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Rumsey Is Hailed As Steamboat Inventor

Throng Witnesses Unveiling Of Marker At Birthplace At Warwick

With high Maryland and Delaware personages attending, a marker commemorating the birthplace of James Rumsey and describing him as inventor of the steamboat was unveiled at Warwick, Cecil county, on Saturday.

School history books to the contrary, the marker declares:

James Rumsey, the inventor of the steamboat, was born 1743 two miles north of this point in Middle Neck. George Washington showed much interest in Rumsey's experiments and made him superintendent of the Potomac Company.

Rumsey's boat, records show, was successfully demonstrated December 13, 1787, on the Potomac river near Shepherdstown W. Va. Robert Fulton's trial run with the famed Clermont on the Hudson occurred twenty-three years later.

With Lieut. Gov. Edward Cooch, of Deleware, looking on, Mrs. Anita Buchanan Spear, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., a descendent of Rumsey, unveiled the marker. Thirty other descendants of the steamboat experimenter attended.

Joshua Clayton, president of the Cecil County (Md.) Historical Society, presided at the exercises. J. Alexis Shriver, director of historical markers for Maryland, addressed the gathering. Among the throng attending were interested persons from Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia and Maryland.

After the unveiling exercises many of those who attended went in a cavalcade of seventy-five automobiles to the birthplace of Rumsey at Rumsey's Mill. They also visited historic old St. Francis Xavier and St. Augustine's churches and old Bohemia Manor, the latter place now the home of former Senator Thomas F. Byron, of Delaware. It was near the latter house where Rumsey was born.

James Rumsey was born on Bohemia Manor in 1743. He publicly demonstrated a workable steamboat on the Potomac at Shepherdstown, W. Va., according to records, on December 13, 1787.

George Washington is said to have indicated recognition of Rumsey's feat a year before John Fitch made a similar experiment.

District Chairmen For Children's Aid

Funds Needed To Carry On The Work In Cecil County

District ihairmen have been appointed in connection with the Cecil County Children's Aid Society's current drive for $1,200. The campaign opened Monday and will close on May 30.

The $1,200 goal was determined a week ago at the society's tenth annual meeting, when President Standley Evans of Elkton, pointed out that additional funds would be necessary to provide medical care for the 42 dependent children now receiving aid.

The campaign committee includes the following: Mrs. Edgar Bishop, Warwick; Mrs. Jay Matthews, Cecilton; Mrs. Wallace Williams and Mrs. Henry S. Young, Elkton; Mrs. Ernest Biles, Fair Hill; Mrs. Joseph Grant, North East; Miss Helen Shepherd, Rising Sun; Mrs. Williard Wilson, Perryville, and Miss Alice Miller, Port Deposit. Lynn B. Gillespie of Elkton, is chairman of the group.

PAGEANT AT LONGWOOD IN JUNE

"Rip Van Winkle" is the theme of the eighth annual Kennett Square American Legion Pageant, with Electric Fountains and Waterfall display, to be held at Longwood Gardens, on the evenings of June 16 to 19, inclusive.

An important innovation this year is the reservation of the entire capacity of 2200 seats in the charming open-air theatre on the P. S. duPont estate. To insure admittance, tickets must be ordered in advance. For reservations, or a descriptive folder, address: Legion Pageant, Kennett Square, Pa.

The second annual dog show of the Cecil County Foxhunters Association will be held Thursday evening, May 72, at McKinney's Garage, in Elkton.

Briefly Noted News

Elkton tennis enthusiasts have formed a six-team organization and adopted a playing schedule.,

Monday, May 3rd, marked the 124th anniversary of the destruction of the town of Havre de Grace by the British in the War of 1812.

Edward J. Brennan, of Baltimore, has been named race secretary of the Bel Air Fair Association, which will open its ten-day meeting July 27.

Thieves paid a visft to the barn of Samuel Gambfll, near Sylmar, one night recently, and carried off harness and about 25 bushels of corn.

All buildings on the farm of Walter Sapp, in the Second district, except the dwelling, were swept by fire on Saturday night, causing a loss of $8,000.

Joseph E. Benjamin, of North East, has been elected a Director of the First National Bank of North East, in the place of Andrew Anderson, deceased.

The residence property of Miss Kate Miller, deceased, located on East Main street, Elkton, was purchased last week, at public sale, by Harry W. Pippin, for $600.

A new, fully equipped Segrave fire truck, costing six thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, was delivered to the Aberdeen Fire Department ment Wednesday morning last by factory representatives.

Applications for a Civil Service examination for a position as substitute mail carrier from Elkton postoffice, will be received by the Manager of Fourth U. S. Civil Service district, Washington, not later than May 8th.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet on Friday, May 14, at 2:00 p. m., with Mrs. Mabel Barber Hall, near town. Devotional leader, Mrs. Ann Haines; program leader, Mrs. M. U. Zimmerman.

Victor Willis, Jr., of Newark, Del., a graduate from University of Maryland last year, who has been appointed chief chemist at the plant of the Triumph Fusee and Firework Company's plant at Elkton, to succeed Dr. H. C. Clauser, will enter upon his new duties next week.

Miss Charlotte Rawlings, a former graduate of Rising Sun High School, was one of the graduates of South Baltimore General Hospital, Friday, April 30. Miss Rawlings has received for the three years of her training the award given yearly of twenty-five dollars to the pupil having made the highest scholastic average. Miss Margarite Orr, also a graduate of Rising Sun High, has also received this same award for her two years of training in the same hospital.

CHESAPEAKE CITY APPROVES BOND ISSUE

The proposal to authorize the town commissioners of Chesapeake City to issue $60,000 in bonds for a water and sewer system was overwhelmingly approved at a referendum held in that town.

Out of a registration electorate of 512 persons, 445 cast ballots, 332 favoring the plan under which a granted $45,000 to $50,000 would be obtained from the Public Works Administration, and 113 voting against it.

Youth Conference At Perryville

County Council Of Christian Education To Meet Saturday

The Cecil county youth and youth leaders' convention of the County Council of Christian Education will be held at Perryville M. E. Church on Saturday, May 8, from 9:30 a. m. to 8 p. m.

A very interesting program has been planned, consisting of addresses, discussion groups and special features. Among the speakers and discussion group leaders are Rev. Oliver Collins, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Wilmington; Rev. Frank White, pastor of Rising Sun M. E. Church, Rising Sun; Rev. A. E. Thomas, minister of Presbyterian Church, Elkton; George Gifford, principal Calvert High School, Calvert, and Dr. W. E. Gunby, Wilmington district superintendent, Wilmington.

The program committee also expects many other outstanding youth leaders to be present on this date.

A large banquet has been planned. Every young person in the county is cordially invited to attend.

House Looters Jailed

Hauled Truck Load Of Furniture Away During Absence Of Family

Charles and Frank Weston, Wilmington, are behind the bars in the county jail at Elkton, charged with entering the home of John Krejci, on Nottingham Road, one mile west of Elkton, and hauling away in a truck practically all the furniture in the building, several nights ago, while the family was temporarily away from home.

According to Deputy Sheriff Elwood Racine, who made the arrests, both men have made confessions. Mr. Racine said he located the furniture in a house in Wilmington. A mishap to Weston's truck gave the officers a clue following the theft. When the truck was backed up to the building it was mired in soft earth while the furniture was being loaded on it. When the engine was started it did not have sufficient power to move the machine whereupon one of the men, it is alleged, went to Cedar Tree Garage on the Elkton-North East Road, and hired a tow-truck.

Mr. Krejci operates a filling station along the Elkton-North East road, just outside the town limits of Elkton. His wife and children were not at home when their furniture was taken.

FATALLY INJURED BY FIREWORK EXPLOSION

Anthony Casimo, 19 year old son of Mr. Albert Casimo, of Havre de Grace, died at the Harford Memorial Hospital, early Thursday morning. The young man was fatally burned on Wednesday of the week previous when some fireworks he was making at the Commercial Novelty Company, exploded, setting his clothing afire, and throwing him a few feet from the small building in which he was working alone. The building was completely wrecked.

Woman Named For Cecil School Board

Republican State Central Committee Recommends Mrs. Williams

The Republican State Central Committee for Cecil county has recommended the appointment of Mrs. Wallace Williams as County School Commissioner.

The recommendation was forwarded to Gov. Harry W. Nice, who will appoint a commissioner to succeed Fred Lewis, Democratic incumbent whose term expires this month.

There were four nominees to be considered by the committee. They were: Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Joshua Clayton, Mrs. Helen Reed and Mrs. Sidney Dixon. After six ballots, the committee voted unanimously to recommend Mrs. Williams.

AUTO TAGS TO SHOW EXPIRATION DATES

Expiration dates of Maryland automobile licenses will be displayed on the tags beginning next year, it is announced by Walter R. Rudy, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Above the numerals on the 1938 plates gill be the State designation, followed by "Ex. 3-31-39."

Mr. Rudy explained that this notation was adopted for the convenience of out-of-state police, as well as Maryland motorists driving in other States, and will preclude the latter from being stopped during the first three months of the calendar year by officers in the belief that their licenses had expired.

The 1937 tags had been manufactured before the passage of the law changing the licensing date from January 1 to April 1, Mr. Rudy said, and consequently do not bear the expiration date.

Sample tags for 1938 and 1939 have been received at the Commissioner's office. Next year's license plates are green with white numerals while the colors are reversed for the succeeding year.

RURAL WOMEN'S SHORT COURSE

The fifteenth annual Rural Women's Short Course will be held at the University of Maryland, College Park, this year from June 14 to 19.

The large number of women who have taken advantage of this opportunity has so increased that it has been necessary to limit the number to 700. The program during the week includes lectures and demonstrations on household subjects, music, dramatics, recreation, poultry and gardening. The week ends with a sight seeing trip in Washington.

Town Meeting

Treasurer Submits Report---Old Board Of Commissioners Renominated

The Town Meeting held in the public hall here, on Tuesday evening, April 27, for the purpose of hearing the report of the condition of the town's finances by the Treasurer, nominating Commissioners to be elected for the coming year, and transaction of such other business that might be brught up for consideration, failed to create any interest and was attended by but a handful of our citizens.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts for the year to have been $13,665.87, disbursements, $12,842.75, leaving balance in treasury, as of April 27, 1937, of $823.12. Taxes outstanding $353.71, total indebtedness $22,700.00.

The present Board of Town Commissioners was renominated without opposition, making an election unnecessary. The Board is composed of Jesse T. Cameron, John C. Hindman, Edwin L. Haines, Walter M. Cameron and J. Earl Tyson.

Wild Automobile Chase

Leads To Wreck Of Car And Injury Of Twin Sisters

A wild auto chase Sunday evening, between eight and nine o'clock, ended in the wrecking of a car, when it struck an electric light pole, and the serious injury of two young women.

While cruising along Route One, near Porters Bridge, in an auto on Sunday evening, Deputy Sheriffs Elwood Racine and Louis Seth spied Nelson Howery, aged 26, roadhouse operator, for whose arrest a warrant had been issued.

Howery, who was driving a high powered Lincoln car, in which were his brother Page Howery, and Virgie and Virginia Walton, twin sisters, aged 22, saw the officers and stepped on the gas, leading them a merry chase along Route One, to Rising Sun, and then out Wilson Avenue. Going at a 65 or 70 mile clip, Howery failed to make the curve in the road near the lane of the Glackin farm, about one mile south of town, crashed into an electric light pole, snapping it off, wrecking his machine and injuring both the young women. The men escaped with a few scratches and bruises, and were placed under arrest.

The young women were brought to Dr. R. C. Dodson, in this town, where it was found Vergie had suffered a fracture of the right leg, which was X-rayed and put in a cast. Her sister had three front teeth knocked out and suffered lacerations of the face. Both were later taken to Union Hospital, Elkton.

At a hearing before Police Magistrate George L. Ewing, Nelson Howery was placed under $1,500 bond on the liquor charge held against him.

The snapping of the electric light pole caused a disruption of light service in this town and at other places that were on that particular line. Some of the residences in Rising Sun were without electric light until about ten o'clock, when service was restored. At the Methodist Episcopal church, here, it was necessary to terminate the religious services, and dismiss the congregation, as the church was abruptly plunged into darkness.

SLEEPY HOLLOW GANG

The Sleepy Hollow Cowboys and Cowgirls, who are to appear at the High School Auditorium in this town, on Saturday evening, May 8th, for two shows, under the auspices of the Fire Company, drew a big crowd at their entertainment in Elkton on Thursday evening of last week. Seven hundred and forty-one persons paid admission to witness the show on that night. This speaks well for the popularity of these radio artists, and it is expected the high school auditorium will be taxed to its seating capacity on Saturday evening.

AWARDED CONTRACT TO CARRY MAIL

Fred Burkins, of Colora, has been awarded the contract by the government to carry the mail from Perryville to Rising Sun, arriving at this office at 7:30 a. m., and from Rising Sun to Port Deposit in the evening, leaving this office at 4:50 o'clock. The contract is for a four year term.

The man who wants to be mean never wants for an opportunity.

Personal And Social

Walter Cameron, of Washington College, Chestertown, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mrs. J. L. Twaddell and Miss Twadell, of Devon, Pa., were guests on Friday of Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing.

Mrs. William M. Pogue was a visitor last week of her son Benj. R. Pogue and wife, Freehold, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Comer, of Mayesville, Ky., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Ewing, at The Bungalow.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Buffington, of Swarthmore, former residents, paid Rising Sun friends a visit on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ely attended the Harleysville Mutual Casualty Company Convention held in Huntingdon, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Martin Hess, of New Providence, Pa., observed their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 25.

Recent visitors of Mrs. Rhoda Bechtel and Mrs. Sadie Cather were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gibson and son, of New Brunswick, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Conner, of near Elkton, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Jean Elliott Conner, to Mr. Lester Todd, of Elk Mills, at Bel Air, Saturday, April 24.

Miss Ruth McCrabbe and Street Riley, Jr., both of Colora, were married on Monday, May 3, at Bel Air, by Rev. Groves, of the M. E. church. A rousing serenade was given the young couple Monday evening at Lafayette Inn, Porters Bridge, the home of the bride.

WEDDINGS

DOWING—WILLIAMS

Miss Jennie Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Williams, and Mr. George C. Dowing, of Elkton, were quietly married at the Episcopal rectory, Saturday morning, April 24, by Rev. J. Warren Albinson of Trinity P. E. Church. The bride for several years past has been one of the deputies in the office of the Clerk of Court in Elkton.

REYNOLDS—CAPONIC

Miss Marcella M. Caponic, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Caponic, of Havre de Grace, and Edward C. Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Reynolds, of North East, were married on Saturday evening, April 24, at the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal Church in North East, by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Campbell. The only attendants were William Tomlinson, of North East, and Miss Elizabeth Burns, of Havre de Grace.

MOULTON—GAINES

Miss Edith B. Gaines, of Principio Furnace, and Mr. Charles Curtis Moulton, of Chapel Road, near Wesleyan Chapel, Harford county, were quietly married at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in Bel Air at 5:30 o'colck on Thursday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, the Rev. D. B. Groves.

The bride wore a gray traveling suit with matching accessories and corsage of sweet peas and was attended by Miss Emma Sutor Reasin of Cecil county and Miss Rowena Gilbert of near Wesleyan Chapel, a cousin of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Moulton left immediately after the ceremony by motor for a trip north and upon their return will reside in Aberdeen.

Illicit Whiskey Plant Wrecked By Officers

Find Still In Operation—Confiscate 150 Gallons Of Liquor And Buick Car

While Sheriff Eugene Racine's force of deputies and two Internal Revenue officers were searching for illicit whiskey-making plants in Whittaker Barrens, scene of many illicit still operations during prohibition, on Wednesday, they discovered a large still which apparently had been in operation within the last hour.

The raiders found a 20-horse power boiler, with fire still alive in the fire box, 150 gallons of recently distilled liquor and 1400 gallons of mash, ready for distilling, and a Buick car, with no license tags on it. The operators of the plant had fled before the officers arrived. The entire plant was destroyed with dynamite and the car was taken to the county jail.

Cecil Officials Receive Commissions

Governor's Appointments For Magistrates, Ducking Police And Notaries

Commissions for the justices of the peace, ducking police and notaries public for Cecil county, appointed by Gov. Harry W. Nice, were received at the office of the Clerk of the Court in Elkton last week.

The appointees are as follows:

Justices of the Peace—Robert L. Anderson, Cecilton; Zachary T. Loveless, Chesapeake City; Walter C. Miller, Elkton; J. Edward Davis and George C. Rawson, North East; George L. Ewing, Rising Sun; Burroughs L. Lawrence, Perryville; J. Howard Pugh, Port Deposit, and Mrs. Marietta M. Renn, Zion.

Ducking Police—Richard E. Reynolds, for Elk and Bohemia rivers, William P. Bines and Harry L. Harvey, for Susquehanna Flats.

Notaries Public — Mollie Howard Ash, Walter T. Appleford, Sara A. Armour, Louise H. Bennett, Irving Burke, Benjamin Briscoe, Louise Carlson, Margaret J. Cheyney, Caroline M. Clay, Walter S. Childs, Harry C. Cole, Angela B. Crothers, Helen Davis, Lettie S. Davis, Edward E. Duff, Ada H. Ely, Ruth C. Ewing, Charles H. Gatchell, Bessie C. Hartnett, Daniel W. Henry, Velva M. Krauss, Jane Lamb, Albert M. McNamee, Lillian V. Minster, Edgar McMullen, Charles Otis McCauley, Jennie D. McCauley, Clement W. Mackie, Dorothy I. McCardell, Frances M. Moore, W. Fletcher Nickerson, Emily T. Peach, Esther B. Pryor, Nellie E. Poist, Blanche R. Jeannette Reed, Ralph T. Rees, Georgia W. Robinson, Kathryn T. Schaeffer, Lidie Sager, Horace L. Scott, Sennie Singman, Mary E. Trimble and Edith Wilson.

Holiday For Store Clerks

Stores To Close Wednesday Afternoon During Summer Months

All employees of the stores in Rising Sun will get a half-day holiday during the summer months, on Wednesday afternoon. An agreement has been reached whereby the stores will close at 12:00 o'clock, noon, every Wednesday, during the months of May, June, July and August.

This is in line with the policy being adopted in numerous other towns.

The stores in our town where the Wednesday half-day holiday will be observed are: Haines & Kirk, Jos. S. Pogue & Son, Co., Pogue & Roberson, M. F. Johnson, Alee & Shepherd.

MILITARY FIELD MASS

The annual military field mass at "Old Bohemia," near Warwick, will be held Sunday, June 13, at 11 a. m., standard time. In addition to the celebration of the 233rd anniversary of the historic church, the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, signer of the Declaration of Independence, will also be observed. The first Catholic school in America was founded at Old Bohemia, later becoming Georgetown University, and it was here that Charles Carroll received his education.

TOLCHESTER FERRY TO RESUME

Rapid progress is being made by Superintendent C. Frank Wheatley and a large force of men in putting the grounds and buildings at Tolchester Beach in condition for the opening of the summer excursion season about June 1. Bondholders of the Tolchester Company, who recently purchased the company's holdings, are having the excursion steamer Tolchester and the ferry steamer Emma Giles overhauled preparatory to beginning ferry service between Tolchester and Baltimore within a few days.

BROKEN NEEDLE REMOVED FROM WOMAN'S EAR

A part of a needle, which had been imbedded in the lobe of an ear of Mrs. Mary Almoney, Fawn Grove, Pa., for 65 years, caused her ear to become infected a few days ago and the piece of needle was taken out by her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Morris. When Mrs. Almoney was 10 years of age she had her ear pierced for earrings and the needle broke. The ear lobe containing the needle was slightly larger than the other but never gave her severe pain until recently.—Delta, Pa., Herald.