

# Laird Builds Aeroplane to Go Over 200 Miles An Hour

Flying a special built biplane, a product of his Chicago factory located at 4500 W. 83rd st., Emil M. Laird, 1437 Plaisance ct., will seek to establish a new speed record at the National Air Races which open Saturday at Curtis-Reynolds field.

Though he has not yet received an official announcement of the date for the biplane competition of his class, Laird believes the event he has entered will be scheduled for September 1.

Laird is personally supervising the construction of his ship, a Laird L C --D C 165 "Speedwing jr." open cockpit model with a Chevovair motor. He hopes to attain a speed of more than 200 miles per hour.

### To Carry Laird Colors

The plane will carry the Laird factory standard colors, gold and black.

In addition to the ship he will pilot, Laird is planning to enter two and possibly three other machines manufactured at his plant.

The second special built biplane, a "Speedwing jr" L. C --D. W. 300 model still under construction, will fly September 1 in the Gardner Trophy race, a 25-mile closed course event. According to officials at the Laird private aviation field, the plane will be capable of a 250-mile per hour speed. The name of the pilot is withheld.

### Hamer to Control Ship

Herman Hamer of LaSalle, will be at the controls of the third Laird biplane, an L. C --D E. "Speedwing jr.," which participated in the Cirrus Derby from Detroit to the Pacific coast and back last month.

The ship was forced out of the race by engine trouble after having completed three-quarters of the distance. It has a speed of 160 miles per hour.

Laird has been engaged in aircraft building since 1912. He has owned the W 83rd st factory only for five years. During the World war he served as an aviation instructor in Texas.