

Renewed Lustre To First Plane Flight

Orville Wright's Own Story Appears In Harper's Magazine

North Carolina's renown as the cradle of flight is given lustre with the appearance of the never-before-published story in Orville Wright's own words of how he and his brother flew the world's first airplane from the sands of Kill Devil Hill.

The June issue of Harper's Magazine carries the article in connection with this year's Fiftieth Anniversary of Powered Flight Celebration.

The long-forgotten document by Wright, had lain in the dusty files of the U. S. Department of Justice for over 30 years, when it was recently discovered by Fred C. Kelly, the Wrights' official biographer. It was part of a deposition Wright made in a patent claim brought by another person against the Federal Government.

Wright tells the detailed story of how he and his brother Wilbur invented and built the first plane. They first became interested in flight as children when their father brought home a toy "actuated by a rubber string which would lift itself into the air." They built copies of it which flew successfully but a large scale model failed to work so well.

The Wrights began experimenting in earnest in 1899, but it was only after many trials and failures that they perfected the machine that flew at Kitty Hawk in 1903.

Here are Orville Wright's own words describing that immortal flight:

"The first attempt to fly this machine was made on the 14th of December, but through a mistake in handling it at the start the machine was broken slightly, so that repairs had to be made before another attempt could be undertaken. Five men from the Kill Devil Life Saving Station were present when this test was made. The next trial was made on the 17th of December, in a wind blowing 20 miles, and four more flights were made. The first of these covered a distance of about 100 feet, measured from the end of the track, and had a duration of about 12 seconds. The second and third flights covered about 175 feet, and the fourth flight 853 feet. This last flight had a duration of 59 seconds.

"The first of these flights on the 17th of December was the first time in the history of the world that a machine carrying a man and driven by a motor had lifted itself from the ground in free flight.

"Witnesses of this flight, besides my brother and myself, were John T. Daniels, W. S. Dough, A. D. Etheridge, from the Kill Devil Life Saving Station; W. C. Brinkley, of Mantoo; and Johnny Moore, a boy from Nags Head, North Carolina."

Orville Wright died in 1948, his brother Wilbur in 1912.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Services at the First Christian Church have been announced as follows by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Alexander:

Bible School, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Bible Class meets at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is welcome to young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M.; all services.

Set all things in their own peculiar place, and know that order is the greatest grace. —Dryden.

Who, -ME?

by Robert Osborn



Although accidents are caused by drivers of all ages, young drivers are responsible for more than their statistical share. Only YOU can prevent traffic accidents!



What Price Accidents? How are they caused—Accidents cannot be eliminated entirely, but they can be reduced. They have been reduced in industry and they can be reduced in the home. By safety measures and first aid measures, and by continuous effort in the home, the accident fatality and injury rate likewise can be substantially reduced.

Home falls occur most frequently on stairways and steps that are cluttered with objects (toys, clothing, household utensils), poorly lighted or in need of repair. They frequently occur from high places—from porches and windows, from chairs, and other substitutes for ladders.

Falls also occur on smooth, slippery surfaces—in bath tubs and showers on wet or icy walks, on highly polished floors, on wet or greasy linoleum. They result from tripping over objects—tools and toys on the floor, skates on the front porch, and so forth.

Accidents May Be Prevented If—Stairways, steps, and doorways are kept clear at all times, adequately lighted, in good repair.

Ashes, sand or salt should be scattered on icy walks; wet leaves should be promptly removed from porches and sidewalks; rubber bath mats should be used in shower baths and bathtubs and the latter provided with hand grips; rug anchors should be placed under small rugs which should never be used in hazardous places such as at the tops and bottoms of stairs.

Closets, drawers, or shelves should be provided for the utensils and toys in frequent use by all members of the family, and each individual trained to

place articles in their designated place. Each home should have a step ladder, strong for safety and small enough to be easily moved.

William H. Stokley Dies In Vets' Hospital

Relatives and friends were shocked Friday when it was learned that William H. Stokley, 41, died in the veterans hospital at Chincoteague, Va., where he was a patient for only eight days. Mr. Stokley had been complaining for some time and drove to the hospital for observation, where an X-ray was taken. He suddenly turned for the worse and passed away Friday morning.

He was a native of Perquimans

County, but lived most of his life in Edenton. He was an infantryman in World War II and was captured by the Germans, spending eight months in a concentration camp, at one time being reported missing. He was a member of the Methodist Church and the American Legion, and shortly after his return from overseas, he was employed as a clerk in the Edenton Post Office.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie Ruth Stokley; two sons, William Robert Stokley and Joseph Edward Stokley; a daughter, Ruth Jackson Stokley; his father, Rufus W. Stokley; a brother, Erwin Stokley of Gastonia.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Williford Funeral Home, with the Rev. E. B. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. R. N. Carroll, pastor of the Baptist Church. Interment was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Sidney Campen, Willie Spruill, Bill Goodwin, Parker Helms, Charlie Swanner and Nathan Dail.

Watering Systems Help Boost Vegetable Crops

In ordinary seasons a well-watered kitchen garden produces at least 50 per cent more than one that depends entirely on rainfall. And during very dry seasons, regular watering may mean the difference between good batches of high-quality vegetables and little or no crop at all.

This extra production, according to C. W. Overman, county agent from the North Carolina State College Agricultural Service, may pay for the costs involved in installing the necessary watering equipment.

Farmers who plan to install watering equipment in their vegetable gardens this year should consider how much garden can be watered efficiently and economically by their present well and pump system.

The quantity of water needed for each application will depend some-

what on the crop and the local conditions, but Mr. Overman emphasizes that the ground should be wet to full root depth in each watering. Otherwise, shallow rooting is encouraged. One inch of water applied over a period of several hours will usually be sufficient to soak the ground to the proper depth. Water should never be applied at a rate faster than the ground can soak it up.

If a garden watering system has not been used before, Mr. Overman recommends a check on the capacity of the well. To apply the equivalent of one inch of water to a half-acre garden plot on 24 hours of pumping requires a pump with a capacity of about 550 gallons an hour, Mr. Overman says.

Farmer Finds Only One Fault With Hot Bed

Myer Levin, sweet potato shipper of Williamston, says the only thing wrong with his electric hot bed is that "I didn't build more."

One day last week when Henry Covington, horticulture specialist; Howard Ellis, in charge of engineering, and J. P. Woodard, peanut specialist, all of the State College Extension Service, stopped by Levin's new farming operations at Everetts, his tenants were busy pulling plants for the 35 acres that he devotes to sweet potatoes.

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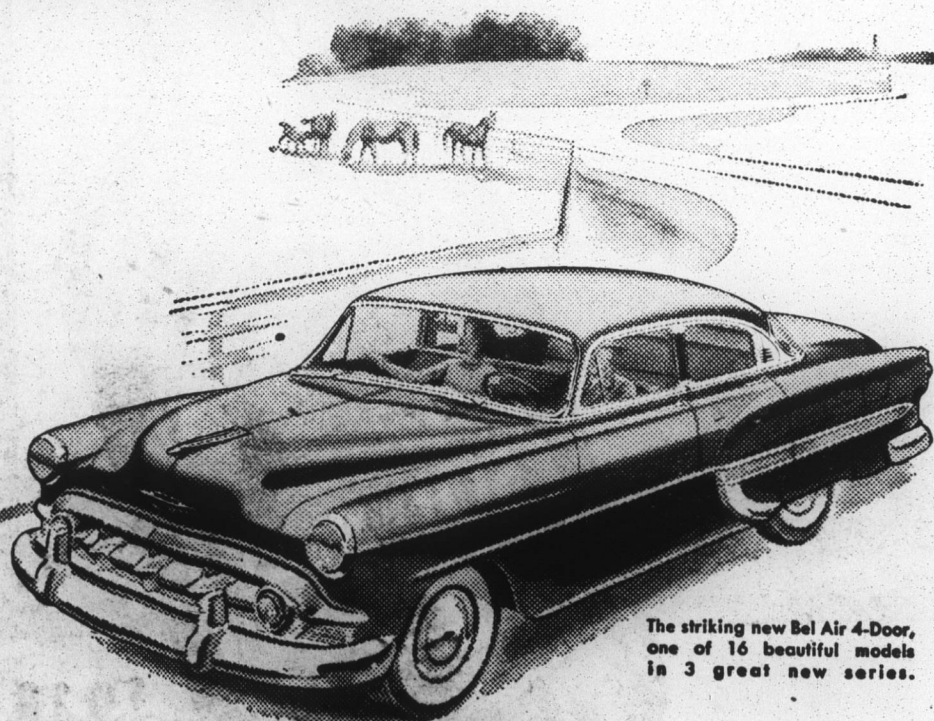
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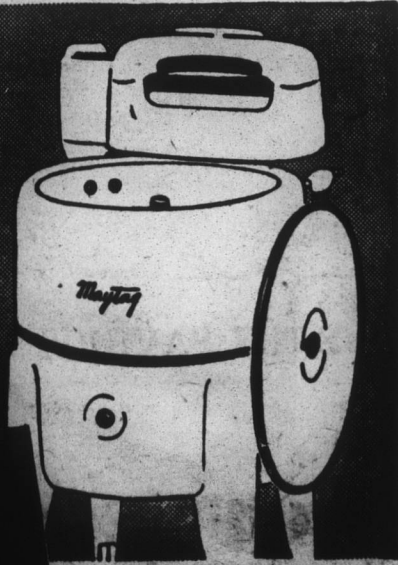
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