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Today and Tomorrow

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Zeppelins

People of the eastern part of the United States have just had another glimpse of that gigantic monster of the air, the Graf Zeppelin. In the teeth of terrific storms the great German airship crossed the South Atlantic from Europe to Brazil, then flew northward to New York and across the Atlantic to its home port on Lake Constance.

This trip, added to its flight around the world last year, has removed the last doubt as to the practicability of aerial navigation, and American capital is rushing in to invest in the manufacture of Zeppelins in this country and to establish regular passenger and express routes between the great centers of population.

For high speed and comparatively light loads the airplane will remain unchallenged, in all probability. But the dirigible balloon has definitely arrived as a means of everyday transportation.

Newspapers

According to The American Press, there are 130 newspapers in the United States which have been published continuously for 100 years or more. Of these, 65 are dailies, 95 weeklies.

One of the weeklies, the Annapolis (Maryland) Gazette, is more than 200 years old, having been established in 1727. Five papers still in existence were published before the Revolution. The oldest of all dailies is the Hartford (Conn.) Courant, founded in 1764.

We are accustomed to think of 100 years as a period of time before which nothing of importance existed in America. The evidence of these old newspapers helps us to realize that 100 years is not such a very long time. There were settlements west of the Mississippi 100 years ago, on such firm foundations that the communities and the newspapers established then have flourished ever since. Two newspapers in Iowa, one in Arkansas, one in Missouri, are in the list of these centenarians of The American Press.

These and the rest have survived because they filled a need of their communities the need of interchange of ideas and of news. Neither radio nor the out-of-town dailies can ever fill such community papers out of business.

Churches

Long steps toward the union of the different Presbyterian churches of the United States, together with the Reformed Church in America, in a single denomination with more than 3,000,000 members, were taken the other day by the Presbyterian General Assembly. Such a union recently took place in Scotland, home of Presbyterians.

The next step, still some distance ahead but being considered with great seriousness by church leaders, is the reunion of the Methodist Episcopal Church with the other offshoot of the Church of England, the Protestant Episcopal Church in America. And some religious leaders are looking farther than that, toward the ultimate merger of those and the Presbyterians into one great Protestant body.

Air

Air and water do not seem to most of us like raw materials of industry. Yet one of the largest industries in America uses nothing else but the air from above and around its factory and the water from the river which flows past it.

This is the plant of the du Pont interests in West Virginia which extracts nitrogen from the air by first compressing the air until it is liquid, then mixing with it hydrogen gas obtained from the water by electrolytic decomposition. The results is ammonia, which is the handiest form of fixed nitrogen, whether you are going to use it for fertilizer or for the manufacture of explosives.

A similar process is to produce nitrate fertilizer in huge quantities as well as explosives for the Government at Muscle Shoals—maybe.

COUNTERFEIT FIVE-DOLLAR BILLS PASSED ON "LEGGERS"

Raleigh.—Counterfeit \$5 bills passed on bootleggers by immoral buyers have been found in the city, police say, and notwithstanding the presence of Federal officers here to run down the bad money, nothing has happened.

The trick seems to have been worked easily. The plan of the bogus bill handler was to wrap his worthless money in good bills and pass the whole thing under wraps. One of the victims was a man not interested in booze, but even he could not help the police to spot the man who was working these bills on the liquor trade.

ARTHUR CUNDY ADDRESSES STUDENT BODY AT COLLEGE
Arthur Cundy, of Birmingham, Ala., secretary of Civitan International, addressed the student body of Appalachian State Teachers College and several members of the local Civitan Club, at chapel exercises Thursday morning. Mr. Cundy used "Citizenship" as the theme of his twenty-minute talk, and the inspiring message was enthusiastically received by the audience.

Mr. Cundy spent Wednesday night in Blowing Rock, where he aided in the formation of a Civitan Club.

MEMBERS OF PARK CONFERENCE VISIT WATAUGA COUNTY

Sixty-five Delegates Spend Friday Afternoon in Boone, Blowing Rock and Other Points in the County. Dr. O. J. Chandler Delivers Address of Welcome at Appalachian State Teachers College.

About sixty-five members of the National Conference on State Parks, which was in session at Linville City during last week, were guests of the Town of Boone Friday afternoon, the auditorium at Appalachian State Teachers College being used for a brief welcoming program. Many men and women of State and national prominence enjoyed the scenic drive over the Yonahlossee Trail to Blowing Rock, where a pause was made for the inspection of beauty spots, on to Boone, Valle Crucis, and Lower Elk, where afternoon tea was served by President Edgar Tufts of Lees-McRae College, and back to Linville, via Neyland and Montezuma.

The motorcade was headed by Captain Fisher of the State Highway Patrol, and three motorcycle officers. Transportation for a number of the delegates was furnished by Boone business men, and light refreshments were served by the ladies' clubs of the town at the college auditorium. Dr. O. J. Chandler, pastor of the Boone Methodist Church, on behalf of President B. B. Dougherty, extended welcome to the visitors.

In characteristic Chandler style, he painted a brilliant word picture of the Boone-Blowing Rock section, declaring that during his wanderings throughout all sections of the Union he had never found a place where "the moon is bigger, the air fresher, the water sweeter, the climate friendlier and the mountains grander than in the Western section of North Carolina."

Major William A. Welch, of Pennsylvania, replied to Dr. Chandler's address, extending thanks to the people of Boone for their hospitality and complimenting, in glowing terms, the beauties enjoyed by delegates in this section. Hon. Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh, a member of the party, was called on for a talk but declined, promising the people that he would return in July, as has been his custom for several years.

Dr. Chandler's Address

The full text of Dr. Chandler's address follows:

Mr. Chairman, Our Visitors, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I want to say to you the only reason I am imposing upon you is because Dr. Dougherty, our distinguished president of this college, is indisposed, and therefore physically unfit to appear.

I would like to say, however, that I am called upon to perform many very pleasant tasks, but I know of no task that could give me more pleasure than to offer words of welcome to the group of men and women who are our guests at this time. We feel indeed honored by your presence. We are glad you have come. Then we are quite happy to know that you are possessed with that fine judgment and good sense that would cause you to desire to come to this the most alluring spot in this most picturesque section of North America.

It has been my fortune to wander widely over this our great country, and I can say to you that I am not prejudiced in favor of any section to the detriment or disparagement of another. I do not claim to be a citizen of this locality only. My citizenship is in the United States of America. (Applause). And I find much to admire and many things even to be proud of, in every portion of our land, and I am happy that Mother Progress, carrying in her arms conveniences, comforts and opportunities for our people is finding her way into the remotest bounds of this great world.

I am peculiarly interested in the fact that these great highways that are being projected in every direction like vital arteries are making it possible for the people of one section of our country to mingle easily and freely with the people of other sections, for I am assured that as we come to know each other better, we appreciate each other more.

Then, too, these great highways are bringing the people into the enjoyment of the great natural treasures that have been for so long hidden away in isolation.

I am not a flatterer, I have never been to Ireland, though my grandfather came from the old sod, but I, myself, have never kissed the Blarney Stone; however, I am prepared to say that it is due to men and women like yourself, men and women of vision and open minds and benevolent purposes, coupled with good judgment, seeing more and more possibilities of our country, and set yourselves to the task of making these accessible to our people.

But what I started to say, is that in my travels it has been my pleasure to sail upon the bosom of the blue waters of the Great Lakes. I have stood in awe by the mighty Niagara, as her waters plunged over the marvelous falls. I have plucked the ears of corn from the sturdy stocks that grew in the bottom lands of Indiana. I have crossed the prairies, and seen the wheat fields wave in Kansas winds. I have watched the cotton ripen under Southern suns. I have sipped the juice of the sugar cane fresh from the fields, along the bayous of Louisiana. I have gone with the ranchers and watched the long-horn steers as they grazed upon

CONGRESSMAN PRITCHARD EXPECTED TO SPEAK AT COUNTY CONVENTION



GEORGE M. PRITCHARD

Congressman from Tenth North Carolina District, who is expected to deliver keynote address at coming Republican county convention. Mr. Pritchard received the Republican nomination for United States Senator in the June primary, and will oppose the Democratic nominee, Josiah William Bailey, in the November election.

Wilkes Citizens are Jailed for Fish Hatchery Robbery

Three Wilkes County citizens, Zill Greer, Calm Church and Rosa Church are held in the Watauga County jail in default of bond, after having admitted to being parties to the robbery of a pool of large rainbow trout at the fish hatchery, just off the Boone Trail Highway near Lutherwood.

The depredation occurred on Friday night and was discovered Saturday morning when C. E. Smathers, superintendent of the State Hatchery started on his early morning survey of the premises. When he came to the large pool at the lower end of the property where more than 170 rainbow trout of unusual size were kept for breeding purposes, he found considerably more than half of the trout missing, and heads of some of the fish and bloodstains on the sides of the concrete vat gave the only clue to the wholesale hatchery.

Mr. Smathers immediately got in touch with the Sheriff's office and also with County Game Warden H. G. Farthing and a posse was formed, which included Deputies Gross and Haggaman and Messrs. Earl and Herb Cook, who reside near the hatchery, and it was not long before sufficient information was secured to warrant a raid in the Yellow Hill section of Wilkes County, where a number of the stolen trout were found and admission forthcoming from the three who were jailed. The trio was given a hearing Tuesday morning in E. N. Hahn's court, when Zill Greer volunteered a recital of the events leading up to as well as those including the taking of the fish from the State property.

According to Greer, two others, Councill Church and Ernest Greene, were members of the party of midnight prowlers, and the journey had begun to take a neighbor lady to the Wilkes Hospital. However, according to the testimony, when the main highway was reached another motor was employed to take the sick woman, and Councill Church suggested that the party take a ride "up the road." The defendant then related the story of how the trip was made to the fish hatchery, the plans for the raid made, and he, together with Councill Church and Ernest Greene, took about thirty of the big fish from the pool with their hands and departed.

Calm and Rosa Church, he said, refused to become parties to the actual commission of the crime.

Within a couple of miles of the hatchery, however, after the truck had reached the highway, it ran from the road, and it was necessary for the night riders to secure lodging at the nearby home of Allen Miller. This incident gave the officers the first clue to the identity of the prowlers.

Saturday morning the truck was raised back onto the road and the party proceeded to their homes in Wilkes, not before, however, they had given liberally of the illegal catch of fish to neighboring families.

The posses of officers went straightway to the homes of different people in the Yellow Hill section and apprehended without difficulty the three offenders, however Councill Church, who drove the truck and who is alleged to have been the ring leader of the gang, and Ernest Greene have so far eluded the officers.

Following the presentation of the voluntary testimony, Squire Hahn bound the three offenders to court, demanding from Church and Greene a bond in the sum of \$1,000, while

Rosa Church may gain freedom with the posting of a \$100 bond.

According to the testimony, only about thirty fish were missing of ones ranging from 19 to 24 inches long, however Superintendent Smathers finds by actual counts that at least a hundred of his more beauties are gone. These fish, according to testimony introduced by Warden Farthing, should have been worth, for the purposes they were being used, at least a thousand dollars.

Mr. Smathers says the trout would have weighed no less than three hundred pounds, and that all were of the rainbow species, except three, which were unusually large European brown trout, taken last year from the waters of the Elk River in Avery County.

They were kept especially for breeding purposes and also provided a show spot about the hatchery for visitors, it had taken Mr. Smathers about ten years to build up the pool of fish to meet his requirements, and last year they produced as high as 70,000 eggs, which were hatched to replenish the streams of this region.

The commission of this crime, the first on record in these parts, has aroused considerable resentment on the part of sportsmen and others interested in the propagation of fish and game. Mr. Smathers has had good co-operation so far this season, has hatched more than a million fish, which were readily placed with parties calculated to take care of them, and is greatly handicapped by the wanton destruction of his carefully nurtured stock fish.

EIGHTY PERSONS KILLED ON STATE HIGHWAYS IN MAY

Raleigh.—Eighty persons were killed on North Carolina highways during last month, bringing the total for the first five months of the year to 281, it was shown last week in the May automobile accident report, issued by W. C. Spruill, assistant supervisor of the State motor vehicle division.

The May total was approximately 50 per cent greater than the figure for April when 48 persons were killed. The toll of the first five months of the year was 35 greater than the total for the corresponding period last year.

A total of 252 accidents occurred during last month, and 74 of these were fatal to one or more persons.

Thirty-one pedestrians were killed 15 were killed in collisions, and 22 were killed in non-collision accidents.

Six fatal accidents were caused by children playing in the streets.

RETIRED METHODIST PASTOR DIES AT HOME IN LENOIR

Lenoir.—The Rev. J. C. Postelle, for 45 years a Methodist preacher and known throughout North Carolina, died at his home here Monday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock with members of the conference at the bedside.

He retired at the Gastonia Conference four years ago and has lived a quiet life here since that time.

The funeral was held here Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. W. L. Sherrill of Charlotte and Rev. J. M. Bowman of Boone and Lenoir officiating. He was the son of the Rev. James H. Postelle and Cornelia Wilson Postelle.

Surviving are his widow, three sons and four daughters.

Civitan Club Formed at Blowing Rock Wednesdays

Citizens of Blowing Rock on Wednesday night of last week organized a Civitan Club, Arthur Cundy, secretary of the International organization, being present to aid in the initial work. Fifteen members, the necessary number to gain a charter, signed application blanks, and George M. Sudreth was named temporary president and C. S. Prevett temporary secretary.

The charter will be presented on July 16th, when the organization will observe ladies' night, and election of officers for the ensuing year will follow.

The meeting place will be at the Blowing Rock Hotel. A number of Boone Civitans were present at the organization meeting to offer their assistance. A complete roll of the membership of the Blowing Rock club will appear in next week's Democrat.

Former Tefn. Senator Pays Visit to Boone

W. A. S. Furlow, of Bristol, Tenn., president of auctioneer for the Furlow Auction Company, spent a few hours in Boone Tuesday, and visited for a while with the Democratic force. Mr. Furlow will conduct an auction at Mountain City on July 2, having two tracts of valuable real estate and several items of personal property to dispose of on that date.

For two terms, 1924 and 1926, Mr. Furlow represented the Second District of Tennessee in the State Senate. This district comprises the counties of Sullivan and Hawkins, is normally Democratic, but during the 1928 Republican landslide dropped into the G. O. P. column by a rather large majority. The former Senator has been petitioned by a large number of Sullivan County Democrats to make the race again this fall, his ability as an organizer making him a most available candidate.

As chairman of the Road Committee at the session of 1925, Senator Furlow made a most brilliant record,

being the author of the minimum speed law of the sister State, which allows the motorist, it seems, to go just about as fast as good judgment permits, but prescribes rather severe penalties for recklessness. This law has proved quite successful.

VALLE CRUCIS NEWS

Summer visitors are beginning to arrive for short periods of time, chiefly for week-ends. It is gratifying to know that many continue to spend their vacations here. The village and school welcome them here on their return.

Among recent visitors here have been Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Clifton and family, of Newton; Mr. and Mrs. Koomee and Miss Lena Leonard, of Lexington; Miss Florence Jenkins, of Miami, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Adams and family, of Charlotte, and many others.

William Mast has returned for the summer after completing his third year at N. C. State College.

The Good Will Club was delightedly entertained at the home of Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Kent on Thursday night. Rev. Hugh A. Dobbin, accompanied by Mrs. Dobbin and their daughter, Miss Emma Dobbin, was present and talked gaily about the ideal community life.

Mrs. B. G. Leake and young son, James William, are spending the summer at Mr. J. M. Shall's. They recently returned from the Philippines Islands. Mrs. Leake expects her husband in the late fall.

Mrs. Daisy Mast Greer is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Tom W. Taylor.

Mrs. Leonell Harmen, of Richmond, Ind., has returned to visit her mother, Mrs. Leona Mast, at the home of D. F. Mast.

CONFERENCE ON ELEMENTARY EDUCATION BE HELD IN JULY

Raleigh.—Many educators from all sections of the State have already expressed their intention of attending the Sixth Annual North Carolina Conference on Elementary Education, which will meet in Chapel Hill on July 17 and 18, according to Dr. M. C. S. Noble Jr., who is serving as secretary of the conference.

The Conference on Elementary Education is devoted to a scientific and practical study of educational conditions in the public elementary schools of North Carolina. Every person who is interested, even remotely, in the public elementary schools of this State is invited to be present during all of the sessions of the conference.

The demonstration of this unusual surgical operation was made at Mt. Sinai Hospital here at a fracture clinic. If the patient had been treated by the usual methods of employing a general anaesthetic he would not have been able to walk within three months, it was said.

Dr. Boheler injected novocaine between the fractured ends, set the bones, took an X-ray view, placed the foot in a plaster cast and the patient walked away.

EDENTON CAPTAIN SHOWS DIOGENES SOME HONESTY

Edenton, N. C.—So far as money is concerned, there