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CLYDE M. WOOD
Early Moisant Monoplane Pilot

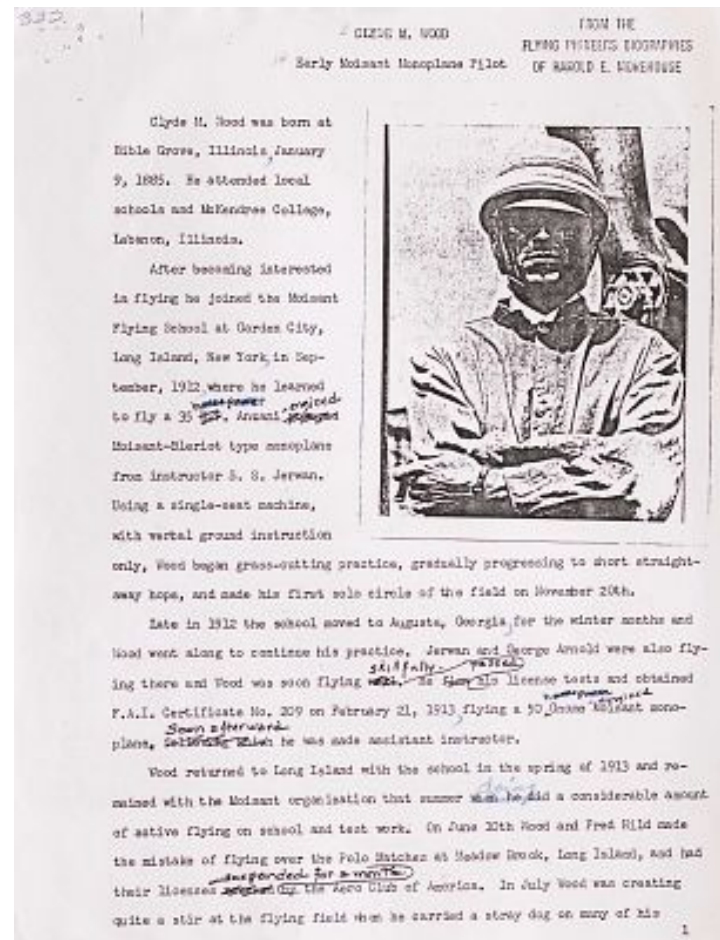
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Clyde M. Wood was born at Bible Grove, Illinois January 9, 1885. He attended local schools and McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois.

After becoming interested in flying he joined the Moisant Flying School at Garden City, Long Island, New York in September, 1912 where he learned to fly a 35 ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ H.P. ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ horsepower Anzani ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ powered ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ -engineed Moisant-Bleriot type monoplane from instructor S. S. Jerwan. Using a single-seat machine, with verbal ground instruction only, Wood began grass cutting practice, gradually progressing to short straightaway hops, and made his first solo circle of the field on November 20th. Late in 1912 the school moved to Augusta, Georgia for the winter months and Wood went along to continue his practice. Jerwan and George Arnold were also flying there and Wood was soon flying ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ well ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ skillfully. He ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ flew ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ passed his license tests and obtained F.A.I. Certificate No. 209 on February 21, 1913 flying a 50 horsepower Gnome-engine Moisant monoplane, ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ following which ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ soon afterward he was made assistant instructor.

Wood returned to Long Island with the school in the spring of 1913 and remained with the Moisant organization that summer ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ when he did ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ doing a considerable amount of active flying on school and test work. On June 10th Wood and Fred Hild made the mistake of flying over the Polo Matches at Meadow Brook, Long Island, and had their licenses ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ revoked ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ suspended for a month by the Aero Club of America. In July Wood was creating quite a stir at the flying field when he carried a stray dog on many of his

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