

Woman Celebrates Thanksgiving At White House

To the Editor:
Celebrated Thanksgiving early this year. But what are you going to do when the occasion demands that the heart be grateful, right then and there? It happened while sitting on a bench, three weeks ago, in the White House entry hall. The doors open at ten. I was the third they let in. After peeping a dozen times into each room after talking to a guard who explained about the tapestry on the walls, about the prayer over the fireplace mantel.

ABOUT HOW THE reception "worked", (who stood where and how everyone filed from one room to the other until they ended up out in the hallway again) I sat down upon a bench in a corner and had my Thanksgiving.

For what? Why, because America passed by!
Through their feet I was able to see their souls. And, here is what was seen.

First, a huge pair of brown oxfords. Heels shining. Strings tied neatly. These brown oxfords explained to another pair of shoes, much smaller, one that a ten year old would shove his feet into, about our president.

AND ABOUT the presidents who preceded him. "You can see their portraits on these walls," the guard explained as they pushed the smaller sized oxfords on to the next room.

A tiny pair of white saddle shoes skipped by next. They hopped around until a mother, who was wearing saddle shoes too, held them still for a moment: "Honey, I want you to look into this doorway so you'll be able to say when you grow up to be a big girl, that you saw the White House green parlor!" The misgirt saddle shoes stood still and a little "oh" came out. Then they went on.

LEGAL NOTICE
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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 15th day of November A. D. 1957.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of KATHRYN R. NORTROP, Deceased.

For my Order, That the 16th day of December A. D. 1957, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, he and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is further Ordered, that notice be given to all interested parties by showing or the request in this case by delivering a copy of this order, with a copy of said petition, to each of the persons named in said petition, and to each of the persons named in said petition, and to each of the persons named in said petition, and to each of the persons named in said petition.

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A soldier's heavy soles plunked themselves near. The toes were stubby and the toes so thick. "Like the furniture in this room best of all," he said. Somehow, you felt he meant much more than the tables, chairs and brackets hanging over the door; you felt he was terribly proud of what he saw.

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Those people passing by were happy people. How could I tell? Why, by their smiles. By their words they let fall. By the very atmosphere I felt sitting there on a bench in the White House Hall.

Is it any wonder Thanksgiving came early to me this fall?
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