

Visiting Navy Official Hears First Hand Tale Of First Plane Flights

Edward P. Warner, Assistant Secretary for Aeronautics, Greeted Enthusiastically at Kill Devil

EDWIN JAMES HESTING QUIETLY AFTER OPERATION
Edwin James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert James, was operated on Friday at noon by Dr. J. S. Gaul, orthopedic surgeon of Charlotte, at the Elizabeth City Hospital. Edwin is reported as resting quietly, but suffering much pain from having to break the leg over again in order to replace it.

By RALPH POOL
A vivid word picture of the Wright brothers' first successful step in the conquest of the air not quite a quarter of a century ago was painted yesterday, on the very spot whence the Wrights first flew. The picture was sketched by W. S. Douch, still in the service of the Coast Guard at Kill Devil Hill Station, who was one of the favored seven persons who were there when it occurred.

No Decision Soon
The visiting official had little to say about the proposed memorial to aviation authorized by the late Congress, other than that no definite decision, as to the type or it, would be reached until some time in the fall, when Representative Lindsay C. Warren, of North Carolina, and Senator Bingham, of Connecticut, shall have returned to Washington.

They Used Imagination
"Those newspaper men had to use their imagination," he remarked with a grin, "to write interviews with the Wrights when they never got closer than a half mile to them." The Dayton experimenters quickly put their plane away when strangers approached, he explained.

Stands on Historic Spot
Secretary Warner stood on that historic spot and viewed the point 100 feet north of it, whence the first powered plane rose into the air. Later he went to the steep south side of Kill Devil and struggled through the sand to the top—no mean feat, when it is recalled that the hill is 75 feet high, and slopes at an angle steeper than 45 degrees.

From the hill, the party journeyed back to the airy luncheon over Kitty Hawk Bay at Virginia Dare Shores, and there partook of a highly satisfying dinner prepared by Captain Dan Hayman, a native son of the Kitty Hawk country.

In mid-afternoon, Secretary Warner and his aide departed for a flight over Old Fort Raleigh, where Virginia Dare was born, and thence back to Washington.

On hand to meet the Secretary was an official party headed by Commander J. A. Brier of the Seventh District, United States Coast Guard. Its other members were Captain W. H. Lewark, of Kill Devil Hill station, and five members of the station crew, all independent in white dress uniforms.

Lindsey's Job His



Robert W. Steele, young Denver attorney, succeeds Judge Ben B. Lindsey, internationally famous jurist, who recently was ousted by a Colorado supreme court decision.

ONE LIFE LOST IN ROAD CRASH

Truck Bearing Colored Ball Players Apparently on Wrong Side of Road

A head-on collision between a truckload of colored baseball players on their way back to Norfolk after a game here Friday, and a Hupmobile sedan bound south from Norfolk on the George Washington Highway early Friday night cost the life of Herbert Simmons, colored, aged 15, and resulted in injuries to five other persons.

Four of the injured were white persons, occupants of the sedan. They were Mrs. Ethel Bowman, aged 32, of 234 Lincoln street; George Bowman, aged 26, of 239 Fayette street; W. F. Tew, aged 36, of Portsmouth, Route 2; and Mrs. P. Rowland, aged 27, of 222 Lincoln street. The two men sustained various cuts and bruises on their left arms, but the women were not badly hurt, it was stated at the Portsmouth hospital to which they had been taken.

Flora Would Dress Force In Snappy New Uniforms

While clothes may not make the man, they carry a certain weight in conveying a favorable impression to the stranger, and that is an element of value not to be sneezed at, in the opinion of Mayor Jerome B. Flora, of Elizabeth City.

Reducing the foregoing abstraction to a workable, practical project, Mayor Flora has applied it specifically to the Elizabeth City police force. If his ideas of the subject are carried into effect, these upholders of law and propriety will be attired in decidedly snappy uniforms next autumn, when the time for the annual change to woollens comes round.

PLANS PROGRESS FOR SESSION OF SOY BEAN GROUP

Committees Named to Arrange Plans for Entertainment of National Association in Elizabeth City

WILL TOUR SECTION

Luncheon and Business Sessions to be Held at Corinth Baptist Church and in Parish House Here

Northeastern Carolina will play host to some 200 visitors from many parts of the United States August 9 to 11, inclusive, on the occasion of the annual convention of the American Soy Bean Association.

Unlike most other conventions, this one will take the form of a tour beginning at Washington, going as far to the east as Swan Quarter, Hyde County, then doubling back to Washington and moving thence to Elizabeth City. The visitors are scheduled to arrive in this city by noon Thursday, the 11th. After an afternoon spent in a business session and a tour of the section's soy bean growing territory, and a night meeting devoted to lectures and movies on the bean, the convention will be concluded.

The visitors will be welcomed in Washington Tuesday night, the 9th, at a meeting at which the address of welcome will be delivered by Representative Lindsay C. Warren, of the First District. The response will be by Harvey S. Clapp, president of the Virginia Group Improvement Association. Closing features will include addresses by David R. Coker, plant breeder, of Hartsville, S. C., and W. J. Morse, of the Federal Department of Agriculture.

Luncheon and Address
After a tour of Beaufort and Hyde counties next morning, the visitors will meet in Swan Quarter at 1 o'clock for luncheon and an address by John H. Small, former member of Congress from this district. The convention then will return to Washington for a seafood dinner at Bayview, shore resort near there.

That night, the visitors will reassemble in Washington for a moving picture presentation of the soy bean industry in China and Manchuria, birthplace of the bean. This will be accompanied by a lecture by Prof. P. H. Dorsett, of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Under present plans, the delegates will be taken in automobiles Monday next morning by Washington, where they will take a ferry to Edenton. There they are to be met by a motorcade from Elizabeth City and thence brought here. Luncheon is to be served them at Corinth Baptist church, just outside this city, by the girls' and women's clubs of the County under direction of Miss Edna Evans, home demonstration agent.

Fire At Fort Bragg Destroys Garage

Fayetteville, July 23.—(AP)—Fire of unknown origin destroyed about \$35,000 worth of equipment and property at Fort Bragg, near here late yesterday afternoon when the regimental headquarters garage of the Seventeenth Field Artillery burned to the ground.

BANKER FOUND DEAD
New Bern, July 23.—(AP)—Oscar W. Lane, former president of the Eastern Bank & Trust Company of New Bern and widely known in state banking circles, was found dead near Maxville, Jones county, this morning, according to word brought to New Bern this morning by Paul Mengel, a brother-in-law.

Inspection and routing—G. W. Falls, W. C. Morse, Eliza Coppsmith and M. B. Sample. Reception—W. L. Condon, Dr. H. D. Walker, M. G. Morrisette, E. C. Conger and J. Wesley Foreman. Feeding—J. H. LeRoy, Sr., M.

HOSPITAL HOPING TO SAVE LIFE OF VICTIM OF SNAKE

Paul Pritchard, Living in Providence Community, Bitten by Poisonous Poplar Leaf

FOUR FEET LONG

Deadly Reptile Lurked Near Chicken House; Car Bearing Injured Man Stopped by "Officers"

Ritten on the right knuckle by a poplar leaf snake, one of the most poisonous species in this part of the country, Paul Pritchard, of this County, about 30 years old, was reported resting comfortably at St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, early today. It was stated at the hospital that the infection had been confined to his arm.

According to Pritchard, he had gone into the back yard at his home on the Creek Road, about a mile from this city, to shut up his chickens for the night. As he reached to latch the door, the snake bit him. He called to his brother, Tom, and the latter shot the snake through the lead with a pistol. The reptile was nearly four feet long, and half the size of a man's arm.

Pritchard was brought hurriedly to Dr. H. D. Walker, in this city, and a tourniquet was applied to stop the spread of the poison. He appeared to be in intense pain, and on the way home, he and his brother met Johnnie Johnston, for hire car operator, and Stewart Twiddy, his driver. They prevailed upon the brothers to take Paul to a Norfolk hospital.

Twiddy drove the car. When on the George Washington Highway not far from the State line, they were stopped by three men purporting to be prohibition officers, and their car was searched. Twiddy asked them to take Pritchard on to the hospital, and they placed him in their car, but after hearing him moan a few minutes, they declined this responsibility. He was taken out and placed back in Paul's car.

At that time, Twiddy stated upon his return here, Pritchard's entire arm and right side were so numb as to be useless, and he was suffering intensely. He drove to the hospital with all possible haste, arriving there at 3:15 o'clock this morning, and Pritchard was given immediate attention.

Twiddy stated that they made the fifty mile trip in an hour and 20 minutes, including the delay while the supposed officers searched the car. They tendered no explanation, he said.

Persons conversant with the lore of reptiles in this section declare the poplar leaf snake is fairly plentiful in remote swampy and heavily wooded districts. It is known also as the pilot snake, from the fact that it is popularly supposed to accompany the rattlesnake, which it resembles somewhat closely.

It was stated at the hospital that Pritchard had every chance to recover. He was bitten at about 11:30 o'clock last night.

At Chief's Trial for Murder



Seranus P. Lengel, former police chief of Canton, O., is shown as he appeared in court charged with the murder of Don Mellett, militant Canton editor. Lengel's daughter and wife are seated with him.

CAMDEN, DARE, PERQUIMANS, BERTIE GET CONSIDERATION BY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Morfehead City, July 23.—(AP)—Reductions of five million dollars in valuations for four counties and distribution of \$35,000 of the hundred thousand dollar stimulating fund resulted from the two day session of the State Board of Equalization, which ended late here yesterday.

The board canvassed the entire list of counties, but made no changes except in Camden, Dare, Pitt and Rockingham.

Camden, storm center of criticism, leveled at the board, had its valuations reduced one million dollars, which means an increase of four thousand dollars from the equalization fund.

Allocations made from the stimulating fund of \$100,000: Bertie, \$2,000; Camden, \$1,000; Chatham, \$2,000; Dare, \$1,200; Halifax, \$3,000; Caswell, \$2,000; Hoke, \$1,000; Hertford, \$870; Jones, \$2,000; Jackson, \$2,000; Lincoln, \$2,000; Mitchell, \$2,000; Moore, \$3,000; Onslow, \$2,000; Pender, \$3,000; Perquimans, \$2,000; Vance, \$2,000; Total, \$35,000.

Women Too Much for Men In Business Today, Says Dean of Merchants Here

Still in Harness at 81, John Q. A. Wood Discusses the Fair Sex, Christianity, and the Best Way to Get Ahead in the World in A. D. 1927

Arrived at fourscore and one years on Wednesday of this week, John Quincy Adams Wood, president of the Elizabeth City Bank Company, and dean of all the city's business men in point of years, still finds the world fair to look upon, and still is actively engaged up to a life of business.

Mr. Wood spent his birthday at his desk, as usual, attending to business matters and ever finding time for a pleasant word to whom ever dropped in. He is as keen as ever, and as alive to what is going on about him; and says that he says his knees are not altogether what they used to be, he is as active physically as many a man three decades his junior.

"The world is full of everything, and take care of what you can, but don't try to save it all," is Mr. Wood's advice to young men. He holds that many a promising young fellow has been ruined by having too much of this world's goods when he started out, and thus lacking the spirit of poverty to impel him to his best efforts.

Mr. Wood is not such days of opportunity for the young man as were the days when he came along, Mr. Wood believes, and he ascribes that to the women.

Using Their Opportunities
"They're taking the place of the men almost everywhere," he declares. "The women are taking advantage of the chance to get education, and they're making excellent use of it. The men, on the other hand, are lazing behind. They're missing their opportunities."

AURORA MAN DID NOT SEE CANDY BUT BROTHER DID

Robert Thompson Tells Associated Press Weird Tale of Mysterious Packages and Letters Sent Aurora

WOMEN LIVED THERE

Mrs. Eva Hollowell of Richmond Was Once Aurora Resident But Had No Enemies at That Place

Richmond, Va., July 23.—(AP)—Mrs. Eva Hollowell, charged with sending poisoned candy through the mails, left Richmond today for Portsmouth, where she will await investigation of the charge by a Federal grand jury in October.

Rev. A. B. Sharpe, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage here where Mrs. Hollowell was employed as caretaker, said today that she had been in the employ of the orphanage only five days when arrested. She came with high recommendations, he said, from Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Raleigh, July 23.—(AP)—Robert Thompson did not even see the candy alleged to have been sent him by Mrs. Eva Hollowell, he told the Associated Press over long distance telephone from Aurora, today, but his brother-in-law, Oscar Paul, received the package without his knowledge and turned it over to Herbert Bonner, who Thompson said was connected with the Federal Government "in some way."

Thompson, 43, and an employe of a local company, today told a story of numerous residents of this little town receiving similar packages, all of which, he said, were destroyed or thrown away. He did not believe any other parties had informed Federal Authorities of the mysterious packages, all the recipients of which believed contained poisoned articles.

The candy packages, which were, according to Thompson, all addressed in the same handwriting, followed numerous letters, equally as mysterious, received by Aurora residents. These letters he said were addressed to as many as half a dozen people, and all contained threats. All were written in a handwriting similar to that used on the candy packages.

"I can not repeat the contents of the letters over the telephone," he told the Associated Press. Thompson received none of these letters, but had seen those of his neighbors. He was away from home the day the package addressed to him, arrived.

Paul's suspicions were aroused over the package addressed to Thompson, when he realized it bore marks similar to those of a box he had received a few days before, and which he burned. He immediately carried Thompson's package to Bonner.

Mrs. Hollowell lived in Aurora one time, Thompson said. He knew her, but not very intimately and had never had trouble with her, he declared. As far as Thompson knew, the woman had no enemies in Aurora.

Paul, who now lives in Washington, North Carolina, denied that he had intercepted the "poison candy" package addressed to Thompson, and turned it over to Federal authorities. He said that he had received a package several days previously, however, addressed to himself. He threw it into the fire, he said.

Paul knew who sent the package, he said, and suspected it for that reason. He had received several letters from Mrs. Hollowell previously, and recognized her handwriting on the package received by him.

Her letters, Paul said, did not contain threats, but contained statements that "a crazy woman would make" it. He would not repeat over the telephone what the statements were. He said that the woman who he said left Aurora 10 years or more ago, was thought there to be demented. He did not live in Aurora at that time, and did not know the woman, but thought that she must have had his name from others who knew him.

He understood that several other Aurora residents had received letters and packages from Mrs. Hollowell, but that all had discredited them as coming from a "crazy woman."

The packages, four or five in number, were received some three months ago, according to John Chapin, postmaster at Aurora. They bore a Norfolk, Virginia postmark and the return address of "A. Peck." Mrs. A. Peck was a resident of Aurora at one time. Postmaster Chapin said, "The 'poison pen' letters alleged to have been written by Mrs. Hollowell have been received by many Aurora residents over a space of four or more years, Chapin declared. They contained, as far as he had been able to determine, no threats but were very obscene, and were evidently intended to cause trouble among families. Most of them were unsigned, said Chapin, who did not (Continued on page 2)

W. L. OWENS GROWS HANDSOME TOMATOES

Others have brought prize eggs or prize potatoes, or prize cucumbers to The Advance office. Now comes W. L. Owens with the prize tomato, and it is most certainly the handsomest specimen of all. Big and round and red, it weighs just 2 1/2 ounces, or it did weigh that until lunch time Saturday. Potatoes and cucumbers had been permitted to repose in state for several days. Not so, the tomato. It was too good and, incidentally, too ripe to keep. And before the death of that mighty New England forensic gladiatory editor's table.