

First In The Hearts

By Clint Fuller

Henry Lee wrote, in a Resolution in the House of Representatives on December 26, 1799, twelve days after the death of President George Washington, that he was "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his fellow citizens."

One hundred eighty-seven years later, Americans still agree with Lee's statement. Truly, George Washington is the father of this country. Many legends have evolved about the man. This is not unexpected. The whole world mourned his passing at the time of his death. He was great even before he became a part of history.

He was born on Friday, February 22, 1732, the son of Augustine Washington and Mary Ball at Wakefield on Pope's Creek, Westmoreland County, Va. His great-grandfather, Col. John Washington, had come to America in 1657 and purchased 5,000 acres of land on the Potomac River.

Washington's father died when

the boy was only 11, after having moved to Ferry farm, near Fredericksburg, Va., in 1738. At 16, Washington went to live with a half-brother, Lawrence, who inherited the Potomac farm and built Mount Vernon. Lawrence died in 1752, and Washington inherited some of the farm and purchased the other.

He received his first military experience in 1753 when Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia made him a Lt. Col. and placed him in charge of the militia.

Washington fired the first shot in the French and Indian War. He became commander-in-chief of the Continental forces on July 3, 1775, at Cambridge, Md. He was elected President of the United States and took office in New York on April 30, 1789, and served two terms, declining a third.

Washington was truly an outstanding statesman. Had he been nothing more than any one of many things, he would have had a place in history. He was, however, gifted beyond most men. He was, first, a man of dignity. People listened to him and sought his advice.

He was an experimenter. He delved into many secrets of Mother Nature's earth. Fifty-seven trees which he planted still stand today at Mount Vernon.

He was a surveyor, as most school children know. He was a lover of land and acquired much of it in his lifetime. He was a good neighbor, lending and giving to those in need. He was extremely modest, diffident and almost bashful at times. And, yet, he had a violent temper. However, he managed to control it most of the time.

He was a farmer, a trader and a land investor, and these made him a legend in his own time. He experimented with clover, rye, timothy and alfalfa to enrich the soil as early as 1760. He tinkered with several inventions to make planting, harvesting and processing easier on the plantation. The flour produced at Mount Vernon was so unusual for its purity and excellence that it was known all over the Americas and Europe. He was a hard-working businessman and accountant. In an age when letters were all written in longhand, Washington wrote over 18,000.

Washington also excelled in the field of architecture and was consulted by many architects following the Revolutionary War. He drew up plans and specifications with his own hand, ordered stucco, terrazzo and other materials, and almost singlehandedly converted his small house of eight rooms into



the highly celebrated and beautiful mansion we know today. Washington was many things to many people. His farewell address to the nation as President, delivered on September 19, 1796, warned of many of the troubles our country is experiencing today, among them big public debt, foreign alliances, large military establishments, small minorities in control of or changing government; and he stressed the need for an enlightened public. Born 187 years ago, George Washington, with the leadership he exemplifies, could, even today, have been the Father of His Country.



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The Bunn PTA met in the gymnasium Monday night. The subject for the evening was "Physical Fitness." Four faculty members led the program.

Mr. Hancock spoke on ways in which parents can help children benefit from the program in the school.

Mrs. Brantley led the elementary students. They demonstrated skipping and rope jumping, dancing and drills. Students of physical education in the classes of Mr. Moss demonstrated tumbling, drills and somersaults.

In his discussion Mr. Wheelock told of the difficulty in performance of feats and the care that is taken to prevent injury. Girls of the basketball team demonstrated several plays. Interest in the program was evidenced by a capacity crowd.

Franklinton Business Wins Contest

(Frk. B.W.) Mr. W. L. Johnson, Jr., of the Corner Drug in Franklinton has been informed that the Corner Drug Store has won the sixth prize in the Vicks-Bulman "Show-More-Sell-More" Display Contest.

The display was prepared by Iris Overton and Carolyn Riley, employees of Corner Drug Store.

Washington -- Congress has approved legislation which will be of tremendous benefit to veterans who have served in the Armed Forces since the Korean War.

The new "GI Benefits Bill" will make all the persons who have served in the Armed Forces on active duty since February 1, 1955, for a period of 180 days or more eligible for benefits under the program. The program is not limited to servicemen who have served or are serving in Vietnam or other areas of combat. It covers all of these servicemen plus any others who have been on active duty in any of our armed services.

The primary purpose of the program is to encourage and promote the education of servicemen and veterans in institutions of higher learning.

The new law provides that educational assistance will be provided for up to 36 calendar months of school or training. The assistance rates for full-time training or education are \$100 per month for a single veteran, \$125 for a veteran with one dependent, and \$150 for a veteran with more than one dependent. Proportionately lower rates for less than full-time training or education are also provided.

Another key part of the new program is a GI home loan program which was so popular and beneficial among vet-

Spaghetti Supper Saturday

The Episcopal Young Churchmen will sponsor their second Spaghetti Supper February 19, at the Louisburg School Cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. This group would very much like for you to come.

Contact Jane McKinne or Tucker Meyer for tickets. Please get your tickets in advance.

will be available in the near future from the various V. A. offices and veterans service offices located throughout the Nation.

Tracked In Snow

Louisville, Ky. -- A local policeman tried a Royal Canadian Mounted Police trick and found his man. He followed footprints in the snow from the spot where Pauline McDaniel, 39, was struck down, to a house a block away. Her purse was recovered and a 17-year-old youth was arrested.

Matter Of Time

A man was seated on a train beside a boy who was proudly playing with a cheap watch. "Does your watch tell the time, sonny?" inquired the man with an indulgent smile. "No, sir," was the serious response. "You gotta look at it."

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Second Basic Ed Class Begins

A second class in Basic Education, grades 0-4, will begin Feb. 22 at seven o'clock in Room 108, AC Building, at Louisburg College. Those to be enrolled will be notified by the W. W. Holding T. I. "It is hoped that everyone receiving such a notice will be present," said Rev. V. E. Duncan, teacher. This class is the outcome of a testing put on at the Agriculture Building before Christmas.

Plans for a continuation of the class recently finished to go up into the grade 5-8 are in the making.

In Service

Seoul, Korea (AHTNC)--Staff Sergeant Oliver S. J. Davis, Jr., son of Mrs. Mary O. Davis, Louisburg, N. C., graduated from the Eighth U. S. Army Adjutant General's Military Pay Operations School Jan. 29 in Seoul, Korea.

During the two-week course, Sergeant Davis received refresher training in procedures to reduce errors in the preparation of monthly pay vouchers.

The 29-year-old sergeant, who is serving with Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 81st Artillery in Korea, entered the Army in 1959 and was last stationed at Fort Devens, Mass.

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