



WHERE KING GEORGE DIED — This is an airview of Sandringham, the country estate in England, showing the big house (background) where King George VI died in his sleep. The church on the estate, with flag at half staff, is in the foreground.

Fort Frederica Excavations Yield Colonial Life Relics

A trash-filled well that once supplied water to a colonial household in what is now Fort Frederica National Monument, on St. Simons Island, Ga., has yielded articles of household equipment and personal adornment that shed light on the way of life of the people who lived in the fortified town of Frederica in the 18th century.

In reporting the results of recent archeological excavations at the national monument to Secretary of the Interior Chapman, Director Conrad L. Wirth, of the National Park Service, emphasized the importance of this eighteenth-century fortified English settlement in the English-Spanish bid for power in the New World. General James Oglethorpe, who headed English operations against the Spanish in Florida, made it his headquarters. Once the Anglo-Spanish struggle was over, the town's purpose had been achieved and it gradually disappeared.

FORERUNNER
Recent excavations at Fort Frederica have uncovered a wealth of information about this old town that had been buried for a century and a half. The excavations were started in the hope of locating two houses which Colonial records indicated had a common wall property line—perhaps a forerunner of the modern duplex.

The turning of almost the first shovel of earth disclosed a colonial well nine feet deep and five feet in diameter at the top. Long abandoned, it had been filled with what was trash at the time of its disposal but which is now of historic value.

Among the objects uncovered were hand-blown bottles, a complete musket bayonet, two cuff links or shirt frogs, and numerous bits of broken dishes. The latter range from earthenware apothecary jars and salt-glazed English utility wares of the 18th century to English blue and white Delft soft-paste porcelain and Chinese export porcelain.

Extensions of the excavations uncovered the foundations of the two houses which were the primary purpose of the dig. These foundations checked in every way with the meager descriptions found in Colonial documents. One, the property in Colonial times of Dr. Thomas Hawkins, had a brick room 14 x 20 feet in dimensions, to which had been added on the west a 10 x 14 foot addition of frame construction. This corresponds to Dr. Hawkins' statement that he had completed his house and later added half as much to the length. There is a fireplace on the party wall and a corner cupboard. Among the bricks of one of the fireplaces it had been raised several times) lay the stem of a lead glass goblet with a tear-dropping stem, leading to the interesting speculation that it might have been tossed there after a toast to King George II.

FURNACE PLAN
The house on the other side of the party wall was occupied by Samuel Davison, a carriage maker brought to Frederica by General James Oglethorpe to make musket stocks. In addition Davison ran an ale house. The main room of the Davison house was 18 feet square, also with a fireplace against the common wall. The east end of it was a narrow room and to the south another 18 x 33 feet. The main room first had a sand floor, then a tabby covering a mortar mixed with lime obtained from

Death Takes Mrs. Bony

LAKEVIEW — Margaret Ellen Bony, wife of Mr. Samuel Bony, died at her home Feb. 3, 1952, at Junction City, O., Feb. 23, 1887. Mrs. Bony was 64 years, 11 months and 19 days of age.

Mrs. Bony had been a resident of Lakeview since January, 1934, when she and her husband moved here from Portland. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Portland, A.C.M.E., and of the Elks Auxiliary, Lakeview. The Rosary was read Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Bony residence, and the funeral mass was held Wednesday from St. Patrick's Church with the Rev. James M. O'Connor officiating.

Death Claims Joe Scherupp

LAKEVIEW — Joe Scherupp, former rancher in the Vernone district, died Feb. 4 at his home in Yreka, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Scherupp moved from this area about three years ago after selling the ranch which they had operated about seven years.

Scherupp suffered a stroke in the early morning of Feb. 4, and died about noon. He had suffered a previous stroke about one year ago, but had been improving and the past couple of months had been able to get around with the aid of a crutch.

RED REGRETS
MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky sent a letter Thursday to British Ambassador Sir Alvaro Gascoigne expressing the condolences of himself and President N. M. Shvernik at the death of King George.

MILITARY TRIBUNAL
SAIGON, Indo-China (AP) — The first military tribunal created under the Vietnamese government now is functioning here. Its judges are charged with the maintenance of "strict discipline" within Vietnam's youthful army.



MARINE HERO DECORATED — President Truman decorates Marine Staff Sgt. Archie Van Winkle of Everett, Wash., with the Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism in Korea. Van Winkle, 26-year-old reservist now on inactive duty, was cited for leading a daring charge in which a bullet shattered his arm and an enemy grenade exploded against his chest.

Entire Police Force Quits

BEDFORD, O. — All 12 men on the police force of this Cleveland suburb resigned Thursday night.

Chief James F. Gresham, who read a joint letter to city councilmen, said Bedford officials had not given proper consideration to policemen's demands for more money.

Councilmen called a meeting for Monday to consider the situation.

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Agriculture Heads See News Curbs Backfiring

WASHINGTON — A close-mouthed press policy is being blamed by some Agriculture Department officials for much of the criticism the agency is getting because of the recently disclosed grain shortages.

They said if the department's own information staff had reported each case as it developed, little attention probably would have been aroused. But they contend the individual cases were so comparatively small, officials actually did not think them newsworthy.

The result, however, was to have all the stories break at once, making the situation appear much worse than agriculture officials say it really is.

The admittedly short-sighted policy has not been changed, but too late to stop the bad publicity and Congressional investigations.

Preliminary investigations indicate the government may lose several million dollars through shortages of various types, including acts of some warehouse owners in converting department grain to their own use.

Officials who asked that they not be named put much of the responsibility for current bad publicity upon the department's own press policy.

Although it has a sizable staff of information men and issues more than 2,000 news releases and reports annually, the department took no steps to report the shortages until mid-December. That time it reported it had gone to court against six firms to recover losses. Some of the cases were filed last July.

This information was supplied after some newsmen had sought vainly for months to run down ru-

Timber Battle To Governor

PORTLAND — The campaign to save timber stands in the Columbia River Gorge will be carried to Governor McKay and Multnomah County Commissioners.

The Portland Women's Forum, leading the campaign, said a conference would be sought with the governor. County commissioners already have agreed to talk with a committee of the forum.

The women's group hopes to keep loggers out of the Gorge—by creating state parks in timber stands there, if necessary. Some logging started there recently.

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