

Ventnor Had Flying Man

Captain Hugh Willoughby Built One of the First Planes On Ventnor Heights and Made the Resort A Notable Flying Center In Early Days

By H. C. TEST

How many folks in Ventnor know that at one time this fine resort was one of the national centers of aviation. This was back some dozen or more years ago, when Captain Hugh Willoughby had his summer headquarters out on Ventnor Heights.

I can remember when Captain Willoughby, despite his rather dignified mien, was looked upon as something of an over-enthusiast on the flying question. At that time we who were of inquiring turn of mind used to go out to his hanger and inspect the machine which he used for experimental purposes and, sometimes, I am under the impression that we considered Captain Willoughby as a bit of a "bug," as the colloquial has it, on the matter of flying.

Our first real surprise came during the flying meet held in Atlantic City, when enterprising hotel men financed an affair which brought the Curtiss and other flyers to the shore. Isaac F. Marcossou, now a world-famous interviewer and publicist with a weighty opinion on big public questions, came to Atlantic City as special representative of the Munsey publications. Mr. Marcossou visited Captain Willoughby, and in our opinion, made the Captain a real figure.

We who lived on the Heights began to sit up and take notice. Then came a morning when one of the most famous flyers of that day swooped down and made a landing alongside the Willoughby hangar, bent on making a professional visit to our neighbor.

Talk about excitement! First came the hum of that machine, then we descried the plane circling as its pilot sought out a landing place which would allow him to skid to the ground without damage. I believe that most of Ventnor must have had a collective stiff neck that day.

And most of us realized that we had been tendered our lesson. From that time on we used to look upon Captain Willoughby as a real hero and entitled to a place in the sun as one of the pioneers of air navigation, now so much a part of daily life.

I don't know what has become of Captain Willoughby. For years he kept in communication with Adolf Apel, the boatbuilder, who was one of his instructors in wood working when the Captain was building his plane. Lately, however, he seems to have passed from our Ventnor ken. But he has always remained a big figure in the flying game and it is likely that few men ever brought as much sudden newspaper fame as did Captain Willoughby when his presence in our city midst turned attention of the country, for the time at least, on the fact that Ventnor possessed a flying enthusiast when flying enthusiasts were pretty scarce.

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Marston for Civic Progress

Leading Candidate For Republican Mayoralty Nomination Promises Strict Business Administration If Named At Polls

"The interests of Ventnor are my interests. If elected to the office of Mayor of Ventnor I shall make my only policy the advancement of Ventnor City as a resort and a place of residence for the best people of the country."

This is the declaration of Almerin Marston, who goes to the primary polls next Tuesday big favorite for the place of nominee for Mayor of Ventnor on the Republican ticket. The statement was made in an exclusive interview for the Ventnor News because of the fact that this Ventnor publication was forced by its large circulation to go to press before the meeting of the League of Women Voters held last night.

"It appears to me," said Mr. Marston, "that the improvement of Ventnor without excessive increase in taxes is the plain business problem which must be met by any man who accepts office in this resort. In my opinion, all other considerations should be relegated to lesser place in favor of clear and clean business administration."

"Ventnor has grown to an importance which makes it imperative that its officials shall represent the people—probably the finest and most intelligent citizens of any city in the state. The man who will use his best efforts to discover what Ventnor people desire, and then carry out their wishes will make the only real success possible."

"In my years of residence in Ventnor I have sought to identify myself with every movement which had for its object the bettering of this resort as a place of residence and investment. My real estate operations have been conducted in a manner which has shown my faith in my home city."

"There are many improvements to be made for the betterment of Ventnor as a resort. Some of the most important have been started by Mayor Brehman and his able associates. These should be carried out. There are

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Louis Stern to Go Abroad

Louis E. Stern, member of the firm of M. E. Blatt Company, will sail from New York on Saturday next for a three months' tour of England and the Continent. Mr. Stern will take passage on the Olympic and during his stay abroad will combine business with pleasure by visiting the great business and fashion centres to secure new ideas for the Blatt Department Store. A number of Atlantic City friends will go to New York to bid him farewell before sailing.

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Swell the Marston Vote

Be Sure to Vote

Aid the Moore Cause

Smoking Them Out



State Senator Charles D. White, Independent Candidate for Renomination on the Republican Ticket

Women Voters Out for White

Supporters of Present State Senator Believe Heavy Registration Presages Victory At Primary Polls Next Tuesday

Women of Ventnor, Atlantic City and the remainder of Atlantic County will insure the nomination of State Senator C. D. White to succeed himself, according to the statements issued by managers of the White campaign. More women are registered and qualified to vote the Republican ticket than ever before since the sex was enfranchised and in the White political camp this is looked upon as evidence that the women are solidly back of the independent attitude of the candidate.

"I believe that the women voters will be the greatest element in assuring my nomination," declared Senator White. "No man can go to the polls seeking office as a real Independent and expect to succeed without being able to both interest the women voters and having their endorsement."

"Throughout the County the women voters have been out to attend political meetings ever since the campaign was opened. They are showing an interest which they have never shown before in the exact issues of the campaign and one of the real pleasures of campaigning this year is the manner in which the women accept the facts of the political situation and promise their support."

"My entire campaign is based on the belief that the people of Atlantic County are both ready and willing to support a candidate who defies any collection of men to dictate policies which are not for the benefit of the people. All the arguments and mud-slinging in

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It Starts Today—

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The Big "Best Seller"

"The Story of Mankind"

By Hendrik Van Loon

Commission for War Memorial

Council Grants American Legion Post Right To Name Representative On Building Board

Much time was devoted by members of Council during the two-hour committee meeting on Monday night to the question of possible appointees as commissioners to have charge of the proposed war veterans memorial building, the result being that the privilege will be accorded the local American Legion Post and the Auxiliary Unit thereof each to choose one member of the commission.

Under the statute the mayor of the city automatically becomes a member of the commission. Under the agreement reached by Council two members will be named by the municipal legislature, while the two named by the veteran bodies will complete the membership of five.

Ordinance No. 19, providing for the issuance of bonds the proceeds of which are intended to defray the cost of the war memorial, will be advanced to second reading next Monday evening. The measure will probably come up for final hearing on October 9, when a public hearing will be held.

It is understood that architects will be invited to draw plans based on the rough draft determined upon by a special committee, composed of Mayor Brehman, President of Council Gumphert and Councilman Brooks. The committee conferred with members of the Legion and Auxiliary as to their views touching the nature of the structure most likely to meet the desires of the ex-service men.

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AUSTIN COAL—"Ask the man who burns it."—Phone 865—Adv.

Seasoned Cord Wood—Any Length. Phone 9. Borton Coal Co.—Advertisement.

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Trolley Bill Out Monday

Measure Giving Ventnor Improved Car Service Comes Up For Second Reading After Legal Aspects Have Been Passed On By Council—Hearing Oct. 9th

Ordinance No. 18, drawn to validate the agreement made between the City of Ventnor and the Atlantic City and Shore Railway to assure improved car service to all sections of Ventnor, will be ready for presentation for second reading next Monday evening. Members of City Council expect to pass the measure at that time and it will then come up for public hearing on third reading on the evening of October 9th.

So far as can be learned, the only changes of importance in the measure made since it was passed on first reading are in the line of strengthening the agreement so that both the city and the trolley company will be more firmly held to the decisions which have been agreed upon and which guarantee to Ventnor riders an all-year service which will meet requirements for years to come.

"There has been no intimation from members of Ventnor City Council of any change in their desire to assure real car service to Ventnor City so far as I have been informed," stated Judge C. L. Cole, special counsel for the resort in the trolley matter. "The ordinance was held after first reading to assure that its legal aspects could be studied and the

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School Head Advises Vote

President of Board of Education Tells of Evils Which Follow Neglect of Franchise in Important Ballot Contests

By ANNA L. WILLIAMS
President Ventnor City Board of Education

It is a law of nature that when you do not exercise a faculty or a member of your mind or body, you lose it. It weakens, devitalizes, atrophies until there is practically nothing of it left, and often it can never be recovered. This is nature's logical punishment. Memory, intellect, will, ambition, energy, muscular power, growth—all desert you when you neglect to exercise them. This result that nature imposes on us shows us the importance of exercising these faculties and powers and warns us of the serious mistake of not using them.

Such a result arising from failure to exercise our right to vote would impress us with the seriousness of not voting. Suppose it were the law that if a man failed to vote two successive elections he should lose his vote and be disfranchised for five years or always, then he would wake up to the importance of his vote and his disgraced and helpless condition. Then he would prize the political manhood he had lost. He would be humiliated and in contempt among his neighbors. He would be ranked during those years with the imbecile not entitled to a vote and with those convicted of certain felonies, deprived of their

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TWO LETTERS

JOHNSTON

INSURANCE - - - - SURETY BONDS

311-349 Guarantee Trust Building
Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 18, 1922.

Mr. Charles Scheuer,
5210 Ventnor Avenue,
Ventnor City, N. J.

Dear Friend Scheuer—I notice an editorial in your Ventnor News of September 13, 1922, under the caption "Moore should be named." I want at this time to thank you for your references to me in this editorial. Your opinion of me is very flattering, but there is one part of the editorial that is not absolutely correct. You state "Mr. Johnston is a man of means." All I have ever been able to do in this life is to pay my debts and try to provide a small income for my family in the event that I might suddenly be removed from my business activities.

A public office or a public trust has always been a very sacred thing to me. I have always worked diligently and exerted my best efforts to bring any position that I might occupy up to a grade of efficiency in keeping with the ability I personally possess. I can refer you to my service in the District Court of Atlantic City and to six years as Supervisor of Bills in the New Jersey State Senate. I never delegate powers to subordinates, that by virtue of my office should receive my personal attention, always having in mind that any criticism that might arise must be directed against me and if I personally supervise and attend to my business I must get the credit.

I feel confident that if I were appointed Postmaster of Atlantic City or Ventnor that I could improve the service and I pledge you or any other business citizen of Atlantic City or Ventnor that if I should be appointed and serve one year, that if there was one well-founded complaint I would willingly resign. There are some things in connection with this office that I would be pleased to discuss with you personally and after I have had that conference with you, you could use my information as public matters if you felt so disposed. I have spent years of my life boosting and only a very few minutes knocking and I am confident that should I be installed as Postmaster of Atlantic City, that inside of six months, you would be one of my staunchest supporters. I shall be very pleased to make this appointment with you at any time that you might find it convenient.

Again thanking you for your high regard of my ability, I am,
Yours very truly,
R. M. JOHNSTON.

Wernersville, Pa., Sept. 18, 1922.

Mr. R. M. Johnston,
Atlantic City.

My Dear Bob—Your letter of the 15th was forwarded to me here and I immediately gave telephonic instruction to publish the full text of the letter on the front page of the Ventnor News.

You need no encomium; your ability, probity and integrity are established beyond peradventure.

No one doubts that you would make an excellent Postmaster. The Ventnor News has taken up the cudgel for Mr. Moore because we received scores of letters from high-standing prominent citizens asking us to urge his promotion.

The Ventnor News is an independent newspaper without obligations of any kind to either individuals or organizations.

We found upon investigation that Mr. Moore has given 21 years of his life to honest, conscientious work in the Atlantic City Postoffice. For all this he has received but meager compensation. He is competent, understands the business backwards and has served the government for more than two decades. He has no political backing, but in all that is fair, just and droit, HE SHOULD BE PROMOTED. You have a splendid business and honors in other directions are awaiting you—why not let Moore have it? It would be a noble act on your part. Would you, dear Bob, have your name smell sweet with the myrrh of remembrance and chime melodiously in the ear of future days? If you would, then give this man Moore credit for the good work he has done and step aside and let him have the post that he has been striving for all his life. I know one word from you and he will be the next Postmaster. You are his only opponent. We are all heroes in process and such an act on your part would make you a really great man. Think it over, Bob. I feel sure it will appeal to your big generous nature.

Sincerely yours,
CHARLES SCHEUER.