

TODAY and TOMORROW

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HELP . . . comradeship
One of the things which makes this newspaper business that I have been following for half a century so fascinating is the friendships one makes among other members of the craft. There is something real and enduring in the comradeship which makes all of us ready to help out a fellow-worker in time of need.

I happened to be within earshot when Mrs. Lawrence W. Robert, Jr., called for help a few days ago. Mrs. Robert is the wife of a distinguished engineer, who is also a prominent political figure in Washington. In her own right, however, she is a newspaper woman, whose daily column, "Eve's Rib," appears in the Washington Times and other papers.

"Eve," as all Washington calls her, is going to have a baby soon. How to keep her daily column going while she's in the hospital is a problem which she solved by calling on her newspaper friends to pinch-hit for her. We all responded, and this week I'm passing on the column I wrote for Eve Robert.

WASHINGTON . . . changes
Coming back to Washington to live, after nearly fifty years of rambling around the world with only occasional excursions back to the city which was my home town from the time I was ten, I have been trying to find out whether there have been any real changes.

Except that there are more people, more handsome public buildings and better pavements, I haven't found any important changes at all. The spirit of Washington is the same as it was when I first knew it in the '80's.

The people of Washington are still divided into different social camps which mostly have nothing to do with each other. Those are the permanent Federal employees of Civil Service status, the temporary social set of official higher-ups which changes whenever the other party gets into power, and the permanent residents who make their living by

Record Toothache



TOKYO, Japan.—Some time ago, "Daitaro," 13-year-old male hippopotamus and colossal pet of the Ueno Zoo here, tried to chew a piece of his steel cage. Daitaro looked pleadingly at his keeper, who decided that its nerve had been exposed, giving the hippo excruciating pain. A hurried call was sent to Dr. Toshiichi Tokuro, who yanked the tooth.

feeding, clothing, housing and entertaining the folk on the Government's payrolls.

That class, the real Washingtonians, and their outlook on the shifting political scene, haven't changed a bit in the nearly sixty years that I've known them.

POLITICS . . . parties
These real Washingtonians have never been greatly concerned about the political complexion of the Administration in power. They are used to all kinds, and would as soon shake hands with a Republican as a Democrat.

There was a great deal of curiosity, I recall, as to what sort of people Democrats were, when Mr. Cleveland first came to the White House in 1885, after 25 years of Republican rule. It did not take long for Washington folk to discover that Democrats were as human as Republicans, even if the newcomers did have different table manners.

Among the old friends of the District, whose forebears were of Maryland and Virginia pioneer stock, I think there has always been a more friendly feeling toward Democrats by reason of the traditional Southern dominance of that party.

Now, after six years of one-party domination, the new Republican members of Congress

are almost as strange beings as were the Democrats who came in with Cleveland. Some Washingtonians are still waiting to be convinced that Republicans are human.

GOSSIP . . . malicious
In one aspect Washington has definitely not changed in the memory of living men. It is still the hottest hotbed of gossip in America, most of it malicious.

Newcomers to Washington are frequently appalled by the tales they hear, told as gospel truth, about the morals and conduct of officialdom, from the White House family down.

Most of such gossip is discounted about 100 percent by those who have known Washington through a dozen administrations. People told the same stories, or worse, about every President from Washington down. If one is the sort of person who lends a ready ear to scandal, you can hear any sort of slander you want to hear, about the President or any member of the Administration or Congress.

Since I came back to Washington last Fall I've heard the identical scandals, dressed up in modern verbiage, about the people now in high places, that I used to hear half a century ago about their predecessors.

I don't believe them now any more than I did then. Having had, in one degree or another, some personal acquaintance with every President since Grant, I don't believe any of them could have got to the White House if he had been the kind of person the gossip-mongers would make him appear.

INDIANS . . . pedigrees
Reading Indian Commissioner John Collier's report of the prosperity and progress of those wards of the nation, I began to wonder why none of those aboriginal Americans had ever got to the White House.

We have had English, Dutch, Irish, Scottish, Welch and German-Swiss Presidents, but no Indian. Unless, of course, some of them had an unknown or undisclosed Indian strain, which might well be true of almost any of the early Colonial stock.

President Pierce's brother John married a French-and-Indian quarterbreed, Josette Le Framboise; but the nearest to the White House any man of known Indian blood ever got was Vice-President Charles Curtis. And President Wilson married a descendant of Pocahontas.

That seems to place two of Washington's social leaders, Mrs. Dolly Gann, who is Mr. Curtis' sister, and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, among the first ladies of the land, if you measure by the length of their American pedigrees.

ROCKFORD

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coe are spending a few days in Winston-Salem visiting relatives.

Mrs. Wallace Brown, of Yadkinville, spent the week-end as the guest of Mrs. Coke Wall.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Corder, of Richmond Hill, were the guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anthony.

Rev. D. G. Reece, of Jonesville, filled his regular appointment at the Rockford Baptist church last Sunday. Large crowds attended both day and night services.

At the business meeting Sunday night plans were made for a church library. Several books have already been presented by the pastor. Anyone who would like to give a book to the church is urged to do so.

Mr. Weldon Reece, of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. John Reece.

Mrs. Charles Holyfield, of Winston-Salem, visited relatives over the week-end.

Mr. Jim Mooney, of the Copeland section, was a visitor in Rockford over the week-end.

Mr. Roy Burgess, of Winston-Salem, spent last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Coe.

Rev. George E. Burrus filled his regular appointments at the Ladonia and Central View Baptist churches last Saturday and Sunday.

Related
His wife, determined to cure him of his evil ways and with the aid of a sheet and an electric torch, transformed herself into a fair resemblance of a ghost. She went in and shook the drunkard. "Whosh that?" murmured the toper.

"This is the devil," came the answer in sepulchral tones. "Shake hands of' horsh, I married your shister."

Already Decided
Harefoot: Before we were married, my wife and I agreed that I would decide on all major matters and she would decide all minor ones.
Mikhail: How did that arrangement come out?
Harefoot: So far no major things have come up.

The DOCTOR

fills the story
by W. E. Ashinbaugh, M.D.

Hospitals
The first hospital ever built and conducted for the benefit of sick men and women was erected in the Island of Ceylon, in the year 161 B. C. Later on a pious man in Ceylon, named Duttha Gama, built and maintained during his life eighteen similar institutions where "those sick of body and soul might come for comfort and medicine prepared by physicians."

Later a Persian King sent his personal physician to Ceylon and to India to study hospitals and the treatment of the ill. When this man returned, he brought with him the game known as chess, which originated in India, and which, strange to say, was always used in the treatment of certain types of nervousness.

Indeed, the Hindus were the first physicians to practice plastic surgery and the surgeon of the days before Christ employed approximately 200 instruments for the performance of operations. A Buddhist King named Asoka, erected hospitals not only for human beings, but also for animals and birds.

Gradually the erection of hospitals for the caring of the sick extended into Turkey, Greece and Rome, Greece becoming famous for its numerous well-equipped,

White House Swamped With Dimes



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Employees in the White House Mail Room have been working overtime for the past week sorting out the thousands of letters containing dimes for the 1939 "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign. Photo shows Mrs. Barbara Councilor (left) and Mrs. Ethel L. Haberkorn opening some of the thousands of letters being received daily.

sanitary hospitals with running water for baths and toilets.

Prior to the building of these houses for the diseased, it was the custom to kill those whom it was thought impossible to cure.

Later, as Europe progressed and more hospitals were built, it was difficult to get physicians to practice in them, and the caretakers were forced to do whatever they could for the inmates.

Then in 400 A. D. in Rome, a hospital specially built for the

care of the sick, equipped with beds and attending physicians and surgeons, was formally opened and in 500 A. D. the City of Lyons, France, did the same thing.

Charlemagne became active in relieving the sick and distressed and when he issued a permit to build a convent or a monastery, made it obligatory on the order erecting the same, to support and provide medical care for the poor, the infirm and the stranger. In

imitation of Charlemagne's generosity, the wealthy, as an act of piety, made donations to these institutions and erected many similar ones throughout Europe.

The Mohammedans, not to be outdone by their Christian neighbors, opened what at that time was the greatest and most perfect hospital in the world, at Constantinople.

As the Renaissance advanced all the states of Europe constructed hospitals, Italy leading, followed closely by Germany. Venice established the first hospital devoted to the treatment of contagious diseases exclusively.

E. W. McDANIEL BACK FROM N. Y.

Owner of McDaniel's Department Store Home from Buying Trip to Nation's Fashion Center

E. W. McDaniel, of McDaniel's Department Store, returned to Elkin the first of this week from a two-weeks' buying trip in New York City.

Mr. McDaniel stated that he visited all the big fashion centers while there and purchased extensively for his store here. Many beautiful new creations in ladies' and misses' ready-to-wear have already begun to arrive here as a result of the trip.

Mr. McDaniel was accompanied by his wife, who aided in selecting styles sure to prove fashion hits.

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