

News of the World told in Pictures

HOW AVIATION LURED RUTH NICHOLS TO FAME



AS HORSEWOMAN

It was while playing the part of the social butterfly to please her parents that Ruth Nichols met the man who taught her to fly. That was in 1922, in the season when society flocked on mass to warmer climes, and Ruth was upholding the family status in Miami when she met Captain Harry Rogers, who was operating a seaplane taxi and hopping base at the Florida resort. Ruth was a constant customer and, impressed by the girl's genuine enthusiasm for flying, Rogers one day allowed her to take the controls. For the remainder of the Miami season and afterwards at Rye Beach, N. Y., near her home, Ruth took flying lessons from Rogers and before the end of 1922 handled a plane like a veteran.



TRANSPORT PILOT

It was in 1923, at the end of her junior year at Wellesley, that Ruth got Rogers' "O. K." for seaplane control and was "checked out" for her first solo flight. This momentous event took place at Rye Beach, N. Y., and the manner of it shows the steel-like quality of the girl's character. Rogers had sent a mechanic along "in case Ruth loses her head" but Miss Nichols had no intention of losing anything so important and the mechanic found himself waved to the rear cockpit away from the controls. Ruth took off and landed three times with the mechanic as ballast until Rogers consented to let her fly alone. That night she went to sleep happy, her instructor's words of approval ringing in her ears.



AS STUDENT WITH CAPT ROGERS

That first taste of solo flying intensified Ruth's ambition to be a real flier and after it she listed flying among her other athletic pursuits. In fact, although an accomplished horse woman, she felt much more at home at the stick of a plane than she did in the saddle. Small wonder, then, that in 1924 we find her taking a Department of Commerce pilot's test. She passed and qualified for the first seaplane pilot's license ever issued to a woman. The same year she added to her triumph by qualifying in France for the first hydro-airplane license the Federation Aeronautique Internationale ever granted to one of her sex. Ruth was now a flier in earnest and well on the road to fame.

Ruth Nichols was now well on the way to the goal she had set herself, and her parents, seeing that flying meant just about everything to the daughter they loved, not only withdrew their objections to the career she had chosen but encouraged her. Her mother was sympathetic and often accompanied her to the flying field. No doubt the maternal heart often thrilled with pride as Mrs. Nichols watched the baby she had brought into the world and taught to lip her baby prayers perform some of the brilliant feats that have since made her name a byword. But who knows the prayers that went up from that mother's heart every moment that her darling was in the air?



RUTH and MOTHER

In 1927 Ruth received the first of the transport licenses which the U. S. Department of Commerce awarded to women fliers. At the same time she became the only woman to hold the department license as an aviation mechanic. But it was in 1928 that Ruth made the public sit up and take notice. Taking off from New York with two passengers she taxied to a stop in Miami, Fla. 12 hours and 8 minutes later, having made the first non-stop flight between the two cities. Shortly after that Ruth became the first woman executive in a big aviation company when she joined the Fairchild organization. Her only female competitor in aviation at this time was Amelia Earhart, with whom she is shown here.

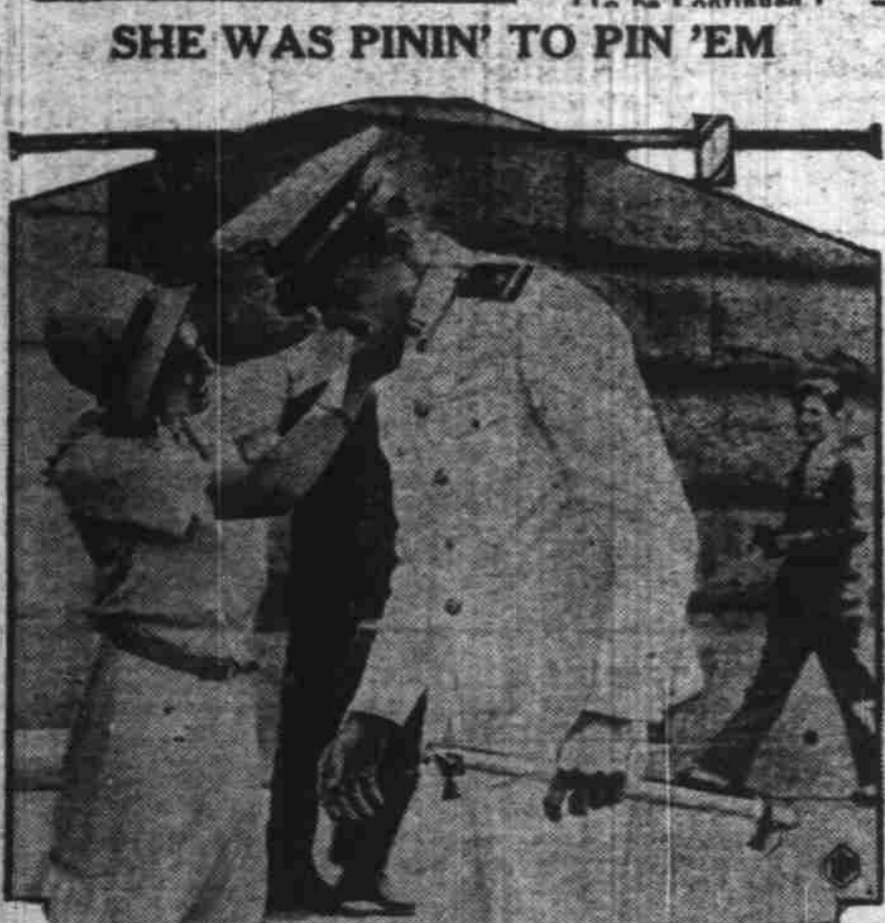


WITH AMELIA EARHART (left)

From this point, Ruth's flying career takes on the aspect of a triumphal march made up of one achievement after another. Among her remarkable performances was the completion of a 12,000-mile flying tour in which she visited forty-six States in the interest of aviation, and all without one forced landing or a single mishap. In December, 1930, Miss Nichols flew from New York to Burbank, Cal., in 16 hours and 59 1/2 minutes, setting a new record for women. But her return flight from the Coast was even more remarkable, for she made the transcontinental trip in 13 hours, 22 minutes, bettering all records (including Colonel Lindbergh's) with the exception of Capt. Frank Hawks.



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SHE WAS PINNIN' TO PIN 'EM

Oh, oh, maybe the four-year grind at Annapolis was worth it after all. Margaret C. Harrison, of Detroit, is shown pinning the epaulets of an ensign in the United States Navy on the broad shoulders of Seymour Owens, of Washington, D. C., who had just received his commission (shown in hand) as an officer at graduating ceremonies held at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.



NAB KILLER

Philip E. Knapp (above), former Cornell University student and son of a prominent Syracuse, N. Y., family, has been finally arrested after a world-wide search of six years for the "thrill" murder of a taxicab driver near Mitchell Field, L. I. Knapp, who deserted the army air corps following the slaying, which he perpetrated to experience the "thrill" of killing a man, had been hunted throughout the U. S. and abroad. He was finally tracked down to his home in West Orange, N. J., where he was living happily married under the new name of Phillips.

FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD



Secretary of State Henry Stimson (center) will go to Europe late in June for conferences with the premiers of the leading powers on the forthcoming armaments discussions and other important international questions. His mission, expected to be of far-reaching importance to the peace of the world, will take him to see Chancellor Bruening, of Germany (upper left); Premier Pierre Laval, of France (upper right); Premier Benito Mussolini, of Italy (lower left), and Premier Ramsay MacDonald, of Great Britain (lower right).

IN POLITICS



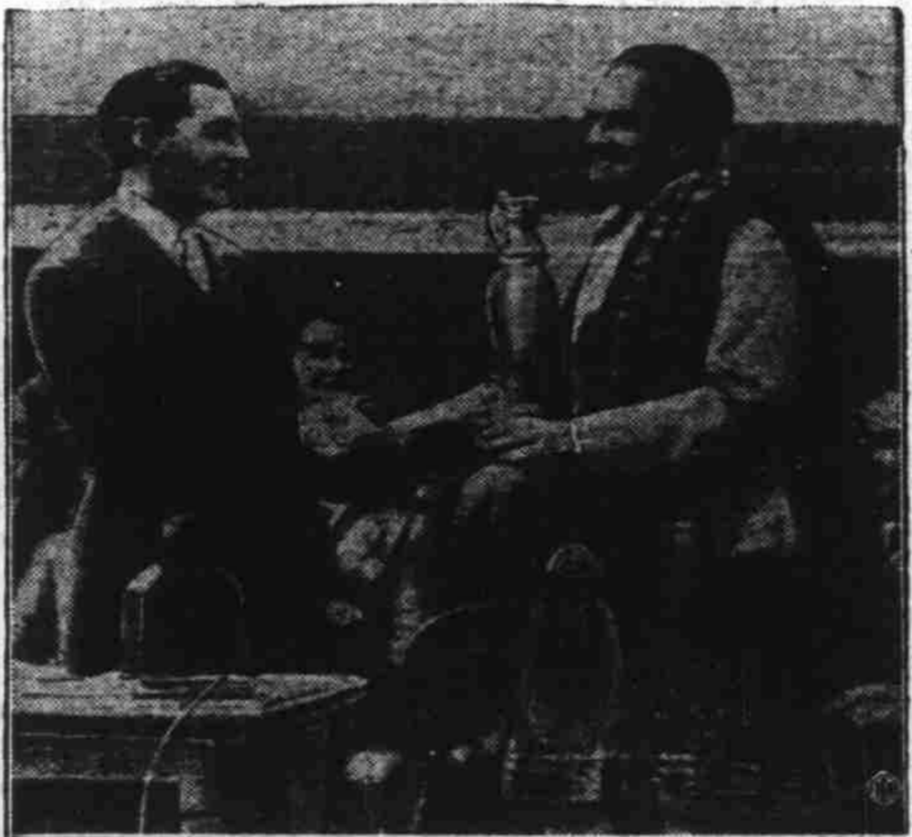
Colonel Edward M. House (above), President Wilson's most intimate adviser, has re-entered national politics as an active participant in the movement to obtain the Democratic Presidential nomination for Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, of New York. Colonel House said he returned to politics after an absence of 15 years to back Roosevelt because of his admiration for the man and his belief that there will be a Democratic victory in 1932.

YOUNGEST



Midshipman Robert E. Hudson (above) is the youngest graduate of the 1931 class at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. He was only six years old when the United States entered the World War, but he's plenty husky now. Robert was born in Tulsa, Okla., his home, March 31, 1911.

VICTOR GETS THE SPOILS



Tommy Armour (left), veteran Scottish-American pro of Detroit, Mich., is shown being presented with the British Open Golf Trophy by the Earl of Airlie, following Tommy's sensational victory in the great English classic at Carnoustie, Scotland. Armour, who learned his golf in Scotland, carries the ancient British open crown to America once more. This is the tenth time in the last 11 years that an American has been victorious. Tommy won with a card of 296. This picture was radioed to the United States from London.

PROSPECTIVE RIVALS



Both prominently mentioned for the White House, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, of New York, Democrat (left), and Governor Gifford Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, Republican (right), are shown at the annual Governors' convention held at French Lick, Ind., as they chatted about issues of the day. The two executives have been widely heralded as possible standard bearers for their parties in the 1932 presidential race.

MESS GIRL



For 15 days the crew of the S. S. Mandelta at New Orleans thought their mess boy a "darn nice kid, rather shy, but no good at chewing tobacco or spitting." Then a doctor revealed that the mess "boy" was a girl, Frances Jenkins (above). Because Frances' Adam's apple did not protrude her masquerade was foiled, and when the good ship Mandelta sailed she was left behind.

WED AFTER SURPRISE DIVORCE



Granted a final decree of divorce from her husband, James A. Stillman, New York banker, Mrs. Anne U. Stillman immediately married 33-year-old Fowler McCormick, son of Harold F. McCormick and grandson of John D. Rockefeller. Mrs. Stillman is shown above with McCormick in an unusually intimate picture.

WEIGHS 100



Jules Tewlow may be only three and a half years old, but he's rapidly assuming the proportions of some of the seventh wonders which a famous author of the same Christian name was wont to write about. Jules (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tewlow, of Chicago, lacks only a few ounces of weighing 100 pounds. He tipped the scales at eight ounces at birth and gained 19 ounces per week for weeks. Like to meet him for a dark alley?

WHO'D MIND BEING CAUGHT?



No one should waste any pity on the fish caught by sweet Inez Shumard (above), pretty winner of the invitation deep sea fishing championships for women at Long Beach, Calif. It would almost amount to an honor, in fact, to "belong" to such a fair creature. Inez won the championship by her great catch of 46 fish, a few of which are shown with her. She defeated 20 other female Izak Waltons for the honor.

CLASS REUNIONS MARK U. OF O. COMMENCEMENT



Celebrations of the present will be combined with memories of the past at the 53rd annual commencement of the University of Oregon, to be held June 15 to 18. More than 600 students will be candidates for degrees at the ceremony on Monday, June 15, which will bring to a close three days of entertainment for graduating seniors and alumni. Shown above, are the three surviving members of the class of 1881 which will hold its fiftieth reunion. They are, left to right, Claborne M. Hill, Berkeley, California, who will join Anne Whiteaker and C. S. Williams, both of Eugene, to recall times gone by. In the center is shown the graduating class of 1906, which will convene for its twenty-fifth reunion. Below are President Arnold Bennett Hall, who will confer the degrees; Dorothy Eberhard, La Grande, winner of the Albert cup, given each year to the outstanding member of the senior class; Harriet Kibbee, Portland, secretary of this year's graduating class; and Dr. Raymond Robins, internationally known social economist, who will deliver the commencement address.