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"We are crowded to the limit again this week," says Editor Story of the Albemarle Observer, "but this will not be the case long."

The Advance has a particular aversion to Xmas for Christmas. We try to correct every appearance of the unsightly and irreverent abbreviation in our copy, both news and advertising, but we can't do a thing with the cut service which comes in mat form and has to be run "as is."

Credit for the excellence of the farm page, which has become a regular feature of Saturday's issue of The Advance, belongs to John Kilgore, whose idea it was in the first place and whose typewriter turns out the copy that makes this page, it seems to us, exceedingly readable, interesting, informing and altogether worth while.

A Notable Anniversary. The conquest of the air was dreamed of by man before ever he had made any considerable progress in the conquest of the sea. But it was not until our own time and generation that the world saw its first really successful flying machine, or air ship.

It chances that Monday of this week ushers in the twentieth anniversary of the birth of the first successful flight of a heavier than air flying machine—the machine which has now come to be called the airplane. On this day the following from Sunday's Charlotte Observer seems particularly timely and fitting:

The Observer a few days ago made reference to the proposition of the American airplane people to stage a celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the birth of the heavier-than-air flying machine and the glorification of the name of the Wright brothers in connection therewith. The event seems to be having a singular lack of publicity. December 17 is the anniversary day. It was then that Wilbur and Orville Wright flew their machine down the slope of a great sand dune, across the valley between and up the slope of the twin dunes, where it was wrecked in the landing. It was not until several days afterward that information got out of what had been accomplished. The Wrights had kept their preliminary arrangements secret even from the natives and the people were all unaware that a milestone had been set marking development of one of the world's most potent industries. The Wrights were fearful of failure and at the same time confident of success. They did not want to become the object of public jest, as had been the fate of Langley and other projectors of the flying machine; they wanted to conduct their experiment in secrecy and they cast about for a location favorable alike for the test and for assured seclusion. Perhaps Orville Wright—Wilbur is dead—may yet tell the circumstances that led the brothers to the isolated locality of Kitty Hawk, near the little less isolated point of Kitty Hawk, on the North Carolina coast, off historic Roanoke Island, but certain it is, they found the ideal spot. Only the sea gulls, flying overhead, know what is going on in the sandy wastes of the hill with the odd-sounding name, or origin no one seems to know. There are a few weather-beaten houses backed up against the sandy slopes at the neighboring settlement of Kitty Hawk. These are inhabited at periods during the summer months by people who love the lonesome life, but in winter, hills and coast line are barren of human life.

Entering into Albemarle Sound on a boat that has sailed down the Pasquotank river from Elizabeth City,

Irene's Latest



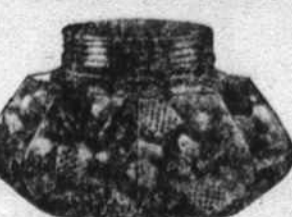
Major Frederick McLaughlin, wealthy Chicago society man, coffee merchant and sportsman, has become vivacious Irene Castle's third husband. The wedding was solemnized in Chicago. The major, as his title implies, has been a soldier, too, just like Vernon Castle and Robert Treman, the dancer's former spouses.

The visitor sees to the left a line of yellow hills that cut off the view of the rolling billows and the racing white caps of the Atlantic beyond. The hills project into the horizon like a low mountain range, barren of vegetation and of any sign of life, softened in the misty atmosphere that hangs over the waters of ocean and sound, the shining yellow slopes of the dunes making an enchanting combination with the blue of the sky. At one point the contour of the sandy range is broken by a deep valley between two steep cones. That is Kill Devil Hill, reached only after a sail over a considerable waste of water. It was the spot selected by Wilbur and Orville Wright for trying out their flying machine. The natives can tell but little about the proceedings on the lonely spot. The Wrights had been there several days before local curiosity was excited. Two men had been seen "doing about" on the island strip, but on each occasion when the curious natives made landing to investigate, they found themselves foiled. They could find neither the men nor the machine they were working with.

But on the day of the flight, December 17, 1903, they saw something which they said looked like a section of a shanty roof, move through the air from one hill to the other. Row boats and sail boats were pressed into service from Manteo and many of the natives, landing at the hill and hurrying to the spot where they saw two men standing around the wreckage of the thing they had supposed to be the roof of a house, learned for the first time that the strangers had been operating a flying machine. It was a flying machine, the Wrights told them, and that was all they did tell. They had succeeded, and their concern was to pack up the salvage and get back home to add the finishing touches the experience had proved were needed.

It was not until after the Wrights had departed that the real significance of what had taken place dawned upon the people. The hill was railed in search of portions of the machine to be saved as relics. Some of the neighboring families to this day are preserving parts of the first airplane as valuable historical souvenirs. The point The Observer wants to bring out, however, is this: the birthplace of the flying machine is unmarked; there is neither stone nor tablet to indicate the locality of an event that gave the flying machine to the world. Growing up out of the yellow sand and towering, a veritable lonesome sentinel, is a stout pine tree, its body warped by the winds it has resisted. Its very isolation makes it a conspicuous object. We doubt if the birthday of the airplane is going to have celebration of consequence in North Carolina, or in the nation, for that matter, but the suggestion is that some of the patriotic societies might design a marker of appropriate inscription and fasten it to this tree, until a monument of more fitting commemoration and of a more enduring character, shall be erected on historic Kill Devil Hill.

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Club Women Interested In Five Bills In Congress

Child Labor, Uniform Marriage and Divorce, Education, Federal Prison for Women, and Modified Immigration Bill Chief Measures Commanding Attention

By MRS. J. HENRY HIGGS-SMITH, Publicity Chairman, State Federation Woman's Clubs. Club women of North Carolina are interested in five bills that are now before Congress. These are: The child labor law, the uniform marriage and divorce amendment, the creation of a United States Department of Education with a secretary in the President's cabinet (heretofore known as the Townner-Sterling bill), This department is deemed necessary by the organized women of the country as preliminary to a successful campaign toward the elimination of illiteracy in America; a bill for a Federal prison for women in Virginia and the modified immigration bill.

Drama Week January 20-25. Drama Week is to be observed in North Carolina January 20-25, writes Miss Marian H. Blair of Winston-Salem, chairman of the literature department of the Federation. Clubs are urged to present historical pageants or plays during this week in connection with their study of State history. The observance of Drama Week, says Miss Blair, is in co-operation with the Drama League of America and with the plan of the general federation. She says further: "The Drama League has prepared 13 programs of all sorts, elaborate and simple, to meet the needs of any club and every community. The following is a list of some of the material which is available: 1. Great dramatists of the ages. 2. Types of drama—tragedy, comedy, farce. 3. Racial aspects of drama. 4. High light in modern drama. 5. Scenery and plays of the past and today. 6. Informal programs for small clubs. These programs may be secured free of charge from the Drama League office, 59 East Van Buren street, Chicago, or from your State chairman."

Literature departments and clubs should see that a copy of "Carolina Folk Plays," edited by Dr. Koch of the University, is in every library in the State, and in the private library of each individual member. If the Carolina Playmakers have not been to your town, make an effort to secure an engagement with them. The work which they are doing under the direction of Dr. Koch is of nationwide interest, and deserves our enthusiastic support. Stories and Poems Ready. "Stories and Poems from the Old North States," which is the title of the book of prize winning stories and poems entered in the literary contests held under the auspices of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs from 1915 to 1923, has the following table of contents: Foreword, by Sallie Southall Cotten. Introduction. A Singin' Lad, by Zoe Kincaid Brockman. A Race for Honors, by Susie A. Bardin. Land of Dreams, by Zoe Kincaid Brockman. At the End of the Way, by Mary C. Robinson. The Apotheosis, by Ellen Ellwan.

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