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HAROLD E. MOREHOUSE [[/stamped]]

OTTO W. TIMM

Pioneer Plane Builder - Exhibition Pilot - Instructor - Manufacturer

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Otto W. Timm was born in Lakefield, Minnesota, October 28, 1893, ~~and~~ attended local schools and Windom, Minnesota, High School. Mechanically inclined he was interested in automobiles and became quite an expert with engines. He rebuilt and raced cars ~~some~~ at local community fairs, but in 1908 and 1909 his interest turned to aviation.

Later he moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where in 1910, at age 17 he started to build a ~~replica~~ copy of the Santos Dumont "Demoiselle" monoplane. When Timm was unable to find a suitable engine for his plane, at a price he could afford, he gave up this nearly completed project. At that time he was driving a United States Mail car. An uncle then decided to help Timm financially, even though he had formerly tried to discourage him in his effort to build and fly ~~airplanes~~ aeroplanes.

In 1911 Timm heard about the extensive aviation activities going on at Cicero Field in Chicago and decided to go there so he could meet experienced aviators and mechanics and learn more about ~~the~~ airplane building and flying. ~~games~~. He rented a room near the field and devoted ~~all~~ spent all of his time at the hangars, where he soon became acquainted with Max Lillie, DeLloyd Thompson, Katherine Stinson, became acquainted with Max Lillie, DeLloyd Thompson, Katherine Stinson,



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