

# TODAY and TOMORROW

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**LINDY** . . . . . fame  
It is just about twelve years ago now that a tall, slender young man flew out of the West in a plane named "The Spirit of St. Louis," and landed at Roosevelt Field, Long Island, where half a dozen other airmen had gathered, all bent on trying to make the first non-stop flight from New York to Paris, for which a \$25,000 prize had been offered by Raymond Orteig, a New York hotel man.  
Nobody had ever heard of Charles A. Lindbergh, and he didn't say much about himself. Air experts were expecting that a Navy flyer named Dick Byrd, or a chap named Clarence Chamberlain, would win the prize. "Lindy" started off alone at 8 o'clock in the morning of May 20, and arrived in Paris at 5:20 the following afternoon.  
The young flyer's feat gave American aviation an impetus which has put this country into

first place in air travel. It also brought him world-wide fame, which he never expected and did not welcome, and which was responsible for one of the most tragic events which could occur to any man, the kidnapping and murder of his baby son.

**HERO** . . . . . criticism  
"Lindy" never wanted to be a hero, disliked and still dislikes public acclaim.

But when public attention had been attracted by his famous flight, he could not keep out of the limelight. Government aviation authorities and commercial flying interests, who asked who this young man was, discovered that he was probably the best-trained flyer in America, a graduate of the hard Army flying school at Kelly Field, a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army Air Reserve and an airmail pilot with a remarkable record.

It was inevitable that he should be called into consultation by the Army and by commercial airlines when they found that he was not merely a reckless "stunt" flyer but a highly-educated aviation engineer, with a background that commanded respect.

He has been a member of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics since it was organized, technical adviser to important air lines and a confidential adviser to the Government on military aviation for years.

Because he is not a talkative person, and resents intrusions on his private, personal life, Lindy has been more bitterly criticized by little-minded and envious people than any other man in recent times.

**PRIVACY** . . . . . fear  
I have always found myself in complete sympathy with Col. Lindbergh's desire to keep his personal and family affairs to himself.

After the brutal kidnapping and murder of his first-born son the Colonel and his wife lived in terror of strangers intruding on

their privacy. When news photographers tried to shove their cameras through the car window to photograph their second son, Jon, they could not stand it any longer.

Col. Lindbergh told a friend that he was afraid of what he might do to some such intruder, so he took his wife and child to England to live in a country where private rights are still respected.

After their third son was born in England, and the Colonel had found a new outlet for his engineering genius in helping the great French-American scientist, Dr. Alexis Carrel, in developing the "artificial heart" for the study of cell growth in animals, they moved to an island off the French Coast, close to the home of Dr. Carrel.

The newspapers reported that Lindy had been in Russia and Germany inspecting military air equipment. What they did not know was that he was on an official mission for the United States Army, and many printed articles accusing him of having become a traitor to his country.

**ADVISER** . . . . . valuable  
Now Col. Charles Augustus Lindbergh has been called back to this country to active service in the Army Air Corps, as adviser to the War Department on how to build up the fighting strength of our air force. Already he has given the sound advice that it is more important to build the best planes than to build a large number of inferior planes.

In a time like this, when the problem of national defense overshadows everything else in official circles, this seems to me like a wise move on the part of the Government.

The prestige of Lindy's reputation, added to his unexcelled knowledge of flying and of plane construction, is probably of greater value to the nation than any-

thing which could be contributed by any other one man.

I cannot believe that America is going to be involved in war, no matter what happens in Europe. The best way to assure our security, however, is to prepare our defense against the most dangerous point of attack, which is from the air.

**HOME** . . . . . background  
Returning to Washington must seem to Col. Lindbergh like revisiting the scenes of his childhood. Few people remember that he was brought up in the Nation's capital. When he was five years old his father was elected to Congress from Minnesota and served for ten years. The boy Lindbergh went to the Washington schools, played with Washington boys, and learned the city as only a boy could learn the town he lives in.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY CAPITAL

The Dobson Woman's Club held their annual May banquet in the club room last Thursday evening, which concluded the year of Woman's Club work in Dobson, to open again in September. Three long tables were arranged very artistically with the spirea, iris and tulips, the club colors, blue and gold, predominating in the decorations. Place cards and baskets of blue and gold, filled with home-made mints, and miniature corsages of violets tied with gold ribbons, adorned each plate.

Mrs. John W. Comer, president, presided throughout the evening. A four-course dinner was served by Mrs. Frank Freeman, home economics teacher, and her class. Miss Jennie Martin gave two readings, Mrs. Grady Cooper played a piano solo, and Mrs. John Lewellyn sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Crawford.

The following officers are re-elected for next year: Mrs. John W. Comer, president; Mrs. John W. Crawford, vice-president; Mrs. Theford Sprinkle, secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Bolick, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. M. Jackson, treasurer.

Dobson high school commencement began Friday and will close Wednesday evening with graduation exercises and an address by Dr. Frank P. Graham, president U. N. C.

The seventh grade exercises were given Friday evening under the supervision of Mr. Joe Cox.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday evening by Rev. Albert S. Hale, pastor First Baptist church of Mt. Airy. He spoke from the text, "Be ready in the morning and come up." It was a masterpiece of logic and inspiration to the young graduates, and thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd in attendance.

Scripture and prayer by Rev. C. W. Russell. "The Lord Is My Shepherd," was sung by Gilbert Tillotson, soloist, of Mt. Airy. Benediction, Rev. T. S. Draughn. Court continues this morning, with trial of civil cases, Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, presiding.

Rev. J. H. Fulghum, of Mocksville, was in town Thursday, shaking hands with his Surry friends.

Mr. Wilson Reece, of Mt. Airy, and Ridsen Reece, of Winston-Salem, spent Saturday afternoon with relatives in Dobson.

Atty. W. L. Reece, who has been on the sick list for two weeks, shows improvement, although he is not yet able to take up his court duties.

Miss Elizabeth Freeman, of Raleigh, spent the week-end with her parents, Atty. and Mrs. R. A. Freeman.

Mrs. Evelyn Bowles, of Asheville, is spending some time with her father, Dr. R. R. Folger, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Carl Folger.

The spring session of the Surry Missionary Baptist Association was held in the Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Among those who contributed to the program were Mr. A. V. West, moderator of the association, Rev. A. S. Hale and Rev. Eph Whisenhunt. This is the last session before the regular annual association in July, which will be held at Hollow Springs church.

### ST. PAUL

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hinson of Yadkinville visited their daughter, Mrs. Walter Welborn last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hallimore and little daughter, Golda Mae, visited her father, Miles Branon near Longtown last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Macy of Leakesville spent the week-end visiting his mother, Mrs. W. E.

Macy.

Mr. Herman Wood of Valdese, visited his father, Henry Wood last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Holliman and children of Lexington visited

his brother, Willie Holliman Sunday.

Mrs. Wint Swain and children of near Hamptonville visited her mother, Mrs. Sina Walker, a short while last Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Walker and

little daughter of New Hope spent last Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. Sina Walker.

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