

ALONG THE BOARDWALK



But the boardwalk on which President Harding is shown walking above with his military and naval aids, is not the famous one at Atlantic City. It is the only kind of walk in the town of Metlakatla, Alaska. Mrs. Harding may be seen in the rear. The party had just left the transport Henderson.

See Air Commuting Within Ten Years

Experts Predict Development Like That of Automobiles 1905 to 1915

Washington, July 26.—Airplanes will be used for business and pleasure in the United States within the next ten years on a scale commensurate with the extension of automobile traffic between 1905 and 1915, it is predicted in a statement issued by the Department of Commerce.

Experts of the Bureau of Standards say that people of moderate wealth will find air machines useful for commuting, for business trips and for week-end and vacation trips.

"The effect of the airplane, if developed as is expected," the Government announcement says, "will be to extend very greatly the distance to which such trips can be made in a given period of time. They will permit commuting from distances of a hundred miles, while week-end trips can be made from New York to the Thousand Isles; from San Francisco to Yosemite; from Washington and Baltimore to the mountains of Virginia, and from Boston to the Maine woods."

"If the visions of the experts materialize, people whose business requires only occasional visits to the city can live almost anywhere they choose, while some of our wealthiest men can spend their winters in Florida and their summers in Nova Scotia, and still keep in touch with business interests in New York."

Possibilities such as these, the department's experts contend, indicate a considerable extension of the city's influence, with rise in real estate values and an increase in prosperity for many of the smaller towns.

"But it must be remembered," the statement adds, "that the airplane traffic will not be evenly distributed. The flying people go where landing facilities are provided. The town that first provides these facilities should become popular with aircraft, and may in later years be the fashionable resort of the region."

"Good rail and motor roads, combined with beautiful scenery, have made out the fashionable suburbs and summer resorts of today, and, even so, good landing fields, combined with other desirable characteristics, should help make the fashionable suburb and summer resorts of the future."

In discussing landing fields, the Department announces that the requisite dimensions, proportions, and equipment have been thoroughly studied by experts and the best modern knowledge on the subject is embodied in the National Aeronautical Society Code now being prepared under the auspices of the Bureau of Standards and the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Fields rated as first class will have hangar space, repair equipment, tools, etc.; supplied with fuel, oil, water, and spare parts, telephone communication, a hotel near, and convenient transportation to the metropolis for passenger and freight attendants at all times; guard to enforce field regulations, obstacle lights, course lights, and night ground wind indicators; visible beacon and radio communication.

Fields with less equipment are rated as second, third and fourth class. All fields must have good markings and good runways.

In addition, other places for emergency landings should be provided at frequent intervals, the statement says.

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Chief of Air Service, War Department, Washington, is the registering agency for landing fields. Descriptions of all landing fields should be sent to this office and it should be notified of any changes or of abandonment of existing fields.

The office also is prepared to furnish advice regarding the design and organization of landing fields.

SNAKE TAKES AN AUTO RIDE Hides Under Hood of Car Until Routed by Driver.

Bridgeton, N. J., July 24.—Dr. Alfred Cornwell, Bridgeton physician, was making a call near the outskirts of the city and lighting from his car spied a big snake in the gutter.

As the physician has conspicuous against killing snakes he picked up a stick and tried to chase the reptile toward a near-by woods. One poke and the snake disappeared. He searched his car, but found no snake.

When he stopped at the Post Office, en route home, he obtained a hose and with three postal employes cautiously lifted the hood. They spied a black tail and, turning the hose inside, a four-foot blacksnake arose. It had evidently settled down near the engine for a ride.

June brides are beginning to find that they are July housewives.—Border Cities Star.

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Fresh air and BOVRIL

—or, as the Report of the Ministry of Health of Great Britain said: "a sanitary environment and sound nutrition"—are the great safeguards of Health.

Says He Is Dead But Refuses Explanation

Paris July 26.—"It is true that I died in 1903. It is also true, as you see, that I am alive today." The judge in Algiers who heard this rather surprising statement from a French cavalry captain named Francois Olivier Paul Henri de Vesian asked him civilly how, if he died in 1903, he could be standing there in the prisoner's dock talking.

Captain F. O. P. H. de Vesian shrugged his shoulders. "I am dead, but still alive," he insisted. An opponent in a legal dispute over

property looked up the captain's antecedents and discovered that he was born in Tours in 1860, died in Limoges in 1903 and was married in Algiers in 1918. Here, he thought, were figures that manifestly lied, and he told the authorities. Captain de Vesian was arrested. He told the court: "The records are all true. There are not two de Vesians—there is only one myself. While it is supposed by some that I inhabit a mansion in heaven, I, in fact, live in the house I bought from

the man who charges me with impersonating a dead man. I was born in Tours, I died in Limoges, I was married in Algiers—the records are accurate."

Evidently sane, certainly very much alive, he refused to make any further explanation. His "defense" will probably, however, prove unacceptable. Ford says he won't and then he says he will, and first thing he knows he'll have to get out and walk back.—Pain Beach Times.



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