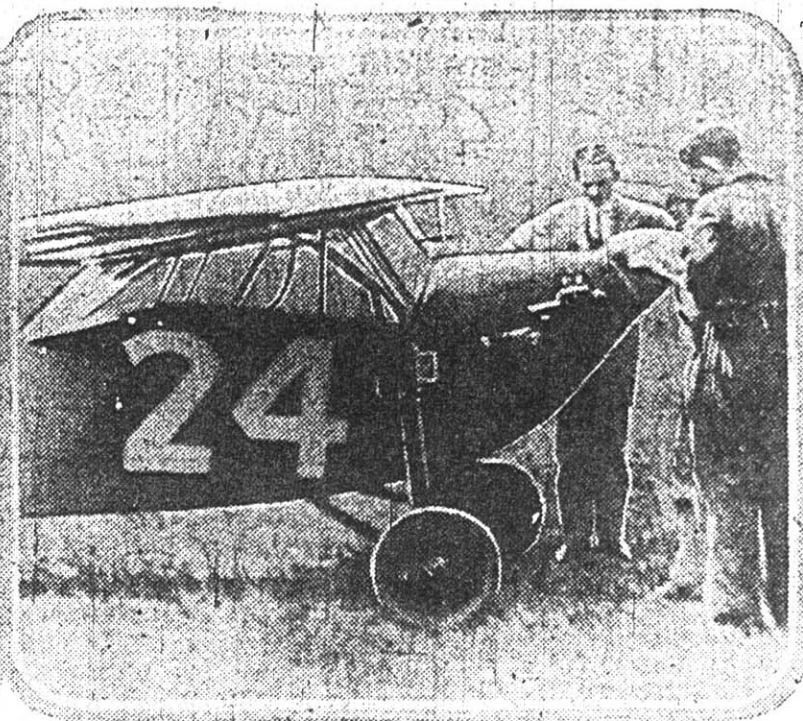
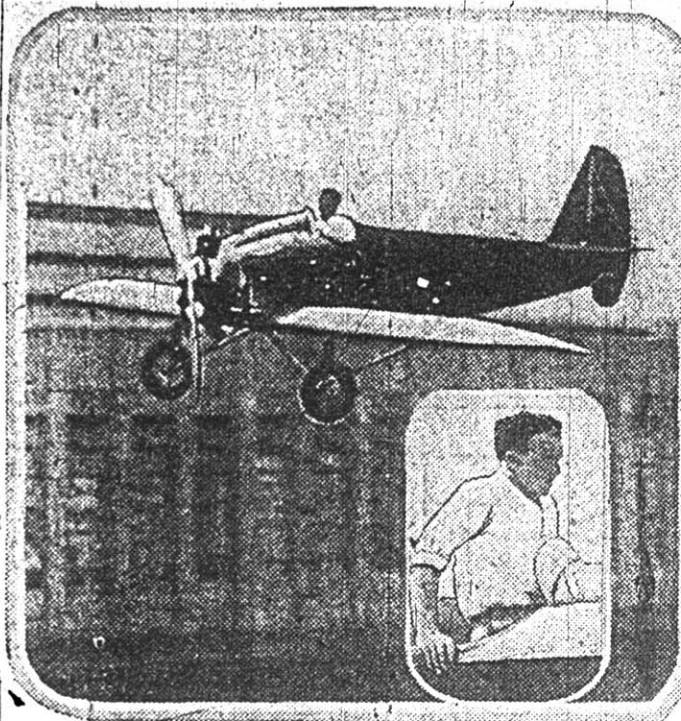


FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1926.

FORD COMPARES MIDGET PLANES



THE midget planes which met yesterday at the Ford airport in an impromptu race. At the left is the "flying flivver" developed in the Ford laboratory, driven by Harry Brooks, a pilot from the Ford Detroit-Chicago air mail line. At the right Henry Ford is inspecting the 319-pound "Driggs-Dart," a monoplane entered from Dayton, and flown by J. H. Laass. The inset is of Pilot Brooks.

HENRY FORD'S keen interest in the light, or "flivver" class, airplane was strikingly manifest at the Ford Airport yesterday afternoon as he watched an impromptu race between the little airplane developed at the Ford laboratories at Dearborn and the Driggs-Dart, a 319-pound monoplane, entered in the second annual Commercial Airplane Reliability Tour for the Edsel B. Ford trophy by the Briggs Aircraft Co., of Dayton, Ohio.

"I like these small planes," Mr. Ford said as he watched them fly around the airport and chase each other through the air. "I think the people are more interested in them, too. They want something they can get right into and fly away without the bother of one of the larger airplanes."

"I think also we will soon see these ships a little larger, with

three small motors instead of one."

Harry Brooks, one of the Ford pilots on the Detroit to Chicago line, who was flying the Ford ship, flew down to about 20 feet above where Mr. Ford and a party were watching, shut down his motor, and shouted, "How is it?"

"It is amazing how slowly it can fly," Mr. Ford said. "The other day," he added, "Brooks was flying the ship and shouted 'Is this slow enough?'" The motor, a three-cylinder Anzani, has a muffler and can hardly be heard while it is in flight.

Mr. Ford drove over to the Airport alone in a Ford coupe to view the airplanes entered in the tour. J. H. Laass, pilot of the Driggs plane, was ready to fly when Mr. Ford saw the ship. Stopping his car he ran over to Laass and asked him to wait until he could have his small airplane flown over as he would like to make a comparison.

NEAR TO CENTURY MARK,
PAIR ENTERS BUSINESS

POMONA, Calif., Aug. 6.—George Thomason, 94 years old, who styles himself "a young man just starting out in business," has invested \$60,000 in a jewelry establishment here preparatory to establishing his reputation as a Pomona business man.

Mrs. Thomason, two days his junior, is closely associated with her husband's new venture. The couple have 18 children, nine sons and nine daughters, all living. All but two are twins, the youngest pair being 52 and the oldest 75.

Parrot Yells; Slander Suit.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—"Jones is a rotter, Jones is a rotter, Jones is a rotter" was the cause of a slander suit brought between two neighbors here recently. Neither neighbor spoke the words, but Jones charged that Bennett, the owner of a large parrot, had taught the bird to shout it to the world.

LABOR SWINGS
TO GROESBECK

Detroit Federation Indorses
Governor's Candidacy for
Renomination.

The Detroit Federation of Labor unanimously indorsed Gov. Alex J. Groesbeck for nomination and reelection at its meeting Wednesday night, following a recommendation by the political action committee, Frank X. Magtel, president of the Federation and chairman of the political committee, announced today.

Sheriff George A. Walters' candidacy for the Republican nomination for county clerk and that of John F. Simmons, secretary of the De-