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[[image - photograph of a dirigible built by A. Roy Knabenshue, Photo from Milwaukee County Historical Society]]
 [[caption]] The first powered flight in Milwaukee took place Sept. 10, 1906, when Charles K. Hamilton, an eastern stunt flier, flew a dirigible built by A. Roy Knabenshue, another easterner. Hamilton piloted the nonrigid gas bag from the state fairgrounds to the downtown area and circled the city hall. On the return trip he ran out of gasoline and was forced to descend near Calvary cemetery. The next morning he returned to the fairgrounds. A five horsepower engine powered the craft, which could be flown only in calm weather. [[/caption]]

[[image - photograph of an airplane racing a car, Photo from Hardie collection]]
 [[caption]] The state fair of 1910 sponsored the first airplane flight. Arch Hoxsey, exhibition flier for the Wright Airplane Co., took off from the race track Sept. 13 in a Wright model B. He was air borne for 17 minutes. The next day the plane circles the track at 45 miles an hour, racing an automobile, but the auto won easily. Hoxsey complained that Milwaukee was interested in flight as a spectacle, not a science. [[caption]]

First Flight

THE 50th anniversary of man's first flight in an airplane will be celebrated this year, marking the achievement of the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk, N.C., Dec. 17, 1903. Possibly the best pictorial record of Milwaukee's aviation progress is the collection of George Hardie, jr., 5521 W. Ryan rd., town of Franklin, who is compiling a history of state aviation. Part of his collection was used to provide greatly enlarged photographs of aviation highlights as murals in the administration building of Gen. Mitchell field. The collection also is the source of some of the pictures used here and in the Picture Journal in the next weeks. (Story in News Section.)

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