

LITTLE AMERICA AVIATION and EXPLORATION CLUB

With Byrd at the South Pole

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U.S.N.A.

No. 3—Fire!—Our First Adventure

On Board The Byrd Flagship, Jacob Ruppert:—Here we are still at Bayonne and we've just had the first thrill of the Expedition. After breakfast, a long day of back-breaking labor, but excellent meals at lunchtime and at dinner helped a lot. If I could only get some sleep. If I don't soon there will be nothing left of me to take to the South Pole.

It is 10 o'clock at night—gee, it's Friday, the 13th!—A loud explosion. Shouting from the deck. Our ship is illuminated as if by a gigantic red searchlight.

Dead silence on our ship for a few minutes. Then a shouting of orders. An oil tanker is on fire two docks away. We are in

terrible danger because our holds and tanks are bulging with oil, gasoline and high explosives. If the fire is not controlled immediately the whole Expedition may be wiped out. I've only been aboard the Jacob Ruppert 20 hours and here is one of the greatest thrills of my life.

A breathless wait on our ship. The distant clanging of fire engines. A gradual darkening of the ruddy glare. The situation is under control. Two men are dead from burns in the original explosion. Grim reality only a stone's throw away from us. This is no tea-party we are setting out on.

All day equipment and supplies of all kinds have been pouring over the side of our vessel. Here, for example, is a list of the automotive equipment for which I am the fuel engineer and all details of which I have to learn before we get to Little America:—a 1400 horsepower Curtiss-Condor airplane with a wingspread of 82 feet; a 700 horsepower Pilgrim airplane; a 600 horsepower General airplane;

a Kellett auto-gyro airplane; a Cleveland tractor; 2 French Citroen tractors; 2 Ford snowmobiles with caterpillar treads at the rear and metal skis at the front. In addition there are two airplanes, one an immense Trimotored Ford all-metal plane and the other a smaller scouting machine, buried in the snow down at Little America which Admiral Byrd hopes and believes are still in perfect condition.

In order to use all of this automotive equipment for our exploration and other scientific work, in addition to the dog teams, it has been necessary for us to carry along immense supplies of fuel and lubricating oils. Packed down in our holds are 16,450 gallons of aviation gasoline; 800 gallons of lubricating oil; 3,000 gallons of automobile gasoline; 1,500 gallons of kerosene; 25 pounds of aero rocker arm grease; 30 tons of Diesel engine fuel oil; 200 gallons of Diesel engine lubricating oil; 600 gallons of cylinder oil; 6,250 gallons of marine engine oil; 250 gallons of rod swabbing oil and 400 pounds of cup grease. Some supply of petroleum products!

I shan't know for months how many of you people have joined the Little America Aviation and Exploration Club, through which Admiral Byrd hopes to build up a tremendous interest in American aviation among the young people of the land. I hope it is in the thousands, because the club members and I are going to have some exciting times together and later I am going to send each of them a detailed map on which he or she can keep a daily record of our journeys and flights of exploration and other scientific significance while we are down at the bottom of the world. If you haven't joined yet, now is as good a time as any. There are no obligations whatever. All you have to do is send me a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a note saying you want to join the club. Send it in my name to the New York headquarters of the Little America Aviation and Exploration Club, at the Hotel Lexington, 48th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y., and the membership card will be sent you immediately and later the map and, perhaps, other communications.

Why Not

Customer: "Somehow I don't like the looks of that mackerel."
Fish Dealer: "Hell, lady, if it's looks you are after, why don't you buy a gold fish?"

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK NORTH CAROLINA ALLEGHANY COUNTY

J. K. Taylor, Administrator of Meridy Hill, Plaintiff,

vs.
John H. Hill, Mrs. Laura Spencer, Mrs. Margaret Eichell, and Harold Hill, Defendants.
Under and by virtue of power vested in me by judgment in the Superior Court in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction at the courthouse door at Sparta, North Carolina at ten o'clock A. M., 19th day of February, 1934, the following described land:
Being the land of which Meridy Hill died, seized and possessed, situated in Prathers Creek Township, Alleghany County, North Carolina and bounded by the lands of John C. Church, Estell McGrady and Mamie Hill. Terms of sale one-half cash on day of sale, balance in six months time.
This January 15, 1934.
J. K. TAYLOR, Administrator & Commissioner
4tc Feb. 8 AT

NOTICE

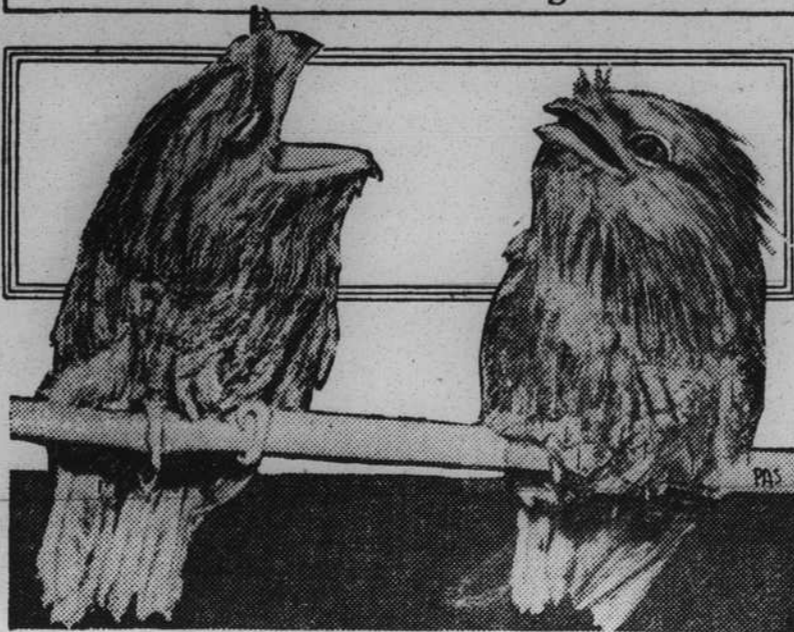
NORTH CAROLINA, ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK

J. T. Parsons, Plaintiff vs. A. L. Dotson, and Boyd Dotson, Defendants.

The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alleghany County to collect a note due the plaintiff by the defendant and to set aside a Deed on the grounds that it was made to defraud creditors and the defendant will further take notice that they and each of them are required to appear at the office of the Clerk Superior Court on or before the 23rd day of February 1934 and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff. This January 23, 1934.
A. F. REEVES, Clerk of Superior Court
4tc-15 AT

St. Louis Exhibits World's Ugliest Birds



ST. LOUIS: . . . These two pals in the St. Louis zoo have the distinction of being the ugliest birds in the world. They are Australian "Frog-mouths" of the owl family, the first of their kind ever to be brought to America. The only others in captivity are in the London zoo.

Camel Smokers To Be Featured In New Ads

Office workers, salesmen, housewives, secretaries, motorists—smokers from every walk in life—are brought face to face with champions and personalities of the athletic world as they say "double check" on the modern need for healthy nerves.

That, in essence, is the dramatic theme of the new Camel cigarette campaign just released in this newspaper by the E. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Advertisements will be dominating in space, and are scheduled to appear frequently in a nation-wide campaign so as to take full advantage of the responsive newspaper audience.

In a typical advertisement of the new series, Eddie Woods, the All-Around Champion Cowboy from Idaho says: "To have nerves that can take it, I smoke only Camels," and Mrs. Phyllis L. Potter, housewife of Montclair, New Jersey, asserts, "Cowboys need healthy nerves, and, believe me, so do housewives." Mrs. Potter goes on to compliment Camels on their mildness. "I can smoke Camels freely without a hint of jumpy nerves," she says.

As in previous educational work dealing with the "nerves" question, the makers of Camels continue to lay emphasis upon the costlier tobaccos used in Camels, stating prominently in every advertisement that Camels are made from finer, more expensive tobaccos than any other popular brand. That accounts for the mildness of Camels and the Camel slogan—"They never get on your nerves."

Local Man Learns Marine Regulations

Parris Island, S. C., Feb. 6.—Showing marked aptitude for military life at the U. S. Marines' training station here, Private Robert McCain, of Sparta, N. C., has completed more than four weeks instruction in the drills, duties and regulations of the sea soldiers. Since enlisting in the Marines, McCain has successfully passed his first period of training and his next step will include firing on the rifle range where he will have an opportunity to test his skill as a marksman. Should he qualify as a sharpshooter or expert, he will receive an increase in pay.

After completing his final period of training he will be available for duty with the Marines either aboard ship or at one of the many far-flung stations where marines serve. At the time of his enlistment he made his home with his mother, Mrs. Ollie McCain, of Sparta, N. C., where he was born in 1912.

NOTICE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

NORTH CAROLINA, ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Guy T. Peery, Plaintiff vs. Ruth E. Peery, Defendant

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alleghany County to secure a divorce on the ground of two years' separation, and this defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court on or before the 23rd day of February 1934 and answer or demur to the complaint. This 29th day of January, 1934.
A. F. REEVES, Clerk of Superior Court
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Little Pine

Ennice P. O., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Charlie Brooks and Mrs. Barney McBride and son, Fred, spent the week-end with Mrs. Brooks' daughter, Mrs. James Wagoner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Caudill and Mr. and Mrs. Voscoe Edwards, Whitehead, spent Saturday night at the home of J. H. Wagoner.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Wagoner and son, Robert Mack, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Handy.

Miss Mae Brooks spent Saturday night with Miss Zola Cheek.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith spent Saturday night with the former's father, W. R. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Flake Harris, Glade Valley, visited Mrs. Harris' mother, Mrs. Laura Maires, Sunday.

Miss Nellie Wagoner spent Sunday night at the home of Andy Wagoner.

Lester Greene and daughter, Thelma, visited Lawrence Greene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Handy and son, Billie, spent Friday night at the home of Mr. Handy's father, W. H. Handy, Twin Oaks.

Miss Ethel Young visited Misses Reva and Cleta Greene Sunday.

Mrs. James Wagoner spent a few days at the home of her father last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brooks, Mrs. Susie Edwards and Miss Reva Greene spent Sunday night at the home of Mack Wagoner.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Richardson visited Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wagoner Tuesday night.

Mrs. Boyd Higgins spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Blevins, Sparta.

Mrs. Ella Greene spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Doughton Tompkins, Sparta.

John Gross and Dewey York, Elkin, visited at the home of Mack Wagoner during the week-end.

Carlie Lowe and J. T. Wagoner spent the week-end with J. B. Collins.

Lawrence Greene, who has been confined to his bed for several years, is gradually improving.

Mrs. Glenn Harris and sister, Miss Ethel Young, visited Mrs. Reaves McCann Saturday night.

Mt. Zion

Piney Creek P. O., Jan. 31.—Mrs. George Caldwell, of the Chestnut Hill community, who died recently, was buried at Mount Zion Tuesday. Rev. Oscar Spencer conducted the services.

Mrs. S. E. Smith visited Mrs. W. R. Jones Wednesday.

Rev. Oscar Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sturgill were dinner guests at the home of W. R. Jones Tuesday.

Those visiting at the home of S. E. Smith last week were Mary Cox, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Weaver, W. H. Weaver and Joshua Williams, of Peden, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Smith, Mrs. Clay Smith, Oma Church, Scottsville, and Mrs. W. R. Jones.

Mrs. F. S. Turnipseed and children, Flen, Idaho, are visiting Mrs. Turnipseed's mother, Mrs. Mary Cox, and other relatives in this and nearby communities.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Evans and family, of Stratford, visited the home of H. Clay Smith last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Cox, Claude J. Smith and Paul, Hazel and Thelma Turnipseed visited at the home of Edd Cox, near Scottsville Sunday.

Coy Royall and daughter, Connie, of Wilkes county, visited relatives in this community last week-end.

Rev. Linville Blevins conducted prayer services at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Woodie Sunday night.

Butler Woodie, Welch, W. Va., is spending a few days with home folks here.

Twin Oaks

Sparta P. O., Feb. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips, Raleigh, and Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of North Wilkesboro, were visiting friends here Sunday.

A number of her school friends attended the funeral of Vera Hoppers at Liberty Sunday.

Much favorable comment has been heard in this community as to the way in which the highway employees of Alleghany county cleared the highways after the snow storm of last week.

W. H. Handy was called Monday to attend the funeral, at Saddle Mountain church, of Mrs. Sam McKnight, an aged woman who died Saturday night at the home of Clark Higgins, after an illness of several weeks.

Tom Green, salesman for the Hickory Auto Parts Co., Hickory, was here on business Friday.

Mrs. Bea Mabe and little daughter, Irene, spent Saturday and Sunday nights with relatives at Piney Creek.

Mrs. G. L. Fender and daughter, Evon, spent Sunday night at the home of Clark Higgins.

A number of sudden "turn-arounds" and "nose-dives" into the ditch were reported during last week's snow here but no serious accidents have been reported.

George Mack Irwin spent Saturday night with Gene Irwin.

A Fine Way

1st Pupil—I spent eight solid hours on my algebra last night.
2nd Pupil—You did? How so?
1st Pupil—I put it under my mattress and slept on it.

SALE OF LANDS FOR ASSETS

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court in special proceedings entitled "J. A. Osborne, Administrator of Aron Osborne, deceased, vs. R. L. Osborne and others" instituted to create assets to pay the debts of the said Aron Osborne, I will offer for sale on the premises on Saturday, February 24, 1934, at 12 o'clock M. a certain tract of land situated on the waters of Meadow Fork Creek, adjoining the lands of George Richardson, Caroline Osborne, Frank Brinegar, Dr. J. L. Long, being the land assigned as dower to Martha Osborne, widow of Aron Osborne. Terms of sale: One-third cash and balance on a credit of 6 and 12 months, notes to be given for the deferred payments well secured. This land will be sold subject to the dower of Martha Osborne, widow, of Aron Osborne.
This January 18, 1934.
J. A. Osborne, administrator of Aron Osborne, deceased.
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Tract 5; Containing six acres more or less adjoining tract No. 1 and W. B. Carpenter and R. C. Survatt land, now owned by W. R. Smith and Troy Richardson and L. J. Chappell land.

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK NORTH CAROLINA ALLEGHANY COUNTY

B. D. Beamer, EX of J. H. Rhudy, Deceased, Plaintiff

vs.
Hattie Rhudy, et al, Defendants

Under power invested in us as Commissioners in the judgment of the Superior Court in the above entitled action, we the undersigned Commissioners will offer for sale at the Court House door in Sparta at 2 o'clock P. M. on the 19th day of February 1934 the following described lands:
First tract; Beginning at the top of Piney Spur at the chestnut, W. M. Evans corner, south 8 1/2 East 22 1/2 chains to a stake, Evans corner; West 1/2 chain to a chestnut oak Evans corner; South 17 chains to a poplar; Evans corner; South 50 East with Murphy line 17 chains to a stake in John Murphy's line; North with John Murphy's line 14 chains to a stake his corner; East 4 1/2 chains to a stake Murphy's corner; North 4 chains to a stake Murphy's; East 10 chains to a stake in John Willey's line; North 63 East 12 chains to a stake Willey's corner; North 6 chains to a stake; North 45 West 8 chains to a stake Willey's corner; West 5 1/2 chains to a chestnut Willey's corner; North 75 West 6 1/2 chains to a chestnut oak; North 50 West 20 chains with Willey's line to a stake in W. M. Evans line near a rock; South 10 West 3

Second tract; Containing 50 acres more or less, and described as follows: Beginning at a white oak corner of the first tract running East 15 chains to a chestnut oak, South 33 chains and 25 lengths to a stake, West 15 chains to a poplar, then North 33 chains and 25 lengths to the first station, being tract No. 2 in Deed, dated October 5, 1853, from Willis Anders to Abraham Evans and recorded in Ashe County in Book S Page 332.

Third tract; The timber on the following described tract of land, situated in Alleghany County and Surry County on the waters of Saddle Mountain Creek and bounded by the lands of Pain and Dema on the East; and B. T. Wilson on the South to the top of Liberty Ridge, and from the top of Liberty Ridge to the Mary Jane Evans tract of land, and from her tract of land to the William Evans land back to the land of Pain and Dema, this being the timber conveyed to J. H. Rhudy and Horace Southernland by W. B. and W. W. Carpenter by Deed, dated December 8, 1926, and recorded in Book 35, Page 454 said timber to be removed on or before March 5, 1935, situated in Alleghany County and Surry County.

Fourth tract; Beginning at a hickory on top of Saddle Mountain running South 36 West 40 poles to a chestnut on West end of Saddle Mountain, South 32 West with County line 320 poles to a poplar in Evans line, North with Evans line 70 poles to a maple and chestnut oak his corner; East 20 poles to a sourwood Evans corner; North 36 poles to a chestnut oak Evans corner; West 40 poles to a chestnut Evans corner; North 20 poles to a blackgum Evans corner; North 40 East 20 poles to a chestnut his corner; North 55 West 28 poles to a poplar Evans corner; North 16 poles to a hickory Evans corner; West 30 poles to a stake in Evans line, North with his line 76 poles to a chestnut in Brooks line; East with his line 45 poles to a stake D. P. Killen's corner; South 19 poles, being the land assigned as dower to Martha Osborne, widow of Aron Osborne. Terms of sale: One-third cash and balance on a credit of 6 and 12 months, notes to be given for the deferred payments well secured. This land will be sold subject to the dower of Martha Osborne, widow, of Aron Osborne.
This January 18, 1934.
J. A. Osborne, administrator of Aron Osborne, deceased.
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Fifth tract; Beginning at a hickory on the ridge North residence of Alma Richardson; thence South 44.40 East 40 ft. to middle of road; thence with road South 5 deg. West 10 1/2 poles; South 30.15 West 14 poles; South 35.30 poles to chestnut; South 43.15 East 9 1/2 poles; South 61 East 12 1/2 poles; South 39.30 East 11 1/2 poles to a stake; South 71 East 85 poles to a Spanish Oak; South 31 East 60 poles to a Locust; North 44.36 East 32 1/2 poles to a stake; North 53 East 12 1/2 poles to a chestnut stump; South, 75 East 22 poles to a Spanish Oak pointers near the low notch; North 28 East 40 poles to a hickory; North 32 West 48 poles to a forked chestnut oak; North 87 West 14 poles to a forked chestnut up the branch 100 poles to a locust stump; West 100 poles to a white oak; South 54 West 107 poles to the beginning containing 152.69 acres more or less, except lot 151 ft. fronting the Highway and running back 227 ft. on the East line and 250 ft. on the West line and 150 ft. wide on back side, except right to spring and right of way of it.

Sixth tract; Beginning at a hickory on the ridge North residence of Alma Richardson; thence South 44.40 East 40 ft. to middle of road; thence with road South 5 deg. West 10 1/2 poles; South 30.15 West 14 poles; South 35.30 poles to chestnut; South 43.15 East 9 1/2 poles; South 61 East 12 1/2 poles; South 39.30 East 11 1/2 poles to a stake; South 71 East 85 poles to a Spanish Oak; South 31 East 60 poles to a Locust; North 44.36 East 32 1/2 poles to a stake; North 53 East 12 1/2 poles to a chestnut stump; South, 75 East 22 poles to a Spanish Oak pointers near the low notch; North 28 East 40 poles to a hickory; North 32 West 48 poles to a forked chestnut oak; North 87 West 14 poles to a forked chestnut up the branch 100 poles to a locust stump; West 100 poles to a white oak; South 54 West 107 poles to the beginning containing 152.69 acres more or less, except lot 151 ft. fronting the Highway and running back 227 ft. on the East line and 250 ft. on the West line and 150 ft. wide on back side, except right to spring and right of way of it.

Terms of Sale: One-half cash on day of sale. Balance on six months time.
This January 15th, 1934.
R. F. Crouse
J. M. Parsons
Commissioners
4tc Feb. 8 AT

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