

THE NATION'S CAPITAL WELCOMES OCRACOKE JUNIOR-SENIOR CLASSES IN OCT.'55 VIGIT STUDENTS AND TEACHER LAVISHLY ENTERTAINED BY WASHINGTON RESIDENTS * * *

Oct.15. Sat, 6:30 a.m.

Boarded Ocracoke-Hatteras mailtruck, Car #2, Kenneth Tillett, driver, following, overtaking, and passing mailtruck, Car #1, Charlie McWilliams, driver.

Beautiful day; ocean washing across to Sound in three places; approach to Ferry under water; but we make it, bag and baggage. Arrive Hatteras 9 p.m., board Midgett Bus to Nag's Head. Arrive Norfolk 2:15 p.m.; wait around for the Washington Eus (which was marked Staunton) only to he told it had already left. Dispatcher takes pity on elderly teacher and her wiggling children and has bus held in Portsmouth. Taxi called; quick trip via the new tunnel to Portsmouth, where bus has waited about ten minutes.

Arrive Richmond; suddenly see baggage being taken off bus; and discover ourselves on Staunton, not Washington bus. Quick change. Arrive Washington 8:45 p.m. or thereabouts; taxi to Sandridge Tourist Home, 313 E.Capitol St. Been eating off and on all day, but ready for another meal at corner restaurant. Oct. 16 - Sunday. Harold and Murray up at daybreak, and ready for second break fast when Sherry and Mrs. Rondthaler show up after oversleeping until 9 a.m.

12:30 p.m. Mrs, Charles Runyon, Nina, Anne, and John arrive in bright red new jeep station wagon and take us to lunch at the Washington Airport. All enjey lunch, the game room, and other sights of the Airport, then drive over to Arlington to watch the Change of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Visit briefly John's school - Georgetown Day School - very modern and up-to-date. Then to the Runycn home in Georgetown. Movies for all the young people, while Mrs.Rcndthaler visits with friends she knew at Camp Cibola in New Mexico this past summer. Buffet supper when young people return --the "Ham what was!"

Cct.17 - Monday

(Forgot to say, we visited the Capitol Building on Sunday morning - Senate, House of Representatives, and (at Murray's suggestion) Bomb Shelter in basement.)

Monday morning visited F.B.I. (everyone much impressed), Archives Bldg. where Declaration of Independence and Constitution of U.S.A. are on display under glass (locked up in vault at night, i.e. the documents, not us!)

Visited Washington monument; the Aquarium in the Dept.of Commerce - no salt water fish,just pictures of them -- but lots of fresh water fish. Visited Arts and Industries Building of Smithsonian,where Wright Bros. Lindberg, and other planes are shown; also interestexhibit of boats, automobiles, steam engines, carriages, etc.,etc. Movies near home that night for the young people,while Mrs.Rondthaler visited with Lt.Corm.and Mrs.E.D. (Doc) Kugler and family in Arlington, Lots of talk about Ocracoke.No doubt of it,Kuglers would rather be here than in Washington,D.C. (So would lots of other people we met up there.)

Oct. 18, Tues, Mrs. Klinck (Dr. and Krs. Klink have been to Ocraccke several times) called for us at about 9:30 a.m. took us out to the Washington Zoo. Welcomed by all the animals, who expressed desire to visit Ocracoke. Lunch at a Hot Shoppe. (By the way, we all ate plenty at these invitation meals ---since someone else was paying the bill!) Stopped in at the Wisconsin Ave. Murphey's (5 and 10 store). Prove through Rock Creek Park, down Connecticut Avenue, up Massachusetts Avenue. Mrs.Klinck pointed out various Embassies. Took her through the Bureau of Printing and Engraving (very interesting to all of us), then drove through Hains Park along Potomac, Visited Washington Cathedral.

That evening we were entertained at dinner by none other than the Hon. Horatio W. O'Neal, who was out several dollars by the time we got through eating; Fut he didn't mind at all (so he said) Attended movie: Francis joins the Navy - double feature show, not far from vhere Rashe lives. Saw his bicycle, his sconter bike, and his motorcycle. He will use the latter for his first trip next spring down new road to Ocracoke.