

WEATHER

Partly cloudy, slightly colder in each portion Sunday. Monday cloudy. Slightly rising temperature.

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FLIER WHO WAS AT FAIR HERE DIES IN ACCIDENT

BROTHER SUPPORTS STORY THAT MOTHER SLEW PETTY

Two Aviators and One Pedestrian Meet Death As Plane Falls to Earth

Bomb, Tossed Out, Lodges in Wing and Explodes, Hurtling Ship Earthward

CRASHES ON DOWNTOWN STREET IN MACON, GA.

Buck Steele, Who Spent Several Days Here in October, Was Pilot

One of the flying pairs, Buck Steele, who with Jack Ashcraft, made the acquaintance of many Goldsboro and Wayne county people when they spent three days here during the last Wayne county fair doing passenger flights, was killed in an accident in Macon yesterday. The following Associated Press Dispatch tells the story.

MACON, Ga., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Running wild after an ill timed aerial bomb had killed its pilot and aviator passengers, an airplane participating in the Southeastern Air Derby here plunged 7,000 feet into the heart of the business district today, fatally injuring one pedestrian and seriously injuring two others.

The weight of a noon day crowd of hundreds of persons who rushed to the wreckage caused the collapse of a concrete sidewalk and the injury of six who were thrown into the basement of a drug store.

Buck Steele, veteran stunt flier and pilot of the ill-fated craft and Francis Ashcraft, student aviator, who were in the plane met death in midair when the third bomb they tossed out in an exhibition caught in the wings and exploded prematurely.

Watchers below in the business district saw the plane suddenly enveloped in smoke and a moment later waver into a slide swip. In an instant it fell into a tail spin, gathering speed by force of the still revolving propeller in its descent into the main business thoroughfare.

It dashed close by the car tracks in the middle of the street near an intersection.

Steele and Jack Ashcraft Francis Ashcraft is referred to above flew from Richmond to Goldsboro 180 miles, in an hour and 45 minutes on October 27, 1927. Finding the Wayne county fair in progress they made a stop over and remained here until the fair closed and then proceeded south.

At that time both Steele and Ashcraft were piloting two-seater Waco planes and they used the race course at the fair grounds as a landing field. Several hundred folks in this section went for spins with them while they were in the city and found the young fliers, off duty, delightful men to know. The two had made a trip to Goldsboro several years ago when the Gates Flying Circus came here.

The two men had been flying partners for seven years and were known as the Damon and Pythias of the Lindbergh elite. They were originally issued licenses as air pilots in the State of New York and were among the first thirty five certified as fliers by the Department of Commerce.

Two Killed at Columbia

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Two Columbia girls were burned to death today when the airplane in which they were passengers crashed at the edge of the city. The pilot escaped.

The girls were a Miss Holt and a Miss Rogers, each about 17 years old. Their first names were not immediately available.

Don Diegel of Cheraw, the pilot, was taken to a hospital after he had managed to extricate himself from the burning wreckage.

The plane burst into flames as it struck the ground. The girls were caught in the wreckage and their bodies incinerated. Diegal apparently was not seriously injured.

Sat. Weather Menu—Rain, Sleet and Snow

The Weather Man tried all his tricks yesterday. In the morning it rained from a dark dreary sky, rain changed for a short time to snow and hail and in parts of the county there was sleet. This exhibition of change of pace gave way presently to a dark cloud that hovered in the west and pink-tinted seemed to offer threats of a bad blow. An hour later, though, and the sun was shining. All the while the temperature dropped steadily and the Weather Man promised a bitter cold day which would offer an excuse for staying away from church.

RADIO FUND IS ALMOST RAISED

Only \$28.40 Needed to Complete Sum for Purchase of Set For County Home

On to victory for the W. C. H. R., Wayne County Home Radio. It won't be long now till the chimes of Normandie will be sounding clearly on the air of Bellevue, to fill many hearts with the joy of living, many thank souls with a spirit of thankfulness; the resonant words of silver-toned preacher will pour forth on the Sabbath morning to bring messages of love and peace and salvation from distant places.

This should remind the several Sunday school classes of Goldsboro today that they might never have a better opportunity to do more good with less money, and that probably this is the best chance they will have to give to this fund as not much more (Continued on Page Four)

Bad Weather Again Halts Chamberlin

BREITON, Va., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Major Clarence Chamberlin was halted in his effort to continue his flight to Richmond, Va., late this afternoon. After an enforced stay of seven hours he took off at 4 o'clock and after landing said he would spend the night here. If conditions are favorable he plans to resume his flight at 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Bankers Will This Week Visit Eastern Carolina

A number of prominent bankers of the East and Mid-West, men who hold the purse strings to millions, accompanied by a number of leading North Carolina bankers, will reach the Eastern part of the State this week on their tour of North Carolina.

Monday evening the financiers will be entertained at a meeting of Group Number Four of the State Bankers' Association. W. E. Stroud, vice president and cashier of the Wayne National Bank, as vice president of the State Bankers Association, will be a member of the welcoming committee at the Raleigh meeting.

Tuesday morning the bankers, traveling in three specially chartered Pullmans, will pass through Goldsboro en route to Kinston where on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the dining room of the First Christian church they will be entertained by Group Number Three of the State Bankers Association. D. E. Wooten, president of the First National Bank

NEW INVENTION IN SMITHFIELD

Financiers From Many Points Inspect Highway Painting Machine

Inventors and men who make a business of financing worthwhile inventions have come from many parts of the United States within the last few days to view a road marking and painting machine perfected by J. H. Kirkman of Smithfield.

The device as described here will automatically mark the center traffic lines on highways and will do in a fraction of time what hand labor has required days and hours to accomplish. Men have come from points in the middle west to inspect the machine.

Lately reports from Smithfield are that Mr. Kirkman has added an improvement to the machine in the form of a mowing machine blade which will cut grass and weeds on the shoulder of the highway while marking of the traffic lines is underway.

This addition doubles the usefulness of the machine without any extra expense whatever for operating it since it derives its center line in the highway. The driver of the machine can paint the center line of the highway and at the same time cut the weeds on the side of the road. The only manual labor required to operate the blade is to lower it from the rest to the ground and pull in the gear lever, after which it works automatically and somewhat similar to the ordinary McCormick horse-drawn field mower. It is true this extra mowing attachment will add some to the initial cost of the machine, but in consideration of the increased usefulness this extra cost will be negligible.

Mr. Kirkman is desirous of having a completed machine on exhibit and in operation at the Eastern Carolina Exposition to be held in Goldsboro, and also at the Made-in-Carolina Exposition to be held in Charlotte.

NOW PROBING FERRY MISHAP

Possibility That Not More Than Three People Died When Ferry "Dipped"

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—(AP)—One to three persons were listed definitely as missing today as a three cornered investigation got under way into the "nose dive" taken by the ferry boat Peralta while crossing San Francisco bay last night.

Investigators who included in their tabulations 141 persons who had not returned to their homes in the east bay district reported as high as 13 persons among the missing.

REPUBLICANS NOW FUSSING

Associated Press Reviews Developments in Presidential Race During Week

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Reversing all traditions of recent years the Republicans are growing noisier and noisier at their presidential slate making while the Democrats remain, for the most part, calm and deliberate.

Secretary Hoover's announcement of his candidacy has awakened echoes of varying quality during the past week in almost every state with the hurrahing loudest in Ohio where the Hoover and Willis camps are arming for a war without quarter.

Among the Democrats the week has seen a further unfolding of the Smith movement and a further quiet development likewise of an anti-Smith movement particularly in the South.

But the quiet activities of those who are opposing Smith in the South are no less numerous and widespread. The picturesque Senator Blease told his South Carolina constituents a few days ago that if the party nominated Smith it might as well save its pains and money. Georgia perfected her plans to vote for Senator George of that State, who also is said to have a following in Florida and South Carolina.

Tennessee is committed to Representative Hull, Mississippi to Harrison, Arkansas to Senator Robinson. There is talk of supporting Governor Moody in Texas and Governor McLean in North Carolina while many Kentucky Democrats want to instruct for Senator Barkley.

STATE SENATOR GRIER IS DEAD

Funeral Services From Statesville This Afternoon; Died in Philadelphia

STATESVILLE, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Funeral services for State Senator Frank Grier of Statesville who died last night in Philadelphia will be held here Sunday afternoon. The body is expected to arrive early tomorrow from Philadelphia and will lie in state at the residence until the hour of the funeral.

BELIEVES IN ETERNAL LIFE

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Takes Edison To Task For His Statements

BY SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE (Written for The Associated Press) CROWBOROUGH, England, Feb. 18 I opened my paper the other day and the first item which met my eyes was the pronouncement by Mr. Edison, the inventor, that the question of survival was a 50-50 one and that the chances were equal whether you had had a future or not.

What a bleak outlook for humanity if such an assertion were true, but it is not true and we have the means of proving that it is not true.

If Mr. Edison was really in touch with the evidence he would never have said a thing that will cast a shadow on many a heart and weaken many a spirit. He has like so many honest thinkers been repelled by those superficial and obvious flaws for which our movement is not really responsible. But all the same he is much to blame in lending the weight of his name to such a statement concerning a subject which he has obviously not examined: I could give him off hand a hundred cases within my own knowledge which would show that there is no 50-50 in the matter but that one can safely claim to be a 100 percent believer in a life to come.

SIMMONS RITES AT 4 P. M. TODAY

L. H. Simmons Dies At Home On North James After Month of Illness

Funeral services for L. H. Simmons, 63, who died at his home yesterday morning following a long illness, will be held from the residence on North James street at 4 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. W. O. Cone. Mr. Simmons had been in declining health for many months but the immediate cause of death was pneumonia superimposed by a stroke of paralysis several weeks ago.

A native of Maryland, Mr. Simmons, a man of quiet, unobtrusive demeanor was married to Miss Louise Barnes of Tarboro. The widow with eight children survive. The children: Misses Lena, Lottie, Elizabeth and Mary Simmons and Mrs. Francis Bowen, of Greenville and Howard, Charley and Billy Simmons of Goldsboro.

The deceased had resided in Goldsboro for a number of years and was well liked. Of a mechanical turn of mind, Mr. Simmons great interest in life had been in inventions. Only a short time before his final illness he had perfected a stop and go signal for traffic control that was spoken of as having unlimited possibilities.

The following have been selected as active pallbearers for the funeral to be held from the home at 4 o'clock: Dr. Zeno Spence, Mayor J. H. Hill, Col. George K. Freeman, Dr. Dilton Morris, Sam D. Scott, Vance Sasser and H. B. Cummings.

The following will be honorary pallbearers: Captain N. O'Berry, George S. Dewey, Dr. John Spicer, Dr. W. H. Smith, Dr. C. E. Howard, G. C. Koriegay, and John R. Raper.

STORM WHIPS ABOUT SOUTH

Originates Off Coast and Extends As Far South As Florida

ATLANTA, Feb. 18.—(AP)—A storm center just off the Atlantic coast whipped its tail at the South today and missed, but the freezing gale and snow flurries it drew in from the northwest were hardly a lesser punishment.

Tonight the back wash disturbance was spreading toward the gulf coast line and possibly as far south as Florida.

A light snow fell before the gale in Virginia and the Carolinas with more predicted during the night in the mountain section.

Mrs. Gatlin Says She Falsely Confessed To Crime Done By Mother

LINDBERGH

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Col. Charles Lindbergh led the St. Louis Chicago air mail route today for an inspection prior to his return to the air service for a round trip Monday and Tuesday. He wanted to familiarize himself with the new beacons and changes made at the fields since he left the service a year ago.

RAILROAD MAN DIES SUDDENLY

Paul Pelter, Vice President Norfolk-Southern, Had Risen From Ranks

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Fred Paul Pelter, 52, vice president and general manager of the Norfolk-Southern railroad died suddenly at his home here tonight.

A native of Augusta Springs, Va., Mr. Pelter began his railroad career at Richmond, Ky., with the Louisville and Nashville road in 1889 as messenger and rose in successive steps from telegraph operator with that road to various executive positions with other roads to the post he has held here since 1925.

He was at various times connected with the Topeka and Santa Fe, the Egin Jollett and Eastern, and the Southern, coming from the latter road to the Norfolk-Southern.

A NEW SPECTRE AT CONFERENCE

Question of Non-Intervention Is Again Raised at Havana Meeting

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The Pan-American conference today laid one spectre which had been threatening its peaceful conclusion only to have another suddenly show its head in session—non-intervention in American states was the issue which came to life after having lain dormant in committee.

Early the Pan-American union convention which had provoked contention resulting in the resignation of Dr. Puerrydon of Argentina had been approved.

Standard Training School In City March 4th to 9th

There will be a Standard Training school for Sunday school and church leaders of Goldsboro and vicinity at St. Paul Methodist church March 4th to 9th. The first session will be held at 3 p. m. Sunday afternoon, March 4. The remaining sessions will be held at 7:30 p. m. For the past four years this training work has been conducted at St. Paul and each year the school has grown and great good has come from the work done in teacher training and administration of the same.

The motto of the school is: "Take time for training, for training takes time." Rev. J. M. Daniel is chairman of the Board of Managers and the pastors of the following churches will cooperate. Rev. J. H. Frjzelle, St. John; Rev. R. L. Jerome, Elm St. and Pikeville; Rev. R. E. Brown, Goldsboro Circuit; Rev. R. E. Pittman, Fremont Circuit; Rev. E. N. Harrison, Mt. Olive Circuit; Rev. E. M. Sulpes, Mt. Olive and Calypso; Rev. Rufus Bradley, LaGrange circuit; Rev. N. L. Seabolt, Seven Springs Circuit.

A very attractive course of study has been offered and the personnel of the teaching staff is as follows: Mr. L. L. Gobel, Conference Superintendent, Prof. A. M. Proctor, Duke University, Prof. James Cannon, III; Duke University and Mrs. H. M. Wade, Parkersburg, West Virginia. The courses they will give and the books for study will be described in a later report in these columns.

The course completed will allow credit and a certificate will be awarded. No person under seventeen years of age, unless a graduate of a high school, is eligible for credit, except for Bible courses.

All denominations are invited to take part in this school and in time past representatives from the local churches have taken credit. The Wayne County Ministers' Association in 1926 went on record as recommending this Standard School held each year at St. Paul. All church workers and Christian teachers are urged to take advantage of this opportunity for training and a hearty welcome awaits all who will come you will enjoy the work.

Petty Was Slain After He Threatened to Murder Whole Family

MINISTER SWORE TO SECRECY ON BIBLE

Mrs. Gatlin Tells Court She Wanted to Know Fate of Her Mother's Soul

WENTWORTH, N. C., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Laying the crime to her mother who is dead, Mrs. Alma Petty Gatlin, on trial for the murder of her father Smith Petty admitted to a jury today that while trying to get information as to the probable fate of her mother's soul she told the Rev. Thomas Pardue she herself was the murderer. Mrs. Gatlin said her mother killed Smith Petty with an axe January 26, 1926 while he was drunk and trying to cut her throat following a night of terror during which he repeatedly threatened to wipe out the whole family.

Woodrow Petty, who Mrs. Gatlin declared was present when the slaying occurred, took the stand to corroborate his sister's story.

Binding the family to secrecy, the mother died the following March with cut confessing or allowing the story to be told. Mrs. Gatlin declared, although she said she insisted to her mother's dying moment that she ought to confess and not leave them "with this trouble on our hands."

The Rev. Mr. Pardue who last Wednesday related to the jury that Mrs. Gatlin had confessed the slaying to him in detail broke faith with despite he had sworn on a Bible ever his heart that he would never mention it, said the defendant.

While Mrs. Gatlin told her story the minister was crouched just outside the railing in the court room. She looked him squarely in the eye and his gaze in turn never left his figure in the witness chair.

"See if what I say is not the truth, Mr. Pardue," she hurled at him as a question from the prosecution interrupted her testimony regarding the statement she said, she had made to the minister in perfect confidence.

The trial will be resumed Monday.

WENTWORTH.—(AP)—Admitting that she had told Pardue much the same story he had related on the witness stand, Mrs. Gatlin told the jury how she had remained after a revival service last summer and how she and the preacher had gone into the choir loft. Pardue, she said, had preached that night on "Confession of Sin."

She was worried about her mother she said and asked Pardue:

"I understood you to say in your sermon that unless a person confessed their sins before death there is no hope for them."

"Yes, that's right," she quoted the minister as replying.

"Is there only one unpardonable sin," I asked him.

"Yes," he replied, "against the Holy Ghost."

She said she then asked the minister, if a murderer could enter the kingdom of Heaven.

"He glanced at me sharply" she said and asked: "Alma, why are you interested in murder?"

"I knew what I wanted to ask him but I did not know just how to say it because I wanted to protect my mother. I decided then to say that I was guilty of murder."

"He said 'Alma, you know you did not'."

"I said 'Yes' Mr. Pardue, I murdered my father."

Swore to Keep Secret

"He swore with a Bible over his heart that he would not divulge my statement and would keep everything between us and his God."

"I then asked Mr. Pardue if confessions was made on the death bed and (Continued on Page Six)