

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON
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Chicago, Ill., Sept. 5.—No visitor to Washington neglects to call at the picturesque castellated building of brown stone known as Smithsonian Institution. In the popular mind it is simply a national museum—the home of Charles A. Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis," the original "Star Spangled Banner," the dresses of the wives of Presidents of the United States and other historic relics.

As the President stated in his first message to Congress. "The advancement of the highest interests of national science and learning and the custody of objects of art and of the valuable results of scientific expeditions conducted by the United States have been committed to the Smithsonian Institution." The visitor to it cannot fail to be impressed with the economic and social progress made by our young Republic from the days of the fishing-nets of the New England colonists, the covered wagon of westward migrations and the Lindbergh trans-Atlantic airplane.

We take just pride in Smithsonian Institution, situated in a beautiful park at Washington. Although it is generally considered a government agency, to which we have entrusted the administration of several of our bureaus, the interesting fact is that it is neither endowed nor maintained by Government appropriations. Small appropriations are made for publication of certain of its scientific discoveries, but the relationship of the United States Government to the Institution is that of guardian.

The founding of Smithsonian Institution and the relationship of the Government to it is most extraordinary one may say unique. It owes its origin to the bequest of James Smithson, an Englishman, who died in Genoa, in 1829, leaving his entire estate to the United States of America. "to found at Washington, under the name of Smithsonian Institution, an Establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men."

Smithson's bequest amounted to over half a million dollars and later to three-quarter million. In that day of small things it was a great fortune. For 10 years Congress debated as to whether the Government ought to accept the bequest, thus putting itself in the unprecedented position of guardian of an English ward.

In the preamble of the Act finally passed, Congress has stated that the United States has received the property of Smithson and provided "for the faithful execution of said trust agreeable to the will of the liberal and enlightened donor." It provided that the President and the members of the Cabinet should be members of the Institution, but that it should be governed by a Board of Regents, composed of the Vice President and Chief Justice of the United States, three Regents to be appointed by the President of the Senate, three by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and six to be selected by Congress; two of whom should be residents of the District of Columbia and the other four from the different States.

Smithsonian Institution has been the parent of the Weather Bureau, the Fish Commission, the Bureau of American Ethnology, the Geological Survey, the National Gallery of Art. In its reports the inquirer will find the whole progress of human knowledge. Under its roofs one will find the graphic story of American history.

No one has learned why John Smithson made the bequest to the United States. There is no record of Smithson ever having visited our shores, nor ever having corresponded with any friends in America.

It is interesting to reflect upon the fact that the leading scientific agency of the United States is Smithsonian Institution and that it was established by an Englishman, with our Government serving as administrator of a trust. No ward has ever had such a powerful guardian.

Seek State Aid to Widen Route 45 to State Line

The Lions Club of Libertyville, last week appointed a committee to draw up a resolution to be sent to the district engineer at Elgin, to induce the state highway department to effect the widening of route 45 to a four lane highway from Half Day to the Illinois-Wisconsin state line.

When this matter was brought to the attention of state officials at an earlier date, the committee was told no action could be taken until Libertyville effected a widening of the highway through the village by effecting parallel parking. After this was done, it was found that the traffic moved through the village with more ease, but was slowed up when the north and south limits of the town were met. It is thought that only two feet need be taken from the sidewalk on each side of the road to bring the highway to the desired width through Libertyville.

Local Baseball Championship Is Still Undecided

The Braun Brothers Oilers, made good the boast of their manager "Brains" Rollery, on Labor Day when they overwhelmed the Highland Park Legionnaires with a 16 to 5 victory. The Legion team was made the underdog from the start by the efforts of newly acquired outfielders of the Oiler squad. The new players, along with the old, smashed their way into the lead in the first inning and from then on each time at bat, they widened the gap.

Detman, who did a good job in the hot corner for the Oilers the day before when they met a Chicago team did the hurling. He was master from the start and allowed the Legionnaires only six hits during the afternoon.

George Hall pitched for the Legion nine for the first six innings after which he was relieved by his brother, Eddie Hall.

The two teams are now tied up for first place in the city playoff.

Each club has beat the other twice in a series of games that has lasted throughout the season. To determine the city championship it will be necessary for the teams to meet at a later date.

Braun Brothers Lose Game Sunday to Chicago Team

More hits and better ball playing in the pinches enabled the Chicago Ins and Outs to defeat the Hitless Wonders' otherwise known as the Braun Brothers Oilers, in a closely contested session last Sunday afternoon in Sunset Park. The score of 4 to 3 indicates that the battle was close, however at no time throughout the game were the Oilers able to gain the lead. Although the Braun Brothers outfit made several bids for a victory during the latter part of the contest their rallies always fell short of the mark.

"Buddy" Beck, a member of the Highland Park Legionnaires pitching staff, hurled a good game for the Oilers who decided to use him in the absence of Della Valla. "Buddy" held the out-of-towners

down to nine hits while he proceeded to strike out fifteen opposing batters. Had it not been for "Buddy's" cool headed throwing in the tight spots the visiting team would no doubt have run up a much larger score.

Edwards, 18 year old pitcher of the Chicago club, seemed to possess real ability when it came to mound duties. He allowed but five hits in the entire conflict, no two of which were in the same inning, and fanned out seventeen men. There is little doubt in the minds of the Highland Parkers that saw him play but what Edwards will go a long way in baseball.

From all angles this game proved to be one of the best played in Highland Park since the beginning of the season. Less errors and better pitching tends to keep the final score from being so one sided and makes a much more interesting game to watch.

Next Sunday the Braun Brothers squad will play a north side Chicago team in Chicago. The site of the battle has not yet been decided upon.

Legion Group in Charge of Parking at Dyche Stadium

The Drum and Bugle corps of Evanston Post of the American Legion, has again, as for several years past, made arrangements for the parking of cars at all home football games played by Northwestern. This parking lot is immediately west of Dyche Stadium and has a parking capacity of 1,200 cars. The field is patrolled at all times. Exit lanes are always open, so that cars can leave at any time. It has seven exits and entrances.

The Evanston corps, the only corps from the North Shore to compete at the Danville convention, won second prize in the parade, second in the preliminary contest and second in the finals, bringing home

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\$350 in prize money. It now not only has the honor of having the national champion bugler, Jimmy Mason, but also has the champion twirling drum major, Larry Hammond. The corps is now busy polishing off its drill for the national convention in Cleveland.

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