

Air shows have trouble getting off ground

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flyers were "Professors" Foster and Swartz. Although it is unlikely that the gentlemen had earned PhD degrees in aeronautical engineering, they were reputed to have been "experienced" in both airplanes and balloon flight. Their last previous stop before the Bloomington appearance was at the Tennessee State

Fair.

On Sept. 18, Orchard and Dr. John McCabe put out a call for a suitable lot for the flight, one that must be 900 feet long and 300 feet wide. Two suggested sites were the ball park belonging to Thomas Huff and the new brick street leading to the campus.

As the day of the flight approached, the *Telephone* published a photo of the two "professors" with their planes.

The caption announced that "Professor Foster will operate the aeroplane in Bloomington and Professor Swartz the balloon."

The newly bricked Seventh Street "runway" was finally chosen for the flight. As for the balloon, it was to be, reported the *Telephone*, "a monster and stands over 70 feet high as it is filled with air ready to go up."

Next week: The "flight."