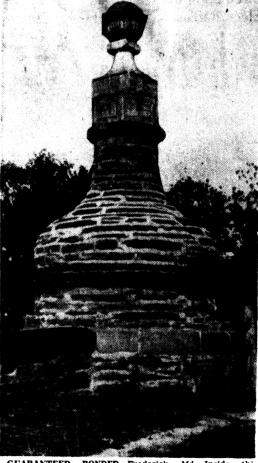
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-Frederick, **GUARANTEED** BUND ton piece of n Bridge here, r 'ogend. The BONDED-Md.—Inside this demijohn, a 10-ton piece of masonry perched on the situ of the old Jug Bridge here, reposes a keg of whisky, ac cording to local legend. The contents may be revealed i the Daughters of the American Revolution move the land-mark so it can be preserved. site

DARs Dip Into the Past, Rally to Historic Keg

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Star Staff Correspondent FREDERICK, Md., Dec. 21.— Members of the Frederick chap-ter of the DAR, of all people, may be on the verge of uncork-ing the oldest keg of whisky cround these perits nd these all star h. He round

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arou. It ah baugh. He and a pretty goou neer up Frederick early 1800s. Thomas Jefferson "white House at the ompleted the and four "athe early 1800s. Thomas Jefferson was in the White House at the time, had just completed the Louisiana Purchase, and found the real estate business rather slow after that, so he decided to go into the road-building business: Something that would run from the Baltimore-Washington area up through Frederick to Cum-berland and out to the West. Leo, who Frederick folks say did most of the masonry on the White House, was his man. Bridge the Monocacy

Bridge the Monocacy He was given the job of build-g a bridge across the Monoc-y River three miles east of rederick. in re T

acy River three miles east of mayoe but the mains might Frederick. The job was started in 1808 and finished the following year. And quite a job it was, too: four stone arches, each 65 feet long. When the bridge was finished, Leo, who wasn't the bashful type, wanted to make sure that no-body forgot who did the job. At the eastern end of the bridge he built a huge masonry demijohn, better than 10 feet all, inscribed his own name on it else the the the the istorical Society of 1 erist. Joseph W. Urner, preside the Historical Society of 1 erist County, estimates tha other fellows on the job and, so twisky inside the monument. Now some folks might regard in poor taste. Rut Leo knew his

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official "His-County" Williams "the B ten by T. J. C. Williams Folger McKinsy, "the Be town Bard." Frederick at time the bridge was built his population of 1.236 males. J females—and 140 distilleries. and Bentz-at the at the had a s, 1,244

100 Gallons a Year

These distin 145,000 gallons which means distilleries produced allons of whisky a year eans every manjack in which means every manjack in the town could swill better than 100 gallons a year providing he kept the womenfolks on the wagon and didn't have any need for hard cash. for hard cash. So you can see that both the demijohn monument and the keg of whisky inside, if it's there, were quite appropriate. Leo was fat and happy until three days later one of the arches began to flatten out. He figured that his bridge shortly would be in the Moncacy, so the legend goes, he hot-footed it out of Frederick for parts unknown. It did fall in the Monocacy, too-134 years later. Nothing untoward happened until .s ed b

finally suffered a severe case fallen arches—into the Mon-acy. This conclusively ended long-standing argument as whether it was safe. A new bridge across the M Decarg was completed two yes of d the

Mo A new bridge across the Mo-nocacy was completed two years later several hundred yards from the old one. Leo's demijohn, neglected and out of sight of passing motorists, began to deof depassing r teriorate.

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Small boys used it as a target to demonstrate their rock-throw-ing ability and more than one thirsty Fredericktonian tried to break open the demijohn.

break open the demijohn. When it was announced that another Monacacy bridge would be built close to the old one to make Route 240 dual lane, the DAR ladies swung into action. Frederick Regent Mrs. Paul B. Rhoads informed the State Roads Commission that the demijohn should be moved to a suitable point between the two bridges. The State roads people said maybe but the ladies might have to pay for having the demijohn moved.

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Joseph W. Urner, president of the Historical Society of Fred-erick County, estimates that the demijohn weighs at least 10 tons.

ose of some of the definition weights at teast 10 tons. on the job and, so sealed a keg of adds with a smile, "might be to the monument. olks might regard build it again. . . 145 years cornerstone-filling old . . . that keg should have But Leo knew his real authority by now."

too-134 years later. Nothing untoward happened for quite some time. In 1824, Lafayette dropped in at Frederick and made a speech at the bridge, but nobody knows what he said. The next we hear of Frederick is in September, 1862, when Rob-ert E. Lee is out with Stonewall Jackson on one of their periodic strolls through Maryland. Whitter's Wood for the

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Whittier's Word for It An old lady by the name of Barbara Frietchie got into a has-sle with Jackson and soon put him in his place—if we are to believe John Greenleaf Whittier, who wasn't there either. Whittier doesn't mention the demijohn or the whisky inside, and Jackson's troops, being serv-icemen, certainly would have taken care of that in short order if they'd known about it. Two years later Jubal Early dropped around, crossed Leo's bridge and, in preference to having to listen to Barbara Frietchie sound off, defeated Lew Wallace in the battle of the Monocacy and marched on Washington. He got as far as Mount, St. Alban before Grant changed his mind for him. He burned Chambersburg, Pa., in-stead. On March. 3, 1942, Leo's bridge

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