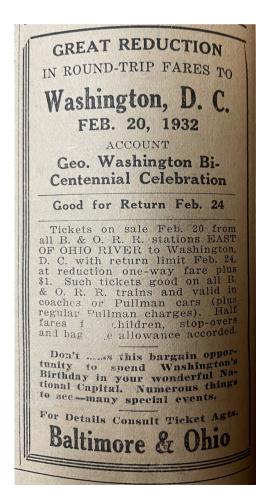


Happy Birthday, George!

George Washington was born 290 years ago on February 22, 1732. During 1932, in the midst of the Great Depression, the whole country turned out for the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration. What did all the hubbub look like locally on George Washington's birthday in 1932? Check out these snippets from the February 19, 1932 issue of the Harford Democrat, Aberdeen's local newspaper until 1986.

In Aberdeen and neighboring towns, a number of events took place. Smith's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church in Churchville (now Smith's Chapel UMC) hosted a "Washingtonian party" with "refreshments like those of colonial days" and "colonial costumes." A similar event was held at Grace M.E. Church in Aberdeen.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Smith's Chapel M. E. Church will hold a Washingtonian party in the S. S. room of the church on Tuesday evening, February 23rd. There will be plays and a variety of musical selections. Rrefreshments like those of colonial days will be served, and colonial costumes can be worn if desired. A silver offering will be taken at the door.



Some Aberdeen residents also probably took advantage of the "great reduction in round-trip fares to Washington, D.C." offered by the B&O Railroad from February 20th to 24th. The discount offered a "bargain opportunity to spend Washington's Birthday in your wonderful National Capital."