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COMING EVENTS

- June 4 GARDEROCK, Md.
11 OLD RAG MOUNTAIN, Va.
18 SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN, Md.
25 LITTLE STONY MAN,
July 2 GARDEROCK, Md.

CHAMPE ROCKS An Historical Note

Near Seneca Rocks, West Virginia, and nine hundred feet above the valley floor rise the chimney shaped rocks of Champe. Rugged they are, and rugged too was the man for whom they were named

Benedict Arnold's desertion and subsequent promotion by the British Army caused quite a furor in the young American government, for there was a real danger that other desertions would follow. So George Washington sent Sergeant John Champe as a spy to join up with the British and kidnap Arnold.

One dark night, young Champe set out on Horseback, "a deserter" from the American camp. However, on guard at that time was a noble young lieutenant, who thinking he was only doing his duty, set out with troops to bring Champe back. What a chase that was! But our Sergeant took a short cut to the Hudson River and was just in time to board a British ship, leaving his would be captors lined up on the river's bank.

Sergeant Champe had a persuasive tongue and manner and was soon serving under Arnold's command along with other American deserters.