

Visit to St. Paul's Cathedral Discussed by Grants Pass Man

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of dispatches from Charles (Chuck) A. Moore, Jr., Grants Pass, a former Medford resident, Moore is now in London in connection with the Lewis and Clark college Experiment in International Living.)

By CHARLES A. MOORE

Feb. 22: At the evening meal, Miss Seldon produced, much to my surprise, a "Happy Birthday, Chuck" cake. It is a traditional English fruit cake clothed in a soft blue icing. The cake was delicious, and judging from its size, will continue to be just as delicious throughout the home stay. As birthday presents, the Seldons presented two map and guide books of London.

In the evening, a friend of the Seldons arrived from Worthing for the week end to discuss with Mr. Seldon their planned journey to Russia. Mr. Seldon had received cancellation notice of the tour just that morning.

In the course of conversation, I found the man, John Chirgwin, had an uncle in America. In fact, to quote

Chirgwin, he lives in "a small Oregon town called Medford. He immigrated to America around 1908 and later became an American citizen." So to Mr. H. S. Chirgwin of 23 Corning Court, Medford, comes a hello from the John Chirgwin family of Worthing.

Feb. 23: Doug and I spent the afternoon at the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square. More than a mere course in Italian Renaissance painting will be needed to make me like those paintings.

Meal time is great. Pick up the fork with the left, the knife with the right. Then forget they are there, for there they will stay for most of the meal. Next comes the intricacies of transporting the Yorkshire pudding, toad-in-the-hole, or whatever it is the mor:h. That which can be jabbed, jab. That which cannot be jabbed must be pushed onto the back of the fork with the knife. Peas and small tidbits are an exception. For these the fork is inverted. The morsels are then pushed into the hollow. If the fork does not contain pudding, meat, potatoes, carrots, peas, and apple sauce it is just not an acceptable bite.

Feb. 25: Sunshine is making this a perfect day to go into London proper.

At the bottom of the road, I caught a 177 Red Line bus. The view from the top deck is tremendous if you can see through the smoke.

Four things stand out in my memories of St. Paul's Cathedral.

First is the majesty of the great doors with the paintings depicting the life of the Saint high above our heads.

Second is the whispering gallery. Here, immediately below the dome and 100 feet from the cathedral floor, the guide's voice on the opposite side (107 feet away) is perfectly audible, although he may be only whispering. Speaking with his face to the wall, his voice travels along the smooth circular surface.

My third vivid memory is of the small dome which supports the Ball and Cross above the lantern. This dome is cylindrical (about 5 feet in height and 3 feet in diameter) and enclosed with meshed wire. From here, 365 feet above the city of London is a wonderful view.

Christopher Wren, the remarkable architect who designed and built the cathedral from 1675 to 1710, made one great error. He forgot to include a lift. Instead, there are 519 climbing steps and two long ladders from the ground floor to the last gallery. They are almost all circular.

Last I will mention the crypt and monuments. Throughout the cathedral are beautiful monuments and tombs including such notable names as John Donne, Lord Nelson, and Christopher Wren; but the most striking monument of all is one in the crypt. It is a bust of George Washington, American president. For this I could stand to hear an explanation.

I walked to the Tower of

London. It is in reality not a tower but a collection of towers joined by walls and surrounded by a high fortress wall. Within these walls one can view the crown jewels, see an inexhaustible supply of ancient armour and listen to the beekeepers in their narratives about some of England's greatest politicians who met their deaths within its confines.

Then there are the tower

ravens. According to superstition, if these birds are ever lost or fly away, the crown will fall, and Britain with it. Throughout World War II one solitary raven kept post at the tower. As a result, England has been brought to her secure position. Getting an edge on fate, the authorities clipped the wings of the ravens. Never will Britain fall, because the birds are unable to fly.

Committee Votes Down Raises for Officials

Salem - (AP) - Suggested salary increases for the secretary of state and state treasurer were rejected Tuesday by the Ways and Means committee.

The proposal would have raised salaries of the two officials from \$15,000 to \$17,500.

The committee approved a series of budgets, including \$10 million for the state police. It provides for 18 new positions. The governor had requested 35.

Scripter Named To Wisconsin Position

Ashland - Morton Scripter, professor of economic geography, while pursuing study for his doctor of philosophy degree in geography. This year he has been a graduate student at Oregon State university in resource geography working toward his master's degree. He was graduated from Southern Oregon college in 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Scripter and son will not go to Madison until early fall.

Scripter will be assistant to Robert H. T. Smith, research

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