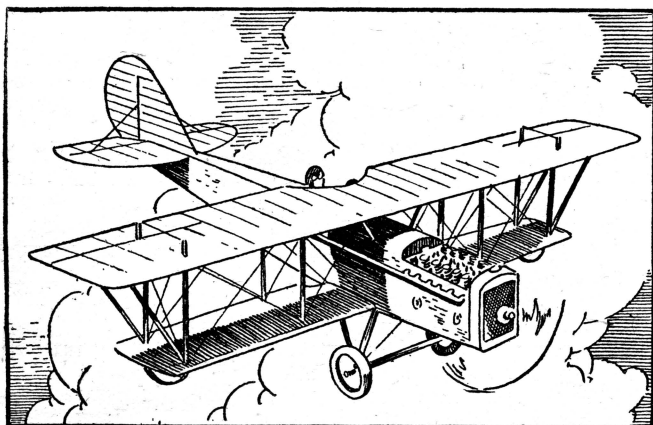


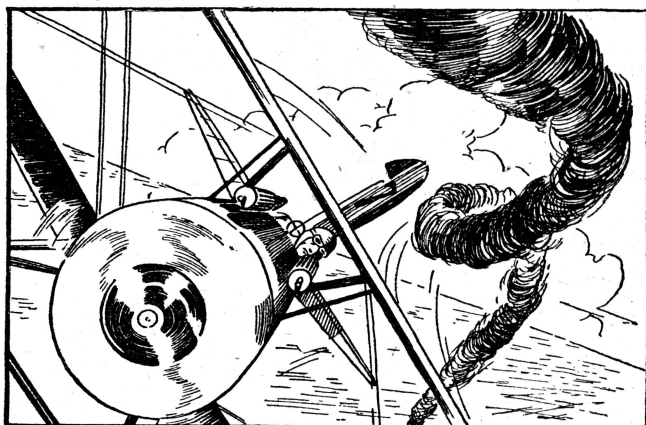
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XXXII—"CASEY" JONES—AERO BOOSTER NO. 1

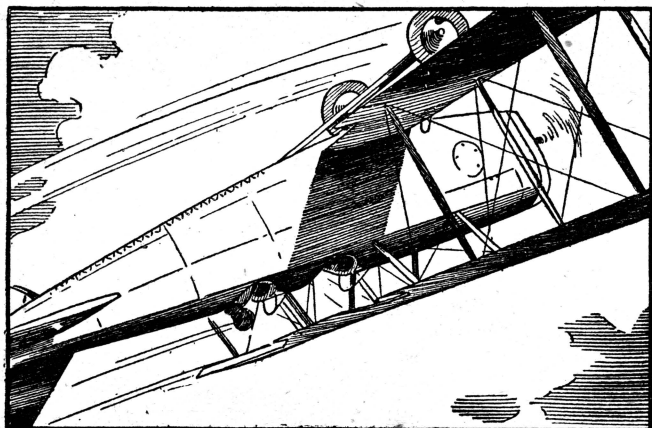
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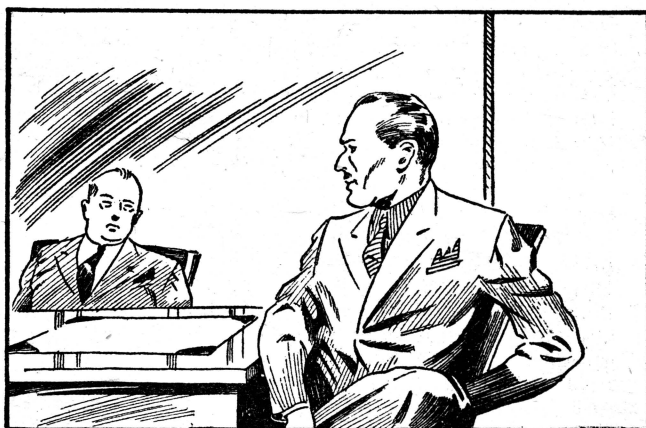
1—Charles S. "Casey" Jones was born in Castleton, Vt., in 1894. He went to Rutland High School, received his B. A. degree from Middlebury College in 1915, then attended Harvard's School of Physical Education. "Casey" entered our Air Service in '17, took ground school work at the University of Illinois, then flew at Wright Field.



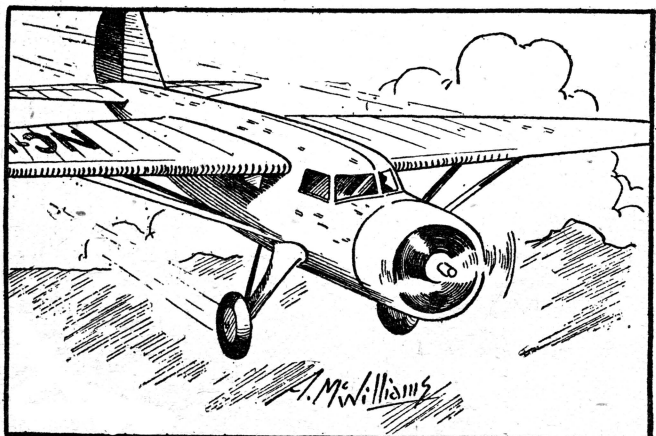
2—He went overseas in October, 1917. After leaving the Issoudon pursuit school, he went to Cazaux to learn the tricks of aerial gunnery. Jones then returned to Issoudon as a flight instructor and later became Officer in Charge of Flying. He served at the Front as a pilot with the French 96th Pursuit Squadron from August to November, 1918.



3—Again "Casey" returned to Issoudon's Flight School, this time as Assistant Officer in Charge of Training, and he was then given a commission as First Lieutenant. In 1919, after the War, he became connected with the then infant Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co. And he forthwith organized the Curtiss Flying Service, acting as test pilot and sales promoter.



4—Jones took second in the New York-to-Toronto race in '21. Also in '21, he won the American Legion Air Derby at Kansas City. And in addition, he took two firsts and one second in the National Air Races at Omaha. He then became Vice President of C-W, President of the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics, and President of the Irvin Air Chute Co.



5—In 1923, he won the "On to St. Louis" race and placed second in the Aviation Country Club Meet. He won two events at the National Air Races at Mitchel Field in 1925. And in 1926 he took a first and second place in the Philadelphia National Air Races. The race for cabin planes held at Chicago in 1930 also went to Racer "Casey."



6—Yes, sky racing was his forte. But his popularity as the man who sold aviation to the country—through super activity in aero club, promotion, and lecturing work—was even greater than that. Hence, here in our Aero Hall of Fame we hail Charles S. "Casey" Jones as American Aviation Booster No. 1. He spark-plugged the game with a bang!