

241 BHS Seniors and Advisors Take 8-Day Trip



PAUSING OUTSIDE the UN building in New York are (from left) Bob Hohmeyer, Pat Hefflin, Nancy Clarke, Dick Sneed, Noel Kurth, Shirley Phillips and Cliff Weshley.

Students Visit Washington And New York

BY DON WEIR
(Excerpts from his personal log of the trip)

Buzzing alarms told 230 Birmingham high school seniors and 11 advisors composing the 1956 Washington group that it was 6 a.m. on the day to start the long-awaited eight-day trip.

The train left for the Capitol at 8:05 Saturday, March 31, ten minutes earlier than expected. The time saved was all right with everyone, except Linda Dale, who was late arriving at the station. She later flew to Washington and met the group at the Lee House that evening.

DURING THE long ride Fred Harley, John Bradford, Jim Proctor, Jim May and Jim Renzell got involved in an all-day poker game. No money, of course.

While traveling around the mountains, Don Picmann and Tom Hiser made sure the train would not fall off the track by having all occupants lean toward the safe side.

Ek Dorfmann gave a vocal recital after dinner.

BY 10:30 P.M., the group had arrived in Washington, checked into the Lee House, and headed for the open air. In the hour and a half free time Jim May, Fred Harley, Bill Foster and I spent the time planning how to sneak into the White House without being seen, while others got their first look at the Capitol.

After Easter morning services, the locals enjoyed the afternoon tour of Alexandria, Mount Vernon and Arlington. Jim Traa, president of the Washingtonoppers, gave a very inspiring speech while placing a wreath on the father of our country's tomb at Mount Vernon.

That evening the Maples visited the Jefferson and Lincoln monuments and the Library of Congress.

AFTER A DAY of sight-seeing, the Maples boarded the District of Columbia at 5:30 p.m. the following evening for the boat trip down the Potomac river to Old Point Comfort.

Led by Ruth Keller, director, the evening variety show aboard the ship was very successful. E. A. Hubbard, director of the group, commented that the show was the best ever performed on a Maple Washington trip.

Tom Halstead, drums; Mike Weston, saxophone, and Don Laird, piano, rocked the boat with a jam session just before room check.

BILL O'NEILL, a group of hep cats in dancing the chicken and bug, to the delight of the onlookers. A few Maples even did the bunny hop, much to the disapproval of the advisors, who said the stomping would surely sink the boat.

At the Governor's Palace in Williamsburg the next day, tragedy almost struck Judy Buchanan and Kathie Crouch. Both got lost in the garden maze, and both made their buses by less than a few seconds.

"Let's stay right here," said Carolyn Killing upon arriving at Norfolk Navy base. Many of the girls tried to climb into the sailer's paradise by bailing out the bus windows, but with great persuasion from the males aboard, the whole group arrived safely back aboard the boat.

LED BY DICK Sneed's unforgettable imitation of the captain in Mister Roberts, Dave Dixon's variety show that night was an entertaining hour and a half.

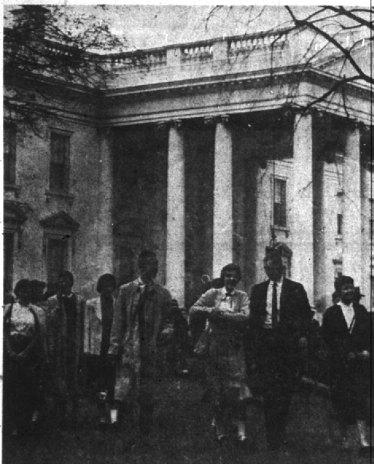
The next day at the Botanical Gardens, Julie Stubbs upon a dare went wading in one of the pools.

After the day's visits to the White House, the U. S. Capitol, and the Supreme Court, a four-hour train ride took the group to



Washington Trip Photos by Frank Mabley

U.S. CAPITOL building looms in the background as Maureen Garwood, Jay Lewis, Don Laird and Sarah Harrison climb the steps of the Supreme Court building.



SNAPPED AS THEY leave the White House, in the foreground are (from left) Sally Schlachter, Julie Stubbs, Betty Milligan, Tom Halstead, Betty Bannard, Dave Phillips and Mary Wilson.

New York City. By 9:45 p.m. all were safely and quickly checked into the Taft hotel.

MANY MAPLES hit the night-spots in New York during the two free hours that evening. John Fleser got thrown out of a bar in Greenwich Village because the local basketball star asked for milk.

Dave Dixon was quite shocked when he got a bill for almost ten dollars for nine soft drinks at the Metropole.

The next day included a tour of the UN, and was climaxed by theatre parties that evening.

A FREE-MORNING Friday saw



GETTING A CLOSE-UP of the Statue of Liberty on a boat ride are (from left) Jill Matthews, Lee Abernathy and an unidentified spectator, with Helen Caldwell and Bill Sweeney viewing the camera instead.

The Birmingham Evening

Section 4

Thursday, April 19, 1956

Parties Original

By VIRGINIA COLE

White Elephant Cootie is a game which appeals to young and old alike. It will entertain a group for an entire afternoon or evening so may be used for any kind of party. Children should be 10 or over to have lots of fun with it.

Here's what you do: when you invite your guests, tell each to bring with him a brown paper bag containing about a dozen small white elephant prizes.

These should be just things that they can collect around the house, such as: costume jewelry, what-nots, cosmetics, ball-point pens, address books, small charger dolls or anything they think will make good trade items.

SEAT GUESTS, four at a card table. On each table have a pair of dice, individual score cards and pencils. Also a table-size piece of paper for each player to use for drawing his Cootie.

It is assumed that you all know how to play Cootie. If not, you can find it in any game book or read the directions on the box of a commercial game in any toy store.

THE FIRST ONE to Cootie at each table gets to select anything he chooses from the bags of each of the other players at the table. As soon as someone has Cootied at each table, players should all change places and tables and a new game starts. Continue in this manner as long as the party lasts.

In the course of play, a player may find a special item he especially likes in someone's bag, select it and then lose it to another player later. He may then regret it later if he is lucky enough to Cootie while playing with whoever has it. Thus, favored items may change hands many times in the course of the playing time.

William's parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gossett of Goodhue road, Bloomfield Hills.

Infantry Actor

Taking part recently in a play produced by Soldier Shows at the Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Ga., was SFC Thomas G. Hawley of Birmingham.

APRIL ASSAULT

There are a few things in these yards of ours that need a hard, direct and immediate assault . . . and not all of them are inhuman.

For instance, a flowering crab, (a fast moving gentleman) came in recently and said, "Gimme somethin' for the lawn I can put on in a few minutes. I gotta play golf Saturday early." We said, "Can't you apply it on Sunday?" He said, "Naw, I gotta play golf Sunday early."

Another one said, "I want a good all-purpose fertilizer and bug killer so I can throw in some grass seed and weed killer and take care of the lawn, flowers and the apricot tree at one crack." Well, we couldn't even breathe after that one.

Well, let's get down to brass tacks!

The lawn must be nourished. Grass needs 1 1/2 lbs. of nitrogen per month for the five growing months. Three applications is the minimum (depending on what you use). (You might try the methods of some Methodists we know.)

The lawn must be reseeded at least once a year. A thick, well-nourished and well-watered turf maintained at a 2 inch height will tickle your bare feet and prove a mighty effective control for weeds and crab grass.

The rose beds should be inspired by cultivating in some DRICURE and if you didn't add bone meal last Fall put in some 0-13-0 along with your 7-8-1 Rose Food as soon as growth begins.

Prepare your gardens with plenty of PEAT MOSS or DRICURE or leaves or compost along with 4-12-4 or 5-10-5.

We assume you have already had your lawn mower sharpened and conditioned. But, of course, that is an absurd assumption. There are lots of repair shops who can take it now and return it in 3 or 4 weeks.

We have neglected our National Excess Days. So now we announce NATIONAL EXCESS HASTY BAKE DAY. This day will probably extend for a week but we usually run out of material in a day or two. This day has nothing to do with pies or cakes.

There are 2 HASTY BAKE GRILLS which normally sell for . . . well, they don't sell. That's that! We want to test public susceptibility (or gullibility) by seeing what happens when the price is reduced from 24.95 to 16.95.

There are two peachy BEACH BUCKETS. They are small grills for little neck clams, small steaks and flat pocket books. The price is smaller down to \$7.17. If you have a small beach this is a peach. These are also fine grills for yards without frills.

A red hot deal if you are cool on the foregoing is the PATIO HEATER . . . if you have a patio and a pater who is prepared to pay \$7.95 for a patio heater for the patio if . . .

NOTE—The National Excess Red Wood Wheelbarrow Day has now been extended into its 4th or 5th week. HURRY! They are going!

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TIME OUT FOR A SONG on the lawn at the Governor's palace in Williamsburg. Grouped near the tree are (from left) Dick Sneed, song leader Tom Halstead, Dave Phillips, Judy Collins, Betty Bannard, Ann Gardner and Mike Thornberry.



ACTING ON ORDERS of Dick Sneed (pointing, center) Dave Phillips (left) pretends to fire one of the big guns at Jamestown. Judy Collins peers over Dave's shoulder, and Mary Wilson gives an assist. Making up gun crew number two in the background are Betty Milligan and Fred Harley (nearest the gun), with Don Chaffee and Gretchen Guck looking on.