

PREHISTORIC BED OF OYSTERS FOUND IS FOUND IN MARYLAND

Department of Interior Issues Report of Interest on the Matter; Geological Features.

On the banks of the lower Potomac river at Wailes Bluff, near Cornfield Harbor, Md., may be seen a thick bed of oyster shells, now high and dry above tide level and covered by several feet of earth. How did they get there? Is it a kitchen hidden of the long ago, left by the Indians or their predecessors? Geologists say no; the bed is vastly older than that, and the oysters lived and died where they now are and owe their present high position to changes in water level and not to human agency.

Report Issued

This ancient oyster bed and adjacent deposits that include a more varied assortment of shells are pictured by the Department of the Interior as entitled "Notes on Pleistocene Faunas Pliocene and Pleistocene Faunas from North Carolina," just published by the Department of the Interior as Professional Paper 150-F of the Geological Survey. Although the oysters that inhabited these shells lived during the final stages of the "Ice Age," the temperature of the sea must have been about the same then as today, or perhaps a little warmer, for Mr. Mansfield finds that a kind of clam that now flourishes in Mobile Bay then lived near the mouth of the Potomac River.

Interesting Observations

In the course of his field studies Mr. Mansfield observed cypress stumps 6 to 8 feet in diameter buried beneath 22 feet of sea shells, sand, and clay, on the Neuse River below New Bern, N. C. He infers that the salt water of the ocean invaded a cypress swamp at this point, killed and truncated the trees, and deposited sand, sea shells, and mud upon them. This was in the later part of what geologists call the Pleistocene epoch, which began perhaps 1,000,000 years or more ago. The

stumps may be as much as 100,000 years old. Later the sea withdrew, and the marine deposits were gradually cut through by the river until the old stumps thus far well preserved by the exclusion of the air, again became visible.

HUGE CANDLE TO BE LIGHTED AT COLLEGE

Northwestern Annual Ceremony May 16 to Be Marked by Big Feature

A huge purple candle, 4 feet tall and 6 inches in diameter, large enough to last more than 100 years, will be lighted for the first time on Candle Lighting Night, May 16, by President Walter Dill Scott as a part of the annual candle lighting ceremony of Northwestern university. At the same hour, 8:01 p. m., standard time, smaller purple candles will be lighted by Northwestern alumni all over the world.

The 4-foot candle will be placed in the cupola of Old College, the first building on the campus at Northwestern and now used by the school of education. This room henceforth will be used exclusively as the candle lighting room, and each year the president of the university will light the big candle for the brief ceremony. A plaque on the wall of the room will give the date of the first lighting of the candle. Should Old College ever be torn down, the cupola with its big candle will be preserved.

Horace Goodrich of Chicago, a member of the class of 1859, the first graduating class at Northwestern, has been asked to take part in the dedication of the candle room and the ceremony of the first lighting of the 100-year candle.

TABLET IN MEMORY OF REP. W. F. WEISS

In memory of the late Rep. William F. Weiss, former member of the high school board and a tireless worker for the students and athletes at the Waukegan high school, a bronze tablet will be placed in a shady nook in the local athletic field which has been re-named in honor of Mr. Weiss.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF FEDERATED CLUBS

Big Meeting of Women of Illinois in Chicago on May 14th

Delegates from over seven hundred federated clubs throughout the state will gather at the Stevens hotel, Chicago, May 14 to 18, for the thirty-third annual convention of the Illinois Federation of Women's clubs, and also to enjoy the Well-Equipped Homes Exposition which the I.F.W.C. is holding in connection with the convention, at the same place.

A strong program has been arranged, including exceptionally good music by prominent soloists, trios and choruses, and addresses will be given by such well-known men as Dr. Max E. Mason, president of the Chicago university, Dr. William Sandler, Senator Harold E. Kissinger, Hon. Henry Rathbone, William A. Durgin, Lt. Col. Bullis, and also by the president of the General Federation of Women's clubs, Mrs. John T. Sherman, formerly of Chicago, the latter being the speaker at the gala event of the convention, the banquet on Thursday evening.

A dinner for the board of directors and the local board on Monday, the Junior dinner, followed by a play written and presented by the Juniors on Tuesday, department luncheons and a motor trip on Wednesday, and a reception following the banquet on Thursday, are some of the social features of the sessions.

Much interest is being shown in the outcome of the elections, as the offices of president, second and third vice-president and General Federation director are to be filled during the convention.

The kid element should not be so fascinated by listening in at the radio, that they will not occasionally stop and listen in when their parents broadcast some wise advice to them.



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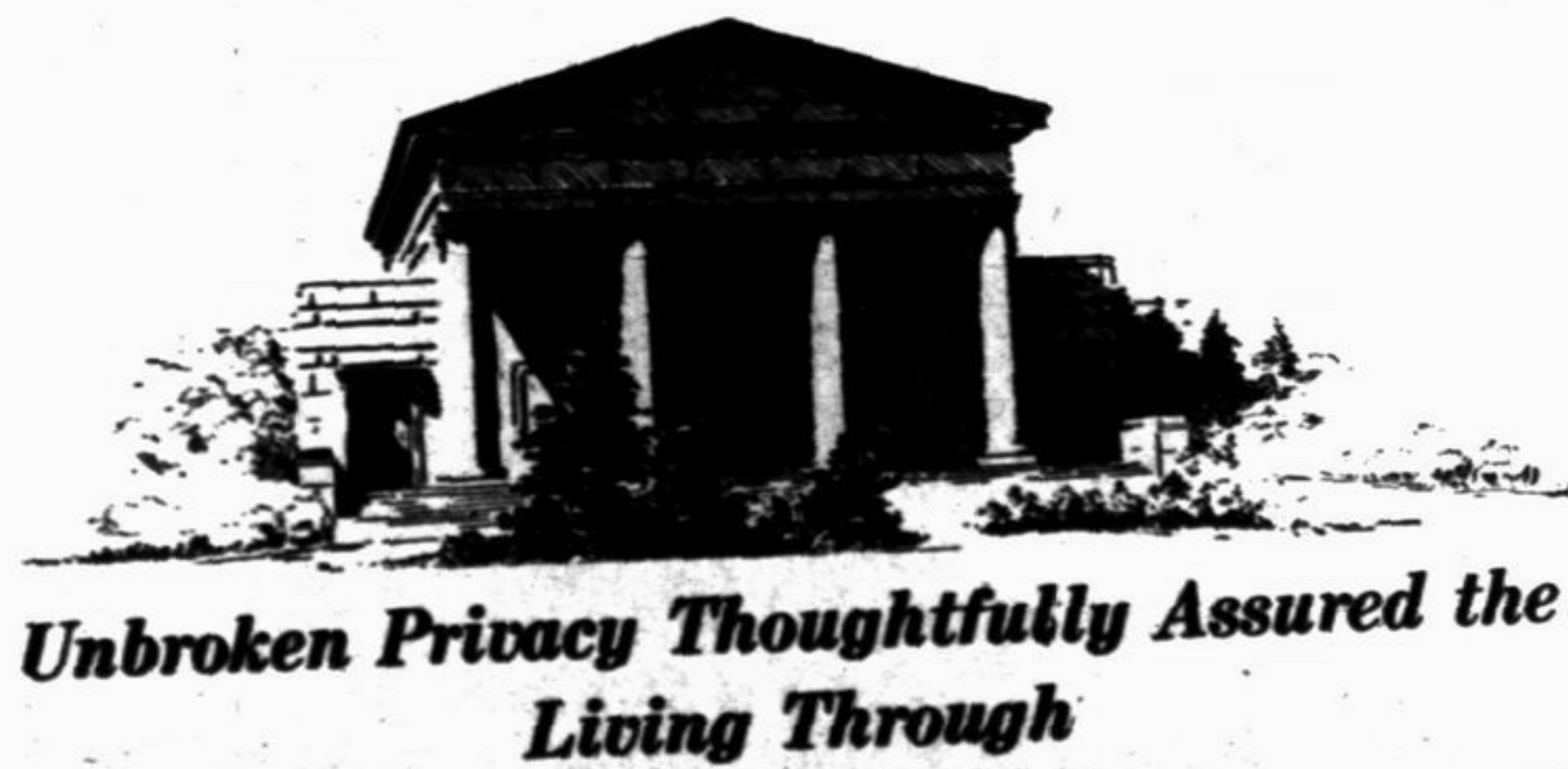


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