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could see today's jets," Mrs. Scott said.

WHILE SHE credited the Wrights with getting aircraft off the ground, her loyalty went out to Glenn Curtiss. "After all, he did invent the ailerons and the flying boat," the aviatrix said. She felt that Curtiss did much more for the progress of aviation than the Wright brothers.

Counteracting her claim that Curtiss was a man without humor, she told of the time he was approached by a prominent society woman who said she knew much about aviation but had one question unanswered. "If one has trouble up there in the air, how does one come down," she

"Well, we're still in the experimental stages of aviation," Curtiss explained. "Now, we've had a man up there for three days and there is some concern of his starving to death if we don't get him down."

MRS. SCOTT, whose mother was a resident of Newport, was also the first woman to drive an automobile across the United States.

"Sure, men had done it and all they did was complain," she said. "I told the car manufacturer that this was no way to sell automobiles and convinced him that a woman should do it to show how simple it was." They bought her idea and she drove the Willys Overland from New York to San Francisco.

LOOKING AT today's air travel, the adventurous Mrs. Scott was quick to agree to accepting a space trip if the offer came her way. "I'm always looking for kicks . . . excitement . . . something to do," she said. "I've also got quite an interest in UFO's," she added. "I think there's more to them that they let you know."

She told of her fleeting acquaintance with Amelia Earhart, last seeing her in a Buffalo train station.

SHE ALSO recalled the day in Indianapolis in 1910, when she saw two planes up in the air at the same time . . . a first in the history of aviation.

"I thought these people flying were idiots, not realizing I'd be doing the same thing three weeks later," she said.

"You should have seen the letters we got in those days," Mrs. Scott said. "If God wanted you to fly, he'd have given you wings . . . I hope you'll fly in Hell," they wrote.

"No one could really teach you to fly," she explained. "All they could do was tell you the rudiments because the planes then would only hold one person."

Mrs. Scott, who now limits her flying to commercial travel said she last few some two years ago. "I don't go it alone anymore," she said.

Mrs. Scott is probably one of the country's few honorary members of the Lions Club. Still looking for "kicks," she said she planned on some day dropping in on the male membership, presenting her card and saying, "Gentlemen, I've come to lunch."



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[[image: black and white 1/2 length portrait photo of sociable-looking Miss Scott sitting at a table]] [[caption]] "I've got quite an interest in UFOs." [[/caption]]

[[image: black and white photo of Miss Scott with a wide, enthusiastic]] [[caption]]"We looked for kicks, and that's what we got." [[/caption]]

Capron Fund Makes Grant For 'Hiring Hall' Rental

The Capron Fund of Utica Foundation Inc. has awarded a \$1,020 grant to the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce to cover the rent for the Community Employment Service, known as the "hiring hall."

JACK KENNELTY, chamber executive vice president, said, "we are most grateful for the grant. The hiring hall proposed by young black leadership and manned by blacks has provided employment opportunities for many local disadvantaged people and, at the same time, has enabled local employers to help meet their personal needs."

Tracing the background of the project, Kennelty said the hiring hall started as an experiment last September and is jointly sponsored by city government, Utica Community Action, the Chamber of Commerce and the State Employment Service.

The suggestion that the hall be established came at a meeting of black leaders, principally members of the Congress On Racial Equality (CORE) and the heads of major firms held late last summer.

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James R. Schuff, of 1203 Parker St., and his wife, Diane, 20, a cousin of David Lynch, 21, of 1105 City St., who was killed July 5, were called to the stand by Dist Atty. Arthur A. Darrigrand.

The third-day proceedings started at 10:50 a.m.

Schuff was questioned by Darrigrand for 15 minutes before Asst. Public Defender Francis Finnegan cross-examined Schuff for five minutes.

Mrs. Schuff then took the stand.

SCHUFF, who said he was employed at Special Metals, said he had known Lynch for "a little over a year." Schuff testified that he had been in Liz's Restaurant, Whitesboro Street, the night of the shooting and had seen Lynch in a back room playing pool with another person.

Schuff then testified that Lynch had left and he had next seen Lynch standing in Whitesboro Street in front of the Zampa residence.

Schuff also testified that he saw a weapon emerge from the doorway of the Zampa residence and then heard a shot and saw a flash. Schuff said that Lynch fell to the ground.

Schuff said that he could not see the entire form of the individual holding

the weapon but that it was someone "wearing a white tee shirt."

Under cross-examination by Finnegan, Schuff said that he had not been drinking that day, but had been working.

His wife, Diane, then took the stand.

She said that she was helping her mother in the restaurant and had been in the restaurant since about 8 p. m. She said she was Lynch's cousin and that she had seen him in the restaurant the night of the shooting.

YESTERDAY, a statement made by Zampa to Utica Police on July 5 was read into the record by Darrigrand.

Zampa said his grandson had come home "beat up" and that "people across the road" had hollered at Zampa and his family and "called us names.'

Zampa said a "fellow" who he did not know and had not seen before, entered his home without knocking and threatened to beat his grandson

According to the statement, Zampa said he told the man to "get the hell out or I'll get my gun and shoot you." Zampa's statement said the man told him to do so if he had the "guts." Zampa said he got his shotgun and "as soon as I pushed the screen door the gun went off."

Darrigrand was expected to call at least three other witnesses today. [[next column]]

[[image: headshot of smiling white man facing camera; high hairline, white shirt collar, dark jacket and solid color tie]] [[caption]] FRANK ROGENKA [[/caption]]

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Thomas Freed On Bail; Case Adjourned

Angelo Thomas, 61, of 1247 Hillview Drive, one of four Uticans arrested last week in an Onondaga County gambling probe, was arraigned today in City Court in Syracuse, where he pleaded innocent to a charge of promoting gambling in the second degree.

He was freed on \$500 bil and Judge John Fahey adjourned the case to Feb. 13.

His arrest last Friday brought to 34 the number taken into custody and accused of being directly employed by, or reporting to, the Cosa Nostra.

Thomas has been arrested several times since 1963 on gambling and was tapped as a leader of gambling activities in 1963 and 1964.

School Entrance Examinations Set

Entrance examinations for prospective students at Utica Catholic Academy, DeSales High School and Notre Dame High School will be given at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the schools the students will attend.

Also, there will be an open house at 3:30 today at UCA for prospective students and their mothers.

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Tozza works full-time and gets \$4,500 a year. Ferenti works part time and gets \$1,200 a year. Both have passed the Civil Service tests for the position, but only Tozza has a permanent appointment.

ROGENKA ran twice for Common Council president. In 1961, as a running mate of mayoral candidate Alfred Mirante, he lost the Democratic primary to Peter Paravati, who lost in the general election to Republican John S. Flemma.

In 1965, Rogenka lost in the general election to Republican Bruce Hapanowicz.

In 1967, Rogenka withdrew as a Democratic candidate for Oneida County coroner, after having been endorsed by the County Democratic Organization.

Carroll was appointed by Assaro when he took office Jan. 1, 1968.

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10 Million P [?] From Downto [?]

The city has slimmed don by nearly 10 million pounds of snow, due to the city's new crash snow removal program, Mayor Asq4o said today. The second night of the program, which call for the removal of snow in the downtown area with rented equipment, supplementing city equipment, cost the city \$704.

Tuesday night, the first night of the plan, the city spent \$880 for a total to date of \$1,584 spent on rental equipment.

"I never thought I would be so happy to see a parking meter," Assaro said. But they are visible now and, more important, easily accessible for motorists."

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Assaro said the downtown area had been largely cleared of snow. The program will now continue in an expanding circle through the peripheral business sections.

[&]quot;We will continue the program and, at some point, cut [missing]



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