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WOMAN OF HILLS HELPED WIN WAR OF REVOLUTION

(By Benn Drum of Shelby)

The gunpowder that won the battle of King's Mountain, which was the turning point in the American fight for freedom, never paid for and was the gift to her country's cause of a heroic mountain woman—such is the legend of an age-old historic story unearthed in Cleveland county last week.

Mary Patton, before marriage Mary McKeehen, born and reared in England, contributed to a great extent to the death of the "red coats" the defeat of the "red coats"—her countrymen—and to the independence of her adopted people, and yet until last week her name was unknown to the people who live within sight of the famous battleground, a shrine in the hearts of American lovers of freedom.

The revelation of the true story of Mary Patton could not have come at a better time. Next week thousands of Americans will gather at King's Mountain in celebration of the 144th anniversary of the most prominent Americans from all sections of the country will attend, and thousands will pay a tribute to Col. Shelby, Secretary Campbell and the rangers from South Carolina mountaineers and their deadly antagonists, Ferguson and his men.

But now Mary Patton will come in for the glory she should have had decades or rather a century ago. In the only play, the only play, that she ever received for the victorious fight 144 years ago, she thought that without the powder she made the battle could never have been won.

Out on Shelby, Route 1, lives a Mrs. S. E. Gofforth, a first descendant of Mrs. Patton. By chance Mrs. Gofforth noticed posters telling of the big celebration in the offering. To her mind the posters recalled an old newspaper in her store of valuables, and brought to light the powder for the big celebration in the offering. To her mind the posters recalled an old newspaper in her store of valuables, and brought to light the powder for the big celebration in the offering.

Mary McKeehen, born and reared to young womanhood in England, came to America and landed at Charlotte, Pa. There she met young John Patton, who came to America from Ireland, and they were married and lived for a time at Carter Point, a small town in England. Mary's husband learned the trade of powder making, it being an old English law that soldiers and girls had to learn a trade there.

"Nathaniel Taylor, a general in the Revolutionary army, married Polly Patton, a first cousin of John Patton, Mary's husband, and the Taylors entered a boundary of land near the mouth of Buffalo creek, in Carter county, Tennessee. Through his wife's connection, it was that Mary Patton knew the art of powder making, and John and Mary were persuaded to come to Tennessee.

Taylor built the house, or mill, in which Mary would make powder for many months and years after the war she helped win was ended. The gift of powder was said to have been \$1 per pound. Following the gift of powder from Mary Patton the rangers and patriots gathered at Sycamore Shoals and marched to King's Mountain, where they drove the "red coats" from the mountain where Ferguson declared "all hell could not move him."

The powder she made was carried across the Blue Ridge mountains before there was a mode, was a cut-out or bypath, the old story relates, and the trails and hardships connected with the making of the 500 pounds of powder that had much to do with the success of today will never be known.

Mary Patton lived to be 85 years of age, dying on the farm now owned by James Moffett at the head of Powder branch on Dec. 15, 1836. Her husband was buried in a graveyard near Oak Grove church in the same county.

The story was handed by generations, the reliable history of his mountain people. Mary Patton reared a grandson, S. E. Patton, who for years helped her make powder in the powder mill on Powder branch, and the story was first told by him to his son, T. Y. Patton, who related it in the Tennessee newspaper.

GOV. MORRISON PROPOSES TO GET DR. PEACOCK BACK

Deciding that he was going to get Dr. J. W. Peacock back to North Carolina from California, where he is held pending extradition proceedings, Governor Cameron Morrison has issued a statement in which he said steps, which for the present would not be made public, were being taken by the criminal insane department of State prison. "I am going to get him back here," the Governor stated, "and can not say any more. I have taken to bring him back. To do so would be forwarding Peacock and preparing him for the move that is about to be made against him. I have not conferred with or confided in anybody, but I am going to get him back."

MUST ATTEND CHURCH FOR ONE FULL YEAR

James Wilson was given his choice of going to church or Sunday School for 12 months or staying in the county roads that time, when he was given a hearing in Greensboro municipal court on a charge of selling booze. He took the church sentence.

Red Spiders did much damage to cotton in North Carolina this year. They winter on violets, peck weeds, and Jerusalem oak and later spread to the cotton. Destroy the host plants and there will be little trouble from these insects next year.

HOW TO FIND EARLY IF YOU HAVE TUBERCULOSIS

Careful surveys have shown that for every death from tuberculosis there are an average nine people affected with this disease. There were 2,842 deaths from tuberculosis in North Carolina last year. This means that there are in our State 27,000 people with active tuberculosis. A great many of them do not know they are affected, because the symptoms of early tuberculosis are indistinct. The disease in the early stage does not make one feel very sick, according to a press bulletin sent out by the North Carolina Sanatorium.

Tuberculosis is curable provided it is discovered in the early stage. Advanced tuberculosis is incurable. Symptoms of Tuberculosis: Any of the following symptoms should make a person suspicious of having tuberculosis: Loss of weight. Loss of strength. Lack of energy and endurance. Feeling tired and "run-down," especially in the afternoon or evening. Poor appetite.

A temperature normal or below normal in the morning and 99 or above in the afternoon evening. A cough is frequently but not always present in tuberculosis; it may be a dry, hacking cough or it may be productive; the phlegm is usually white and frothy, but in some cases every cough lasting three weeks or more is suspicious.

A hemorrhage from the lungs, as such as a teaspoonful of pure blood, although always due to tuberculosis, blood-streaked sputum is also suspicious. Pleurisy, a sharp pain in the chest, made worse on deep breathing or on coughing and lasting an hour or more—is nearly always due to tuberculosis; this is true whether it is dry pleurisy or with fluid in the chest.

An anal fistula which persists more than a month is usually due to tuberculosis. If you have a hemorrhage, pleurisy or coughing, you should have a thorough physical examination, and if the tuberculosis cannot be detected otherwise be sure to have an X-ray of your chest made by some one who has had considerable experience in reading chest pictures.

Night sweats, loss of appetite, and persistent huskiness of the voice or hoarseness should also make one suspect tuberculosis. Be Examined Tuberculosis is like a house on fire and it can only be put out when discovered early. One should not wait to be examined until he has symptoms of advanced tuberculosis. Any one of the symptoms of tuberculosis should make a person suspicious of the disease. If you have any of the symptoms of the trouble to your physician at once and have a thorough physical examination. If he is doubtful about the condition of your lungs see a chest specialist.

Free Examinations For those who cannot afford to go to a specialist the North Carolina Sanatorium, Sanatorium, N. C., offers free physical examinations provided you write the superintendent for an appointment. Persons who come without an appointment, expecting to be examined, will have to be charged for the examination. Since the examination takes about an hour the doctor may be so busy he cannot make the examination at all unless you write for an engagement; but there is no red tape about it. To get a free examination all you need to do is to write the superintendent. "Please give me a date for a free examination."

The extension department of the Sanatorium also employs two traveling specialists who hold free disease clinics in counties and towns wherever request is made for their services. Persons interested in how to prevent tuberculosis and how to get well of this disease should write to the Extension Department, North Carolina Sanatorium, Sanatorium, N. C.

RUNNING WATER IS POSSIBLE FOR EVERY HOME

Running water is within the reach of every farm home in North Carolina. E. R. Raney, farm engineering specialist for the State College Extension Service has examined the installation of many simple water systems during the past year and his studies show that of home, however humble it may be, need do without this necessary convenience. These farm water systems may be only a siphon pump located conveniently over the sink or they may be the elaborate kind with complete kitchen and bathroom fixtures. Mr. Raney states that the water may be secured from wells, both deep and shallow, or springs and ditches. The source of water supply will determine the type of pump needed and then the only thing left for the owner to determine is the kind of storage tank he would like to have and the extent to which he will go with the installation of fixtures. If a spring lower than the house is furnishing as much as three gallons of water per minute and a fall of at least three feet can be obtained within a reasonable distance of the spring, a hydraulic ram may be installed to pump water into a tank. Whatever the source of supply, it is best to put in a storage tank sufficiently large to hold at least one or two days' supply of water. In securing the site of the tank, Mr. Raney advises that 30 gallons per day for each person in the home be used as a basis.

NOT A CRIME

A fisherman, who had been angling all morning, saw a man coming his way when he took to be the owner of the property he was fishing on. "Are these private waters?" he asked. "No," was the answer. "Then it won't be a crime if I and a dog?" "No," said the other. "I would be a miracle."

SELECT SEED CORN FROM THE STALKS IN A FIELD

An increase of between three and four bushels per acre has been secured by the Division of Agronomy of the State College Experiment Station in its test with seed corn selected from the stalks as contrasted with seed obtained from the cobs. In some cases the increased yield was as high as eight bushels per acre, within the same variety. This in itself proves that it pays to select in the field the seed corn for next year's planting, state the agronomy workers.

Seed corn carefully selected in the crib next spring is better than no selection at all because poor seed results in poor stands, waste of land and labor and in low yields at harvest. Agronomy workers advise that before corn is gathered, go into the field and secure more than twice as much as will be needed for next year's planting. The grower needs to get his seed early from the kind of stalks that he would like to have growing in his fields next year.

When the desired amount has been secured, the ears should be stored in a place where they will be dry and free from rats and weevils. Some good farmers hang their seed ears by strings or wires from the rafters and others use tight bins. Next spring the best of these field selected ears may be used for seed and the remainder in the field also will make a germination test before planting to be sure that a good stand will be secured.

Where seed corn is carefully selected in the field each year and good seed patch planted to supply the needed amount of seed for the entire farm, yields will be improved and the corn will mature nearly pay for the time, labor and fertilizer used in growing it, say the agronomy workers.

One of the dogmas of the Arabian Alkhwans is the sinfulness of tobacco smoking. Men have paid the supreme penalty for smoking in Washburn, Murder, adultery, and theft are treated compared with tobacco smoking in the opinion of these people.

NEW GUN RECORD

A new American .18 inch gun in a recent test hurled a 2,400 pound projectile 35 miles, establishing what army artillery experts declare is a record for the continental United States. So the accomplishments of legitimate artillery crews closer on the phenomenal record established by the freak Big Bertha, which accomplished little more than breaking up an Eastern church service. Such weapons as this new American rifle are solely for defensive purposes.



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Tax Notice!

I will be at the following places on the dates given for the purpose of collecting your taxes for the year 1924

Table listing tax collection dates for various locations: KING'S CREEK (Monday, Oct. 13), LITTLE RIVER (Tuesday Morning, Oct. 14), DUDLEY SHOALS (Tuesday Afternoon, Oct. 14), NORTH CATAWBA (Wednesday, Oct. 15), GRANITE FALLS (Thursday, Oct. 16), HUDSON (Wednesday, Oct. 22), PATTERSON (Thursday, Oct. 23), YADKIN VALLEY (Friday, Oct. 24), COLLETTSVILLE (Monday, Oct. 27), MORTIMER (Tuesday, Oct. 28), GLOBE (Wednesday, Oct. 29), RHODISS (Thursday Morning, Oct. 30), GRANITE OLD MILL (Thursday Afternoon, Oct. 30), MULBERRY (Friday, Oct. 31)

Notice to the delinquents for 1923 taxes— You must pay at once. It cannot be put off, all must pay. I am going to collect it in some way, so do not force me to add cost.

Very respectfully yours F. T. SHERRILL, Sheriff Caldwell County

Advertisement for Standard Polarine Motor Oil. Includes a chart for checking oil levels and text: "Check the chart", "STANDARD Polarine Motor Oil", "FIRST quality oil for every type of car. Consult your dealer's chart for the correct consistency and always stick to it for perfect lubrication."

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Advertisement for Buick Motor Cars. Text: "Buick leads in performance!". "The 900,000 Buicks in daily service prove Buick performance.". "Caldwell Motor Company Buick Sales and Service Lenoir, North Carolina". "When better automobiles are built, Buick will"