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AIRMAN SPENDS A NIGHT OF HORROR

Plane Crashes Into Florida Swamp; Aviator Spends Night In A Tree

ARCADIA, Fla., June 11.—Treed by a panther and compelled to spend the greater part of a night in the branches of a large cypress in the wilds of the Big Cypress country; devoured by mosquitoes; his clothes torn to tatters by the cruel teeth of the giant sawgrass of the South Florida swamps; without food for nearly forty hours—these were among the experiences of Cadet Raymond White, Carlstrom Field aviator, whose plane crashed in the wilds of southeastern Lee County last Thursday about noon, and who returned to the flying field this afternoon in one of the planes that had searched for him since last Thursday.

Cadet White, whose home is at Pritchett, Texas, was making a practice flight from Carlstrom Field to Okeechobee City and return last Thursday. The first part of the flight was completed without incident and Cadet White, flying alone, started on the return trip, becoming turned around and losing his bearings and his sense of direction completely almost as soon as he started.

Instead of flying northwestwardly, White headed his plane almost due south. When at a point about forty miles southeast of Immoakalee, Lee county, his fuel tank ran dry and his plane crashed. The plane was completely wrecked but White escaped injury.

He stayed with the wrecked plane until the sun had sunk far enough to give him his direction. Then White started to walk toward the northwest looking for signs of human habitation, but finding none.

Night of Horrors.

With his clothing torn to tatters, and bitten almost beyond endurance by swarm of mosquitoes in the swampy sawgrass, night overtook White in the edge of the Big Cypress Swamp and he prepared to spend the night under a tree. During the night one of the huge panthers that infest that remote section chased the aviator into the branches of the tree and there he remained until daylight drove the beast away.

Continuing his tramp, foodless and with only the swamp water to quench his thirst, young White was picked up Friday evening about 5 o'clock by a Seminole Indian and was taken to the camp of a small band of the southern Seminoles. There he spent the night, proceeding Saturday to a distant camp. On the way two of the searching planes from Carlstrom Field were sighted, but signs of the aviator and his Indian guide were not seen and the planes passed on.

Saturday afternoon the aviator and his Indian guide reached Kennedy Carson's Ranch, where the night was passed and White had the first meal of white man grub he had eaten since Thursday morning. Early this morning Carson started with White in a buckboard for Immokalee. On the way another of the searching planes was sighted and Carson and White, signalling with a sheet, attracted the attention of the fliers, and the plane made a landing.

White was taken aboard and the plane made the return flight to Carlstrom Field, reaching there shortly before dark this evening. White suffered no ill effects of his harrowing experience beyond myriad bites of mosquitoes, the fright caused by the visit of the panther and the exhaustion of his walk, in which he covered at least fifty miles of the worst country in South Florida.

Four big De Haviland planes, requested by Commandant Royle, of Carlstrom Field, from Montgomery, Ala., arrived at the field about 5 o'clock this evening. The planes left Montgomery at daylight this morning and made the trip of approximately 600 miles without difficulty.

It requires 3500 acres of pulpwood to furnish the paper for one day's issue of the newspapers published in the United States.

PECULIAR PRANK OF NATURE IN WAYNE

Lightning Strikes House Covered With Metal Occupants Unhurt.

GOLDSBORO, June 11.—One of the strangest freaks of nature ever witnessed in this section of the State occurred Friday night, when the home of Dred Jones, a few miles east of Goldsboro was struck by lightning.

The house was only recently built and has a metal shingled roof. The large chimney was demolished and the shingles all turned upward like warped wood.

An old darkey that lived in the neighborhood passed the Jones' home early yesterday morning, and seeing the damage done to the house was afraid to go to the house, as he supposed that Mr. Jones and family were all dead, having been struck by lightning. He notified white man in the neighborhood, who at once went to the house to investigate. He found Mr. Jones and family sound asleep, unaware of the damage done to their home. Mr. Jones and family now hold a record for being sound sleepers, so sound that even lightning striking their house would not wake them.

SEIZE 1,000 QUARTS OF LIQUOR ON NAVAL VESSEL

NORFOLK, Va., June 10.—Approximately one thousand quarts of liquor valued at more than \$10,000, were seized by a Marine guard of the naval yard today in a raid on the naval transport Sirius, under orders of Rear Admiral Philip Andrews, commandant of the Norfolk navy yard. Officers and men of the ship are confined to their ship under guard.

The Sirius is commanded by Commander W. J. Kelton, U. S. N. R. F., and Ensign Harry C. Mechtold, paymaster in charge of cargo aboard the Sirius. Both Commander Kelton and Ensign Mechtold were among those confined to the ship at the time of the raid, but Admiral Andrews announced tonight that they, with some other officers and men, had been permitted to leave the vessel.

Both Admiral Andrews and Admiral Rodman, Commandant of the Fifth Naval District, announced that a searching investigation would be made under the direction of Admiral Andrews.

Information came to Admiral Andrews that a strong smell of whiskey was evident in cargo being unloaded from the Sirius onto barges alongside for shipment to the naval supply station at the naval base. Waiting until the barges had been loaded Admiral Andrews ordered a search of the contents of the shipments and then had the ship thoroughly searched by the Marine guard.

BOB-WHITE AN ENEMY OF CORN ROOTWORM

The bob-white eats the adults or beetles of the corn rootworm which lay the eggs that later become larvae or worms and infest the corn. As many as 12 of the beetles, according to the Bureau of Entomology of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, have been found in the stomach of one bob-white. The red-headed woodpecker, nighthawk, cardinal, kingbird and phoebe also eat the beetles and reduce the damage done by the Southern corn rootworm.

DENMARK MAY FOLLOW U. S. IN BOY AND GIRL CLUB WORK

Although agricultural extension methods are older in Denmark than in the United States, work with boys and girls as conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with State agricultural colleges has not been organized there. A plan, however, is being considered for forming similar clubs, says S. Sorensen, agricultural advisor attached to the Danish Legation at Washington. At present the work in Denmark is for people from 18 to 70 years.

May Organize Military Company.

Adjutant General J. D. Van Metts, of Raleigh, will be in the city this evening in the interest of organizing a military company here. A meeting will be held at the Opera House at nine o'clock, and everybody interested is requested to be present.

SCHOOL BOARD TO ROANOKE RAPIDS

Visits School Before Buying Equipment for New High School Building

Ye scribe together with Messrs J. A. Wellons, F. H. Brooks, Dr. L. D. Wharton, members of the School Board, Mrs. Wellons and Mary Elizabeth had the pleasure of a trip by automobile to Roanoke Rapids last Friday. Before equipping the new school building here, the board wished to see the furniture of some school recently built, and Roanoke Rapids was suggested as a splendid one to visit.

The party left Smithfield by five o'clock Friday morning and landed in Roanoke Rapids a few minutes past ten having made the distance leisurely stopping at several points on the way. None of the crowd had ever been to that city before and were not prepared for the population which is not one town but "three in one." Rosemary, Patterson and Roanoke Rapids, all being included in the school district, a visitor being unable to tell where one stops and another begins.

We drove immediately to the first school building in sight which happened to be in Rosemary and were fortunate enough to find Mr. E. J. Coletrane, superintendent of the school system, at that building. Upon being told our errand, we were given the greatest consideration, even though it was commencement time, and for two hours Mr. Coletrane piloted us over the finest piece of school property it has been our privilege to see. The property constitute three buildings, the new high school building being located midway between the other two. Thirteen years ago a seven-room house took care of the school children with seven teachers in charge.

Now, we were told, the faculty includes sixty teachers with more than fifteen hundred children enrolled. The new high school represents an expenditure of \$600,000. Primary schools housed in well built brick buildings are maintained in Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids, all others going to the central school.

The high school building was used for the first time last fall, yet as we approached, grass plots and shrubbery already add beauty to the grounds.

This building besides class rooms, office, library, etc., contains a swimming pool, gymnasium, moving picture apparatus, domestic science rooms, and an auditorium that seats 2,000 people. The superintendent took us first to the gymnasium and swimming pool. There we found Miss Ruth Coble a former teacher in T. G. S., in charge of the physical culture activities. A dozen or more were enjoying a splash, some having already become experts in diving and swimming, and the shrieks of the bathers gave testimony of the fun they were getting out of the sport.

Visiting the auditorium we were shown a most complete curtain and lighting arrangement, that part of the auditorium alone costing \$50,000. It is used by the community and scarcely a week passes that it is not used by the public. A class in public school music was rehearsing and music racks on the stage told of an orchestra. Two teachers have charge of the orchestra and will remain during the summer to continue this work. A \$1700 Baby Grand piano adorned the stage.

This building is used for night school work as well as day school, and Smithfield has two representatives in this department in the persons of Misses Ava Myatt and Louise Alford. They also devote a part of their time to work in the mill villages. The building was evidently built for service and is used nearly all of the time. Five janitors are kept busy keeping the rooms in order.

Having made a satisfactory tour of the high school, we went to the primary school in Roanoke Rapids, and there found another Smithfield girl, Miss Luna Lassiter, who has already signed up for another year there.

While looking over the equipment etc., of the buildings, the school board asked numerous questions as

MR. W. B. STUART AT PYTHIAN HOME

Gets First Hand Information For Write Up; Commends School Board

CLAYTON, June 10.—The Pythian home at Clayton had as its guest Sunday, W. B. Stuart, State publicity director of the grand lodge Knights of Pythias, of North Carolina, who is also fraternal editor of the Charlotte Observer, and a member of 15 fraternal orders. Mr. Stuart inspected the building, looked over the 183 acres, dined and delivered a brief address to the guests of the home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Stuart came to the Pythian Home for the purpose of getting first hand information to be used in a page write up of the home in the Charlotte Observer, Sunday, June 11, at which time cuts of the children, the Home, the grand lodge officers, the Pythian Home trustees and other items of interest, including a full program of the grand lodge session to be held in Wilmington next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, will appear.

Mr. Stuart has visited practically every fraternal Home or orphanage in the country and was well pleased with the administration of Superintendent Pender and his staff at the Home.

In speaking to a representative of this paper, Mr. Stuart said: "I have been engaged in publicity work among the fraternal orders of the South for the past twenty-five years and have visited many fraternal homes in the past several years and am much interested in the work being done at these great monuments of glorious achievements among the fraternal organizations."

"In find," said Mr. Stuart, "that the Pythian Orphan Home compares very favorably with the larger institutions of this kind throughout the country in matters of sanitary conditions, discipline and all those things which go to make up a real home, for the children of deceased members of the Pythian order."

"I want, on behalf of the thousands of Pythians throughout North Carolina to express to the Clayton School Board our sense of gratitude for the splendid cooperation the guests of the home along educational lines. They deserve the highest commendation for this service."

Piping Made of Paper.

Piping made of paper by an improved process is the invention of a Frenchman. This piping is made by winding paper in a very tight manner together with the use of an adhesive compound. It is almost unbreakable and very light.—Dearborn Independent.

to the school management. One thing that impressed us was the fact that all the grades from the first on up go back for an afternoon session. School opens at eight thirty, and an hour is given for dinner. Even the first grade children go back in the afternoon and stay until 2:30.

Another thing that impressed us in view of recent discussion of the matter, was in connection with primary supervision. For several years Roanoke Rapids has had a primary supervisor. Last year she had under her supervision about twenty-five primary teachers. Next year, the school board has decided to do away with a supervisor on the grounds that after employing good teachers at good salaries, better work will be the result when those teachers are made directly responsible for the progress of their pupils.

After taking up as much of the superintendent's time as was thought advisable the party spent a few hours visiting one of the cotton mills and a paper mill, and then began the trip homeward. The school board feels that the day was well spent in seeing what another North Carolina town is doing along educational lines, and surely they were fortunate in selecting Roanoke Rapids. The folks there have a half million bond issue for schools with a rate of \$1.00 on the \$100 worth of property, but it seems that they are getting value received for their investment.

54 DEAD IN STORM SWEEPING NEW YORK

Sixteen Persons Are Drowned in Long Island Sound—Storm in Ohio Kills Several.

NEW YORK, June 11.—A violent storm accompanied by shifting winds that reached a velocity of 88 miles an hour, took the lives of 24 persons, injured more than 100 and caused enormous property loss in the metropolitan section late today. Sixteen boaters were reported drowned in Long Island sound during the mad storm. Eight bodies have been recovered. The police station at City Island is besieged by crowds trying to identify the dead or seeking missing kin and friends.

Several Dead in Ohio.

NEWARK, Ohio, June 11.—Several persons are reported to have been killed and more than 100 injured in a storm which swept over Buckeye lake near here late today. Twenty injured have been brought to local hospitals and others are reported enroute. The Ohio Electric Railway company has sent a relief car with doctors, nurses and supplies aboard to the scene.

GOOD FORECASTS FOR CROPS

Hay Crops Are Promising; Good Peach Year; More Apples Than Last Year The Prospect

RALEIGH, N. C., June 10.—Practically all crops have an unusually good forecast for June 1st conditions, covering both the state and nation, reports the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service. The recent rainfall in North Carolina has been too heavy and interrupted and delayed the needed cultivation. Grass is getting a start.

While the southern states have an excess of rainfall, the northern ones were better favored with fair and warm weather. The Weather Bureau finds that prospects of fair conditions for this state will follow the present wet wave. Small grains, cotton and some fruit will be damaged by the wet conditions, but hays, grasses, pastures, some truck crops, and corn will benefit thereby.

The rye, clover, and other hay crops show a 92 per cent condition prospect for both North Carolina and the national averages. Pastures average about 94 per cent in the same way. Apples are reported as very good in the Surry-Wilkes sections, and variable around 90 per cent conditions in the lower mountain apple counties with the state averaging 74 as compared with 73 per cent for other states. The national agricultural crop is forecasted at 180,000,000 bushels as compared with 89,000,000 last year when the condition averaged but 39 per cent.

The Sandhills peach section has an extra good crop of peaches—about the best in the country. They may almost double last year's shipments if they get 1200 cars, as indicated by the full or normal crop prospect there. Large increases in young orchards were made last winter. The general state peach crop averages 90 per cent, and is the best in many years. Those who failed to spray for rot, are suffering now however.

It now looks like a bright outlook for crop productions with cooperative marketing in prospect and so greatly needed, it is hoped that the marketing of the big crops may be so handled as to renew in the producers more encouragement than they have had for three years. These essential producers have done overtime "Goat" duty and should have the "Hood Wink" taken from their eyes. They are due a reasonable profit ahead of any other industry.

For Johnston county, the average June 1st conditions are: Rye 96; Apples 64; Peaches 81; Hay 91; Pastures 99; Cowpeas 94 per cent of a full "normal" crop prospect.

Prices of dairy and poultry products suffered the least in the rapid deflation of prices of farm products which began in 1920 and continued through 1921, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

NEWS NOTES FROM CITY OF FOUR OAKS

Son of Mr. W. J. Lewis Is Painfully Hurt in Auto Accident; Personal

Four Oaks, June 10.—Mrs. Ben Royall and son Ben, Jr., left Wednesday for their home in Morehead City after visiting their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adams.

Mrs. William Adams is in Elizabeth City spending sometime with relatives.

Misses Gladys and Sallie Adams spent Friday in Raleigh.

Miss Luna Lewis left Saturday for Hartsville and other places in South Carolina where she will visit friends. She went with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Keen and family of Smithfield. They made the trip through the country on Mr. Keen's car.

Miss Lucile Stanley returned home Friday after visiting at the home of her uncle, Mr. C. A. Creech in Smithfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Aulander Oliver of Kansas and Mrs. P. E. Oliver of Benson visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Oliver here a few days this week.

Mrs. James Adams has gone to her home in Fort Worth, Texas, where she will spend sometime with relatives and friends.

Little Shelton Lewis, son of Mr. W. J. Lewis was hurt in an automobile and truck accident Wednesday. The truck driven by Ollie Durham of near Benson collided with a Ford car about two miles and a half out on the Benson road. A negro was driving the Ford which belonged to Mr. Hodge of Dunn. The Lewis boy was thrown from the truck along with the driver and James and Edmond Wellons. He received several bruises on the head besides having his left arm almost mangled from the elbow down. No bones were broken in his arm but the skin was badly torn up. It is thought the windshield cut him as the truck was turning over. The other occupants of both the Ford and the truck were not hurt at all. The little boy who was so badly hurt is improving rapidly and will soon be well if he continues to improve as he has so far.

Messrs. Paul Lewis and A. R. Ford spent last Sunday in Louisburg with friends.

The revival begins at the Methodist church tomorrow. Rev. J. A. Russell, the pastor, will do the preaching and Mr. I. W. Medlin of Smithfield will lead the singing.

Mrs. B. B. Creech spent a few days last week in Coats.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keen of Coats were here last Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Keene's grandfather, Mr. Lamb Langdon.

Mr. Garland Alderman of High Point is here with friends for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Gattis and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Gattis of Clayton spent Sunday here the guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Austin.

Mr. Clarence Stanley who holds a position with Johnston & Stevenson of Smithfield, spent Sunday in town.

Messrs Gilbert Creech and William Sanders made a business trip to Smithfield Saturday morning.

SPRAYING WITH KEROSENE REMEDY AGAINST LAWN ANTS

To get rid of lawn ants entomologists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture suggest drenching the nests with boiling water or pouring in a small quantity of kerosene oil. Similar treatment may be applied to nests between or beneath paving stones. Spraying the lawn with kerosene emulsion or with very strong soap wash is also recommended. For large ant nests disulphid of carbon injected into the nests by means of an oil can or a small syringe is recommended to kill the ants. The fumes of disulphid of carbon have a very disagreeable odor and are inflammable, but they are not injurious to higher animals in the open air.

Whiskey Still Captured.

Saturday night Chief C. R. Cable captured a whiskey still about half way between Smithfield and Selma. The raid was made about 11 o'clock, and a 30-gallon copper outfit was taken.