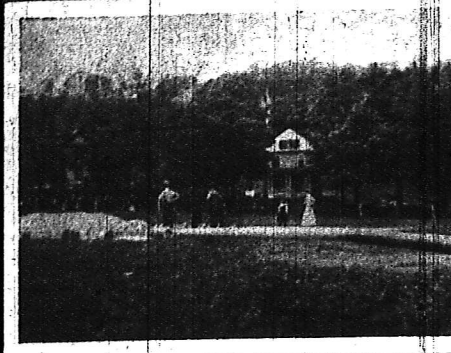
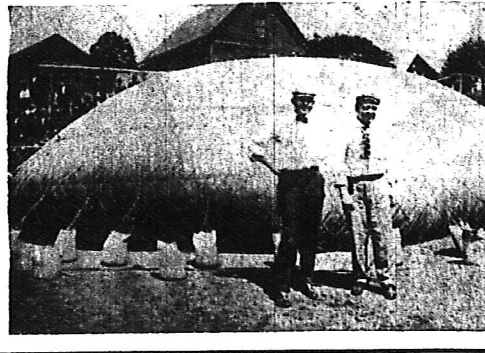


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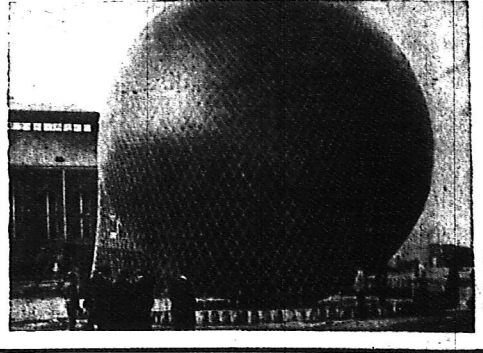
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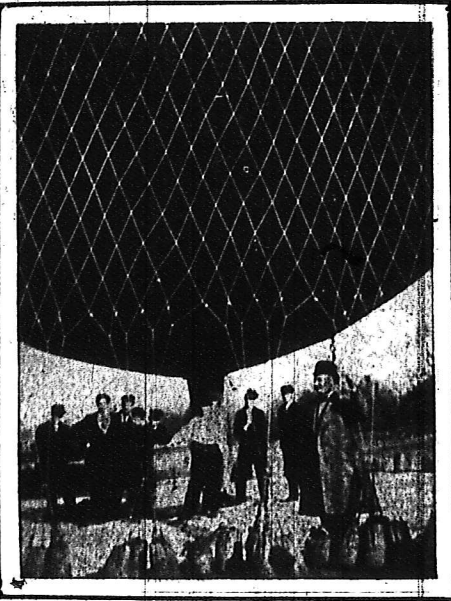
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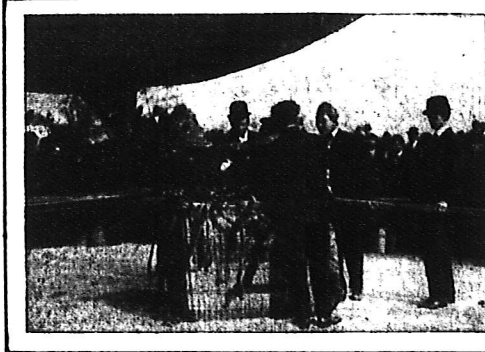
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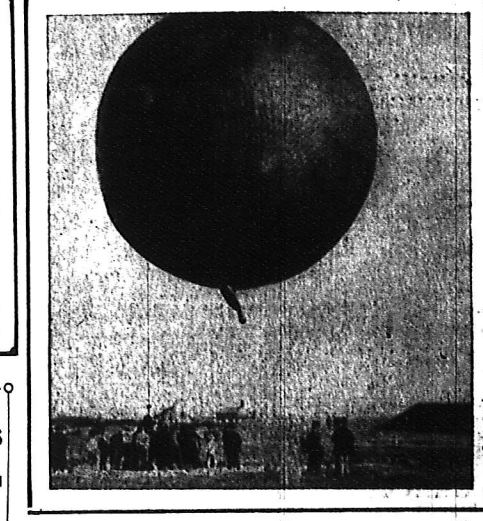
TESTING THE BALLOON.



ALMOST READY TO START.



ENTERING THE BASKET.



SAILING AWAY.

INDIANAPOLIS RACE PILOT IS FOND OF SKIPPING TREE TOPS

Carl Fisher, Who Will Take Part in Next Week's National Championship Contest, Finds Great Pleasure in Sport.

Shipping on the tree tops is a pleasant sensation according to Carl G. Fisher, of Indianapolis, president of the Indiana Aero Club, who will pilot the balloon Indiana in the national championship race to start from the motor speedway grounds in this city next Saturday.

"Few people realize the pleasure that this sport affords them, and the fact that it is on the increase speaks well for it from a scientific point of view as well as from that of mere amusement."

"A few years ago the impression prevailed, and justly so, that the aeronaut was a toy of the wind, to be wafted whither it blew; but this is no longer so. There are many sky currents as variable as the compass, and a scientific pilot will search the heavens for these and go to almost any point he desires (within pleasure sailing) in the unlimited blue of the inviting sky."

Danger is Blight.

"To a skillful pilot there is really no great danger encountered, as a man learns to master his air craft as readily as his automobile or horse, learns to know just how much to depend upon it under every condition, and you trust this great golden envelope or ball of varnished cotton, which in all that you have between you and your last chance."

"It is a journey to inspire thought and study; as the pilot is alone with his aid, and between the studying of the instruments and watching the every motion of the great awaying bag, which is in reality a chariot of the sky. It causes a feeling of awe to come over you as you realize just how much you are, and how little while in a storm, as you are cast on the wind like a petal lost in flight. It is liable to be the cause of plenty of anxiety."

"But floating in the abyss of silence and space, above the fleecy clouds, while below you are the green fields, with the pellucid waters of some inland lake here and there to dot your course with blue, the earth and its cares fading away from this exalted state, it inspires the most pleasant sensations that I have ever experienced, and I say this, having indulged in almost all the scientific and pleasant sports."

"Of course, it is the desire of every aeronaut to keep a parhelion. I have never seen one, but I have heard of many who have, and I am always in search of this seeming mystery of the sky."

"It is a complete circular rainbow, embracing all the prismatic colors, central of which is the image of the balloon upright, joined to an inverted duplicate, with the bottoms of the two baskets rising from the earth, drawn up by the sun's rays, the shadow causes a coolness, and this liquefies the moisture, so that it falls like misty rain. This in turn, from the rays of the sun, forms a rainbow while the inverted balloon is an illusion caused by the mirrorelike reflection on the falling drops."

"And then, just as you fancy that there is naught to disturb your thoughts, there comes this unexpected, that makes the sport the more interesting. The high altitude and cool currents have caused your gas to contract, and that awaying golden ball hangs in flabby wrinkles that flap in a disconcerting manner, reminding one of a sailboat on the long ocean comber."

"It rises and falls with a lazy swell of the waves. Our instrument shows that we are descending rapidly. We must unload ballast, and still not too rapidly, as we need all that we have, and when we reach the warmer lower level the expansion will cause a too rapid ascent. So there is there just sufficient anxiety to always create an interest."

Float Through Abyss of Silence.

"In this manner we float on through this abyss of silence, tiny mortals invading the domain of space, searching our way as carefully as the mountain climber seeks the trail, knowing the raptures and intoxications of the air and feeling that we are among those few of human mortals who have not dreamed in vain of its conquest."

"The dreams of yesterday are the realities of to-day and the commonplace of tomorrow, and as we make ascent after ascent we learn to more skillfully pilot these seeming mysterious craft, learn more and more about the art of aerial flight."

"To look forward with great anticipation to next Saturday when I will meet in competition the greatest aeronauts in the United States in the great championship, which is to be held at the Indianapolis motor speedway grounds, I hope to win, but making a good showing does not look bad in such company as will be in competition at the Aero Club of America's meet."

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BIG BALLOON RACE FOR NATIONAL TITLE

Winner of Event to Be Started
in Indianapolis Will be
American Champion.

PREPARATIONS COMPLETED

Aeronauts Will Practice at Motor
Speedway Grounds, Scene of Start
Interest Runs High.

The title "Champion American Balloonist" will be contested for at Indianapolis next Saturday, June 5. This is the first national championship balloon race to be held in this country, and will be repeated annually by the Aero Club of America. The race will necessarily be conducted under the rules of the International Aeronautic Federation, and the committee in charge is composed of the following named members: J. Parker Channing, Charles Jerome Edwards, Alan R. Hawley, Augustus Post, Jefferson De Mont Thompson. The timekeeper will be Charles J. Glidden.

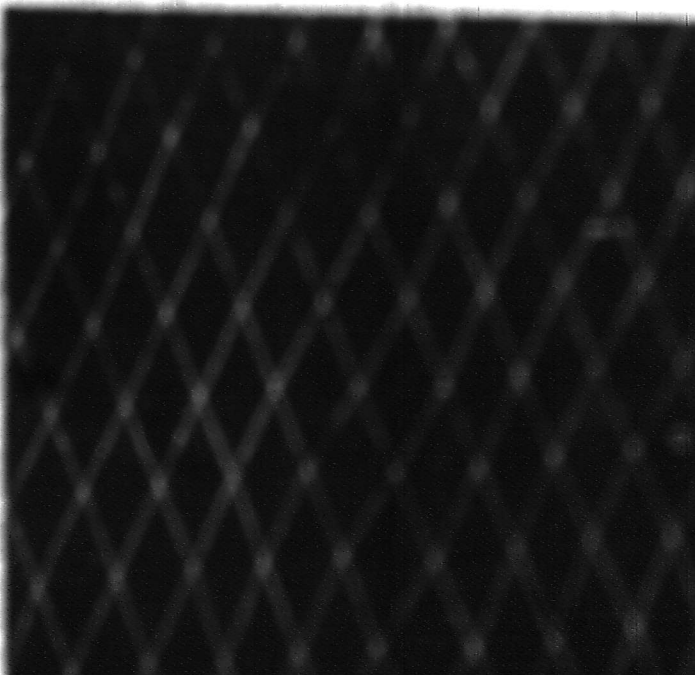
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Silver Trophy for Winner.

A silver trophy will be presented by the Aero Club of America, representing the American championship, to the winning pilot. A suitable prize will also be presented by Carl G. Fisher to the pilot remaining in the air the longest. The following is a list of the pilots and their aides, together with the names of their balloons, all of which are the largest size allowed by the International Aeronautic Federation, 2,200 cubic meters, plus 1 per cent. for error:

A. Holland Forbes, pilot; Clifford B. Harmon, aide; balloon, New York.

Charles Walsh, pilot; balloon, Houston.

A. H. Morgan, pilot; J. H. Wade, Jr., aide; balloon, Cleveland.

Carl G. Fisher, pilot; G. L. Bumbaugh, aide; balloon, Indiana.

A. B. Lambert, pilot; H. E. Honeywell, aide; balloon, St. Louis.

John Berry, pilot; Paul J. McCullough, aide; balloon, University City.

In the free-for-all handicaps:

Captain Baldwin and aide.

H. W. Thompson and aide.

C. A. Coey and aide.

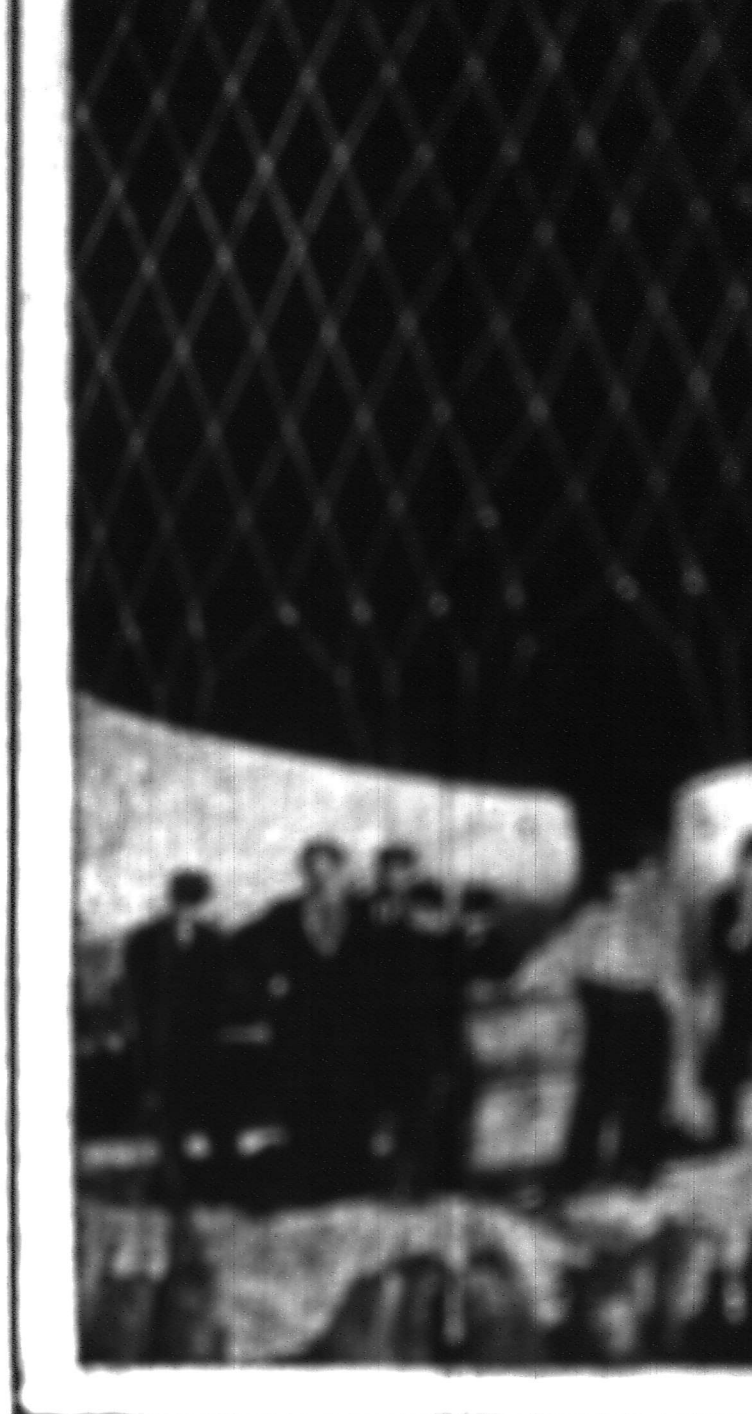
Interest in Races Runs High.

The big balloon races next week promise to arouse more interest in Indianapolis than any sporting event ever previously held. Millions of eyes in all parts of the country will be turned skyward to watch the flight of the aerial racers. The balloon that sails the longest distance will be declared the winner although there also will be a prize for the one that remains in the air the longest.

Everywhere balloon races have been held enormous crowds have been attracted and the Indianapolis event is expected to be no exception to this rule. All roads are expected to lead to the new motor speedway grounds next Saturday, the gates of which will be opened at noon.

Pat Keneally Dead.

NEW YORK, May 24.—In just three days, Patsy J. Keneally, a member of the editorial staff of the Evening Telegram,



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