



FIRST PUBLIC AIR TRIPS TO BE A FEATURE OF COUNTY FAIR

Interest in aviation in this section has been developing at rapid strides but the best exhibition yet seen is expected to be afforded at the Addison County Fair when Lieut. John J. Lynch of Rutland will qualify here as the first public carrier of air passengers.

Mr. Lynch, who for a month past has been making almost daily flights from Rutland and carrying a number of passengers on short trips which are said to have cost a dollar a minute, is the foremost aviator now in Vermont, and he has a particular interest in providing a good exhibition here as just prior to his enlistment in the army he was a student at Middlebury College.

Secretary F. C. Dyer of the Fair management announced with a great deal of elation this week that he had succeeded in procuring Mr. Lynch and that if conditions were favorable he would do "all of the stunt flying" that he learned in the army, and in addition would take up passengers. It will be the first appearance of an army aviator at any Vermont fair, and added to the other entertainment attractions will doubtless bring out a large crowd for the four days of fair week.

The rapid multiplication of automobiles in the county will make it possible for a larger number of farmers to attend than ever before and from the talk at the big farm meeting at the Government Farm last Tuesday it ap-

peared that practically everyone in the county as well as many outsiders were planning on fair week as their next holiday. The presence of Lynch and his plane will make it possible for any farmer to stay at the fair up to within about two minutes of milking time and then speed home in the air, if he has a dollar a minute to spare.

Hortonia Man Will Buy Airplane

Lieut. Lynch made a number of flights at Meehan's Park, Lake Dunmore, last Sunday and had a narrow escape from injuring himself and the machine while making one of his landings at that field. Because of the size of the field, Lynch was obliged to have five men assist him in stopping the machine. On this occasion two of the men fell, while another missed his hold on the fast moving plane and the other two were able to do little toward holding it as it swung around toward the pavilion. It was diverted, however, so that it did not strike the building, but ran into a fence where, however, there was little damage. One of Lynch's passengers on Sunday was Edward C. McGoff of Rutland, construction foreman for the Hortonia Power Company, who is planning on a purchase of a small flying machine to take him around to the various plants of the Hortonia Company, covering practically the entire state. This probably will constitute the first commercial use of a flying machine in Vermont.

IT WAS GREATEST FARM MEETING EVER HELD IN ADDISON COUNTY

Outside of the Addison County Fair, the greatest gathering of farmers ever known in this county was that which assembled on the broad acres of the United States Government Morgan Horse Farm in Weybridge Tuesday for the second annual joint field meeting of the Addison County Farm Bureau Association and the Pomona Grange.

Early in the forenoon the procession of hundreds of cars crowded with farmers and their wives and children raised the dust on practically every road in Addison County, and by afternoon when the last of the late-comers were on the scene there were probably over 400 automobiles parked at the Government Farm. The conservative estimate is that over 2000 persons were present, whereas on the day before at a similar meeting held in Rutland County an attendance of only 500 was reported.

A remarkable thing about the meeting was that it attracted not only every farmer of prominence, but a large number of people from the villages, and over two score visitors from other counties, even some from the other side of Lake Champlain.

F. H. Abbott of Montpelier, representing the Eastern States Exposition, who has attended practically all of the big farm meetings in the State, declared without reservation that last Tuesday's gathering here was not only the largest but the most successful event of its kind he had ever known in Vermont, and it is to Mr. Abbott that The Register is indebted for several photographic glimpses of the holiday scenes which will be published in next week's issue.

The original plan was to hold the meeting at the C. M. Remele farm in Middlebury, but this had to be abandoned on account of the serious accident which Mr. Remele suffered this week. The eleventh-hour change in the plan caused little inconvenience as practically everyone who attended traveled by auto and those who had been misguidedly to the Remele place eventually turned up at the Government Farm to spend the day as the guest of their Uncle Sam. Superintendent Fred W. Hammond turned things over completely to the enjoyment of the visitors, and in the forenoon had many acres of the Government land plowed up by the tractor demonstration.

This feature of the meeting was remarkably interesting and successful, and it was undoubtedly the best exhibition of tractor work ever arranged in Vermont. Shortly before eleven o'clock eight machines lined up at the foot of the sloping field on the west side of the Government Farm, each machine assigned to plow half an acre of the meadow. There were represented the Fordson, the Cleveland, two Aversys, the International, the Moline, the Waterloo Boy, and the Wallis.

With the exception of the Wallis, which was unable to start owing to the flooding of the clutches by oil during the transportation of the tractor to the grounds, all of the machines started off together and had a large crowd of followers as they tore on at varying speed up the meadow slope and down again with their even furrows developing so rapidly that within less than two hours the entire field of over three acres was plowed and some of it harrowed.

There was no official judging of the contest but under the conditions obtaining, which included dry soil, the Fordson and Cleveland machines received the most popular approval. The little Cleveland, the only machine with a caterpillar action, was the speediest traveler and attracted a lot of attention, while farmers discussed its relative merits as compared with the Fordson and others. Considering price, together with the result of the demonstration, Mr. Ford's product was a popular favorite, but there was no question but that the Cleveland, a newer machine in these parts, had a spectacular demonstration, even including its running alone, and plowing the whole length of the field without a driver.

Although a number of women also

witnessed the tractor demonstration, the majority of them during the forenoon were entertained at a separate meeting addressed by Miss Mabel Southwick, head of the Y. W. C. A. work in Vermont, who spoke on "The Possibilities of Community Work in Rural Sections."

Miss Southwick emphasized the need of more Community Houses and community activities in rural towns. She gave some very forceful illustrations of this need of gathering places where everyone could meet for social events. Often young boys and girls in the more rural communities are attracted to the larger towns where they can go to movies or other evening entertainments. She showed what an addition would be made to the rural life of the towns if more attention was given to solving the social problems.

At noon a basket lunch was eaten in the cars or under the shade of the maples, beeches and poplars on the hillside, and there was an ice cream and lemonade sale which was stamped for more than an hour before the afternoon program began. Forty-eight gallons of ice cream were sold, and over 800 glasses of lemonade, helping largely to pay the expenses of the meeting.

Sitting or reclining on the side hill north of the horse barn, the large crowd gathered at about 3 o'clock and listened attentively to the speakers, who included some of the most prominent farm men who have ever been secured for Addison County meetings. President E. B. Cornwall of the Farm Bureau Association called the meeting to order and Orlando L. Martin, Master of the State Grange presided.

The most eloquent address of the day was that by S. L. Strivings, president of the New York State Federation of Farm Bureaus, and lecturer of the New York State Grange. He received hearty support to his contentions that the farm men should continue to develop their farm bureau organization to the point that it could demand of Congress its legislative needs in the same forceable manner which the labor organizations were capable of. He spoke with great optimism of the dawn of a great era for the farmer and declared that the high prices now prevailing for food could not be expected to come down. The farmer, he said, could never expect an eight hour day, but in consideration of the fact that the farmer did work from twelve to fourteen hours he should expect and demand a compensation proportionate to the extra labor involved.

The most distinguished guest of the day was the National Master of the Grange, Oliver C. Wilson of Peoria, Ill., who paid a tribute to Vermont farmers and brought them greetings of other Granges. Mr. Wilson talked on "The Grange and the Schools of Rural Communities", and urged that the farmer while looking after the better breeding of his cattle and hogs should not forget the children, whose better education meant better farming and better citizenship for the next generation. Mr. Wilson dwelt also on the daylight savings matter, and urged every farmer present to send a letter or post card to President Wilson urging him not to veto the latest bill now before Congress for the repeal of the daylight law.

President John E. Weeks of the Addison County Fair took the box after Mr. Wilson had finished speaking and told the farmers of the plans for the coming County Fair on August 26-29, urging everyone to be present.

The last speaker was W. A. Lloyd of Washington who represents the states' interests with the Department of Agriculture, and who told something of the history of the farm bureau organization which was today established in some twenty-four hundred counties in the United States.

The most spectacular show of the afternoon was still to come when the crowd moved on to a series of meadows just north of the farm buildings, where the power ditcher owned by the Government has been at work for over two weeks digging nearly fifteen miles (Continued on page four)

ANOTHER \$25,000 GIFT FOR LIBRARY ANNOUNCED BY MRS. MARY E. ILSLEY

The Register learned yesterday that through the generosity of Mrs. Mary E. Ilsley, widow of the late Col. Silas A. Ilsley, Middlebury village will have fifty thousand dollars instead of twenty-five thousand, to spend on the erection of its new public library to be known as the Ilsley Memorial Library. Furthermore, it is Mrs. Ilsley's wish that construction begin at once, and it is probable that the village trustees, now assured of an adequate sum for a good building, will take immediate action.

Mrs. Ilsley has taken a special interest in the provision made in her late husband's will for the Middlebury library, and has grieved that the war conditions had made it impossible to proceed directly toward construction of the new building. She felt cognizant of the fact that the \$25,000 which Col. Ilsley left was inadequate, in view of the increased cost of building materials; as of course he had named this sum without realizing how great an advance there would be in costs. It was accordingly, Mrs. Ilsley's wish to make the gift adequate for a fine building and also make it possible to begin work at once.

Her announcement of the additional \$25,000 as her own gift was made in a written statement, dated August 6th, publication of which was not desired, but which specified as a condition to the gift that "the erection of said library building shall be commenced, within one year from the date hereof." She made no conditions as to the site to be selected for the building, nor as to the plans except that they should provide a fitting memorial to herself and Col. Ilsley.

The original gift of \$25,000 by Col. Ilsley's will was recently turned over to the village trustees in cash and has been temporarily invested, awaiting more reasonable prices for building materials, but it is now assumed that a village meeting will shortly be called for action. No building committee has as yet been chosen, and it is assumed that the village trustees will refer this to the voters, and that a committee of five will be elected, empowered to begin work as soon as the site is selected.

Final consideration of the site has not as yet been given, but a number of good locations are available and all of them will be carefully regarded before choice is made.

CHLORIDE NEARLY BLINDS MR. REMELE

Chlorinated lime, generally regarded as harmless if handled in any ordinary way, proved to be an explosive and dangerous thing in the case of an accident that occurred on the Charles M. Remele farm about a mile west of the village last Sunday forenoon. Mr. Remele, who is one of the best known farmers in this section, and who was planning on Tuesday to be the host for the Addison County Farm Field Meeting, was on Sunday opening a one-pound can of ordinary chloride of lime for use as a disinfecting agent. He had purchased the lime at one of the Middlebury stores, having been given the Triangle brand, manufactured by the Gibson-Snow Co., of Albany, N. Y., which is put up in a tin can with a cover intended to be pried off. Mr. Remele was just starting to remove the cover when the contents exploded and blew both lime and gas into his face, particularly his eyes. He was terribly burned and when Dr. S. S. Eddy was first called he was in doubt whether Mr. Remele would recover his eyesight, but later this week it has been reported that he is improving and can dimly distinguish objects held before

him. If there is no set back he appears to stand a good chance of recovering his sight, at least partially.

Chloride of lime is sold widely as one of the most popular and effective disinfecting agents and is put up without any caution as to its use. It is made from ordinary lime as a basis for the absorption of chlorine gas—the same gas which is well known from its use by the Germans in the late war. Dr. Eddy and the authorities at the local drug stores declared that they had never known of an accident of this sort, although Dr. P. L. Dorey recalls that very recently, and possibly from the same brand, there have been two similar accidents although less serious. One of them it was said was the case of Mrs. Charles Payment who about three weeks ago was opening a can of the lime when a quantity of it blew upon her, but fortunately did not strike her eyes. There was still another case reported in which a child of Oliver Rheaume, now of Weybridge, was slightly hurt while opening a can of lime on the Mead place in Middlebury recently.

Dr. Eddy has referred Mr. Remele's case to the State Board of Health for an investigation as to the brand of lime that caused the accident, but no report has as yet been received.

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ON TRAIN HE SEES HIS HOME BURNING

A remarkable complication of fate was experienced by Edward (Ned) Forrest of New Haven last Saturday when, from the train on which he was riding, he was a helpless witness to the burning of his home. At the time, Mr. Forrest, together with his brothers, Philip and Jesse, was returning from Burlington to Middlebury with the body of their father, William H. Forrest, who had died of lockjaw at the Fanny Allen hospital in Winooski on Friday night. On this sad errand, the three brothers were seated together in one of the forward cars of the south-bound noon flyer, when, at a point less than a mile north of New Haven Junction, Ned Forrest looked out of the windows to see if he could wave to his wife and children, who lived only a few rods from the track.

Instead of this, he was astonished to see his house and barn in flames, the latter practically burned to the ground and the former being rapidly consumed. The fire, Mr. Forrest believed, had been started by sparks from some locomotive, as he had had more than half a dozen narrow escapes from fires started by railroad sparks falling on his barn roof.

The train was making fast speed and Forrest had only a fleeting glimpse of the burning home before he was carried by, with the first stop at Middlebury, five or six miles away. The only railway employee in his car was the newsboy, and to him Forrest frantically appealed to either stop the train or go tell the conductor to do so. The latter, however, was in one of the rear cars and the slow-minded newsboy stopped to argue the situation, and Forrest, exasperated, would undoubtedly have jumped from the fast train if his two brothers had not restrained him.

When he reached Middlebury, he immediately drove back to New Haven, and there found practically every thing he owned burned up, without a cent of insurance. His loss, including a pair of horses, a calf, several sets of harnesses, wagons and a sleigh and household goods, was about \$1,000. The buildings were owned by Mark Kenyon, now of North Bennington, who formerly lived on the place. He carried \$1100 insurance, covering less than half of his loss.

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The stage setting is being specially painted and arranged by Professor Moreno-Lacalle, the Dean of the School.

Townpeople as well as students are invited, although a small admission may be charged to defray expenses.

The French Summer School will close its social activities for this year tonight when a revue entitled "Tout Middlebury y passera" written by Dr. de la Jarrie, will be given. There is to be a curtain raiser; two sketches that were so successfully presented last Friday evening in Pearsons Hall. The general public of the village is cordially invited to this soiree. Gymnasium at 8 o'clock. No admission charged.

A worker without genius is better than a genius who won't work.
—Leopold Auer

SUES FATHER FOR \$10,000

Carrie M. Dunton of Brattleboro, who was a student at Middlebury College two years, 1913-15, as a member of the class of 1915, has brought suit against her father, John B. Dunton, to recover \$10,000 damages for alleged cruelty. Mr. Dunton runs a second-hand furniture store in Brattleboro, and this, together with his deposits in two banks has been attached pending settlement of the suit at the September term of Windham County Court.

Miss Dunton, who won a prize for scholarship at the Brattleboro High School, had a difficult time working her way through college and gave it up at the end of her sophomore year owing to lack of funds. She alleges in her complaint against her father that on numerous occasions in the last few months, on dates which she gives, her father beat her with a heavy strap with ring and buckle attached, and that her stepmother, Mrs. Minnie Dunton, beat her with a stick having a five-inch metal band, threw her to the floor and otherwise ill-treated her.

After one beating Miss Dunton's life was despaired of, she declares. One day she ran to the home of her sister, Mrs. J. Frank Woodbury, and her father went after her. She alleges that the next day he imprisoned her in a room and kept her there three days.

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