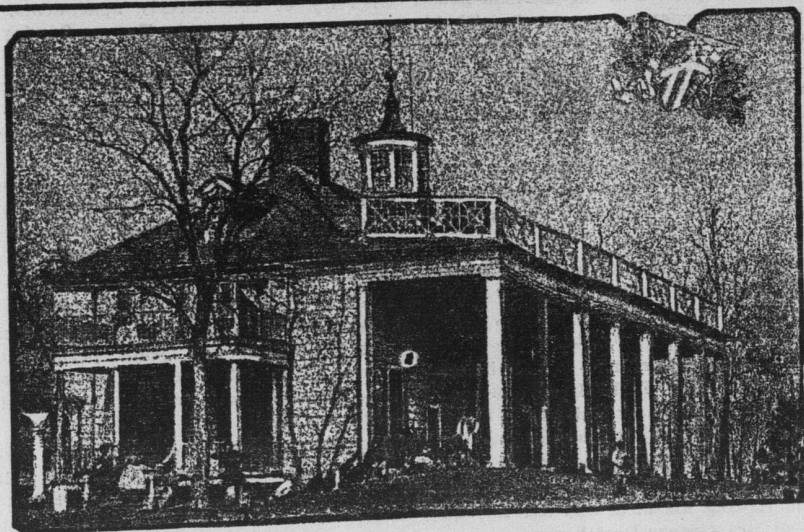


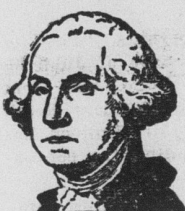
## AMERICA'S NATIONAL SHRINE



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### Washington Great Military Genius

In Soundness of Judgment No Other Commander His Equal.



The first, the last, the best,  
The Cincinnati of the West,  
Whom envy dared not hate;

or Kipling's more detailed presentation in "If." But in spite of all that has been written on the man, few students have taken Washington's full measure as a soldier, and fewer still realize how far he prefigured the scientific and industrial age in which we are living today.

The average person thinks of a great general as one who commands a great army. It would be possible to get farther from the truth than that, but not without prolonged effort. There is a point at which the mere size of an army taxes the genius of its commander; but that point was not reached until the Twentieth century. Judged by the real test, that of achievement in proportion to means and obstacles, Washington is one of the four or five greatest commanders produced by the English-speaking race; probably the greatest.

**Greatly Handicapped.** To begin with, he was serving a revolutionary committee, not a real government; and was not backed by any of the governmental powers which supported European commanders. The congress of that day could not levy taxes, could not enforce conscription, could not pay its men or provide supplies. The men were enlisted for varying terms, almost always for short terms. The officers had little training. The different colonies were unaccustomed to act together. There was only the beginning of a national feeling and national consciousness, and the British, whatever their weaknesses, had splendidly disciplined troops and held the sea.

Yet, in the face of obstacles like these, Washington kept an army together and made headway against the enemy until he could deal the finishing blow at Yorktown. His Trenton campaign maneuvers were almost equally so. The skill with which he halted Clinton to New York while the Continental army was making its 400-mile march to catch Cornwallis at Yorktown is fully equal to that by which Napoleon caught General Mack asleep at Ulm.

#### No Errors Mar Record.

On one point of military genius, indeed, Washington is superior even to the Corsican Caesar, who in all things else ranks at the head of the martial world. No man can put his fingers on any point in Washington's campaigns and say: "Here this man made a serious mistake." The soundness of his judgment was almost uncanny.

Perhaps this judgment was due in some measure to the scientific quality of his mind. His approach to science was more practical than that of Franklin, but equally zealous. Washington conducted experiment after experiment in drainage, crop rotation, different methods of fertilizing. His notes on these matters are worthy of attention from agricultural colleges today. He berated Virginia's dependence on tobacco as bitterly as, more than a century later, Seaman Knapp lashed the dependence of the gulf states on cotton.

Always seeking better and more economical methods of production, always trying to utilize by-products, always ready for a "flyer" in land, which was the Eighteenth century substitute for industrial promotion, Washington was startlingly modern in many aspects of his mind. Where this modernism fails, it might pay us to get closer to the Washingtonian viewpoint, even at the cost of being somewhat old fashioned.

#### Ranks With Nobles

Thoroughly human, absolutely fearless, conqueror of himself, we may put George Washington's record under the microscope of criticism and yet say, with the English historian: "No nobler figure ever stood in the forefront of a nation's history."

Mount Vernon illustrates clearly the self-dependent life of a South-before-the-war Virginia plantation. There are, besides the mansion, about thirty buildings on the estate, including the kitchen, the office, the gardener's house, the carpenter shop, the springer's house, the smokehouse, the springer's house, the milkhouse, the cornhouse, two houses for servants' quarters, the shelter house in the deer park, two lodgehouses at the north gate, the pavilion at the wharf, seven cabins, two lodgehouses at the west gate, a coach-house and a barn.

The mark of a dominant individualism is all over the place, as assertive and distinctive today as when Washington took over the premises on the death of his half brother, Lawrence Washington, in 1752, and began to tinker with the premises, up to his death 47 years afterward. Washington was more than a country gentleman.

He was the head of a household of about 150 negroes—all of whom he set free at his death—trained in the various occupations so necessary to the self-dependent estates of those days.

Washington loved trees with a devoted appreciation. He planted and cared for them. He laid out his grounds with expert judgment; those about the house were made in the form of a shield, the center of the shield being a smooth, treeless lawn. About this level greensward a background of trees and shrubbery was planted.

Everything is as he left it—the open, grassy lawn at the front of the house and the furniture in the mansion. Two courteous gentlemen of the old school have the task of keeping green this important Washington memory for the future inspection of all who love the cause of liberty and revere the name of Washington.

### Greatness Far Above Any Human Frailties

The great meaning of Washington is his noble and unselfish patriotism. The philosophy of Bacon is not vitiated by the fact that he was "the meanest of mankind." Daniel Webster's oratory and Edgar Poe's poetry are far more important than the fact that the orator and the poet occasionally became inebriated. Abraham Lincoln's funny stories—and sometimes silly stories and perhaps even questionable stories—are not the essential points of the emancipator's life. Shakespeare's deer stealing is of no weight in our estimate of him as the world's greatest man of letters. Carlyle's sourness of temper and meanness to his wife does not detract from his merit as essayist and historian. Even the frivolities and frailties of "Bobbie" Burns fail to lessen posterity's respect for the genius of the peasant poet.

So it is with George Washington. Only small faults which were common to all gentlemen of his day are alleged against him; whether or not the allegations are true is a matter of supreme unimportance. What is important is that George Washington was gifted by nature to be the leader in one of the most significant movements in the world history. These are the things that Americans should remember on the twenty-second day of February.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

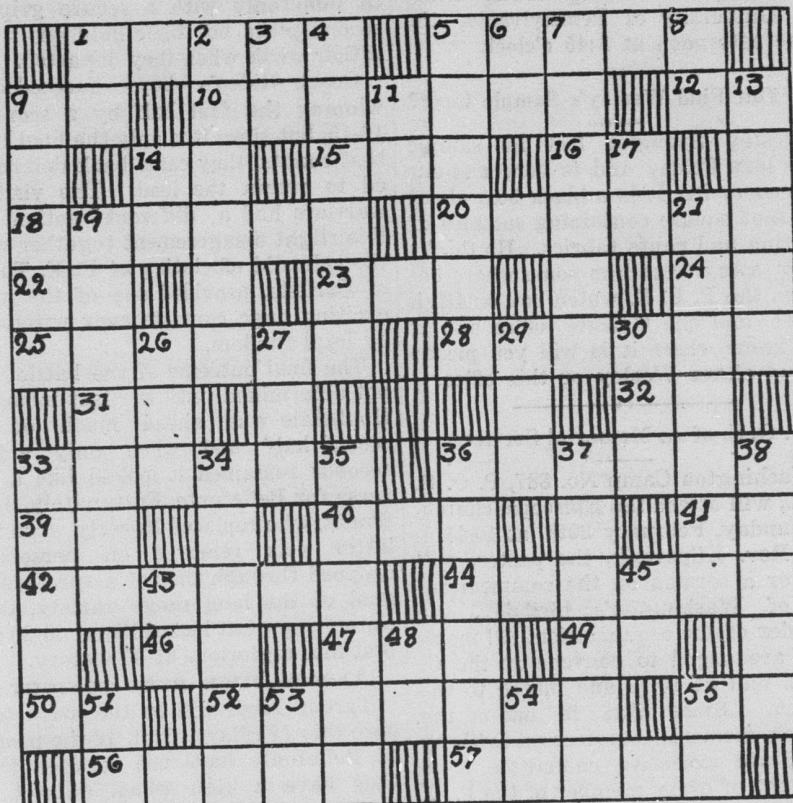
### FOR YOUNG AMERICA



The figure of Washington remains vividly real and human in the minds of the American people. He is not a mere tradition. His peculiarities of character are intimately known. His words are currently quoted. His personal appearance is familiar. He is, indeed, living "in the hearts of his countrymen." And that is why on this annual occasion the country pauses to pay him the tribute of gratitude and respect and devotion.

**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 all 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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#### Horizontal.

- 1—Apartments of women in a Mohammedan house
- 5—A musical instrument
- 9—A pronoun
- 10—Distinguished
- 12—A note of the musical scale
- 14—On the condition
- 15—A period
- 16—Noting motion toward
- 18—Spherical
- 20—One who tends
- 22—Upon
- 23—A falsehood
- 24—An interjection
- 25—An implement for sewing
- 28—To deprive of horns
- 31—A negative answer
- 32—A diphthong
- 33—Group of five
- 36—Alarms
- 39—Like
- 40—A grain
- 41—Abbreviation for the "state where the tall corn grows"
- 42—Escorters
- 44—A collection of four
- 46—A printer's measure
- 47—A beverage
- 48—Same as 41 horizontal
- 50—East Indies (abbr.)
- 52—Pertaining to living organisms
- 55—A pronoun
- 56—A carousal
- 57—Fear

Solution will appear in next issue

#### Vertical.

- 1—A pronoun
- 2—To pay back
- 3—A printer's measure
- 4—The center
- 5—Fondled
- 6—Within
- 7—Fasten
- 8—From
- 9—An abnormal type
- 11—A negative answer
- 13—Garment to protect clothing
- 14—A pronoun
- 17—A conjunction
- 19—One alone
- 21—A genus of tropical plant
- 26—An age
- 27—A meadow
- 29—An elongated fish
- 30—An implement for rowing a boat
- 33—Cessation
- 34—Vibratory motion
- 35—The nature of a dose of medicine
- 36—Listen
- 37—Attract
- 38—A girl's name
- 43—A pronoun
- 45—Sun god
- 48—A note of the musical scale
- 51—A form of the verb "to be"
- 53—Prefix meaning again
- 54—An assimilated form of prefix "in."
- 55—Doctor of medicine (abbr.)

### Sportsmen Are Interested in New Fish Harbor.

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fishway is thirty feet long and seventeen wide, with a solid cement bottom. The flood spillway is twenty feet wide, reinforced with stone. Because there was no charge for the engineering service, given by Thomas Morgan, of the Madera-Hill Coal Company, and because much of the labor was performed by members of the association, the cost was only about \$2000. The expense fund was raised by an appropriation from the association treasury and through contributions from 115 individuals and business firms in the region.

Black Moshannon derives its name from the color, or seeming color, of its waters. To peer into its depths the water looks black, and the bottom of the same dingy color. However, when dipped from the stream in a pail or drinking vessel, it appears to be entirely clear. Chemists who have made analysis of it say it is one of the purest streams in the State. It has its source in and traverses Rush township, the largest township in Centre county. Much of the area is wild and unimproved land.

No railroads are near the stream, but during the summer the dirt road, known as the old Bellefonte pike, is usually in good condition. The dam lies northeast of Philipsburg. The surrounding territory is one of the best deer hunting grounds in central Pennsylvania, and because of its isolation is the habitation of numerous beasts of prey. It is a favorite region for trappers, who each year take numerous wildcats and foxes.

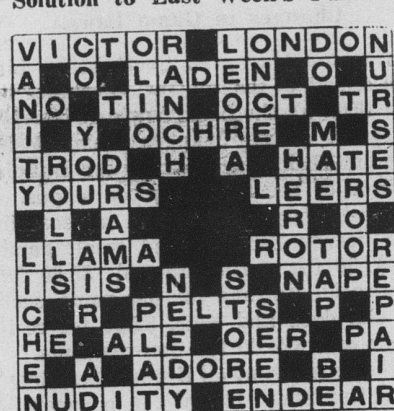
The dam for several weeks has been frozen over and has a blanket of snow. An inspection the other day revealed a tragedy of blood and footprints at the edge of a water hole showed where a wildcat, most ruthless of the killers, and probably frantic from hunger madness as a result of the deep snow on the ground, had pounced upon a young deer in search of water. A short distance back in the undergrowth was found the remains of the carcass, dragged there by the savage beast to afford another meal.

A pair of beavers have also made their home on the stream, and have gnawed off a number of partly grown trees with which to build their home. They feed upon the trees during the winter. These beavers were forwarded during the summer by the State Game Commission to the keeper of the Rush township game refuge, who had placed them on another stream. The locality apparently did not please them, possibly because of insufficient isolation. They moved. Their presence at Black Moshannon near the fish dam, was discovered by deer hunters early in the winter.

It is expected to make the fish dam a recreation centre for all who care to visit the place. Anybody with a license will be allowed to fish there in season, and boating and swimming will be permitted. However, no motor boats will be allowed on the dam. Motor boats are said to be destructive to spawning beds and the engine exhaust frightens the trout.

The founder of the State Centre Game, Fish and Forestry Association and one of its most active members is Andrew G. Ericson, taxidermist and secretary of the body. The president

### Solution to Last Week's Puzzle.



is Willis N. Zeitler whose untiring efforts in enrolling members has made the association one of the largest of its kind in the State. He is deeply interested in conservation and wildlife. John W. Beals, Burgess of Philipsburg, was the association's first president. He is now chairman of the fish committee.

Harry B. Scott, of Philipsburg, elected in November as State senator from the Centre-Clearfield district, is chairman of the game committee. He has been one of the association's most aggressive members. J. Frank Kephart, devoted to both fishing and hunting, is treasurer. Paul Harper, widely known as an expert rifle shot, is assistant secretary.

Among the members are other well known citizens of the region. Two of its most active workers are former members of the Legislature, Philip E. Womelsdorf of Philipsburg, and Peter Dermott of Clearfield county. The latter is vice president of the organization.—"Brookville Republican."

### Humming Bird.

In regard to the materials used by humming birds in constructing their nests, I wish to say that no hair or feathers are ever used. The nests are built of lichens and attached to the limb which is as nearly as possible the exact color of the lichens used, hence the difficulty in locating the nests of humming birds with the human eyes. The nest is never hidden but merely cunningly camouflaged.—Pathfinder Magazine.

### Prefers Prison

Michigan.—Lonely outside prison walls Michael J. Harris is going to spend the rest of his life among his friends, the old-timers inside. Paroled in 1916, he insisted upon returning "home."

Nearly 80,000 disabled veterans are assisted by the American Red Cross on an average every month. Care of the disabled veteran is a foremost responsibility of the Red Cross, in which the people can share by joining its ranks during the Tenth Annual Roll Call, November 11 to 25.

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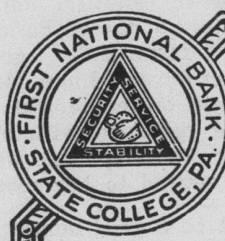
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