

Halifax Expresses Gratitude In Visit to McKonkey Ferry

WASHINGTON CROSSING, N. J.—Mrs. J. B. H. Field, hostess and custodian of McKonkey Ferry House where George Washington and his 2,500 troops stopped for rest and refreshments after crossing the Delaware on Christmas night, 1776, is in receipt of a letter of thanks from Lord Halifax, British ambassador to the United States, for courtesies extended during the recent visit of Halifax and his wife to this historic spot.

The distinguished Britishers were accompanied by Dr. Harold W. Dodds, president of Princeton University, and Howard L. Hughes, Trenton librarian, when Halifax was en route to Princeton to present a stone from the bombed House of Commons building in London to the university. Former Senator J. Gilbert Bolton, who supervises the Ferry House for the State Department of Conservation and Development, also was in attendance.

"I write to thank you again on behalf of Lady Halifax and myself," says the British ambassador in his communication, "for your kindness in making our visit to the McKonkey Ferry House so interesting and instructive. We greatly enjoyed our visit and are very happy indeed to have had the chance of seeing it."

During the visit, Mrs. Field related the history of the Ferry House and explained the various antiques, including the flint, with which Halifax was familiar. "In the bedroom where General Washington rested," says Mrs. Field, "his Lordship had to stoop,

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and even then his head touched the ceiling. But he enjoyed it just the same. Both he and Lady Halifax were quite interested in the picture of the Washington family in this room, also the trundle bed and the candle table returned by the McKonkey family.

"As it was late in the afternoon, we lighted the candles, and it made a very pretty setting. Throughout the visit, the favorite expression of Lady Halifax was, 'Most interesting!'"

Red Cross Urges Public To Ration on Nurses

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Red Cross urged the public today to ration itself on nursing services and to insist that nurses who are classified "available" for military duty answer the army's call for "10,000 nurses now."

With the overseas nurse shortage growing more acute as battles intensify, the army for the first time is sending hospital units abroad without nurses. Of the 41,000 nurses now in service, 75 percent are overseas.

Miss Gertrude Banfield, assistant director of the Red Cross Nursing Service in charge of recruiting, said plenty of nurses were available to fill the army's quota of 10,000 but that they are reluctant to enlist.

BAR ORDERED CLOSED
State Alcoholic Beverage Control Director Alfred E. Driscoll has ordered the Veterans Cafe, 637 North Clinton Avenue, closed for five days, commencing at 2 A. M. on January 8, on a charge of selling intoxicants to minors. The saloon is now operated by Mrs. Mary Blazewski, to whom the license was recently transferred from her husband, Joseph. The alleged infraction of the law occurred while the husband operated the place.

Baptist Men's Speaker



Dr. Earl Frederick Adams

General Director of Promotion of the Northern Baptist Convention who will address the "Laymen's Green Lake" dinner sponsored by the Council of New Jersey Baptist men at Central Baptist Church on Tuesday, January 9. A new Baptist retreat grounds is being acquired at Green Lake, Wis. New Jersey has been asked to raise \$11,500. William Major of Vineland, is chairman of the dinner and A. Roger Trout is in charge of local arrangements.

Trenton Soldiers Wounded in Battle

Ten soldiers from Trenton and vicinity are among 85 New Jersey men included today by the War Department on a list of wounded on various battle fronts.

In all cases the next of kin have previously been notified and have been kept informed by the War Department of any change in status. The casualties:

European area—Private Joseph A. Farber, son of Mrs. Mary Farber, 118 Turpin Street; Staff Sergeant Dominick Germane, Jr., son of Mrs. Angeline Germane, 11 Lytle Street, Princeton; Private Sol Lazinger, son of Mrs. Minnie G. Lazinger, Route 2, Freehold; Private Daniel R. Marrazzo, son of Mrs. Mary Marrazzo, 419 Whitaker Avenue; Private First Class James A. Nasso, Jr., son of Mrs. Susie Nasso, Route 3, Somerville.

Mediterranean area—Private John T. Boynton, husband of Mrs. Adelaide R. Boynton, Route 2, Freehold; Private First Class William Breese, son of Mrs. Lillian McCabe, 342 Stockton Street, Hightstown; Private William Budd, son of Waller F. Budd, 573 Roosevelt Street; Private Lester B. Golden, Jr., son of Lester B. Golden, 44 North Main Street, Pennington.

Southwest Pacific area—First Lieutenant Wilson F. Ekdahl, husband of Mrs. Anna Belle Ekdahl, Main Street, Englishtown.

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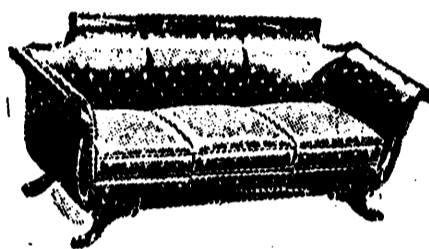
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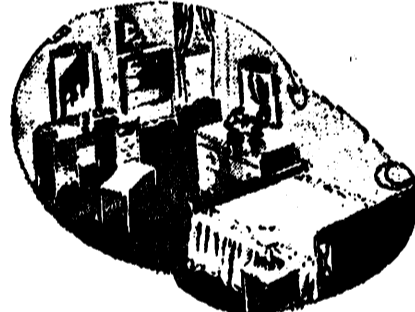
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