

Destitution In North Carolina Declines

Relief Work Expenditures Are Much Less

State Leaders Pleased Over Prospect Of Improved Conditions

An improvement in the status of destitution in North Carolina was indicated in the total amount of money spent for relief purposes during March, according to an announcement made by the governor's office on relief. The total expenditures amounted to \$1,323,346.

This total represents an increase over the expenditures for February which required \$1,166,432. By taking into account the fact that March contains three more days than February, the fact is revealed that the total daily requirement for March was less than February.

State relief officers regard this as an encouraging sign because of the fact that the banking holiday during March caused a larger expenditure in many instances than would have been true ordinarily.

The amount of money actually spent during March in Rowan and surrounding counties follows:

Rowan	17,591
Cabarrus	11,997
Davidson	19,382
Davie	5,453
Iredell	13,817
Stanly	6,288

LEGEND FORECASTS PROSPERITY

Tahoe City, Calif.—An ancient Indian legend forecasts prosperity this summer, Indians of this district report. The legend is that when a cross of snow can be seen on Mount Tallac in early spring, the summer to follow is certain to bring prosperity. A large cross snow is visible on the mountain.

Klondike on Air



"Klondike" lead dog on the U. S. Mail sled team between Nome and Point Barrow, Alaska, stepped into the role of radio crooner while in Chicago. "Klondike" has served Col. Lindbergh, Admiral Byrd and Father Hubbard on famous Alaska treks.

OFFERS HOOVER FUNDS

Casper, Wyo.—Martha Rouse, 10-year-old, felt sorry for Herbert Hoover when she read how the bank holiday had caught him in New York City with a scarcity of cash. She promptly penned the former President a note explaining she had a small savings bank and if it would help, she would like to send him the contents.

POLICEMEN ARE ROBBED

Seattle, Wash.—Seattle policemen are losing revolvers, cars, badges and even handcuffs. For example: Patrolman H. A. Horton reported his revolver was either lost or stolen on a street car. Patrolman Frank E. Hugo reported the theft of his badge handcuffs and revolver from his home.

CITY and COUNTY NEWS BRIEFS

5 KILLED IN SCHOOL BUS CRASH

Five school children have died as a result of the crash of two school buses in the Pot Neck section of Franklin Township in Rowan County, April 21.

The accident occurred on a narrow curve near Woodleaf high school, Friday morning, when an empty bus, returning from the school, suddenly struck the side of one containing 48 children en route to school, ripped a six-foot hole in the loaded bus, instantly killed two students, and seriously injured five others, three of whom died after reaching the hospital.

Frances Louise Broadway, 11, was instantly killed, and her sisters Mary Jane, 8, and Amanda, 7, died shortly after the accident. William Curtis Hartley, 12, was also instantly killed. Grady Weant, 12, died Saturday afternoon.

At a Rowan County coroner's inquest, which ended Saturday afternoon, the jury returned a verdict that the accident between two buses near Woodleaf, Friday morning, which claimed five lives, was not caused by any criminal liability on the parts of the two drivers, Fred Shoaf, 18, and Guy Etheridge, 20.

The jury was composed of: Ross M. Sigmon, Benton Ludwick, R. C. Mills, E. B. Arey, J. B. Lingle and C. E. Kizziah, and was presided over by Coroner Dr. Walter L. Tatum.

Funeral services for the Broadway sisters were held Saturday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at Calvary Baptist church with Rev. Percy Bloxam, pastor, officiating, Rev. Reid, of Mocksville, assisting. Services for Grady Weant and

Curtis Hartley, school chums, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Mt. Tabor Methodist church, with Rev. Cox officiating.

ASK FOR SAFE SCHOOL BUSES

Following the recent tragic school bus accident, which cost the lives of five Rowan county children, committees of parents and interested citizens of the Ellis, Fisher and Woodleaf school districts, have prepared a petition for state legislative action, which will be personally presented to the three Rowan legislators to whom it is addressed.

The petitioners ask the legislators guarantee that rural bus transportation will be made safe for those children going to the consolidated schools, by employing experienced drivers, and using well built buses that can safely carry the number of children who must go to school by bus, and seeing that the buses are in good order, especially the brakes.

This petition will be presented to the legislators early next week, and it is hoped that these petitioners receive the consideration asked for.

TWO DROWNED IN YADKIN

Melvin Grass, 22, and Bill Litaker, 21, of Kannapolis, members of a fishing party of six, at High Rock lake, were drowned Sunday morning about 11:45 when their row boat struck some shoals and overturned about a mile above the Stokes Ferry bridge.

Clyde Grass, brother of Melvin Grass stated that as the boat started over some shoals, the front end of the boat became half filled with water, and very quickly they hit another shoal and the boat went down. Melvin Grass is survived by his

wife, Dora King, before marriage, of Kannapolis, and one son, Excel, 4. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Grass; six brothers, Clyde, Avery, Raymond, E. P., Roland, and Herman; and four sisters Margaret, Evelyn, Margie and Mrs. Jess Carter.

Those surviving Bill Litaker, are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Litaker; three brothers, Raymond, Frank, and Archie; and one sister, Pauline.

—Buy In Salisbury—

FIGHTING ROOSTER AND OWNER JAILED

Tyler, Texas.—A fighting rooster was arrested and jailed here. Its master pleaded that the fowl be imprisoned with him. Sheriff Earl Price consented to find some charge to file against the rooster.

RESUME TREASURE HUNT

Norfolk, Va.—The Travelers Theresa and Dan and Norge of the John Hall-Klass Evans treasurer-hunting expedition departed to resume their search for the sunken steamer Merida and its hoard of \$5,000,000 in gold, silver and jewels.

Court Orders Operation



Here is 2-year old Helen Vasko of New York who has been the storm center between parents and the court which ordered an operation to remove the child's right eye and part of the optic nerve effected by cancer. Both mother and father refused to have the child subjected to an operation. The court appealed the case.

COUPLE SAIL FOR U. S. IN RUBBER BOAT

Libson.—An Austrian, Rudolph Zwenz, and his wife, Josephine, sailed for New York in a rubber boat 24 feet long and six feet wide. They planned to go by way of the Canary islands, the Antilles and Florida.

FIGHT SMUGGLING RING

Havana.—The American consulate general here, aided by the U. S. coast guard, is dealing hard blows at an international alien smuggling ring specializing in sending foreigners into America. Narcotics and the liquor traffic also are coming in for a share of attention.

BURNS FATAL TO BABY SCALDED BY MOTHER

Boston.—Scalded when his mother accidentally spilled boiling water on him as he played on the kitchen floor—Robert Day, 11 months old son of Mrs. Wilma Day, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

THREE R'S RETAIN SCHOOL POPULARITY

California, Pa.—The three "R's" still are popular. A poll of 1,400 teachers attending demonstration courses at California State Teachers' College here showed most of them were interested in "reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic."

Professor Piccard Plans New Flight Into Stratosphere From Soldier Field at A Century of Progress Exposition

Chicago, April 20.—Last summer Professor Auguste Piccard captured the world's imagination by soaring 53,856 feet above the earth into the stratosphere—in a hermetically-sealed aluminum sphere. He reached the greatest height ever attained by any living being and brought back a startling description of the strange world that lies beyond our atmosphere.

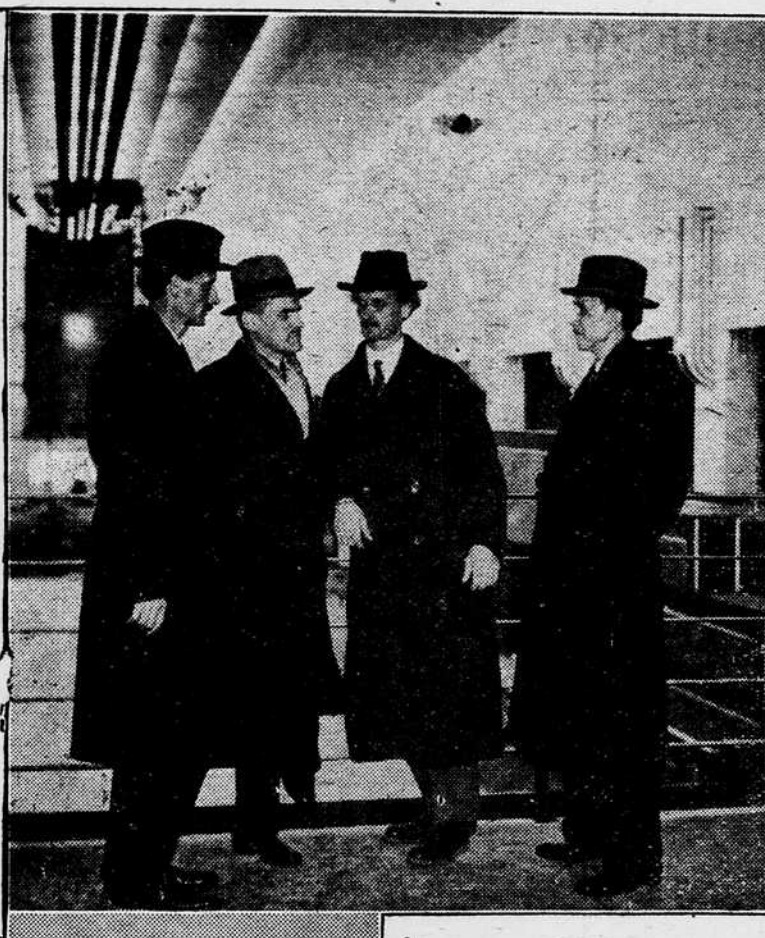
Because the ascent was made from the Dübendorf aerodrome near Zurich, Switzerland, only a few thousand people witnessed this historic event.

This summer, however, when the daring Swiss scientist-adventurer makes his next expedition into the stratosphere, he will probably start from Soldier Field on the grounds of A Century of Progress—Chicago's 1933 World's Fair—in the presence of hundreds of thousands of spectators.

Discusses His Plans

Plans to make the World's Fair, which opens on June 1, the starting point for his next scientific excursion were disclosed by Professor Piccard when he visited A Century of Progress recently with his brother, Jean, as guest of Prof. Henry Crew, chief of the Exposition's pure science division. Conferences are now being held with American rubber and metal manufacturers.

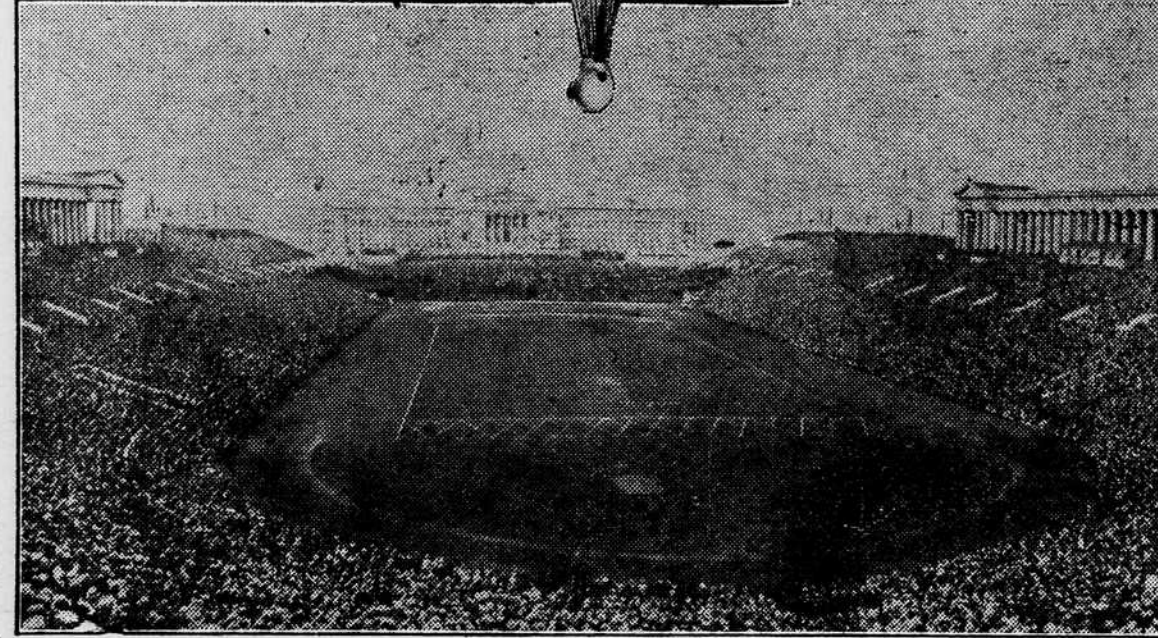
The grounds of A Century of



At the left, Professor Piccard's balloon is shown just as it will appear when it rises from Soldier Field at A Century of Progress. The balloon was actually photographed as it left the Dübendorf Aerodrome near Zurich last summer. Above, Professor Piccard (the third figure from the left) is discussing the proposed flight with his brother Jean (left), Prof. Arthur Compton and Prof. Henry Crew (right). They are standing in the balcony overlooking the great hall of the Hall of Science, where Prof. Piccard's stratosphere gondola is to be exhibited this summer.

are already being constructed in various countries on principles developed in the aluminum sphere used on his last voyage. A flight between New York and Paris will undoubtedly be made in from six to eight hours by use of this new plane, he predicts.

The aluminum gondola in which Professor Piccard soared above the earth at Zurich, August 18, 1932, will be seen by visitors to the Exposition in the Hall of Science. It is a globe about six feet in diameter, hermetically sealed, equipped with observation windows, parachutes and breathing apparatus.



Progress is a peculiarly fitting place for Professor Piccard to start because the Exposition itself is a huge demonstration of man's progress during the last century in scientific achievement—progress that Professor Piccard's new flight is admirably designed to dramatize.

In addition to this Chicago is the home of Professor Arthur Compton, winner of the Nobel prize for his discovery of the mysterious cosmic rays, which continuously bombard the earth from outer space and which may provide man with a new

source of energy after his present fuel resources are exhausted. It is the observation of these mysterious rays that is the object of Professor Piccard's flights into the stratosphere.

The tremendous, startling possibilities involved in a successful solution of sources of energy that can be transformed into heat and power may be grasped mentally, by Professor Piccard's illustration: "Calculations show that energy liberated from the modification of atoms contained in six drops of water would suffice to

light up a city for several hours." Answers Queries In making tentative plans for the flight, Professor Piccard replied to queries of those curious to know just what the upper region, 10 miles or so above Chicago, looks like.

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