

PARTY IS GIVEN FOR MRS. CHISSUS

Mother Of Village Residents
Honored On Seventieth
Birthday At Pontiac

Honoring their mother, Mrs. Theresa Chissus, on her seventieth birthday, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Chissus, and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Barden, both of Dorchester, conducted a surprise party at the Pontiac home of Mrs. N. E. Poth. A large birthday cake with 70 candles centered the table from which the potluck dinner was served. Pink and white sweet peas completed the decoration scheme.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Barth, of Fegedale, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Chissus and family, Percy Chissus, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Swachamer and family, Mrs. Lillian Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Chamberlain, and family, all of Pontiac.

After hunting seven years for the comrade who saved his life in France, R. S. Mawin found him living in Shirebrook, Eng., in poverty.

Seventy-Seven Washingtonites Return From Capitol Tour

By ONE OF THE GROUP

Saturday, April 13th, was a great day for the Union Station in Detroit. Seventy-seven Washingtonians, not to mention their families and friends, filled the station at 10:30 a. m. with excitement. The travelers had worked two years for this trip and they didn't want to miss the train, so they showed up from an hour to three hours early.

At four-thirty all the dangling legs and arms were pulled in and the special train got under way. The first meal aboard the train dispelled any dignity the group had. A good many had never eaten en route before and their effort with soup on the curves kept the whole train in tears.

It was a warm night so of course the observation car was very popular. It would have been full all night if the wiser advisors hadn't shooed us to bed at eleven. Gradually the first pullman quieted down. The intervals grew longer between "move over!" and "Get your knee out of my stomach!" Finally nothing was heard

but the rhythmic clack of the wheels, and everybody began to doze off. Then a little voice called out pathetically, "Mamma—I want a drink." He got his drink, but it wasn't where he wanted it.

At some unearthly hour the next morning, Dinty Moore came around calling, "All out for Harper's Ferry." We turned out and then waited two hours and a half for the place to show up.

Breakfast and Hill Top House, and visited John Brown's fort and Jefferson's Rock with its magnificent view of the Shenandoah valley, then went on and reached Washington at 11 a. m.

The afternoon was rainy, but that didn't make so much difference since we spent the whole time on the sightseeing buses except for a visit to the National Cathedral and the Lincoln Memorial. It was here we got the first view of the famous cherry blossoms. The busses were fringed with the pink masses.

After dinner we spent an hour and a half getting a little taste of

IS CHAIRMAN



MRS. WILLIAM O. STEVENS

Mrs. Stevens, who in general chairman of local activities for National Music Week, to be held May 4-May 11. Assisting her will be Mrs. Charles Burgess, Mrs. Herbert Zerbe, Mrs. H. G. Wood, Mrs. Whiting Raymond, and Mrs. Herbert Gardner.

The Congressional Library. By eleven o'clock everyone was ready to turn in.

They have no respect for your beauty sleep on a trip like this. They come around and roll you out at six-thirty without the slightest compunction.

We had to start early for in the morning alone we visited the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, the Washington Monument, the Science Building, the Pan American Building and the White House. In the White House our party was allowed to see some of the private rooms.

The afternoon until 3:30 was spent in the Capitol. We visited the Senate and the House in session, learning there that an eagle kills a chicken and that a road may be either a highway or a connecting road. Then we climbed up to the peak of the Capitol dome and saw the whole city from there.

Then Shopping

The afternoon was free for shopping. Mr. Toothacker had told us that there were two taxi lines in Washington that charged only 35 cents to take you anywhere in the city. Some of the travelers spent the whole afternoon looking for these cabs.

Senator Couzens was our guest at dinner Monday evening, and afterward the group split up. Some went to the movies and others went to see the English play, "Journey's End."

Our magician, Prof. Cummings, decided to practice in our suite after the theater. He kept us in convulsions until 1:30 when we persuaded him it was bed time. He started to undress. He took off his shirt and tossed it on the floor. Lo and behold, the thing started to rise toward the ceiling.

Tuesday morning was entirely taken up by the old and the new national museums. At that time there was only a fraction of the time we would have liked to spend there.

After lunch the three buses that had been carrying us around, took us into Virginia. We saw Fort Myers, Arlington Cemetery and Memorial Amphitheatre, and the city of Alexandria.

In Alexandria we saw Washington's Masonic Lodge containing a lot of his personal relics, and around the corner from there, the old Carlyle House where secret rebel meetings were held to plan out the American Revolution.

At Washington's Tomb

Thence to Mount Vernon. There the group gathered around the little tomb in the side of the hill overlooking the Potomac. Heads were bared, the gates opened, and a large wreath was placed on the tomb of Washington. Taps was blown, and the group sang Mount Vernon Bells to the accompaniment of mocking birds in the trees overhead.

Back in Alexandria again we all sat in the pew occupied by Washington in the old Christ Church, and rode back to the Cairo Hotel for dinner.

We celebrated Mr. Toothacker's birthday by giving him an 80 passenger cake with 16 candles on it. Then at nine o'clock the usual party began.

Entertainment was provided by the Male Quartet, Perry Hart, and Prof. Cummings. The Group Orchestra played for dancing.

That didn't make it easy to get up early the next morning, but everybody managed it and we left the Capitol City at eight.

The next stop was Baltimore. The buses took us to Fort Henry where our national anthem was written, and to countless thousands of churches. 700 to exact Philadelphia is noted for its queer houses. Baltimore deserves the honor much more. Block after block of houses all the same. And every doortop in the city cut from the same pattern and painted the same white.

The visit to Annapolis took the afternoon until 5:30, when we boarded the ship for a trip down the Chesapeake Bay. A southern style dinner was served on board.

A more perfect night for the trip could not be found. It was warm and calm and the moon was just full.

Lasting Memory

That is one experience that will last long in the mind of most of the travelers.

One had one's choice the next morning of getting up at four to five, or going on down the coast. Unfortunately the advisors would not permit the first choice since the schedule was arranged to take

In Old Point Comfort and Fortress Monroe.

A new army officer guided us around and explained completely how an obsolete fort works. Lunch was served in the dining hall at William and Mary College. We arrived at Richmond, Va., at 2:30 and immediately toured the city by bus. Richmond possesses the Confederate Cavalry, the church where Patrick Henry made his famous speech, and a road hotel. At the Richmond Hotel was served a most excellent dinner.

Our admiration of the warm Virginia night and the lights of the city from the roof garden of the hotel was short-lived because our special train was waiting for us at 9:30.

It was a long day and nobody stayed awake to see that the train went on as it should.

When we woke up in the morning, we were in Charlottesville. After breakfast taxi took us to Jefferson's home. Monticello is situated on the summit of one of the Blue Ridge mountains, at the end of a winding road up through the forest. It is a masterpiece of colonial design, and overlooks the city of Charlottesville in the valley.

Our fates had been kind. It was a balmy day and the spring flowers were in full bloom. All together it was a most beautiful spot.

That afternoon we visited the handsome University of Virginia, and boarded the train once more for the last lap of our trip.

The train stopped now and then the scenic spots. Then as darkness fell we saw the country level out behind us, and we sped on, 80 miles an hour toward our homes.

SIDEWALK HEARING O. K.

Construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Chester street between Hanna street and Brown street, was authorized by the Village Commission Monday night when no objections to the installation of the walk was made at the hearing on the project.

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