

Dollar Toss Across Rappahannock River Myth, Sol Bloom Asserts

Ancient Maps Give Tale Lie

Walt Johnson to Attempt
Legendary Throw by
G. Washington

Legend Retold

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Here's the 46-word paragraph written by Parson Mason L. Weems in one of his biographies of Washington around 1804 that perhaps started the legend of Washington's throwing a dollar—a stone—over the Rappahannock river:

"Colonel Lewis Willis, his playmate and kinsman, has been heard to say that he has often seen him throw a stone across the Rappahannock river at the lower ferry at Fredericksburg. It would be no easy matter to find a man nowadays who could do it."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Rep. Sol Bloom injected a cablegram and a historical correction today into the dispute over whether George Washington tossed a silver dollar across the Rappahannock river.

Walter Johnson will try to duplicate the feat that Bloom calls a "myth" at Washington birthday exercises at Fredericksburg, Va. The New York congressman, who offered to bet 20 to 1 that it couldn't be done, said he had stipulated conditions of Washington's day should govern the former baseball player's attempt.

London Cables Proof
He then produced a London cable saying that measurements on Virginia maps in the British public record office listed the river as more than 1,300 feet wide in Washington's day.

"Imagine Washington throwing anything nearly 500 yards," Bloom said. "According to scale measurements on the Warner map of 1737 the Rappahannock at Strother's place—now known as Ferry farm—was 1,320 feet wide, and on the Jefferson and Brooke map of 1746 it was 1,427 feet."

Bloom said the maps were made by the British government.

"Now let's hear something from those who've been wanting to take my 20 to 1 bet it couldn't be done," he jibed. "Those guys thought they had me, but I got in high gear. Nobody's caught me yet on facts and statistics."

"Maybe Johnson or someone else can throw a dollar over the river today, but they couldn't do it over the river that ran by the farm in Washington's day."

Bet Still Holds
"And that's my bet," Washington didn't do it and no one else can. The bet still is open for any-

The Call Board

ELSNORE
Today—O'Neill's "Ah Wilderness" with five stars.

CAPITOL
Today—Double bill, Frank Buck's "Fang and Claw" and Jack Holt in "Dangerous Waters."

GRAND
Today—Double bill, Ralph Bellamy in "Dangerous Intrigue" and Lloyd Nolan in "One Way Ticket."

Saturday—"Navy Wife" with Claire Trevor.

HOLLYWOOD
Today—"Red heads on Parade" with John Boles.

Friday—"The Lawless Rider" with Ken Maynard.

STATE
Today—Chester Morris in "Let's Talk It Over."

Saturday—First run, Steffi Duna in "Hi, Gaucho."

"Ah, Wilderness!" Eugene O'Neill's great stage drama, brought to the screen in elaborate form by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, is the current attraction at the Elsinore theatre.

A smashing triumph for both Wallace Beery who stars as the lovable, alcoholic, Uncle Sid, and Lionel Barrymore, who plays the father role enacted on the stage by George M. Cohan and the late Will Rogers, "Ah, Wilderness!" tells the story of an American family in an intensely human manner and with characters, every person in the audience can recognize.

The youthful romance is charmingly carried out by Eric Linden and Cecilia Parker, and Mickey Rooney, Spring Byington, Charles Grapewin, Frank Albertson, Edward Nugent, Bonita Granville and Helen Flint are others who deserve mention for excellent performances.

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Chester Morris
MAE CLARKE
ANDY DEVINE
—in—
"LET'S TALK IT OVER"

Paramount News
And Other Subjects!

New WPA Survey Is Announced Here; 300 Marion County Families Will Be Asked to Reveal Data on Purchases

Consumer purchases is to be the subject of a survey soon to be made in Marion county under the direction of the WPA. It was announced yesterday. The study will be conducted by the bureau of home economics of the United States department of agriculture.

Mrs. Alene Williamson will be in charge of the local work.

Mrs. Williamson or one of her assistants will call upon more than 300 families during the next few weeks. The information obtained will go to make up a catalogue of family purchases.

Study Is Nationwide
This local survey is part of a nationwide study of what consumers buy. Such information is necessary as a basis for measuring changes in the cost of living from one period to another and will also be useful for various other purposes to business and labor groups, consumers, and civic organizations. At the same time it will aid state and federal agencies in planning and carrying on their work.

Typical families over all the United States will be asked to contribute information for this study and the results from different sections of the country and different

one who can throw 1,300 feet." Bloom had another "trump" he said disproved the Washington story.

"They didn't have dollars then," he asserted. "We were a British colony, using British money. So how could anyone throw a dollar when there weren't any dollars?"

Final Warning of Washington Cited

Class and Sectional Rows
Deplored, Pointed Out
by Kiwanis Speaker

George Washington's farewell advice, warning against an array of class against class and of section against section, as a menace to the development of the nation, could well be followed today, Professor W. C. Jones told Salem Kiwanians Tuesday noon. "What America Needs Today is a modern George Washington" was Professor Jones' subject and he outlined vividly the present-day value of Washington's warning against sectional, selfish policies in government. Jones pleaded for men to regard all interests in their policies for the nation, rather than be concerned only with selfish policies.

He scored the present silver policy of the United States as an object lesson of the congress to the interests of seven states. The Townsend plan was called a totally unsound scheme which would fall most heavily on a group which could not afford to pay the transaction tax, yet a menace to the country because of the political strength its opponents muster.

Humanized Washington
Jones said history of today fairly pictured Washington as a human man—not as the glorified, austere saint which had made him an object of admiration to Americans but not the lovable personality of Lincoln. Jones described Washington as a man interested in the foibles of his day—a horse-racer, an occasional gambler, a lover of wine but withal, a man of great courage, and a man who ever kept in mind the welfare of the entire, new nation.

Methodists Going To Spokane Meet

Salem Methodist leaders who will be in Spokane today for an all-day conference of the Portland area delegates to the Methodist general conference in Columbus, Ohio, early in May include Dr. Louis Magin, Salem district superintendent and chairman of the Oregon conference delegation; W. C. Hawley, of the First Methodist church; and Dr. Sydney W.

population groups will be analyzed and compared.

The bureau of home economics is gathering information from families on farms, in villages, and in small cities. The bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor is making the same kind of a study in the larger cities. The survey as a whole is being carried on for the Works Progress administration.

Secrecy Promised
The families to be visited in each community will be chosen at random, and the information they furnish will be kept strictly confidential, so that no names will appear, and no family can be identified when the final results come out of the tabulating machines in a few months.

Those final results, however, should show what consumers actually buy with the money they have, and what they probably would buy if they could. When the information from thousands of communities over all the country is brought together and analyzed, it should show both the cost of living in different communities, and what kind of a living American families get for their money, the sponsors believe.

Hall, superintendent of the Cascade district of the church.

Other members of the Oregon delegation who will assemble at Central church in Spokane are Dr. J. C. Harrison, Portland district superintendent, Ernest Peterson of Portland Centenary-Wilbur church and F. M. Phelps of Portland Sunnyside church.

Bishop Titus Lowe of Portland will also attend the meeting, which is called to organize the area delegation and to consider matters of special interest from this area in light of the general conference.

The Portland area includes the Oregon, the Pacific Northwest, Idaho and Montana conferences of the church. Ex-congressman Hawley left yesterday for Spokane and Dr. Magin will leave today.

Northwestern Electric Official to Address Ad Club Here, Friday Noon

George H. Wisting, assistant general manager of the Northwestern Electric company, will address the Salem ad club Friday noon at the Quella on "History of Advertising."

Wisting was president of the Portland Advertising club in 1934 and is now senior vice-president of the Pacific Advertising clubs association. He recently returned from the midwinter conference held in San Francisco.

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Nation Needs 2nd Franklin

Ingalls Praises "First Civilized American"; Secor Speaks

Benjamin Franklin's vivid career, which has earned him the designation of the "first civilized American," was entertainingly pictured to Salem Rotarians on Wednesday noon by Claude E. Ingalls, editor of the Gazette-Times, Corvallis.

Franklin's aptitudes and activities earned him honor throughout the colonies and abroad, Ingalls declared. Without his service as diplomat in France, the support of that nation's "first propagandist" secured, Ingalls opined, declaring that to Franklin, George Washington was deeply indebted for his victory over the British.

Ingalls traced the career of Franklin from the time he was apprenticed to his brother in the latter's Boston printshop, to his removal to Philadelphia, and through his rise to international fame as printer, publisher, author, scientist and diplomat.

"First Propagandist"
The speaker characterized Franklin as the "first propagandist" and cited his editorials and pamphlets on national defense as the best safeguard of peace as the causes for a militia organization in Philadelphia. Subsequently it was Franklin whose idea of a confederation of colonies brought the Albany convention. As special minister from the Pennsylvania colony to England, Franklin succeeded in getting a portion of the Penn estates on the tax rolls and subsequently he waged a successful campaign in England against the stamp tax only to see it superseded by the writs of assistance which Ingalls declared brought on the revolutionary war.

Franklin was a man of penetrating intellect, of marked popularity among his fellows, of practical, common-sense shrewdness, but a man with a scientific bent, who in spare moments took up the study of electricity and made a permanent contribution to that scientific discovery, man while perfecting, but not patenting the useful Franklin stove.

Popularity Cited
Ingalls sketched and praised Franklin's service in France after the revolutionary war, said he

popularity in that country was widespread and of extreme value to the new confederation.

On the committee which wrote the Declaration of Independence, a valuable participant in the group which framed the "immortal" federal constitution, twice governor of Pennsylvania, Franklin's fertile ideas, his grasp of affairs and his intense devotion to the new country, made him outstanding among early leaders of the nation, Ingalls said.

"In these days of political monstrosities, I wish another Franklin would come forward to lead the nation with reason, not with wishful thinking," Ingalls declared. "The imminent danger of our day is the danger of organized minorities; men and women filled with Utopian dreams, played upon by scheming demagogues who exploit them for their own selfish purposes."

Defense Force Urged
Lieutenant Ralph S. Secor, speaking as a member of the National Defense week corps here, said recent years had shown our day is the danger of organized minorities; men and women filled with Utopian dreams, played upon by scheming demagogues who exploit them for their own selfish purposes."

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The police department, however, under yesterday's decision may no longer file speeding charges as against motorists. Instead the city officers must charge a violation of the basic rule, or recklessness. A charge of this nature was filed here last week and the erring motorist fined \$5.

The arresting officer told the court he could not "clock" this motorist's speed but was certain he was driving in a safe manner.

The basic rule, which is to be the governing factor in traffic violations under the court ruling, is set forth as follows:

"No person shall drive a vehicle upon a street at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the traffic, surface, width of the street and hazards at the intersections and any other conditions then existing."

Indicated speeds, driving in excess of which may bring charges for the violation of the "basic rule," are as follows:

Fifteen miles per hour in passing a school building or in passing a school bus loading or unloading passengers.

Twenty miles an hour in any business district or upon approaching within 50 feet of an intersection, except where intersections are traffic controlled.

Twenty-five miles an hour in any residence district.

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appear in court about 10 a. m. today. State Officer Powell Clayton made the arrest.

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