

revolutionized aircraft design. One of his planes had the propeller in the center of the fuselage behind the pilot's cockpit. The four blades revolved around the fuselage. The design was called the Gallaudet Drive.

The manufacturing business was not a financial success and was sold. It became part of Consolidated Aircraft which became Convair and, later, a division of General Dynamics.

Reuben Fleet called Gallaudet an innovative engineer. Gallaudet played a part in the development of the turbine engine and the three-dimensional camera. He invented the silk gut used in tennis rackets before Nylon became popular.

Had Gallaudet continued his experiments uninterrupted and had his models been successful it is possible that Yale would have received credit for the invention of the airplane and the name Gallaudet would have gone down in aviation history along with its prominence in education of the deaf.

## The Decade

The Ku Klux Klan was organized in 1915. By the 1920s it had grown into a powerful organization. The Armistice was signed on November 11, 1918 ending World War I, "the war to end all wars." A year later in July, 1919 the Prohibition Act took effect and the

*Deaf women employees at Goodyear plant in Akron, Ohio.*

"Roaring Twenties" followed.

The *New York Daily News*, the first successful tabloid, made its debut and within a decade had a circulation of over one million. Women's skirts were six inches from the floor. Automobiles with such names as the Maxwell, Briscoe, Lexington, Templar, Dodge, Buick, Cadillac, and Hudson passed in the streets. Before the end of the decade there were seven million registered passenger cars in this country.

There were disputes involving the Jews, the Negroes, and the Roman Catholics. Race riots occurred in Chicago and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

That was the era that saw Jack Dempsey flatten Georges Carpentier in the decade's first million-dollar bout. Babe Ruth hit 59 homers and the "Praying Colonels" of Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, made sports history by upsetting Harvard in a football contest, 6 to 0.

The dance was frowned upon and seen as offensive to "woman's purity" and it was proposed to start an organization to discourage "excess nudity."

You could stay at Hotel Elmer in Cincinnati, Ohio, which claimed to be "strictly modern," on the European Plan for \$1.00 and up. Or, dine at Hoffman's Cafe on Vine Street which immodestly called itself the "Finest Cafe in America." And, your savings account brought three to four percent on time deposits at the

*Burdick Album*

