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AMERICA WELCOMES HOME ITS FLYING AMBASSADOR

Although Chamberlin and his passenger also succeeded in making a non-stop transatlantic flight the nation still resounds with the name Lindbergh. Why is that?

Is too much fuss being made over "Lindy," as an admiring public has dubbed him?

Not since Gen. Pershing's triumphant return from the World War has this country witnessed the like of Lindbergh's homecoming. The commander of the A. E. F. had to cool his heels before calling on the president. But in Lindbergh's case the chief executive declared a special holiday and put aside all other engagements to greet the flyer. Pershing returned on a steamship; Lindbergh had a cruiser placed at his disposal. Pershing landed at New York, the common port of entry. Lindbergh was brough all the way to Washington, the nation's capital. Incidentally, this aroused New York and when Lindbergh did make that city his second point call it had him enter via the bay as though he had just arrived.

Pershing and Lindbergh both did things for which they were idolized, even though success was achieved in different lines. But Pershing did not keep King Albert of Belgium waiting 20 minutes while he searched for a collar button. Lindbergh did. The queen of the Belgians was never halted by a Paris traffic cop to give Pershing the right of way. Yet this was done for Lindbergh. Never in any one fortnight was Pershing presented with a score of medals. Lindbergh was. The nurse in charge of a British royal infant never took it see Pershing, yet the Princess Enlizabeth daughter of the Duke ad Duchess of York, was brought downstairs to "coo" for Lindbergh. Not many parents named their babies after Pershing. Lindbergh has had a score of children named after him by doting parents.

Our goverment never considered issuing a special stamp in Pershing's hoor. Lindbergh's feat is to be so commemorated. The only reason why "Lindy's" face will not appear on the new issue is because the law prohibits such reproduction of the features of a living person. There is no record of a person being killed in an argument over Pershing's ancestors. In New York a man was fatally stabbed because he argued that Lindbergh was of Swedish descent. His assailant argued that Lindbergh had Irish blood. (They were both right. Lindbergh's father, once a congressman, was born in Sweden. Mrs. Lindbergh's maternal grandmother was a Kissane, and was born in Tipperary. The name Lindbergh is a composite Swedish word, the "lind" meaning "tree" and "bergh" meaning hill. The former is found in our "linden" tree and the other in the English word "iceberg," meaning ice hill.)

Pershing was not promoted any more rapidly. Lindbergh rose from captain to colonel in the Msisouri nationla guard almost over night. No one ever wanted any of Pershing's old autos. One that Lindbergh used has been reclaimed from the junk pile to be sent to France. Another similar relic will be placed on a cement base at Little Falls, Minn., as a permanent memorial to its distingushed former citizen. Not many people claimed relationship with Pershing, yet Lindbergh has letters and telegrams from about 500 "relatives" he never heard of before before the great flight.

Why so much attention for Lindbergh?

Is it because he is young? No; Chamberlin is young yet his achievement will not receive the 50,000 columns of space in American papres accorded "Lindy." Commander Byrd prospective transatlantic flight, is also young, but his first-to-fly-over-the-North-Pole fame never brought him the plaudits that Lindbergh is getting.

Then is it because Lindbergh was successful in cementing friendship between this country and France? Hardly! Even President Wilson, who broke precedent by going on a peace mission to France in 1919, did not receive the ovation that Lindbergh did, though the former's visit was no less a distinction and welcome.

No—it is because Lindbergh and romance are synonymous.

Lindbergh is of the stuff that dreams are made of. He is boyville's idea of what Tom Sawyer or Huck Finn might have been in later life. He is a girl's mental picture of the hero in her favorite story. As for those who are no longer young, Lindbergh's adventures are the reincarnation of the dreams of their own youth.

Pershing was already famous when he came back from the war. Lindbergh was a humble mail pilot. Romance says heroes must start poor. No one paid Lindbergh any attention before his flight. He jumped to fame overnight, so to speak. That's romance. Lindbergh flew alone. Heroes must be brave and daring. Royalty feted him. Tradition- requires this.

Lindbergh's case, in brief, is that of a story-book hero come to life. (So few of them do, you know!) He is a Horatio Alger character in reality. What he has done millions of others imagined themselves as doing. His flight was the fulfillment of the idle speculation and suppressed desires of other men. The rosy-cheeked boy day-dreaming over his geography at school and the wizoned old bookkeeper floating in an argosy of fancy beyond the desk's hum-drum figures like to picture themselves as heroes. Lindbergh is such a composite one. So much for hero worship.

There is an unforced humanness and modesty about Lindbergh that carries an additional appeal. Mothers admire him because his first though on completing his hazardous trip was of his own parent, and because he found time during his busy round in Paris to call on the mother of the ill-fated Capt. Nungesser. Moralists revere him because he does not smoke nor drink liquor. At a big dinner in his honor in Paris he suffered champagne to touch his lips, because Ambassador Herrick urged him to, saying: "Oh, go ahead and drink it; it's a toast to your mother." But he refused to swallow any. Milk and pastry are more to his liking. Lindbergh was also pressed to see some of Paris's famous (or infamous) night life, but declined. "I am not used to this sort of thing," he explainde.

Animal lovers like Lindbergh because he has a kitte nmascot which he refused to submit to the rigors of the transatlantic flight. And menfolk as a whole esteem him because he is unassuming. The fact that he indulged in good-natured grins, though with reddened face, during sundry check-kissing ceremonies by French notables afforded much amusement at home. When asked how he liked this form of greeting, he replied: "Oh, that's one of the things you can't answer."

Lindbergh admits coming home because he was homesick. It being his first trip to Europe he might have enjoyed a longer stay, but he tired of adoration and came home. "Lindy" is good natured. The fact that French souvenir hunters almost stripped his monoplane of fabric did not annoy him. He lost no prestige because he arrived in France with only 27 cents and had to temporarily borrow a pair of Ambassador Herrick's overly-large pajamas and a suit from Herrick's son which also did not fit. Nor was his popularity lessened in America because he declined to wear a high hat to the great English derby, though King George and every other man in the boxes where he sat wore toppers. He was almost alone in not betting on the horses. Lindbergh is charitable. This was shown when he turned $6,000, subscribed to buy him a useless cup, over to widows of French aviators. He has been widely acclaimed at home because he refuses to go on the stage or otherwise foolishly commercialize himself. He turned down an offer of half a million from one movie company. He is clear headed enough to realize that a public soon tires of money-grabbers.

Lindbergh's retiring nature is evinced in all his public utterances. He does not make use of the personal pronoun "I" that is so much abused by others. In a short talk before the American club in Paris he actually apologized for taking up "too much time."

It is well, indeed, that Lindbergh is made of this kind of stuff. He braved the trip at a time when anti-American spirit in France was said to be especially rife. It had been eg-

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Big Day At Seminary Last Sunday

Last Sunday was quite an event in the history of the Seminary Baptist church. An "all day dinner on the ground", such as the Seminary people know how to serve, is attractive to people far and near and thus they came. The morning sermon at 11 o'clock was preached by Rev. S. M. Stroupe of Mars Hill. Rev. R. H. Morgan of Mars Hill delivered another sermon at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Talks were also made by Rev. L. C. Roberts, Mr. Robt. Tweed and Mr Will White

A LEGAL HOLIDAY

On account of July 4th being a legal holiday, the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County will not meet for their regular session until July 5th and 6th, the 6th being road day.

Signed W. G. BUCKNER, Chair.
July 1-1t.

JAKE CARTER OF PAINT FORK KNOCKED IN HEAD

THREE MEN ATTEMPT ROBBERY AND ESCAPE

Last Monday afternoon three men drove up in front of Mr. J. E. Carter's store near Paint Fork in Madison County and asked Mr. Carter, (calling him by name), for gas. Having none, he was asked for oil, which he gave them. He was then asked for cigarettes and candy. When he came out to the car with the desired merchandise he was asked for another kind of candy. As he turned to enter the store again to show them another kind, he was knocked senseless by a hammer wrapped in a cloth, found later in the store and now in the possession of Sheriff Ramsey, Mrs. Carter heard her husband scream and raised an alarm, which frightened the culprits away.

Mr. Carter is 72 years old and was badly hurt by the blow. The Sheriff has been probing the matter and believes he has some clues to work on, but his greatest trouble seems to be that the neighbors will not help him by teling what they know. They do not like to becalled as witneses to court.

THE MINUTE MAN

By Isaac Bassett Choate

Blithe speeds the plow this warm sweet day of spring,
When April's sun has broken winter's reign,
Unclasped the cold frost had on lake and plain;
Swift hurry swallows north on eager wing:
To plowboy's whistle thrush and bluebird sing.
The brook runs glad, escaped from icy chain
Which tyrant winter forged, but forged in vain;
All fields and woods with songs of freedom ring.
Now halts the plow in furrow, ready hand
Grasps ready musket in defense of right;
The plowboy is a soldier at command,
His country serving well; before the night
Shall sound of musketry assurance bring
That now hath Minute man succeeded king.

THE PILGRIMS KNEW THE BIBLE

Three hundred years ago a little band of men and women lived on faith and hard work in the forests of Massachussetts. They are known now as Pilgrims because they sailed from England to find a place to worship God without restraint. They brought their pastor with them—few modern immigrants do.

The Pilgrims were poor and unlearned, but they knew the Bible. That knowledge developed a type of character we all admire. These American settlers would not be known to the present age had they not been so well acquainted with their Bible.

Is your Bible a parlor ornament, or a study book? Resolve now that you are going to make use of it. For your own sake a ndfor the benefit of your children you should gather the little family together every night and read a portion of the Scriptures. They will grow to like it, and the instruction and information they receive will remain with them all their lives.—Baptist Herald.

Mexican bean beetles are destroying the bean crop in piedmont and Western Carolina. Dusting with poisons like calcium arsenate will control the pests.

MARS HILL TO HAVE TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND CENTRAL

Mr. J. A. Fox of Weaverville was in Marshall Wednesday looking after improvements in the telephone business. He expects to put in a system of 'phones at Mars Hill with central office there. He says quite a number of people in the county are subscribing since the improvement in the service such as all night service, etc.

WALNUT GARAGE ROBBED

Last Sunday night the Ramsey Bros. & McClure Garage at Walnut was robbed of about $150 worth of stock. No arrest has yet been made but the people of Walnut are on the alert and are helping the sheriff with all the information they have.

WALNUT HOME GAMES TO BE PLAYED AT MARSHALL

LADIES SPECIALLY INVITED AND ADMITTED FREE

Beginning next Saturday, July 2, the Walnut home games will be played at Marshall. The ladies will be admitted free of charge and are especially invited. Next Saturday, July 2, Walnut will play Hot Springs at Marshall.

HAS FOUR-LEGGED CHICKEN

Marshall, June 28.—Witt Plemmons, farmer of Sandy Mush section, has a small chicken on his farm that has four legs, every one of them being almost perfectly formed and developed, according to his son, A. L. Plemmons, Marshall business man, who visited his father's farm Friday. —Asheville Times.

VICTOR RECTOR BREAKS JAIL

Liquor Prisoner Picks Cell Lock And Then Cuts Bars

Victor C. Rector, violator of the prohibition laws, who was placed in the Madison County jail here several days ago, to serve a sentence of four years, made his escape Monday night, and th ecounty officers, so far, have found no trace of him. Rector picked the lock on his cell door, which is located on the first floor of the building, and then sawed the steel bars with a hack saw.

His absence was not detected until in the morning when Deputy Sheriff Ervin M. Randall, who has charge of the jail, went to give the prisoners their breakfast. It is believed that some one was waiting for the prisoner with a car near the jail and that he was taken out of this locality before dawn. The saw and blades which he used were furnished him in some manner unknown to Deputy Randall, but it is evident tha this escape was the result of careful planning, nad outside assistance.

Rector was tried for two violations of the prohibition laws in the last term of Criminal Court here and found guilty. Judge Thomas J. Shaw imposed a sentence of four years—two years for each count on which the defendant was convicted—to be served on the roads of Henderson County. However, due to his weak physical condition, which was attested by a Marshall physician, Judge Shaw gave him his choice of leaving the State for two years instead of the first sentence, and Rector accepted this proposition.

The officers thought that they were rid of him, but several weeks later, Sheriff R. R. Ramsey, while driving his car along the highway near Hot Springs, saw him going in the direction of Marshall in another car, and gave chase. However, Rector managed to make his escape, but was captured in Asheville about a week later by Sheriff Laurence Brown, of Buncombe County, who sent notice of his arrest to Madison County officers.

Sheriff Ramsey went to Asheville and secured the prisoner and the following day Deputy Sheriff Randall took him to Henderson County to place him on the chain gang. But the authorities there refused to accept him, due to his physical condition, and Madison County officers decided to let him serve the long sentence in the jail here, which he began immediately.

It is believed that by this time Rector is probably out of the State and the officers do not believe that he will be apprehended unless he decides to pay this section another visit.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual session of the French Broad Baptist Sunday School Convention will he held with Chapel Hill Baptist church July 30-31, 1927.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

The Young People's Conference of French Broad Presbytery has come to be looked forward to as an annual occasion by many of our communities Although conducted by the Presbyterian Church it is by no means restricted to Presbyterians.

There have been many fine Summer Conferences for young people held in other parts of the country for years, but it has been out of the question for most of our churches to send any delegates there because of the distance or the expense while there. So the Presbytery of French Broad conceived the idea of holding our own conference near at hand, using our own cars and appealing to public spirited citizens to use theirs to transport the delegates without cost, and to run the conference so economically that no one need be deprived of its advantages because of the expense. Appreciation is due to generous givers, including some of the leading business men of Marshall, who have donated money to reduce still farther the cost of the individual delegates, and have furnished free scholarships to some who would be unable otherwise to attend. Special mention should be made of W. B. Ramsey who gave $100.00 for this cause.

For the benefit of those who are not familiar with these conferences it may be said in general that the forenoons are spent in intensive study in classes in the Bible, teacher training work, etc., under competent teachers; the afternoons are given to recreation, and the evenings to heart to heart talks on spiritual matters and inspirational addresses.

Our first conference was held two years ago at the Stanley McCormick School, Burnsville, N. C. Last year we went to Farm School, near Swannanoa. This year we return to Stanley McCormick, the dates being July 6 to 12. Like the others it will be under the direction of Rev. James L. Hyde, Walnut, N. C., Chairman of the Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education, to whom any inquiries should be addressed.

TRIO HURT AS BUS HITS CAR; DRIVER ARRESTED

A Mars Hill bus, driven by Ralph Runnion, sideswiped two automobiles on Clingman avenue shortly after 11 o'clock Saturday night, turned and ran through the porch of a house and tumbled down a 30 foot embankment. Three of the four occupants of the car were injured. The driver was unhurt.

Wayne Banks, of 18 Brownwood avenue, West Asheville, sustained a broken foot and several cuts and bruises. Mrs. Banks, his wife, sustained a broken leg.

Miss Elizabeth Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rogers, of Weaverville, sustained a cut in the head.

—Asheville Times

ANNUAL MEETING OF W. M. U.

FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION MARSHALL BAPTIST CHURCH, JULY 7, 1927

W. M. U. Watchword:
"The Master is come and calleth for thee."—John 11: 28.
Hymn: Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult."

10:00 A. M.	Devotional ..... Mrs. Crawford Bryan.
10:15	Welcome—Mrs. Horace Smith.
10:20	Response—Mrs. A. T. Hughey.
10:25	Roll Call of Societies. Report of Officers. Recognize A-1 Societies.
10:45	Conference on: Reports; Apportionment; Standard of Excellence; Personal Service; General Information.
11:15	God's Plan of Giving—Mrs. Bessie Stapleton.
11:30	Talk--Miss Emma Leachman of the Home Mission Board.
11:55	Apportionment of Committes: Nominations; Time and Place; Resolutions.
12:00	Lunch.
1:00	Devotional—Mrs. E. J. Roberts.
1:10	W. M. U. Specials—Mrs. A. E. Hampton, Supt. Asheville Division.
1:25	Talk--Mrs. Edna R. Harris, Cor. Sec. State W. M. U.
1:45	Value of Missionary Magazines and Recorder —Mrs. W. K. Anderson.
2:00	Mission Study--Miss Della Huggins.
2:15	Young People's Work. Roll Call of Societies.
2:45	Playlet--Marshall G. A.'s
3:10	Our Challenge.

THE STATE TRAFFIC LAW IN WEEKLY LESSONS

The State traffic laws must be read and explained in weekly lessons to all high school students, according to an act of the 1927 general assembly, in addition to a number of other acts relating to the safety of school children, especially those in busses, it was pointed out in Raleigh by R. A. Doughton, commissioner of revenue, and C. S. Roberts, vice-president of the Carolina Motor Club, in discussing some of the new laws relating to automobiles and traffic on the highways enacted by the last general assembly.

Under Chapter 242 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, the State Highway Commission is ordered to have printed and in the hands of the superintendent of education by August 1, 1927, a sufficient number of copies of the State traffic laws are to be supplied each year by August 1 and the digest of traffic laws relating to school children include the provision that no school bus may be driven at a speed in excess of 25 miles an hour and that school buses must stop at every railway crossing, whether or not it is designated as a "stop" crossing by the State Highway commission.

"The law enacted by the 1925 legislature providing that all vehicles come to a full stop when school buses are loading or unloading passengers is still in force," Mr. Roberts reminded. "Motorists and officials generally seem to be unaware that such a law has been in existence more than two years, judging from the consternation that existed for several days recently following a receipt by Governor McLean of a letter from a mother asking that something be done to require motorists to stop when children were entering or leaving school buses."

Motorists are restricted to a speed of 15 miles an hour when passing a school during recess or while children are going to or from school during opening or closing hours.

—Morganton News-Herald.