughters of the American Revolutions, the Eastern Star and aviation pioneers. She is survived by three nieces, Marion Kempe of San Francisco, Katherine Ernest and Virginia McGreecy, and a nephew, William R. Law.



Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Halsted and Co., 1123 Sutter street, with officers of the San Francisco Chapter of the Eastern Star officiating. Burial will be in Lynn, Mass., where Miss Law was born.

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