

WEATHER—Cool

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 1928.

PRICE TEN CENTS

## AS THE RELIABILITY TOUR ENDED AT FORD AIRPORT

## WOOD IN LEAD AS TOUR FLIERS RETURN HOME

### Wins Last 100-Mile Dash, and Edsel Ford Trophy in National Event.

### 10,000 Spectators at Ford Airport See 24 Planes Land in 43 Minutes.

John P. Wood, with Frank Clewers as his mechanic, flashed across the finish line at the Ford Airport at 2:52 p. m. Saturday in his Waco Baby Ruth biplane, winner of the 100-mile dash from Battle Creek, the last stop in the 6,000-mile National Air Tour for the Edsel Ford Trophy, and winner of the tour, although official scores were yet to be calculated.

Wood was the leader at Battle Creek for the high score in the tour, which was for general reliability, based on speed, carrying capacity and ability to maintain a fixed schedule. The last 100 miles from Battle Creek was bitterly contested by all the 24 pilots in the race.

### LAST LANDS AT 3:35.

Following Wood, the next 10 planes arrived at 15 and 20-second intervals and the last of the 24 planes had landed at 3:35 p. m. when Jack Atkinson brought his little Monocoupe to the ground.

There were 10,000 spectators on the field to greet the pilots who had visited 32 cities in 15 western states in the fourth reliability competition for the Edsel Ford Trophy. The tour started four weeks ago.

Atkinson was preceded by four minutes by Phoebe Fairgrove Omlie, who was also flying a Monocoupe, and who is the only woman ever to pilot a plane in the tour. Every pilot was given an ovation by the crowd, but she was given a special one as Harry Graham and William B. Stout, members of the reception committee, picked her up on their shoulders and carried her through the throng to a waiting automobile which was to take her to the Air Olympics dinner at the Hotel Statler.

### BROCK AND SCHLEE EIGHTH.

Lee Schoenhair, pilot of the Lockheed entry, made the fastest speed from Battle Creek to Detroit. He took off 11 minutes after Wood, who had started at 2 p. m., and landed a few seconds behind Wood. William S. Brock, who took off eight minutes behind Wood, landed three minutes after the winner in his Bellanca plane. Brock with Edward F. Schlee, who accompanied him on the historic flight from Detroit to Tokyo, Japan, last year, and their wives made the tour, and apparently will finish in eighth place for the high score.

All of the leaders for the 10 prizes were among the first 10 to land, except No. 21, a Stinson, Jr., piloted by Randolph G. Page, who was eleventh to land.

Following the Lockheed plane from Battle Creek was Charles W. Meyers, in a Crosley Waco, a radio equipped plane, with which Meyers appeared certain to get fourth place in the tour. Louis G. Meister, piloting a Buhl Airsedan, was fourth to land, and was followed shortly by Edward A. Stinson, winner of last year's tour, who in his Stinson-Detrotter apparently had clinched fifth place.

### HOW THEY LINED UP.

Then, in landing order, came Brock, Bruce Braun, Frank Hawks, Al Henley and Vance Breese.

Braun, in a Stinson-Detrotter, seemed sure of sixth place in the tour. Hawks, piloting a Ford trimotor plane, apparently had captured second place; Henley, seventh place; Breese, ninth place; and Meister, tenth place. Henley and Breese both were flying Ryan monoplanes.

Wood wins both the Edsel Ford trophy and \$4,000 in cash, while \$10,000 is distributed among the remaining nine leaders. Each plane that finished in the tour gets \$200 from a fund raised by the Detroit Board of Commerce, sponsors of the tour.

Wood's plane was sponsored by the Baby Ruth Co.

Among the spectators to greet the pilots were William B. Mayo, chief engineer of the Ford Motor Co., representing Edsel Ford, who like his father was out of the city; Frank W. Blair, president of the Union Trust Co., chairman of the Detroit Aircraft Events Committee; Gov. Fred W. Green; Peter E. Martin, vice-president of the Ford Motor Co.; Ray Dahlinger, of the Ford experimental department, and members of the aircraft events committee.

### MISS SCHLEE ON FIELD.

Rose Marie Schlee, 10 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Schlee, who accompanied her parents in the winning plane piloted by Eddie Stinson last year, and the youngest person ever to participate in the tour, was on the field with her grandmother to meet the planes.

Preceding the arrival of the touring planes, three pursuit ships from Selfridge Field under Lieut. Victor H. Strahm gave exhibition flights.

### Kathleen Norris

... has written a tense, dramatic, gripping story of a young girl's heart... a story that will hold your interest with thrilling intensity, from the first chapter to the last. Be sure to read

### "Barberry Bush"

Starting in the Fiction Magazine of

Next Sunday's News



JOHN P. WOOD

WOOD'S PLANE

DAVID LEVY

MRS. PHOEBE FAIRGROVE OMLIE  
Only Woman Pilot.

## Ex-Sheriff Coffin Always Was 'Duke' to His Friends

THE death of Irving J. Coffin, sheriff of Wayne County from 9 to 1923, will bring grief to those of his friends and acquaintances whom he was never "Irving J. Coffin" to the young bloods of the city.

The Spanish-American War found him 23 years old and ripe for the adventure. He enlisted in the Michigan Naval Reserve and served through the war as a member of the

## ZOO WILL OPEN ON WEDNESDAY

### Work On Exhibits, Several of Which Will Be Unfinished, Being Rushed.

Detroiters are invited by the Zoological Park Commission to the new Zoological Park at Woodward avenue and the Tenen road Wednesday, John T. Len, director, announced Saturday. The gates will be opened at 10 a. m. Wednesday and will be open daily from then on.

Although by no means a complete zoo, since that can only be the result of several more years' labor, the commission, consisting of Henry Lyard, president; Walter O. Eggs, vice-president; James S. Den, secretary, and Gilbert E. Ler, are confident the public will be surprised at the unique features of the park. It is far different from anything Detroit has seen before.

### HIBITS WITHOUT BARS.

Three bear exhibits, a lion den, an African steppe with approximately 100 animals, a wolverine exhibit, a bird house with almost 100 birds, and artificial lakes populated by numerous water fowl, are completed. The animal exhibits need have no bars and cages but are enclosed by water-filled moats, a feature that will be extended throughout the park. There are several additional temporary exhibits enclosed by fences.

Paulina, the 11-foot high elephant, her daughter, and a pair of tigers will be paraded through the park Wednesday and it is planned to give some of the children visitors on these animals.

There is ample free parking space adjoining the zoo, Mr. Millen said. Automobiles will not be permitted in the park. Motorists can park their cars on Lafayette avenue, on the east side of the zoo, and along the fence north of the zoo on the Huntington Woods side. Police officers will direct the motorists.

### CH PRELIMINARY WORK.

We wish to impress on the public that the zoo is not completed," Mr. Len said, "but we believe it gives an idea of what it will be in the future. The public must remember that there was a great deal of necessary preliminary work which does not show at the first glance, such as drainage and other underground work. Much landscaping necessary and much remains to be done."

There will be a final official inspection by the commission and officials Tuesday afternoon. Talks and lawns are being prepared for the opening and the monumental entrance of brick and stone is being rushed.

### WEDNESDAY WILL MARK THE OPENING

of an enterprise that has been under way for years, having been organized by a group of citizens organized into the Detroit Zoological Society, who donated the 100-acre site. The public itself voted funds to construct and equip the zoo.

## ILDING 808 FEET HIGH PLANNED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 28.—(AP)—A seven-story masonry, riser 808 feet above 43rd street and Lexington avenue, will form an impressive New York landmark. The skyscraper will be known as the Reynolds Building.

### TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.

An error occurred in Hudson's advertisement on Page 5 of Part 3 of this issue with the result that Third Place Plates are advertised at each in the heading of the advertisement whereas the price should be each as is shown in the description matter.—Adv.

Wash flat work ironed, 8c lb. Sachumettes Laundry, Cad. 8423. Adv.

## White Says Records Show Smith Backed Wet Interests

NEW YORK, July 28.—(AP)—Resuming his attack on Gov. Al Smith today, William Allen White, editor of the Emporia Kansas Gazette, said two weeks' investigation into New York state records had substantiated his previous statement that Gov. Smith had supported the liquor interests while a member in the New York assembly.

Mr. White said he had employed two experts to delve into the journal of the assembly for Gov. Smith's record and he now was prepared "to face the governor with his own votes on questions affecting the saloon, and its two parasites, the gambler and the prostitute."

"I am not a trained debater," Mr. White said. "I am a country editor, from a little country town in Kansas, but one might take that record and a photostatic copy of the assembly journal and show Gov. Smith that his record in the assembly, so far as it affected the saloon, the gambler and the prostitute was a Tammany record."

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## 36-INCH BALLOT IN THE MAKING

### Longest List in History Will Confront Voters in the Sept. 4 Primary.

Yard-long ballots, the longest in the history of Wayne County, will confront the voter at the Sept. 4 primary, Thomas H. McGoldrick, secretary of the Wayne County Election Commission, revealed Saturday.

There will be six separate ballots, consisting of one each for the Republican, Democratic, Socialist-Labor, Socialist, Workers' and Prohibition parties.

The Republican Party's ballot will be 36 inches long by 8 1/4 inches wide. Its yard-long length is due principally to the record number of candidates for State representative, First District, there being 90 Republicans contesting for the nominations.

### 1,201,530 BALLOTS.

The Democratic ballot will be nearly as long, 30 inches, by 6 inches, and the Socialist-Labor ballot will be the same size.

The Socialist, Workers and Prohibition ballots will be only 18 inches by 6 inches.

The preparation of the ballots has been under the direction of the Board of Election Commissioners of Wayne County, consisting of Henry S. Hulbert, judge of probate; Thomas F. Farrell, county clerk, and Godfrey Freilwald, county treasurer.

The ballots, according to Frank Mahon, superintendent of printing for the commission, will be printed by Aug. 15, and in all there will be 1,201,530 ballots. Of these, 512,500 will be ready for Detroit Republicans and 81,000 for Republicans in Wayne County outside Detroit; 276,400 for Detroit Democrats and 49,200 for Democrats in the remainder of the county, and 37,550 in Detroit and 5,750 outside the city for the other four parties. In addition 10 per cent more ballots will be printed for absent voters.

### NAMES ROTATED.

Because the names of the candidates are rotated on the ballots, to give each an equal chance to appear first to the eye of the voter, the cost of printing is relatively high, being \$6.65 per thousand. The total cost will be \$8,000.

Two years ago, Mr. McGoldrick pointed out, there were only 77 Republicans contesting for state representative in the First District. In all state senatorial districts there are more candidates this year than

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**SUGAR ISLAND MOONLIGHTS.** Steamer Tashmoo, every Sat.-Sun. Lv. Griswold St. dock, 8:45 p. m. 75c.—Adv.

**ORIOLE GARDEN—TONIGHT** "Wen" Talbert and his chocolate bands with sizzling Creole Revue.—Adv.

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### A BUSY MAN.

"Gov. Smith has been a busy man, a fine, useful American citizen since he left the New York assembly, but in his many activities he has forgotten much of his assembly record. Two weeks ago he did me the honor to wallop me over a preacher's shoulders, calling the preacher of whom I never heard, a liar and an 18-carat faker in the matter of Gov. Smith's assembly record."

"Gov. Smith, with all his intelligence, with all his honesty, with all his courage—which no one questions—seems to have left his high qualities in escrow with Charles Murphy when he went to Albany as an assemblyman."

Some saw in Mr. White's statement a challenge to Gov. Smith to debate his legislative record when the editor said, "the real point of interest in the record for the American people now, if Gov. Smith will defend it, is the picture of Tammany putting the pressure on fine aspiring young men like Al Smith, forcing them to use their courage, not upon the evils of Tammany but in behalf of the friends of Tammany."

### TEXT OF STATEMENT.

The rest of the statement said:

"No klansman in a boob legislature, cringing before a kleagle, or a wizard, was more subservient to the crack of the whip than was Al Smith—ambitious and effective and smart as chain lightning—in the legislature when it came to a vote to protect the saloon; to shield the tout and to help the scarlet woman of Babylon, whose tolls in those

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## CHILD SLAIN BY MOTHER WILL BE BURIED MONDAY

CHARLOTTE, Mich., July 28.—Virginia Lethermon, the 4-year-old child slain Thursday by her mother, Adeline Lethermon, will be buried at Dimondale Monday, it was announced today by her father, Clyde Lethermon, who came here last night to visit the wife from whom he has been estranged. Mrs. Lethermon killed the child by strangulation in a wheat field near her farm home because of despondency over the separation from her husband and the fear that Virginia would suffer from poverty.

Mrs. Lethermon was unsuccessful in an attempt to kill herself, and is to be tried on a first degree murder charge, officers have announced.

Mrs. Lethermon was taken into justice court here today but the formal arraignment was postponed until Tuesday at the request of her attorney, Claude Marshall, of Lansing. The woman's husband was in court and signified his intention of aiding her.

**JEAN GOLDKETT'S GRAYSTONE GARDENS** and Graystone Ballroom Tonight. Dance under the wide open sky. Continuous from 4 p. m. Hostess Cake and Tea, 4 to 6. (No charge).—Adv.

**THE PEE—DANCING NIGHTLY** Continuous Today, 3 p. m. to Midnight.—Adv.

**BLUE LANTERN, ISLAND LAKE** Dance Nightly except Mondays. Sunday Matinee, 3 to 6. Henderson's Stompers playing.—Adv.

## AIRPORT FIGHT TO BE RENEWED

### Committee, Widely Split on 4 Sites To Try for Decision Again Tuesday.

Another attempt to choose a location for Wayne County's proposed central airport will be made by the ways and means committee of the Board of Supervisors at a special meeting Tuesday noon. Members of the committee admitted Saturday that the situation is as far up in the air as it was when the subject was first opened, and pointed out that the committee is split wide over the desirability of four sites, but insisted that a strenuous attempt would be made to "get something done."

While those who advocate an immediate choice were pointing to the 15-months delay and warning that Detroit stands to lose more aircraft factories if a choice is not made at once, others were declaring that to pick a site when the testimony of experts and the opinion of committeemen vary so greatly would be to run the risk of a serious error.

### WOULD FACE FIGHT.

The situation was further complicated by the fact that, if the committee does finally muster a majority to recommend a site, it faces the virtual certainty that the report will be fought vigorously on the floor when the Board of Supervisors convene to act on the report.

The board is an unwieldy body of 120 members from all over the county and the out-county supervisors have shown signs of pulling for sites in their particular sections of the county. If the Detroit supervisors could agree on a site they could put it over, but as yet there is no sign of an agreement.

The four sites in the running are:

No. 1—Allen and Eureka roads, choice of E. Russell Shaw, St. Louis airport engineers, which is backed by the Detroit Board of Commerce.

No. 2—At Ford and Inkster roads, recommended by the Special Airport Committee, whose members are backed by Leroy Manning, chief of aviation operations of the Ford Motor Co., whose views are the direct opposite of Mr. Shaw's.

No. 3—At Allen and Pennsylvania roads, Shaw's second choice site which is similar to No. 1, but farther away.

No. 4—At Middle Belt and Goddard roads, which is \$1,000,000 cheaper than any of the others, but several miles farther out.

A "test vote" on these four sites was taken at the meeting Thursday after all other sites were eliminated. It found four committeemen favoring No. 2, four No. 16, three No. 1 and three No. 8, with one not voting and seven absent. To obtain a majority of the committee and insure its recommendation, a site must muster 12 of the 22 committee votes.

### ELIMINATION FAILS.

An attempt to eliminate sites Nos. 1 and 8 and pick between Nos. 2 and 16 failed Thursday because those favoring 1 and 8 shifted their votes to defeat the other sites.

Despite the positions of Shaw and the Board of Commerce, No. 1 site could not win a single Detroit vote, the three favoring that site being Mayor John R. Valois, of River Rouge, and Mayor Ira W. Kreger and Theodore Megges, of Wyandotte. Councilmen Sherman Littlefield and Phillip A. Callahan, John Stevenson, former councilman, and Benjamin F. Guiney, all Detroit members, favored No. 2. For No. 8 (Concluded on Page 4)