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Scope

The file contains various newspaper clippings, advertisements, personal accounts, and ephemera regarding aviation in McLean County.

Folder Inventory

A  General

Folder A1  History of Aviation
B  Airports

Folder B1  Normal Airport
B1.1. “Airport is assured, work begins Tuesday” Pantagraph, October 4, 1927.
B1.5. “10,000 see airport dedicated by Mayor” Pantagraph, May 31, 1928.
B1.9. “Scanning the skyways in Illinois” Pantagraph, June 18, 1928.
B1.11. “State airplane tour is declared success” Pantagraph, June 24, 1928.

Folder B2  Central Illinois Regional Airport
B2.2 “Arrangements of New Municipal Airport Are Shown in Detailed Plan,” article with map, Pantagraph January 22, 1934.
B2.3 First day envelope, Corn Belt Philatelic Society, October 28, 1934.
B2.4 Memo from Postmaster at Bloomington, October 1937, advising that adequate improvements at the airport are “a considerable period of time” away and consequently returning the covers sent for the first flight of air mail from Bloomington, etc.
B2.5 Bloomington Airport letterhead, no date.
B2.6 U.S. Air Mail envelope, posted Bloomington, IL, November 6, 1950.
B2.7 Memorandum, Supplementary Report to our Memorandum Report, April 6, 1964, to Louis L. Williams, Chairman, Joint Services Study Commission, from Public Administration Service, December 4, 1964, 4p.
B2.8 Central Illinois Regional Airport, flight schedule, effective May 1, 1998.

Folder B3  Other Airfields
B3.1 Note about Cottonwood Airport (owned by Rettick Enterprises, Inc.) & Big Tree Squadron of Stearman pilots. May 2023.

C  Events

Folder C1  Airship, September 1910
C1.1 The Aerial Mystery, Pantagraph, April 17, 1897.
C1.2 Livingston & Sons Sale advertisement with airship, Pantagraph, July 10, 1909.
C1.3 Novel View of Aviation Week in Bloomington, September 17, 1910.
C1.4 First Flight of Air Navigator over City Today, Pantagraph, September 13, 1910
C1.5 First Flight over the City of Controllable Air Craft, Pantagraph September 15, 1910.
C1.6 To Pilot: It Was 1910, Pantagraph, January 25, 1956.
C1.8 The Great Airship Mystery, by Sara Cushing, Gleanings from the Heart of the Cornbelt, Fall 2007.
C1.9 Airship pays visit to Bloomington, by Bill Kemp, Pantagraph, September 13, 2009.

Folder C2 Lindbergh, Charles
C2.1 Letter, October 1, 1977, from Mrs. Jessie Besson, committee chairman, to McLean County Historical Society (2 pgs.)
C2.2 Three 3½ x 5 color photographs of marker and marker ceremony.
C2.3 3 x 5 card detailing November 3, 1926 bailout.
C2.4 Envelope and flier, 50th anniversary, solo transatlantic flight stamps / Cornpex ’77.
C2.5 9 x 12 ½ illustration of Lindbergh, 50th anniversary, solo transatlantic flight stamps / Cornpex ’77.
C2.8 “Air Mail Flier Leaps From His Plane While 13,000 Feet In Air,” Daily Pantagraph, November 5, 1926.
C2.13 “High Points of Lindbergh’s Life Told In Brief,” The NEA Service, April 23, 1929.
C2.16 “He Does It Again,” Aeronautics Review, November 1926 (2 p. transcription).
C2.19 Photo image of letter, Lindbergh to Pantagraph editor.
C2.20 Photo of crash.
C2.21 Email from Museum Ed Director Candace Summers regarding email from Ron Bluemer with photo and info on fragment of Lindbergh’s plane that crashed in McLean County in 1926, January 2017.
C2.22 "When Lindy Comes Home," sheet music 1927. 4 pp. Original plus color photocopy. Please use photocopy due to fragility of original.
C2.23 Lindbergh History, April 1926 – November 1926, by Rick McDermott, 7p

Folder C3 Central Illinois Air Derby
C3.1 “All Roads Lead to Central Illinois Air Derby” Pantagraph, July 9, 1929.
C3.2 “Flyers and officials prepare for Central Illinois Air Derby” Pantagraph July 10, 1929.
C3.3 “Thousands view Central Illinois Air Derby” Pantagraph, July 11, 1929.
C3.4 “Air Derby attracts 15,000; 34 airplanes participate” Pantagraph, July 12, 1929.
C3.5 Central Illinois Air Derby invitation.
Folder C4  Earhart, Amelia
C4.1  “Amelia Tells About Flight” Pantagraph, April 7, 1936
C4.2  “Famous Woman Flyer Recounts Experiences Here” Pantagraph, April 7, 1936
C4.3  “Woman Flyer Visits Port” Pantagraph, June 1, 1031
C4.4  “Flyer to Speak” Normalite, April 3, 1936
C4.5  “Amelia Earhart Lecture,” ad, Pantagraph, April 6, 1936
C4.6  “Amelia Here, Drives Alone” Pantagraph, April 6, 1936
C4.7  “Bloomington Cherishes Memories of Amelia Earhart. . .” July 11, 1937
C4.9  “Scenes from Bloomington’s Past” Pantagraph, June 1, 2000.
C4.10  “Today’s Flick Fact” about photo in her childhood home of Earhart posing with the Pantagraph’s “Scoop IV,” Pantagraph, Apr 24, 2023.

D  Miscellaneous

Folder D1  Frederickson Engine Co
D1.1  Frederickson Engine Model No. 5, undated. Annotations by Don Lockwood.
D1.2  The Frederickson Rotary Engine, by Donald Lockwood, with drawings and photo from Aerial Age Weekly, 10 April 1916
D1.3  John Deckley email correspondence to Museum Staff regarding the Frederickson Engine, 13 May 2020.
D1.4  The Frederickson Engine by the World’s Motor Company, Bloomington, IL. description of engine remaining with two color photos.

Folder D2  Prairie Aviation Museum
D2.2  Information leaflet with membership application, 2 copies, no date.
D2.4  “Project 2003” announcement of new Museum facility, 2 copies.
D2.5  Leaflet describing Museum exhibits, no date.
D2.6  Invitation to a Poker Tournament fundraiser for the Museum, no date.
D2.7  PAM membership survey, no date.
D2.9  The Logbook, Vol. 17, Issue 2, 3 pages, February 2015.
D2.10  Prairie Aviation Museum informational leaflet, 2 copies, no date.
D2.11  Prairie Aviation Museum, Airpark Tour brochure; photos and descriptions of planes on display [2022].

Folder D3  Zweng, Charles
D3.1  Pan American College of Celestial Air Navigation flier describing the course [ca: 1940]
D3.2  Pan American Navigation order blank for Zweng Manuals [ca.: 1962].
D3.3  Pan-American Navigation, advertising brochure, no date.
D3.4  Flier advertising “Zweng’s Aviation Dictionary, no date.
D3.5  Flier advertising Zweng Manuals [ca: 1959].
D3.6  Collection of Pantagraph articles (11 articles, ca: 1950s)