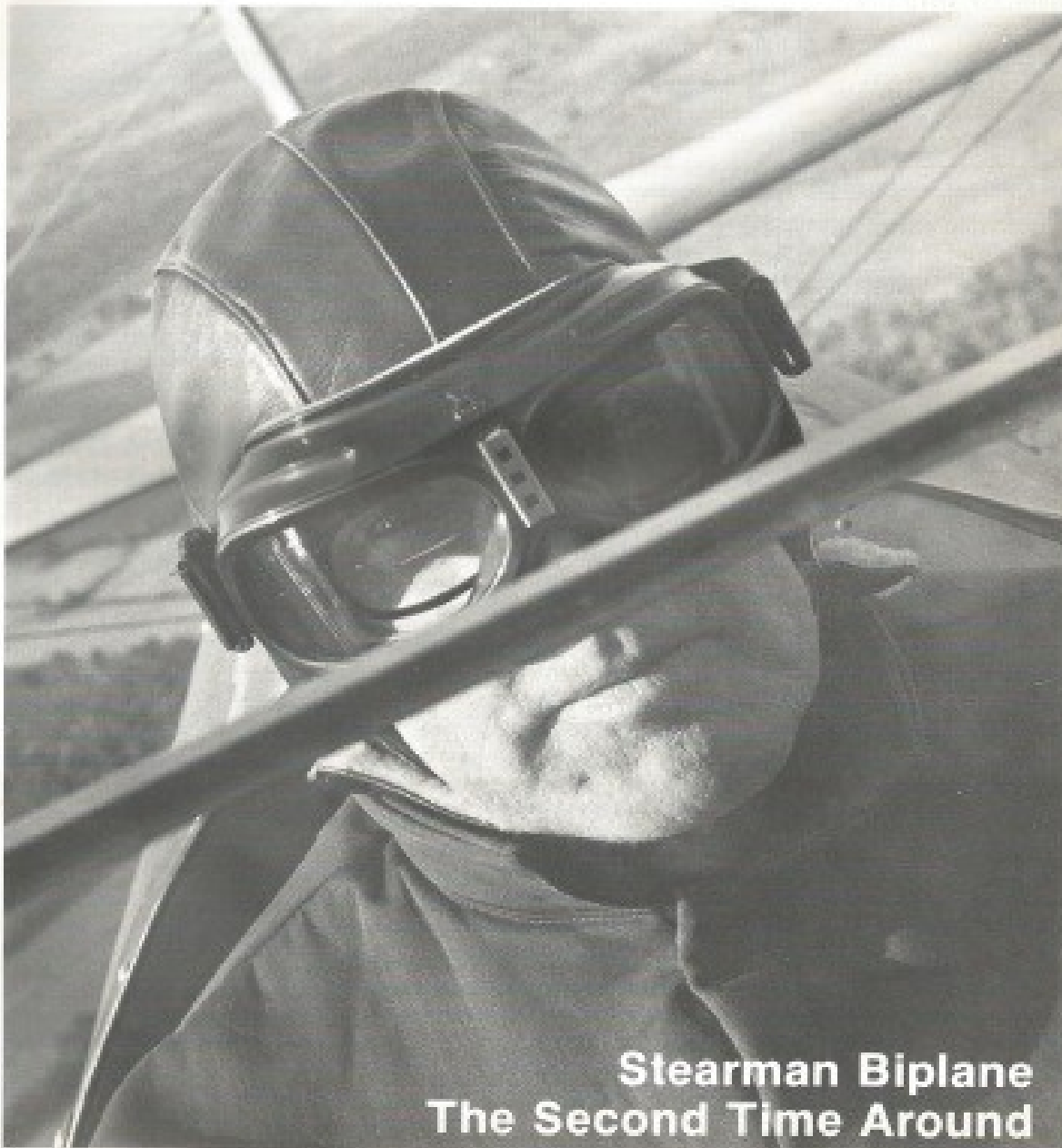


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**Stearman Biplane  
The Second Time Around**

## One And-Ah Two

Ray Connett led one of the groups learning exercises as he has led bands throughout much of his life.

At age 87, his feet carried him lightly back and forth in front of the class; his arms swinging easily through various movements designed for the physical fitness training workshop.

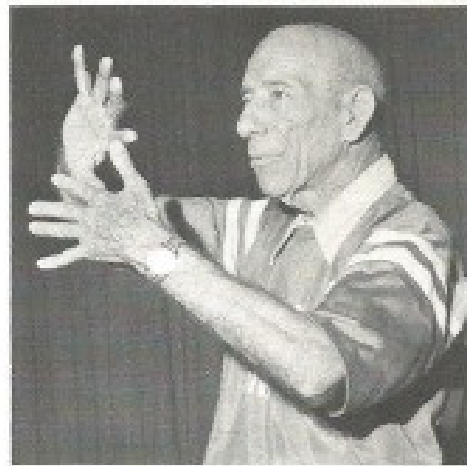
"Believe me, these physical exercises really helped me!" he tells with his ever-present smile spreading across his face until it becomes a wide grin.

"How do you think I can lead the band around the state at 33 festivals and march around the track during the Lancaster Fair?"

The band he spoke of is the Adelphi Men's Band which he has directed for 11 years.

But leading a band is nothing new to Connett—the founder of the Ohio University Band in 1923.

The Adelphi Men's Band is the oldest such unit in Ohio, going back to the 1860's, Connett remembers, and now



*Ray Connett*

some of those playing in it are the great-grandchildren of original members.

And there isn't any musical instrument unfamiliar to him. "I can play anything," he says matter-of-factly.

Then he produced his business card for the shop he continues to maintain. It reads:

Raymond W. Connett,  
"The Piano Shop" in  
Piketon; registered techni-  
cian; Piano Technicians  
Guild; tuning; complete  
rebuilding.

But that was enough talk for now. He had to get back to leading exercises.