

Modern Seaplane Tender Launched In Camden, N. J.

New Ship, "Albemarle", Recalls Old Civil War Boat Of Same Name

Launching of the modern U. S. S. "Albemarle," seaplane tender No. 5 for the United States Navy by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation in Camden, N. J., on Saturday, July 13, stirred memories of the older residents here of the first ship by that name, which did gallant duty in the defense of Plymouth under the command of Confederate naval officers in the War Between the States.

The first vessel to bear this name was the Confederate States' ram "Albemarle," which was the first vessel in naval history to be clad in a jacket of iron for protection against the fire of enemy guns. It was the forerunner of the steel hulls and heavy armor-plate now used to protect the vessels.

While the present "Albemarle" had the advantages of modern engineering and plenty of materials to make it one of the best and most modern ships afloat, the first "Albemarle" was built on Roanoke River at Edwards Ferry, near Scotland Neck, N. C., early in 1864, when Federal armed forces endeavored to cut off the few supplies that found their way to the waterside for construction of the iron-clad ram.

It was 156 feet in length with a 35-foot beam and had a draft of 8 feet. It was classed as a screw steamer, ironclad, made of yellow pine fastened with iron and treenails and equipped with two non-condensing engines, geared to the propellers by four gear wheels. The diameter of the cylinders was 18 inches with a 19-inch stroke. There were two boilers, one furnace in each, two elliptical flues and return vertical tubes. The battery consisted of two guns and two 8-inch rifles.

When the Federals first captured Plymouth, General Robert E. Lee's Confederate forces in Virginia were pushing toward Richmond. Naturally, large quantities of food were needed for the army and for the horses, and it was necessary to have possession of Plymouth as a strategic point for moving supplies up the Roanoke River.

When it was decided to try to recapture Plymouth, two North Carolina officers were put in charge of the campaign, General Hoke on land and Commander Cooke on water. The Federal forces were under command of Brigadier General Wessels on the land with the aid of four gunboats, the "Miami," "Southfield," "Whitehead," and "Ceres." There were 3,500 troops in the Federal command.

Huge fortifications in the shape of a parallelogram manned by guns surrounded by moats and palisades with breastworks pointing toward the Confederate forces—who were approaching from Tarboro—had been built by the Federals when they took over the town at the outbreak of hostilities, because Plymouth at that time was a strategic port.

While land forces of the Confederates were keeping the Federals busy defending the town, the ram "Albemarle" proceeded down Roanoke River without much resistance, passing the big protecting guns of the Federals near here.

Engaging the U. S. S. "Miami," the "Albemarle" put it to flight when its commander, C. W. Flusher, was killed. The "Southfield," commanded by Charles A. French, was next sunk in Roanoke River by the ram; the U. S. S. "Whitehead" was put to flight, as was also the "Ceres" ("Saugus"). After these engagements the town was recaptured by the Confederates. Several other engagements took place later in Albemarle Sound for which the new ship is named.

However after the numerous en-

A NEW "ALBEMARLE" TAKES TO THE WATER



This section is particularly interested in the above photograph, which shows the United States Navy seaplane tender, "Albemarle," as she left the ways of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation at Camden, N. J., at 9:15 on the morning of Saturday, July 13, with Mrs. Lewis Compton, wife of the Acting Secretary of the Navy, as sponsor. The "Albemarle," a sister ship of the U. S. S. "Curtis," which was launched April 20, is the first United States ship named for Albemarle Sound, North Carolina, although the distinction of being the first naval vessel so named was the Confederate States ironclad ram "Albemarle," which played a prominent part in the earlier history of Plymouth and was finally sunk by Union forces in the Roanoke River. The new "Albemarle" was authorized by act of Congress July 30, 1937, the contract for building signed on October 14, 1938, and the keel laid on June 12, 1939. No specifications of the ship were made available by the Navy Department or the contracting corporation. (Photo courtesy of New York Shipbuilding Corporation.)

agements, the "Albemarle," which had withstood the guns of the Federal vessels, was sunk in Roanoke river within sight of the business area of Plymouth by a gallant Union naval officer, Lieutenant W. B. Cushing, who was dispatched there by authorities on this special mission. Under cover of darkness, he paddled out in a small boat to the raft of logs surrounding the Confederate ship, pushed a torpedo over the side. The resulting explosion sank the first iron-clad ship.

Two commanders served on the "Albemarle," Captains J. W. Cooke and J. N. Moffitt. The complement included a crew of 26 officers and 150 enlisted men.

Descendants of the daring service men of three-quarters of a century ago will join hands and fight side by side to prevent penetration by enemies from within and without.

Military secrets possibly have prevented common knowledge of the dimensions of the new ship but there was a fitting ceremony at the time the new vessel was launched recently when Mrs. Lewis Compton, wife of the acting Secretary of the Navy, sponsored the launching of the new "Albemarle."

Increases in wage rate paid per month and per day to hired farm labor, both with and without board, were reported in all sections of the country except the East South Central States.

More than 782,000,000 baby chicks are produced annually by the commercial hatcheries operating in the United States, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Strong Support Is Pledged Bonner By District Committee

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K. Blount is being talked as a possible successor. W. I. Bissette, of Grifton, Pitt County's member of the First Congressional Executive committee urged Pitt County citizens to "get together on one man," his action indicating that Pitt was laying a claim to the seat and that Bonner would be opposed in the district's metropolitan area. Bissette also intimated in a statement appearing in the Greenville Reflector Wednesday that if Pitt County offered more than do something if the people of Pitt would unite on one man, and added that if Pitt County offered more than one man it would reduce its chances for naming Mr. Warren's successor. Bissette dismissed the unofficial pool of Mr. Bonner's strength when he said that it did not mean a thing.

Martin County temporarily, at least, withdrew from the contest yesterday after Albert S. Peel, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, stated he would not be interested in the Congressional post.

No opposition to Mr. Bonner's candidacy was expressed locally, but quite a few citizens, removed from the political field stated that they believed a primary should be held, others stated that the members of the Congressional committee had been named by the people and that they were willing to abide by the action of that group.

The demand for a primary is growing, and while some point out that Beaufort has sent representatives to Congress for the past 42 years and that they thought it was time to shift to some other county they deemed it best to let the people choose. "We have no fight against Mr. Bonner, but we do think he should be willing to go into a primary," Mr. Jasper Smith, of Pitt County, was quoted as saying yesterday. "If Mr. Bonner is nominated in that order, well and good, but it hardly seems fair in a Democracy for the hand picking of Mr. Warren's successor," Mr. Smith added.

Judge H. O. Peele Hears Eight Cases In County Court

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within the next two years.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Willie Hopkins pleaded not guilty of selling liquor but did admit he held in his possession illegal liquor. Adjudged guilty by the court, Hopkins was sentenced to the roads for a term of three months, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years. The defendant was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs of the case, the court allowing him until the first Monday in October to make settlement.

The case charging Ralph Dugger with larceny and receiving was continued until next Monday for the defense attorney.

Wheeler Rice, Williamston Negro who almost starved his wife to death, was sentenced to the roads for a term of thirty days in the case charging him with being drunk and disorderly. Rice, pleading his own case, was to have gained his freedom on August 1, but Judge Peel reconsidered and upheld the sentence imposed by Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell in his court last Friday evening. Rice is slated to be tried at the completion of his present sentence for alleged cruelty to his wife.

Charged with larceny and receiving, W. R. Powell pleaded not guilty. At the conclusion of the state's evidence, a motion as of non-suit was accepted by the court.

The case charging Annie Clyde Davis with violating the liquor laws was continued under prayer for judgment until next Monday. The defendant pleaded guilty in the case.

Don't Wear Sunglasses While Driving At Night

It's dangerous to yourself and others to wear sunglasses to protect the eyes from headlight glare in night driving of an automobile, warns the Better Vision Institute. Good sunglasses, properly ground in accordance with optical standards, are useful in cutting down the sun at the beach and outdoors. In the daylight there is an excess of light from the sun and the eyes can well dispense with light excluded by sunglasses. In driving an automobile at night, however, the institute continues, such reduction in the light reaching the eyes is a serious matter, for it reduces greatly the visibility of objects and road hazards. Even ordinary white glass when placed before the eyes reduces the brightness of objects eight or more per cent—a reduction sufficient to impair seriously the keenness of vision of many persons.

Russian Says War May Soon Spread To United States

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swiftly, this country lags in its efforts to meet emergencies that are now certain. Hamilton Fish and others of his ilk are continuing their work apparently to the great satisfaction of Hitler and his barbarian followers in Europe. The conscription bill has been delayed, and a small minority in Congress continues to delay defense preparations. President Roosevelt has endorsed the conscription plan which now will include those men between the ages of 21 and 31.

While Russia was declared by Foreign Minister Molotov to be warning up to the Axis powers, reports stated that Stalin was moving 200 divisions along the Polish borders. The whole situation appears to be in a muddle, with the German sympathizers forming the center of that muddle right here in the United States Halls of Congress.

Weldon Manning Passes In Bethel

Bethel—Weldon Manning, 42, died at his home at 6 a. m. Tuesday following a long illness.

Graveside services were held at 3 p. m., Wednesday in the family cemetery, near Robersonville, conducted by the Rev. M. Y. Self.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Martha Stalls Manning; five sons, Edward, George A., Sam, William E. and Weldon Manning, Jr., all of Bethel; two brothers, Clarence Manning, of Robersonville, and Cecil Manning, of Williamston; and three sisters, Mrs. Lum Bland, Mrs. Tom Stalls, and Mrs. Solon Jackson, all of Robersonville.

Scattered Rains Fall In Section; Mercury Drops

Scattered showers, falling in small areas over the county yesterday, brought relief from the heat wave that had held this section in its grip for almost two weeks. The showers were of little consequence in breaking the long dry spell, but lower temperatures followed.

At noon today, the mercury stood at 80 as compared with a reading of 100 a few days ago.

The harvest of commercial and market garden vegetable crops continues to move northward, and heavier supplies of fresh vegetables are coming into the large consuming centers from nearby areas.

Doug Has Her Future Planned



Screen actor Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and wife, the former Mrs. Mary Lee Epling Hartford, look the proud mama and papa as their brand new daughter, Daphne, is photographed in Hollywood for the first time. Said Doug: "She will carry on the family tradition."

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IN MEMORIAM

Just one year ago today; Our dear baby passed away. And we feel so sad and lonely. Since he's gone away to stay.

Our baby's gone on up to glory; To that home beyond the sky; And we feel so sad and lonely Since the day our baby died.

Some day we'll meet our precious baby;

In that home beyond the sky. And with Jesus dwell forever. Where we'll never, never die.

He was always good and gentle; And to his mother, he was kind, God only knows how much we miss him. Since he's gone to that fair clime.

Upon the wall we see his picture And it almost breaks our heart; Oh, just to think that he has left us. It was so hard for us to part.

But we have one sweet consolation; That if to Jesus we are true, That we'll meet him up in heaven. Where deaths and partings are all through.

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