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8 Walter E. Johnson 20 Early Thomas Brothers Pilot - Instructor

[[image]] Walter E. Johnson [[/image]]

Walter E. Johnson was born at Pittsford, near Rochester, New York, on September 7 [[crossed out]] th [[/crossed out]], 1888. Son of a physician, he graduated from East High School, Rochester, in 1908. [[crossed out]] There [[/crossed out]] He was an active leader in various sports programs. In the fall of 1908 he entered the College of Applied Science in Civil Engineering at Syracuse University, where again he was active in sports, winning letters in both track and football. [[strikethrough]] and [[/strikethrough]] He also became a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity [[fraternity]]. After two years in college, Johnson became so interested in [[crossed out]] aviation [[/crossed out]] flying he decided to quit school and get into [[crossed out]] the flying game [[/crossed out]] aviation.

[[crossed out]] As a result [[/crossed out]] He started to work for Glenn Curtiss as a mechanic at Hammondsport, New York, in June, 1910. Johnson was eager to learn to fly. [[crossed out]] but [[/crossed out]] He did not get [[crossed out]] his [[/crossed out]] an opportunity to do so there, [[crossed out]] However, [[/crossed out]] but while [[crossed out]] working with Curtiss and [[/crossed out]] watching [[insert]] Curtiss [[/insert]] fly, [[insert]] Johnson [[/insert]] learned how to move the controls to make various maneuvers [[crossed out]] in flight [[/crossed out]].

Johnson soon heard that the Thomas Brothers had an experimental [[strikethrough]]aero[[/strikethrough]] airplane at Hornell, New York, and wanted to get some one [[someone]] to fly it. [[crossed out]] so [[/crossed out]] He contacted them and as a result left Curtiss and joined the Thomas Brothers 🖗 Mirin, n. voresti

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