

**The Giddings News**

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**GIDDINGS BOY  
PARACHUTE JUMPER**

Mrs. Carlisle received the following clipping from the Brownwood Bulletin, stating that her son Thurston had become a parachute jumper. He joined the Southern Airways when they held their Airfair in Giddings some weeks ago, and since this article was printed, he has made several more jumps. The article is:

**Thrilling Leap Closing**

**Stunt of Air Fair**

The Airfair which was held here ended Sunday afternoon with a real thrill for the crowd to witness the final parachute jump of the day.

The closing stunt featured "Crackers" Carlisle in his first parachute jump when Mrs. Babcock, woman daredevil with the airfair did not care to jump. The substitution was made when a blown valve in Mrs. Babcock's plane made it necessary that the jump be made from a cabin plane. Another reason why Mrs. Babcock declined to jump was that her regular pilot was disabled from a propeller blow which cut his arm.

Carlisle stepped backward from the large cabin ship and after falling more than 300 feet opened his first parachute. After this had opened he opened the second chute and made a good landing. While he was falling from the 3,000 foot level the entire audience gasped at the long fall that he took before pulling his rip cord.