

A DIRECTORY.

CHURCH SERVICES.
 Baptist—Sunday morning at 11 a. m. and at night at 7:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting every Thursday night at 7 o'clock. Rev. L. W. Swartz, Pastor.
 Methodist—Sunday morning at 11 a. m., and at night at 7:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night at 7 o'clock.
 Rev. R. W. Bailly, Pastor.
 Episcopal—Sunday morning at 11 a. m., and evening at 7:30 p. m., every first, third and fourth Sundays.
 Rev. JOHN LONDON, Rector.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS.
 Baptist—Services at 9:30 every Sunday morning. Geo. H. Cooper, Supt.
 Methodist—Services at 9:30 every Sunday. F. B. McKinnon, Supt.
 Episcopal—Services at 10 o'clock every Sunday morning. W. H. Rufin, Supt.
LODGES.
 Masons—Every first and third Tuesday nights in each month. Dr. H. A. Newell, W. M.
 Woodmen of the World—Every second and fourth Tuesday nights in each month at 7:30 o'clock. J. W. Hollingsworth, Consul Commander.
 Modern Woodmen—First Monday night in each month at 8 o'clock. J. W. Hollingsworth, Consul.
 Knights of Pythias—Every 2nd and 4th Monday nights. B. T. Holden, Chan. Commander.

Rough Road Items.

As I haven't seen any news from the Rough Roads, will send in a few items and let you all know we are still in the land of the living.
 The farmers around here are beginning to get to work this pretty weather.
 Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, of near Dickens, spent last Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Enoch Tharrington, of Alvert.
 Sorry to say that Mrs. H. T. High and Mrs. Enoch Tharrington are both on the sick list.
 Rev. Holmes filled his regular appointment at Mountain Grove last fourth Sunday.
 Messrs O. O. Hight, of near Dickens, and T. H. Hight, of Henderson, visited their sister last fourth Sunday.
 Rev. G. M. Duke filled his regular appointment at Mt. Zion last first Saturday and Sunday.
 Best wishes to the good old FRANKLIN TIMES.

BROWN EYES.

Laurel Items.

Last Sunday was the regular appointment for services at Mt. Zion church and Rev. Mr. Duke, as usual, preached an able sermon. On the next first Sunday he will, by special request, preach from the text, "Come unto me all ye that are laboring and heavy laden and I will give you rest."
 The lucky and cunning fox has been run by every hunter in twenty five miles of here, but is still living and in good shape.
 Mrs. J. B. Jones, who has been ill for weeks, is improving.
 We are sorry to note the death of Mr. Bert Carr. He was one of Laurel's oldest and best citizens.
 It is with regret we learn that our school will close next week. Miss Maeon has done good work and won many friends.
 Mr. R. N. Gupson, of Gupson, and Miss Smith were married last Sunday at Red Bud church. We hope them a long and happy life.
 Mr. C. W. Gupson caught a fine carp last week. I want tell the rest, ask him.

BROOMFIELD.

An Aeroplane Elopement

A Story of 1933

By JASON JUDSON

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It was the old story with a variation only in *when* in these days when our western classes have money. Mrs. Anita Heriton loved a poor man, and her father desired that she should wed a rich one. Young Van Damm Follansbee had but a beggarly ten million, while the old widower Plunkitt Purkenpaker possessed a cool billion. Follansbee should have seen the propriety of asking for a girl he could not support in the style to which she had been accustomed, but he came as an old Dutch family on his mother's side, and the Dutchmen who settled New York were proverbially obstinate and stupid.
 One would suppose that the Beritons, who owned a railroad starting from New York, running to New Orleans and thence around the Pacific coast and back through Canada, might afford to let their daughter marry a poor man. But a panic at the time of the courtship had reduced their dividends to 20 per cent, and they felt unusually poor. Mrs. Heriton, who had married her husband when he was a brakeman on one of the railroads which he afterward united in the circular coast line system and became that system's owner, sympathized with her daughter. But Heriton swore a round oath that he would have no beggars in his family.
 On the morning of June 10, 1933, Miss Anita Beriton was sitting with her mother and a younger sister in the spacious roof garden of her father's residence occupying the four blocks between Five Hundred and Tenth and Five Hundred and Fourteenth streets and avenues D and H, New York, when Mrs. Beriton proposed a ride. One of the family aeroplanes was called and in a few minutes it was on the roof garden. Mr. Beriton, fearing that his daughter Anita might in some of these rides elope with Follansbee, had given orders that August Spindleton, a driver of his own choosing, should at all times conduct the machine, and on this occasion Spindleton was in his accustomed seat.
 Mrs. Beriton and her two daughters entered the machine, which rose, quickly circling upward for a thousand feet, when Spindleton was directed to proceed southward along the coast for a brief trip to Annapolis. They were moving at a moderate pace of some sixty miles an hour, when Spindleton cast a glance to the right and, seeing a machine coming toward the party, clapped on double speed.
 Mr. Beriton's fears had proved to be well grounded. Mr. Van Damm Follansbee was out in a machine of a new pattern and was bearing down upon them. It was evident that Follansbee was intending to get into communication with Mrs. Anita Beriton.
 Spindleton was true to his employer. He drove his machine at its best speed, passing over cities, towns and rivers, but his aeroplane was gradually gained upon by Follansbee. Hovering over Philadelphia, Spindleton endeavored to descend, but Follansbee glanced down like a bird and reached a plane beneath him. Spindleton then rose and made a bee line for Baltimore. But Follansbee, evidently with the determination to drive him out to sea, got to the west of him and forced him over Chesapeake bay. In a few minutes more the pursuer had the party over Fortress Monroe, flying due east.
 The race was won. Spindleton was not prepared to cross the ocean, and there was no way for him to get back except by encountering Follansbee. Spindleton slowed down, and Follansbee glided up beside the Beriton aeroplane. A conference took place, after which Mrs. Beriton and her two daughters stepped from their own aeroplane into that of Mr. Follansbee.
 Meanwhile Mr. Beriton had left the roof of his office building downtown in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, intending to go home. Soon after rising he saw in the direction of his mansion an aeroplane starting, and, seizing a glass he always carried in the smoking room of his capacious bird-car, brought it to bear on the one just setting out. Discovering that its occupants were his wife and daughters with his own aviator in control, he was about to lay aside his glass when he saw another aeroplane hovering near his home. Bringing his glass to bear on this machine, he saw Follansbee alone in it and just starting for the one occupied by the Beritons.
 Mr. Beriton noticed that Follansbee's aeroplane was of a kind he had not seen before. It was of the bird type, and on its prow was a sharp ram. The merchant was at once filled with apprehension. It was plain that Follansbee was bent on some course connected with the Beriton family, but it was impossible to imagine what that course would be. It was not to be expected that he would run down the Beriton car and thereby precipitate the girl he loved to a distance of some 500 feet. Nevertheless, he was soon in full chase. Mr. Beriton directed his aviator to follow the two aeroplanes.
 Unfortunately for Mr. Beriton's success in tracking the others, his car was equipped with several apartments, fitted up luxuriously and carrying a large supply of food and drinkables. Though furnished with the latest pattern of engines, it was not to be as

performed that this machine could compete for speed with the lighter machines. However, he followed close on their heels, getting near them at Trenton, losing them over Wilmington, again coming in sight of them at Baltimore. While passing over Virginia his aviator slowed up to tighten a loose nut, and after this the fugitives were lost to him entirely.
 After Spindleton's surrender he was permitted to go where he liked. Making a bee line for Richmond, he met his employer over the peninsula. The two drew up side by side, and while hovering the aviator gave Mr. Beriton an account of what had happened.
 "What are the best points of your machine?" asked the latter.
 "Quick rising and an ability to fly in thin air."
 "Good! To fight this pauper we must get above him. To bring him to terms we must have bombs to drop on him."
 "But the bombs will annihilate your own wife and daughter as well as Mr. Follansbee."
 "He cannot sacrifice them to his own covetousness. Our success depends on our obtaining a commanding position."
 Stepping into the Spindleton machine, he permitted the one he left to go where it liked—to the moon if it chose—and he and Spindleton started for the nearest city, Richmond. There they procured bombs and, rising, skirted in the direction Spindleton had left Follansbee and the Beritons.
 There was a hubbub in Follansbee's aeroplane as soon as Spindleton left. Mrs. Beriton, sympathizing with Miss Anita, would have been glad to give her consent that the party should swoop down for a clergyman that the lovers might be married, but she feared her husband's displeasure. The younger Miss Beriton was indifferent. The lovers finally prevailed over the elder lady's caution, and it was decided that the marriage should take place.
 Being a couple of hundred miles out at sea, not a likely place to find a clergyman, Follansbee turned his machine toward the land. But time had been spent in coming to a decision, and he was too late. When fifty miles off Norfolk the machine bearing Mr. Beriton, driven by Spindleton, appeared over Virginia beach, like a seagull, standing, northward.
 Follansbee considered.
 A great deal of power had been used in his machine since starting, and he knew it had not the capacity for a long quick run with the coming aeroplane. It was to supply this very defect—in other words, to be ready to turn and fight—that he had provided his bird with a ram. If the worst came he would smash the pursuing flier and drop its owner into the waves below. But he hoped this would not be necessary. However, in order that the contest should take place over water he made a pretense of flight.
 When Mr. Beriton reached a point some two miles distant from Follansbee the latter saw his machine suddenly rise in a spiral. He divined the upshot of the maneuver in a moment. Bombs had been so long used that it was evident the enemy had procured them and, getting on a higher plane, would command the situation. The Beriton car climbed a thousand feet; then Spindleton, who was a splendid aviator, made for a point directly over Follansbee.
 The lover knew his enemy's determined nature and that he would place him in a position to be bombed or to yield. Of course he would have to yield. He therefore put on all speed, but, of course, moved slowly, leaving ground because it was essential that he move on a rising incline.
 Notwithstanding the power of Follansbee's aeroplane to rise in this gradual fashion, Mr. Beriton maintained a position above him. Mrs. Beriton begged Follansbee to give up the fight, but the young man was contending for a half million dollar bride and was not to be discouraged. When Mr. Beriton was a mile away and 500 feet above him Follansbee lighted a fuse, threw the end over the car and waited. The other end of the fuse was attached to a rocket-like firework, fixed to the bottom of the car, which in a few moments was ignited, and, blowing off a great quantity of burning powder, the aeroplane shot rapidly upward.
 When this sudden ascent reached Follansbee was on a level with his enemy and but fifty yards away.
 "I'm about to ram you, sir!" cried Follansbee.
 "Don't!" pleaded Mrs. Beriton.
 There was a pause. Mr. Beriton saw that the game was lost.
 "What's our terms?" he asked.
 "Consent to my marriage with your daughter."
 "Very well," replied the merchant. "I will consent, but positively refuse to give her a dowry of more than a hundred millions."
 The terms were accepted, and both aeroplanes started for the Beriton residence, where the past was forgotten and Beriton expressed his admiration of his future son-in-law's ability to beat him in the game of aerial ships. The wedding took place with great brilliancy, another \$100,000,000 being added to the settlement in order to enable the young couple to maintain their position in the highest circles.
 It was determined to celebrate the nuptials by an aeroplane cruise consisting of the vast concourse of machines owned by the first circles of New York society. On a bright afternoon a thousand aeroplanes rose from various points in the city, hovered for awhile, then, led by the motor of the bride couple, started westward across the continent. After a trip of a week, during which all the principal points of interest in the United States, Canada and Mexico were visited, the wedding party returned to New York.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

At the meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Monday, the following order was passed:
 "That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to drive faster than a walk on the bridge across Tar. River at Louisville. This order also applies to both entering and leaving the bridge. All persons violating this order shall be fined \$2.50 for each and every offence. By order of the Board,
 T. S. COLLIER, Chairman.
 W. M. BOOYE, Clerk."

GASOLINE ENGINE FOR SALE.
 By virtue of the power conferred upon me in a certain deed of assignment executed by me by N. A. Pruitt and recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for Franklin County in Book 177, page 579, I will, on Saturday the 26th day of March, 1910, at 12 o'clock, noon sell at public auction in the town of Franklinton, N. C., to the highest bidder for cash one or three horse power Chas. A. Sicking Gasoline Engine. This engine is practically as good as new, having been used very little. I will be glad to show it to any one interested. This March 11th, 1910.
 A. J. JOYNER, Trustee.
 W. H. Yarborough, Jr., Atty.

LAND SALE.
 By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Nash county, made in the special proceeding entitled, "Jonah Collins and others, Ex. Part", the undersigned will on the 4th day of April, 1910 offer for sale at the court house door in Franklin county the following described tract of land: That tract of land in Cedar Rock township, known as the R. E. Collins land bounded as follows: Bounded on the North by lands of Dock E. Leonard and others and adjoining the lands of Henry Griffin, Jas. Shearin and others containing 77 acres more or less. See Book 83 page 370, Franklin Register for full description. Terms of sale one third cash and the balance on a credit of ninety days. This March 4th, 1910.
 R. A. F. COOLEY, Com.

North Carolina) In the Superior Court
 Franklin County)
 Rosa Littlejohn
 vs.
 Jos Littlejohn) NOTICE

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Franklin county for divorce from the bonds of matrimony and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of the superior court of said county to be held on the 6th Monday after the first Monday in March, 1910, at the court house in said county in Lenoir county, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint which has been filed in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This March 9th, 1910.
 J. J. BARROW, C. S. C.
 B. B. Massenbuck, Atty. for Plaintiff.

J. P. WINSTON
 Lenoir, N. C.

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