

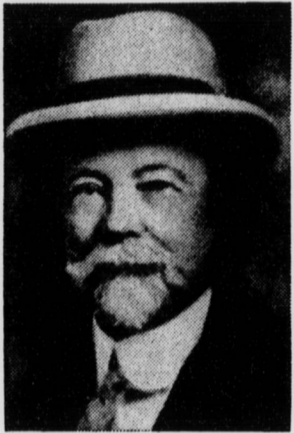
TO HONOR THE CONSTITUTION —PLANT TREES!

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

NEXT year, "we the people of the United States," will celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution under which we have been governed as a nation for a century and a half and among other ways of observing that anniversary we're going to "say it with trees!"

At least, it is so planned by the sesquicentennial commission which has charge of the celebration. In a recent report to congress the commission said:

"A feature in the nation-wide celebration which will be a part of every sesquicentennial celebration is the planting of trees. The general plans for the tree-planting project in co-operation with the American Tree association appear elsewhere in this report. It is customary for many women's organizations to plant memorial trees as a tribute to their founders or to distinguished personages of history. During this celebration these organized groups will join in the tree planting in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Consti-



CHARLES LATHROP PACK

tution. Each state and local community will have its anniversary date when fitting ceremonies will be planned. Millions of trees will be dedicated to the memory of the framers of the Constitution.

"When plans were being made for the celebration of the Washington bicentennial it was intended to plant 10,000,000 trees in honor of the event. But so popular did this idea become throughout the country that in the year 1932 some 35,000,000 trees were actually planted in the United States. Therefore, it is proposed to follow a similar program in celebrating the sesquicentennial of the Constitution. As in the case of the Washington bicentennial, the President of the United States will be asked to plant a tree in the grounds of the White House, and one will also be set out in the Capitol grounds. It will be highly fitting, too, that the chief justice be invited to plant a tree in the grounds surrounding the new Supreme Court building.

"Thus inaugurating the movement, it is planned to reach every city, town, and school. The activities of the commission will be greatly assisted by the co-operation of the American Tree association. This excellent organization will also co-operate in preparing a booklet explaining the planting of trees and providing a program for the dedication.

"The millions of 'Constitution Trees' thus set out during the celebration will prove a beautiful, lasting and appropriate tribute to the Constitution of the United States."

The American Tree association has already issued the booklet mentioned in the foregoing report (it's called the Constitution Sesquicentennial Tree Planting Book) and recently several million copies were sent to club and organization leaders and school teachers throughout the country. At the same time Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the association, issued this statement:

Like a Great Oak

"The Constitution stands like a great oak. It has weathered many storms. It deserves a place next to the family Bible in every home. What could be more fitting than for the American people to begin now to make their plans for marking the sesquicentennial, September, 17, 1937, by planting trees? We are ready to distribute to school teachers or organization leaders or anyone else, this Constitution Sesquicentennial Tree Planting Book. In it is the Constitution and all amendments with every important date, as well as George Washington's letter of transmittal to the congress. With this, are given details on how to select, plant and care for trees and a suggested program for the dedication.

"As the statement of the United States Constitution Commission points out, nearly thirty-five million trees were planted to mark the bicentennial

of the birth of George Washington. Now we have another reason for planting. Then we honored the Father of Our Country and now we mark the crowning achievement of his great career, the binding of the nation together under a Constitution. Historians all agree he made the Constitution possible.

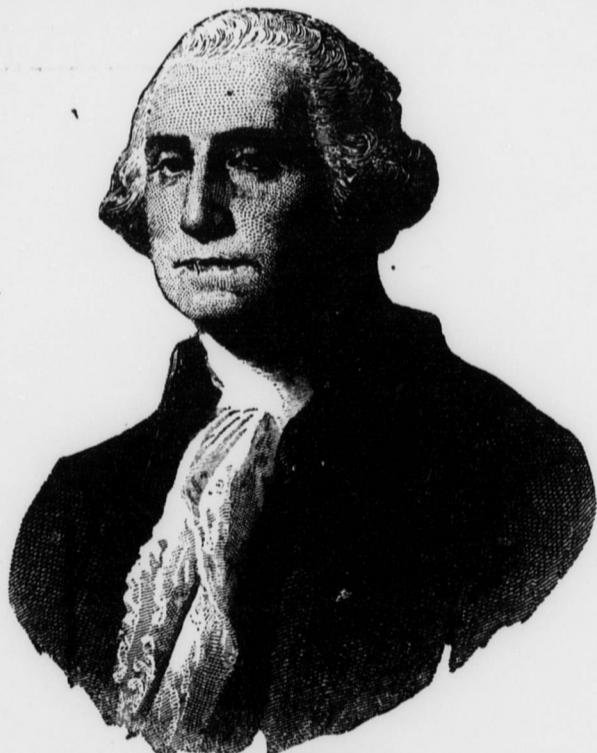
"In our planting plans we not only have the call of the commission to heed but we have the co-operation of thousands of organizations. At this year's meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. H. G. Bogert of Colorado, national conservation chairman, started a tree planting campaign reaching into every club. In the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Avery Turner of Texas, national chairman of conservation and thrift, has called upon all chapter chairmen to push the program.

"Every sesqui-year class in colleges and high schools as well as private institutions, is being asked to plant a sesqui tree as class activity. In the citizenship committees of various organizations, tree planting will be a major activity. One of the tree planting books has been sent to every CCC camp.

"In these days when we hear so much about dust storms, floods, and soil erosion causing hundreds of millions of dollars damages, the American people must become tree minded and realize the value of forests in flood prevention. The forests and their products support every industry. Commerce is impossible without these forest products. So let us plant not alone to mark this important date in our history, maybe the most important date, but also to call the attention of new thousands to the value of trees."

Ratification Day

Mr. Pack also has sent to the governors of the original states ratifying the Constitution the suggestion that "Ratification Days" in each state be marked



GEORGE WASHINGTON

"The adoption of the Constitution was the crowning achievement of his great career."

by organizing state-wide plans for tree planting in anticipation of the big program in 1937.

Among the thousands of trees which will be planted next year as a part of the Constitution celebration undoubtedly there will be many elms. This will be especially appropriate, in so far as this celebration also honors the memory of George Washington, since an elm tree marked an important milestone in his life. It was under a tree of this species in Cambridge, Mass. that he took command of the Continental army on July 3, 1775 and started on the career which led to the establishment of a new nation and his election as its first President under the Constitution.

For nearly a century and a half this elm was a landmark and patriotic shrine, carefully guarded and with every effort made to save it from the ravages of time. Its long and honored



LAST OF THE 13 HORSE CHESTNUT TREES PLANTED BY WASHINGTON AT KENMORE.

career came to an end in August, 1923, when the whole trunk cracked and fell while workmen were pulling a dead branch from it. It was estimated that the tree was then more than 350 years old.

Numerous "Grandchildren"

But even though this historic tree is dead, it lives on in its "children" and "grandchildren" which are to be found in various parts of the United States. On May 1, 1876 a centennial tree, which had been produced from the seed of the Washington elm, was presented to the city of Cambridge by John Owen.

Two "grandchild seedlings" from the Cambridge elm under which Washington took command of the Continental army are growing near his tomb at Mount Vernon, there is one in the yard of the governor's mansion in Annapolis, Md., one in front of the Memorial church at Valley Forge, and another at Washington college at Chestertown, Md., which was named for Washington and which he once visited to receive an honorary degree. Another is thriving on the grounds of the D. A. R. Memorial Continental hall in Washington, D. C., and still

wood tree "where Washington watered horses." A horse chestnut tree, planted by Washington, still stands in the yard of Kenmore, the Fredericksburg (Va.) home of Betty Washington Lewis, his sister. It is the last of 13 such trees which he planted there to represent the Thirteen Colonies and to shade the walk between the cottage of his mother, Mary Ball Washington, and Kenmore.

Eight years ago a "Washington Friendship Grove" of 13 horse chestnut trees was planted in the National Capital. They sprang from the seeds of a tree which for more than 150 years stood in Bath, Pa., as an emblem of friendship between Washington and Gen. Robert Brown. The latter was a frequent visitor to Mount Vernon and at the end of one such visit, in 1781, Washington with his own hands dug from his garden two young horse chestnut trees which he presented to his friend. Brown carried the young saplings across the mountains to his home where he planted them on the lawn. Only one of the trees, however survived but it grew to a height of 70 feet and had an 85-foot spread of its branches.

Tree of Two Nations

On the grounds of the Capitol in Washington is an elm under which the first President is said to have sat while watching the progress in the building of that edifice. On the grounds of the White House stands a tree which is also associated with the name of Washington and which links the past and the present in an unusual manner.

This tree is the outgrowth of an acorn brought from Russia, and because of this and its unique lineage it is known as the Russo-American Oak.

The tree from which the acorn was obtained stands in Lenigrad. It grew from an acorn produced by a tree at the tomb of Washington, at Mt. Vernon. The Mt. Vernon acorn was sent to the czar of Russia by Senator Charles Sumner, of Massachusetts, and planted in the grounds of the imperial palace by the czar as a symbol of Russo-American friendship. In 1898, the tree which had grown from Senator Sumner's acorn was located by Ethan Allen Hitchcock, then American Ambassador to St. Petersburg. Gathering and planting some of the acorns from this tree, the ambassador sent a sapling of the new generation to President Roosevelt for planting in the White House grounds. The planting took place on April 6, 1904, exactly thirteen years before the day on which the United States joined hands with Russia and other European countries in the greatest conflict the world has ever known—a conflict which led to the destruction of the old Russia and the assassination of the royal family. The young tree was planted by President Roosevelt himself.

In several parts of the country are trees famous for their association with Washington's friend, Marquis de Lafayette. One Lafayette tree on the battlefield of Brandywine derives its prestige from the fact that when the celebrated French general was wounded at Brandywine his injuries were given first aid under this tree. At Annapolis is a tree under which a reception to Lafayette was held, with a distinguished company in attendance. In the form of trees planted by his own hand, General Lafayette left many mementoes of his travels in America. One of these is now standing at Concord, New Hampshire. Another is at Yorktown, Va., near a house in which are still to be seen cannon balls imbedded in the timbers during the siege of Yorktown.

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Many "Washington Trees"

Elm trees, however, are not the only ones which we associate with the name of Washington. Deerfield, Mass., has a button-

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WNU Service



His Attention Was Directed to Two Pearls of Young Womanhood Planted Directly Across the Aisle.

THE FLAPPER FEUD

ONCE there was a Lone Man who was compelled to take a ride on the new kind of Bus which is helping the Zinc Elizabeth to make a Joke out of the average Passenger Train. This Conveyance looked like a Battle Ship with Wheels. It breathed Blue Smoke and made a Noise like Niagara Falls, and when it came surging along a rural highway the Chickens would beat it far behind the Barn and remain there for Days.

The Traveler, who had planted himself in one of the spring Seats, had a couple of fresh magazines in his Lap and counted on finding out how all of the Butter-and-Egg Men started as Weed-Pullers and got their Kale by hiring Employees who were too dumb to steal. Like many other readers, he was keen for these Confessions of the Successful, little suspecting that most of the Strong-Arms who have taken it away from the Common People hide their Black Jacks and Masks after they become Bank Directors and, after that, want to talk about Paintings and the Opera.

He had just started to eat up a thrilling Piece entitled, "How It Feels to Be Red-Headed" when his Attention was directed to two Pearls of Young Womanhood planted directly across the Aisle.

CLAUDINE'S POROUS EATS

They were Regulars and had overlooked Nothing. They were clipped high and had been dipped in Flour and had large rolling Eyes and wore One-Piece Gowns which did not seem to be securely fastened. The Exposure included a long vertical Stretch of what is called the Shin-Bone.

This traveler had no desire to pry into the Secrets of these Cuties, who probably came of Refined People, no matter what they looked like. He was no Eavesdropper, Interloper or Buttinsky. If he could have kept out of their Confidences he would have done so. But his only chance would have been to get off the Bus.

Because he could not help himself, he heard the whole Story, involving an undramatic Prologue, a treacherous Betrayal, Scandal and Dirt, Plot and Counterplot, the dissolution of friendships and the bust-up of Love's Young Dream.

Everything had been O. K. between Edna and Claudine up to the time of the Picnic. It must have been because the two of them packed in the same Basket, and it was understood, from the Beginning, that they would eat with Raymond and Ollie, but nothing was said before the Picnic about Claudine's Boob Cousin from Springfield, who was nothing but a Ringer and had an Appetite like a Horse.

It wouldn't have been so bad if Claudine had come through Fifty-Fifty, but she was always looking for a Chance to make a Splurge with somebody else's Chow.

ELMER THE GOOF

All of that Rough Stuff at the Picnic might have been forgotten if she hadn't traipsed all over Town the next Week telling Everybody that Edna had told Alma that Raymond was going to be Captain of the Basketball Team instead of Elmer. Always trying to start something. Her Middle Name was certainly War.

It was a Funny Thing that Claudine would knock Raymond the way she had and then go out to vamp him. And get away with it! Right from the Start Claudine had misrepresented, in every Way, Shape, Matter and Form, everything that Edna had said about the Basketball Team, even going so

far as saying to Raymond, after he didn't get to be Captain, that he would have all right if Edna hadn't queered him by going to the Superintendent and some of the Boys and shooting off her Mouth and getting everybody sore at her. All of which was a Pack of Lies, becu Edna never opened her Face about Basketball unless she was asked and then said, in a Nice Way, that she hoped Raymond would be Captain.

Probably Raymond was a Goner unless somebody could get to him and give him the Low-Down and Inside on the Trouble-Maker, becu, say what you will, Raymond wasn't such a Bad Scout. Just weak, that's all. Claudine had sewed Buttons on him becu the Simp believed everything she passed out to him right or wrong.

Sooner or later he would find out what she had told Mr. Finch, who ran the Picture Show. It seems that she had been waiting out in Front for the Poor Egg to show up and take her in to see "Unprotected Women" and Mr. Finch, in a joshing Way, started to kid her about Raymond and she said that he was nothing in her Young Life but she couldn't give him the Air becu he was Nuts about her and tagging at her Heels every Minute. Those were the very identical Words she had used, becu Mr. Finch had told Mrs. Finch, who had imparted the Big Sensation to Alberta Wilcox.

SWIPING THE OLD GREEK BADGE

The very Idea of her saying that Raymond had been chasing her when everybody in Town knew that she had been making Googy-Eyes at him for a Year and doing a lot of other things that no Girl who had been well brought up would think of doing. For one Thing, he couldn't back the Car out of the Garage without her being on the Corner, all diked up like a Horse and Buggy to flag him.

It's funny where they went riding at Night. Her mother didn't seem to have the slightest Control over her. She could get away with all that Murder for a While but sooner or later she would get such a Hard Name that she wouldn't be able to break into a Public Dance with a letter of Introduction from Herbert Hoover.

If Raymond wasn't such a Goose he'd remember what she pulled on George Spelvin while he was home from the Academy. She told around that he gave her the Frat Pin, but it was purty well known that she just the same as swiped it and then gave him the Old Elm about losing it, which is awful Coarse Work, if anyone should ask. Kit Lawrence had told Effie Dusenberry that she knew Claudine still had the Badge. If that didn't make a Thief out of her, what would you call it? I ask you.

As for having a Chance to go to Hollywood and be in a Picture, all that Chatter just proved that she was Crazy in the Head. Somebody had told her she looked like Nancy Carroll and since then there had been no living with her.

It seemed that the Future of the Universe was now hinging on the Junior Prom. She (Claudine) had been buying Things and Telling around that Raymond was going to take her, but Edna and Blanche said, wouldn't it be a Good Joke if he gave her the Toss?

While further Plans for saving the much-to-be-desired Raymond were on the Fire, the Traveler had to alight and he may never know what happened to the Eternal Triangle.

MORAL: Suffering in Silence has become a Lost Art.