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TAKES SOME DOING

Not the least of the problems involved in staging a Presidential Inauguration is construction of reviewing stands to seat all the dignitaries who clamor to be present.

The job would be much simpler, and certainly less costly, if only honest to goodness statesmen were so honored. Having seen the stands in recent weeks, we can't believe there are that many true notables in the world.

Maybe we're being somewhat cynical for strictly personal reasons. For a number of years, on the night before Christmas, we've found pleasure in passing the White House to get a glimpse of two lighted trees outside the front door. This time the already erected stands blocked our view.

Of course, behind the White House, outside the grounds, the towering National Christmas Tree was in clear view. It was trimmed in blue lights, the same blue bulbs probably that were used the year before on smaller State trees, when the National tree, grown in North Carolina, had red lights.

We figured this out, because the red lights, for the 1972 Yuletide season, had been obviously switched to the individual State trees. Mr. Nixon, with great magnanimity, even saw to it that Massachusetts had a State tree.

Perhaps symbolic of the way things get fouled up in Washington, the lights on one side of the big National tree had burned out, or maybe a fuse had blown. If this can happen to the National tree, no wonder your parlor tree acts up.

But getting back to those reviewing stands, lining Pennsylvania Avenue, we can't blame Mr. Nixon for their expansiveness. They would have been just as big if Senator George McGovern had been elected President last November.

And, considering the kind of folks who swarmed around the Senator at the Democratic Convention in Miami, it is painful to imagine what some of the notables in the stands would have looked like.

Americans profess to take a dim view of pomp and ceremony, but since the very first Inauguration the crowds attracted have been tremendous. Like Times Square on New Year's eve, it's a place where thousands are, and millions would like to be.

For the dignitaries, it is not only a wonderful chance to see, but to be seen. Deeply entrenched in almost every human breast is the firm belief that rubbing shoulders with somebody important increases one's own importance to at least a slight degree.

The wife of many an official, be he Democratic or Republican, friend or foe of the President, would feel utterly disgraced, if an invitation to the Inaugural Ball didn't show up in the mailbox.

Actually, such affairs are much too noisy and much too crowded, but the world is full of people who are willing to have their feet stomped on, and their ears deafened, if it affords them an opportunity to exercise snobbishness.

One person, for sure, won't lose her perspective. Pat Nixon, the most gracious, down to earth human we've ever met, will keep her cool, and her genuineness will be all the more apparent in the midst of so many who lack this rare quality.

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Historical Gleanings

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DIVISION OF THE LAND OF EDWARD CHAPMAN, DECEASED, 1829

The heirs at law of Edward Chapman, deceased, are: John Church Chapman, Alfred Chapman, Sarah Gaskins, and the heirs of Selah Boyd.

The Plat shows: The Grate Branch, Creeping Swamp, Clayroot Swamp Run, Clark's Swamp, Poenea Pocosin. Mentions the Old Ford, Hardy's corner, William Hardy's lands. Dated 10 February 1829.

Commissioners: John Fornes, Charles Butler, Farnifold Chapman, Joseph Pollard, David Clark.

Division of the lands of John Dawson, deceased, amongst his heirs, to wit: Christopher Dawson, Richard Dawson, John B. Dawson, Lewis Dawson.

Land on Dawson Creek, and the Tar Kiln Creek. Plot shows the Hill tract, the land at the mouth of Dawson Creek, Smith Delamar land. Mentions: the Richneck Plantation, the Vaughan Tract, George's Neck, Lot No. 274 in New Bern. Dated 4 September, 1816. Commissioners: William S. Sparrow, Roger Jones, Robert Reel, Smith Delamar.

Division of the lands of David D. Dunn, deceased, among the heirs, to wit: William M. Herriage, Grace Fonvielle and wife, Elizabeth, Brice Fonvielle, and Richard Fonvielle.

Plot shows land on Little Swift Creek, James Swamp, Dennis Purdue's Patent, Edward Gatlin's Patent, George Fisher's patent, part of Rice Price's patent, Randolph Fisher's Patent, part of William Gatlin's patent, Deaver Dam and Fisher's Swamp.

Dated May, 1826. Commissioners: John Street, Surveyor, Jesse Pearce, Norman Willis, Major Willis.

Partition of land between Abner Pearce and wife, Phoebe and Eliza Fonvielle, heirs of William Brice Fonvielle:

Plot shows land on Bachelor Creek, Richardson's Mill Pond, Jumping Run, Bee Tree Branch, Mill Pond, Herring Hedge Gut, Alegator Gut, Spring Gut, Graves' line, W. C. Stanly corner. Mentions: Neuse River, North side of Bachelor Creek, Street's Bridge, Richard and William B. Fonvielle's corners, Richard Fonvielle's Cowpens, Mill Dam.

Plot No. 2 shows: land on Deep Branch, Yates & Fonvielle's corner, Johnson's corner, Pond and Smith line.

Plot shows division of part of the Lot No. 5 in Town of New Bern, East Front Street. Dated 12 Nov. 1822. Claiborne Ivey, Surveyor. Commissioners: John S. Smith, Richard Richardson, Charles Carter. Test. T. H. Daves, Sheriff.

At September Term, 1799 William Hampton in right of his wife Sarah, prays for division of the estate of John Gauslin, deceased. Commissioners appointed: Spyers Singleton, John Knox Nathan Smith, Jeremiah

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Frozen rain on snow down under
Makes a land of winter wonder.
You wonder where to put your feet
To stay upright upon the street,
And with each guarded step you take,
You wonder if a bone you'll break.
Good riddance, and one thing I know,
I'm glad that I ain't no Eskimo.

—JGMCD.

Parsons, Ivey Hatch. Signed by Samuel Chapman, by George Vultjeus.

The Petition of Abel and Anna Fulsher, Peter Harper and wife Mary, Sally and Rounfull Fulsher, and John Beggs, their Guardian, heirs of Jesse Fulsher, for division of land on Bay River. August, 1803. Commissioners: T. Tillman, John Biggs, Jos. Nelson, James Nelson.

A plot by William Johnston, Surveyor, July 1803 shows: Sheffield House, a grant to John Bedscott, upper Broad Creek, Thomas Whitford's corner, William Spelght's line, The Glade. (Plots and Divisions, Craven County Pages 105-121, Office Clerk of Court, Craven County, N. C.)

The tongue of a fool is the key of his counsel, which, in a wise man, wisdom hath in keeping.

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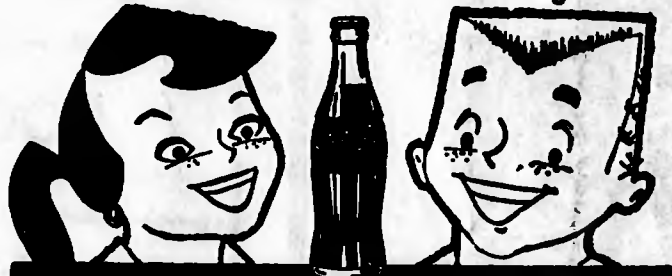
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