

# FLAPPER PILOT BREAKS RECORD FOR ENDURANCE

## Elinor Smith, 17-Year-Old Aviatrix Lands Mitchell Field Last Night After 13 Hours in Air—No Ill Effects From Cold.

MEDFORD, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Elinor Smith, 17-year-old "flying flapper" today established an endurance flying record for women of 13 hours, 16 minutes and 45 seconds.

She broke by 1 hour, 5 minutes and 45 seconds the record established January 1 by Miss Holly Trout of California.

Taking off in an open cockpit plane at 2:17:10 yesterday afternoon Miss Smith, wearing the long, heavy flying suit, varying her routine but once by a trip over lower Manhattan, she landed at 3:29:05 this morning.

Warmly clad in a heavy flying suit and with her face protected by a rhinoceros mask she apparently suffered no ill effects from the biting winds. A red nose was the only sign of the battle with the elements on one of the coldest nights of the winter.

She had to be lifted from her plane by field attendants. Her legs were stiff from having been forced to remain seated in the one position so long. She brought her plane down at the southern end of the field, beyond the range of the floodlights, but one of the first to reach her side was her father, Tom Smith, also a pilot who greeted her with a kiss.

She then went to the field operations' office where she sat in front of the fire and drank a cup of hot coffee. She had taken two vacuum bottles of beef tea and coffee along in the plane, but did not drink any of either. She also had taken some anti-sleep tablets, but said she had not found it necessary to use them.

32 Gallons Left.

Her plane, a Brunner Winkle biplane, started with 116 gallons of gasoline and 32 gallons remained, enough to fly an additional four hours.

The riding lights on the tip of

the wings were burned out and the altimeter went out of commission during the flight. She had to estimate her altitude during the night.

A beacon, the lone light on the field, was out of commission several hours. Mechanics finally effected repairs after climbing the 190-foot tower in the freezing weather. Miss Smith flew at an average altitude of 1200 feet. The flood lights were turned on when she signalled by a flare that she was descending.

Her father arrived at the field yesterday with the intention of having her postpone the flight in view of the extreme cold, but found she had already taken off. Later in the afternoon he went up in another plane, on the side of which instructions had been chalked advising her to fly north and south during the night and informing her she would have moonlight before 11 p. m.

Both her mother and father and her 14-year-old brother remained at the field throughout the time she was in the air. The family resides at Prospect, Long Island.

Miss Smith, who was granted a private pilot's license last year has had considerable experience in the air. On August 21 she set an official woman's altitude world record of 11,663 feet.

Several months ago, she was grounded for 15 days by the department of commerce for flying under the four East river bridges, a feat never before performed by a woman.

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Miss Viola Gentry, former holder of the women's solo endurance flight record, cracked up her now swallow plane in the dreaded "Fovek's Gully" today but escaped, without injury to herself, in a test hop preparatory to making another try for the record.

# NEWSPAPER SPACE AIR-MAIL PILOT LINKS FACTORS IN MASS PRODUCTION IS CATERPILLAR CLUB CANDIDATE

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The air mail service had lost another plane today and the caterpillar club had gained a new member.

Snow and ice, hams of all fluffs threatened to beat to earth Pilot Jack Story and his plane flying at an altitude of 3000 feet near here last night, so Story leaped with the parachute release cord attached to his fingers.

His flight toward Chicago from Kansas City was a continuous fight against the elements until the weight of ice forming on the wings forced him to abandon the ship.

Over Davenport, Story encountered a heavy snow and a few minutes later he jumped, after first shutting off the motor. He was taken to Moline, Ill., by ambulance.

Story, who lives in Kansas City, is 24 and married.

The plane was located in a field north of here about a mile from where story landed. The 479 pounds of mail was removed and forwarded by train. Although not seriously damaged, the plane was covered with a heavy coating of ice and snow.

CHICAGO NATATORS TO INVADE OREGON

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Northwestern University's swimming team, which annually ranks as one of the strongest in America, will invade the west next month, engaging in meets with 10 university teams and athletic clubs.

Eight swimmers will comprise the team, which will be in charge of Coach Tom Robinson. They plan to leave February 7. The meets include:

February 11, Oregon Aggies, at Corvallis; February 12, at University of Oregon;

head the Western Lawn Tennis association, which holds its annual business meeting here Saturday.

James C. Stewart, president for many years, has said he would not be a candidate for reelection, other officers selected by the nominating committee are Edwin J. Wuensch, Indianapolis, first vice-president; Harry S. Knox, Chicago, secretary, and Walter T. Hayes, Chicago, treasurer.

# NORTHCOTT TAKES STAND ANSWERING HIS OWN QUERIES

COURT ROOM, RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 31.—(AP) Chasing a hectic hour in court during which his efforts to obtain testimony of intimidation from Sarah Louisa Northcott failed today, Gordon Stewart Northcott withdrew Mrs. Northcott from the stand and took the witness chair himself.

Northcott asked himself questions and answered them on the stand. He described his trip across the line from Canada, handcuffed to James H. Quinn, at that time special investigator from Riverside county.

"The first words Mr. Quinn said to me was that I did not look like a murderer," Northcott said. "He asked if I was guilty. I answered I knew nothing of it, and he laughed and said they were going to prove me guilty anyway."

Later, Northcott said, hearing Seattle, Quinn questioned him continually in the back seat of an automobile.

"I had my hands twisted in the handcuffs until they were swollen when we reached Seattle."

"Who did that?" Special Prosecutor Loyal C. Kelly demanded.

"Mr. Quinn did, and why? Because I wouldn't then admit murdering the boys."

COURT ROOM, RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 31.—(AP) Mrs. Sarah Louisa Northcott testified from the witness chair this morning that she was not Gordon Stewart Northcott's mother. She hesitated long over answering her son's queries regarding their relationship and her voice when she did speak was little above a whisper.

"Are you my mother?" Northcott asked abruptly. Mrs. Northcott bowed her head and smiled.

"Yes—the only mother you ever knew."

"But are you my actual mother?" he insisted.

She hesitated a long time and then whispered:

"No."

"Are you my grandmother?"

"Yes."

"Who is my actual mother?"

"Winifred Clark." The answer barely was audible.

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## CARKIN ACCUSES LOBBY INTERESTS

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP) The calm surface of the house was disturbed for a time Thursday morning when Carkin of Jackson county accused lobbying interests of being behind Angell's motion to have H. B. 154 re-referred to the revision of laws committee. Angell objected to the insinuation but the motion was lost.

The bill which caused the controversy was introduced by Egbert of Wasco county and is designed to make all cities of the state bear their proportion of the county road tax levy.

## PHOENIX HIGH TEAMS WIN OVER GOLD HILL

PHOENIX, Ore., Jan. 31.—(Special) — The first home game at Phoenix, which was played January 25, resulted in another victory for the Phoenix high school. Phoenix took the lead over Gold Hill from the first tip-off and held it throughout the game. Final score, 36 to 22.

The preliminary played by the girls of the two schools was won by Phoenix by a score of 28 to 10.

Two weeks ago Phoenix defeated Jacksonville on their floor and hopes to repeat this operation at home Friday night.

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## FOCH MUST REST ACCOUNT SETBACK

PARIS, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Marshal Ferdinand Foch, who had been recovering rapidly from his recent illness, has had a setback and must resume complete rest.

An official communique was issued this afternoon by four physicians who have been attending him. It read:

"A slight pulmonary congestion contracted during convalescence obliges the sick man to resume complete rest."

(Signed) "Daveniers; De Gannes; Heint-Boyer; Jules Renault."

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