

BOY LIKES GIRL LIFE THE BEST

Young Williams Decides to Go Back to Ocracoke and Simple Life.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 23.—A strange story of a boy raised to manhood as a girl without any one but his mother suspecting his real sex, comes from the isolated island of Ocracoke. Charles C. Williams, according to the accounts, has found after a brief struggle with the world he would prefer life at home as a girl to the struggle and temptations of the city.

Williams lived on his island without ever having crossed the waters to the mainland. Ocracoke supports about 500 persons, most of whom live all their lives on the island, but it is said none of them except Mrs. Williams knew that "Vera" was a boy. Williams himself, was perfectly satisfied with his lot until, when he was twenty-one his mother took him, dressed as a young woman, to the mainland. There, according to the story told, he bought a magazine and from it and his observations of city folk learned that Ocracoke was after all only a little place.

In the magazine was the advertisement of a mail-order house, and when he got home Williams sent it to her outfit of man's clothing. When it arrived, he cut his hair, took the money he had earned by sewing and rowed to the mainland in a small boat. From here he wrote his mother, telling her he was "tired of being a girl." In return, Mrs. Williams told him that his real name was Charles.

Baltimore was selected by Williams as a starting place for his life as a man, but after two months of it he is back at Ocracoke, and glad to be there. During his absence he worked in a restaurant, and while he was there, he says, he saw enough to make him love Ocracoke more than ever, more than enough to make him return to the island and his skirts.

Girls for companions, sewing and the other domestic virtues for occupations and the name of Vera, all these Charles will accept gladly if he can have with them the simple life of Ocracoke's fisher folk.

STORE CLERK NOT LURED BY FAME

Model for Famous Statue, Has Many Offers from Sculptors But Refuses.

Muskogee, Okla., Sept. 23.—Although fame as a sculptor's model awaits him, Olin L. Stone of this city prefers the modest place of a store clerk. Soon, his image will be emblazoned on a memorial that will overlook the historic battlefield of Chateau Thierry, France.

Selected from a hundred American doughboys who represented the best physical specimens of the American Expeditionary Force, Stone has since had numerous opportunities to pose for artists of world-wide renown. To all, however, he has turned a deaf ear and quietly continued his duties in an "army store" here.

Stone's image will adorn a statue that, when completed, will form a unit of what is declared will be one of the most artistic battle monuments erected in commemoration of the World War. It will be cut in stone 18 feet high and 8 feet wide. Stone will represent an American soldier standing on a pedestal taller than the image of a French soldier, who stands at attention. The figure of a French girl with one hand resting on the Frenchman's shoulder and the other extending a farewell handshake to the American, will complete the group.

The memorial will be the work of Constant Roux, French sculptor and of Howard Davis, an American sculptor. It is expected it will be completed next year.

Stone saw service in the battles of Cantigny, Montdidier, Aisne, Marne, Meuse and Argonne. He also served with the Army of Occupation and in December, 1918, was returned to France to receive decorations.

When it was decided to erect the memorial at Chateau Thierry, a careful selection began for the American whose figure was to adorn the monument. The selections finally dwindled to a hundred and these men were sent to Paris for a final choice by artists. Stone was the unanimous choice of Roux and Davis.

ITALIAN PRIDE IS HURT AGAIN

Assessed Smaller Sum for League Expenses Than Some Other Members.

Rome, Sept. 23.—Much indignation has been aroused in Italy by the proposal that, in determining the expenses of the League of Nations, Italy should be assigned to the second category.

The Italian's national pride has been hurt by the suggestion and columns have appeared in the press protesting against the idea of relegating the country to a position inferior to other great Powers. According to the suggestion, Great Britain and France would be placed in the first category while Italy and Japan would occupy the second. The price of being registered in the first category is 2,300,000 francs a year while those of the second pay but 1,600,000 francs a year.

The Epoca gave expression to its feelings in this manner:

"The affair is exceptionally unpleasant. Italy which has so potently contributed to the victory cannot see herself assigned to the second category, as people who spend little are assigned to a restaurant of the second class."

Then, too, the fact that most of the organization and secretariats of the League are in the hands of the British constitutes another source of complaint. It is pointed out that the secretariat of the League consists of 170 members, of whom 90 are English and 50 French while Italy has no more than a dozen.

"After France and England have monopolized nearly all the offices, after the British Empire has succeeded in having seven votes in the assembly, it could not happen otherwise than Italy is assigned in the second category," says one commentator. "If others have a greater material potentiality, it is at least necessary that Italy safeguard her moral position by not allowing herself an inferior position to the others."

WOMAN CHOSEN ALDERMAN

Macon, Ga., Sept. 23.—For the first time in the history of Macon, a woman was chosen alderman in Wednesday's primary. The official count showed that Mrs. Charles C. Harrold had not only been elected but ran third in the race. M. E. Elliott was elected mayor pro-tem.

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