

# LITTLE AMERICA

## AVIATION and EXPLORATION CLUB

With Byrd at the South Pole

by C. A. Abele, Jr. President  
U. S. N. A.

NO. 30—SEALSKINS!

Little America, Antarctica, June 6 (via Mackay Radio).—This is seal-skinning time in Little America. You should see our rubbery biologists at work—Earle Perkins of New Brunswick, J. J.; Paul A. Siple of Erie, Pa., and Alton A. Lindsey of West Newton, Pa. What a mess! They are very busy preparing seal-skins and that is some job. As I told you before, we have killed 500 seals for the food supply of ourselves and our dogs and the skins of these seals are valuable for various purposes, although they are covered with hair



Arthur Abele poking fun at an Emperor penguin at Little America instead of the thick fur of northern seals. Already the three biologists have prepared seventeen Weddell and Crabeater seals and will have hundreds to do. They are prepared complete, with heads, flippers and tails intact. When we get them back in the States

they will be mounted in habitat groups for various museums all over the country.

Fixing up these seals is a very difficult job. Under the skin there is a layer of blubber, or thick gooey fat, to keep the seal warm in this icy climate. Every vestige of this blubber and all flesh must be removed and the bones of the skull and flippers must be cleaned carefully and preserved. Yesterday, for two hours, I watched Lindsey at this work. He was literally up to his neck in oily grease from the blubber in spite of his great skill.

It was fascinating to watch him. He told me they are going to secure many live Adelie and Emperor penguins in the spring (October) to bring back to zoos in America. They have materials for a large cage on hand and will not have the trouble trying unsuccessfully to keep them in a big hole in the snow that Paul Siple had on the last Expedition. Here's the most interesting thing he told me—they are going to install a big water tank on the Jacob Ruppert for the penguins on the homeward trip. It seems that it is very difficult to transport penguins alive because they must be fed by force—cramping the food down their necks. They cannot bend over to pick up food and can only eat when swimming or

diving under water. I didn't know these things before and was greatly interested.

Lindsey told me that he and Siple and Perkins will prepare many penguin skins for mounting in museums at home and that they have already fixed a great quantity of skins of skua gulls, snowy petrels and Antarctic petrels which, with the penguins and seals, will allow us to bring back probably the greatest collection of Antarctic fauna ever made available to American students of natural history.

The club lists are still open to membership, without cost, to all people interested in exploration, aviation and adventure. Membership card and free 20 1/2 by 27 1/2 inch working map of this strange part of the world will be sent to anyone sending name, address and loose 3 cent stamp to me at our American headquarters. Address Arthur Abele, Jr., Little America Aviation and Exploration Club, Hotel Lexington, 48th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y. Next week I'll tell you about "Meteors by Millions!"

### APPLICATIONS FOR NAVAL ENLISTMENT MAY BE MADE

Attention of all boys who are seeking information in regard to enlistment in the U. S. Navy is called to the fact that the recruiting station located at the post office in Salisbury, N. C. is receiving applications daily. Office hours are from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. on weekdays, except Saturdays, on which the hours are from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

All boys living in Alleghany, Ashe, Surry, Wilkes or Stokes counties or a number of others comparatively close to these who are interested in enlisting are urged to apply at the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, Salisbury, located in the post office building.

You'll generally find that a man isn't much bigger than the things that make him mad.—Southside (Va.) News.

## Marriages

### SHEETS—YOUNG

Of interest to a wide circle of friends in Ashe and Grayson counties was the wedding of Miss Ruth Young and Mr. Harry L. Sheets on Thursday, June 28, at the home of the bride's parents near Grassy Creek. The bride and groom entered together, after which the vows were heard before an improvised altar, banked with flowers, by the bride's pastor, Rev. G. R. Stafford, in the presence of members of the immediate family. The wedding was one of beautiful and simple dignity.

Mrs. Sheets is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Young. For the wedding she wore an afternoon costume of pale blue crepe and a shoulder corsage of sweet peas and delphinium. She received her education at Helton high school, and has been prominent in the work of Greenwood Methodist church. Mr. Sheets is a native West Virginian. He is a young man of business ability, and is a member of Sabbath Home Baptist Church of Ashe county.

After a brief honeymoon the couple will make their home at Kimball, W. Va., where Mr. Sheets holds a position with a coal company.

### BRAY—LYON

Bain Bray, Marion, Va., and Miss Etta Lyon, Rural Retreat, Va., were married in the office of the Register of Deeds here on Saturday, July 7.

The ceremony was performed by F. N. Roup.

### BURCHETT—STURGILL

Mr. Howard Burchett and Miss Virgie Sturgill, of the Stratford community, were recently united in marriage.

Oh Come Now, Laugh!  
"After you on that paper, Bill, I want to read about the guy who stole the bonds and bugs."  
"I don't see anything about bonds and bugs."  
"Here's the headline, see?—'Steals Bonds and Flees.'—Pa. Guardsman.

### SALE OF LAND FOR ASSETS

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court in special proceedings entitled W. V. Blevins and Wilmer Woodruff, Administrators of W. G. Woodruff, deceased, vs. Jean Woodruff and Jessie Gwyn Woodruff, the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse door in Sparta on Saturday, August 11, 1934, at 1 o'clock p. m. the following lands:

First Tract, known as the Choate meadow, containing 13 acres, more or less, adjoining the lands of John Choate, Andrew Edwards, Hurley Edwards and others.

Second Tract, containing about 65 acres and adjoining the Cheek mountain land and the lands of D. C. Duncan and known as the Jake Osborne land.

Third Tract, adjoining the lands of J. M. Cheek, E. L. Williams, Eugene Transou, Bob Warden, E. L. McMillan and containing approximately 76 3/4 acres, situate on the waters of Bledsoe Creek near the Town of Sparta.

Fourth Tract, containing 17 acres and 12 poles, adjoining the dower lands of Mrs. W. G. Woodruff, Grover Landreth, the Pine Swamp land and E. L. Williams.

Fifth Tract, known as the Thompson mountain land, containing about 75 acres, bounded by the lands of Welter Maxwell, Bob Hendrix and others.

Sixth Tract, lying on the waters of Elk Creek, adjoining the lands of Wilmer Woodruff, Kelly Williams and containing about 7 acres, being the land purchased by the said W. G. Woodruff from David Caudill.

Seventh Tract, being a lot situate in the Town of Sparta and bounded by the lands of Clinton Halsey, Dr. B. O. Choate and others containing three acres and twelve poles, more or less, and known as the W. G. Woodruff home place being the entire lot upon which the dwelling and buildings formerly belonging to W. G. Woodruff are situated, which lands are subject to the life or dower estate of Mrs. W. G. Woodruff.

Eighth Tract, containing 37 1/2 acres, adjoining the lands of Dr. J. L. Doughton, Bledsoe Creek, the lands of the Convict Camp, Hugh Choate and others, which tract is also dower lands and will be sold subject to the life estate of Mrs. W. G. Woodruff.

Terms of Sale, One-fourth cash, one-half balance on a credit of six months, and the other one-half on a credit of twelve months, title retained until the purchase price is fully paid.

This July 7, 1934.  
W. V. BLEVINS,  
W. C. WOODRUFF,  
Administrators of W. G. Woodruff, deceased.

### TWIN OAKS-ROARING GAP ROAD WORK PROGRESSING

The work which was begun two or three weeks ago on the construction of the new highway from Twin Oaks to Roaring Gap is progressing rapidly.

The steam shovel, which had been at work grading south of Sparta was moved Monday to the north side of town.

### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

In the passing of Brother W. Thomas Upchurch, widely known and highly respected citizen of Laurel Springs, N. C.

Whereas, one of the honored members of Scottville Lodge No. 385, A. F. & A. M., has been called to his final reward and Whereas, the Masonic Lodge realizes the irreparable loss which his family and lodge—and his church have suffered. We point with pride to the splendid record of our departed brother. He held as a sacred trust the highest standards of masonry. He loved his church and his friends and his home was a castle where love was enthroned and where his fellowman could glean the grandest story of those nobler traits of citizenship.

Therefore, be it resolved that we commend his life and example to others and to our entire citizenship.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and that a copy be given the newspapers for publication and that a copy be spread upon the minutes of Scottville Lodge No. 385, A. F. & A. M.

May the Lord comfort all who mourn and cause them to hope in His mercy and grace and to feel assured that through the merits of Jesus Christ they will meet their loved ones in Glory.

S. S. LANDRETH,  
EDWARD J. PUGH,  
JOHN M. TUCKER,  
Committee on Resolutions

### TROUT PLACED IN NUMBER OF STREAMS DURING JUNE

Information has recently been obtained from W. R. Skaggs, in charge of the Roaring Gap fish hatchery, that approximately 295,000 fingerling Rainbow Brown and Brook trout were placed in 21 different streams in six counties of the state during June. Six hundred and fifty thousand additional trout are now on hand for distribution, probably in September, Mr. Skaggs said.

Deer, ring neck pheasants and silver pheasants are also being raised at the hatchery for the 14,000 acre Roaring Gap game reserve.

Two bass ponds have been added at the hatchery this year by mean of CWA funds.

See Castevens Motor Co. for radio batteries, tubes and service.—adv.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BANK OF SPARTA

At Sparta, North Carolina, to the Commissioner of Banks at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1934.

### RESOURCES

Cash, Checks for Clearing and Transit Items	\$ 4,147.85
Due from Approved Depository Banks	27,170.08
Due from Banks—Not Approved Depositories	884.90
Cash Items (held over 24 hours)	57.94
United States Bonds, Notes, Etc.	1,944.41
North Carolina State Bonds, Notes, Etc.	2,006.00
North Carolina Political Subdivisions Bonds and Notes	2,000.00
Other Stocks and Bonds	657.79
Loans and Discounts—Other	174,654.45
Banking House and Site	11,450.00
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	2,000.00
Other Real Estate	1,000.29

Total Resources \$292,853.51

### LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Demand Deposits—Due Public Officials	\$ 10,000.00
Demand Deposits—Due Others	94,732.69
Cashiers Checks, Certified Checks and Dividend Checks	1,246.98
Accrued Expenses, Taxes and Interest	1,700.00
Time Certificates of Deposit—Due Public Officials	37,140.00
Time Certificates of Deposit—Due Others	74,000.00
Savings Deposits—Due Others	12,200.00
Bonds and Other Securities Borrowed	4,000.00

Total Liabilities \$236,520.11

Capital Stock—Common	\$ 25,000.00
Capital Stock—Preferred 5% Cumulative	10,000.00
Surplus—Unappropriated	17,800.00
Undivided Profits	2,281.20
Reserve for Losses	748.20

Total Capital \$ 55,829.40

Total Liabilities and Capital \$292,353.51

State of North Carolina, County of Alleghany, ss.

Edwin Duncan, cashier, D. C. Duncan, director, and C. W. Edwards director, of The Bank of Sparta, each personally appeared before me this day, and, being duly sworn, each for himself, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

EDWIN DUNCAN, Cashier  
D. C. DUNCAN, Director  
C. W. EDWARDS, Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 5th day of July, 1934.  
Marie Wagoner Hickerson, Notary Public.  
My commission expires December 22, 1935.

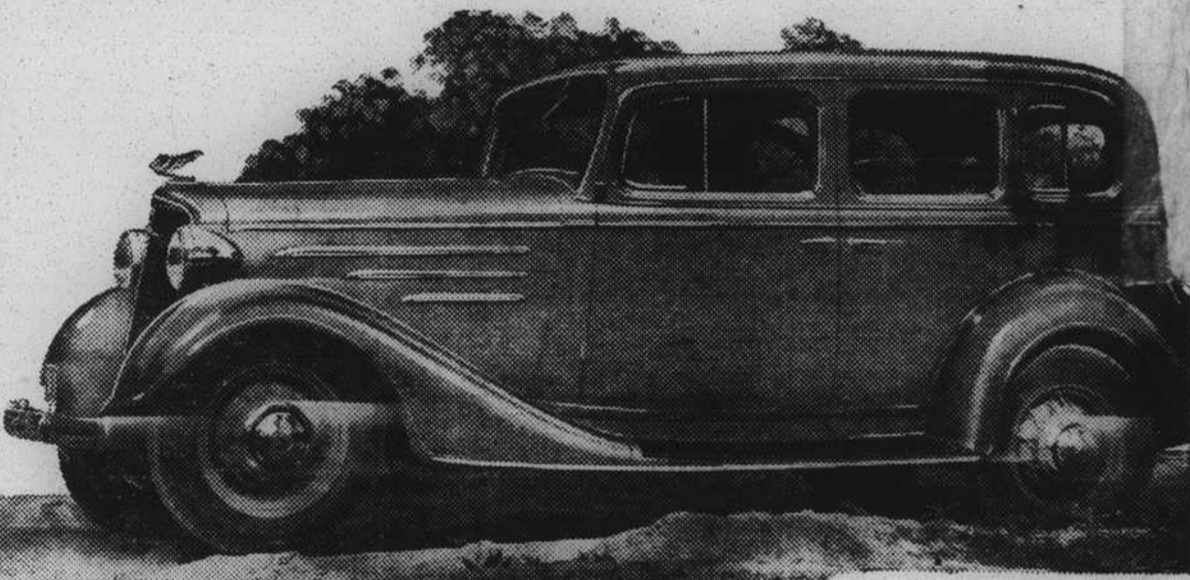
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