

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



17-Year-Old Boy Called To Capitol Sees President; And Gets \$1,000 Prize

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AP Newsfeatures

WASHINGTON — Seventeen-year-old Bill Johnson, son of a Presbyterian preacher in McAlester, Okla., got a wire from the Elks on a Saturday not long ago. "Get

to Washington, D. C., on Monday, he ready to see President Truman on Wednesday," was the gist of the wire. Bill guessed that his ideas on "Why Democracy Works," entered in the Elks' national essay contest, had won him the trip to the capital.

He didn't know until he got here though that he had won top prize—worth \$1,000. Things began to spin for young Bill. Bill saw Washington in a big way. Congress, Arlington National Cemetery, all the monuments. He met his Congressmen at the Capitol. But highlight of his visit was going to the White House and meeting President Truman.

"He's a very friendly person," said Bill. "We talked about the American Indians. The President said he thought they'd been given a raw deal. The President said he'd read volumes of books on the subject and was very interested."

Bill said he thought the government was "run about as good as it could be." He said he was "neutral" as far as politics was concerned.

Bill was neatly dressed in blue-gray slacks, a maroon jacket and a fancy tie. A local haberdashery shop had presented him. He had a letter from his girl, Bette Hefley, 17, a senior at the high school from which he had just graduated.

"Democracy is an ideal, a way of life that is embedded in the heart of every American citizen, conversely every American citizen

Saunook Field Day Was Success; Other Events Planned For Community

Old-Timers In Capitol Recall 'Good Old Days'

BY JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — The Capital's exclusive Oldest Inhabitants Association is still talking about the "good old days." Meeting monthly in the old Union Engine House on H St., the Association boasts a membership of 490. To qualify for membership one must be a man who has lived in the District of Columbia 35 years and must be at least 50 years old.

The cronies enjoy getting together to discuss such subjects as "notable fires in Washington," "pities in the heart of the city," "the snow-storm of February 1899" and "early games" such as shooting marbles, ducking for apples and playing ring-around-a-rosy.

They like to hash over the great parades of yesteryear... the parade of Coxey's Army 55 years ago, when one of the members recalls seeing "Miss Coxey, a beautiful girl on a white horse," and Cleveland's Inaugural Parade. John Claggett Proctor, the present president, tells the boys about the time he watched a circus parade and an elephant picked him up and laid him right in the street. He lost the quarter he had saved to see the circus in the excitement.

Mr. Proctor, who has been writing about historical Washington for more than 20 years for the Washington Star and is now putting his stories together in book form, has been a member of the Oldest Inhabitant for 31 years.

The Association abhors change, has practically the same rules it had in the beginning. Its members don't tolerate political or religious discussions, rarely discuss anything that happens anywhere else in the world or even the news of the day. They're "dead set against bolsheviks," though, Mr. Proctor tells me.

On Washington's birthday some prominent man reads the first president's Farewell Address and on the Fourth of July some one reads the Declaration of Independence. The average age of the Oldest Inhabitants is around 65, but spry Alfred Heitmueller, Sr., confesses to being a "little over 100."

Bookmobile Schedule

Friday, July 22  
JONATHAN CREEK ROAD  
Boyd's Store 10:30-10:45  
Dave Boyd 10:50-11:10  
J. A. Moody's Store 11:20-11:40  
Dave Brown's Store 11:55-12:15

Monday, July 25  
BEAVERDAM  
Medford Farm Service Station 9:15-9:30  
Wiley Donaldson 10:00-10:15  
Broyles Store 10:30-10:45  
Neal Hipp's Grocery 11:10-11:30  
Steve's Grocery 11:45-12:05  
Williamson's Grocery 12:20-12:40  
Clyde Town Hall 1:00

Tuesday, July 26  
MORNING STAR  
Ki Davis' Grocery 10:00-10:20  
Hyde's Store 10:30-10:50  
Mrs. B. M. Stamey 11:00-11:20  
G. E. Blalock's Gro 11:30-11:45

Wednesday, July 27  
HAZELWOOD  
Bradley's 9:00-9:45  
Hazelwood Town Hall 10:00-11:00  
Lake Junaluska 11:30-12:30

Friday, July 29  
FINES CREEK  
Mark Ferguson's Store 9:45-10:00  
Mrs. Frances Rogers 10:15-10:45  
Harley Rathbone 11:00-11:15  
Charlie Rathbone 11:30-11:45  
Lloyd Messer Grocery 12:00-12:15  
F. H. Fincher 12:30-12:45  
G. C. Hooker 1:15-1:30  
R. W. Noland 1:45-2:00

Monday, August 1  
IRON DUFF, CRABTREE, and HYDER MT.  
Frog Level 9:25-9:40  
Mrs. Fannie Davis 9:50-10:05  
W. C. Davis 10:10-10:25  
C. O. Newell 10:30-10:45  
Tommie Noland 11:15-11:30  
C. L. Hill 11:35-11:50  
J. M. Davis 12:05-12:20  
Mrs. Fred Noland 12:40-1:00  
M. H. Kirkpatrick 1:10-1:30  
C. T. Ferguson's Store 1:45-2:00  
Jack Long 2:10-2:30

Normally Kansas produces one fourth of all the wheat in the United States.

is democracy," wrote Bill in his prize-winning essay.

"Our goal is to put laughter in the eyes of little children, hope in the hearts of youth, and contentment on the faces of the aged, instead of leaving all these with the despair and the hopelessness which is the universal and grim bequest to all who live in lands where democracy is unknown."

Bill is going to the University of Tulsa next year. He's going to study business administration, or law, stay out of politics.

'Commodore'



Skippers of pleasure boats at White Lake have elected Lillian Fisher, haberdashery commodore of their fleet. The commodore, a sea-minded sailor, posed aboard her little sailboat. AP Photo.

No Gripping by Students, College Charter Rules

WISLA, Va. (U. P.)—Students at the newly chartered Southwest Virginia College and Commercial School here will be expected to keep their griping to themselves. The charter for the school provides that "griping shall not be tolerated."

The ban on student complaint, the charter explains, is not aimed at imposing bondage upon the student body. The rule is intended "for expediency and to safeguard the college."

Explosion Hunter Gets Honors for Research

PITTSBURGH (U. P.)—George W. Jones has an "explosive" career which has kept him busy for the past 34 years. A supervising chemist of the gas- and explosion-division of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Jones has investigated more than 30 major surface explosions. Among his biggest tasks were the Teas City dis-

aster and the Empire State plane crash. The Department of Interior has awarded him its distinguished service award and gold medal.

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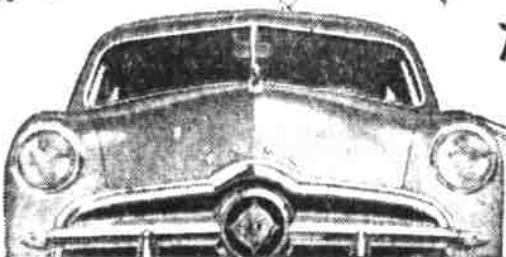
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