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Lambert Wickes, of Kent Was A Great U. S. Hero

He was of near Rock Hall, Md., Showed The Way to John Paul Jones—First American to Raid the Channel—A Thrilling Event in Kent Historical Annals.

(Louis H. Bolander, in Sunday Sun)

Few States have contributed such a generous quota of their sons to the navy as has Maryland: the Rodgers for generations, Joshua Barney, John Barry, Jesse D. Elliott, Commodore Goldsborough, Winfield Scott Schley and a host of others. There is one man, however, whose name is hardly known outside the county of his birth and yet whose services to his country entitle him to a high place in Maryland's honor roll. That man is Capt. Lambert Wickes, of the Continental Navy.

Lambert Wickes was born on his father's estate of Wickliffe, at the southern tip of Eastern Neck Island, in Kent county, about forty years before the Revolution. His great-great-grandfather, Major Joseph Wickes, settled there in 1650, and his ancestors were prominent in the affairs of Kent county. His grandfather had willed his landed property in such a way that it must descend from eldest son to eldest son intact, and as the boy Lambert had an older brother, Samuel, it became necessary for him to seek some other means of livelihood than by managing the family estate. That he turned to the sea for a living was most natural.

On a point of land projecting southeasterly from Wickliffe was a grove of pine trees. These trees could be seen for miles by a vessel coming up the bay. This point came to be known as Hall Point, called thus from the custom in Colonial times of requiring all vessels to stop there and be inspected before proceeding up the Chester river. A wide awake, inquiring boy would be sure to take every opportunity to visit the ships stopping there and make acquaintances among the officers and men. Most of the ships were probably coasting vessels from New England but many were from the mother country and from foreign ports. We can imagine the strudy boy listening wide-eyed to the salt-water tales of the sailors and to the stories of wild adventures and carousals in foreign ports. It is not to be marveled at that he, as a boy, right at his own doorstep imbibed a love for the sea; a love that was to lead him into strange lands and bring him hair-raising adventure. A mile to the north of his home was a shipyard, where he must have played as a youngster and, as a wide-awake boy would, gained a knowledge of the construction and rigging of ships, a knowledge that was to serve him well in the hour of his country's need.

His father, finding that his second son had a longing for a seaman's life, apprenticed him to a ship's captain, thinking, no doubt, that one voyage would cure him and that he would return meekly enough to a less adventurous life on shore. Contrary to his father expectations, the lad took to his new sea life as a duck takes to water, and rose rapidly in his calling. By 1770, when he was 35 years of age, he had risen to the position of captain and commanded ships out of Philadelphia for Willing & Morris, one of the leading mercantile and ship-owning firms of Philadelphia. Robert Morris, the great financial backer of the Revolution, was the "Morris" of this firm. In the same year, 1770, he became a member of the Captains of Ships Charitable Club organized for both social and charitable purposes and for the relief of ships' captains and their families who had come to hard times. Only the most prominent ship captains of the city belonged to this club, so by this we know that as a comparatively young man he was well established in his profession. We know, too, that he never married.

No portrait of him exists and no account can be found of his physical appearance. But he must have been a strong, hardy man, fearless and a leader of men. For in those days ships' crews were made up of the toughest specimens imaginable, often the scum and dregs of the water front, and it required a strong, resolute man to exact discipline from them. Pirates still swarmed in some seas and the little brigs and schooners were but frail craft with which to cross the stormy Atlantic. No weakling could have risen to his position.

When the Revolution broke out a navy was formed slowly and the Marine Committee, being seated in Philadelphia, naterally turned to the Captains of Ships Charitable Club for commanders of their ships. Thus it was that Lambert Wickes received his first command in the Continental Navy, for in April, 1776, he was given command of the Reprisal, a ship purchased the year before and fitted out as a naval vessel by the Marine Committee. She carried but sixteen guns, and six-pounders at that. Every merchant vessel at that time carried guns with which to fight pirates, so that the handling of them was no new thing to her captain. The post of third lieutenant he secured for his younger brother, Richard.

(Continued Next Week.)

INVENTOR TAKES BOYHOOD ROLE

With the President and Mrs. Hoover, Henry Ford and Mrs. Ford and a handful of faithful assistants, gathered about him in one end of his transplanted Menlo Park laboratory, the aged Thomas A. Edson Monday night reenacted his discovery of the incandescent lamp at Dearborn.

While this bit of drama was being staged in the old workshop of 1879 500 high public officials, financiers, scientists and industrialists sat in a banquet hall a little distance away and listened to broadcasters describe to the utmost detail the movement of the venerable benefactor of the world.

Then, just as the experimental light penetrated the darkness of the laboratory, a great flood of light burst upon the banqueters who before had sat beneath a thousand candles.

The discovery celebrated Monday night—and Mr. Edson never refers to it as an invention—started the obscure telegrapher of fifty years ago upon the royal road to fame, and at night not only had a great assemblage gathered to do him honor but hundreds of organizations thruout the country joined in a tribute to the nation's most celebrated scientist.

And after he had shown how a current of electricity passing through a filament within a vccuum will produce a steady and brilliant light, Mr. Edson heard President Hoover say that such achievements were "the rivers of sweat saved from the backs of men and the infinite drudgery relieved from the hands of women."

Before that he heard Owen D. Young, international financier; Henry Ford, foremost American industrialist and Prof. Albert Einstein, German scientist, applaud the Edison inventions as incalculable contributions to the wealth and comfort of mankind.

It is not often that President of the United States subordinates himself even for a day to one of his countrymen, yet Mr. Hoover did that Monday. He did it voluntarily, gracefully and graciously. This was Thomas A. Edson's party, and Mr. Hoover, like the hundred or more other distinguished men, was merely a guest.

The President spoke after the others had concluded. Concluding, the President reminded the country that "every American owes a debt" to Mr. Edison.

"It is not alone a debt for the great benefactions he has brought to mankind," Mr. Hoover added, "but also a debt for the honor he has brought to our country."

All this was said at the dedication of the Edison Institute of Technology, a great institution of learning, financed and endowed by Mr. Edison's bosom friend, Henry Ford.

Mr. Ford was the actual host to the President, to the Owen Youngs, the Daniel Willards, the Rockefellers and others of that select company invited to Dearborn to celebrate the anniversary of Mr. Edson's gift of the incandescent lamp to the world.

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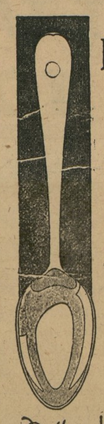

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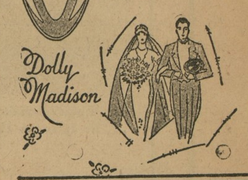

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