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Wright: Katherine 1926

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MISS KATHERINE WRIGHT BECOMES EDITOR'S BRIDE

Sister of Aero Inventors Did  
Much to Achieve Their  
Final Victory

WEDDED TO H.J. HASKELL

Oberlin, Ohio, Nov. 20 (By A.P.)  
Miss Katherine Wright, of Dayton, who perhaps was as much  
responsible for the invention of the airplane as her noted brothers,  
Orville and Wilbur Wright, was married here today to Harry J. Haskell,  
associate editor of the Kansas City Star.

The surroundings of their college  
days of 30 years ago formed a setting for the ceremony. Both bride and  
bridegroom attended Oberlin in the 90's, and there grew to be friends.  
Dr. Henry C. King, president of Oberlin, read the marriage service.

The story of Miss Wright's connection with the invention of the airplane  
is little known outside of Ohio. She sacrificed youth and pleasures that  
her brothers might subsist while they worked and the day came when  
Wilbur and Orville had only their sister Katherine to encourage them to  
continue their experiments.

Soon after the Wright brothers conceived their idea of a successful  
heavier-than-air flying machine their funds were wholly consumed in  
experiments and neighbors and friends refused them support. Miss  
Wright then decided to hold on to her job as teacher in the Dayton  
school and she gave liberally of her salary to "keep the boys going."  
After a hard day in the classroom she would spend most of the night  
sewing on large bolts of silk, cotton, canvas and other materials to make  
covering for the wings of the model gliders her brothers were testing.

On every occasion since the famous  
flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C., when the Wright brothers have been honored  
for their achievement they have given public credit to their sister.

Mr. Haskell was born at Huntington,  
Ohio. He joined the Kansas City Star as assistant telegraph editor,  
becoming, successively, city editor, chief editorial writer and assistant  
editor.



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