

# Laurelville news

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Those who accompanied the Adelphi Band members to Washington, D.C. last week, as well as the members themselves report having a most enjoyable trip, under the able guidance of the tour directors, Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Willis, who were in charge of the tour. The group left Adelphi at 7 a.m. on Monday, June 9 on two buses with 78 passengers. In Lancaster they picked up 11 of that number and continued on their way, making four brief stops along the way.

They arrived in Alexandria, Va. at 6:45 p.m., where they all stayed at a Howard Johnson Motel. On Tuesday morning, at 7 a.m., everyone was ready to leave the motel, bound for the National Capitol, arriving around 8:15.

Having some time before concert time they toured part of the Capitol, returning to the West steps of the Capitol, where they entertained with a concert from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

It was there they were met by Clarence Miller, Congressman of the 10th Dist. of Ohio, and his wife. It was through Mr. Miller that the band was invited to Washington, D.C. as one of the oldest if not the oldest band in Ohio. It is 100 years old this year.

After the concert, the group returned to Alexandria, Va., where they played another concert from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. It was back to the motel for everyone to change clothes, eat a light lunch, and off to the Arlington Cemetery which they visited until 4:30 p.m.

For their evening meal they went to a large seafood restaurant and after that they visited the Washington Monument. Several of the group went to the top of the monument to enjoy the beautiful view.

On Wednesday morning, no one had to get up as early as on the two previous mornings, but left the motel at 8:30 to visit Mt. Vernon, enjoying the cool but sunny weather. It had rained the morning before during the concert on the Capitol steps. At 11:30 the group boarded the buses and returned to the capitol where, until 4:30, they were on their own to do and see whatever interested them. Some visited the White House, and although there was no tour to be had there, the band leader, 90 year old Mr. Connett, after someone had a little talk with a guard, he alone was taken into the White House for a tour.

Others went to the Smithsonian Institute and various other places of interest. At 4:30 p.m. everyone returned to Mt. Vernon for supper at a big smorgasbord restaurant. The restaurant was supposed to be closed at that hour, but thanks to the bus drivers making a special request to the operators, they allowed just the Adelphi band group to come in for the evening meal.

It was back to the motel after that and to bed to be ready for the trip home the next morning. On Thursday they were up and loaded by 7 a.m. and on their way home, arriving in Adelphi at 6:15 Thursday evening.

Those who made the trip were drivers T.J. Willis and Jerry Noble. Coordinators Mrs. Charlene Willis, Jerry Cryder and Mrs. Timmons.

Others included: leader, Mr. Connett and his daughter Iris; Mr. and Mrs. Herman (Bill) Hinton; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis (Dave) Hinton; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gildersleeve; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hinton; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown; Jim York and his sister, Mrs. Snyder; Tom Pardin; Gilbert Wamsley; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hansley; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bennett and son John; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Smith; Mrs. Jerry Noble and three children; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Toodle; Mr. and Mrs. Ned Tomlinson and son; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Clark Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. David Pontious; Mr. and Mrs. Loring Hill; Mrs. Bernadine Bainter; Mrs. Doris Disbennett; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Matthews; Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Matthews; Mr. and Mrs. Don Waliser; Mary and Margaret Cryder; Helen Hubble, Mary Leshner, Plummer Karshner and grandson Tom Karshner and Lloyd Savage, who acted as Master of Ceremonies during the concerts.

Four men who had played with the band in the years past also made the trip to play again with the group. They

were John Cryder and his two sons, of Joliet, Ill., who drove through by themselves, and Merrill Junk and his wife, who came from Lake Charles, Louisiana, and made the trip by bus with the others.

This was certainly an honor for the Adelphi Band and a most enjoyable trip for everyone.