

Garver's Flying Circus

This black and white photograph shows an advertisement for the Garver's Flying Circus in Wellington, Kansas. Garver's Flying Circus was established around 1920 by Karl Garver from Attica, Kansas, and Cyle Horchem, an ex-army airman from Ransom, Kansas. These men and others, performed spectacular aerial stunts across the Kansas sky. The group of daredevils successfully entertained the crowds of spectators with death defying acts until tragedy struck in 1924. On March 2, Bertha Horchem fell to her death during a loop stunt in San Antonio, Texas. On October 12, Ruth Garver "Champion Lady Parachute Jumper", fell to her death from one thousand feet in the air with a tangled parachute. Later that same year on November 12, Cyle Horchem slipped and fell to his death as he attempted to climb onto a wing while in flight. Karl Garver continued to perform at air shows but eventually sold his airplanes and died of alcohol poisoning in 1926.

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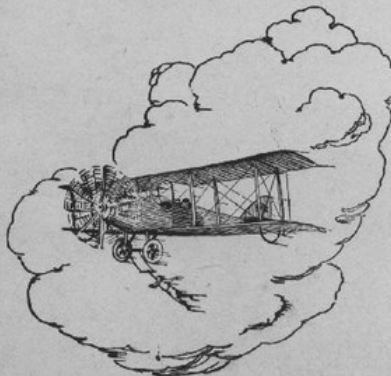
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GARVER'S FLYING CIRCUS 5 - AEROPLANES - 5

An Absolutely Top
Notch Up-to-Date
Attraction

Under Auspices
**AMERICAN
LEGION**



A Spectacular Produc-
tion of all the Dare-
Devil Death-Defying
Thrills Known to
Craftsmen

A Wonderful Exhibition of
Aerial Stunts and Novelties
will be pres-nted by these
Fearless Birdmen

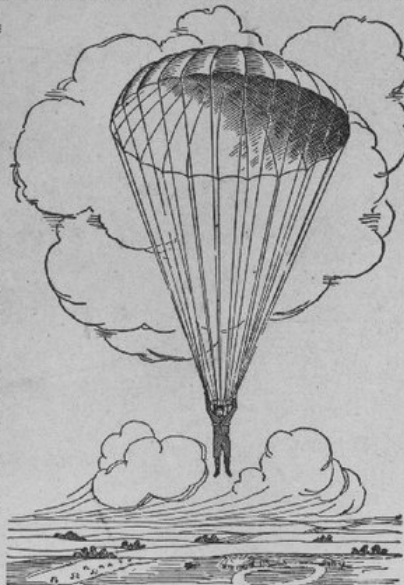
Greatest Attraction
of the Southwest

RUTH GARVER Champion Lady
Parachute Jumper
IN A THRILLING LEAP FROM PLANE

MARVELOUS DISPLAY OF DAYLIGHT FIREWORKS

PILOT GARVER

Unparalleled in Stunt
Flying will present a full
and unexcelled program
consisting of 10 consec-
utive loops, 2000 foot
Tail Spin, Immelman
Turns, Barrel Rolls,
Spirals, Falling Leaf,
Ocean Waves, Etc.



PAUL DUNCAN Champion Wing Walker

will walk on the wings of
the Plane, stand on top
through a maize of loops and
tail spins, hang by his teeth,
toes and one hand, from a
trapeze, and do many other
sensational stunts.

COME AND BOOST FOR THE LEGION BOYS

Wellington, Kansas, October 21, 1923

East on Lincoln to End of Street under the Bridge, and One Mile South, or One-Half mile East of Gaines Farm

FOLLOW THE BLAZED TRAIL--Red Arrow