

THE VAGABOND

We spent several pleasant hours last Sunday with our good friends Fassett Crosby, who is now stationed at the Philadelphia Airport in Norristown, Pa.

"Tat", who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Crosby, of Noxen, is making fine progress as a student flyer and already has more than enough flying hours credits to obtain his pilot's license from the Department of Commerce. Beside flying, he has full charge of the aviation company's office at the field.

While we were with him he took us through the big airplane hangar and showed us all the latest models in flying sport coupes, runabouts and air pullmans. Among the planes were two giant eight-passenger Belanca's of the type Clarence Chamberlain flew across the Atlantic. A half-dozen or more of the smaller two-passenger planes were owned by citizens of Norristown, one of them by a girl and another by a negro.

"Tat" says it's not difficult to get capable and willing help around the flying field. Small boys spend most of their after-school hours there and are willing to run all sorts of errands just to be near a flying machine.

A good deal of the revenue for the airport comes from persons who take short flying trips, but the greatest source of income for the Philadelphia port is from the sale of new machines and from air photographic work. The company now has a contract to make air photographic maps of Philadelphia.

We were glad to see "Tat" so happy in his work and looking so healthy. The open air had tanned him as brown as a nut. Tall and sinewy he has the perfect build of an aviator.

His liking for airplanes is not a passing fad. From a youngster he has always shown a keen interest in motors and things mechanical. While a student at Wyoming Seminary he was a roommate of "Gus" Quesada who has since gained fame as one of the pilots of the record making army plane "The Question Mark."

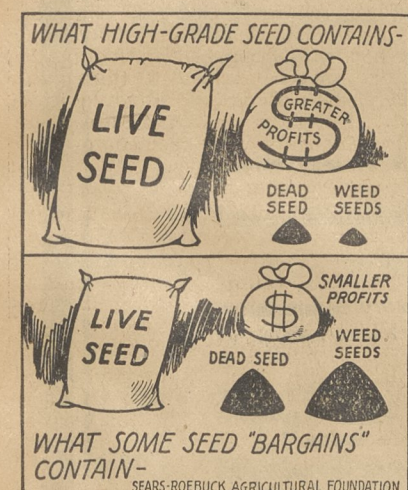
Flying is a thrilling business and it requires courage to enter such a new field for one's life-work. A few years ago it was considered a field for the foolhardy and stunt artists. Today it offers unlimited possibilities. Farmer boys out on the crossroads are slipping off quietly to aviation schools, learning how to pilot a plane, and now and then you hear of one returning with one. Wyoming County has several, so has Susquehanna, and soon Wyoming Valley and Luzerne County will have dozens of airplane owners.

The new airport will be a great stimulus. Dozens of youngsters and many older persons will take to the air once the facilities are at hand for training pilots. Air transportation is not in the future—it is here. Two years ago there were only seven airplane factories in the United States, today there are 367. Chicago expects to clear 1,500 airships from its airport daily by the end of this year. No one dares hazard a guess of the extent to which air transport will be used within the next five years. Once it gets really started there will be no stopping it.

SEED BARGAINS OFTEN COSTLY

A farmer offered a fine horse at a low price would immediately become suspicious and look for defects, but, when offered seed at a figure below prevailing prices, he sometimes believes he is getting advantage of a bargain, says the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. Bargains in both field and vegetable seeds are found only in the best seed available.

The best grades will require less seed per acre, will contain fewer weed and other foreign seeds, and will produce stronger, healthier plants. Low grade cheap seed often contains such a large proportion of dead seed and weed seeds that the price paid for



the live seed content is actually considerable higher than reliable dealers ask for good seed. The contamination of the ground with weed seed is a still more serious objection.

Quality generally should be the first consideration and price secondary when buying seed. Nor should the farmer be misled by extravagant descriptions of the seed. It is well to ask for samples just as the seed dealer would do in buying from the farmer. Seed should not be used until the farmer is sure of the variety and its adaptability, purity and vitality. The Foundation also suggests that farmers should take advantage of the protection which state laws controlling the sale of seed give to them by buying only from dealers who comply fully with those laws.

FASHION GOSSIP

AS TOLD TO ME
By
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"Silk, satin, calico, rags—" so ran the old rhyme which was to foretell one's future prosperity. But fashion has changed. Silk no longer is fashion's pet.

The gingham that graced grandmother's pine table or your young self a la pinafore is now the ambition of a modern maid's career. The debonair jacket suit you see above is smartly constructed of gingham in the very spirit of warm summer days. The jacket is strictly tailored—the skirt made with adequate kick pleats. The blouse is of white pique or linen charmingly styled. Can you think of anything more crisp, cool or colorful for the summer vacationist. I can't.



Since Romeo first entranced his Juliet under the moonlight, eventide has been an event twice thrilling to women . . . an occasion to have a merry time and to wear an evening gown. (Of course we're assuming the event is formal). The flat-tery of soft filmy chiffon is recognized by the sophisticate of fashion—so they tell me!

The prints used are huge sprawly patterns of vivid hues and they're exquisitely made. Blossom forth in at your next town social or evening dance—it's tremendously flattering and youthful—a hint to the wise you know.



The modern woman is surrounded with bows. She just can't get away from them—but who wants to get away from anything so flattering? Every bow has its day and season and this is the day for all sorts of tailored little bows, great big soft bows or very proper stiff bows. And they're seen largely on these chic little blouses so make your bows to fashion and be considered smartly feminine.



Hats—the delight of woman's fashion craving heart and the bane of accommodating husband's pocketbooks—have taken many turns for the better. The way they snub the forehead is unmerciful—the very newest turn up in the front and down everywhere else. But many have brims—there certainly must be some protection from the glaring sun—even if madame has gone sun-tan.

Famous London Vases

St. Peter-Upon-Cornhill, now suffering from the death watch beetle's unpleasant attentions, is a church Wren built with a vase on its steeple. This is typical of the patron saint of the church, being in the form of a key. Another famous London vase is the huge gilded grasshopper above the Royal Exchange, and not far away, on Bow church, is poised the 9-foot-long dragon.

Girl Scouts Report On Conference

Interesting Program Held In Virginia Attended By Local Delegates

At the Regional Conference for Girl Scout leaders held in Norfolk, Virginia, the question of standards was thoroughly discussed by Miss Doris Hough, a member of the National Girl Scout Standards Committee. Miss Hough stressed the importance of standards in every Girl Scout Community, because standards is the heart and soul of Girl Scouting. It is not the mere details of service stripes and stars, or even merit badges that make Girl Scouting but the higher and finer things which go to build character, as frankly Girl Scouting is a character building organization.

Merit badges which train a girl for future life, and give her the incentive to go further into details later on, are the tools which express Girl Scouting and help her to progress in life. Many of the tests for rank badges and merit badges have been changed by the National Girl Scout organization and Miss Hough mentioned the fact that the requirements had been made more simple but that the standards had not been lowered.

Other interesting discussions held at the conference included one on day and summer camping, lone Girl Scouts and Lone Girl Scout Troops by Mrs. Edward Conrad, commissioner of the Wyoming Valley Council Girl Scouts; also, one for troop committee women by Mrs. E. L. Koller, Scranton.

A number of social events were held in connection with the conference which included a trip around Norfolk Harbor, with luncheon served on board ship by the Norfolk Troop committee women; group dinners and, also, a formal banquet when Louise Collier Wilcox and Virginia Lyne Tunstall read from their own books. The outstanding social event was a reception and tea given at the White House by Mrs. Herbert Hoover, for the delegates who returned to their homes via Washington. Mrs. Hoover received the guests in the East Room where she spoke very informally and later served refreshments in the State dining room of the White House. Eighty delegates were entertained at the White House including Mrs. Edward Conrad, Miss Edna Reese, Mrs. Harry Henry and Mrs. J. P. Wilson of the Wyoming Valley Council Girl Scouts, which is a member of the Community Welfare Federation.

The next Regional Conference for the Girl Scout leaders and committee women of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and the District of Columbia will be held in Philadelphia next April with Miss Margaret Robbins of the Philadelphia Girl Scouts in charge of affairs.

Mrs. Frederick Brooke, Washington, was re-elected Regional chairman with the following officers assisting: Mrs. John Staige Davis, Baltimore; Mrs. E. K. Conrad, Wilkes-Barre and Miss Adelaide Werner, Harrisburg.

Restoring Old Church

At Winterbourne Thompson, Dorset, England, is an ancient church, probably Norman, which is about to be restored. It measures 14 feet by 23 feet and is unlighted on the north side but has three windows on the south side.

Some Problem



C. Harold Smith of New York has \$10,000,000 he doesn't know what to do with and offers a present of \$1,000 to the person or persons making the best suggestion.

Finds \$6,000



John Dunbar, farmer of Mountain-dale, N. J., knocked out \$6,000 in cash accidentally while chopping at an old wall on the estate left him by his father.

Almanacs

Remarkable manuscript almanacs, dating from 1292, are preserved in the British museum and also in the libraries of Oxford and Cambridge. The first printed almanac known appeared between the years 1450 and 1461 and "The Kalendar of Shepheardes," which appeared about 1497, was the earliest one printed in English.

Highly Prized Decoration

The Croix de Guerre, created for the European war, is generally regarded as the most highly prized of the French military decorations.

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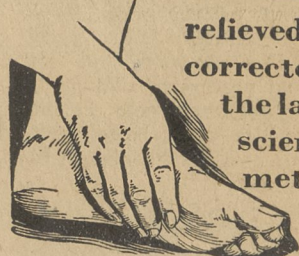
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