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A day in Flint History



1934: Bishop Airport opens

A year after Charles Lindbergh's historic flight, Sidney Stewart, president of the W.F. Stewart Co. and a man considered Flint's "Mr. Aviation," expressed the opinion that Flint was in need of an airport. And on October 9, 1928, Arthur G. Bishop, president of the Genesee County Savings Bank and a General Motors vice president, donated 220 acres at Torrey and W. Bristol Roads for an airport site. By April the following year, a beacon flashing a 25-mile beam was installed,

permitting night air mail service. On October 1, 1934, Bishop Airport was formally opened. In November 1935, the first successful plane-to-ground radio contact was made with a description of a flight over the edge of the city given by radio. And on January 15, 1937, commercial air service was inaugurated by the Pennsylvania-Central Airlines.

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