

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Commendation!

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir:
It was extremely gratifying to me to see the way Self-Denial Day ended with such a grand success. When I awoke Friday I saw in the distant horizon the glorious sun making its appearance on a day which will long be remembered in the hearts of the people of Baltimore, knowing that before the sun had hidden itself in the western skies that they were going to do something that was in their power to benefit their fellow-men.

I am sure when the pall of night fell over them they felt better for what they had done and the opportunity they had to do it for such a noble cause. The people of Baltimore should congratulate THE SUN for its untiring work and noble gift it bestowed on our citizens in such time of need. For many generations they have been captain of the ship of progress in our good city, and never have been found wanting when old Baltimore called on them. Congratulations should be extended to General Gaither and his noble police force in their work. Mr. Waldo Newcomer and his coworkers deserve the utmost praise. Everything that he does, he does well.

The public should be congratulated, even to the one that gave the least. It symbolized his heartfelt sympathy for the ones who were in dire need.

HENRY M. WALKER.

Baltimore, March 30, 1931.

They Made Powder At Hollins Station
TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir:
Your Sunday scribe made a good story about Hollins Station, on Lake Roland; but there are other interesting facts which he did not know about.

Long before Hollins was the beginning of the Western Maryland Railway and before Lake Roland dam was built, in 1865, there was a powder mill not far above Hollins, which made gunpowder for the Army of the Revolution in 1776.

The foundations are still visible, if you look closely in the weeds and brush, about 300 yards up the Valley Railway, close to the rails.

It evidently was built in a secluded locality for reasons of security and for safety of the neighborhood, and the road must have connected with Bellona avenue on the opposite side of Jones' Falls.

Another interesting question arises: whether the classic name Bellona (the Greek goddess of war) was derived from the powder mill, which was built there specially for the war with England. The Rehbein and McMahon families who lived on Bare Hills for many generations can tell about it.

EDMOND FONTAINE.

Baltimore, March 30, 1931.

Plea For The North Square

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir:
The following dialogue was heard at midnight:

SCENE: Mount Vernon Place.

George Washington:

Mount Vernon Place has lately been
Of great activity the scene;
Now with new trees and shrubs 'tis
dressed

And when the spring is at its best
A scene of beauty it will be.

Justice Taney:

No doubt, George, but can you tell me,
Since there are four squares, why is one
Where I am sitting left undone,
Without one flower to make it bright?
It does not seem exactly right.

John Eager Howard:

Well said! and I, too, beg to say
Our square should not be left this way.
Since there are four sides to the view,
The North Square should be lovely, too.

MARY TILLINGHAST.

Baltimore, March 29, 1931.