

Rube Parks Played A Leading Role In Building Lumber King's Empire

One of the old-timers at Harveys Lake, Garfield Jackson, here pens an account of a walk he took with his mother from Dallas to Harveys Lake while he was still a boy, and of his first meeting with Reuben Parks who played a part in the establishment of the Lewis Lumber Empire in the North Mountain area. We hope our readers enjoy Mr. Jackson's bit of folklore as much as I did — The Editor.

I shall write of Reuben Parks as he was known by Harveys Lake folks "Uncle Rube". My first sight of him was when he was about 9 or 10 years old. We were living at Dallas at the time, and I remember my mother taking my brother and me to Har-

veys Lake. We walked all the way over the old dirt road that lead up the hill by what is now College Misericordia, a large farm then owned by Mr. Sydney Wordan. We passed the Wesley Spencer farm and farther on the Neely place and then on the corner of what is now 42nd Street we stopped to watch a carpenter and his son building a beautiful picket fence which may still be standing but it is doubtful. The home is now owned by Harry Schooley.

I learned years after that the carpenters were Daniel Ide and his son, Harry, whom I later worked with and knew them well. They were both skilled workmen.

We walked on to Idetown and down to the lake over the old road. We passed the Grove House, crossed

the old bridge, and came to the Rhodes Hotel, that was at the opposite end of bridge, completed during the Civil War. We walked on to the Warden Place.

The Boarding House at that time, I believe, was run by Captain Bond who had a steam boat Mistletoe that carried passengers to and from the Hotels to the L.V.R.R. station at Alderson.

Well, we walked on, past Andrew Hunlock's cottage and there were no more cottages on that side of the lake till saw mill.

Albert Lewis had built homes on the lake shore for some of his men.

When we got to the bend of the road known as Willow Point, across from the present picnic park, we rested because we were very tired.

So mother told us to holler as loud as we could ("over" (over) (over)) which we did and soon we could see a boy come down to the lake from his home with a pair of oars on his shoulder. He was soon in the boat and rowing across the lake to pick us up.

Mother had previously sent a letter to Mrs. Davis and they were expecting us.

The boatman was Ralph Davis who was a few years older than I. He was Squire at the lake for many years. He was a noted sportsman like his father Bill Davis. Squires son Elwood Davis, employed by A.J.S. Co. is the father of two boys carrying on the Davis tradition.

Well, we stayed all night at the Davis home and next day we all walked to the saw mill at Alderson,

and in the woods back of the mill was the old picnic grounds where they had seats, lunch tables, and swings which were very long poles fastened to high cross limbs of trees. They squeaked when we swung in them. There were stands roofed over them where we got refreshments, and Mrs. Davis, Squires mother, brought me a dish of wonderful ice cream. This was before cones were thought of. I have never eaten any ice cream like that. Well, I suppose you are beginning to wonder where Rube Parks got to. Well when we passed his small house, he was out on the lake and we stopped and Mrs. Davis was about to ask him something when he began to land a large bass. His fish pole was one cut from the woods and it was bent almost like a rainbow as he pulled the bass into the boat. He didn't play with bass to tire it like they do today but he lost no time in bringing

it in. His house was located back from the road between what is now the fire hall and the old Morton house, which is still standing. There was a strip of garden between the railroad and the lake where the old fellow raised a few vegetables.

When Albert Lewis, known as the Lumber King of Pennsylvania, was busy at Bear Creek he looked around for other timber tracts as he wanted to expand. I am told that he came to Harveys Lake and made acquaintance with Uncle Rube and learned that there was a great supply of virgin forests in the North Mountain, and that Rube Parks was quite familiar with the properties, deeds, lines and titles. Even some of the land was unseated.

So he went with Reuben to explore the new tracts. They were gone for a week or more sleeping out in the open and living by hunting and fishing.

Mr. Lewis meanwhile, taking care-

ful note on a pad as described by Uncle Rube. When the pair got back to the lake, Mr. Lewis said to Reuben, who was then quite an old man, his wife was dead, and his sister was keeping house for him: "I am going to build a house for you and you can go to my store at Alderson and get anything that you need to live-on and it won't cost you a cent."

So as long as he lived he had access to the store for his living. This, no doubt, seemed a wonderful thing to him, but Mr. Lewis was getting far more than he was giving.

Reuben had a rifle that he used. He was careful not to show it, as he had with crude tools made some changes in the mechanism and he did not let anyone examine it.

A man who knew Reuben well told me that he heard Reuben tell this story which concerns a man from Kunkle.

It seems Rube was waiting for his deer hound to drive a deer into range, when he saw this Kunkle man fire at his dog and miss.

At the same time, Rube shot at the man to scare him. The man hollered "Hey" you nearly hit me."

Rube answered, "I would have hit you if you had killed my dog. But all I did was put a hole through your hat."

The man then took his hat from his head and learned that the bullet had gone through his hat just missing his head by an inch or less.

Near the end of his life he became ill and, after having consulted a doctor, learned that he had incurable cancer.

So one morning he went to the Lumber Company office at Alderson and said to the clerk that he wanted to talk to Mr. Lewis at Bear Creek.

He had never talked on a phone before and, of course, he talked real loud.

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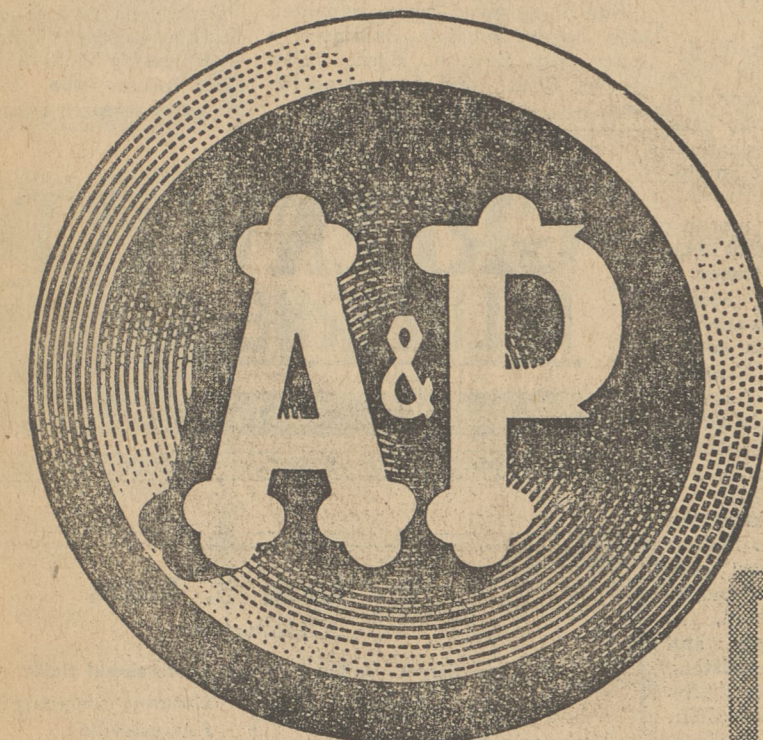
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