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## Exhibit to Honor Glenn H. Curtiss

By DESMOND STONE

Midtown Plaza next week, in an exhibit opening Monday for a week, will be burnishing the memory of the man from Hammondsport who won fame as an aviation pioneer and inventor, Glenn H. Curtiss.

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Photographs and early aircraft engines will be on display, some on loan from the Curtiss Museum that was dedicated in Hammondsport last year.

For the woman who has organized the exhibit, Mrs. Blanche Stuart Scott of 202 Chestnut St., it has been pretty much a labor of love.

For she herself is an aviation pioneer. Under the teaching of Curtiss in Hammondsport in 1910, she became the first woman in America to fly solo.

MRS. SCOTT would like to see Curtiss, who died in 1930 in Buffalo, given a higher place in public estimation. She feels that he has been neglected, that he did more to advance the science of aerodynamics than any other early pioneer.

Whereas, she points out, the Wright brothers only built four models and then figured they were finished, "Glenn Curtiss never stopped.

"His three-point landing, his wheel control, as against the 'stick' control which the Wrights used, are still used on all types of planes today. The Wrights controlled their lateral balance by warping the entire wing. Mr. Curtiss invented what was called in the old days 'ailerons' and today 'flaps'.

He was also the inventor of the 'flying boat,' crude at the time, but developed into a wonderful fighting machine for the Navy."

A FEW YEARS ago, the Glen H. Curtiss chapter of the Junior N.Y. State Historical Association at Hammondsport Central School compiled the story of Curtiss.

Among the persons they wrote to for information was Mrs. Scott, and she told them about flying in those days:

"Instruction then was very crude. The planes could carry only one person and the best Mr. Curtiss or anyone else could do in the way of instruction was to point out the controls and tell the student how to use them.

"This was done by way of what they called at that time 'grass cutting.' They put a governor on the plane motor so that the plane could not go



fast enough to lift of the ground. Then the student taxied down the field with hands and feet on the controls.

"The plane was then turned around by mechanics and taxied back. Generally this [[ text cut off]]

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ceded, so my next trip down the field, I was able to lift the plane in the air and land at the end of the field. This went on for a couple of days and then, like all youth, I wanted to try my wings. On that flight I took off and circled around..."

MRS. SCOTT told the story of how one day she was catapulted from a motorcycle to the feet of Curtiss and the famous French flyer, Santos Dumont.

She had no problem riding the motorcycle. The difficulty was in dismounting, for she was too short to get her feet on the ground. So she had learned to ride up beside a building, put one hand out to steady herself, and dismount.

"We were al very much impressed by Mr. Dumont, the French flyer. As I came up the hill towards the Curtiss house, I saw him on the porch talking to Mr. Curtiss. I didn't want to make a spectacle of myself falling off the bicycle, so I planned to ride up beside a large tree to dismount.

"But in my excitement at seeing the French flyer, I turned on the accelerator instead of turning it off, and hit the tree head on, going head over heels and landing on the lawn in front of the two men.

"Mr. Dumont was the first to reach me and he said, 'Ze little lady does not need an airplane. She flies by herself'."

#### Chest X-Ray Clinic

A public clinic for chest X-rays will be at Sibley's Southtown Plaza store from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. next Wednesday. The free clinic is sponsored for all persons 15 or older by the Monroe County Department of Health and the Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County. No appointment necessary

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LaBue Raps Rosenberg on Liquor Issue

A. James LaBue, Democratic candidate for assemblyman in the 2nd District, has accused the Republican incumbent, Assemblyman S. William Rosenberg, of "a grandstand play" with Rosenberg's charge that the State Liquor Authority acted with "bad faith and duplicity" in deciding to issue up to 2,000 new package store licenses in the year starting Dec. 1.

Addressing the 4th Ward Democratic Club, LaBue recalled that Rosenberg had voted for the liquor reform bill and said:

"He seeks now to disavow his part in the matter by professing, in effect, that assurances are made at the time he switched his vote that liquor licenses would not be issues indiscriminately.

"The Democrats warned against this happening, and Rosenberg was well aware that it could happen — because that's what the law provides"

Mattress Burns

A burning mattress was heaved from a second floor window of the Chesterfield Apartment Hotel, 393 Court St., about 4:10 a.m. today. Acting Battalion Chief Angelo Iati said the mattress caught fire in the room of John Sullivan, 54, who tossed it outside. Iati said a cigarette spark probably started the fire.

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Civil Defense Aides at Seminar

Some 50 civil defense officials from Buffalo, Syracuse and Monroe and eight other counties are attending a seminar at the Fire and Police Training Academy here today.

The seminar is one of four being conducted by the State Civil Defense Commission to explain procedures in applying for 50 per cent federal reimbursement for such things as equipment.

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Drive Seeks Cystic Fibrosis Clinic, Study

A diagnostic, treatment and research center at Northside Hospital is the goal of Rochester Chapter, National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation, in the 10-day fund campaign that ends Monday.

Chapter members, assisted by volunteers from the Knights of Pythias and other organizations, are canvassing homes and distributing canisters in hopes of raising \$19,000 to establish the clinic, finance research and meet other costs.

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[[caption]] Jon [[/caption]]

Jon Edgar, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edgar of Scottsville, is pictured on the CF posters here. He is one of 38 known CF cases in this area.

Cystic fibrosis, identified only a few years ago as a major killer of children, has no known cure. It is believed the result of a hereditary chemical defect, causing abnormal secretion of body liquids which hinder breathing and digestion. If diagnosed in time, it can be fought with antibiotics and other treatment; otherwise it usually ends in fatal infection.

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2 Detectives Commended

Detective Charles Schler and Elmer Jennejahn, head the Police Bureau Check Squad, have received a letter of commendation from the U.S. Secret Service for their work in checking investigations.

James J. Rowley, Service chief, wrote William M. Lombard praised the detectives' in connection with recent arrests of persons stealing cashing U.S. Treasury checks.

Rowley mentioned, said, the local watch system set up by Schler and Jennejahn to alert businesses and stores about stolen checks, and manners characteristic of suspicious forgers.

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