

Seeing America . . .

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English and Huguenots settled here. Buildings are falling into decay much more than farther north, either because not good enough to stand the whips and scorns of time or from lack of attention.

Over the Chesapeake bay bridge into the environs of Washington D. C. where the business of government and the production is of confusion.

Arlington, Virginia

Washington is supposed to be impressive, it being the capitol of the greatest nation in the world, but it isn't except to those who come expecting to find glamour and hoping to be impressed.

No one is born to the purple and no matter how great a man may become in one administration within a few years he can walk up the street, a has-been as obsolete as last year's dress. Reverence for position and place just doesn't grow among most Americans, at least, not to the size it gets among peoples who have been bred to respect royalty. It goes out on his lawn to practice golf and the crowds go right on by on the wide sidewalks, stopping but briefly if at all to watch him. In front of the White House the other day a small and frisky squirrel was getting more attention than residence of the presidents.

Yet folks by the thousands will go traipsing through the public parts of the White House, gawping and peering like cats in a strange barn. The line moves slowly and would be extremely tiresome except for the paintings of very dead presidents hung on the wall and solemn expressions on the faces of Americans in this solemn spot.

The whole thing looks new and it may be no more historic than it was a year ago; walls, floors and carpets (carefully rolled) are new, so complete was the \$7,000,000 renovation by the little man from Missouri.

In the capitol itself the halls are getting pretty full of statues; which should make certain that henceforth a man must do something really grand to have a brass replica of himself planted there. There is great variation among them; brass, marble, clothed in the flowing robes of great-great grandfather's day or as modern as the double-breasted suit in which Huey Long and Will Rogers are pictured, both with hands in pockets, itself as distinctive as the far away look of discoverers. Speaking of statues, an Oregon-

ian visiting here, described the population of Washington as consisting of one-third government clerks, one-third negroes and one-third statues. There does seem to be statues of everyone who would stand still long enough.

Arlington, Virginia

Mount Vernon is a shrine visited by nearly everyone who comes to Washington. It would be like going to the zoo without seeing the monkeys. Washington didn't have such a big house, not so large as Lee did 60 or 70 years later. There seems a striking solemnity in the crowds that push against the ropes restraining them from entering the rooms and gaze at the silverware on the dining table, the fireplaces, the post beds. No one jokes about the shortness of the beds, the height of the feather beds made the sleeper, nor the modernity of the copper pots.

Clothes worn by George and Martha are still on display although looking little as they did. There are all sorts of little gadgets made from some article owned by George. Actually he didn't spend much time at Mt. Vernon being engaged in surveying, fighting, politicking most of his life. But it was a pretty place to come home to.

Government workers' hours are staggered so as to lessen the traffic jams morning and evening when they congregate in groups from all over the surrounding country to do their stints in the block long and block wide buildings.

The botanical garden was filled with women and chrysanthemums, one mum, the other not. Here are more mums than Gwen Mitchell has. Whatever flower is in season is displayed and in profusion.

The Smithsonian is filled with the greatest amount of junk ever assembled, most of it authentic. Dresses worn by every president's lady; displays of the manufacture of many things; dozens of planes (Wright's Lindbergh's); carts and wagons from the earliest hewn wood ones; ship models; engines. One could find the history of almost anything here if he but followed through on what he can see.

The Washington monument sticks way up toward the sky and lines of visitors wait for a chance to ride up the elevator to the top. The things one is expected to do occupy the time of most tourists, apparently.

The Lincoln memorial is truly impressive. Whoever designed it did a fine, artistic job and no American can help but be impressed. That of Jefferson is as large. His statue stands in the center of

white marble pillars but it is too large, too black. Jefferson was a man who made his mark by his ideas, not by his power. His doctrine was that man should be free to think and to express; the first amendment is his philosophy.

In Washington is the center of government; but out in the sticks the people direct it. Ideas are born and developed in little towns where problems are met with intelligence and ability and action. When they grow they are put into effect by the governmental machinery centered here. This impresses as the center of the machinery, not the center of the ideas.

Pleasant Hill, North Carolina

The Andrew Mellon art museum in Washington D.C. would cost as much to rebuild and re-fill as any building here. In fact, it could not be refilled for it contains masterpieces of painting that could not be duplicated. What is displayed are paintings mostly, although there is some sculpture. Paintings, in a sort of sequence, run from earliest times to the very modern, both of which are pretty bad, one because of lack of equipment and the other from lack of work enough to complete detail. In between are some marvelous paintings.

Government buildings cover blocks and inside have block long halls and a myriad of rooms occupied by men working at some part of some job. Somewhere there must be men to centralize all this effort and make it effective.

SERVICE AT GRASS VALLEY
There will be service of divine worship at 3 o'clock p.m. Sunday, November 15, at the Grass Valley Methodist church, announces Rev. H. Gravenor, minister in charge.

RUFUS ITEMS

(Continued from Page 1) ecutive committee is Sam Brock, Will Huck and Atlee Wilson. Mrs. Bill O'Brien is musician. Wishram high school football team outplayed the Wasco-Rufus team when they came to Rufus Friday afternoon. Right from the start Wishram took the lead and

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Douglas and Barbara Medler were guests of the George Foxes several days the first of the week while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler made a trip to Baker.

Mrs. Earl Wetherford and son of Arlington returned home Sunday after a ten day visit with her parents, the George Foxes. Earl was hunting elk in the Willowa mountains. They only got one in a party of four.

The REA meeting was held in The Dalles Saturday. Lunch was served to noon. Mrs. George Fox won a chicken fryer. Four other Sherman county members won prizes.

Rally day at Rufus Sunday school is planned for Nov. 22. There will be a musical program under the direction of Mrs. Willis Barney. Everyone is welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hydorn and Mrs. Harold Duffle and children were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Mathieson. Rev. and Mrs. Willis Barney attended preachers' conference last week at Wenatchee, Wash. They spent a day at Seattle.

Mr. Xythe Rice and daughter Patricia of Palouse, Wash. spent a few days visiting at the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blackburne and family and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blackburne visited in Dufur Sunday.

Parents are invited to attend Open House at the school Thursday, Nov. 12 at 8 p.

Community pinochle club met Monday at the home of Mrs. Harry Adams Mrs. Tom Macnab received high score and Mrs. Chet Coats low. Later the hostess served salad, rolls and coffee.

Mrs. Della Patterson of The Dalles was a weekend guest at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab.

Dr. and Mrs. Leo Moore and

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bonners of The Dalles visited L. V. Moore Armistice day.

SERVING IN KOREA

Army Pvt. Charles E. Wallace, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Wallace of Wasco, is now serving with the 2nd Infantry division in

Korea.

The "Indian head" division, which captured Heartbreak ridge and Old Baldy, is now undergoing intensive post-truce training.

Private Wallace entered the army last January and completed basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif.

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