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Intrepid Fliers Finish Round the World Tour

Winnie Mae, Carrying Post and Gatty, Greeted by Thousands as They Land

Roosevelt Field, N. J., July 1.—The flashing white monoplane, Winnie Mae, carrying Wiley Post and Harold Gatty, came in from the west at sunset tonight, ending the fastest trip ever made around the world.

The ship circled Roosevelt Field, from which it started its long and hazardous journey last week, as the last blaze of sunlight faded from the sky, and landed at 7:47:10 p. m., eastern standard time.

Then, suddenly it was dark, and there was booming of flashlights and a tumult of shouting as 10,000 persons welcomed them home amid a joyous confusion unequalled for a hero of the air since Col. Charles A. Lindbergh came back from Paris.

But foremost in the frantic mob, even before Colonel Lindbergh, who waited on the field, was a tearful, smiling woman who pushed her way to the door of the plane. She was the wife of a tired, almost exhausted pilot, who half stumbled from the door.

"Darling, I'm so glad, so glad!" was all Mrs. Post could say as she flung herself forward and her arms encircled the pilot's neck. Post couldn't even reply. He merely wrapped his arms around her and they pushed their way through the crowd.

On the opposite side of the plane another door was pushed open. Inside, almost unnoticed in the rush to the pilot's seat, was Gatty, the skillful, unerring navigator who had guided the Oklahoma City plane on a nearly 16,000 journey over oceans, mountains, ice and forests, in eight days, 15 hours and 51 minutes. He couldn't end his journey alone and they lifted him out bodily.

Mrs. Gatty, who raced eastward by plane to meet him, had been delayed, and was not at the field to welcome him.

The two fliers were the least excited persons in the crowd at the field as they replied in matter of fact tones to questions about their trip.

"Certainly, I think I could make another trip like this one," Post said, snapping his words out doggedly despite his obvious exhaustion. "This home coming, getting through this crowd, that's the hardest part of the whole trip."

At 9:48 there was a stir at the doors of the hangar into which the fliers had been hustled. The fliers emerged and they were escorted through a narrow lane of humans into the official cars, and the motorcycle set off for New York, to the accompaniment of more banging flashlights and the shriek of motorcycle sirens.

Parrott is Now Health Officer

Raleigh, July 1.—Dr. James M. Parrott, newly elected state health officer, took office yesterday. His first day in the state's service was taken up with work on the departmental budget, reorganization along the lines agreed to by the new state board of health, and conferences with members of the staff.

Dr. H. A. Taylor, deputy health officer under the late Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse, and acting health officer since his death, became assistant to Dr. Parrott yesterday, he having accepted the position when the board last met here.

Under the decision to reduce the department personnel, Ronald Wilson, formerly assistant to the secretary, and Dr. D. A. Dees, left the state employ yesterday. Their positions are not to be filled.

The new board will meet again on July 14, at which time it will consider changes in its original plan for reorganization and decide on the selection of H. E. Miller, who was given only a temporary selection as head of the division of sanitation when the board met last. Since that time the board has received many petitions and letters concerning Mr. Miller, some urging that he be retained and some taking the opposite view. A number of engineering organizations have passed resolutions in his favor.

Gatty One of Best Air Navigators

Hoover Invites Airmen to White House Monday; Officials Voice Praise

New York, July 1.—Wiley V. Post and Harold Gatty, who circled the earth by plane in about the time it takes a liner to cross the Atlantic, together constitute an unbeatable team for long distance flying, in the opinion of other flying men, among them Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh.

Post at the controls and Gatty with his precise knowledge of navigation, they say, are capable of remarkable performance, as demonstrated in their breath taking jaunt around the world.

These two men met in California when Post was working as a test pilot at the Lockheed plant in Los Angeles. Gatty was instructing Harold Bromley in the art of navigation for a projected flight across the Pacific to Japan. Gatty accompanied Bromley on the flight and when they were lost in the fog, plotted a course which brought the plane back to safety.

Post is 32 years old, and though he lives in Oklahoma, he is a native of Texas. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Post, have a 90 acre farm north of Maysville, Okla., and in a recent interview the fliers' father told of his efforts to keep Wiley on the farm.

They didn't want Wiley to go traipsing off to the oil fields like he did. They had him cut out to be a farmer. Wiley always had a knack for mechanical things and was forever tinkering with mowing machines, binders and whatnot around the place.

Eventually, he went away to school to study mechanics, and the first thing his parents knew, he was working in the Oklahoma oil fields. One day an accident befell him, and he lost the sight of his left eye. He was paid \$2,000 by the firm with which he worked, and that was the beginning of his flying career.

He started in 1924, as parachute jumper with a barnstorming party. Between jumps, he made 91 of them in all, he learned to fly. Finally, he bought his own ship and became a barnstormer in his own right.

He first came into prominence in 1930 when, pitted against four of the nation's fastest fliers, he won the Pacific coast non-stop derby to Chicago.

Paroles For 303 Convicts

Governor Frees Hundreds of Short Term County Prisoners

Raleigh, July 1.—Three hundred and three convicts serving original sentences of less than 60 days were free Wednesday.

The men were serving terms in county convict camps which were taken over by the State Highway Commission. Since the law prohibits prisoners sentenced to less than 60 days in these camps, Governor O. Max Gardner paroled them rather than send them back to the county jails.

Most of the paroled convicts were 30 day prisoners and the majority of these had completed more than half their sentences. Tyre Taylor, executive counsel, said.

More than a third of the paroles went to Guilford county, where 127 convicts were released. Thirty-three were freed in Rowan. Sixteen in Rockingham, 14 in Wake, 13 in Richmond, 11 in New Hanover and Durham, and 10 in Mecklenburg.

Queen of Flower Ball

Mass Meeting in School Auditorium on Saturday Afternoon Called by School Board for Purpose of Ascertaining the Wishes of the People Largely Attended—A Rising Vote was Overwhelmingly in Favor of Eight Months Term.

SENATOR DORTCH ADDRESSES LOCAL D. A. R. CHAPTER

Featuring the program of the Col. Alexander McAllister chapter, D. A. R., at its June meeting held on Saturday afternoon, was an excellent resume of the important bills passed at the last state assembly, and some interesting side lights of both houses, given by Senator Hugh Dortch of Goldsboro. A tribute to John W. Holmes, Pitt county representative, who lives here, for his loyalty and persistent efforts in relation to tax reduction, was paid him by the speaker.

Mrs. W. Lealie Smith was hostess at her home on Church street, and Mrs. W. B. Murphy, of Snow Hill, the respondent, presided. This chapter is composed of members from Kinston, Greenville, Snow Hill, Hookerton and Farmville.

Upon arriving at the Smith home the guests were served iced punch from a flower filled alcove in the hall by Mrs. B. O. Turnage and Mrs. J. T. Thorne, and an ice course was served after the program, which had as another feature, vocal selections by Mrs. J. W. Joyner, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. J. L. Shackelford.

FIRST COTTON BLOSSOM

Alfred Moore exhibited the first cotton blossom of the season on June 29th. Mr. Moore avers that the boll weevil fodder came from his field near town, but Johnny Joyner has cotton in that neighborhood, too.

At a mass meeting held in the high school auditorium last Saturday afternoon, which had been called by the school board for the purpose of ascertaining the wishes of the majority as to a six or eight months term for the Farmville school district the coming year, it was most emphatically seen by all in attendance that the people of this community are not willing to take any backward step when it comes to the matter of educating its youth regardless of the depressed financial conditions.

The argument for a six months' term was led by J. W. Holmes, which had but little support, while the argument for an eight months' term was led by Dr. Paul E. Jones with considerable support. The final analysis being that the people of this section will resort to other ways of economizing rather than by crippling the future of its youth on account of the extravagances of its parents.

Of course there is more than one angle to the school problem, however, and this expression of wanting an eight months' term is very commendable on the part of our citizens, but unless the people of this district fail to pay their taxes this fall, then, of course, there will be no funds available with which to carry on this extra two months not provided for in the state.

Let us hope that our prosperity will permit us to pay the tax and that the school may run the full eight months.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Gates have moved into the home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Morgan.

FREE BLOOD TESTING CLINICS FOR COLORED PEOPLE

The Pitt County Syphilis Control Demonstration has been in operation since March, 1930. The demonstration was made possible by the cooperation of the United States Public Health Service, the Rosenwald Fund and the North Carolina State Board of Health. Pitt is the only county in North Carolina which has had the advantage of such a clinic. It was through the efforts of the late Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse that Pitt was selected, rather than several other counties which were anxious for the clinic. The colored people of Pitt county should forever be grateful to Dr. Laughinghouse for his efforts in their behalf.

A physician and two registered nurses have devoted their entire time to the work since the clinic began operation. The members of the Pitt County Health Department have rendered invaluable aid. Weekly clinics have been conducted for the diagnosis and treatment of syphilis in the county at the following points: Bethel, Factious, Greenville (2), Simpson, Grimesland, Ayden, Winterville and Farmville. Approximately 13,000 free blood tests have been given and more than 1,300 people have received free treatment.

The clinic will stop treating June 30th and will spend the month of July conducting Free Blood Testing Clinics in the county for the benefit of those who had clean blood last year when the survey was made. It is advised that all people who employ colored help should encourage them to take a blood test in July at which time it may be obtained free. Landlords will be conferring a great favor on their colored tenants by encouraging them to take advantage of this opportunity to have a free blood test. Clinics will be held in Greenville during the week beginning July 20 and clinics in the county will be held prior to that time. Watch for the schedule of clinics which will appear in a few days.

J. J. TYSON, M. D.

"White Collar" Jobs Preferred

Figures Indicate Overalls Are in Disfavor in North Carolina

Raleigh, July 1.—During the last 10 years North Carolinians have shown a decided preference for the so-called white collar jobs, the professions, merchandising, banking, insurance and real estate, or maybe these occupations have demanded their services against their will, according to an analysis of census figures made by the State Department of Conservation and Development.

At any rate, the department reports employment in the white collar fields has almost doubled in the last ten years, whereas the population has increased by less than 24 per cent.

The number of Tar Heels employed in gainful occupations of all sorts showed an increase of 27.3 per cent in 1930, as compared with 1920. Only slightly more than one-third of the population of the State, 1,141,129, or 35.9 per cent, were gainfully employed in 1930, as compared with 895,852 or 35 per cent of the total in 1920. This represented a numerical gain of 245,277 but the percentage increase was only nine-tenths of one per cent.

In addition to those gainfully employed, 796,426 were reported as being in school; 475,977 were under school age, and the remainder, 756,724, were engaged in housework, were sick in institutions of some sort or were out of employment.

There were 867,807 men gainfully employed and 273,322 women. The proportion of men employed declined six-tenths of one per cent while the proportion for women increased from 22.6 per cent in 1920 to 23.9 per cent in 1930, or by 1.3 per cent.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Fields and children of Greenville, accompanied by Rufus Rollins, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Davenport, near Fayetteville.

July 1 Was Red Letter Day For North Carolina

Changes Become Effective Here

State Enters New Biennium With New Faces in Officialdom and Old Ones Missing

Raleigh, July 1.—North Carolina entered upon a new biennium today with numerous changes in organization and personnel, most of it the result of the record breaking 1931 general assembly which adjourned in May, taking effect.

More than 45,000 miles of county highways were placed under state control and maintenance in addition to the 10,000 mile state system, and two new branches of the government were officially lunched on their careers.

The state entered the 1931-33 biennium with a deficit expected to exceed \$1,700,000 from the 1929-31 period. The exact figures of the deficit will not be known until the state auditor completes his report and the combined report of the auditor and treasurer is prepared.

New faces were in many of the state offices and a number of old ones were missing.

A. S. Brower officially opened the state's new department of purchase and contract which will buy the major portion of the state's needs. This office was created by the 1931 legislature.

Frank Dunlap, former state senator from Anson, officially opened the new department of personnel which replaces the salary and wage commission. Both Mr. Brower and Mr. Dunlap sent out memorandum calling state employees attention to the ten per cent salary cuts which went into effect yesterday. Their next pay envelopes will show the slash.

The State Industrial Commission and the Child Welfare Commission, which will henceforth be known as the Division of Standards and Inspection, came under the Department of Labor, which was reorganized by the past legislature.

Two vacancies were left in the corporation commission through the resignations of I. M. Bailey, counsel, and Carl Hill, director of the securities department.

A. A. F. Seawell, of Sanford, assumed the post of assistant to the attorney general, and office vacated by Frank Nash, who succeeded E. C. Seawell as clerk of the state supreme court.

Georgia Gov. to Cut Salaries

Russell Also Wants To Shorten Own Term by Six Months

Atlanta, July 1.—The Georgia legislature today considered the recommendation of Richard B. Russell, Jr., new 33 year old bachelor governor, that all state salaries be cut five to ten per cent for the next two years, and that his own term as governor be shortened by six months.

The salary slash, which he said he wished to have applied to himself as well as to other state employes, was urged as a means of economy.

The reduction in the length of his term was advocated in order to change the date of inaugurating governors from June to January. Under the present system election is in November but inauguration does not take effect until the following June.

Challenges Soviets

Matthew Wolf, of the American Federation of Labor, says America needs a one-year plan. He wants the four-day and a five-day week.

First State in Union to Take Over Maintenance of Roads and Convict Forces

The following letter in regard to the change in North Carolina's highway law has been issued from the Governor's office:

Raleigh, June 31.—On July 1 will take place an unprecedented event in North Carolina. On that date the state for the first time in history, and the first state in the United States, will take over from the counties the job of maintenance and construction of every mile of public road and every bridge in North Carolina and will assume the responsibility of paying the cost of this tremendous job.

The state will also take over around four thousand convicts and relieve the counties of the burden of their support and maintenance. On July 1 all of the chaingangs and prisoners in jail serving more than sixty day sentences will cease to be fed and clothed and supported by the counties. The state will serve over twelve thousand additional meals, of a uniform and balanced food content, on July 1.

From that date the county commissioners are prohibited from levying a cent of tax to support the maintenance and construction of roads in North Carolina. The state appropriates a minimum of \$6,000,000 to county roads, to be derived from the proceeds of the present six cent gasoline tax. This automatically lifts from the land and property of the state an ad valorem tax of \$6,000,000, now levied for roads. Three million of this will be new money, and three millions comes from the state aid created by the 1929 General Assembly and largely used by the counties for debt service.

On July 1 the county commissioners and highway commissioners of the one hundred counties, or a total of more than five hundred men, will turn over to a commission of seven men composing the State Highway Commission the combined responsibilities of their duties.

The State Highway Department is already organized for completing the transfer of the forty-five thousand miles of county roads and the four thousand county prisoners. In fact, since before the adjourning of the legislature, the entire organization of the highway department has centered its thought on the working out of plans for taking over county roads July 1.

The commission has laid out and organized the state into districts, and districts into sub-districts. Every mile of road is charged to someone in the state organization. That is to say, every mile of road in every county has a maintenance supervisor responsible to an engineer, in turn responsible to a district engineer, in turn responsible to the State Highway Department, in turn responsible to the State Highway Commission. And there is, in fact, in the entire forty-five thousand miles, less likelihood of any particular road getting lost in the shuffle, and receiving inadequate attention from the maintenance forces, than would have been the case under local responsibility for maintenance.

Of course the Highway Department and the administration realize that the present organization has of necessity been hastily created and has actually been thrown together within a period of thirty days and that there will be many changes and adjustments to work out before the organization can reach the maximum of efficiency. I feel, however, that it is a remarkable demonstration of organization and drive that so much has been done in such a short time. Under the intense leadership of Chairman Jeffress and Chief Engineer Ames and their staff of assistants, every one connected with the State Highway Department has been working at full power to get ready for July 1. I commend the counties for their splendid cooperation with the state in effectuating the change in organization. And I trust that our people will be patient and not expect too much at once as the state moves forward in its vigorous determination to assume the responsibility for this heavy task.

Geo. D. Taylor, Jr., Miss Edna Foust Harris, Louise Smith, Harry Cook and Frances May of Sanford, spent last Thursday in Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Jones, accompanied by their daughter, Vernice Lang, and Mrs. W. M. Willis, spent Wednesday at Camp Securus, with Ras Jones and Billie Willis.

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