

SAGAS OF THE SKIES

By R. C. Oertel

MAJOR CARL B. McDANIEL of the Army Air Corps could feel the canvas brush his shoulders as it shut him off from his passengers, from the light from everything except the instrument panel in front of him. Just beyond the panel and the canvas, Major McDaniel could hear his copilot, Captain W. A. Matheny, shift, especially when they were on the last leg of a history-making flight.



Major McDaniel spoke: "We'll be over the field at 11:57." No word came from the passengers in the plane, conscious of the terrific burden imposed on McDaniel. Precisely on schedule the plane lifted up the Langley field beam, hugging it tight as the huge motors drossed out a steady beat.

McDaniel's eyes never wavered from the all-important instrument panel—from the air speed and rate of climb indicator, from the directional gyro, and from the most miraculous "artificial horizon," which shows the position of the plane in relation to the ground. Major McDaniel completed the conventional problem in orientation, determined what leg of the beam they were riding.

stant leveled the wings of the biplane in the face of the artificial horizon — and waited. The huge still for the five seconds that followed. Then came a thump, as that of a car jumping a curb. The great plane rolled to a stop. "Out of the plane, grinning, clambered Major McDaniel and his lieutenant, smiling broadly in congratulation was Major Gen. Delos E. Bowers, chief of the General Headquarters Air Force. Well he might grin, for McDaniel and his crew had opened a new era in flying—for the first time in the history of aviation, Major McDaniel had completed the first "all blind" flight from Mitchell Field, N. Y., to Langley field, Va. The plane flew like a man took to the air, a pilot had taken a plane from the ground to a specific destination and landed it, without once seeing outside the corners of his own cockpit.

"R. C. Oertel, Manager of the Aviation Division of the Colonial State Bank, translated his meaning into action. He kept the speed of the plane and the gliding speed con-

LIFE'S LITTLE JESTS



REMEMBERED INSTRUCTIONS

Little Johnny, aged four, had been receiving a lesson in politeness. His father told him: "And remember when you are in a bus and a lady comes in and cannot get a seat you must jump up and offer her your seat."

A few days later they were in a bus. It was very crowded. Johnny sat on his father's knee. People were filing in, and a pretty young lady was standing. Johnny jumped up. "Take my seat, miss," he said.

Just Like That Lawyer—Then you admit that you struck the defendant with malice aforethought!

Defendant, indignantly—"You can't mix me up like that. I've told you twice I hit him with a brick, and on purpose. There wasn't no malice nor nothin' of the kind about it—just a plain brick like any gentleman would use."

Economy Smythe-Brown arrived one evening with the gloomy news that his business affairs were in a sad state. His wife was helped.

"Well," she said brightly, "there's only one thing to do. We must cut expenses. Now, how can I economize—I know! I won't wear that new diamond necklace to the theater tonight!"—Vancouver Sun.

MAKING A GUESS



"Charles says there is an intangible something about me that makes him love me."

"It's probably your suit."

Not So Easy A little girl was showing a visitor over her father's farm, and proudly pointed to a cow which, she said, was her very own.

"And does your cow give milk?" asked the visitor.

"Well, not exactly," replied the child. "You've sort of got to take it away from her."

Poetic A pupil was asked to write a short verse using the words anatomy and anatomy. Here's what he produced:

"My analyze over the ocean— O, bring back my anatomy!"

Some Mistake Rastus—It's your Mr. Johnson's date was a marriage license you sold me last month?

Clark Johnson—Certainly, Rastus! Why?

Rastus—Because I've led a dog's life ever since.

The Animal Timid Hubbard—If you and your meerkat keep on nagging, you're going to bring out all the animals in me.

Sarcastic Wife—Then we'd better be. My husband said: "We scared to death of mice!"

Might Rain Hotel Clerk—Inside or outside room, sir?

Guest from the Prairies—Inside, I guess. It looks like rain.—C. N. R. Magazine.

SILLY QUESTION

Imperfect She—I was dreaming of the ideal man—just press the button and all the work is done.

AUXILIARY NAMES THREE DELEGATES

To Represent Post 313 Auxiliary At Two Events

At the meeting of the auxiliary to the A. W. V. post 313, American Legion, Monday night at the post quarters, delegates were named to represent the unit at two coming events. Miss Jennie Lawell, president; Mrs. Josephine Kerns and Miss Sadie O'Brien, were appointed as delegates to the Middlesex county council meeting to be held at the Belmont High School on Saturday, May 26; and Mrs. Margaret Green, Miss Brenda Melton and Mrs. Mary Green, were named as alternates.

Miss Lawell and Mrs. Kerns will also act as delegates to the state convention in Swampscott on June 17, 18 and 19, with Mrs. Margaret Green and Miss Brenda Melton as alternates.

The business meeting was conducted by Miss Lawell, president of the unit, and a report of the Junior day unit, held on May 4 was given by Miss Brenda Melton, chairman of junior activities, who attended the affair with several members of the local junior auxiliary.

Poppy day will be held on Saturday of this week, and Mrs. Ethel Hill was named as chairman in charge. She will be assisted by all members of the auxiliary. Plans for the day observance also were discussed.

1940 Quota For Post 212 Nearly Reached

The meeting of Post 212, American Legion, held Monday night at the post quarters was well attended and was conducted by Comdr. J. Ira Spang.

The membership committee reported that the 1940 quota has been nearly reached. A social activities committee for the meeting to be held on June 10 was appointed by the commander and includes John W. Carruthers, Hugh L. Weir, Fred Russell and Edwin L. Burne.

Harold Stott, who recently received the Legionnaire Naval Pilot's wings after a rigorous course presented at the meeting and it was reported that Napoleon Manasse, also confined to the same hospital, will be returning to his home this week.

Games were played during the social hour and refreshments were served by Edward A. Fox, assisted by Guy Files, Andrew Viapan and Harold Stott.

Edison's Laboratory Reconstructed

One of the most detailed set, building and set-dressing assignments in motion picture history is on view on Stage 15 at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. It is the duplication of the second floor of Thomas Edison's Menlo Park Laboratory which will be used for "Edison, the Man," in which Spencer Tracy is starring under the direction of Clarence Brown.

Work began a month ago on making more than 10,000 separate articles which will go onto shelves and worktables in the laboratory. Every article is an exact reproduction of those which Edison had in his laboratory which he ceased using in 1882.

Edison opened the laboratory, the first private laboratory in the nation, in 1874 and it was here he created many of his early inventions, including the talking machine and the electric light.

The laboratory itself was reconstructed at Greenfield Village near Dearborn, Mich., by Henry Ford. Since it was impossible, because of strict insurance clauses, to move anything from the laboratory, the studio has duplicated every detail of that room.

Director Clarence Brown brought blue prints of the building to Hollywood on his return from Greenfield Village, together with photographs of every section of the laboratory. Thousands of various acid bottles have been duplicated as have Edison's work materials and his original model of a vacuum machine and dozens of early electric light globes.

The mercury vacuum pumps he used in developing the light have also been duplicated.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Leveseur and family of Littleton street have moved into Lowell. They are now located at 48 Ware street.

High School Nine:

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a line, would have gone for extra bases. He is also one of the fastest men on the base paths and a smart base runner.

Coach Knightly has used utility pitcher George in right field in three games. George has proved to be an excellent pinch hitter. He has been to bat 7 times and has collected 3 hits for an average of .429.

So far the batting surprise of the season is ace pitcher Bud Doole who is hitting for .363. The team batting average has dropped during the post week from .296 to .267.

UNCLE EBEN SAYS—

De truth is whut de average man likes to hear about somebody else.

De trouble wit a low-brow is dat he's too liable to git high-handed.

A man dat talks says whut he talks but a mistake if his talkin' to a traffic cop.

Poverty ain't no disgrace. But neither is de rheumatiz an' a whole lot o' disagreeableness.

Some o' dis swing music don't sound to me like nuffin' 'cep'in an excuse for stayin' awake.

Dar ain' nuffin' wrong about money 'cep'in dat it's liable to wander off an' git into bad company.

Tain' no credit for a man to tend to business if he's done picked his self out de wrong kind of business.

Everybody makes mistakes, but de mistake dat counts is de mistake dat you observe also were discussed.

A heap o' gressness goes unwarded. Noah built de big boat an' manned it an' saved it an' didn't even git de wrong kind of business.

AIR WAVES

Fresh air and sunlight are the natural enemies of mildew.

Eighty per cent of tomatoes soon after the hours of noon and 4 p. m.

Every official weather forecast from a meteorological office requires the co-operation of at least 100 persons.

Air pressure is used to clear the ballast tanks of water in the submarines, thereby bringing them to the surface.

The soot discharged into the atmosphere of England every year represents three days' coal output of the entire country.

The Arctic is growing warmer with the aid of tropic air. A Russian notes that the general temperature rise affects the animals.

A total of 507 distinct species of mayflies native to North America are listed in a recently published book dealing with these insects.

FROM ABROAD

Germany has 350 inhabitants to the square mile.

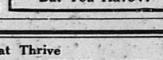
Weddings are banned in All Saints church, Guernsey, Isle of Wight.

The favorite and most expensive color of jade in China itself is a fine apple green.

Latin America does about one-third of its total trade with the United States.

Britain must build houses at the rate of 266,000 a year to keep up with her increasing number of families.

A Cape of Good Hope postage stamp of 1931, having a face value of 8 cents, was sold recently in London for \$150.



The Poor Cave Man Had No Newspaper To Advertise In. But You Have!!

LOWELL BAPTIST SOCIAL UNION ELECTS OFFICERS

North Chelmsford Boy Scouts Regular Meeting

The North Chelmsford Boy Scout troop held a regular meeting on Wednesday evening. The meeting was opened with the scout oath, roll call, and the collection of dues. A short drill period was then held in preparation for Memorial Day. A new American flag has been obtained by the troop and a new troop flag will have arrived by the next meeting.

After a game period, the meeting was closed with the scout oath. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

No one ever has caught a mature eel at sea.

Utopia, Kan., according to the last census, has six inhabitants.

Sandwich from the Sahara desert has been found in the Swiss Alps.

Steele rails one north and south railway track last longer than those laid east and west.

Tax returns in one Kansas county showed only one rug and two shot-guns owned by inhabitants.

Fifteen hundred pairs of opera glasses were stolen last year from slot machines in London theaters.

The ultra-microscope at the United States bureau of standards can detect differences of one one-millionth of an inch.

Without using the upper one-third of the branches, a single Sequoia tree yielded 3,000 posts, 650,000 shingles and 100 cords of firewood.

BRIEF AND BREEZY

Rats, mice, pigeons and sparrows are germ carriers.

Registration of architects is required in 59 states.

Nearly 4,000,000 briar pipes were made in England last year.

Nine of the 20 islands in the Hawaiian group are inhabited.

Rayns burn with a flash, leaving an ash and a smell of burning paper.

The day-bed, so popular with apartment dwellers, is of French origin.

The supper committee was headed by Mrs. Alfred Angus, who was assisted in the kitchen by Mrs. William Pickles, Mrs. William Kilburn, Mrs. Harry Sargent, and Mrs. Harry Lewis.

Mrs. George C. Hood was chairman of the dining room committee, and had as waitress Mrs. Samuel Pickard, Miss Mary Angus, Mrs. Fred D. Lison, Mrs. Arthur Thompson, Miss Helen Seaton and Mrs. Ralph Snow.

PAPER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Hollywood's most famous married couple celebrate the completion of their first married life, their paper anniversary. It's Carole Lombard and Clark Gable and because Clark is working daily in "Boom Town," the two had to have their anniversary luncheon in Gable's dressing room at the studios.

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Lions Club:

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In this league, and there is no better way of keeping the youngsters of the streets than to have them playing organized baseball at the various playgrounds.

The Spring league ends this week with the teams probably finishing in the following order for the first three places: McParlin, Westlands and Princeton.

Princeton plays Quessy on Friday afternoon and must win this game to get in the playoffs.

Next week the playoffs will start. On Monday McParlin meets Westlands at the Westlands playground. And on Friday McParlin again plays the Westlands at the Westlands.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Reed have returned to their home in Crosby Place after spending a delightful winter at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

AGRICULTURE:

Tobacco Ban?

Somebody hurt over American tobacco farmers when Great Britain slapped a ban on imports of U. S. leaf. Reason: (1) Britain needed their ship's cargo space for war supplies; (2) Britain was wooing Turkey, which also had tobacco for sale.

After several weeks of negotiations, Secretary of Commerce Harry Hopkins announced he thought the ban would soon be lifted. Britain's action was no violation of the reciprocal trade treaty, it was decided, therefore no protest was possible on these grounds. But Mr. Hopkins figured the British government had to do something to halt the declining revenues from import duties, and to replenish declining stocks in British warehouses.

Whether this announcement was based on wishful thinking or actual negotiations, no one but Mr. Hopkins could tell. But observers wondered how Britain could be expected to turn against Turkey at this stage of the diplomatic game.



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"Do you believe in women getting men's wages?" "Great gosh, lady, ain't they bin gettin' 'em since the year one!"

An Ancient Nuisance First R. O. T. C. (preparing essay)—What do you call those tablets the Gauls used to write on? Roommate—Gaul stones.—Telegraph Topics.

Imperfect She—I was dreaming of the ideal man—just press the button and all the work is done. He—Yes, but who presses the button?

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