

AMON CARTER AND AVIATION.

January, 1911---First airplane flight made in Fort Worth at Carter's invitation. International Aviators invited to stage exhibition for \$5,000 guarantee. In party were four Frenchmen, Roland Garros, Reme Simon, Edmond Audemais and Rene Barrier. Plane was brought in by train. Reluctant to fly because of wind. Garros finally took mosquito-like plane into air for 15 minutes despite protests of his comrades.

October, 1911---Cal Rodgers, making cross country flight from Chicago to Los Angeles, induced by Carter to fly into city.

November, 1915---First military fliers visited Fort Worth. First Air Squadron, head^{ed} by Capt. Benjamin D. Foulois, making cross country flight from Fort Sill, Okla. to San Antonio, landed 90 horsepower biplanes in pasture before crowd of 3,000. Carter was toastmaster at banquet that night in their honor.

1928---Texas Air Transport, predecessor of American Airlines, organized in Fort Worth. AA organized under present name in 1930. Carter associated with AA more than 20 years. ✓

1931--- First plane to fly mail and passengers out of Fort Worth, a Travelair monoplane, was "retired" to Carter's Shady Oak farm.

- August, 1934---Carter aboard Pan-American's "Brazilian Clipper" opening new route to Brazil.
- October, 1936---Carter passenger on Pan-Am's "Manila Clipper" inaugurating flight to Philippines.
- June 19, 1937---\$150,000 administration building at Fort Worth's municipal airport (Meacham Field) dedicated to Carter who was called "Range Rider of the Air."
- July, 1939---Carter passenger on Pan-Am's "Yankee Clipper" opening northern route flight to Europe.
- August, 1940---Carter passenger on Pan-Am's "American Clipper" opening service to Hawaii and south Pacific. ✓
- January, 1941---War Department, at urging of Carter and Chamber of Commerce, selected Fort Worth as site for \$10,000,000 bomber plant to be operated by Consolidated Aircraft Corp. ✓
- August, 1946--- B-36, world's largest land-based bomber, made at Consolidated plant, made initial flight at Fort Worth.
- February, 1949---B-50 Superbomber, Lucky Lady II, took off from Carswell Air Base, Fort Worth, and flew nonstop around the world. Carter presided at dinner at which airmen of plane were presented ~~honorary~~ honorary lifetime citizenships in Fort Worth and given gold medals for aeronautical achievement.
- January, 1950---Air Force Exceptional Service Award presented to Carter at Washington by Air Secretary W. Stuart Symington who described Carter as "one of the nation's foremost ~~and~~ friends of both military and civilian aviation." Symington said medal

carried with it "the gratitude of every man in the Air Force."

June, 1950---Carter passenger on trip opening deluxe strato-clipper service to Buenos Aires by Pan-Am. ✓

June, 1950--- Fort Worth City Council named administration building and air field at \$12,000,000 Greater Fort Worth International Airport for Carter.

Petition filed by 170 civic leaders said Carter had "led the fight for the airport for eight years" and Carter had "brought first aviation to Fort Worth. " Petition said he "has tirelessly and unselfishly devoted his boundless energy and his own money to the purpose of building here a great aviation center. His exceptional effort has brought to Fort Worth a cash flow of several billion dollars for payrolls, materials and supplies."

hawks award

Amon Carter will receive 11th annual Frank M. Hawks Memorial Award Dec. 5 at New York for outstanding contributions to development and ~~the~~ growth of military and commercial aviation.

Was chosen for the award Sept. 20 at New York at the installation dinner of the American Legion Air Service Post No. 501. Hawks was vice commander of the post, legion's oldest aviation post, when he was killed in plane crash 12 years ago.

Hawks and Carter were close personal friends and Hawks was frequent visitor to Fort Worth.

In choosing Carter for award, post officials said Carter was largely responsible for making Fort Worth the home of B-36.

Other recipients of the award are Fiorello H. LaGuardia, William P. Leary, Thomas H. Beck, Rear Adm. C. E. Rosendahl, Roy W. Howard, Arthur H. Sulzberger, Igor I. Sikorsky, John S. Knight and Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg. ✓