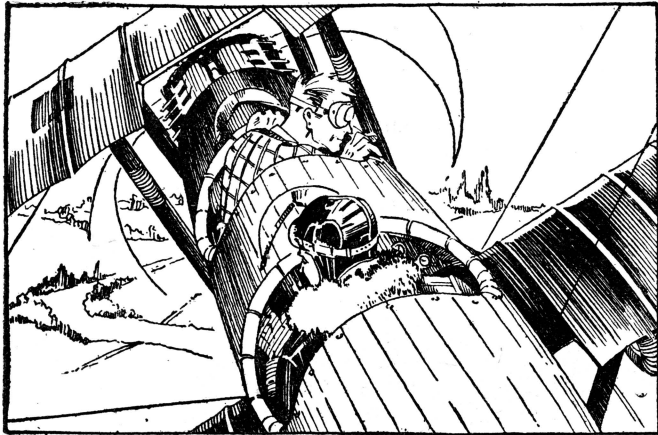
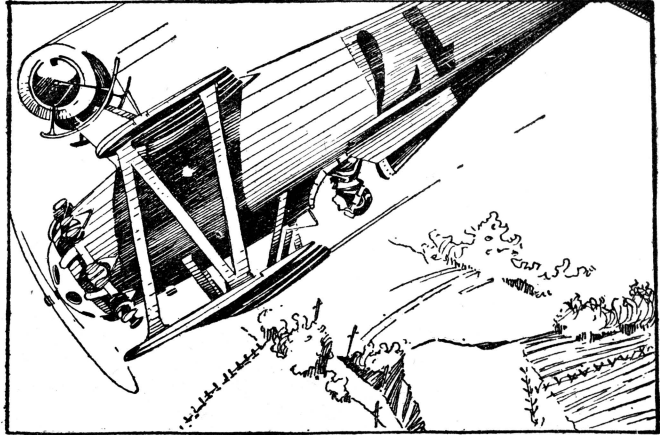


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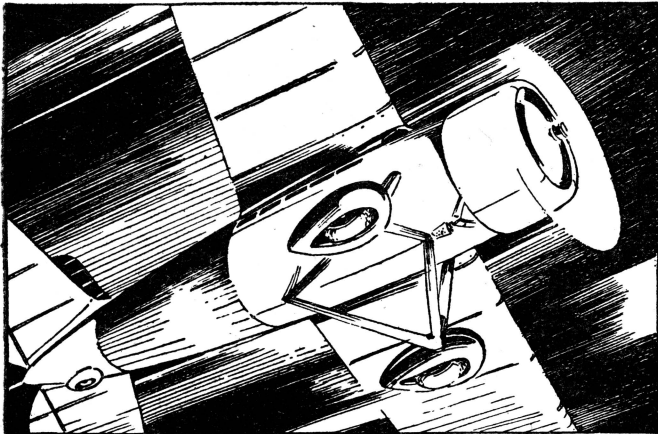
## IV—CAPTAIN FRANK HAWKS—RECORD SMASHER



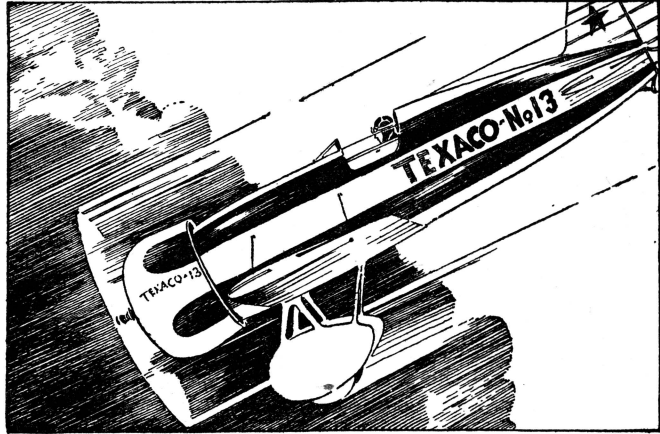
1—Frank Monroe Hawks was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, March 28, 1897. After finishing high school he became interested in aviation, and when a barnstorming aviator came to town Hawks saw his chance. The price for a flight was \$25, but Hawks, posing as a newspaperman, went up for nothing. Then he became "ground crew" for the ship.



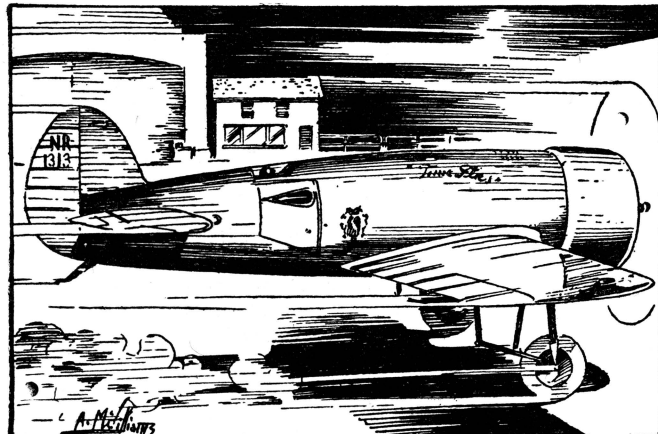
2—Leaving the University of California after completing two years, Hawks joined the air service in the hope of serving overseas; but he was detailed as an instructor at Love Field, instead. Retiring from the army with the rank of captain, Hawks barnstormed over the country, flew mails and payrolls, and stunted with air circuses.



3—He first broke into fame when in 1929 he flew his Lockheed *Texaco 5* non-stop from Los Angeles to New York in 18 hrs., 21 min.—at that time the fastest cross-country hop yet performed. Again in 1929, he flew the 2,700 miles from New York to Los Angeles non-stop in 19 hrs. And he returned next day in 17 hrs., 36 min.!



4—In 1930, a new low-winged monoplane, the Travel Air Mystery Ship *Texaco 13*, with Hawks at the controls, traveled cross country from east to west in 14 hrs., returning a week later in 12 hrs., including refueling stops. These flights identified the *Texaco 13* as the world's fastest commercial ship. Only in short course races had any pilot or plane traveled so fast.



5—Hawks' latest ship, *Time Flies*, is just about the speediest single engined experimental ship in the world. The ultimate in streamlining and powered with a double row Wasp engine which will develop 1,150 h.p. at sea level, it has an estimated top speed of 375 m.p.h. Upon completion of preliminary tests, Hawks expects to continue his record smashing career.



6—Captain Hawks has always been associated with fast planes and unprecedented cross country travel. His list of record flights throughout the United States and to Canada and Havana, Cuba, is truly amazing. And now with his latest ship, *Time Flies*, speedier than any of his record ships, many new laurels will doubtlessly be added to his name.