AUGUSTINE HERRMAN OF BOHEMIA MANOR

(FROM "THE INTERPRETER.")

It is an interesting picture that Mr. Thomas Capek gives us in his account of the first Bohemian immigrant to this country, who made maps of that "farr Remote, then unknown wilderness' of Maryland a hundred years before another engineer, the young George Washington, surveyed the lands farther up the Potomac River.

Augustine Herrman was born in Prague about 1621. Little is known of his antecedents, but from the meagre records that are available it seems likely that his father, Abraham Herrman, was the last evangelical pastor at Mseno. When Protestants were banished from Bohemia by edict, they cherished at first a hope of returning to their own country, and so went into the nearby regions of Saxony, Silesia, Hunary and Poland. When that hope faded, they scattered to Sweden, Denmark, Holland and even to the new world.

The Harrman family left Saxony for Holland, anl it is there the young Augustine probably received his education. No one knows exactly when young Herrman set sail from the old to the new Amsterdam. Before settling there he is said to have gone to Virginia. There are traces of Czech immigration during the first half of the 17th century in Accomac county. How many of the famous first families to Virginia may be of Bohemian ancestry? In Virginia Herrman seems to have occupied himself in making maps and surveys. In his spare time he traded with the Indians and planted tobacco. In a letter to Governor Stuyvesant he said, "I am the founder of the Virginia tobacco trade."

By 1644 we hear of him as the agent of a great mercantile house in New Amsterdam. In 1647 he was elected one of the nine men, a sort of advisory board to the Governor, selected from prominent citizens. While he was one of thees advisors they sent a delegation to Holland "to represent the poor condition of this country and to pray for redress." It is Herrman who writes the letter and he who heads the list of signers. In 1651 the young surveyor and merchant, now thirty years old, married Jannetje Verlet, a Dutch woman of good family. They had two sons and three daughters.

That Herrman was an excellent draughtsman is shown by the two samples we now have of his skill. There is a medallion portriat of himself that he drew and that Faithorne, the well-known etcher, engraved on a map of Virginia and Maryland. There is also a perspective view of New Amsterdam sketched at the time about one thousand people lived in its one hundred and twenty houses.

Not only was Herrman a skilled map maker, but he evidently had great ability as a mediator in disputes. In 1659 the colonial government sent him to Maryland to adjust a boundary dispute between the Dutch and the English. His diary containing the findings of this journey is a document of historic importance. Earlier than this he had been sent to New England on some sort of diplomatic mission.

It is a striking fact that it took nine years for this first Bohemian immigrant to become a citizen. In 1660 he obtained the first papers for citizenship, or letters of denizenation. These gave him the right to hold land, but he did not acquire the full rights of citizenship until 1669.

The young surveyor had grown to love the country he so carefully studied for his maps and wished to settle there. In 1661 he offered to make an "exact mapp" of Maryland in return for certain lands and the privilege of a manor. The first Lord Baltimore accepted the offer and the Herrmans moved from Manhattan to Bohemia Manor. Overlooking the Bohemia River, a broad expanse of waters, Herrman built a manor house, a large brick structure that stood for one hundred and twenty-five years. Now only a few bricks and the outlines of a large cellar remain.

The estate is now owned by former Senator Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware, who is a descendant of Herrman.

There is evidence that this Bohefian pioneer planned to found here New Bohemia, a colony of his own countrymen. In 1661 he wrote to Beekman, "I am now engaged in encouraging settlers to unite together in a villae, of mhich I understand a beinging will be made next Winter." If such a village was ever built, all traces of it have now vanished.

How versatile Herrman must have been! Diplomat, surveyor, artist, merchant, map-maker. Mr. Capek's valuable monograph contains a very complete bibliography. The illustrations, copies of the original historical documents, are of great interest.

LOGIC

A negro boatman in charge of a ferry in one of the Southern States was accosted by a stranger who wanted to cross, but had not the money to pay. Old Sambo scratched his wooly head perplexedly, then asked. "Doan' yo' got no money at all?" "No," was the dejected reply. "But it doan' cost yo' but three cents to cross," insisted Sambo. "I know, but I ain't got three cents." "I done tell you what," said Sambo, after a pause. "A man what ain't got three cents am jes' as well off on this side ob de ribber as on de odder!"—Montreal Star.

MUSICAL SOCIETY RESUMED

The Kent Musical Society will resume its weekly rehearsals on Tuesday, January 6, 1931. They will give their first concert on January 20, 1931, at William Smith Hall with Miss Helen Jepson as the guest artist.

CHANGING BRIDGE APPROACH

Work started this morning on tearing out the sidewalk approach to the new Chester River bridge. A new sidewalk will be constructed which will widen the aproach to the bridge from South Front street and the new construction curve will move part of the sidewalk further back toward the property of Judge Lewin W. Wickes.

The work is under the direction of District Engineer Rolph Townshend.

HON. JOHN BASSETT MOORE HONORED

"The Nation, a weekly paper has placed the Honorable John Bassett Moore, native of Delaware but later a resident of New York, first in the list of those who have done more for the welfare of his country in 1930 than any other citizen of the U. S. by writing his book about our recognition policy in regard to Soviet Russia and Central America.

Judge Moore is a great student of International Law and has written many books on the subject, having resigned his commission at the permanent court of Hague to write further on the subject of International Law.

Mr. Moore has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Colen F. Stam, Sr., in Chestertown, distant relatives of his.

FORM D. A. R. CHAPTER

A new chapter of the Society of The Daughters of the American Revolution was formed on Monday in Millington at the home of Mr. Frank Bottomley. The new chapter will be known as "London Bridge," taking its name from the original land grant upon which the town of Millington was laid out. An original drawing of the London Bridge grant was presented to the society as the gift of John C. Turner.

The officers named for the new chapter were: Miss Elizabeth S. Bottomley, regent; Miss Marian Caldwell, vice-regent; Mrs. C. S. Church, chaplain; Miss Mildred Hoyle, recording secretary; Miss Jeanne Hendrickson, corresponding secretary; Miss Mary Caldwell, treasurer; Mrs. Elwood Morris, registrar; Miss Esta V. Harrison, historian.

CHURCH NOTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Old St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church will be held at the Rectory, Fairlee, Tuesday, January 6, 1931, at 10.30 a. m.

Grace Presbyterian Church

Dr. John Humphreys, pastor. Service at 7 p. m. All welcome.

Kennedyville M. P. Church

Men's Bible Class at 10 a. m. Sunday School same hour in church. Communion service at eleven o'clock. C. E. Society meeting at 7 p. m. Song service and testimony at 7.45 p. m. Revival services Sunday, January 11th. Rev. J. Wilson Brown, D. D., Washington, D. C., assisting the pastor.

Chestertown M. E. Church

Rev. J. Harry Wright, Minister. Sunday services will be as follows: 10 a. m. Church School, J. S. Kreeger, superintendent. The lesson theme for the Senior department will be, "The Mission of John the Baptist."

11 a. m. the secrament of the Lord's supper will be administered by the pastor. The theme for the meditation will be, "The Power of Christ." You are cordially invited to worship with this congregation. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. And him that cometh to me I will in nowise cast out."

7.30 p. m. evening worship service. The pastor will preach a sermon on the subject, "The Value of Associations." A gospel hymn sing will precede the preaching of the sermon.

Weekday meetings as follows: Monday evening 7.30 Official Board meeting at the church. Important business requires full attendance of members.

Wednesday 3.15 o'clock, Weekday school of religious education. 7.30 o'clock Prayer and praise service.

Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown

Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, D. D. Minister. The following services are announced for next Sunday: Sunday School at 10 a. m. We begin a new study in the life, teachings, and saving ministry of Jesus as recorded in the gospel of Luke. The subject for Sunday is "The Birth of John the Baptist." This will be an interesting course of study. Why not enjoy it with us?

Morning worship at 11 a. m. The regular monthly communion service with short address by the pastor.

Christian Endeavor service at 6.45 p. m. Let us make this first service of the New Year the best yet.

Evening worship at 7.30 p. m. The choir will repeat the Contata entitled "Chimes of the Holy Night."

Tuesday 7.30 p. m. The third Quarterly Conference will be held at the parsonage.

Wednesday 7.30 p. m. Prayer and Praise service.

LOCAL MATTER

—The annual election of officers of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co. will be held at the fire house, Chestertown on Monday, Jan. 12, at 8 p. m.

—Mr. Preston Crowding formerly of the Prudential Life Ins. Co. has been made district superintendant of the Baltimore Life Insurance Co. with headquarters in Chestertown.

—Twenty-five marriage licenses were issued at the Clerk's office during the past week, ten of which were issued on New Years day. All were for people living outside of Kent County.

—The Maryland Tuberculosis Association will hold a clinic at the Health Center, Chestertown next Monday, January 5th at 10 a. m. Dr. John E. O'Neill will conduct the clinic.

Last year more than 134,000 forest fire damaged about 46,000,000 acres of forest land in the United States. Ninety per cent of these fires were caused by man, and were preventable.

—A meeting of the P. T. A. of the Chestertown Elementary school will be held Wednesday, January 7, 1931, at 3.15 p. m. at the elementary school building.

—The regular meeting of the Frank M. Jarman Post No. 36 will be held at the Armory on Thursday of next week. The newly elected officers of the post will be installed by State Legion officials.

—Fire of an unknown origin damaged the home of Mrs. Edward Newsome on High street last Saturday afternoon. The fire started in a feather bed on the third floor and destroyed the bed and damaged other furniture in the room.

—The annual New Years party of the Chestertown Rotary Club will be held at the Maryland Tea Room Monday evening. The occasion will be Ladies Night and Mr. W. R. Huey and E. Clark Fontaine are scheduled as speakers.

DISCUSS NEW CHARTER

The public meeting held in the Court House Tuesday evening for the purpose of discussing the new Chestertown charter was attended by fifty residents and each paragraph of the charter was discussed.

The meeting showed true community spirit as the opinions were frank on the proposed changes and the majority ruled. The committee welcomed the citicism and opinions of various tax payers.

The principal changes made in the committee's report as published last week was the elimination of the town limits extension and the changes in the qualification of voters.

Mr. W. B. Copper presided at the meeting and former Mayor C. N. Satterfield, chairman of the committee, explained in detail the new charter. A synopsis of the charter with the changes, as it will be presented at the coming session of the Maryland Legislature will be found on page 2 of this issue.

DEATHS

Mrs. Martha Jane Williams, of Rock Hall died at the residence of her son, William, on Christmas Day. She was 75 years old and leaves behind beside her son, William, with whom she lived, a son Nelson Williams, of Worton.

She was a member of the Rock Hall M. E. Church and her funeral was held there at 2.30 p. m. Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. S. Grant and was interred in Wesley Chapel cemetery.

The bearers were: Messrs. George, Melvin, Nelson and Reuben Rodney, Willard Taylor and Edward Clothier. Thomas H. Casey, undertaker.

Mr. Heenan Hurd, of Worton, committed suicide last Saturday by shooting himself. He was a hunter and trapper, and had become despondent in the last few months and frequently threatened to commit suicide.

He leaves two brothers, Charles H., and G. Walter Hurd, and three sisters, Mrs. James P. Gears, Mrs. Alonza Forman and Mrs. Samuel Nickerson.

Funeral services were held at Union M. E. Church, Worton, at 11 a. m., on Tuesday with interment in Union Cemetery. The Reverend J. L. Marker and the Reverend Harry Wright, conducted the services. C. L. Dodd, undertaker.

Mrs. Mary E. Farringer, aged 89 years and 9 months, died at the home of Mrs. Mollie Simpers, Queen street, Chestertown, on Monday evening of this week, December 29th. She was born in Philadelphia in March, 1841, a daughter of the late Charles Cutler Brown, and spent the early part of her life in Baltimore.

She has spent the last forty years of her life in Chestertown at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Mollie Simpers. She was the widow of the late Benjamin Franklin Farringer, who at the time of his death was a retired surgeon-steward on the steampship Pinola.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Simpers on Queen steret Thursday at 10 a. m., Dr. E. A. Sexsmith officiating. Interment was made in Baltimore cemetery, Baltimore Thursday afternoon. R. Ellis Clark, undertaker.

Mrs. Kate M. Newnam, widow of the late W. Harrison Newnam, formerly of Queen Annes county, died at her home at Mount Washington, near Baltimore, last Thursday.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 o'clock, at her late home and were conducted by Rev. R. S. Littsinger, rector of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church. Interment was in Druid Ridge Cemetery.

The deceased is survived by two daughters—Mrs. J. H. St. Martin, Jr., and Miss Maude C. Newnam, of Baltimore, and a son J. Henry Newnam of Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Newnam's husband was at one time a well known farmer of Queen Annes county and served as County Commission to the county before removing to Baltimore. Mr. Newnam before marriage was Miss Kate Kibler, a sister of the late Charles Kibler, of Chestertown. She was an aunt of Messrs. Charles W. and J. Thomas Kibler, and Miss Edith Harley, of Chestertown, and sister-in-law of Mr. John H. Newnam, of Church Hill.

SCOWS SINK

Two of the large scows belonging to the Spencer, White and Prentis Co., sprang a leak and sank last week. The company secured a diver who came here yesterday, Friday, to find the leak in the scows, but up to the hour of going to press he had not located the cause for their sinking. It was tought they struck a sunken pile which punched a hole in their bottom.

MAGAZINE IS PAL FOR BOYS

Those boyhood years between the ages of ten and twenty are the impressionable years—the formative years when the fundamental character of a boy is molded into the pattern it will maintain throughout the remainder of his life.

That is why so much importance is placed on the factors that govern the lives of adolescent boys—their companions, their environment, their reading, the food they eat, etc. At this age is determined whether the boy will develop into a cheerful or surly man, generous or selfish, intelligent or dull, ambitious or indolent.

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The million or so boys who read this magazine every month consider it their closest friend. In it they find the keenest entertainment, adventure, mystery, athletics, aviation, humor, everything that delights a livewire American boy. Its sports articles by famous coaches and athletes help boys win places on their school teams. Its professional articles and biographical sketches aid them in selecting their life's work. Its keenly analytical editorials guide them in their daily problems.

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JEALOUS FARMER SLAYS SWEETHEART AND OLDER MAN

An old-fashioned Christmas-season dance, with an abundance of mistletoe and much happy jollity was rudely interrupted when tragedy stalked into the home of Clarence Allen, near Chapeltown Corner, Del., just across the Maryland line last Saturday night and when the smoke from two revolver shots had cleared a double slayer calmly awaited the arrival of officers while a man and girl lay dead on the dance floor.

Noah Downes, 23 years old of near Sandtown, who now faces two first-degree murder charges, is the self admitted slayer of Earnest L. Killen, 35, and Mildred Long, the 15-year-old sweetheart of the pistol wielder.

In Dover jail, where he is being held for trial, Downes has expressed only one wish. That he might attend the funeral of his murdered sweetheart. The services were held Tuesday afternoon at Templeville in Queen Anne county, but Downes was not among the great throng that witnessed his victims interrment.

"I shot to kill," he said without any show of emotion.

He hastily added, however, that he did not mean to kill Ernest L. Killen, 35 years old also of near Petersburg.

"I shot at Killen because he tried to interfere with me," said Downes. "I didn't mean to kill him because I've never had any grudge against him."

Downes then declared he believed others at the dance would have met Killen's fate if they had interferred with him.

After slaying the girl and Killen at the dance held in the home of Clarence Allen young Downes was so dazed that he did not realize that the revolver had been wrested from his hand by his brother, Joe Downes, until he saw the later running out the door with it.

"I intended killing myself after I killed Mildred." Downes said in the jail.

Downes further declared: "I loved her and was afraid to lose her." "So I killed her."

Downes revealed this morning that he and the girl were engaged and had planned to be married next spring.

About ten months ago Downes and Miss Long who had then known each other for about nine months, quarreled. They did not see each other for about two months and then were reconciled.

The dance was running smoothly Downes said, until about 11.30 o'clock when Mildred rebuked him for dancing with another girl.

"I told her that I had just as much right to dance with another girl as she had to dance with another man." "This made her angry and she said that she wouldn't let me take her home.

"I then left the house and went out to my car and got the revolver and returned. I went up to Mildred and asked her if she was going to me take her home. She said she wouldn't. I then told her that if she didn't I'd kill her.

"I pulled out the revolver and she screamed. I fired one shoot at her. I fired to kill. Then Killen ran over to me. I was going to kill myself and not him. But he made me mad by running at me so I fired at him. I didn't shoot to kill him, only to stop him. If anybody else had interfered I might have killed them, too. Then somebody grabbed the revolver out of my hands. I stood in the house until he police came."

Asked if he was intoxicated at the ime of the double-killing Downes replied in the negative.

"I was drinking a little but I wasn't drunk," he said. "I knew what I was doing."

"I haven't been able to sleep hardly any since Saturday night," he said. "I wish I could sleep. And I wish I could go to the funeral."

KENNEDYVILLE

Mr. William Irving left on Tuesday for Wilmington, Del., where he expects to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. White, of Virginia, are visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Urie.

Mr. and Mrs. Hedley and Mary Oliff were Christmas Day visitors of relatives here.

Mrs. Neal Jarvis spent a part of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Caldwell moved in the Shafer apartment on Saturday. We welcome them to our town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gill, of Golts, were visitors here on Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Hill and family, of near, Phoenixville, spent Christmas Day here with relatives.

Mrs. Thomas Van Dyke and daughter, Miss Lula, spent a part of the week with Mrs. Williams near Worton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ringgold moved in the Mause on Monday.

Mr. William Hague is visiting his son, Webster and family in Pa.

Mr. Mason Willis spent a part of this week in Philadelphia.

Rev. Henry Caldwell and family of Church Hil, spent Friday with relatives here.

The P. T. A. will hold their monthly meetin in the school buildings on Wednesday next at 3.30 p. m.

Miss Simonds, of Baltimore, is visiting her friend, Mrs. Lin Redmile.

Miss Edith Walls and brother, Harry, left on Monday for the South where they expect to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Glenn, Mrs. Aea Crew and Miss Lula Van Dyke spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Howell Crew.

Far-Fetched Reminder

Brother and sister were sitting on the creek bank, fishing. Sister threw out her line with a new bait and it became entagled in some brush. She at onme appealed for aid in recovering it. Brother drew it in, dragging some debris with it.

"Where's the jigger " she asked.

"The what," from he, who had not noticed the floater was gone.

"The—er—what-you-may-call-it, the—oh, you know the Irish county."

"Oh, the cork."

"Yes, yes," she replied, "that's it."

WARNING

No trespassing with gun or dog, or for trapping or for any other purpose will be permitted by the undersigned on his farm in Shrewsbury Neck, near Locust Grove, in Kent County, Maryland.

The Statute Law prohibiting trespassing will be fully enforced.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters of Administration on the personal estate of

JOSEPH S. CLARK

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of June, 1931, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand this 16th day of December, 1930.

MARY W. JEWELL,
d20. Executrix

WE wish to thank our many friends for their patronage during the past year, and wish them a happy and prosperous New Year.

J. S. KREEGER.

JANUARY Clearance Sale



$25 and $30 Suits close out $15.95
$22.50 Suits 17.75
$25.00 " 19.75
$30.00 " 23.95
$35.00 " 29.75

With one and two pants

$20.00 Top Coats $16.95
$22 50 " " 17.95
$25.00 " " 19.75
$30.00 " " 23.95

$ 9.00 Boys Suit ..... $ 6.95
10.00 " " 7.75
12.00 " " 9.75
13.00 " " 10.25
14.00 " " 11.25
15.00 " " 11.75

$ 5.50 Boys Overcoats ... $4.49
9.50 " " ... 7.25
11.00 " " ... 9.42

$2.00 each Shirts and Drawers $1.59
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