

AIRPLANE CARRIES MINER TO HOSPITAL

Some time ago William Himmell and old-time sour dough of the Kuskokwim district, lay seriously ill near McGrath, Alaska, a place where there has never been a resident doctor. A ten-day trip by dog sled over the trail to Nenana, faced him. When Pilot Ben Eielson of the air mail service landed at McGrath, it was suggested to him that he should take the sick man in his plane to Fairbanks, two hundred miles away.

In a few hours the suffering miner was on a hospital cot under the skilled care of physicians and nurses. Regardless of head winds, snow, or frigid weather Pilot Eielson has made regular trips on schedule, carrying mails and keeping the outposts of progress in touch with civilization. His unusual succor of the sick miner has stirred the entire Northland, and Alaskans see no end of services the airplane can do for them.

Stop! Look! Listen! Convention is Coming

The second all-day singing convention which was organized for the up-building of singing in Macon county will be held with the good people of Iotla at the Iotla high school building on the second Sunday which is the 14th day of December 1924. The invitation is extended to all and as you have the invitation to be there come and help make this one of the best conventions that dear old Macon has ever had.

While the singing will be practically congregational, we hope to have some good quartettes, duets and solos and also a few songs from each class present.

Also bring your Praise Melody song books if you have one. If you haven't this book just bring 35 cents along with you as there will be some of these books on hand for sale.

This is also the time for the meeting of the Macon County Singing Teachers Fraternity. So come along singers and let's have a musical chat together on the betterment of singing. And last of all the one that fails to be there will miss a feast of good things for it was my privilege to be at one of these meetings on a former occasion.

Written at the request of the Singing Fraternity. W. H. DALTON, Secretary

PLEASE NOTICE!

We cannot and will not publish communications to the Press unless the name of the writer is signed to the letter. It is not necessary that the names be published, but we must know who the writer is. We are glad to get letters to the paper from every section, and sincerely appreciate them if they are written in the right spirit and signed. In the past few days we have received several letters from various sections of the county which we were unable to publish because the writers failed to sign them. In no case do newspapers publish the names of the writers of communications unless they are of such a nature that it is necessary, but no paper will publish articles that come unsigned. Those who write to the Press will please take notice and not neglect to sign the articles sent in. We get tired of throwing interesting letters into the waste basket almost every week because the writer did not let us know his or her name.

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Western N. C. Has:

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4. Gorge 15 miles long which cannot be surpassed in the east (Linville).
5. 6,000 square miles of beautiful mountain country within 24 hours' travel of 60,000,000 people.
6. Literally hundreds of water falls ranging in size from Linville's great volume to the twin threads dropping off of Whiteside Cliff.
7. 3,000,000 acres of National Forest land providing fishing, hunting, camping and cut through with beautiful scenic highways, (Pisgah, Nantahala, and Cherokee Forests.)
8. 1,500 miles of State Highways traversing the region in every direction.
9. 3,000 miles of mountain trails for horseback and tramping.
10. 500 miles of County Highways, supplementing State Highways.
11. Hotels which cannot be surpassed anywhere.
12. Western North Carolina now has 15 Golf Courses so located in respect to summer and winter resorts as to provide healthful recreation to thousands of visitors.
13. Western North Carolina is world famed as a tourist and health resort. Our unequalled year-round climate; our healthful Balsam laden mountain air; our pure crystal water; the beauty and grandeur of our mountain peaks, help to make this section foremost in America as a playground for pleasure and health seeking tourist.
14. Western North Carolina is the summer home of thousands of happy sturdy boys and girls in the various camps scattered throughout our mountains. There are 37 of these camps already established and others are planned for the near future.
15. There are more than 1,000 miles of beautiful trout streams in Western North Carolina.
16. Western North Carolina now has 20 lakes ranging in size from 7,000 acres down to one. Dams to make other lakes are in process of construction and many others are being designed.
17. Western North Carolina has 2,000,000 Horse Power ready to be harnessed in our rivers. This is the greatest amount of undeveloped water power in any area of this size in the east. 180,000 Horse Power is already developed.
18. In Western North Carolina is located one of the largest overflow dams in the world, suppling power to a great plant for making aluminum.
19. Western North Carolina ranks first in the quantity and quality of Mica and Feldspar and quality of Kaolin is sufficient to furnish material for a pottery industry.
20. The Talc mined in Western North Carolina commands the highest price per ton of any mined in the United States.
21. In Western North Carolina's hardwood forest is found the richest and largest supplies of lumber for the eastern half of the United States.
22. The crop of hardwood timber being grown by the National Forests in Western North Carolina will be sufficient to supply lumber to a great number of furniture factories for all time to come.
23. The gem mines of Western North Carolina supply a great variety of finest jewels, including Aquamarine Emerald, Amethyst, Ruby, Sapphire, Garnet, Moonstone, Blue and Golden Beryl and Hiddenite (which are found in North Carolina only).
24. One of the largest wood pulps mills in the United States is located in Western North Carolina.
25. The value of products manufactured in Western North Carolina increased from \$12,000,000 in 1899 to \$102,000,000 in 1919 or 720 per cent. During the same period the increase throughout the United States amounted to only 420 per cent.
26. The Thermal Belt lying along the eastern slopes of the Blue Ridge in Western North Carolina is practically free from frost. This belt, is destined to be one of the greatest fruit growing regions in the east.
27. Western North Carolina is the finest Apple Producing section in the country. The number of our orchards is increasing rapidly. At the end of 1923 Apple Growers had planted 1,891,288 trees.
28. 76 per cent of the farms in Western North Carolina are operated by owners.
29. The foreign born population of Western North Carolina amounts to only three tenths of one per cent. Native born whites 91.6 per cent, negroes 7.8 per cent and Indian 0.3.
30. Western North Carolina passenger and freight traffic is handled by the great railroad systems. Sleeping cars come to the center of the region from every point of the compass.

The Purpose of Pruning.

The purpose of pruning is to change the habits of growth of a plant to encourage the greatest possible production of fruit by that plant.

The grower prunes first to direct the growth of the young tree that it will form a strong frame work or scaffold limbs or to form the future tree. He prunes secondly to allow the greatest amount of sunlight; third to provide proper circulation of air; fourth, to remove all dead and diseased branches and fifth, to do this by such careful judicious pruning as to maintain the largest possible leaf surface while getting the first four objects named.

"These are the primary purposes of pruning a fruit tree," says Glenn O. Randall, extension horticulturist for the State College of Agriculture. In forming the future tree, with apples, the scaffold limbs are distributed around a central leader limb which as the tree develops should become the trunk. With peaches, an open headed system of pruning is advisable, in which case the tree is trained to not more than four scaffold limbs so selected that no two limbs are directly opposite. This is done to prevent weak crotches."

Mr. Randall states that sunlight is necessary to best color of fruit and if there is not a free circulation of air danger from plant disease is greater. He says, "Experiments with apple trees made by the North Carolina Station show conclusively that it is best to thin out the small branches rather than to prune severely cutting back the large branches. Because of soil conditions in the Sandhills it is necessary to prune the peach trees here rather severely. In all other cases, however, it is not wise to cut out too much wood."

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THANKSGIVING

We trust that the year now drawing to a close has been a prosperous one and that the citizens of Macon County have reaped bountiful harvests in this land where nature has been so lavish in her gifts.

For years we have been serving the public faithfully and efficiently. Night or day, rain or shine, bleak or warm, we have attended to your wants. During all these years your wishes have been our commands.

And now as the great American day of Thanksgiving approaches we wish to extend our thanks to those who have given us their support. We know full well that the character of our repair work and the quality and prices of our accessories will continue to bind you to us in the bonds of mutual benefit.

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