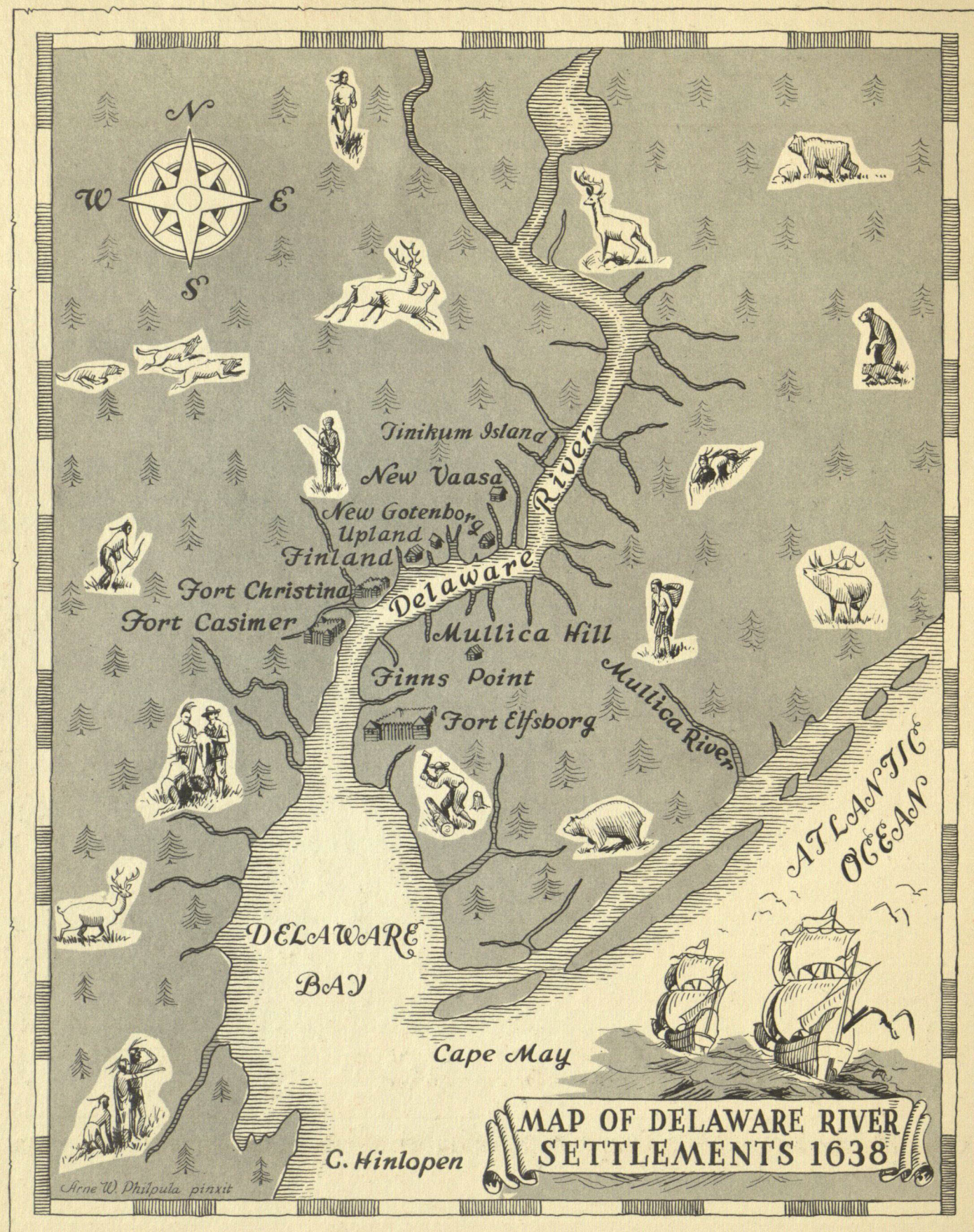


# FIRST FINNISH SETTLEMENT IN AMERICA 1638



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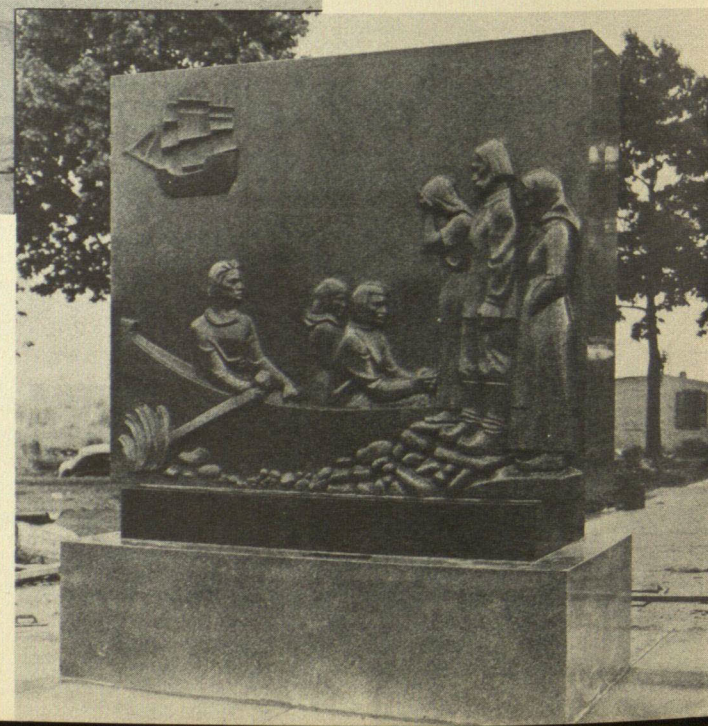




REAR VIEW OF  
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FRONT VIEW OF MEMORIAL AT CROZER PARK, CHESTER, PA.

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## DELAWARE COLONY OF SWEDES AND FINNS

### *Has Left Heritage to America*

**B**ECAUSE the colony of New Sweden retained that name for only eighteen years many students of American history are but slightly familiar with the Finnish and Swedish settlements which grew up in Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey several dec-



KLAUS LAURIN P. FLEMING  
*Finnish-born Director of Sweden's Colony*

ades before the coming of William Penn. The ships Kalmar Nyckel and Fogel Grip, landing in the spring of 1638, brought the first Finnish and Swedish settlers. The present nation of Finland was then a part of Sweden, and the colony was named New Sweden. Wilmington, the first settlement, was called Fort Christina in honor of the Swedish Queen, daughter of Gustavus Adolphus who had planned the sending of colonists to America prior to his death on the battle field of Lutzen, in 1632. One branch of the stream which enters the Delaware River at that point still bears her name.

From 1638 until 1656 the land along both shores of the Delaware was the colony's territory, and a succession of ships brought additional settlers, while several royal governors administered the affairs of the colony, Johann Printz being the most famous. He

was a distinguished soldier, having led regiments of Finnish infantry in the Thirty Years' War. He built his capital "Printzdorf" on Tinicum Island, and many small settlements developed. One was on the present site of Philadelphia, another at the present Chester, Pa., was called Finland and Upland. In New Jersey is still found the town of Swedesboro. Newcastle, Delaware, was known as Fort Kasimir. A sizeable colony of Finns settled in present-day New Jersey around what is still known as Finns Point. The Swedes and Finns traded with the Indians, and sent furs, tobacco and other products back to Sweden, while developing farming, building churches and homes and making a small but successful colony in the New World.

In 1656 the Dutch governor of New Amsterdam descended on the Swedish colony with ships and soldiers, captured Fort Kasimir and Christina without

#### FINNISH CHARACTER SURVIVES SAYS MINISTER JARNEFELT



**T**HE earliest maps of the Dutch and Belgian map makers of what is now the eastern shore of the United States show the Delaware River colony of New Sweden. On these maps we see a settlement designated Finland, so named by these pioneers from northern Europe in memory of their homeland.

Today every vestige of that ancient community has disappeared. In the place of the log cabins that were the homes of these early Swedes and Finns, we see gigantic manufacturing establishments; instead of the broad cultivated fields waving with wheat or corn or tobacco, we have paved streets and modern homes of a substantial Pennsylvania city.

But even though the log cabins and the fields have disappeared, and these maps for the last 200-odd years have not borne the name of Finland upon them, yet something, I am certain, has survived this lapse of time.

When we picture these early colonists landing on these shores, stout-hearted and healthy and brave; cutting down the forest and building their log cabins and cultivating the land, must we not believe that as the stream of growing American life swallowed up this settlement and its people, there survived in those who followed them that same love of liberty and independence which brought them here; that there survived the industry and piety of home-loving folk; and the health and vigor of a peaceful people? I would not be true to the people of the country that I have the honor to represent, nor candid in my feelings, if I did not admit of these qualities as traditional in the Finnish people. — *Forefathers' Day Banquet, Philadelphia, Pa., April 8, 1938.*





THE BURNBEATERS, by E. Jarnefelt

Here is a painting of one of Finland's foremost painters, depicting the struggle of Finnish families against Nature. The purpose of burning forests is to place the land under agriculture, using the ash as a means of fertilizing and enriching the sour, new soil. For this, they were frequently arrested for violation of the state's edicts. The process did not entail wilful firing of forests, but a controlled system of burning certain areas desired for farms.

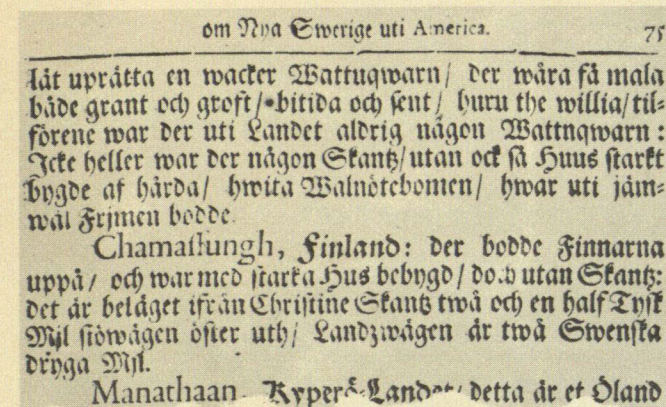
bloodshed, and took possession of the colony in the name of The Netherlands. This conquest by Peter Stuyvesant brought the "South River," as the Dutch called the Delaware, into control by Holland for a mere matter of eight years, when it was transferred to Great Britain by the treaty which changed New Amsterdam into New York.

Before the transfer to British sovereignty, Upland had become the largest settlement in the Delaware colonies. It included the early settlement of Finland and covered a considerable area of present Chester.

For a time the Dutch commissioner from New Amsterdam made his headquarters there. The town grew and was the county seat of Upland County, which under the British extended over the three counties later created by William Penn: Chester, Bucks and Philadelphia. English settlers began to arrive in some numbers, although the rush of population followed the royal grant to Penn in 1678 and Penn's first personal visit in 1682. Until then the larger land owners were chiefly Finns.

Penn made his first landing in present Pennsyl-

vania at the mouth of Chester Creek on October 28, 1682, from the ship *Welcome*. His proposed great city of Philadelphia had just been started at the old Wicoco settlement farther up the river. The first legislative gathering of Pennsylvania was held at Chester, delegates being named from the three new "upper counties" and the three older "lower counties" later to become the state of Delaware. In 1882, Chester



The first printed description of the settlement of Finland in the New Sweden colony appears on page 75 in Campanius Holm's "Om Nya Sverige uti America," published in Sweden in the Swedish language in 1702. The description says: "Finland, where Finns live, in strong houses well built, without fortifications."

celebrated the 200th anniversary and in 1932, the 250th anniversary of the landing of Penn, as in 1938 she is celebrating the landing of the Finns and Swedes.

The history of the early settlements has been recorded in several books. The earliest writer seems to have been Campanius Holm, grandson of a Lutheran pastor sent over to the colony. Israel Acrelius, another preacher, wrote a book including much later church history. Amandus Johnson's comprehensive "Swedes in America" followed in 1914. In recent years E. A. Louhi of New York has published (1925) "The Delaware Finns," and Prof. John H. Wuorinen of Columbia University (1938) "The Finns on the Delaware."

Upland began to be known as Chester at about the time of Penn's arrival, or a little later. The reasons are variously given, one story being that Penn named it on the day he landed, but a more likely version attributed it to settlers in the next year or two, when some writers declare that at least 3,000 persons disembarked at Upland.

Various monuments and tablets mark historic spots in Chester. It is probable that the oldest house remaining is the Townsend-Pusey House, near where the first flour mill was built on Chester Creek. Richard Townsend, Caleb Pusey and others built the mill, in which Penn owned an interest. Tablets mark the site

of the "Defense House" where the first assembly met, the "Essex House" where Penn stopped with Robert Wade, who had bought the property from Madame Papegoja, daughter of Governor Printz, and the old Boars Head Inn, which was also a residence of Penn during his first winter in America.

It is difficult to delineate the exact boundaries of the first "Finland" and "Upland" settlements, although probably Finland lay west of Chester Creek and Upland east and to the north. The claims of Madame Papegoja to some of these areas were disputed after Governor Printz had left and the Dutch had come in, but she seems to have sold parts of "Finland" even after the English occupation. At the same time some of the earliest settlers and their children had established title to large areas, and Penn's government made every effort to straighten out old claims and establish sound land titles. Joran Kyn, or Keen, who had come over with Printz as a bodyguard was for many years the largest landed proprietor in Upland.

Under three early governments the area now covered by the city of Chester was a center of life and growth in the opening of the New World. From it went out many of the settlers to other parts of Pennsylvania, and from its earliest pioneers were descended many of those who fought the War of Independence and helped to set up the United States of America as a nation.

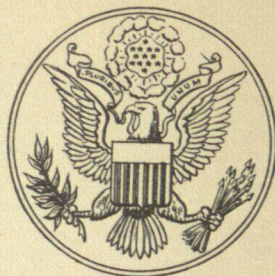


A quaint illustration drawn for Campanius Holm's account of the colony on the banks of the Delaware. The scene shows the Indians trading with the Finns and Swedish settlers. In the background is a pitched bow-and-arrow battle between two tribes of Indians.





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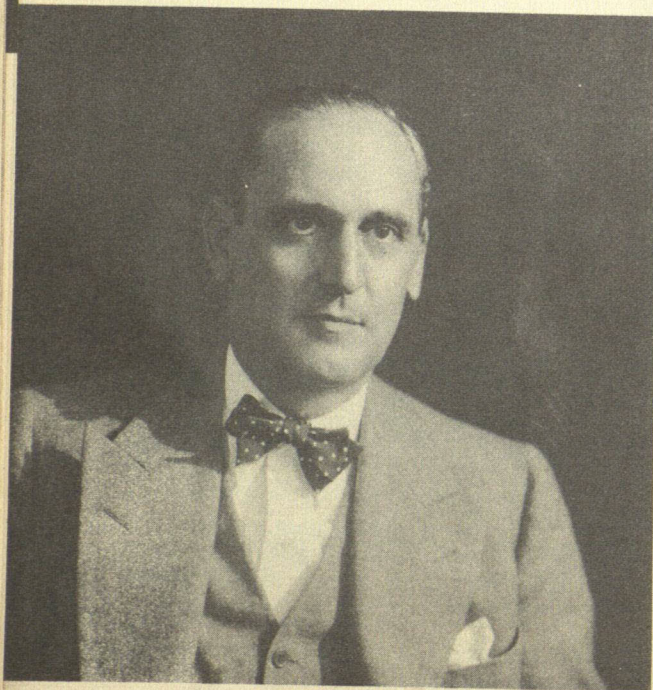
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By HON. H. F. ARTHUR SCHOENFELD  
*The Minister from the United States to Finland*

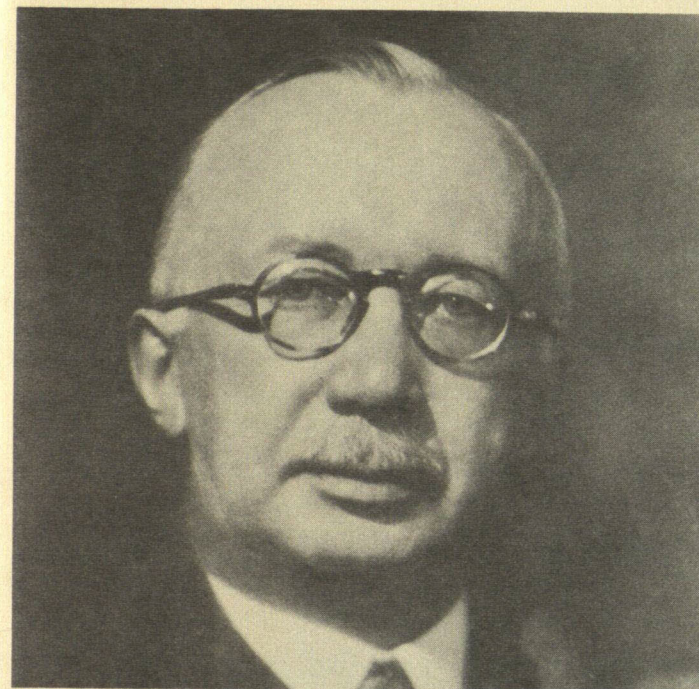
UNPRECEDENTED expansion of the agricultural and industrial production of Finland since the achievement of her independence has its gratifying counterpart in the steady growth of trade with the United States. The relation between the two circumstances is no accident. On the one hand they are the result, in the words of President Kallio a few weeks ago, of the prudence, moderation and discipline which have marked the management of Finland's economic as of her general policy in the past twenty years. On the other hand, they are the natural result of contact between two free economies.

As a signatory of one of the seventeen trade agreements concluded in recent years by the United States with leading commercial nations looking to the revival of international commerce and the elimination of barriers to its development, Finland is contributing in the measure of her great capacity to that constructive aim.

This 300th anniversary of the first venture into the New World by the courageous representatives of the Finnish people is a fitting occasion for dedicating our thought toward the continued improvement of the cordial relations between the two countries.



UNITED STATES MINISTER TO FINLAND  
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RUDOLF HOLSTI

Foreign Minister of Finland. Chairman of the Finnish Delegation who has come to America for commemoration of Finnish and Swedish settlements in America 1638. Born in 1881. Extended career as correspondent and editor, University professor, diplomat and statesman. One of the founders of the Republic of Finland in 1917.

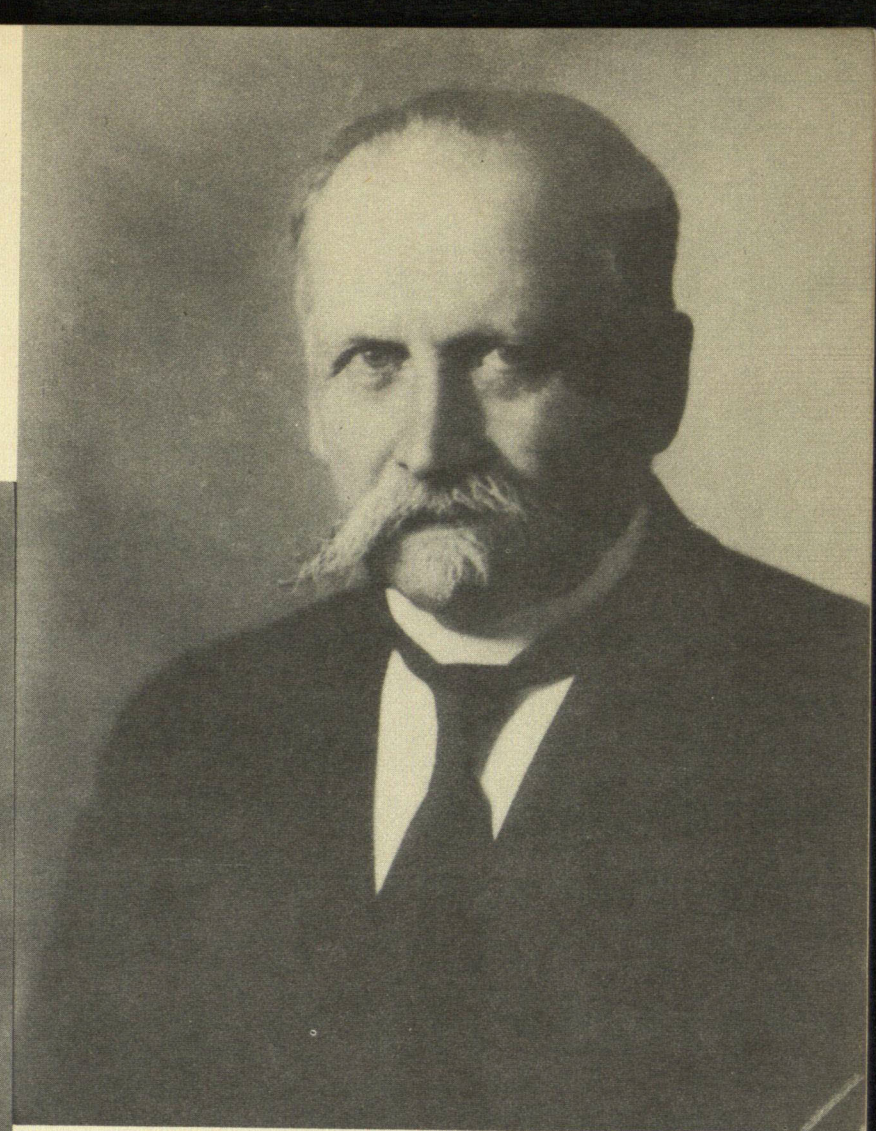
By HON. EERO JARNEFELT  
*The Minister from Finland to the United States*

RELATIONS between Finland and the United States of America are a long and honorable record of both cultural and economic intercourse.

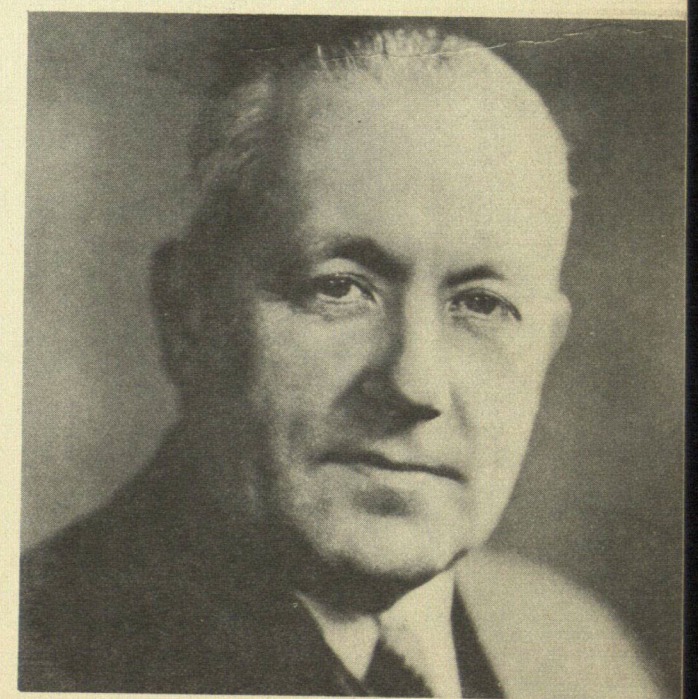
The literature of the United States exerts a great influence in Finland. The books of leading American authors are translated and published in the Finnish language almost as soon as they appear. Plays by American dramatists are frequently produced on the Finnish stage. The political philosophy of the United States is followed with the keenest interest, for no country in the world produces more independent thinking, freely and intelligently expressed.

I have also observed that many cultural influences of my own land are observed and understood in the United States, a nation where the best work in any field is certain of quick and wide appreciation.

Our business friendship has been protected by the consular agreement of 1934 and the reciprocal trade agreement of 1936, and statistics of growing trade flowing in both directions point to a continued happy concert of effort to eliminate trade barriers and maintain international peace.



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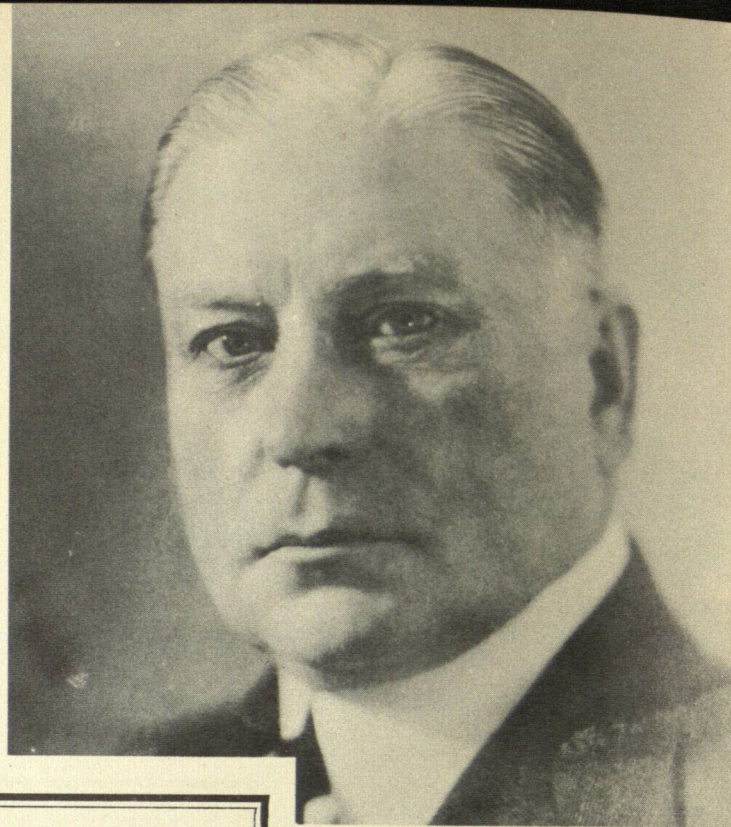


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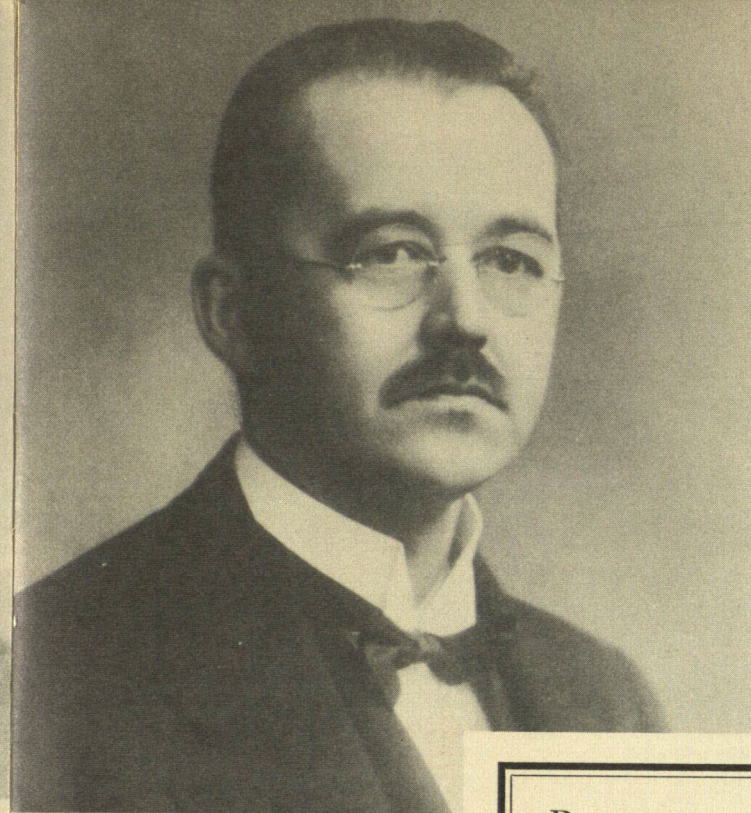




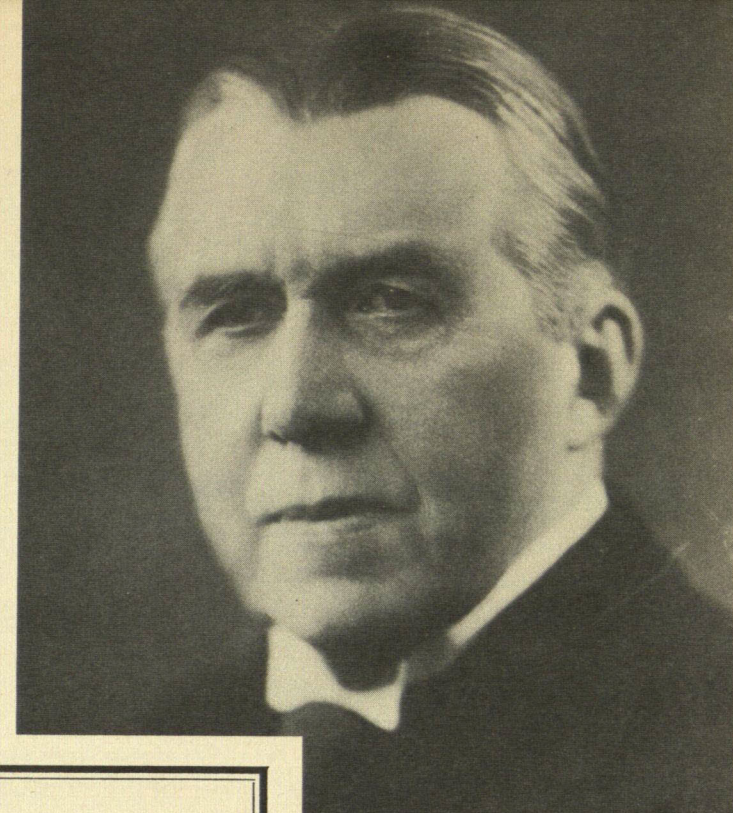
**VAINO HAKKILA**—Speaker of the Parliament of Finland, Mayor of Tampere, and director of numerous Co-operative Societies. A delegate from Finland to ceremonies marking the 300th anniversary of the first Finnish and Swedish settlements in America in 1638.



**AMOS ANDERSON** — Business leader, banker, publisher, and Member of Parliament of Finland who is a member of the Finnish Commission to the United States for the Delaware Valley Tercentenary ceremonies. He is a director of the endowed Helsinki Art Gallery, Helsinki Swedish Theatre, and Abo University.



**VICTOR VESTERINEN**—Farm leader and member of Parliament of Finland. Member of the delegation from Finland to the Delaware Valley Tercentenary celebrations, June 26-30.



**REV. SIGFRID SIRENIUS**—Finnish church leader who has come to the United States for the 300th anniversary of the Finnish and Swedish colonization on the Delaware River. Missionary, evangelist, Doctor of Theology, University of Helsinki.



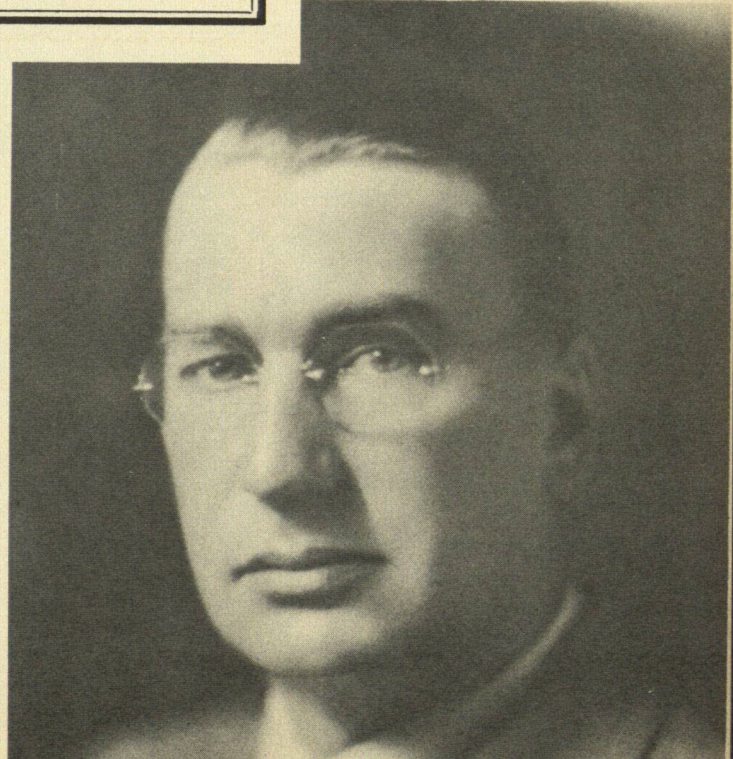
**MAUNO PEKKALA**—Finnish expert in Forestry, and farmer. Minister of Agriculture. Member of Parliament, of the state alcohol monopoly, and director of the Central Forest of Finland. Visiting the United States with Finland's Commission for the Delaware Valley Tercentenary celebrations.



**ARTHUR LEINONEN**—Novelist and editor of the Finnish newspaper "Ilkka" who arrived in the United States June 26 to participate in ceremonies marking the 300th anniversary of the first colony of Finns and Swedes in America, 1638. He is a member of the Parliament of Finland.



**MISS KYLLIKKI POHJALA**—Leader among Finnish women, trained nurse and Member of Parliament, who is a member of the commission sent to America by the Republic of Finland for the Tercentenary of the Finnish and Swedish settlements on the Delaware River. Miss Pohjala studied nursing in the United States and served in the Finnish and Estonian civil wars.



**KAARLO KUUSAMO**—Vice-Consul of Finland in New York, officially designated as the secretary to the visiting Commission from Finland during the activities of the Tercentenary celebrations in the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

REPRESENTING the various cultural and political groups of the New Republic, the Commission arrived at Wilmington, Delaware on June 26th to participate in the various ceremonies there and in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, arranged by the federal and various State tercentenary groups.



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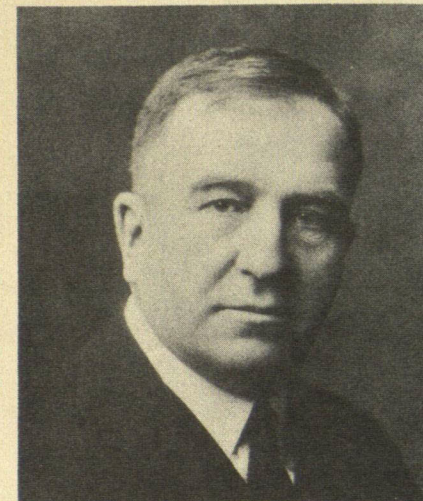


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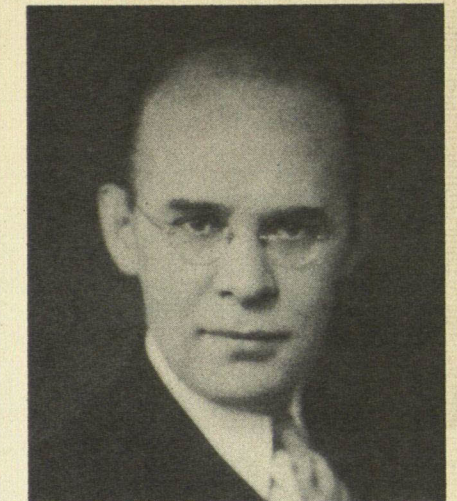
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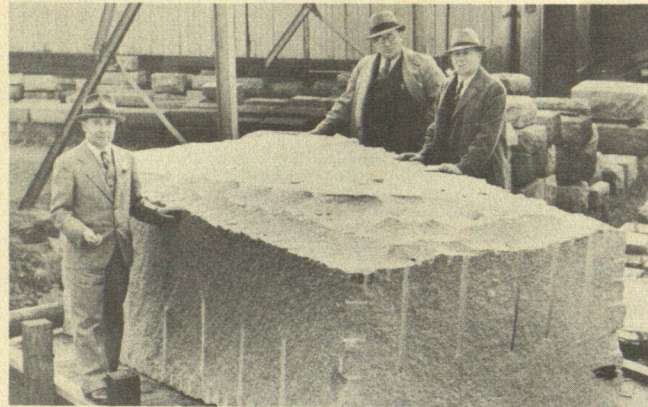
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From Finland came the word that Vaino Aaltonen, one of the foremost Finnish sculptors, whose work is well known in the galleries of Europe, had been commissioned to complete the monument. He had furnished clay models of two bas reliefs for a monument in a modern design, the monument to have a total



ROUGH BASE BLOCK FROM  
VERMONT QUARRIES

height of about eleven and a half feet, a width of nine feet and a breadth of from three to six feet.

The base was purchased by the American-Finnish Committee from the Rock of Ages quarries in Vermont, and is a light gray, fine-grained granite. The plinth, or sub-base was quarried at Rautalampi, Finland, and is a dark gray, almost black, in color, while the main piece is a brownish-red color, from the same quarries which produced the granite for Napoleon's tomb in Paris.

The work of planning and designing the foundation and approaches to the monument in Crozer Park, Chester, was entrusted to Chester F. Baker, a well-known engineer of Chester, whose avocation is historical research. As a vice president of the Delaware County Historical Society, Mr. Baker has made an intensive study of land titles in the area between

Chester Creek and Marcus Hook, which he indicates comprised the territory known as Finland, with the cluster of farm houses probably centering in what is today South Chester, south of Chester Creek. Assisting Mr. Baker has been F. G. Hartvigson, city engineer, and others of the city officials, including C. H. Peoples, Director of Accounts and Finance.

The monument left Finland on May 24th, on board the Moore & McCormack liner Scanstates, after a virtual race against time on the part of Sculptor Aaltonen. Safely landed in Wilmington on June 18th, it was finally lowered into place on June 21st.

Four granite seats have been made available to the committee. Two come from Minnesota's quarries, one



VAINO AALTONEN  
NOTED FINNISH SCULPTOR

#### INSCRIPTION ON FINNISH MONUMENT TO BE UNVEILED AT CHESTER, PA., ON JUNE 29, 1938

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YLI AALTOJEN AJOIVAT  
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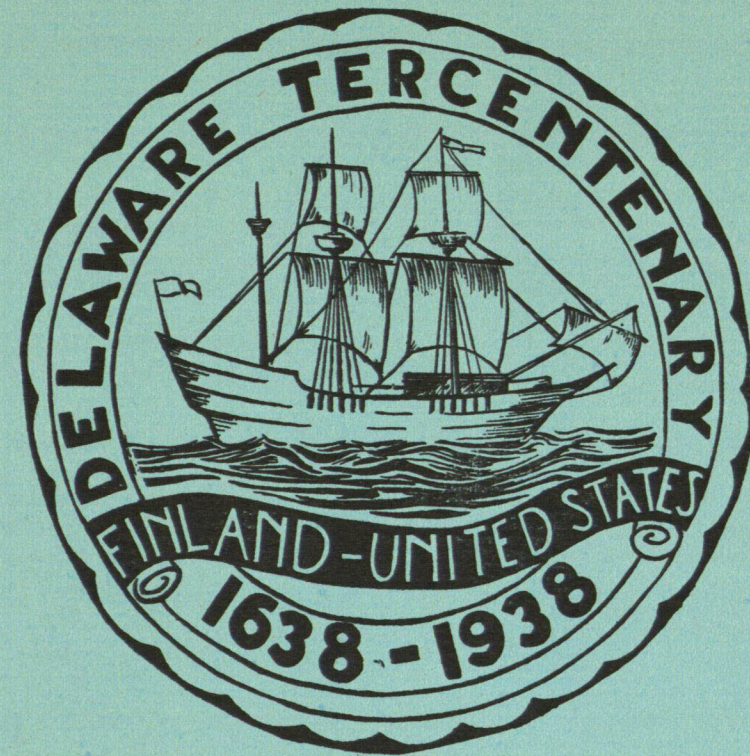
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TAMAN MANTEREEN ENSIMMAISTEN SUOMALAISTEN  
SITEN KOTIMAANSA MUISTOKSI NIMITTAMANA

TAMAN MUITOMERKIN PYSTYVITTIVAT VUONNA 1938  
SUOMEN KANSA JA AMERIKAN SUOMALAISET  
DELAWARE-JOKILAAKSON ENSIMMAISEN  
PYSYVAN VUONNA 1638 PERUSTETUN  
SIRRTOKUNNAN SUOMALAISTEN MUISTOKSI

Sons of Kaleva far sailing  
Passed an ocean's western reaches  
To this soil their strength applying  
On this shore a home established  
Toiled their crops to sow and garner  
Hewed their dwellings from the forest

Near this spot stood a settlement named Finland  
so called by the first Finnish settlers on this  
continent in remembrance of their homeland

This memorial erected in 1938 by the Finnish nation  
and the Finns in America in commemoration  
of the Finnish pioneers of the first permanent  
settlement in the Delaware River Valley in 1638



## *Official Program of Events*

# DEDICATION OF FINNISH MONUMENT CROZER PARK

## *300th Anniversary Celebration*

CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA

June 29, 1938



## PROGRAM

### 9 A. M.

Parade to begin at 9th and Kerlin Sts. (near Crozer Park) proceeding to City Hall and returning to Crozer Park at Concord Road and Finland Drive.

### 10 A. M.

Dedicatory exercises to begin at the site of the Finnish Memorial, Crozer Park: Presentation of U. S. Flag to Finnish Committee by J. DeHaven Ledward, Esq., in behalf of Delaware County Historical Society.

Raising of United States Flag—Raising of Finnish Flag.

Star Spangled Banner } U. S. Navy Band, Lt. Chas. Maamme, Finnish National Anthem } Benter, U. S. N., Director

Invocation—Dr. John Wargelin, President Emeritus Suomi College and Theological Seminary, Hancock, Mich.

Selection—Prayer of Thanksgiving—U. S. Navy Band.

Introduction of Chester officials—A. B. Geary, Esq.

Finnish Folk Songs—Mrs. Laurence J. Stabler, Wallingford, Pa.

Introduction of Finnish Tercentenary Committee members for dedication of Memorial Site:

Minnesota State Committee..... Alex Kyyhkynen

Michigan State Committee..... Dr. John Wargelin

Massachusetts State Committee..... Y. L. Matson

Washington State Committee..... F. Tolonen

New York State Committee..... W. Hedman

Ohio State Committee..... P. O. Holmstrom

New Hampshire State Committee..... F. Aaltonen

Connecticut-Rhode Island State Committee... Rev. R. Hiironen

Tri-State Committee:

(Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin)..... V. Leppanen

Introductions by Eero K. Djerf

Selections—U. S. Navy Band—Directed by Guest Conductor, Tauno Hannikainen, Conductor of the Turku, Finland Symphony.

### 11 A. M.

Welcoming Address..... Hon. O. J. Larson, Chairman

Star Spangled Banner and Maamme..... U. S. Navy Band

### 11.20 A. M.

International Broadcast..... Hon. O. J. Larson, Chairman

Introduction of Emil Hurja, Chairman Monument Committee

### UNVEILING OF THE MEMORIAL

By Miss Jane Elizabeth Harvey, local descendant of one of original colonists, supported by Mrs. Adie S. Rush, Mrs. Wm. Ward, Jr., Mrs. Clifford Peoples,

## PROGRAM

Mrs. John T. Ross, Mrs. Wm. J. McDowell, Mrs. Edw. J. McLaughlin, of Chester, Pa., and by Finnish maidens in native costumes, representing various state delegations.

Hon. E. Rudolf Holsti, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Finland, presents Monument to U. S.

Hon. Wm. Ward, Jr., Mayor of City of Chester, Pa., accepts for City.

Hon. George H. Earle, Governor of Pennsylvania, accepts for Commonwealth.

Hon. R. H. Jackson, Solicitor General of the U. S., accepts for U. S. A.

ADDRESSES by the Official Finnish Delegations:

Dr. Rudolf W. Holsti... Minister of Foreign Affairs of Finland

Vaino P. Hakkila..... Speaker of the Parliament of Finland

Mauno Pekkala..... Member of Parliament of Finland

Artturi Leinonen..... Member of Parliament of Finland

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Amos V. Anderson of Finland

Dr. Sigfrid S. S. Sirenus of Finland

Introductions by Hon. O. J. Larson, Chairman

### 12.30 P. M. Luncheon

### 2 P. M.

Selections..... Humina Band, Ohio

Addresses..... Finnish Delegation

Dr. E. Rudolf W. Holsti... Minister of Foreign Affairs of Finland

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2.30 P. M.

Memorial Ode.....	Mrs. Robert Roitomaa, New York
(Written especially for this occasion by Toivo Housio of Mass.)	
Selections.....	Humina Band, Ohio
Greetings — Pennsylvania.....	Hjalmar Atsinki
Address.....	Elis Sulkanen, New York
Greetings — Minnesota.....	John P. Raattama
Greetings.....	Otto Gullmes, New York
Songs.....	Runneberg Chorus of New York
Address.....	Rev. Rautanen, Ohio
Greetings — Michigan.....	Dr. George W. Sippola
Greetings — Massachusetts.....	Alfred Erickson
Selections.....	Louhi Band, Pa.
Address.....	Harry Kuniholm, Massachusetts
Greetings — New York.....	John Palmrose
Greetings — Washington.....	August Nikula
Songs.....	New York Singers
Address.....	Rev. Viljo Heiman, Mass.
Greetings — Ohio.....	P. O. Holmstrom
Greetings — Maryland.....	J. Jansen
Song.....	Mr. Eckola, Michigan
Address.....	Frank Aaltonen, New Hampshire
Greetings — Maine.....	F. W. Bjorklund
Greetings — Arizona.....	(Read)
Greetings — Canada.....	(Read)
Selections.....	Louhi Band, Pa.
Greetings — New Jersey.....	John E. Lehtonen
Greetings — Delaware.....	Elna Lehtinen
Folk Dancing.....	New York Dancers
Greetings — California.....	Dr. H. H. Runo
Greetings — Oregon and other states.....	(Read)
Maamme.....	Finnish National Anthem

Immediately following completion of the Finnish program, the Louhi Band will assist the local service organizations in a short memorial ceremony at the War Memorial Monument on the grounds, which ceremony will conclude with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner.

## EVENING

Farewell dinner and reception for national, state and local committee members and their ladies, and friends, at Benjamin Franklin Hotel, 8:45 P. M. Make reservations at registration desk at program platform. \$2.50 per plate.

*(Above Program Subject to Change)*

of which is for Minnesota; the other for Michigan, the two states with the largest Finnish population in the Union. Two other seats come from the hands of Finnish granite cutters in Massachusetts, one for Massachusetts, the other for the State of Washington. New York State will furnish a flagpole for the monument square, shadowing over the street signposts heralding Monument Square as being at the corner of Concord Drive and Finland Road.

At the suggestion of Consul Norbert A. Considine, of Philadelphia, whose sound and constructive advice and wide circle of acquaintances has led the committee safely through many thorny paths, a "cornerstone" ceremony was arranged, after the foundation had been completed, and the 15-ton base was ready to be rolled into place. A copper box was laid, with proper ceremony, into the recessed foundation, and to it were consigned a variety of documents, books, letters, pictures and a variety of memorabilia. Most important were autographed pictures of President Roosevelt and President Kyosti Kallio of Finland, pictures of all the members of the Finnish Tercentenary Commission, copies of all available books dealing with the Delaware settlement, a photograph of O. J. Larson, president of the American-Finnish Tercentenary Committee, a signed copy of Congressman Frank Hook's address on the Finnish Tercentenary matter before the United States Congress, and an original leaf from the first bible printed in the Finnish language, and bearing the date of 1551, presented by Emil Hurja.



MISS JANE ELIZABETH HARVEY

The monument bears inscriptions in both languages, English and Finnish. A verse in the metre of Finland's famed epic Kalevala appears in a modernistic face at the top of the side of the main stone. The explanatory inscription in both languages is printed on page 12.

The actual unveiling and dedicatory exercises are



HON. ROBERT H. JACKSON  
SOLICITOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

will be by Dr. E. Rudolf W. Holsti, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Finland. Acceptances will be by Mayor Ward for the city of Chester; Governor George H. Earle for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Honorable Robert H. Jackson, Solicitor General of the United States, for the United States, as the personal emissary of President Roosevelt.

A musical program at the dedicatory exercises will be led by the United States Navy Band of 75 pieces, under the leadership of Lieut. Charles Benter, U.S.N. Other bands to the number of four will be in attendance.

Coincident with the culmination of three days of formal and informal exercises, in the celebration of Finnish Tercentenary Day at Chester on June 29th, will be celebrations in many Finnish centers of population. One such celebration will be at Vaasa, Finland, from which many of the early settlers came; another at Rautalampi, Finland, which prides itself on being the home of the ancestors of John Morton, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and who is buried at Chester. The largest celebration in Finland, however, will be staged at the nation's capital, Helsinki.



WILLIAM WARD, JR.  
Mayor of Chester

scheduled for the period from 11:20 to 11:50 a. m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, Wednesday, June 29th. Arrangements have been made for both national and international broadcasts of the event, which will signalize the presentation of the monument to the people of the United States.

Following the actual unveiling, through the sponsorship of Miss Jane Elizabeth Harvey, of Columbia, Pa., a niece of Mayor Ward and a descendant of the early Finnish settlers in the area of present-day Chester, brief speeches will be made by Mayor Ward, O. J. Larson, chairman of the American-Finnish Tercentenary Committee, and Emil Hurja, chairman of the monument committee.

The official presentation





H. M. GUSTAF V., King of Sweden, who became eighty years old on June 16. He is the father of Crown Prince Gustaf Adolph and grandfather of Prince Bertil, the Crown Prince's third son.



H. R. H. GUSTAF ADOLPH, Crown Prince of Sweden, who, 300 years after the founding of New Sweden, leads the official Swedish Commission in its visit to America.



H. R. H. LOUISE, Crown Princess of Sweden, who has accompanied her husband to the United States for the Tercentenary Celebrations.

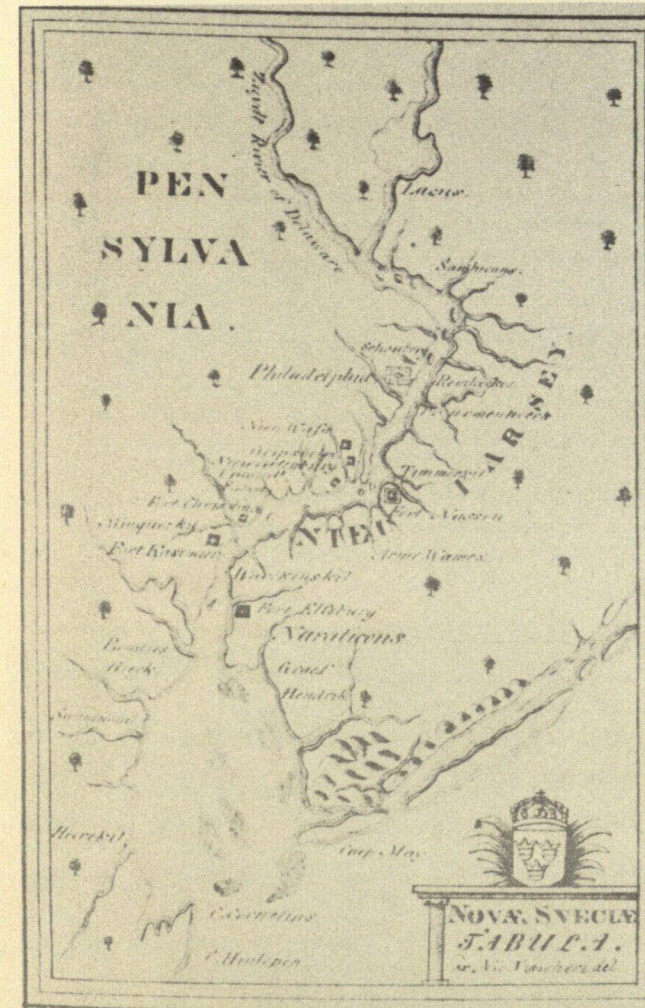
## MODERN FINLAND *Remembers Namesake of Old*

**F**OLLOWING the unanimous decision of the United States Congress to invite the Republic of Finland to participate in the Delaware Valley Tercentenary, plans germinated rapidly, both in the United States and in Finland. A general invitation, initiated by Hon. Frank W. Melvin, executive director of the Pennsylvania 300th Anniversary Commission, to participate in the Pennsylvania festivities, was followed by similar proposals from the Delaware and New Jersey state commissions, the latter under the guidance of Hon. D. Stewart Craven, of Salem.

With the organization of the American-Finnish Delaware Tercentenary Committee, late in 1937, the plans for participation of American Finns and Americans of Finnish descent took on definite shape. Most definite of the proposals for participation was a suggestion that a suitable memorial be erected at the site of "Finland," on the Delaware river, evidently

a settlement of Finns in the seventeenth century colony. This suggestion, communicated to the Finnish government, met with prompt and hearty acquiescence.

It was agreed that a monument, suitably inscribed, would be furnished to the American committee by the people of Finland. This monument would be erected



OLD MAP OF DELAWARE RIVER COLONIES  
PRINTED IN 1702



CLAY MODEL OF ONE FACE OF BAS RELIEF  
FOR MONUMENT

on a suitable base provided by the American-Finnish Committee, and the completed memorial, therefore, would represent the joint contribution of Finns in Finland and America, and Americans of Finnish descent to the memory of the first settlers of Finnish blood on the North American continent.

From this point, plans for the tercentenary went on apace. From the four corners of the United States contributions started to pour in; enthusiasm waxed high, and plans for local observance of the commemoration were outlined in more than a hundred communities.

The officials of the city of Chester, with very friendly cooperation, provided a site in the high area of Crozer Park, fronting on Concord Drive. Mayor William Ward, Jr., assuming sponsorship of the city's cooperative efforts, has furnished a high degree of sympathy and interest, rarely encountered in any civic venture of this type.





FINNISH COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL

picturization of Admiral Klaus L. Fleming and three characters, a man, woman and child, representing Finnish types included among the Swedish-Finnish colonizing effort in the New World. The wording: Finnish Settlers: Admiral Klaus Laurisson Fleming. The figures 1638-1938 indicate the three-hundred-year period covered since the Finns and Swedes first landed on the banks of the Delaware.

The reverse side shows a log church, with a tree stump in the foreground indicating the assault upon the forest primeval, with sheaves of grain in the right foreground, typifying the success of the colonial enterprise. The legend bordering reads: "In commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the Delaware Colonization." Silver and bronze medals go as the gift of the government to friends of Finland who have helped to make the Tercentenary successful.



SWEDISH MEDAL

### DELAWARE'S OWN MEDAL

THE MEDAL struck by the state of Delaware in memory of their own centenary has a stylized reproduction of the "Kalmar Nyckel" on its obverse, with the years 1638-1938 and the words "Tercentenary of Delaware" at top and bottom. The reverse side has the state seal, surrounded by a wreath bearing the names of illustrious men in Delaware history.



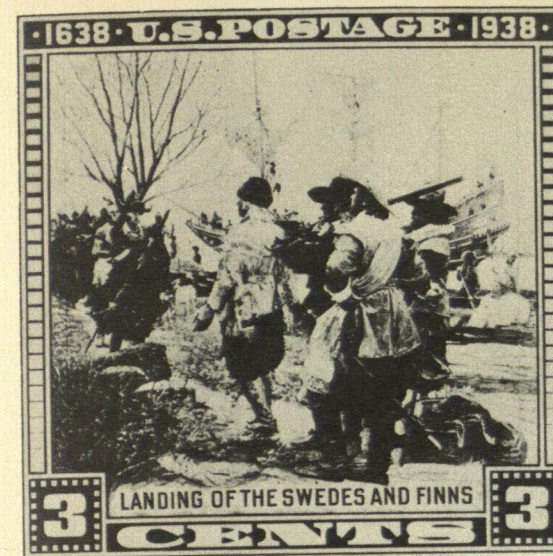
STATE OF DELAWARE MEDAL

### FINLAND'S COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL

THE FINNISH commemorative medal struck by the government in remembrance of the 300th anniversary of the first settlement in the Delaware Valley by Finns is four inches in diameter, and is the work of Alpo Sailo, well known Finnish artist. Three are of Finnish gold. One goes to President Roosevelt. The other two gold medals go to King Gustaf V. of Sweden and President Kyosti Kallio, of Finland. The obverse of the medal is a

### SWEDEN'S TERCENTENARY MEDAL

THIS MEDAL, struck by the Swedish government, is interesting because it has on its reverse side, a map of the early Delaware settlements, with a motto: In Memoriam Novae Sveciae A. D. MDCXXXVIII: Conditia Post Tria Saecula Devocatam. Translated from the Latin: In Memory of New Sweden, A. D. 1638: Recalling the founding after three centuries.



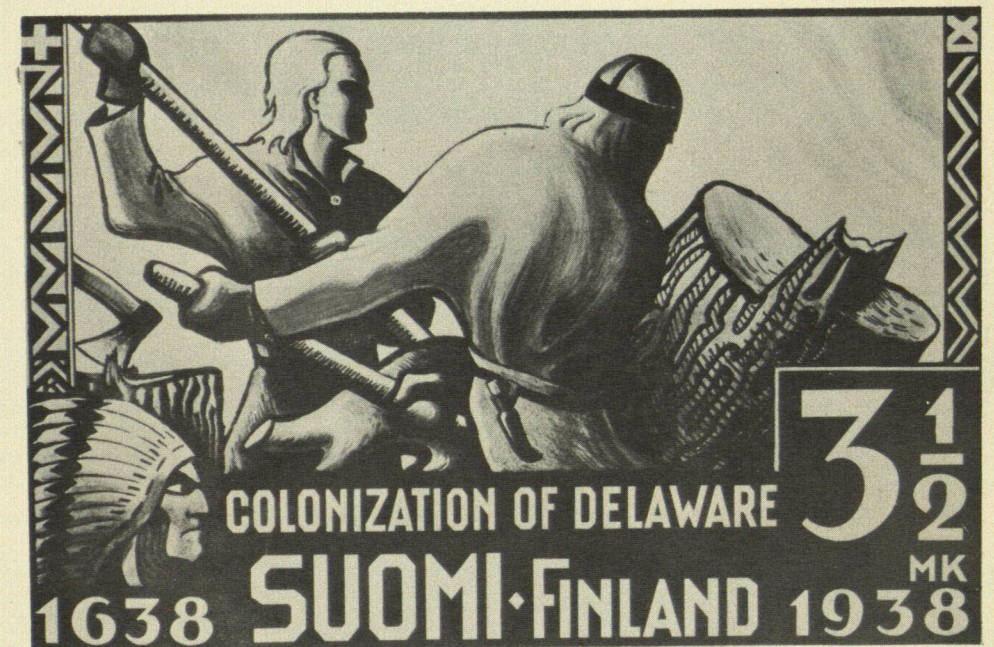
### FINLAND'S COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP

TO commemorate the 300th anniversary of the first settlement in America of Finns, the postal department of Finland issued, on June 1, a 3½-markka stamp. A total printing of 1,000,000 copies was announced. The design, by Aarno Karimo, a well known Finnish artist, portrays two male figures struggling with a stump in the process of clearing land. Underneath is a legend: Colonization of Delaware. The stamp is of a three and one-half markka denomination, equivalent, at the present rate of exchange, to 7.67 cents. It is brown in color, and measures 25 by 35 millimeters. First-day covers were handled by the Chester headquarters.

### U. S. COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP

THE new United States Swedish-Finnish commemorative stamp has as its central design a reproduction of a painting by Stanley Arthurs depicting the arrival of the first Swedish and Finnish settlers. Across the bottom of the stamp is the inscription "Landing of the Swedes and Finns." At the upper left of the stamp appears the year "1638" while in the upper right is the year "1938," between which is the wording "U. S. Postage." The denomination designation "3" appears in each of the lower corners and the stamp is enclosed by ornamental side borders. It is purple in color. The first printing is for 75,000,000 copies.

This stamp is square, its dimensions being 0.92 inches on each border, and is one of the few square commemorative stamps ever issued. It went on sale at Wilmington, Delaware, June 27, 1938.



### SWEDEN'S SERIES OF DELAWARE STAMPS

THE General Postoffice of Sweden has issued a series of five stamps commemorating the 300th anniversary of the foundation of the first Swedish colony, on the banks of the Delaware River. The denominations are 5 ore, 15 ore, 20 ore, 30 ore and 60 ore. The five ore stamp shows the Swedish Governor Johan Printz negotiating with an Indian chief, and the 15 ore value pictures the vessels "Kalmar Nyckel" and "Fogel Grip," on which the first Swedish settlers made their voyage from Gothenburg

across the Atlantic and up the Delaware River, finally dropping anchor close to what is now Wilmington. The 20 ore stamp symbolizes the establishment of Swedish rule in the colony. Two men in the foreground are shown raising Sweden's coat of arms. Old Swedes Church in Wilmington, still preserved, is shown on the 30 ore stamp, and the 60 ore value portrays Queen Christina of Sweden — daughter of Gustavus Adolphus — during whose reign the colony was founded.



## CHESTER — 1938

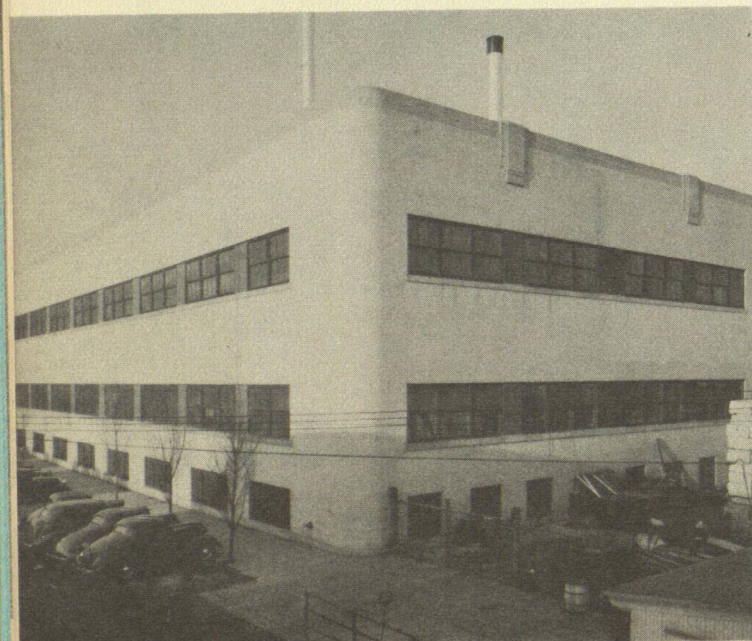
Modern, dynamic metropolis, teeming with trade with the four corners of the world. What a contrast with the Upland and Finland of 1638!

## Nutshell Facts About Chester

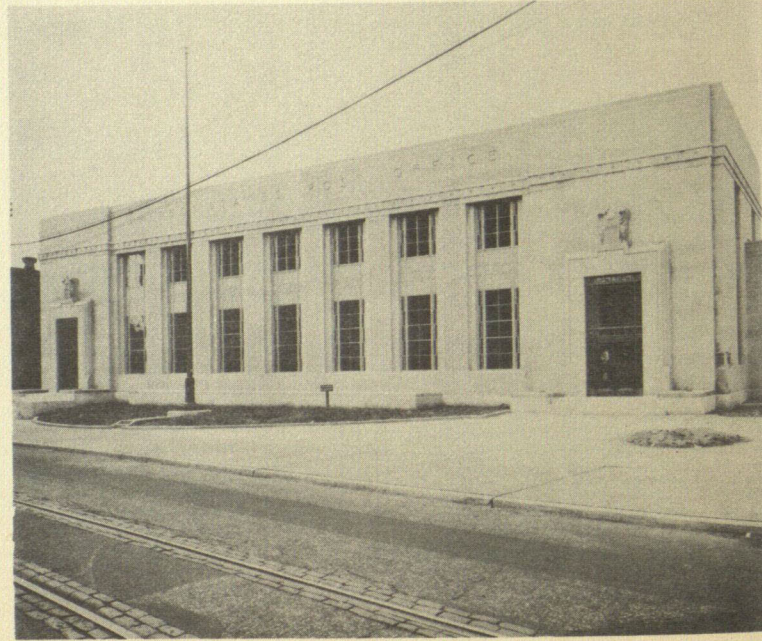
Population .....	60,000
Industrial Plants .....	136
Value of Production .....	\$100,000,000
Bank Deposits .....	\$ 21,878,000

PART OF CHESTER, PA., VIEWED FROM THE AIR

AIRPLANE VIEW OF PRESENT WATERFRONT AT CHESTER, PA.



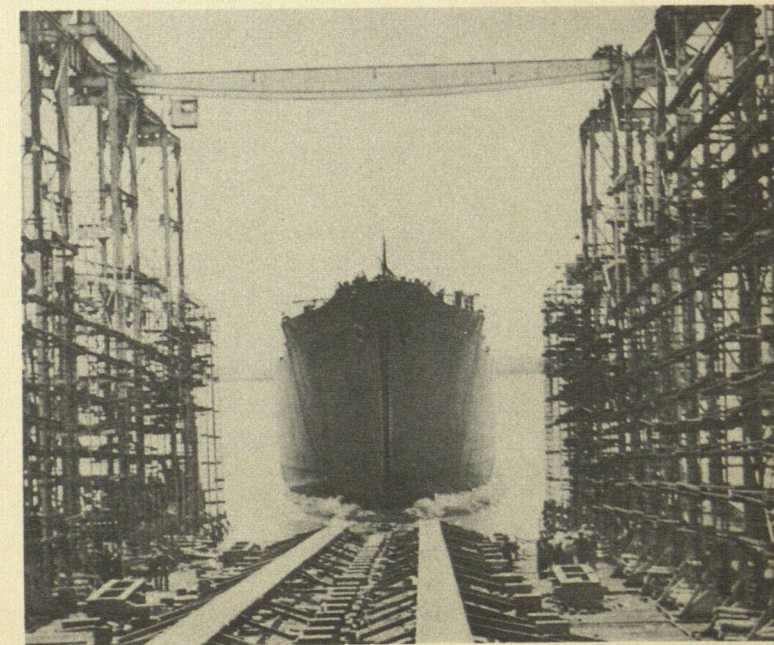
ONE OF THE NEW SCOTT PAPER CO. BUILDINGS, CHESTER, PA.



THE NEW CHESTER POST OFFICE DEDICATED THIS YEAR



MONUMENT SQUARE, CHESTER, PA.



A MODERN SHIP IS LAUNCHED AT THE SUN YARD, CHESTER, PA.



## FINLAND *Republic of the North*

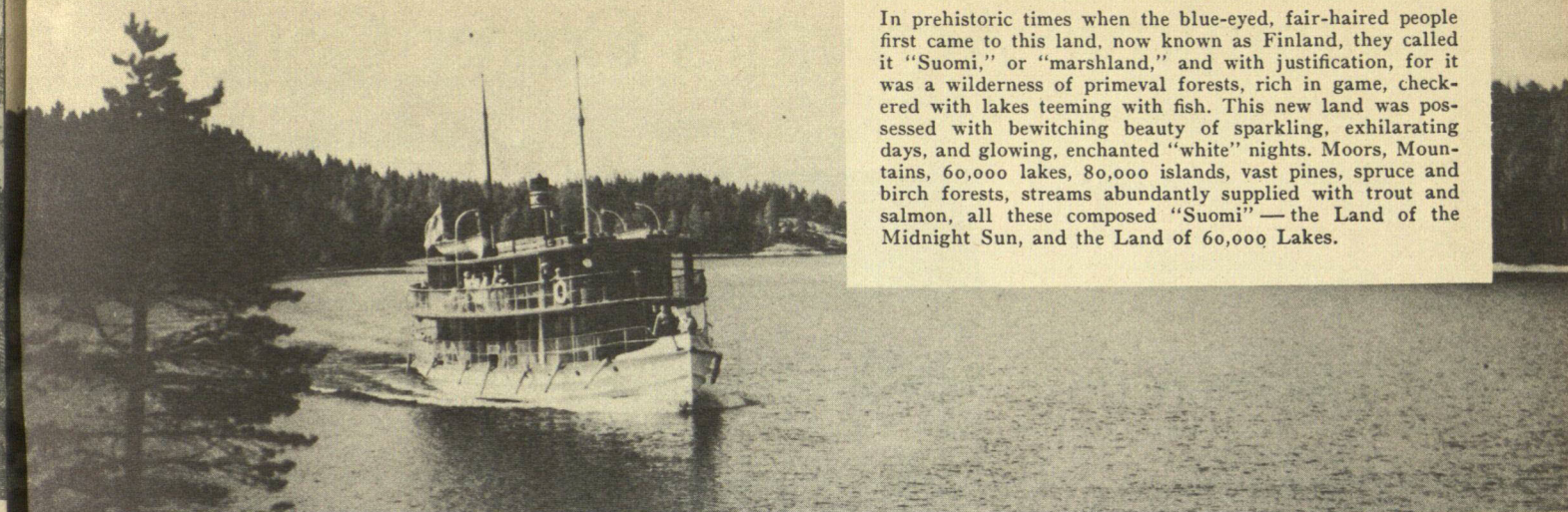
In the twelfth century Finland was annexed by Sweden. For seven centuries, Finns fought in all Swedish wars and helped rebuff the numerous onslaughts by Russia. In 1809, in the last of these wars, Finland became an autonomous Grand Duchy of Russia, and so continued until Russia began tampering with the autonomy of the country; then they resisted. Their obstinacy preserved them from being assimilated by their powerful protector. With the Declaration of Independence in 1917 the Finns formed their own Republic, and today Finland is a busy little nation trying to make its place in the world of commerce, industry, and the arts.



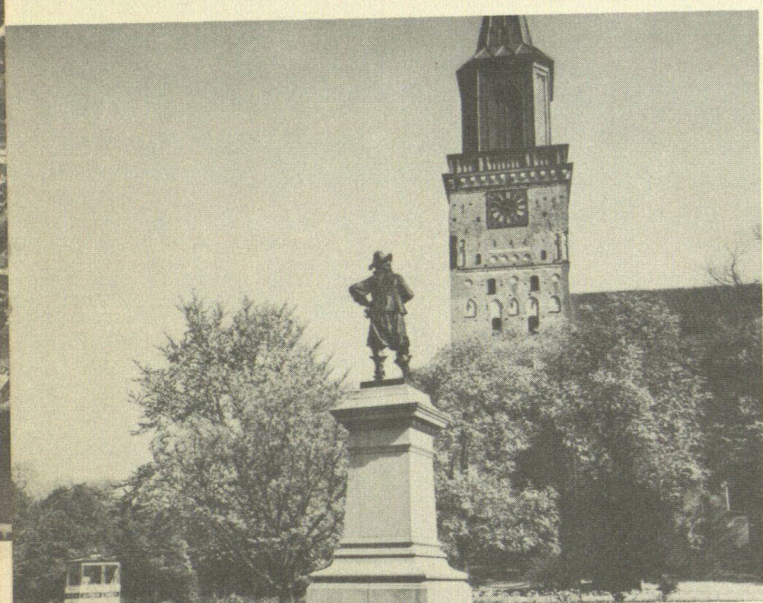
VIIPURI IN 17TH CENTURY, FROM AN OLD PRINT

## *It is called Land of the SUOMI*

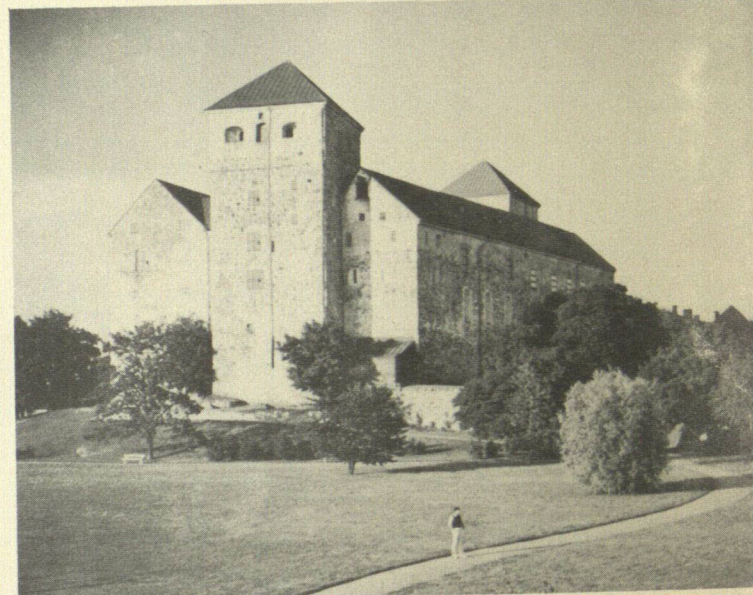
In prehistoric times when the blue-eyed, fair-haired people first came to this land, now known as Finland, they called it "Suomi," or "marshland," and with justification, for it was a wilderness of primeval forests, rich in game, checkered with lakes teeming with fish. This new land was possessed with bewitching beauty of sparkling, exhilarating days, and glowing, enchanted "white" nights. Moors, Mountains, 60,000 lakes, 80,000 islands, vast pines, spruce and birch forests, streams abundantly supplied with trout and salmon, all these composed "Suomi"—the Land of the Midnight Sun, and the Land of 60,000 Lakes.



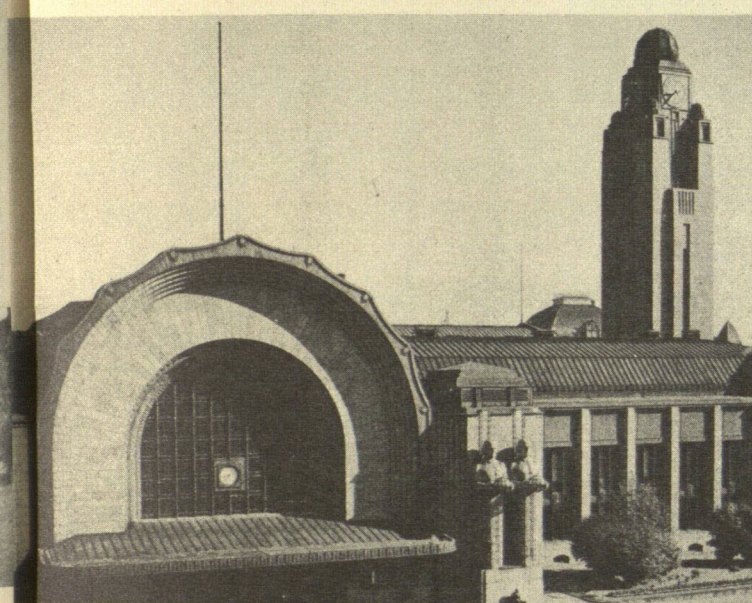
SAIMAA CANAL



PEHR BRAHE STATUE, TURKU



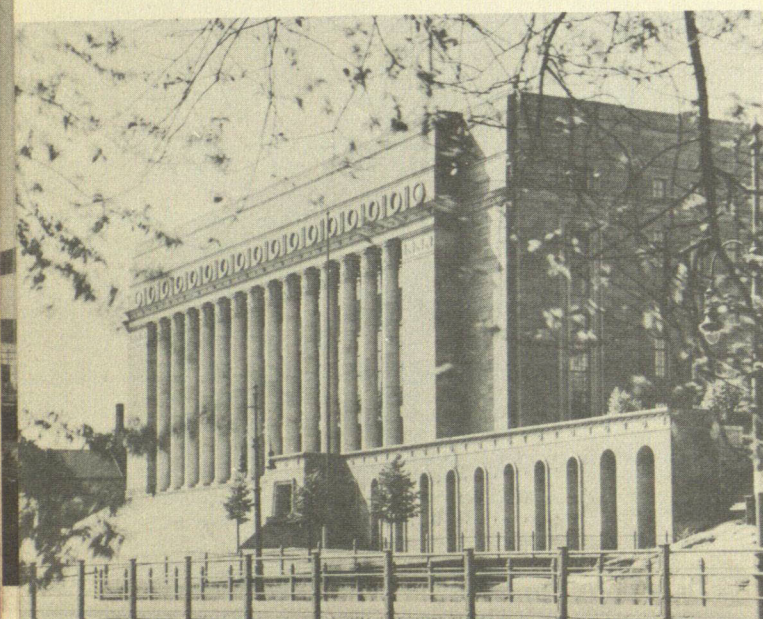
SCENE, TURUNLINNA



THE RAILWAY STATION, HELSINKI



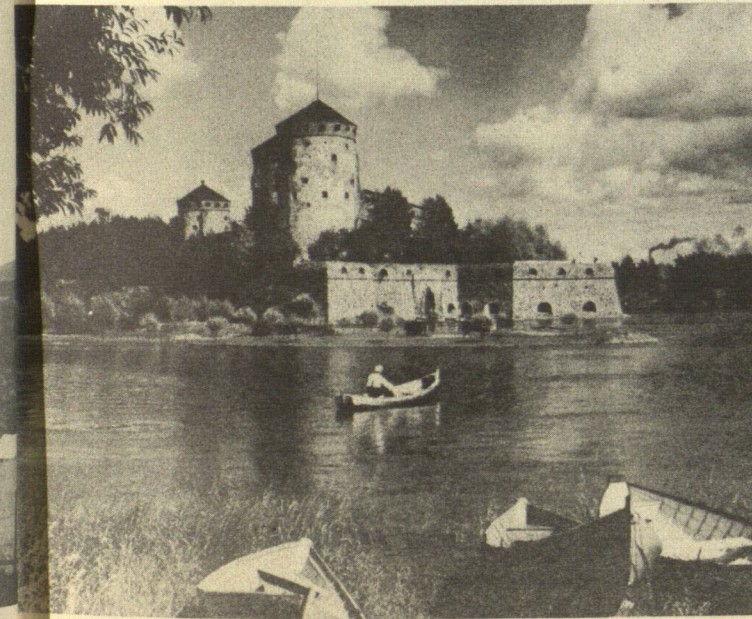
A TYPICAL COUNTRY SCENE



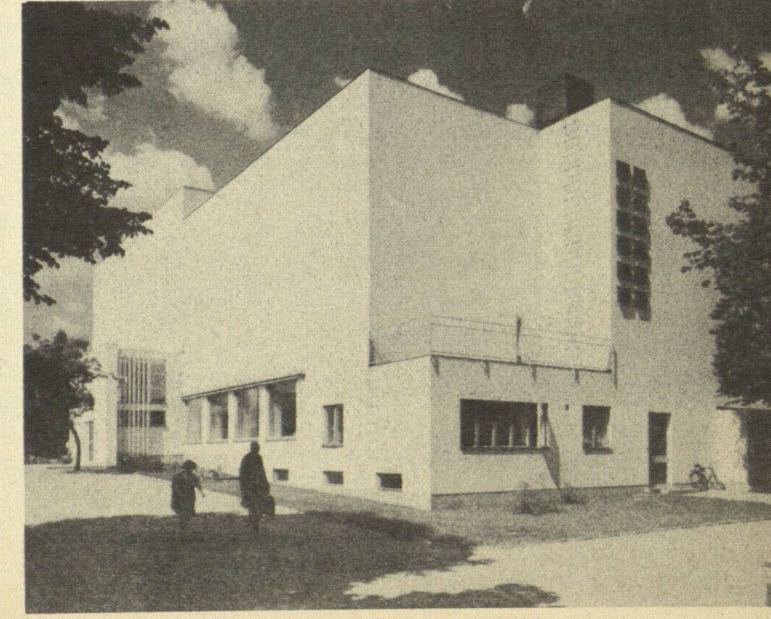
PARLIAMENT BUILDING, HELSINKI



SCENE FROM KORPILAHTI



OLAVINLINNA



LIBRARY IN MODERN VIIPURI



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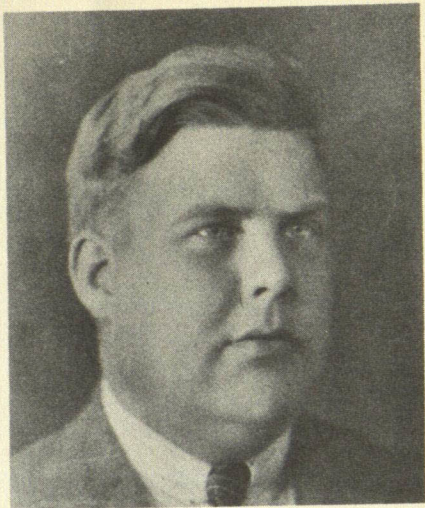
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If we have an incomplete list of the officials from your state or county or city, it's our mistake. We've had too much to do as a committee. Everyone, we feel sure, has put his or her shoulder to the wheel, to make this tercentenary celebration the success that it is.



## MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR OLD FINNISH CHURCHYARD



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direct crossing, and this area remains until today known as Finns Point. A little farther south a fort was built to have control of river traffic, Ft. Elfsborg, near present Salem. To the north and east there was a settlement on Raccoon Creek, now the town of Swedesboro, and east of that in turn a colony of Finnish settlers at Mullica Hill.

For many years the Swedes and Finns on the New Jersey side made the trip to Ft. Christina to attend church. Occasional traveling parsons held meetings at the Jersey settlements, but the church officials maintained that the churches at Ft. Christina had jurisdiction on both banks of the river. Finally the east shore settlers set up their own churches, first one at Raccoon Creek and then one at present Churchtown.

With the passage of years, the coming of English settlers, the change of government and their inter-marriages with the Finns and Swedes, both early churches became Episcopal parishes. St. George's Parish retains the name which it had when the first Finns and Swedes built a log church about 24 feet square on the site. Its present church, at the intersection of the Salem-Pennsgrove Highway and the Church-Landing Road, was selected by the New Sweden Tercentenary Commission of New Jersey as the appropriate site for the

ALMOST immediately upon the first landing of the Finnish and Swedish colonists in 1638 on the west bank of the Delaware River at the present site of Wilmington, small groups of settlers crossed to the east bank and established farms in what is now New Jersey. A group of settlers from Finland established themselves a short distance south of the

dedication of a memorial plaque on June 30, 1938, commemorating the pioneer settlements of this section, of which the largest was that of Finns Point, which actually lies about four miles southwest of the church although the name applied to the farm settlement covering a good deal of the area.

The settlers had little money to pay a pastor, but provided a farm for a joint pastor of the church at St. George's and the one on Raccoon Creek, now Trinity Church, Swedesboro. At times both churches had pastors, at times neither of them. The "Half-Way Parsonage" was sometimes rented to a tenant farmer. Since the colony passed from control of the Swedish government in 1655, only the continued watchfulness of the Lutheran Church in the old country kept a partial supply of preachers coming out to the New World at intervals thereafter. The younger generations of Finns and Swedes tended to drift into denominations which established churches with regular services and the English language became universal.

Peter Kalm, the famous Finnish naturalist, sent out by the University of Turku, Finland, to study botany in the New World in the 1740's was the most distinguished preacher at St. George's in its early history. He lived nearby for about a year, working at research and preaching in the church.

The records of the Parish, its burial ground where many of the Finnish pioneers rest, its births and marriages, and the land records of the area have been carefully studied, photographed and translated during the past year by Lewis Cook and Joseph S. Sickler, geneologists and historians, under the auspices of the New Sweden Tercentenary Commission of New Jersey. Senator D. Stewart Craven, of Salem, Chairman of the Commission, has given meticulous attention to seeking out and preserving the valuable historical records of the first settlements, giving to the nation a chapter of history which had long been neglected, if not forgotten.

1638

1938

### FINNS POINT

NEAR HERE

300 YEARS AGO AND LATER LIVED THE  
FIRST COLONY OF SETTLERS OF FIN-  
NISH BLOOD UPON THIS CONTINENT.  
\* \* TO THEIR MEMORY AND TO THE  
LOVE OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE THAT  
THEY HANDED DOWN TO THEIR DES-  
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New Sweden Tercentenary  
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