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James B. Taylor, president of the Aviation Country Club of Long Island, and John Millar, of London, England, who is in the States on business pertaining to aviation, arrived at Roosevelt Field Thursday in Mr. Taylor's Fairchild 24. Mr. Taylor went over to the Grumman factory at Farmingdale and returned in a F3 F1 U.S. Navy fighter biplane, which is powered with a Pratt & Whitney 650 h.p. engine and equipped with retractable landing gear. "Jimmy", who is one of the best pilots flying today, gave an impressive exhibition of this remarkable little ship's maneuverability and speed. Messrs. Millar and Taylor had lunch at the Field Restaurant and visited officials of Air Associates.

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Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith Havens have returned from a two weeks vacation trip to Nassau, Bahama. "Becky" is one of the real oldtimers, having learned to fly in those primitive contraptions of 1910, and has been at it ever since. He, with Dick Depew, a novice in the profession as he didn't get his wings until 1911, are distributors for Fairchild in the Northeast, with headquarters at Roosevelt Field.

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Colonel J. Carroll Cone, Director of Regulations, Bureau of Air Commerce, and Charles F. Horner, president of the National Aeronautic Association, arrived at Roosevelt Field Friday from Washington in a Continental powered Waco. The plane is stored with Waco Sales of New York, where a Lear Radio Compass will be installed.

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I.J. Dienhart, superintendent of the Indianapolis Municipal Airport, was a visitor at Roosevelt Field last Thursday. Mr. Dienhart, who has one of the finest and busiest airports in the central states, conferred with officials of the local airport, and expressed great interest in the complete facilities offered the private and commercial flier at Roosevelt Field.



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Walter Beech, designer and manufacturer of Beechcraft airplanes, arrived at Roosevelt Field Sunday from Wichita, Kansas, in a new Wright powered Beechcraft which has been purchased by the U.S. Navy. Newman Wadlow, test pilot for the Beech Aircraft Company, was at the controls and the trip was made in 6 hours and 8 minutes. After the radio equipment in the plane has been checked by Aeronautical Radio Company, delivery will be made at Washington.

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Flying his Lockheed Vega, "The Crystal City", Joe Costa took off from Roosevelt Field last week for his home at Corning, N.Y. After spending a few days with his family, he left Sunday on his goodwill flight to Brazil.

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Ralph De Palma, world famous automobile race driver, visited his old friends "Becky" Havens and "Dick" Depew, local Fairchild airplane and Ranger engine representatives, at Roosevelt Field. During the war De Palma and Depew were friends and associates at McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio, - the experimental test field for the Army Air Service - where De Palma was director of flying and Depew a test pilot. While at the airport Mr. De Palma also saw his friends Roy Hill and Harold Crow, of Air Associates, and Major George Robertson, of Roosevelt Raceway.

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Harold S. Talbott's new Lockheed 12 was flown from Burbank, Calif., to Roosevelt Field last week by Edward S. Maloney, accompanied by Harry Seymour, co-pilot.

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S.L. Willits, Supervisor of the Eastern District, Bureau of Air Commerce, with headquarters at Roosevelt Field, returned last week from Washington where he spent two weeks on business. He flew up from Washington with Benny Griffen in the Department's new Lockheed 12.

Flying R.D. Huntington's Sikorsky S-39 amphibion, Henry W. Ramsdell arrived at Roosevelt Field from Port Washington last Tuesday to have Aero Trades inspect the ship prior to leaving for Palm Beach, where Mr. and Mrs. Huntington are spending the winter. Mr. Ramsdell was accompanied on the trip South by Mr. and Mrs. "Bo" Sweeny.

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At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Roosevelt Field Inc. held last Tuesday, W.D. Guthrie, formerly vice-president and treasurer of the corporation, was elected president to succeed Geo. W. Orr, who recently resigned to accept a position as vice-president of the Vick Chemical Company.

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Major Henry E. Russell left last Tuesday in his cabin Waco for Raleigh, N.C. He was accompanied by Wm. J. Morden, Curator at the American Museum of Natural History. Mr. Morden recently graduated from Roosevelt Aviation School and Major Russell also learned to fly at that institution.

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The Fairchild distributors, Havens and Depew, Roosevelt Field, report the sale of a Fairchild "24" cabin plane, powered by a Warner engine, to Roland Palmedo, of New York City. Mr. Palmedo was a pilot in the U.S. Naval Service during the war and has been active in aviation circles for many years. He was formerly a director of The Aviation Corporation and at present is a director of T.W.A. He has taken a very active part in the affairs of the Aviation Country Club, as one of its first members and a Governor, and will use his new plane for pleasure flying.

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William Turgeon, president of the Turgeon Airways, Lewiston, Maine, was a visitor at Roosevelt Field Saturday.

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Paul Carabelli and Wesley Koop, graduates of Roosevelt Aviation School, are now employed by the Douglas Aircraft Company, Santa Monica, Calif. Almost every day brings news from a graduate of that institution who has obtained employment with one of the busy aircraft factories.

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James B. Taylor, Jr., president of the Aviation Country Club and a director of Air Associates, Inc., was a visitor at Roosevelt Field Saturday. "Jimmie", who is one of the best known pilots in the country, has just returned from England, where he flew around in a Ranger powered Fairchild "24". He visited many aircraft factories and flying fields and inspected and flew some of the latest British planes.