



AIRPLANES IN HORACE WILLIAMS AIRPORT attendants remember the Texas game of '48

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visiting planes on the field for that game, and many of them were from Texas. Mr. Charlie recalls that he was "putting them away on the average of two a minute, and then they were eight deep in the landing pattern at times."

Most of these planes contained Texans complete with "those big hats, and tailored cowboy suits." And, as Mr. Charlie recalls, the Texans were in a betting mood, often betting at 10 to 1 odds. "If I had known Carolina was going to win that game, I wouldn't be here now," Mr. Charlie said.

14 YEARS OLD

The airport was built in 1941 on around 600 acres of land, most of which was donated by the late Horace Williams, professor at the University. It was built by the Work Projects Administration (WPA). During the war around 22 planes were housed on the field, many of which were used in training programs here and at Duke University.

No matter how much air travel picks up in the next several years, the University airport is well fixed for space. The three runways are all over 4,300 feet in length, (one is 5,000 feet long), and there is plenty of space to park aircraft.

But if business gets too good there is going to be a great need for hangers. The present hanger holds about nine planes, and there is a small hanger that can hold one plane.

ESPECIALLY ON FOOTBALL WEEKENDS:

University's Airport Has Grass Strips, Many Planes

By CHARLES DUNN If you are one of the many people who have trouble finding a parking place for your car, what you need is an airplane.

"If I can't find a place for my car, I surely couldn't find a place big enough to park a plane," you retort.

But you are wrong. The University does have an airport. It is the Horace Williams Airport and it is located at the end of the Airport Rd. to the north of Chapel Hill. And it is a large airport, too. In fact, it is rumored to be the largest grass airport in the country.

At present there are 13 planes based on the airport, and all

of these are owned by private pilots who fly either for business or pleasure. This year there are no student planes at the airport, but occasionally a student will bring a plane up for a weekend.

CUSTODIANS

C. L. (Mr. Charlie) Martindale and Max Green are now the custodians of the airport. They take care of the planes that are kept there and offer whatever assistance they can to the many planes that drop in for fuel, or for a visit to the town and University.

Green, who has been in the Air Force, is a student here and is majoring in English. He is from Asheville. Mr. Charlie, a

first class mechanic in World War I, lives out on the Durham Rd., and has been working at the airport for about 12 years. Mr. Charlie works in the mornings, and Green takes over when he gets out of class and works until sunset or until all of the planes are in.

The airport is busiest on football weekends. An average of 20 out-of-town visitors fly in for some of the home football games. For the Oklahoma game there were 24 visiting planes, including six from Oklahoma.

But the big game, at least from the standpoint of the staff at the airport, was the Carolina-Texas game in 1948. There were 97

A Human County History

There has been, in recent years, a big improvement in the writing of county histories. There is less emphasis on dry facts and more on people.

"Zeb's Black Baby", a short history of Vance County, N. C., is an example. The author of it is an old Chapel Hillian, Samuel Thomas Peace, who was once the only employee of the only bank in Chapel Hill, and who used to take the funds home with him nights for safekeeping. He came here from Oxford but has lived many years in Henderson.

Vance County was named for Senator Zebulon B. Vance, who looked kindly on a political maneuver which formed the county out of Granville, Franklin and Warren counties. Because it was likely to go Republican, Vance named the new county "Zeb's Black Baby", according to a legend cited by Peace.

This book is rich in legend and not a little folklore, which give life and color to the whole narrative. People who like good historical reading will enjoy this book. Legend is plainly labeled in such a way as not to confuse it with documented history. The human factor is uppermost.

For example, there is a chapter on the Nut Bush Presbyterian Church, which on January 20, 1868, convicted and excommunicated a girl for becoming an unwed mother. "She and her babe were put in a two-horse wagon (but not by the church) and provided with a Negro driver. The mother of the young girl stuck by her daughter and went along too. When the wagon arrived at the foothills of the mountains of West Virginia it was met by a young man who took charge of the wagon and the colored man was told to get back home the best way he could. And that was the last the folks back home ever saw" of the young girl and her child.

Peace's book is evidence that the good old days were not good for everybody. There were cruelty, crudity, and much drinking of corn liquor. But there was also much humor and practical joking. At the battle of Mechanicsville in June, 1862, a private wanted to be excused on the ground that he was sick. "Yes, damn it," said the captain. "I know you are sick. But it's only the battlefield colic. It'll not excuse you."

Peace gives considerable space to the old homes of the town and county and to the people who lived in them; likewise to the rise of business and industry.

The biographical sketches reveal some of the strange things that can happen to a human life. In fact, the whole book of 446 pages is a record of the strange things that can occur in a seemingly small and ordinary community. It's a good job done with affection and humor.—P.R.



MRS. B. B. LACOCK, "MITCHIE", AND "DANNY"

After Hit-Run Injuries...

Dog On Wheels Is Getting Around OK

An 11-year-old "dog-on-wheels" is recovering in good spirits and health from paralyzing hit-and-run injuries last summer.

Victim is "Mitchie", 11-year-old poodle Boxer owned by Mrs. B. Blaney B. Lacock of Chapel Hill, Route One. This extraordinary canine, a patriarch in his breed, would be an invalid but for an ingenious harness for his rear legs which are supported on a pair of

wheels in a miniature carriage-borne brace.

He can get around the Lacock farm quite well on this rig and with but two months practice can already outrun his mistress when she chooses to do so.

A well-trained, affectionate, and valuable show dog, "Mitchie" was struck by a hit-and-run auto near Goldston Drive on the Greensboro highway late on the night of July

18. He and his son, five-year-old Danny, slipped from the house early that evening and were found in the middle of the road about 11:45 p.m. by a passing motorist.

"Danny" was standing guard over the prostrate form of the older dog and would let no one but a woman approach them. She took them to Dr. Vine's Animal Hospital where Mitchie was found to have three broken vertebrae and incurable paralyzing on his rear legs.

After a period of convalescence he was able to drag around the house a bit by flopping his rear end about behind his forelegs, but he seemed doomed to invalidism unless a contrivance could be made to carry his hind legs.

The unusual custom-made harness was built by the Gann Machine Shop in Durham and has enabled him to return home and get around much as he used to when it's hooked up.

"He's a wonderful dog and I just couldn't stand the thought of losing him," said Mrs. Lacock. "About the only thing he can't do now is dance with me like he used to do."

ANNUAL REPORT

OFFICE OF E. M. LYNCH CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT ORANGE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1955

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1955

Table with columns for ASSETS, LIABILITIES, and BALANCE SHEET. Includes items like Cash on Hand, Building and Loan Investments, Checks Outstanding, etc.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

We have made an audit of the financial records of the office of E. M. Lynch, Clerk of Superior Court, Orange County, North Carolina, for the year ended June 30, 1955. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards...

W. M. RUSS & COMPANY Certified Public Accountants

CHECKS OUTSTANDING

June 30, 1955

Table listing checks outstanding as of June 30, 1955. Columns include Check number, date, payee, and amount.

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST

June 30, 1955

Table listing funds held in trust as of June 30, 1955. Columns include name of estate/trust and amount.

Table listing various estates and individuals, including names like Blackwood, Helen Ann, Boggs, Charles Estate, etc.

JUDGEMENTS PAID TO CLERK NOT DISBURSED

June 30, 1955

Table listing judgments paid to clerk not disbursed as of June 30, 1955. Columns include date, amount, and case name.

TOTAL JUDGEMENTS PAID TO CLERK NOT DISBURSED

Summary table for total judgments paid to clerk not disbursed, broken down by North Carolina and Orange County.

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