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N.Y., is visiting Dayton during the aircraft show.
Glenn H. Curtiss taught her to fly Sept. 6, 1910, in a flimsy craft powered by a 35-horsepower motor that sounded like "a bolt in a dishpan," Miss Scott said.

"I learned to fly because I loved excitement and didn't know any better," she said. Miss Scott became an exhibition flyer with such aviation pioneers as Lincoln Beachey and Glen Martin.

"It was nothing in those days to make \$5,000 a week," she recalled yesterday.

In 1948, Air Force Maj. Charles (Chuck) Yeager, now holder of the world's speed record for aircraft, took her for a ride in a jet. Although he did some snap rolls and then dived 14,000 feet, Miss Scott said the ride was a disappointment.

"There was no vibration, no wind. You didn't realize the speed," she said.

Now she has the helicopter bug. "I like to flit around in them," she said, "but if I'm going any place, I like the solid floorboards of a transport under me."

How did she get to Dayton this time?

"I drove down in my car," Miss Scott said, "but never again."

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Maj. Gen. James M. Gavin, Army assistant chief of staff, G-3 (operations and training), yesterday canceled plans to attend the show. A spokesman said he had been detained in Washington because of official duties.

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Over 100 state patrolmen and 35 sheriff's deputies--including auxiliary state officers and deputized Box 21 members--have been assigned to handle Air Show traffic.

The city will send over 60 policemen a day plus a number of auxiliary officers to handle crowds inside the gates. This is more than the number assigned to normal patrol duty during any eight-hour shift.

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