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Full Story Told Of Captain Wicker's Part In Saving Crash Victims' Lives

Additional information about Capt. James R. Wicker of Pinehurst, whose quick-thinking saved the lives of eight passengers when the army flying fortress he was piloting crashed on an Egyptian desert, was given in the following dispatch from the New York Times which appeared in The Pinehurst Outlook last week.

His wife, the daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. Byron U. Richardson of Pinehurst, is living with her parents pending permission from the army to join her husband overseas. She has talked over long distance with Captain Wicker since the plane accident.

Cairo, Egypt—Eight persons, who bailed out of a stricken Fortress 10 minutes before it crashed and exploded in the Sinai desert near the Palestine border, arrived here today unscratched and even unshaken by their experiences.

One of those who parachuted from 4,000 feet was the young frail-looking wife of a US Naval lieutenant, E. B. Weathersby. She wore strapless high-heeled shoes, which remained intact despite the impact of the landing, the trek through the desert and a camel ride. Members of her crew said Mrs. Weathersby had jumped like a veteran.

Capt. James R. Wicker of Pinehurst, the pilot, gave the order to bail out when he had but one engine left. One started throwing fire right back to the tail, another was out completely, and the third blew out a super charger, which sprayed the fuselage like shrapnel.

When the order came, one of the passengers, Glenn Woodward, organized the passengers and jumped first to show how it was done. It was his first jump.

Mrs. Weathersby, who originally came from Rustin, La., and has been married 18 months, jumped third. All except Captain Wicker and First Lieut. M. J. Rude, the co-pilot, who fell in a lagoon on the Mediterranean coast, landed within shouting distance of one another. The other crewmen and the passengers spent the night around a campfire. In the morning they made contact with the Bedouins who gave them water, drink and rented them two camels for the price of one parachute.

Meanwhile, another passenger had trekked five hours through the desert seeking help. He found a Bedouin family who took him to the border police. But when the rescue party was about ready, the others started to appear.

Captain Wicker and Lieutenant Rude, who had walked five hours, came in looking like

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Louise Sheldon and her 12-piece all girl orchestra are now playing at Scottie's. Louise Sheldon's Orchestra has been featured at leading hotels, nightclubs and theatres throughout the country. The organization has been heard at such spots as the Deshler-Wallick in Columbus, the Monticello Hotel in Norfolk and all major networks.

The orchestra features Connie (piano), Dottie (violin) and the Glee Club. If you like your music sweet, swing or rumba they've got it.

ghosts. Their uniforms were caked with white salt from the lagoon.

Captain Wicker, who had bailed out over the Netherlands during the war, said he had no idea what happened to his engines. He added that he was thoroughly puzzled because his instruments showed that they were all right, even when the plane was rapidly losing altitude and obviously in trouble. But he had not lost faith in his Fortresses, even though his first jump was from one of them too.

1947 License Tags On Sale In Sanford

Motorists in this section are asked not to wait until the last minute to secure their 1947 state license plates which went on sale Monday, December 2.

Nearest point where the yellow and black plates may be bought is Sanford at the Carolina Motor club office in the Chamber of Commerce office there. Registrants must exhibit their 1947 registration card, their title or their 1946 registration card to officials at the Sanford bureau, or they may send a telegram of identification containing old license number, motor number and name to the state office in Raleigh.

As has been the custom for the past three years, only one license plate will appear on North Carolina automobiles during 1947. This year the tags are yellow with black numerals.

No classification of trucks or trailers will be shown on the license plate, only on the registration card. Mrs. Agnes Russell is on duty at the Sanford office, assisted during rush periods by Mrs. W. M. Quick.

AT LAKEVIEW HOTEL

A special turkey dinner was served Thanksgiving Day in the attractive dining room of Lakeview Hotel at Lakeview overlooking beautiful Crystal Lake. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leo C. Fuller of Pinehurst, Mr. and Mrs. Haynes Britt of Southern Pines, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Gibbon of Lakeview, Edgar Brown of Robbins, Miss Beth Riddle of Biscoe, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Craig of Vass, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Porter of Hamlet, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lemon of Monroe, Lt. Col. John Voorhees and son Skippy of Derby, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Greensboro and Mr. and Mrs. Gubbel of Baltimore, Md. Lt. Colonel Voorhees and son planned to stay on until December 1 when they expected to be joined by the following friends from Derby, coming for a week's hunting, golfing and fishing: Dr. Harlan Perrins, Dr. Thomas H. Russell, Sr., Lt. T. H. Russell, Jr., of the U. S. Navy, and Dr. S. B. Reutsch.

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Library Reflects Yuletide Theme

With Christmas close enough to count the snopping days without much trouble, suggestions for programs on the Yuletide theme are growing in demand.

Four books on Christmas are now on reserve at the Southern Pines library to be used by readers for just such a purpose, as well as for ideas for novel parties, plays or stories.

Although these books are for reference use only and therefore may not be taken out of the library, there are others on the shelves that may be checked out. Some old favorites such as Van Dyck's "The Blue Flower" or "The Story of the Other Wisemen," which are recommended to "get in the Christmas mood", are in the group on display for readers to look through and take out if they like.

The four books on reserve are: "Let's Celebrate Christmas," by Horace J. Gardner (1940). It is illustrated by Edna Potter and is a copyrighted collection devoted to Christmas in various lands. With an index for reference use, it includes parties, plays, legends, carols, poetry and stories.

"Plays for Christmas" by A. P. Sanford (1935). These plays are fine for production. They require a small royalty and permission from the author to be produced. "The Christmas Companion" edited by John Hadfield (London, 1941). A wealth of material is contained within the pages of this book.

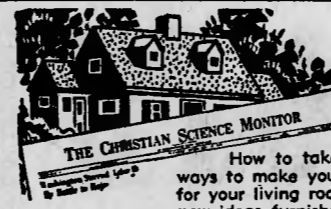
"Christmas in Storyland," edited by Maud van Buren, is an anthology for Christmas reading.

The library is open from 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., and from two to five p. m. every day, Monday through Saturday, with the exception of Wednesday afternoon when its doors are closed.

Nichols Shows Power In Exhibition Match

Jimmy Nichols, one-armed golfer, and Harold Calloway, Pinehurst Country club pro, defeated the amateur team of James P. Hunter of North Adams, Mass., Tin Whistles champion, and C. Brooks Wallace, former Moore County champion, two-to-one in an exhibition match at the Pinehurst country club Sunday.

Although no extraordinary score was made, Nichols, shooting with his left arm, showed astonishing accuracy and control and tremendous hitting power, driving as far as 250 yards on some strokes.



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