

Appraisers' Book Lists Show Washington Wide Reader

Visitors to Mount Vernon, who make the usual curio tour of the house, come away with the belief that they have seen in the library the books of George Washington precisely as he left them. They later learn that these books are in many cases simply other copies of volumes Washington is known to have possessed. They are deeply disappointed and wonder why the Boston Athenaeum should own and keep such a large number of the original books from Washington's library.

Londoner Gains Possession - Londoners have been written in this question of Washington's inclinations as a reader. Most of these authorities give themselves up to rhapsodic and speculative. The one fact that is indisputable is that on the death of Justice Bushrod Washington, a number of books formerly belonging to the first president were bequeathed by him to his nephew, and from that nephew were bought by one Henry Sturges, of London, who meant to place them in the hands of the British Museum. There the Washington books might now be but that a group of Boston patriots, members of the private library known as the Boston Athenaeum, clubbed together and bought for \$3,750 this collection from time to time.

Incidentally it was this same Boston institution which, in 1831, bought the most famous Stuart portrait, that of George Washington, which was acquired from the family of the artist, for the sum of \$1,500 which stands recorded in the official records of the Athenaeum as "an absurdly small sum as it now seems for these invaluable pictures." As every visitor to Boston knows, this pair of portraits, perhaps the best known in the country, has been lent by the Athenaeum authorities to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, so that they may be seen by thousands of admirers every year, where otherwise they would be visible only to the users of a private library.

Returning to the known books of Washington, just what did he read? By the infallible test of the appraisers' list, he bought chiefly books of information, National Geographic Magazine, and other authorities on military science interested him. Next in importance he seems to have read books on agriculture and husbandry. At the head of the appraisers' list stand the American Encyclopedia of that period, in 10 volumes. One volume with a title calculated to amuse the sophisticated of the present day is a "Royal Grammar, for young Gentlemen and Ladies." Another striking

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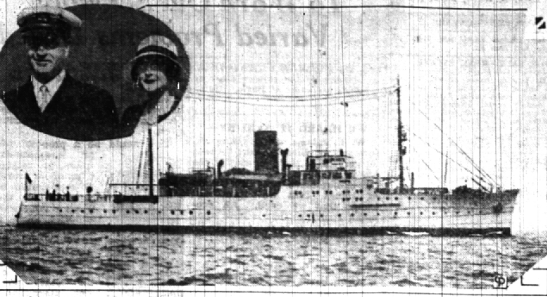
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Queer fish in the depths of the South Seas have lured the William K. Vanderbilts and five of their friends away from New York society for 10 months. On the list is "Jeffries Aerial Voyages."

Read Little Fiction - Washington read Shakespeare, and occasionally quoted him. He read Homer's Iliad and Odyssey in the Pope translation. He owned the Letter of James Gibbons' Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, the Letters of Voltaire, Chesterfield's Letters, Sewall's Moral Essays and the prose of Swift, Sterne and Addison.

Whatever Washington did read, he regarded books as of sufficient importance to warrant the building of a wing to his house, to serve as a library and visitors to Mount Vernon come away with the opinion that it was the most interesting and attractive room in the house. And Washington is known to have passed much of his life at his work there.

Church News

First Presbyterian Church
W. Clarence Wright, M. A. Pastor
Bible School will meet at 7:30 P. M. at morning worship, 11 A. M. Rev. Ralph C. McAfee, Minister.

Southside United Presbyterian Church
The. M. and Labor Reads
S. Irvine Acheson, Pastor
Bible School—12:15 P. M. Clyde D. Cox, Superintendent.

First Methodist Episcopal Church
Maple Avenue West at Horezetta
Robert M. Hester, Minister
Sunday School, 10 A. M. Classes for Women, 11:30 A. M. Morning worship, 11 A. M. Sermon subject, "Heaven on Earth."

United Presbyterian Church
Rev. W. E. Evans, Minister
Bible School, 7:30 P. M. Morning worship, 11:15 A. M. The Church will join in prayer service at 7:30 P. M. Wednesday, July 22.

Chapel of the Holy Name
Harmon at Woodlawn
Rev. James W. Cutler, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:30 A. M. Mass at 11:00 A. M. Holy Mass at 7:30 P. M. Baptisms, 10:30 A. M.

First Baptist Church
Willets at Bates St.
David Ledwith, Minister
Residence, 311 Bates St.
In observance of the 100th Anniversary of the morning sermon will be given by Rev. W. L. Adams of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, "Changing Values," at 7:30 the following week, July 25, 1931. The Rev. Mr. Ledwith will discuss "Christianity of Young Peoples Union at 6:30 P. M. Wednesday prayer service, Wednesday, 8 P. M.

Christ Church Cranbrook
Rev. Dr. S. M. May, Pastor
Morning Prayer at 8:30 A. M. Morning Prayer on the first Sunday in each month at 11 A. M. The Carillon is played before each service.

St. James Episcopal Church
Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, Rector
Phone, 2822
Bible School, 10:30 A. M. Sunday School, 10:30 A. M. Morning prayer service, Wednesday, 8 P. M.

Embury Methodist Church
Church School, 11:30 A. M. Morning worship, 11:30 A. M.

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Thos. G. Wergsler, Pastor
Church School, 10:30 A. M. Morning worship, 10:30 A. M.

Christian Science Church
Chapel and Willets at 10:09 A. M. Sunday School, 10:30 A. M. Reading room in the church building is open from 10:30 A. M. until 4:30 P. M. daily except Sundays and holidays. It is also open on Wednesdays before and after the services.

"Life" was the subject of the lesson-ferment in all Christian Science Churches on Sunday, July 19.

Among the citations which comprised the lesson-ferment was the following: "The fruit of the tree of life made me, and the breath of the Almighty blew upon me." (Job 33:6)

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EXPECT 200 BIKE ENTRIES

Children's Parade For Aug. 1 Celebration Proves Popular

About 50 entries have been made in the children's bicycle and costume parade which will be one of the features of the morning program at the Grand Trunk celebration here Aug. 1 and more than 200 are expected before the entries close on July 30. It was announced yesterday by Stanley Bailey, chairman of the Glymphe Club committee in charge of the parade.

A total of 24 prizes have been offered to individual entrants. They will be on display in merchants' windows this week, and are as follows: Finest boy's costume—first, Eastman camera; second, sport sweater; third, St. Regis watch; Best girl's costume—first, swimming suit; second, beach pajamas; third, tennis racket.

Finest boy's costume—first, ping-pong outfit; second, roller skates; third, Eveready flashlight. Finest girl's costume—first, tennis racket; second, roller skates; third, Eastman camera.

Best boys' annual entry—first, bathing suit; second, sweater; third, baseball bat. Best girl's annual entry—first, camera; second, beach pajamas; third, tennis racket.

Best decorated boy's bicycle—first, electric headlight; second, bicycle siren; third, bicycle horn. Best decorated girl's bicycle—first, electric headlight; second, bicycle siren; third, bicycle horn.

The parade, which is for boys and girls under 14 years of age only, will form at 10 A. M. at Hill School on the corner of Merrill and Chester streets, and will take the following course: Chester to Maple, east on Maple to Brownell, Brownell to Forest, Forest to Brown, Brown to Pierce, Pierce to Merrill, west on Merrill past the Municipal Building, ending at Hill School.

Members of the Glymphe Club and police officers will be on guard at all times in order that nothing shall happen to the children, Mr. Bailey said.

The judges will be Judge Dan McGaffey of Oakland County Probate Court, Dr. C. F. Lawler and Charles S. Kinnison, both of Birmingham.

Communism stuff. You couldn't scare up 20 of them in the whole town.

In defense of the mayor after the filing of the Demmah damage suits, the Barberton Chamber of Commerce, through its directors, declared that in the Chamber's opinion, Mayor Decker gave no authority for the assault of any one during the meeting in which tear gas and clubs were used.

Ohio Editors Open War On City's Officials In Free Speech Controversy

Municipality Becomes Storm Center After Camranch And Citizens Are Attacked, Beaten At Labor Meeting



Top photo shows Frank Demshaw, newspaper photographer, with the camera he was using when clubbed into unconsciousness by Barberton protest meeting; inset Ed Cunningham, Demshaw's volunteer assistant, shows after he had been severely beaten on the head; below, Barberton citizens fleeing from Lake Anna Park after tear gas bombs had been exploded (copyright, Akron Times-Press).

Barberton, O.—"Freedom of speech" and "freedom of the press" have found a new battleground in this manufacturing city of 24,000, adjoining Akron. Seldom has Ohio seen such a furious fight as is being led by John S. Knight, managing editor of the Akron Beacon Journal, and I. E. Judd, editor of the Akron Times-Press, together with civic organizations, against officials of Barberton.

Following the clubbing and bombing with tear gas of citizens and newspaper men during protest meetings of the International Labor Defense, the removal of Mayor Seney Allan Decker and Police Chief Fred Wernitz of Barberton has been demanded of Governor George White.

The protest meetings followed the disappearance, last Feb. 4, of Louis Alexander, colored laborer, who he charged had been beaten by men in police uniforms after having been dragged from his shop, two nights previously.

War and patriotic organizations in Akron immediately passed resolutions demanding that Governor White probe the riot and particularly the clubbing of Post Commander Demmah of the Akron Army and Navy Union garrison.

Frank Rockwell, well-known Akron attorney, was retained as counsel by the Beacon Journal. He filed two \$50,000 damage suits on behalf of Frank Demshaw, clubbed photographer, who it was found, had lost his hearing in the ear. The suits are against city officials and the alleged clubber.

Mayor Decker, Safety Director Frank Brotsman and Police Chief Wernitz of Barberton have disclaimed responsibility for the appointment of special police.

The police chief is quoted as saying, in defense of measures taken to prevent meetings: "Our people just won't stand for this

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