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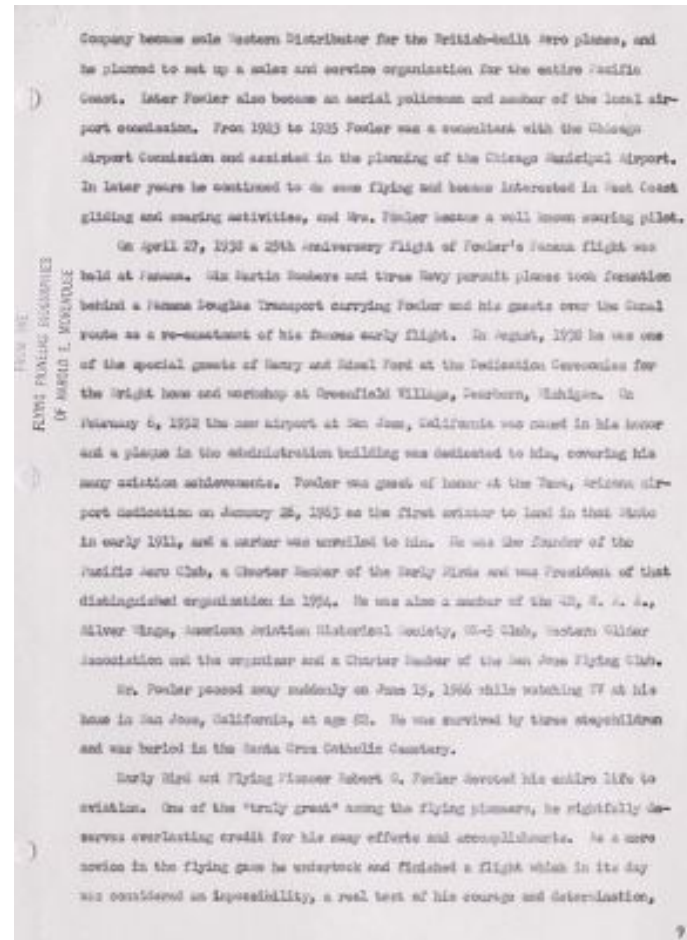
Company became sole Western Distributor for the British-built Avro planes, and he planned to set up a sales and service organization for the entire Pacific Coast. Later Fowler also became an aerial policeman and member of the local airport commission. From 1923 to 1925 Fowler was a consultant with the Chicago airport Commission and assisted in the planning of the Chicago Municipal Airport. In later years he continued to do some flying and became interested in West Coast gliding and soaring activities, and Mrs. Fowler became a well known soaring pilot.

On April 27, 1938 a 25th Anniversary Flight of Fowler's Panama flight was held at Panama. Six Martin Bombers and three Navy pursuit planes took formation behind a Panama Douglas Transport carrying Fowler and his guests over the Canal route as a re-enactment of his famous early flight. In August, 1938 he was one of the special guests of Henry and Edsel Ford at the Dedication Ceremonies for the Wright home and workshop at Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan. On February 6, 1952 the new airport at San Jose, California was named in his honor and a plaque in the administration building was dedicated to him, covering his many aviation achievements. Fowler was guest of honor at the Yuma, Arizona airport dedication on January 26, 1963 as the first aviator to land in that State in early 1911, and a marker was unveiled to him. He was the founder of the Pacific Aero Club, a Charter Member of the Early Birds and was President of that distinguished organization in 1954. He was also a member of the QB, N. A. A., Silver Wings, American Aviation Historical Society, OX-5 Club, Western Glider Association and the organizer and a Charter Member of the San Jose Flying Club.

Mr. Fowler passed away suddenly on June 15, 1966 while watching TV at his house in San Jose, California, at age 82. He was survived by three stepchildren and was buried in the Santa Cruz Catholic Cemetery.

Early Bird and Flying Pioneer Robert G. Fowler devoted his entire life to aviation. One of the "truly great" among the flying pioneers, he rightfully deserves everlasting credit for his many efforts and accomplishments. As a mere novice in the flying game he undertook and finished a flight which in its day was considered an impossibility, a real test of his courage and determination,

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