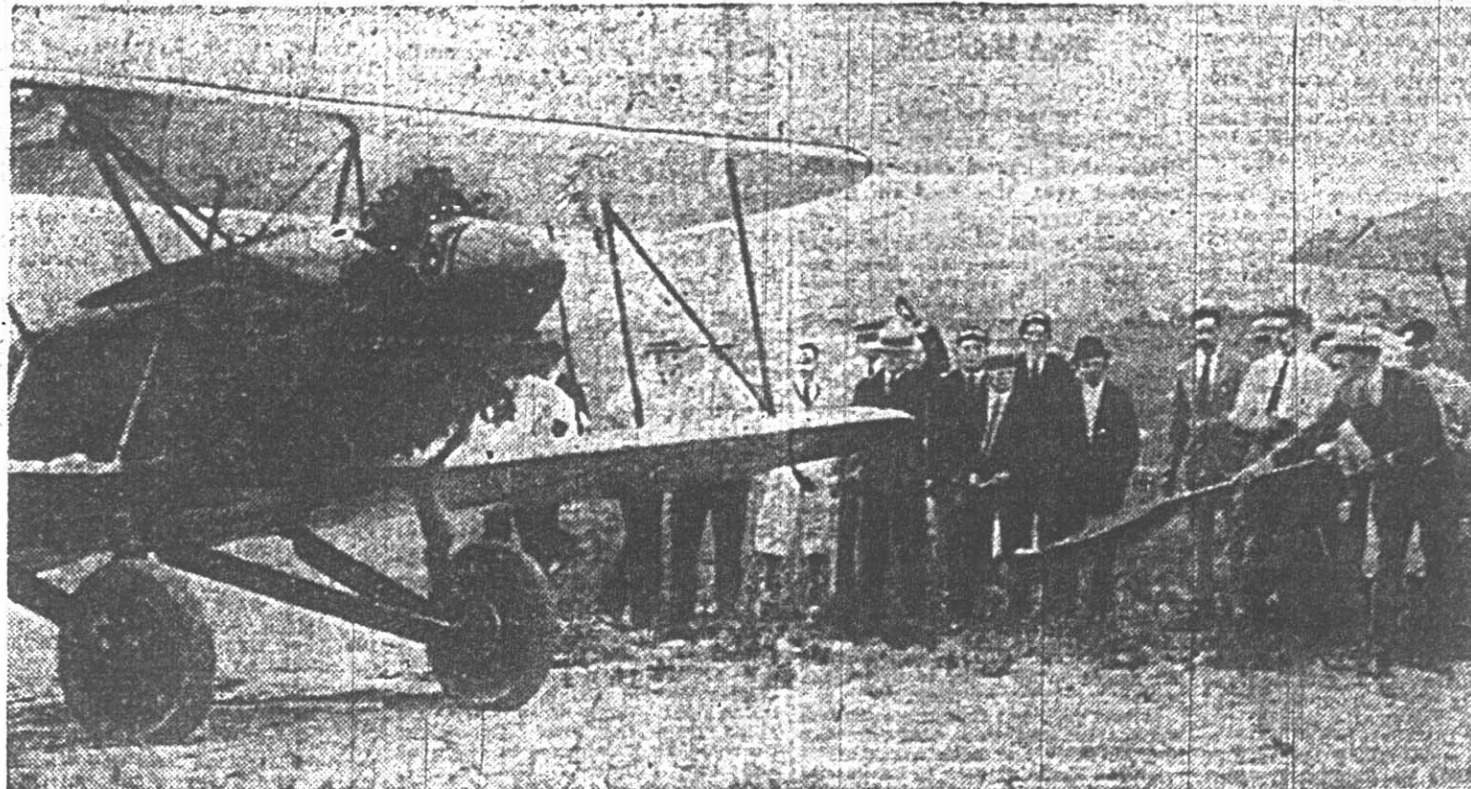


SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1926.

## DETROIT-MADE PLANE FIRST TO HOP OFF ON FORD RELIABILITY TOUR



A BUHL-VERVILLE aircster, made in Detroit, was the first plane to take off at the Ford Airport yesterday in the Commercial Reliability Tour for the Edsel B. Ford Trophy. Louis G. Meister, pilot of the aircster, took her across the line promptly at 9:45 a. m., at a signal from Capt. Eddie V. Rickenbacker, World War ace, who was official starter for the tour.

## 24 TOUR SHIPS FLY TO CHICAGO

'Casey' Jones First to Arrive; Woodson Ship Forced to Halt by Trouble.

(By the Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Twenty-four airplanes of various makes and models rested safely at Air Mall Field, Maywood suburb, tonight after completing, in two hops, the first leg of the second commercial airplane reliability tour. One plane was unaccounted for, but it was understood it had developed magneto trouble and had put back to the factory at Bryan, O.

The twenty-five airships, contesting for a silver trophy, donated by Edsel Ford, left Detroit this morning. Few 127 miles to Kalamazoo, and this afternoon hopped to Chicago, 128 miles up the shore of Lake Michigan to Milwaukee. Monday they will fly to St. Paul.

Five thousand persons hailed the airmen as they arrived here, all 24 sailing out of the sky to perfect landings.

The huge, triple-engined, all-metal Ford plane with an enclosed cabin capable of carrying 10 passengers, the largest in the contest

## Selection of 81 Candidates Wins Democrats Support

DEMOCRATIC party leaders were confident Saturday of having one of the most outstanding party tickets ever placed before the voters for the nomination and election of county, legislative and congressional candidates in Wayne County as a result of the action of the unofficial pre-primary Democratic convention Friday night in drafting 81 candidates and in urging Democrats generally to hold steadfast to the fundamental tenets of the party.

The action of the pre-primary convention here was part of a statewide movement to draft for public office the men deemed best qualified to serve. Already the Democratic central committees of more than 40 Michigan counties have met in convention and selected their slates, according to A. Ray Canfield, secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee.

Many of the Democratic leaders Saturday expressed the view that while the system is a departure from the methods and customs of

the old school the plan is, none the less, a distinct advance. Many of these leaders contend the plan combines the advantages of both the primary and convention systems of nominating party candidates for public office.

### MANY ACCEPT CALL

While party leaders said they believed that nearly all of the candidates who have been drafted will consent to be candidates, many were out of the city Saturday and the majority could not be reached by telephone during the day and early evening. Twenty of the candidates, including two for each of the Congressional districts of the county, willingly accepted the call to aid their party. Two of those selected said they would be unable to accept because of business reasons while 4 others expressed some doubt as to whether they would enter the contest.

Petitions requesting that the names of the candidates be placed on the ballot for the primary, Sept. 4, will have been completed not later than Tuesday, at which time they will be filed with the county clerk, in accordance with the law.

## BALLOON LOSS TWO ON BOARD

Williams and Passengers Missing After Flight Late Saturday.

Fears were expressed last night for Charles D. Williams, Detroit balloonist, and a passenger, S. M. Elsea, who left the Ford Airport at 4:30 p. m. in the Detroit for what was to be a two-hour flight, but were not heard from up night.

The Detroit, representative of the Detroit Flying Club, was filled with coal gas to make a test preparatory to The Detroit Trophy Race, and ascended to a height of 2,000 feet shortly after leaving the ground. James of Dearborn, and others who were on board, saw the big gas bag ascend, say rapidly carried southeast by wind toward Lake Erie.

Shortly before he left the Williams told Smith that he intended to come down in two to allow Elsea to make flight, so the latter could act as a pilot. Elsea is also a member of the Detroit Flying Club. If Williams and Elsea were to be rescued, it is believed

## TELLS OF HUNT