

Licensed Pilot, 14, Flies Miles to Investigation

ANDERSON, Ind., — (AP) — The fuselage of an airplane was the cradle of Farnum Parker, 14 years old, thought to be the youngest licensed aviation pilot in the United States.

Farnum, the son of Fred Parker, president of a local air transport company, and a flyer of 16 years experience, was first taken aloft when only a few hours old. Mrs. Parker is also a pilot.

The boy was born at Minneapolis, Minn., in January, 1912.

"His father wrapped him in a blanket, put him in the cockpit of a plane and took him for a ride," Mrs.

Parker said.

Perhaps that first experience explains why the boy would rather fly in cold weather than during the warmer periods. Just a few days after his birthday, this year, he flew from Anderson to Washington to tell congressmen investigating the aircraft situation his experiences.

After his first flight at Minneapolis, the infant flew often with his parents. He frequently was lulled to sleep in a plane thousands of feet above the earth with a roaring propeller for his lullaby.

Young Parker's license number is 33, issued by the National Aeronautical association. He began piloting when he was 13. He first took a plane up by himself on August 26, 1925. Two days later he flew alone to an air meet at Battle Creek, Mich.

TWO PLANES TO MEET HARD TEST IN POLAR FLIGHT

DETROIT, Feb. 24. — (AP) — The critical test in the Wilkins arctic expedition will be the flight of the two planes from Fairbanks to Point Barrow, Alaska, in the opinion of Major Thomas G. Lanphier, who will accompany the expedition as unofficial observer.

The success or failure of the whole flight across Arctic seas will hinge upon the semi-experimental flight from Fairbanks, where the planes will be assembled, he said.

If the test flight gives good results, Major Lanphier believes a successful transoceanic trip will be suggested thereby.

"Any undertaking similar to this is more or less a gamble," he declared, "but I believe we will have good fortune."

Four months leave of absence from Selfridge field, near here, where he is in command of the First Pursuit squadron, and permission to accompany Capt. George H. Wilkins, were granted Major Lanphier by the war department.

Though lacking official credentials deputizing him to act specifically, Major Lanphier believes his position as an officer in the U. S. army will automatically empower him to lay claim on behalf of his country to any land the expedition might discover.

Oceanographers and students of arctic phenomena believe there is land in the vicinity of the North Pole, and though it is not a primary purpose to search for land, it is intended that any found shall be laid claim to for the United States.

In the event that land is discovered, the first plane will continue its flight to Spitzbergen, as planned, while the second one will embark from Point Barrow to explore the find.

The winter maneuvers of the First Pursuit squadron, of which Major Lanphier had charge and which just recently were completed, were profitable of data and experience in the operation of planes in winter conditions. The effect of frigid weather on ignition and carburetion was studied closely, and Major Lanphier believes there is great likelihood Alaskan conditions will closely approach those under which his squadron operated in Michigan.

Temperatures of ten and fifteen degrees below zero were frequently reached, especially at elevations of 5,000 feet and above. The taking off and landing of planes on snow-covered fields and on the ice of rivers and lakes also were studied. This, Lanphier believes, will also be of value in accompanying the Arctic fliers.

DRIVER IS JOLTED

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 24. — (AP) — Ninety day in the shackles at the municipal farm was the sentence that Burnes V. Moore of this city drew in police court today on a charge of drunkenness, careless driving and leaving the scene of an accident. In addition, he was fined \$100.

Air Development Bill All Ready for Final Inspection

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. — (AP) — A five year continuing aviation development program, similar to the naval aviation project now before congress, will be submitted to the house military committee by Secretary Davis next week.

The project provides for a proportionate increase in aviation as compared to other branches of the army.

It was described at the war department today as designed to strengthen the army air service materially in equipment, although it was indicated that the plan would not involve as great an expenditure as the \$100,000,000 in the five-year navy plan.

The program was worked out as a result of the study Secretary Davis directed the undertaking of all the testimony at recent congressional and other aviation hearings. Major General Mason M. Patrick, chief of the air service, cooperated with other branches of the army in its preparation.

The project was described as in the nature of a first phase of the Lassiter board program, which contemplated a 10 year expansion to 2500 planes, but modified to make expenditure reasonable and conservative and also to conform with the recommendations of the president's air board.

Belive Mother Poisoned Four To Wed Another

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24. — (AP) — City and parish authorities are giving much attention to the theory that Mrs. Renette Cure Bussey, 23, whose husband and three children died within 11 months time, poisoned them for another suit. She is being held without bond on a charge of murder pending a report of chemists who are examining the vital organs of the members of her family for traces of poison.

Frank Davis, fireman, an alleged suitor of Mrs. Bussey, was questioned by police yesterday but later released. Davis was examined after a taxi driver reported he heard the fireman tell Mrs. Bussey that "they can't do anything for me."

Davis, who said he was a friend of the woman's late husband, Lawrence Bussey, admitted he had visited Mrs. Bussey frequently since the death of her husband. He said he had purchased medicine for Mrs. Bussey but did not know whether the medicine contained any poison.

Mrs. Bussey who has retained her calm attitude since her arrest, became hysterical while being questioned last night.

BASEBALL VETERAN DIES

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Feb. 24. — (AP) — Eddie Plank, one of baseball's noblemen and a star among stars of his day on the diamond, died at 2:45 p. m. today at his home here, the victim of paralysis. He was 51 years of age.

Denies Interview To Reporters Not Members of Union

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 24. — (AP) — President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, successor to the late Samuel Gompers, was not interviewed or photographed when he arrived in Boston today because reporters and photographers who met him could not produce union cards.

Mr. Green came here to appear in

support of the petition of the state federation of labor to the legislature "for the establishment of an exclusive state fund for the protection of those engaged in industrial pursuits and to allow employers to insure their own risks."

Mr. Green was asked, when met at the south station, to pose for a picture. He replied that he would not allow his picture to be taken unless the photographers could show cards in the News Writers' union. The men with him declined to allow reporters to interview him unless they could show union cards.

SHUN PUBLICITY

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 24. (AP) — A proposal on the part of county assessors that the press and public be barred from the conference here today failed to gain the support of the committee at the opening of the session this morning. The proposal was presented in the form of a resolution asking that the conference resolve itself into an executive session, the committee, however, after expressing itself as opposed to secret sessions continued the session with doors open to the public.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24. — The United States civil service commission today launched its campaign to recruit approximately 200 engineers and architects, who will be needed by the supervising architect's office in the execution of the extensive building program provided in bills now pending before the house and senate.

The bills have been favorably reported to both branches of congress. They carry \$165,000,000 for public buildings, distributed as follows: For structures in Washington, D. C., \$50,000,000; for post offices and other federal buildings throughout the United States \$100,000,000; and to complete the unfinished portion of a building program ordered in 1913, \$15,000,000.

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LONDON, Feb. 24. (AP) — Would-be get rich quick Wallingfords among Great Britain's credulous investing public which put more than \$1,250,000 into the new bankrupt enterprises of Sir Broderick Hartwell, the "rum running" baronet, still hope to recoup their losses by exchanging their worthless stock for shares in other schemes to run the American prohibition blockade.

Playing upon the willingness of inexperienced investors to send good money after bad, others anxious to take the money of the trustful have obtained Sir Broderick's "sucker lists" and many of his creditors have been roped in on new whiskey selling schemes in which it is planned to use islands off the coast of the southern states as bases.

Many people here firmly believe that the Atlantic coast from New England to the Gulf of Mexico is lined with thirsty Americans awaiting arrival of rum ships and, as the liquor traffic in Britain is not only legal, but a highly respectable business, carried on by many families of social and political prominence, the little fellow with a few hundred pounds to invest sees no reason why he should not share in this bonanza.

Experts on investment are continually warning the public against indulging in the high finance of bootlegging enterprises, and so far their advice has been sound. The small investor in such schemes invariably has lost.

OIL FRAUD CASE TO HIGH COURT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. (AP) — The Doherty oil land case from California which grew out of the senate oil investigation, was appealed today to the supreme court. A petition was docketed asking a review of the decision of the federal court in California cancelling the leases and contracts made with Edward L. Doherty on naval reserves one and two in the name of the Pan-American Petroleum and Transport company and the Pan-American Petroleum company.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Raymond E. Gatewood "Charlestoned" his way to a 30 day jail sentence and a \$25 fine on an assault and battery charge. He couldn't keep from exhibiting his latest step in the aisle of a theater here, and when the doorman attempted to eject him, Gatewood attacked him.



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