

LINWOOD PARKS SHIPLEY

DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN

Dorothy Shipley Granger



To Parks, on this occasion of his receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award, we might apply the lines he wrote in 1943 for his grandmother's eightieth birthday,

" She is the kind who made this
country great.
Her faith, her love, her good sound
judgment and toil,
Poured out with no demand, only the desire
That all her children, and their children
Grow up in the fear
And admonition of the Lord "

Parks is, indeed, "the kind that made
this country great...."

Courtly in manner, understanding of misguided zeal or failure to deliver; solicitious and kindly in time of need, and full of gay banter and good humor.

And he always sees the bright side!

We shall not attempt to cover Parks' notable career in banking, his easy familiarity with the great financial capitals of the world, and his success as a leader in the Oxford Group and Moral Rearmament.

Nor shall we yield to the temptation to dwell upon the early years in Maryland. For those engrossing stories, we recommend Parks' recently-published book, "We Shipleys-Memories and Memoirs." There you will read of his participation in all phases of country life - of bareback riding along lanes of his father's and neighbors' fields; of hunting, cutting grass and wood, and assisting with countless chores integral to a well-ordered family life.

And overall, the happiness of loving association with innumerable cousins, aunts, uncles, and adoring grandparents; the military influence of his father, Lieutenant Colonel Walter V. Shipley, Maryland National Guard, and a pervading sense that all creatures owe allegiance to their Creator.

This highly personable, tall young man with penetrating eyes and quantities of wavy dark hair, was always industrious, and worked in a wide variety of jobs. Among them, several banks, the Library of Congress and the National Botanical Garden.

His banking career started in 1927. In 1933 he joined the prestigious firm of Brown Brothers Harriman and Company, in New York, and was made a partner in 1953.

He has represented his firm in more than thirty countries; in some cases these trips were more than one a year and took him around the world four times. These visits (so glowingly described in Parks' book) established invaluable relations with the leaders, and he received many honors and distinctions. Among these is the Star of the Order of Sitara i Quaid i Azan, a decoration bestowed by the president of Pakistan.

In China he was given a unique gift and the name SHOU HSING. Shou Hsing, it was explained, was the God of Long Life. He had a big head for Wisdom, big ears for Listening, and big feet for Understanding. This talisman, when combined with the noted longevity of Shipleys, could cause a few records to fall!

Another news-worthy occasion was a Reception in Japan for the World Bank Conference at which Parks was host, when the wives of members were included, for the first time. (No male chauvinist, our Parks!)

Interested in the classics and fine arts, he early displayed a talent for music. He played the piano for social get-togethers and for silent movies; was assistant organist at a church in Hyattsville. He wrote poetry, presided over debates, and edited literary journals.

At the University of Maryland, from which he graduated in 1927 with highest honors, he was immensely popular, and his managerial ability and journalistic skills clearly qualified him as Editor-in-Chief of the Year Book, and as president of his fraternity and the leading Literary Society.

His interest in international affairs resulted in his taking business courses in Far Eastern subjects and his decision to get into work in the international area of a bank. And thus was begun a business life of deep fulfillment.....

Though Maryland claims him as her son, he is best described as a world citizen, and it is not illogical to surmise that his spirit of adventure and interest in futhermost parts of the world may stem from the same impulses that prompted Adam, of Yorkshire, to leave his native shores in 1668 and establish the Shipley dynasty in Maryland.

During the years that Parks was earning the title, "Citizen of the World", there was little time for active participation in Maryland affairs, but after his resumption of family activities, he contributed mightily of his wisdom and leadership.

Elected president of the Clan in 1970 (at the end of the term he was offered the job for life!), he now serves as First Vice-President with duties of Program Chairman. He is also official Archivist, and has edited Mrs. McCarty's papers for inclusion, with other family possessions, in the Museum and Historical Library of the Maryland Historical Society.

An avid genealogist, he works assiduously on the trail of elusive clues. For him, nothing is too much to do for "the family", be it spending days in Court Houses and the Maryland Hall of Records, or poking into ruins of a once-proud homestead and tramping across fields to locate a grown-over burying ground.

He has been extremely generous, frequently assuming the cost of voluminous paper work and soaring postage bills. In 1970 when publication costs threatened to strip our treasury, he came into the breach, and of that so-called "loan", a not insignificant amount has been left in the Book Account as a Special Fund, "in case of emergency"

Currently, the modest sum being paid for WE SHIPLEYS, published at Parks' expense, is another contribution to the Book Fund.

Less tangible, but on a grand scale as a contribution, is his part in the pilgrimage to England in 1977. To those who made that memorable tour, he is a matchless benefactor. There, his first-hand knowledge of the places visited was encyclopedic, and his status as Associate Member of the Royal Society of Arts was responsible for the welcome and courtesy which our group was accorded at a Reception and Luncheon in that historic English establishment.

Parks is a meticulous and thoughtful gentleman. He is attractive to persons of all ages, and to our unbounded delight, he has revealed that our love affair with him is not one-sided!

In discussing his dedication to the family group he characterizes it as self-rewarding. He said, "Emily and I have found greatest joy and satisfaction in our association with "the Shipleys" during our later years....."

It is our hope that the warmth and love we have received may be experienced in turn by many sons and daughters of Adam, in whose individual and collective lives can be found the greatness I attributed to my dear grandmother in my birthday paean in 1943....."

- And now we come to the summing up of the reasons that on this sixth day of December nineteen hundred and eighty, The Shipleys of Maryland presents the highest honor within its capacity - the Distinguished Citizen Award - to Linwood Parks Shipley.

Such a statement should be, if adequate words can be assembled, a true representation of the feeling which actuated the bestowal. But the pride we feel in kinship with this six-foot-six native son of Maryland who has given world-wide fame and lustre to our name is not readily definable. We can but say in simple words:

We love you, Parks!

For all the enviable qualities
you possess ~

For all that you have done to merit
recognition and esteem ~

For the many gratuitous acts of which
we are beneficiary ~

But we love you most for having given
to the Shipley family the fair winner of
the 1926 Freshman Gold Medal and the 1929
Citizen's Award of the University of Mary-
land,

the brilliant,
beautiful,
regal,
compassionate,
steadfast,

warmly-loving mother and grandmother of
Shipleys, your sweetheart-wife

Emily Herzog Shipley

In admiration, in gratitude, in
all-embracing love, we salute you!

May God bless and keep you forever.



Westminster, Maryland
6 December 1980

From a short to a tall Shipley

When first I met him, up he came
Up, and up, and up from his chair --
Over six feet of solid frame
Soon was standing beside me there,
The rest in proper proportions true,
All the build of him, bone and thew,
And looking down at me the while
Twinkling eyes, and a friendly smile.

Then I came to see more of the inner man,
Built on a similar generous plan:
A mind that quickens as it goes
To face this world of wonders and woes;
A spirit that welcomes as family
All the Shipleys that have come to see
What America can hope to be --
Where Shipleys too have left their marks
For three hundred fertile years and more,
With generations still in store
Wherein the family embarks
On journeys visioned by stalwart men
Who have been -- and have come again
In our good fellow, Linwood Parks.

Hail to him, cousins, one and all,
Be ye short or be ye tall;
From him inspiration sparks!
Hail, our good fellow, Linwood Parks!

Joseph T. Shipley

Joseph Twadell Shipley, Ph.D., drama
critic, philologist, encyclopedist, who
could not attend the tribute to Parks,
sent these verses.

Thank you, "Doctor Joe"!

D.S.G.

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- an organization of the descendants of Adam Shipley who came to Maryland from England in 1668, and the husbands and wives of such descendants.

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