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PARIS-NEW YORK FLIERS LIKELY LOST IN ATLANTIC

Hope for the rescue of Capt. Nungesser and Francois Cull appears to hang on the slender thread that they may have been picked up by some New England fishermen or some coasting vessel off Ireland. The fliers overdue a full day in New York on their air flight from Paris have become another mystery of the sea. Wireless stations from New York to Labrador have sent messages in all directions asking steamships in their courses to hunt for the aviators. But no one has been able to see the "White Bird," which flapped off so heavily from L. Inouard field with the skull and cross bones and "death's head" marked on the white fuselage as it to-day is believed to have been seen by the French government at Washington, responding to a request of the French government, has set about to make an organized effort to locate the lost birdmen.

The Mass Education Movement in China

By MISS MOLLIE E. TOWNSEND
(Returned Missionary to China)

China has been referred to for many years as the Sleeping Dragon, but that can no longer be said of her. The world is beginning to realize that the dragon which has been restless for some years is awake, and that China is experiencing a thorough renaissance. It is a very trying time, one of searching, re-organizing and re-adjusting of every institution of modern civilization. While the awakening is all comprehensive, perhaps the "Student Movement" is the most significant evidence of the new day.

There is no country in the world where the scholar has held the supreme position that he has in China and though his number was small he has dominated her in the past. The "Student Movement" of today says that education shall no longer be confined to the few but must become the common property and guide of all.

Within the last twenty years there have sprung up twenty-five modern colleges and universities, accumulating from ten to fifteen thousand students. An increasing number of students go abroad each year for further study and better equipment. There is not a field in which these students are not well versed. Nothing is so common as to meet a student who has returned from abroad and thoroughly to examine the fields of science, philosophy, religion and government. They are open books to them now in a way that was undreamed of by the scholar of the medieval classes.

The movement for mass education was a natural outcome of the increased interest in education along Western lines. It has been the returned student who has organized the movement and shaped its policy, worked out its methods and selected what should be taught and how to teach it. Then came the problems of community organization, publicity, recruiting for both teachers and pupils and the securing of suitable buildings, all of which have been ably handled.

Undoubtedly there has never been in the history of the world, a movement of this kind on so vast a scale as this one and I venture to say that there has never been one so pregnant with significance. It aims, as such an adequate education as will train for the best citizenship, unify the nation, create a new literature and strive for the realization of world peace.

This is a big program and is conducted in a big way. We can not predict how near it may come to achieving its goal. Mr. Y. C. Yen says that it is a movement of the people, by the people and for the people and as such is surely must succeed.

Ready-Cut Head

Bid: What business are you now in, Jack?
Jack: I'm in the lumber business.
Bid: Well, you have got a good head for lumber.

So Personal

Teacher: Why, every time I breathe a Chinaman dies?
Voice from the rear: "Why don't you try cloves?"

The Corinth Canal was started by Nero about two thousand years ago. The project was abandoned and resumed, centuries later, the canal being completed in 1893. It is four miles long and seventy feet wide.

New Town Board Holds Initial Meeting

City Officials Sworn in May 9th; No Police Officer Yet Been Named to Succeed Mr. Gross

The first meeting of the new board of town aldermen since it was sworn in on May 9th, was held Monday evening. Little or no business was actually transacted, although items of moment came up for consideration. It will likely be some time before the new officials see a thorough check-up on municipal affairs and get down to business proper.

A rather warm contest is on between various candidates seeking appointment as chief of police to succeed A. Lee Gross, resigned. Ten applications were presented to the board Monday night, which were thinned out to three, then one was selected. However, it was found on Tuesday morning that public sentiment was too strong against him to warrant his retention (the board not knowing of charges against the applicant) and Mayor Grace called a meeting of the board for the purpose of rejecting him. Up to time of going to press the matter was still open and likely will be for several days. Deputy Sheriff Poy Wyke acting as temporary police chief.

Three applications were received for the position of city water commissioner but no action has been taken.

Mayor Grace says a meeting will be held early next week to decide on these and other matters. He says the books of the city will be thoroughly gone over to find out what is available for street work, how much the tax rate must be, etc. The board will also investigate unfinished work and prepare a program for the year's work.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Miss Mary Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pickney Payne died at her home in Taylorsville on the 7th. She had been ill for several years and had been confined to her bed for more than two months.

V. D. Gure on Tuesday of last week was elected mayor of Lenoir for the sixth consecutive time. With Mayor Gure the following commissioners were elected: C. L. Robbins, S. S. Jennings, E. F. Allen, J. T. Pritchard, J. G. Bailey, H. E. Merritt and W. H. Sourday.

North Carolina led in the cigarette tax collections of the current fiscal year, the annual revenue bureau reported Monday. The total in North Carolina was \$117,470,036 compared with \$109,650,187 for the preceding year. An increase of \$16,733,658 was shown in collections, the total of which was \$203,526,701.

Damage estimated at sixty-five to seventy-five thousand dollars was done in Kinston early Sunday when fire swept through a Main street building. The origin of the flames is believed to have started in a pressing club which was destroyed, along with a shoe store and another business house.

Henry Trounman, chief of police of Albemarle, was accidentally shot and killed by another officer, Dan Spight, Monday afternoon. The officers were attempting to arrest three negroes when Spight struck one of the negroes with the head of a revolver, it discharging and the bullet striking the chief of police on the neck, severing the jugular vein.

While There's Life There's Hope.

Old Man: "I wish God had made me a man."
Grandma: "Don't worry, dear, you may find one yet."

Attention, Members of Legion and Auxiliary

There will be a call meeting of the Legion and Auxiliary in the Legion hall Monday night, May 16, for the purpose of arranging and completing plans for the Fourth of July celebration. If you are not interested in giving the American Legion your support in behalf of the July celebration, we must now cancel this undertaking. Please consider this as our plans for or against as final.

We wish to urge every man and woman in the county who are eligible to belong to the Legion or Auxiliary to be present at this meeting and become a member and help us out in all our undertakings.

L. S. ISAACS, Post Commander
C. S. STEVENSON, Adjutant.

NORMAL TO BUILD NEW DORMITORY

May 8.—An executive session of the board of trustees of the Appalachian State Normal school at Boone was held here several days ago with T. H. Coffey of Blowing Rock, chairman, B. B. Dougherty of Boone and J. M. Benhardt of this place present. At this meeting plans were discussed for the new dormitory for girls at the school, and Benton and Burton, architects of Statesville, were employed to draw up plans for the building. Also a powerhouse with a heating system to run from the powerhouse to the new building. There will be a meeting of the board of trustees within a few days and in all probability some definite action will be taken about the erection of this new building.

NEXT CONGRESS MAY MAKE DRASTIC TAX CUT

Washington, May 9.—The greatest tax cut since 1921 and probably will be made at the next session of Congress.

Receipts under the present law have run away with the estimates and buried the fiscal prophet under an avalanche of unexpected revenues.

The surplus in 1927 will be the largest, save for a single year, of any 12 months since the nation's return to normalcy.

Income tax receipts, far from shrinking under the lower rates have gone higher than at any time since 1921.

Debt reductions will exceed \$300,000,000 and may pass \$1,000,000,000.

VALLE CRUCIS HAPPENINGS

Valle Crucis, May 11.—Mrs. T. H. Taylor, Miss Alice Taylor, Mrs. T. W. Taylor, Mr. J. M. Shull and Chas. Baird attended the funeral of Robert Duna in Lenoir last Sunday. Mrs. D. F. Mast and Mrs. W. L. Baird also returned home on that day, having spent the previous week with the Dulas in Lenoir.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Graves, of Yanceyville, are visiting the Rev. and Mrs. James P. Berke.

Daniel Townsend is at his home with congestion of the lungs.

Mrs. Lucenia Mast returned Sunday from a visit to Mrs. Greene in Boone, accompanied by Misses Mita Mast and Floy Cottrell.

Mrs. E. K. Snodgrass is now with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Wagner, who is planning to move into her new home which is nearing completion.

Mrs. C. T. Baird is still very sick. Mrs. Auburn Parthing entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stout at dinner Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Shull was hostess to the Woman's Missionary Society on Saturday afternoon.

It is a delight to parents and friends to have the boys from the Normal school at home again. They are William Mast, Henry and Gilbert Taylor.

SCHOOL BUDGET

The board of education will be in session on Tuesday, May 17, for the purpose of making the school budget for the year 1927-28. School committees are urgently requested to present the needs of their several districts at this time, as the law directs.

Appropriations for the expenses not included in this budget cannot be made during the year.

W. F. Sherwood, Chm. Ed. Ed.
Smith Hagaman, Secretary.

FEDERAL COURT JURORS

The following jurors from Watauga county have been summoned to appear for federal court in Wilkesboro on May 23. Judge Johnson I. Hayes presiding.

Roby Ward, Sugar Grove; J. S. Finney, Vilas; Clyde Mast, Sugar Grove; J. A. Cattle, Zionville; P. H. Hodges, Boone; R. D. Hodges, Boone; Thomas Hampton, Blowing Rock; W. M. Thomas, Mabel; W. B. Cheek, Zionville; H. B. Cook, Zionville.

TAX COLLECTIONS

Up to last Saturday, Sheriff L. M. Farthing had collected approximately \$200,000 in county taxes for the years 1925-26. The sheriff expects that some \$50,000 or \$60,000 more will be collected by the end of the thirty days grace allowed the taxpayers. About \$115,000 remains to be collected.

Morgue Mirth

"Every body helps," quoth the undertaker when asked about business conditions.

Happenings In and About Blowing Rock

interesting of Past Week
From Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock, May 11.—Smith Hagaman, city superintendent of education, is asking out an application for the county's share of the \$32,000 bonding fund for Blowing Rock consolidated district, on the assumption that all of the three districts concerned in the consolidation will eventually accept the curtailed fund.

A small group of Blowing Rock citizens who attended a meeting in the school house last week voted to accept the \$32,000 fund, but E. G. Underdown, representing Sandy Flat, said he was opposed to it and Collins Greene representing Silver Lake, said his district could not accept it.

The smaller fund, as compared with the original proposal of \$55,000, will mean that the school will have to be built without the gymnasium for the site must be bought out of the \$22,000.

Mr. Hagaman believes, however, that with the proper economy, the town can build a creditable school with \$42,000. Bids should be had from a large number of firms before the contract is awarded, the superintendent says, so that the town can be sure of getting the lowest. Or, it could appoint a good local foreman, hire local labor, contract directly for his own materials and make arrangements with the railroads for the special rates granted for transportation of school materials.

In this way, he believes, almost everything in the original plan could be carried out.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Reformed church for Clyde Hardez, who died Monday of last week at a hospital in Statesville. Surviving him are the widow and two sisters, Mrs. Estie Blankenship, of Johnson City and Mrs. Fannie Teague of Blowing Rock.

H. C. Martin is erecting a branch store in Green Park opposite the fire house. The branch will handle the same kinds of novelties, gifts and general stock as those in the main store, Mr. Martin said.

E. S. Draper, landscape architect of Charlotte, was here last week making arrangements for a cottage in which he will spend his summer vacation. Mr. Draper is now engaged in laying out the golf course at Lenoir.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Simpson of Rock Hill, S. C. were here preparing to open their cottage for the summer.

Mrs. E. S. Myers also arrived and opened her new cottage in Mayview Park, which was built for her during the winter by J. Lee Hayes.

Other visitors in town were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Huff of Evansville, Ind.; H. B. Fowler, C. B. Fowler, C. E. Anderson and P. M. Carck, all of Pinhurst; Mr. and Mrs. E. Preston Harrell of Wilmington; Mrs. Alice Beckert of Rock Hill; M. P. Kirkman of Greensboro; Lillian B. Parsons of Bogota, N. J.; Joe L. Harrison of Richmond, Va.; Dr. S. S. Saunders and M. M. Saunders of High Point; Miss Fula Quinn and Mrs. W. L. Gassaway of Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. R. H. Blackwell of Waynesville, and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Webb of Concord.

Mrs. Elliott Reed of Savannah, Ga., who is building a \$20,000 summer home in Mayview Park, is expected here this week for the summer. Her new house will be ready in a short time, it is said by the contractor, J. Lee Hayes.

Miss Helen Coffey is recovering from a serious illness. She spent several days at the Davis Hospital in Statesville, but last week she was brought home and under the care of Dr. R. B. Scales she is recovering rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Grayson of Charlotte were hostess at their cottage in Mayview Park Saturday evening to a party of Blowing Rock and Charlotte travelers, honoring Mr. Wm. Dudley of Charlotte. Those present were: Misses Dorothy Hayes, Lula and Annie Ward, and Mrs. J. A. Pamela. Bill Ingle, Bud Whitner and M. Lutz, all of Charlotte and E. S. Sherrill of Troutman.

The Widow's Right

"This is a grave question," said the widow as they decided where to bury the body of her deceased husband.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT UNION CHURCH, MAY 28

The program for the fifth Sunday meeting of the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held with Union church at Mabel, beginning Saturday, May 28th and continuing through Sunday.

Saturday Afternoon
2 p. m.—Song service led by Union choir.

2:15 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. Doston.

2:45 p. m.—Organization.

3:00 p. m.—Loyalty to the Baptist cause. E. C. Hodges, W. S. Farthing.

3:20 p. m.—Question box.

3:55 p. m.—Evening service.

Sunday Morning
9:00—Sunday school.

9:25—Singing led by Union choir.

10:30—What should be the church's attitude toward amusements?—A. J. Greene, I. G. Green, W. F. Sherwood.

11:15—Singing in the "Christian Harmony," led by Middle Fork class.

11:20—Sermon by I. A. Hurr.

12 m.—Dinner.

Afternoon Session
1 p. m.—Song service in "Christian Harmony," led by W. T. Vaughn.

1:20—The new problem of the country church by Smith Hagaman, followed by the pastor of the churches.

2:50 p. m.—Assurance and a benediction by J. C. Wilson.

3:15—Closing exercises.

219 Total Toll of Mid-Western Tornado

Kansas City, May 11.—Scourged by tornadoes, torrential storms and blizzards over a three day period, the middle west counted its dead at 233 late Tuesday, with probably a thousand persons injured, hundreds homeless and property damage running into the millions.

In eight states from the Rocky Mountain region to the east and southeast the fury of the weather brought death and suffering. Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Wyoming suffered casualties.

Col. Robert Bingham, for many years lieutenant of the Bingham Military school, died at his home at Asheville on the 8th, following a heart ailment which occurred on Friday. He was 82 years of age. Funeral services for the pioneer educator were conducted yesterday from the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville.

Col. Bingham was the third generation of Bingham to operate the famous Bingham Military school, which was established by his grandfather at Asheville in 1793.

NEWS OF ROMINGER

Rominger, May 10.—Mr. Dewey Rominger's family is down with the flu.

Mr. Coy Rominger suffered a broken leg while working near Spruce Pine. He is in the Grace hospital at Banner Elk.

Eldar D. A. Greene, pastor of Zion Hill Baptist church, spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. M. P. Trivett.

J. W. Harmon is putting his sawmill down near the home of F. M. Harmon where he will saw the boundary of timber which he recently purchased.

The farmers of this section are now engaged in planting corn.

The One Exception

"But surely," Jones urged, "being a believing?"

"Not necessarily," replied Johnson. "For instance, I see you every day."

Special School Tax Carried in Cove Creek

The election held in Cove Creek township Tuesday on a special tax proposition for the erection of a new building at the High school was won by the tax advocates by a majority of 110. Only 30 votes were cast against the proposition, there being 282 voters registered.

The terms under which the election was held provided that a tax not to exceed 12 cents on the \$100 property valuation and 36 cents on the poll, shall be levied and collected for the specific purpose.

Commencement at the State Normal

Finals Began With Play on Thursday and Closed Friday Afternoon; Interesting Figures Given

The commencement exercises of the Appalachian State Normal began on Thursday night after the examinations on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Thursday night's exercises was a play by the senior Normal class for the benefit of the town fund. The large number present greatly enjoyed the fine characterization displayed by those taking part, and more than \$150 was realized from the proceeds. On Friday morning the class day exercises were held, followed by the literary address by Dr. N. W. Walker, dean of education of the University of North Carolina, whose subject was "The work and training that we are to accomplish after we have graduated from college."

Dr. J. D. Rankin delivered diplomas to the following graduates:

Annie Dula Beverly, Ruth Blair, Billy Bolinger, Beas Clominger, Mary Culbreth, Betty Ruth Duncan, Jane S. Howell, Nancy E. Huber, Mrs. Ethel Brown Johnson, Naomi Lowery, Annie Rose Moore, Verda Bernice Morgan, Leola Margaret Pyle, Flora Mae McFayon, Eva Miller, Ruth Nester, May Pittman, Ollie Ray, Cynthia Pearl Reeves, Annie Belle Rogers, Mary Louise Regan, Lucille Robinson, Mary Eugenia Short, Mildred Virginia Spencer, Alta McSwain, Gladys Rose Swift, Carrye Ida Ward, John W. Ward, Kathryn Wylie, Ethel Marie Zimmerman, Elizabeth Batts Wiggins, Alma Hoffman, Mrs. Levi Teague, Ruth Hunter, Geneva Whiteall, Fay McClinton, Rene W. Hovis, Mary Raper, Hovie McNeill, Conchita Crump, Esther Beas, Mary E. Horton, Evelyn Mosetter, Jane O. Osborne, Elizabeth Quinn, Willie Mae Robinson.

Those who received certificates were: Paul Donnelly, Wendell Parsons, Louise Coffey, Jay Curtis, Charles Farthing, Howard Goodright, Paul Gouley, Frank Logan, Avlin Onslow, Troy Rogers, Roy Robinson, Grady Tester and Howard Asbey.

Paul J. M. Downum, the registrar, gave some very interesting statistics of the Normal, which for the past two years, some of which were: Normal students for 1923-24, including summer schools, 774, with 17 graduates; 1924-25, with summer schools, 1,028, with 24 graduates; 1925-26, also with summer terms, 3,387, with 56 graduates. From June 1, 1926, to May 6, 1927, with 77 graduates. Total registered for the past three years, 4,107; total number of graduates 164. Increase in per cent for these three years in summer registered 148 per cent, and in graduation, 430 per cent. From the time of increase for these three years, Paul Downum was asked to give his estimate as to the number expected for the coming year, as he has done for several years, with fair accuracy. He said that he expected 4,500 for the next year with 160 graduates.

The exercises, considered to have been about the best ever held at the school, closed with the class song and benediction.

Friday afternoon came a declamation contest for \$5.00 in gold, in which Allen Ashley won, following which the class day exercises of the high school department, were held.

The summer school will open on May 31, which is expected to be a record term, as a very large number of applicants, numbering near 500 have already applied.

UNITED STATES CALLS IN LIBERTY BONDS

Washington, May 8.—Using one of the greatest publicity machines ever adopted by a government agency the treasury tomorrow will call the \$1,500,000,000 outstanding of the second liberty loan.

These bonds will be paid on November 15 the tenth anniversary of their issuance and will not bear interest after that date.

These bonds would weigh 222 tons and if spread out would cover almost exactly one square mile of the earth's surface.

It's a Fish

Guest (to hostess): "My dear, where did your wonderful string of pearls come from? You don't mind my asking do you?"

Hostess: "Certainly not. They came from oysters."

E. A. Poe of Lenoir was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.