

THE YOUTH OF WASHINGTON.

George Washington was born February 22, 1732. The homestead where he was born on Bridges Creek, and from the house one had a beautiful view for many miles over the Potomac, and over to the Maryland shore opposite. The house had a steep roof, and low, sloping, projecting eaves. Four rooms were on the ground floor, others in the attic, and there were great chimneys at each end. There is only a stone now to tell where the house was.

The home of George Washington's boyhood was like the house where he was born. The house overlooked a meadow, and here the little boy used to play for hours at a time. Here he probably played soldiers, with a stick for a gun, and climbed trees and hid behind rocks to hide from wild Indians. George could not play all the time, however, for he had to go to school, just like little boys have to now. The school where George went was a little country school, kept by a man named Hobby, and was called an "old field school house." Here George learned to read, write and do arithmetic.

George had an older brother. Lawrence, of whom he was very fond.

When George was 11 his father died. His mother brought him up to be very obedient to her, and to be truthful to everyone. Little George had a high temper, but his mother taught him how to restrain and control his temper.

George soon went to live with his brother at Bridges Creek, and went to school there. Some of his copy books are still preserved and show how neatly he wrote. There are some of his books that show how he tried to draw faces of his friends and some birds.

George was very strong as a boy. He loved wrestling, running, leaping, pitching quoits and tossing bars. He was stronger and quicker than most of his playmates. Near a ferry at Fredericksburg a place is still pointed out where, when a boy, George threw a stone across the Rappahannock. He could ride the swiftest horses and loved to mount a spirited horse.

The boy was so honest and just that his little comrades came to him when they had quarrels and asked him to settle their troubles. They always did as he said.

George often visited his brother Lawrence at Mount Vernon. The house is a lovely, big, roomy, airy place, on a bank which overlooks the beautiful Potomac river. One can see over to Maryland from the sloping lawn. There is a great park full of deer by the river's edge, and the deer are quite tame. On another part of the grounds there is a beautiful garden, hedged off by boxwood. In the summer time the garden is fragrant with sweet-scented flowers of many colors. Off from the house is a great kitchen, and back of the kitchen a walk leads to the river. It is at the end of this walk that the tomb of Washington is. In summer the tomb is all covered with ivy and is very lovely.

EDITH KISSAM YOUNG.

Cross—State Railroad Gets New Lease of Life.

The new trans continental railroad that has been talked about for years and the survey for which has been made through the western and southern part of Centre county is evidently still a living germ.

At Washington last week a reconsideration of the application of the New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago Railroad for permission to construct a new line across Pennsylvania was granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Although the commission's decision on the original application has not been announced, the formal proceedings upon it closed sometime ago. L. F. Loree, president of the Delaware and Hudson, and the estate of the late E. H. Harriman is in control of property assembled in the plan.

Mr. Loree said the construction across Pennsylvania would be undertaken in bringing about a new transcontinental railroad, running in part, through eastern trunk-line territory. All of the major Eastern lines have opposed the plan, and the commission's experts recently tentatively reported that the cost of the project made it undesirable at present to allow the application.

Some Things Worth Knowing.

There are 44,453 rural mail routes in the United States. Including all sects, there were 243,573 churches in the United States in 1922.

Thirteen new national forests, with a total area of 354,509 acres, have been created in the last six months.

There are 18,572 bakeries, employing 127,498 people. About 60 per cent. of the population depends upon bakeries for bread.

The State having the greatest number of counties in 1920 was Texas, having 254. The State having the least number was Delaware, with 3.

The Band Wagon.

"Have you decided on what you will say in your next speech?" "Not yet," answered Senator Sorghum. "There's no use in being precipitate. I shall wait to ascertain just what legislation is likely to go through and then rehearse a few splendid outbursts of impetuous enthusiasm."—Washington Star.

—Onlooker—Surely, Mose, you don't expect to catch fish in that stream. Mose—No, sah; I don't expect to. I've just showing my old woman I has no time to turn de wringer.—Good Hardware.

WAR ATROCITY TALES SPIKED

Denied by Former Publicity Chief of A. E. F.

Washington.—Flat denial that the American army authorities in France circulated "war lies" as a propaganda measure during the World war was made here by James Kerney, editor and publisher of the Trenton (N. J.) Times, in an address delivered at the Army War college.

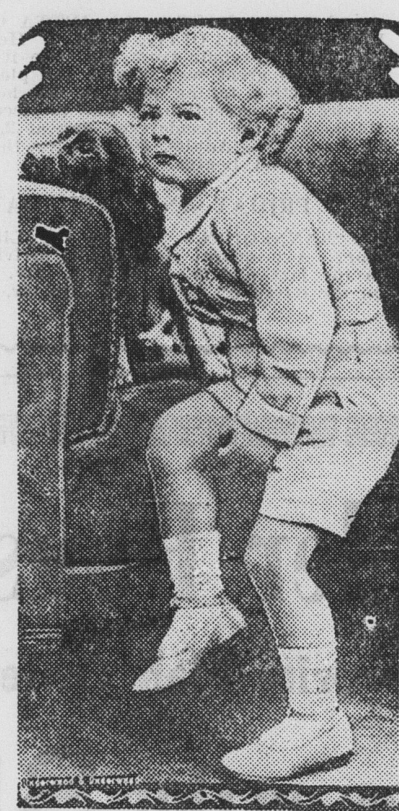
Mr. Kerney served eight months as director of American information with the A. E. F. and told the war college class that he did not "recall a single official lie which the general headquarters, A. E. F., put out even indirectly."

He referred to the stir created by published reports of remarks by General Charteris, "one of the most capable minds employed in British general headquarters in France," at a dinner in New York recently, at which the general "chatted on wartime propaganda."

The speaker said that nearly all so-called "war lies" were folk tales and popular myths handed down through the centuries and modernized to fit any war. Investigation, he believed, would disclose that virtually all of them started as gossip either at the front or at home. He continued:

"Crucified Canadian sergeants, Belgian babies with their hands cut off, angels flying over thinning ranks of the British 'contemptibles' at Mons, Russian armies moving through Scotland and England toward the front in France—all these and their equally foolish fellow tales grew out of gossip, were broadcast through gossip and were impregnably implanted in the popular mind long before any of them got into print or came officially to the attention of the governments engaged in the war."

MADE CROWN PRINCE



Prince Mihail (Michael), who has just been declared heir apparent to the throne of Rumania, following the act of his father, Crown Prince Carol, renouncing his rights of succession and membership in the royal family.

Charlestoner Breaks Leg in Wedding Glide

Hammond, Ind.—Check one for the Charleston. As a Charleston performer, Robert Richardson was six. He tried his best, 'tis true, and took a couple of lessons and all that. He got so he could kick and slip with fair success and Charlestoned whenever occasion demanded.

But when it came to instructing others, that's where he met his downfall. And it was plenty hard, let it be known. As a matter of fact, he fell so hard while trying to impress guests at Joe Kasper's wedding anniversary here recently that when he was raised from the floor it was found he had a compound fracture of one leg. He is in St. Margaret's hospital with his leg in a plaster cast. And the world goes Charlestoning on.

Princess Alexandra Only Shingled Royalty

London.—Princess Alexandra, wife of Prince Arthur of Connaught, has gained distinction as the only shingled member of the British royal family. It is noteworthy, however, that whenever she appears at formal dinners at Buckingham palace the princess has always worn her "evening locks" as wigs for the bobbed or shingled are called in society circles.

The queen of Spain and Queen Maud of Norway, both recent visitors to London, still wear their hair long, as do Queen Marie of Rumania, the troubled mother of the romantic Prince Carol, and the queen of the Belgians, who recently was incorrectly reported to have been shingled. Some of the younger members of the royal houses have had their hair cut, but Princess Alexandra of Connaught is the only member of the British royal family who thus far has adopted the fashion.

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HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE
When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 2.

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| <p>Horizontal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1—Division of a house 2—Costly 7—Follower of a religious order 10—Part of a circle 11—Side of a room 12—To embark on a ship 13—Mound of earth 14—Limb 15—Strip of leather 16—A holy person 18—Large reptile 20—Negative 24—Pound (abbr.) 28—Wickedness 30—Kind of beer 32—Condemns 35—Additional amount 37—Places in a fixed position for 39—Printing measure 40—Piece of heavy artillery 42—Meadow 43—Man's polite title 46—Proverb 51—Puss 54—Story 55—To close violently, as a door 56—Nothing 58—Verse | <p>Vertical.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1—Rodent 2—Sea 3—Kind of tree 7—Distant 8—Long, narrow inlet 9—Mountains of Switzerland 11—Desired 12—Platform 15—Hair 17—Electrified particle 18—Stables 19—Same as 55 horizontal 21—Devil 22—Ceremony 25—Minority group 29—Young sheep 31—Period of time 36—To follow 41—Egg of a house 43—One who acts for another 44—Information 47—First man 49—One of great lakes 49—Evil 51—Beverage 53—Same as 5 vertical 55—Thus 2—Native metals 4—To run quickly 6—Boy's name |
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- Solution will appear in next issue.

FUEL CONDITIONS IN THE DAYS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Persons who in these days visit Mount Vernon are impressed with the staleness of the old mansion, which, when George Washington lived there, was a typical "great house" of the time—a magnificent and very luxurious abode, indeed. But its discomforts, from a modern viewpoint were little short of dreadful. Of plumbing there was none at all, and all the water for drinking and washing had to be brought into the house in pails, being drawn from a well. There was, of course, no bathroom; and, as for the heating arrangements—oh, my!

The central heating plant was at that period undreamed of. There was not even a stove at Mount Vernon in Washington's day. In all Virginia there was only one stove—a big one, for burning wood, in the House of Burgesses. It was regarded as a curiosity. A philosopher in Philadelphia, Doctor Franklin, had invented a new sort of heater that he called a "base-burner," but most people thought it a crank idea.

For heating purposes Mount Vernon depended wholly upon open fireplaces, in which logs were burned. Some of the bedrooms had such fireplaces, and on winter mornings a slave would come in before folks got out of bed and touch off the ready-prepared kindling with a piece of burning wood fetched from another fire. In those days there were no matches, flint and steel (kept in a little box with tinder) being the best substitute.

This was the height of luxury in that epoch—to have a fire lighted in one's bedroom before getting up. Of course, the living rooms—parlor, dining room, music room, etc.—were warmed by big open fires. But think

Solution to Cross-word Puzzle No. 1

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Jamestown. The new prints of the day spoke of the "brilliant illumination" of the banquet hall. It must indeed have been such, being furnished by two candles at each plate!

At the present time no lights whatever are allowed in the mansion save once a year, when the ladies of the Mount Vernon Association make their annual visit, and they are permitted to use only candles. The house now has a modern heating plant, but the latter is under watch day and night to guard against the possibility of fire.

Always in the minds of those responsible for the safety of the historic dwelling is the fear of fire. In a vault nearby are four chemical (stationary) engines, with 1200 feet of hose. Four tanks, each of 100 gallons capacity, are filled with a solution of bicarbonate of soda, and over each of them is suspended a bucket holding a gallon of sulphuric acid. By upsetting the acid into the tanks an enormous pressure can be instantly generated, enabling the guards to direct a stream of soda water "in which flame cannot live" upon the fire. Scattered about the interior of the mansion are a number of portable extinguishers, so that, all things considered, it is hardly possible for a disastrous accident to occur.

Saving Money.

Insan—Have you noticed that Beambrough has shaved off his bushy beard?
Ouds—Yes, I wonder why he did that.
"For the sake of economy."
"How will that save him money?"
"He smokes his cigars much shorter now."—Youngstown Telegram.

Ed: "I guess you've been out with worse looking fellows than I am, haven't you?"
No answer.
Ed: "I say, I guess you've been out with worse looking fellows than I am, haven't you?"
Co-ed: "I heard you the first time. I was just trying to think."—University of Oregon Lemon Punch.

First Hand Information.

"She knows all the tightwads in the community."
"That so? I suppose she has passed around a few subscription lists."
"No. But her husband passes the plate in church every Sunday."—Detroit Free Press.

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