

Star Spangled Banner Made In Brewery, Attorneys Claim

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 15 (AP) — Was the Star Spangled Banner made in a brewery?

Maryland's court of appeals heard this version of history yesterday in a dispute over the Star Spangled Banner flag house in Baltimore.

It was there that Mary Pickersgill made the flag that flew over Fort Mifflin in 1813 and inspired Francis Scott Key's national anthem.

Courteous Drivers to Get Awards

"Most courteous driver of the week" will be rewarded each week through the remainder of December and January here in Klamath Falls.

The local Automobile Dealers association will give a \$10 merchandise award to the driver selected each week by traffic officers of the city police department.

Cooperating with the automobile dealers in the courtesy driving campaign will be the Footprinters organization. Awards will be made the latter part of each week.

Good Results

City Traffic Sergeant Odell Olson said a similar drive conducted daily for one week recently by the automobile dealers resulted in a marked decrease in improper driving on city streets. Traffic is expected to be at its worst in the next few weeks if there is snow or ice on the streets.

Any motorists, whether city residents or not, are eligible for the awards, which will be made on a basis of personal observation by traffic officers.

Pinballs Tilted Again by Court

OLYMPIA, Dec. 15 (AP) — The Washington state supreme court tilted all the pinball machines again yesterday and the machine owners declared they would appeal to the U. S. supreme court to keep the pinballs rolling.

The state court denied a petition for a rehearing of its November 9 ruling that pinball machines are illegal. Then the judges turned down a request that the ruling be stayed pending an appeal to the highest court.

Wilmot Garvin of Spokane, attorney for the pinball owners, said the U. S. court would be asked for a stay of judgment "in three or four days." He said any justice on the high court has the power to halt action on the ruling.

them, historians generally believe. She completed the huge banner in the roomier confines of a nearby brewery, argued lawyers for one side in a lawsuit.

Denial

This was denied by The Star Spangled Banner Flag House association, which said the flag was completed in a warehouse.

The state's highest court heard arguments in a condemnation suit by which the city of Baltimore seeks to take over a three-story red-brick rooming house next door to the flag house, now operated by the association as a public shrine.

The property would be converted into office space for the flag association as part of a plan to create a memorial square as "an inspiration" to patriotism.

"Into dates and history will be instilled a soul," said City Solicitor Thomas N. Biddison.

Right?

Attorneys for Anne Flacconio, owner of the rooming house, said the city has no right to take over the property.

Attorneys Hyman Ginsberg and Louis R. Milio cast doubt on the history of the flag house itself by stating it was "supposedly" the house where Mary Pickersgill made the flag which "is reputed" to have inspired Key.

They quoted a Maryland guidebook as stating that the flag was finished in a brewery.

"It could, of course, be argued that the brewery in which the flag was finally completed is entitled to as much glory as the so-called flag house," they said.

Biddison quoted a flag association statement that the flag was on the streets.

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large "that it became necessary to obtain permission to spread the materials out on the large floor of a neighboring warehouse for cutting and sewing."

Size, Design

Ginsberg and Milio gave the size of the banner as 42 by 36 feet. Biddison said it was 29 by 36 feet. All agreed it had 15 stripes and 15 stars.

At any rate, the owner's attorneys argued, the house next door, "all hands admit, had nothing to do with The Star Spangled Banner."

"One does not cease to be patriotic in every sense of that word, nor does he stop loving his country," they said.

try or the flag of that country" by objecting to the loss of the rooming house, they said.

The court took the case under advisement.

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