Pages From The History Of Elkton

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(Continued From Last Week)

Col. Hollingsworth was with the army at that time but in his diary he records that: "Our personal crops were scattered, the anvils at the forge were stolen, and the village of Elk was a scuttled waste." It was at this time they ransacked Colonel Hollingsworth's home and stole the Theodite, from the little office building, which his grandfather, the first Henry Hollingsworth, had used when he helped lay out the City of Philadelphia, for William Penn.

General Howe left a small garrison at Head of Elk, when he moved on to Gray's Hill, to keep open his line of communications with his fleet in Elk River. He raided the countryside for cattle, horses, and other supplies. While in the village he also wrote one of his famous "Declaration of Amnesty" to all who would remain loyal to the British Crown."

Colonel Hollingsworth saw active service with Washington's forces. Just before the Battle of Brandywine he was badly wounded in the throat, while reconnoitering near Head of Elk. He was taken to his headquarters near Wilmington, where he received a visit from General Washington.

His military ability and devotion to his Commander-in-Chief, as well as Washington's appreciation of his services are shown in the following extract quoting from his own diary, which I have been permitted to use:

"No more impressive instance of patriotism may be given, perhaps, during the hard hours of the American Revolution than when on the eve of the Battle of Brandywine, General Washington, distressed and anxious, came to Colonel Hollingsworth then near Wilmington (Wilmington, Delaware), where he lay desperately wounded in the throat, under the care of Dr. Way. The result of the conference was that while worn and weary, and scarcely able to ride, Colonel Hollingsworth answered the call:' He mounted his horse and set forth for Nottingham to assist with the Militia where the winter before to 'His Excellancy's satisfaction and acknowledgement' he had commanded the 2nd Battalion to the ferries near Brunswick and defended the Post of Quibbletown (three miles from Brunswich Landing). There were several skirmishes but without loss to the American Army, 'the enemy being completely routed and prisoners and much booty taken.'

"In the memorable winter at Valley Forge when the Board of War and General Washington again appealed to Col. Hollingsworth, acquainting him with the distressed state of the army for provisions and forage, entreating him 'for immediate assistance and execution at any cost by all means in his powers.' By superhuman effort with existing urgencies, and hampered by the uncertain progress of the transportation of those early days, Colonel Hollingsworth 'hastened on to the army temporary relief,' which had so good moral effect he soon received, as many time previously, 'the personal thanks and acknowledgement of His Excellency with the further commands,' from this time on and even after the cessation of hostilities Colonel Hollingsworth continued to furnish constant supplies at this point, which obligation added to his already manifold duties elsewhere according to his journal still extant ,was of no small consideration."

Colonel Hollingsworth, having neverfully recovered from his wound, received near Head of Elk, was finally permitted to retire from active military service and was appointed, in 1777, Commissioner or general agent for the Continental Congress and also for the State of Maryland, his district including the Eastern Shore and part of Harford county. His supplies were shipped to Washington at Valley Forge and to the army all throughout the central region of military activities.

From his diary, from which we quote, we find: "On fifth of March received a letter from Col. Clement Biddle, Commissary General of Forage—and on the 1st day of April received a letter from Major General Green, Quarter Master General, date 30th March, both requesting my services in the Quarter and Forage Department, as one of their D R & F M Generals, both of which I declined accepting (giving my reason as before), these reasons the government overruled by a second & third letter, and on the 15th same month (April 1778) sent me an appointment as Dep. Quar. & Forage Master General in this district."

During 1781 Head of Elk saw the armies of Washington, Lafayette, and Rochambeau. The days brought Lincoln and Hand, Major-General, Baron Viomevil; Brigadier-General Chatelux, and many other famous American and French officers.

Lafayette, who was often in the Head of Elk, stayed here for several days in March 1781, waiting for transportation for his troops. He was on his way to capture the traitor Benedict Arnold, but was recalled by Washington. In April he was again awaiting transportation, but, too anxious to wait longer he finally went by land to Baltimore. This was the time he made his famous plea, at the ball given for him in Baltimore, for his ragged, war-worn soldiers that turned the assembly room the following day into a sewing circle and a supply room for those who would cloth and feed his men.

In September 1781 General Washington with the French and the American Armies passed through the Head of Elk on their way to Yorktown. These were strenuous days for Colonel Hollingsworth, and his aids, as on him rested the responsibility for moving troops, artillery, and supplies. Hectic days for those in the "village of Elk," with French and American soldiers every where. Ragged, war-worn soldiers, but, marching onward to face, and conquer, at last, an invading foe.

Not only the army supplies fell to Colonel Hollingsworth's care but, when the Legislature passed the Confiscation Act, in 1780, he was placed in charge of the committee for Cecil County. He was also a member of the committee that in 1781 issued Bills of Credit and paper money for the State: so necessary for carrying on the war. This money was called the Red and Black money, so called, probably, from the color of the ink used on the money.

It is interesting to note that Colonel Hollingsworth's first commission, in 1776, was signed by Mathew Tilghman, President of the Council of Safety for Maryland. In 1781 by Thomas Sim Lee, the second Governor of Revolutionary Maryland.

The war finally ended, Colonel Hollingsworth, who had been a deputy from Cecil County, at Annapolis in 1776, was again sent to Annapolis in 1788. He was actively interested in the future of the town and, with his brothers, Zebulon and Jacob, was said to have influenced the decision of bringing the County Seat to Head of Elk. He also aided in having an Almshouse built in the County and sold them the land for the house and farm.

His most outstanding peace-time service to Cecil County, and one for which he should be gratefully remembered, was donating an acre of land from his plantation, near the heart of Elkton, for a school, and aiding with its building. This became our Elkton Academy and was the first school for "higher education" in Elkton . . . It is interesting that all land donated, in those early days, for churches or schools contained the proviso that if not used for the purpose specified within a given length of time the property reverted to the donor's heirs. For that reason the Academy has now become the property of Colonel Hollingsworth's heirs.

After the war Head of Elk was still one of the important places in Maryland, and, until Baltimore absorbed its trade, an active shipping center.

With his brother Levi, now identified with Philadelphia, Colonel Hollingsworth carried on an extensive flour trade with that city. Boats plied between the two points and flour was also shipped by land to Christiana Bridge and thence to Philadelphia by boat. The three Hollingsworth brothers, Henry and Jacob, of Elkton, and Levi, of Philadelphia, were interested in a line of stage-boats, (as they were called), between Head of Elk and Christiana Bridge.

One remembers that Zebulon Hollingsworth Jr. and his sons were especially interested in the trade and shipping between Head of Elk, via Elk Landing, and Baltimore to domestic and foreign ports. Colonel Henry Hollingsworth and his brother Levi established their trade route through Philadelphia.

One of Colonel Hollingsworth's interests was the Cecil Manufacturing Company, for the manufacturing of linen, woolen, and cotton goods. Colonel Hollingsworth is said to have organized this company in 1794. He then owned the site of the Marley Mills and he now purchased an additional ten acres of land on each side of the Little Elk, just above Marley ,for the new company.

The members of the Cecil Manufacturing Company were: Colonel Henry Hollingsworth; Levi Hollingsworth, and Paschall Hollingsworth of Philadelphia; Francis Partridge, John Gilpin, Levi Hollingsworth Jr., and James Mackey of Cecil County; Soloman Maxwell and William Cooch of New Castle County, Delaware. Colonel Hollingsworth owned two-tenths of the company to one-tenth each of the others. The mill was built of stone, with such thick walls that they were still standing in Johnston's day. A historian of 1807 states that it was the best mill of its kind in the United States. Some of its machinery having been brought from Europe. In 1796 the company bought 500 acres for pasture for sheep in order to have a supply of wool. They manufactured a large quantity of goods but, as each home still had its hand-loom and spinning-wheel home-spun was cheaper than manufactured goods.

Legend tells us that this mill wove the cloth and presented Thomas Jefferson with material for the suit he wore when inaugurated President of the United States.

Colonel Hollingsworth did not neglect his public duties. He had been in the Assembly at Annapolis and later, March 28th, 1791, he was appointed President of the Court of Cecil County. December of the same year, 1791 he took the oath as a Justice of the Peace. The oath is interesting as it reminds us that our forefathers founded a Christian Nation. This was the oath: "I do believe in the Christian Religion as contained in the Old and New Testaments."

Signed, H. Hollingsworth.

Many enlightening letters from General Washington, Lafayette, Robert Morris, and other famous men of that day are still family treasureres. Another treasurer was the money scales, found in the little office, which was used to weigh the moneys used during the Revolution.

After Colonel Hollingsworth returned to Head of Elk, late in 1777, he married a second time. Wedding in 1778 Jane Evans, a sister of Zebulon Hollingsworth's wife.

His first wife, Sarah Husband, was the daughter of William and Mary Husband, their children were Mary Husband; William; and a child who died.

Mary Husband Hollingsworth, better known as Polly, married John Gilpin, of Gilpin Manor, and secondly, Frisbie Henderson.

William Hollingsworth married Ann Black. His second wife, Jane Evans, gave him four children, they were: Hannah, who married James Partridge; Betsy, Nancy; and Henry, who never married.

It is said Colonel Hollingsworth never fully recovered from the wound he received before the Battle of Brandywine. He died at the age of sixty-six, September 29th, 1803, and was buried in the family burying ground near his home, where the first Henry Hollingsworth lay. In 1883 all the Hollingsworths were re-interred in the Elkton Cemetery.

His wife, Jane Evans, outlived him by many years, dying September 22nd, 1835. It was her oldest daughter, Hannah, who inherited the Hollingsworth Mansion (as it was then called). Marrying James Partridge, the old home became known as Partridge Hill.

On the death of her descendants the place was bought by John Gilpin, a grandson of Mary Hollingsworth and John Gilpin. Since then the home has remained in the Gilpin Branch of Colonel Hollingsworth's descendants.

Born in 1737 (Sept. 17th 1737—Sept. 29th, 1803.) next year will see the 200th anniversary of his birth. One hopes it will be remembered by the town for which he did so much.

Author's note: I wish to take this opportunity to thank Miss Orvilla Adele Gilpin, a lineal descendant of Colonel Henry Hollingsworth, for her permission to use her copyrighted exerpts and other quotations from Colonel Hollingsworth's diary.

Screen Snapshots

Preview of Coming Attractions at Local and Nearby Theatres

"By Gum"

STATE THEATRE

A big holiday bill is forthcoming at the State Theatre, Newark, for this Friday and Saturday. Joe E. Brown in "Sons o' Guns," his latest comedy, tops the bill which also includes Metro News Events, Our Gang Comedy and a color cartoon. Zane Grey's "Drift Fence" is the added attraction for Saturday's program.

The formal decolletage, and especially the back decolletage, is due for a change, according to Orry-Kelly, who designed the elaborate wardrobe Betty Davis wears in the role of an heiress in "The Golden Arrow," the First National picture, at the State Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

"I believe that many women are tired of the extremely low backs, and will welcome a change," says the stylist. "So the new rule is to 'watch the back line.'

"In a spring formal Miss Davies wears aboard a yacht, only her arms will be bare, chest and back being entirely covered by a turndown collar and yoke from which pleats descend to the floor.

Lewis Stone, invading the Mojav Desert with the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer company filming "The Three Godfathers," based on the well-known Peter B. Kyne novel, chalked up another of those unusual experiences which so ofter happen to film players. He encountered an old prospector, known as "Grubstake Charley," whom he had grubstaked for a prospecting expedition years ago. The old man was still hopefully prospecting in the desert and swore that some day he'd find gold. Stone together with Chester Morris, Walter Brennan and a company of fifty, spent a number of weeks in the desert for location scenes of "The Three Godfathers." This film will be shown at the State in Newark next Wednesday and Thursday.

NORTH EAST THEATRE

That inimitable team of screen loyers, Dick Powell with tuneful songs on his lips, and Ruby Keeler with her rhythmic dancing, together with Joan Blondell and Jack Oakie, head the cast of Warner Bros.' latest spectacular musical comedy, "Colleen," which comes to the North East Theatre on Monday and Tuesday.

In addition to the four stars, the cast, which is one of the most notable ever assembled for a production of this type, includes Hugh Herbert, Louise Fazenda, Paul Draper, Marie Wilson, and a score of other famous names besides two hundred beautiful chorus girls and dancing youths.

A boy, a hunted criminal and a dog figure in one of the strangest adventures the screen has ever brought to theatre audiences in "Tough Guy," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's new romance of the Secret Service which is to play next Wednesday and Thursday at J. M. Smith's North East Theatre, with Jackie Cooper, Joseph Calleia and Rin-Tin-Tin, Jr., as the three principals.

It is unusual in that it is neither a man and boy picture or a dog picture, but a combination of three characters in a comradeship that goes through thrilling escapes, high-powered drama and an amazing series of adventures.

Of all the characters Edmund Lowe has created for the screen, none has intrigued his interest so much as Philo Vance, the famous scientific detective, which he now plays in "The Garden Murder Case," new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer feature coming Friday and Saturday of next week to the North East Theatre.

NEW THEATRE

The music of "Show Boat," composed by Jerome Kern, with lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, has gained such popularity that all the original numbers will be retained in Universal's 1936 screen version of the Edna Ferber classic, which shows locally next Monday and Tuesday. Three new songs were written by the same composers for the picture.

The hit numbers of the play include "Make Believe" and "Why Do I Love You?", duets rendered by Irene Dunne and Allan Jones. Helen Morgan does two numbers that she has made famous, "Bill" and "Can't Help Lovin' That Man."

A poet turned actor . . . That's Franchot Tone . . . co-starred with Loretta Young in Metro-Goldywn-Mayer's "The Unguarded Hour," showing at the New Theatre Wednesday and Thursday. . . A heritage of imagination . . . and a capacity for hard work . . . His success came early . . . and in great quantities . . . yet he consiedrs it only a fraction . . . of what he hopes will come. . . . Few people know him . . . so quiet is he . . . and those who do . . . took a long time learning . . . but they are his friends . . . from that time on.

Jean Rogers, who plays the feminine lead opposite Noah Beery, Jr., in Universal's "Stormy," the spectacular drama of the great outdoors coming to the New theatre next Friday and Saturday narrowly escaped a fatal injury during the filming of the picture in the Painted Desert, Arizona. Watching the sensational stampede of more than 1500 wild horses which is a highlight of the film, the sandy ledge on which she was standing crumbled and was tossed into the path of the oncoming herd. Cowboys Jim Phillips and Jack Shannon dashed to her rescue, diverted the herd while Phillips difted her to his saddle and rode to safety.

Melvyn Douglas, the "Lone Wolf" in Columbia's "The Lone Wolf Returns," which is showing on Saturday of next week at the New Theatre, can list twelve cities as his "home town." From the time he was born in Macon, Georgia until he was eight years old his family moved to a score of different cities. And just to complete his wanderings his father sent young Douglas to Europe to complete his preparatory school education.

W. C. T. U. NOTES

Six outstanding features of the 62nd Annual National W. C. T. U. Convention, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 10-18, inclusive:

1. Election of Officers. The convention unanimously re-elected: Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, Evanston, Ill., President; Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, New York City; Vice-President-at-large; Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo, Evanstton, Ill., Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Nellie G. Burger, Springfield, Mo., Recording Secretary; Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, Evanston, Ill., Treasurer.

2. Million Dollar Campaign. The National W. C. T. U. at its 62nd Annual Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma, climaxed months of careful consideration of plans to greatly enlarge its Willard Centenary Educational Program, and by overwhelming vote approved the plans of its Official Board for a million dollar objective to underwrite the Willard Centenary Educational Program, with the additional $500,000 sponsored directly by the National organization, this fund to be devoted entirely to the work of Alcohol Education, to include the use of the press, radio, movies and every other channel of publicity.

3. The Spiritual Note. A clear note of intensely spiritual confidence in a reawakening of public sentiment on the liquor question, permeated every hour of the convention from the initial Worship Service, Friday, June 12, led by Mrs. Mary Harris Armour of Georgia, through the varied Sunday Church Services addressed by convention leaders, and particularly reflected in noon-day devotional hours led by Dr. Forney Hutchinson, Pastor of the Boston Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Tulsa, culminating in the concluding event, the hour of consecration on Thursday.

4. Youth Electrifies Convention. The spirit of youth personalized individually by the presence of Amelia Earhart, world-famous aviator, and collectively by the participation of talented, earnest-hearted young men and women from more than thirty states, fairly electrified the convention atmosphere with an assurance of new faith and determination to carry on the struggle against beverage alcohol.

5. Significance of Convention Registration and Attendance. A significant fact was that representatives from every state in the Union, with two exceptions, reached the convention city well in advance of the opening session of the convention proper. The first session of the Official Board on Wednesday, June 10, revealed two days before the convention opened, every state, with the exceptions noted, was represented by its president or a specifically named alternate. A near capacity crowd acclaimed Amelia Earhart at the Sunday afternoon session in the Municipal Convention Hall, while thousands attended the five other evening sessions in the same auditorium.

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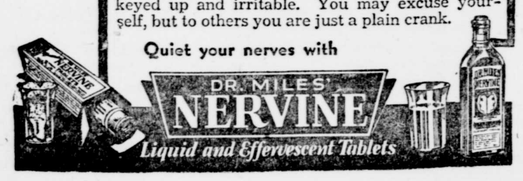

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