

Wings Over Wilmington

BY WEDDELL HARRISS



Although high winds continued to plague the local bird-men, the sudden rise of the mercury brought most of the boys back out to their favorite runways during the past week in search of high-altitude relaxation. The number of solo's had climbed to eight at the time of this writing, and two students had qualified for their private licenses with a third scheduled to take his private check yesterday afternoon.

Out at Pennington Flying Service, at Bluenthenthal Field, Warren's crew sent four fledglings into the blue on solo flights, Jesse Tatum, Jarvis Long, B. G. Ramsey, and Jack Flowers.

Another Pennington student, Esso Clemmons, breezed through his check flight for his private ticket. Two of "Warren's Widewings" logged in cross-country time last week. Bill Hayes completed cross-country requirements toward a commercial tag and is now all set to begin night-flying. Robert Robinson completed his 300-mile cross-country, flying down to Jacksonville, Florida, and back. Robert is also chasing down a commercial license. Both are receiving their training under the benefits of the G. I. Bill.

The Wilmington Airpark (Air Progress, Inc.), on the Wrightsville Beach highway between Oleander and Winter Park, registered a trio of solo's during the week. Kauno Lehto, who appears to be switching from Red Rock to hot rock, Olie Strickland, and Eddie Barb, all G. I. students, took their "fall by myself" flights.

Tom Brinson, another Airpark protégé, came through with "flying" colors on his flight check for his private ticket.

Enrollment for the current G. I. class at the Airpark has mounted to 23 students, including one ex-lady-leatherneck. Registration for the forthcoming class, expected to be inaugurated around the middle of latter part of the month, has climbed to 15 potentials.

The main topic of discussion down at Peiffer Field (Carolina Skyways), on the Wrightsville Beach highway just on the town-side of Bradley's Creek, is not the number of solo's, nor the potential priv-pilots, but the disappearance of "Bandit", the coon mascot.

The young coon, who established resident in the hangar, just picked up and left without notice Thursday night. "He was just getting tame, too," sobbed Burk Rehder.

"And he'd eat right out of your hand," said John Rehder, adding as he fought down the lump in his throat, "not even all the way down to the bone, either."

"We hope that if anyone around Seagate spies him they'll catch him for us," concluded Lavernen as she ran the back of her hand across her eyes.

"One solo was recorded at Peiffer over the last several days; David Wallace successfully checked-out on the Aeronca trainer.

Although no private tags had been issued at Peiffer at the time of this writing, Charlie Lowmire, home from Carolina for the week-end, was planning to have Burk give him his check flight late Saturday afternoon.

Billy Nurnburger, just recently discharged after pulling duty in Germany, took his cross-country to Burgaw. At the present, Billy is working toward a private ticket and after finishing here plans to go down the Dallas School of Aviation for his instructors and Commercial tags.

N. O. Bailey, another Peiffer student, knocked off his cross-country requirements by flying to Burgaw.

Carl Dunn, president of Air Progress, Inc., is expecting a new Stinson "Stationwagon" to come in the middle of the month. This most recent Stinson product is similar to the "Voyager", except that the rear seat is removable and may be replaced by a maximum of 600 pounds of luggage.

W. E. Feast, C.A.A. Inspector for the North Carolina area, was expected in last Wednesday from Raleigh, but was held back by the weather. He plans to drop by within the next few days, though.

Dee Dunn, accompanied by three other members of the Dunn clan, flew in from Winston-Salem Friday for a week-end visit with the Wilmington Dunns at the Airpark. Dee made the trip in his Ballanca which is now in display at the "Park."

H. A. Nyles, Stinson delivery pilot, flew Carl's new "Voyager" down from Detroit last Saturday, and without losing his way at all during the lengthy flight, got lost on arrival in Wilmington, finally landing at Peiffer Field instead of the Airpark.

A number of local airmen journeyed up to Greenville last week for the air show there. Joe Brown, Oscar Durant, W. B. King, Carl Dunn, Tommy Wrench, Meares Harriss, and Homer Barnes all flew ships up. And incidentally, speaking of the air show, Carl's low-altitude stunt-flying exhibition completely stole the show.

Jim Roberts, student at Carolina, and Carrie Mae Wade flew down Friday in Jim's Swift for a week-end visit with the Wades.

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A Toast To Greek Independence



U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall (left) and Athenas Pollios, Greek ambassador to Russia, raise their glasses in a toast to Greek independence during a party at the Greek embassy in Moscow. (AP Wirephoto)

An Old Colleague Recalls Pulitzer For Centennial

By SAUL PÉTT
AP Newsfeatures Writer

NEW YORK, April 5.—(P)—It was the kind of talk you're likely to hear in city rooms and bars when old newspapermen gather:

"J. P. had a brilliant mind, one of the best. A great liberal and a tough fighter."

"J. P." was the late Joseph Pulitzer and the man doing the talking in this case was a white-haired, 85-year-old Florence D. White, former general manager of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the old New York World.

White leaned back in his rocker and thought aloud about his 33 years' work with the great publishers, whom he met in the city of St. Louis, Mo., on Thursday.

"You know," White said, "I can't remember J. P. ever firing anybody and making it stick. Saved a lot of newspapermen that way. His papers made a lot of good ones, too."

(The alumni roster of the World, bought by Pulitzer in 1883 for \$346,000, included Franklin P. Adams, William Bolitho, Claude G. Bowers, Heywood Brown, Irvin S. Cobb, Arthur Krock, Walter Lippmann, Charles Merz, Herbert Bayard Swope and Alexander Wolcott.)

"I remember one fellow in St. Louis who had gotten into some social difficulty. Wanted to quit, felt his usefulness was over. J. P. said, 'everybody is entitled to a second chance.' The man stayed, and later became a famous correspondent."

"Another time, on the World, a chap in the business office was fired by the business manager for pilfering. J. P. ordered him reinstated. His only comment was, 'put him back, remove temptation since he's weak.' The man stayed with the World until he died."

"One morning, J. P. was seated at breakfast. The World was being read to him—his eyesight, you know, had been almost completely gone since '84. There was a story about the St. Patrick's Day parade which began:

"Eighty thousand people lined Fifth Ave. yesterday to—"
"J. P. roared, 'how many?'"
"Eighty thousand."

"Who wrote that? How'd he know?"
"Turned out a star reported had written the story. Just his own crowd estimate, of course. J. P. ordered him fired. An hour later, he changed it to a week's suspension. The next morning there were placards all around the World office. They had just three words: 'accuracy, terseness, accuracy.'"

"He was a bug on good writing. (One of the most coveted goals of American writers is to win a Pulitzer prize. Pulitzer's gift of about \$2,500,000 made possible the founding of the Columbia School of Journalism in 1912 and the Pulitzer prizes for distinctive work in journalism and letters.)"

"The man's mind was amazing. He loved art and music and, of course, his newspapers. He had five or six secretaries who read to him and one who played the piano for him. I remember one day up at his place in Bar Harbor (Me.)."

"He was carrying on a frequently interrupted conversation with his wife. A secretary was reading to him and occasionally they discussed it. Also, he was playing chess with one of the boys' tutors and, between bits of talk, whistling an aria. All at the same time."

"Pulitzer gave \$1,000,000 to the Philharmonic society and another \$1,000,000 to the Metropolitan museum of art."

"I think one of the happiest moments in his life was the day before the war was the day they completed the World building. It was on the site of an old hotel which had once kicked off J. P. as a tramp because he had no money."

(An emigre from Hungary, Pulitzer served a year with the Union Army in the Civil war, and then looked vainly for a job in New York. He started west, broke. (Years later, he returned to New York as the successful publisher of the Post-Dispatch and a

than the 42 countries who denied Steff the right to enter. She was an intimate friend of Hitler and before the war was his most trusted agent. If Hitler hadn't killed himself, it wouldn't surprise me if he turned up on some belated arm for a concert at Carnegie Hall". . . Fine way to talk about the poor, poor woman, my card, sir! . . . Carl L. Marek, a war veteran, writes he is opposed to Flagstad's success here. "For this purpose," he adds, "a few of us with similar feelings agreed to picket in front of Carnegie Hall on the 20th. I therefore was very much surprised at your request not to do so. I would appreciate indeed knowing why you made this request". . . I heard of planned disorder and I am opposed to such shenanigans. . . Now be a good boy, Carl, and lemme be the bad

State College Plans Army Day Celebration
RALEIGH, April 5.—(P)—N. C. State college will celebrate army week, which begins tomorrow, with a full-dress ROTC review and parade on Friday, Sam A. Gibson, commandant of the College's Department of Military Science and Tactics, announced today.

Guests of honor will include Governor Cherry, Lt. Gov. Ballentine, Chancellor J. W. Harrelson of the College, and Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts.

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LONG WEEK-END SLOWS SELLING

Stock Market Dealings Are Reported Slowest In Almost Three Years

By VICTOR EUBANK
NEW YORK, April 5.—(P)—The Stock Market today emerged from a generally losing week with mild irregularity persisting and dealings the slowest in going on three years.

Professionals accounted for virtually all of the meager volume. Broadrooms were almost deserted by customers who elected to stretch the Good Friday holiday over a long week-end. Trends were indefinite from the start and leaders well jumbled at the close. Transfers of 270,000 shares were a low since July 29, 1944. They compared with 290,000 in the preceding short stretch. The aggregate of 3,120,490 for the five sessions, against 4,447,690 in the previous 6-day week, was the smallest for any similar period since that ended Oct. 14, 1944.

The Associated Press 60-stock composite was unchanged at 65.1 but showed a net loss of .6 for the week. It was the narrowest market since Oct. 19, last, only 688 issues registering. Of these, 283 fell and 208 rose.

Among today's gainers Bethlehem hem was up 3/8 to 91, Goodrich 3/4 at 165 1/2 and American Can 1/2 at 93. Impaired were U. S. Steel, Republic Steel, Southern Railway, Chesapeake and Ohio, N. Y. Central, Anacosta, North American, Standard Oil (N) and United Aircraft.

U. S. Gypsum yielded 1-1/2 at 100, Goodyear 3-4 at 54 1-2, Sears Roebuck 5-8 at 45 3-8 and J. I. Case 1-2 at 36. Minor declines were recorded for Youngstown Sheet, General Motors, Western Union "A," Southern Pacific, Great Northern Railway, General Electric, Du Pont, Kennecott and Philip Morris.

In a slim curb Corham Mfg. and Le Tourneau edged upward. Slipping tendencies were displayed by Middle West Corp., Pacific Can and Solar Aircraft. The turnover here was 80,000 shares, same as last Saturday.

Bonds followed a narrow area. The cotton exchange was closed. At Chicago wheat ended off 2 cents a bushel to up 2 3-4, corn off 1-2 to up 1 and oats up 1/8 to 1-2.

American Airlines was the most active stock on the big board during the week and was up 1-4 at 11. American woolen, the second liveliest performer, was off 1-4 points at 34 1-4, reflecting doubts regarding mill suspensions and other factors in this industry.

The list was off .4 of a point on average Monday, widest dip of the week, with 720,000 shares changing hands.

For the month of March the average was down 1.1 points and volume of 19,336,900 shares for any month since July, 1945. Steels and motors reviving although minus signs actually predominated.

"J. P. fought insincerity in any form. He fought Tammany and worked for passage of the income and inheritance taxes. I remember one campaign in St. Louis when we were crusading for more equitable tax assessments."

"We ran columns of tax bills. In one column, there were the bills of some prominent merchant, even J. P.'s own banker, or any other affluent person who had only nominal assessments. In the adjoining column, we printed the comparatively high tax bills of some poor grocer or teamster."

"Some of the advertisers raised a big howl but the taxes were adjusted."

"Another favorite campaign of his was the time the World raised the money for the Statue of Liberty pedestal. Congress, you know, had failed to provide for it."

"Once—and it was only once—J. P. asked my opinion on endowing a school of journalism. I suggested it might be a better idea to endow a newspaper with \$5,000,000 against the day when advertisers might boycott it because of policy. That often happened to us. I thought such a paper would be forever free of any threat to its integrity."

"J. P. answered, 'what and make loafers of my sons?' That was the sum total of that conference. He wanted a paper, a good paper, to fight for its life."

(Pulitzer died in 1911. Ceremonies honoring his memory will be held Thursday at Columbia university, with addresses by Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, Mayor William O'Dwyer and Acting University President Frank D. Fackenthal.)

(The day will also be marked by the issuance of a special stamp with Pulitzer's picture on it, the Statue of Liberty in the design and the inscription—"Our Republic and its press will rise and fall together.")

Sand Dune People Shake Heads Over Aeronautics

BY HAL BOYLE
KILL DEVIL HILL, April 5.—(P)—The airplane had made a bigger impression on the outer world than it did in the sand dune country where it was born.

The Wright Brothers ushered in the air era here 43 years ago last December 17, but some people along the sea coast still think it was a crazy idea.

They feel that the whole experiment was a big mistake. They laughed and shook their heads when they don't laugh now, but some still shake their heads.

Only two men are living of the small volunteer crew of coast guardsmen and Hangerson who helped the "Mad Brothers" from Dayton, O., wheel their film y boxkite contraption into position for the takeoff—a flibberly flight of a few seconds that changed war and peace forever.

Capt. John R. Daniel of the coast guard is old, feeble and retired. Johnny Moore, a young duckhunter who gave aviation one muscular push and forgot it, is an elderly fisherman who still lives over the dunes in a frame house set in a small clearing.

Johnny has a large family. When folks ask him now many children he has answered:

"Can't say for sure till I burn off the brush 'round the house."

His proudest moment came when President Hoover, visiting the natal sites of American aviation, said to him musingly: "so you are Little Johnny Moore."

Residents of the nearby villages of Kitty Hawk and Manteo thought so little of the possibility of men ever flying that none accepted the Wrights' invitation to attend the 1910 demonstration. No newspapermen were present.

Miffed, the brothers tried to ban reporters from their next trials here in May 1908, but several Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

EDUCATORS PLAN SOUTHERN MEETING

Business Leaders Expected To Participate In Asheville Conference

ASHEVILLE, April 5.—(P)—Business leaders from throughout the Southern states are expected to attend the first Southern conference on education for regional development, to be held here next Thursday and Friday.

Thomas C. Boushall, of Richmond, Va., president of the Bank of Virginia and chairman of the United States Chamber of Commerce's committee on education, will preside at the two-day conference, which is sponsored by the Southern Association of Science and Industry.

Among the speakers will be Colgate W. Darden, Jr., of Norfolk, former governor of Virginia and recently elected president of the University of Virginia; Charles T. Taylor, senior economist of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; Wilbur A. Lazier, of Birmingham, director of the Southern Research Institute; Clyde A. Erwin, superintendent of public instruction for Kingsport, Tenn., Press, Inc.

Also on the program are Paul H. Good, secretary, committee on education, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; John W. Studebaker, Commissioner of the Office of Education of the United States, and John E. Ivey, Jr., of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

The conference will attempt to analyze the factors essential to place the South on an equal educational basis with other sections of the nation and formulate a program to accomplish this objective.

Boushall said the conference is being held on the assumption that the vital factor in the economic progress of the South of tomorrow is educational advancement.

"I think it was a pity it was ever invented," said Mrs. Drinkwater, who has never been in one.

"Well, it has done some good," said Alph, who dislikes flying although he has been up a few times.

"Yes, but we could have done without it," replied Mrs. Drinkwater, and took up her tating.

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