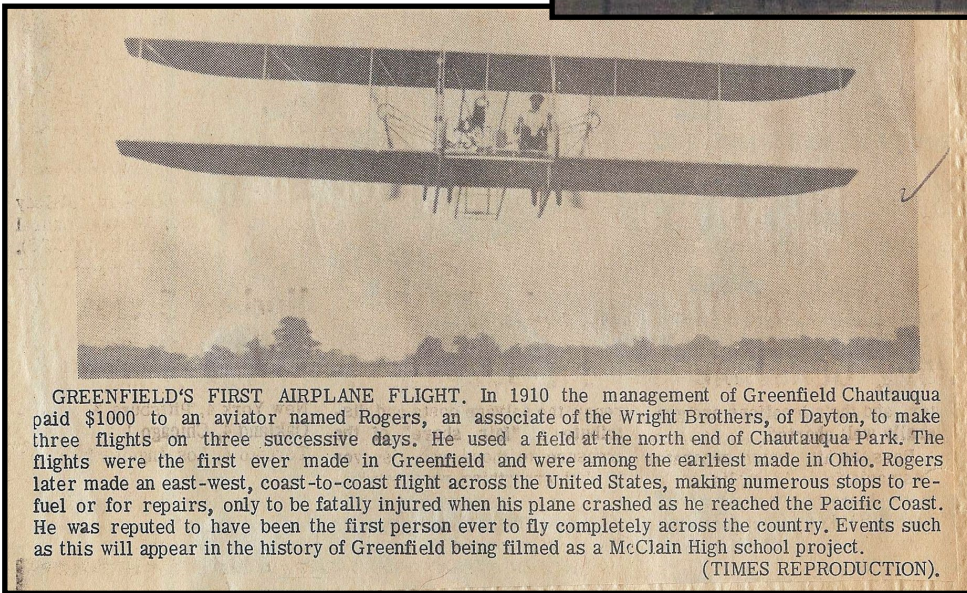
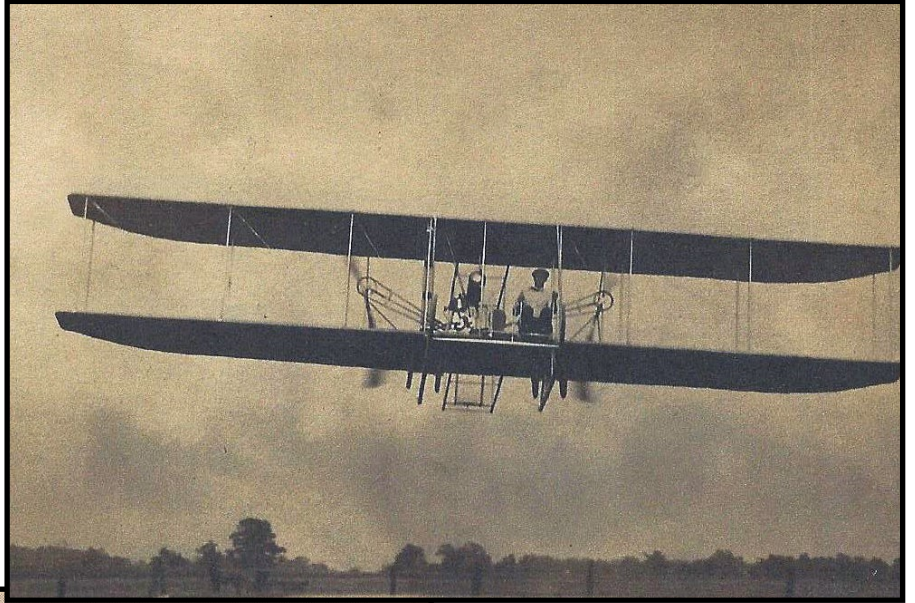


## Chautauqua Airplane Flight

The following is an excerpt from the "Hometown Chronicles" by F.R. Harris:

*"...But the Chautauqua paid an even larger fee to another attraction. An aviator named Rogers, associated with the Wright brothers of Dayton, was paid one thousand dollars for three airplane flights on three successive days in 1910. It was one of the earliest airplane flights ever made in Ohio, but it could hardly be described as a money-maker for the Chautauqua. The roads for miles around were filled with vehicles, crowded with spectators eagerly awaiting the "free show". The Chautauqua secured the services of Frederick A. Cook while he was still being widely acclaimed as the discoverer of the North Pole. His claims were later completely discredited, but the management could point to a nice little profit on the engagement. Dr. Cook gave a thrilling lecture and presented the writer with an autographed copy of 'My Conquest of the Pole'."*



GREENFIELD'S FIRST AIRPLANE FLIGHT. In 1910 the management of Greenfield Chautauqua paid \$1000 to an aviator named Rogers, an associate of the Wright Brothers, of Dayton, to make three flights on three successive days. He used a field at the north end of Chautauqua Park. The flights were the first ever made in Greenfield and were among the earliest made in Ohio. Rogers later made an east-west, coast-to-coast flight across the United States, making numerous stops to re-fuel or for repairs, only to be fatally injured when his plane crashed as he reached the Pacific Coast. He was reputed to have been the first person ever to fly completely across the country. Events such as this will appear in the history of Greenfield being filmed as a McClain High school project.

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