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"Geo. Washington"

TO young people and the happier older ones, anniversaries bring refreshing opportunity of learning and reviewing. Washington's Birthday Holiday, February 22, brings many gay parties with hatchets and cherry trees and red, white and blue decorations, and many a brave composition from the school children. So, with them in mind particularly, we are celebrating by repeating a few well known eulogies that deserve repeating with some less familiar stories of the "human and many sided" Washington.

John Adams wrote to his wife in June, 1775: "I can now inform you that the Congress have made choice of the modest and virtuous, the amiable, generous and brave George Washington, Esquire, to be General of the American Army. . . . I hope the people of our Province will treat the General with all that confidence and affection, that politeness and respect, which is due to one of the most important characters in the world. The liberties of America depend upon him, in a great degree."

To the Virginia Convention Washington said: "I will raise 1,000 men, subsist them at my own expense and march myself at their head for the relief of Boston."

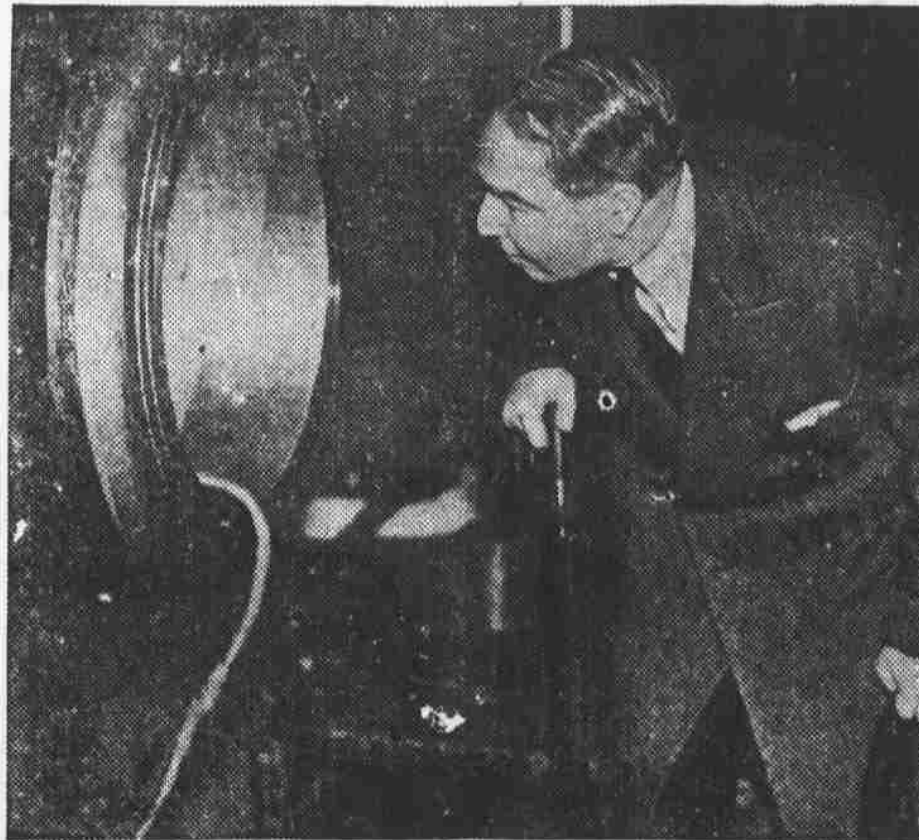
He wrote from Valley Forge: "For many days past, there has been little less than a famine in the camp. . . . Naked and starving as they are, we cannot enough admire the incomparable patience and fidelity of the soldiery, that they have not been, ere this, excited by their suffering to a general mutiny and desertion."

The home and peace loving side of his character stand out in constant conflict with the hard demands of patriotic service. Washington Irving, in his "Life of Washington" relates the romantic story of the soldier's whirlwind courtship. "Among the guests at Mr. Chamberlayne's was a young and blooming widow, Mrs. Martha Custis. . . . We are not informed whether Washington had met her before . . . at any rate his heart appears to have been taken by surprise . . . the horses pawed at the door . . . were countermanded. . . . Military duties called. . . . But before they finally separated, they had mutually plighted their faith and the marriage was to take place as soon as the campaign against Fort Duquesne was at an end."

"He had an extraordinary affection for children. In nothing else was his heart so simple and unrestrained as in his devotion to youth. A home maker and a home lover above all, there is nothing finer in history than Washington's devotion to his beloved Mount Vernon and the people he cherished and sheltered there." In 1794 he wrote in his "Maxims": "For the sake of humanity, it is devoutly to be wished that the manly employment of Agriculture and the humanizing benefit of commerce would supersede the waste of war and the rage of conquest; that the swords might be turned into ploughshares, and the spears into pruning-hooks, and as the Scriptures express it, 'the Nations learn war no more.'"

From Paul Leicester Ford's "George Washington," we have this charming glimpse of the society gentleman: "At the farewell ball given at Annapolis, Tilton relates that 'the General danced in every set, that all the ladies may have the pleasure dancing with him.' . . . He still danced when 64 years of age, but when invited to the Alexandria Assembly in 1799 he wrote the managers: 'Mrs. Washington and myself have been honored with your polite invitation to the assemblies of Alexandria this winter, and thank you for this mark of your attention. But, alas; our dancing days are no more. We wish, however, all those who have a relish for so agreeable and innocent amusement all the pleasure the season will afford them; and I am, gentlemen, Your most obedient and obliged humble

War Minister Inspects Guns



Leslie Hore-Belisha, British minister for war, peeps down the muzzle of a large-caliber gun during his visit to the Woolwich arsenal recently when he inspected guns and other fighting equipment which England is rushing to completion in its rearmament program. The program costing many billions of dollars includes the strengthening of all branches of Britain's arms—navy, army and air forces. It includes also the training of civilian population to protect itself against attacks.

Play Rug Becomes Educated



This young lady is going to get her education painlessly on a new play rug for the nursery. Shown at the Merchandise Mart, Chicago, it is decorated with nursery rhymes, story book characters and games suitable for children of all ages. In this way the value of the rug does not decrease as the child grows older.

servant, Geo. Washington."

To the London editor of "The Annals of Agriculture" he wrote: "I am led to reflect how much more delightful to an undebauched mind is the task of making improvements on the earth than all the vain glory which can be acquired from ravaging it." Jefferson called him the best horseman of his age and the most graceful figure that could be seen on horseback.

Chateaubriand wrote after meeting Washington: "There is virtue in the look of a great man. I felt myself warmed and refreshed by it during the rest of my life."

Kossuth said, "Let him who looks for a monument to Washington look around the United States. Your freedom, your independence, your national power, your prosperity, and your prodigious growth are a monument to him."

Guiding principles he outlines in his maxims: "There is but one straight course, and that is to seek truth, and pursue it steadily. . . . Nothing but harmony, honesty, industry and frugality are necessary to make us a great and happy nation."

Joe Moore Starts Paper at Spindale

THE Spindale Press is a new and valuable addition to the newspaper field in North Carolina. J. J. Moore, a Franklin boy, is editor, with J. P. Hamil as assistant editor.

Volume I, No. 1, of the new five-column tabloid contains fourteen pages and is full of local advertising and live news matter, with a good editorial page.

Joe Moore formerly edited the Highlands Maconian and later conducted a job printing business in Franklin. He moved to Spindale several months ago and installed a job plant, to which he has now added The Spindale Press.

Many friends in Franklin and Macon county wish Joe all success in his new venture.

SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM PRAISED

The Franklin school lunch room, under the management of Miss Ethel Hurst, has added another unit to the WPA school lunch rooms of Macon county where the highest standards of excellence are maintained both in quality of food and efficiency of service.

A visitor arriving at lunch time unannounced at once feels herself a part of the well ordered throng who stand in line, cafeteria style, with knife and fork wrapped in paper napkin, receiving the bountiful plate luncheon, which is deftly served by Miss Hurst and her assistants.

The desk-chairs in the auditorium serve as comfortable tables for as many as they accommodate, chairs lined along the walls being occupied besides.

On Tuesday the following menu was served for the price of five cents: beef stew, potatoes, corn slaw with raisins, hot holls, stewed peaches. Milk can be supplied also.

One of the rooms opening from the auditorium has been equipped with electric stove and water heater, tables, shelves for dishes and utensils, all kept in immaculate condition.

In spite of the lack of facilities or handling the large number with meager equipment and space, the order and quiet maintained equals that of the expensively equipped high school lunch rooms. Besides the regular staff, a number of high school students assist with dishes and service.

The committee of the Parent-Teacher Association, headed by Miss Olivia Patton and Mrs. Harry Higgins, has accomplished its task of putting the lunch room into operation in record time, and Miss Hurst has displayed ability of the highest order as dietitian and director.

Assisting Miss Hurst on Tuesday was Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, WPA supervisor of women's work in Macon county and six other counties in Western North Carolina.

Lespedeza Acreage Should Be Doubled

Doubling lespedeza acreage would be one of the greatest forward steps Southern farmers could take, according to T. S. Buie, regional conservator of the soil conservation service, writing in The Progressive Farmer. He gives these reasons:

"Long have the farmers of the Southeast needed a crop without much expense would (1) protect soil, (2) improve soil, (3) provide hay, (4) provide pasture. Lespedeza will not only do all these four things but (5) many farmers also get a helpful cash income by selling lespedeza seed.

"A farmer can sow lespedeza on grain in February or early March and expect the lespedeza to become established by the time the grain stubble decays and give the soil protection the rest of the year. When peas or similar summer crops follow small grain, not only is special land preparation necessary but there is a period of at least three to six weeks before the soil can get adequate protection from the summer crop. Lespedeza stubble also gives the land more effective protection in fall and winter than does cowpea or similar stubble.

"Two years ago the South Carolina experiment station, cooperating with the soil conservation service, found by actual measurement of soil and water losses that land planted to cotton lost 15 times as much soil as similar land planted to lespedeza. A farmer can expect 50 to 75 per cent more cotton or corn if he grows and turns under a good crop of lespedeza than if he plants row crops continuously."

PRESCRIPTION FOR HOME ORCHARD

If you don't have a home orchard, you will find February a good month for setting fruit trees. The average-size family needs 6 to 10 apple trees, 8 to 10 peach trees, 6 to 12 grapevines, a couple of scuppernon vines, 200 to 500 strawberry plants, and 50 to 100 Youngberry, blackberry, or dewberry plants.—The Progressive Farmer.