

NATIONAL



CAMP

My Trip to the National 4-H
Camp,
Washington, D.C.

Paul Sauerbry, 1929

The trip became interesting when I met the others from Iowa and began to tour Chicago. We had a very interesting time in Chicago visiting Lincoln Park and W. L.S. Radio Station.



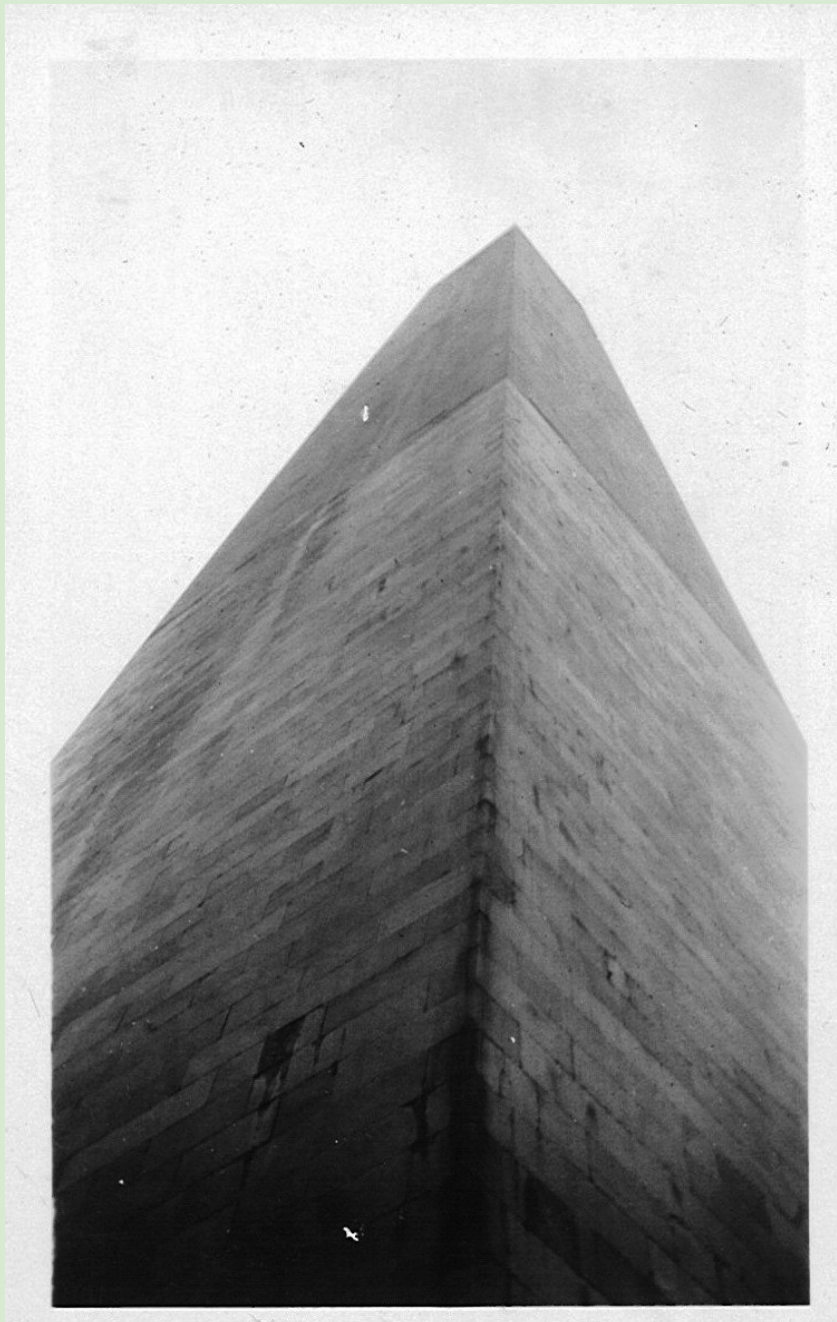
Gertrude Koch & J.S. VanWert & Gertrude Koch & Marjorie Thuirer

We left Chicago at 1:00 P.M. on the Capitol Limited for Harper's Ferry. This trip on the train was beautiful and educational. The mountains were covered with trees which gave to the eye a picture never to be forgotten. I began to see a great difference in the methods of farm operation which were interesting to me. I compared them with our ways here.



Harper's Ferry & U.S.D.A. farm

We reached Harper's Ferry the next morning. While here we formed an organized group of seven western states with "Pat" from Iowa as president. We named ourselves the "Wind Kiss'd Westerners." We took a side trip from here through the Shenandoah Valley. The valley was very beautiful and we saw many old historical scenes. We went through the Shenandoah Cavern which was a place of great beauty to the eye.



Top of Washington Monument & "Wind Kiss'd Westerners"

The next night we went to Washington D.C. As soon as we arrived we went to the Club Camp, registered and were soon in bed and asleep.



Camp grounds of National 4-H Club

The next morning, the first day of camp, we began the day with a good swim. After breakfast we went to the assembly at the auditorium in the National Museum. Here we had several talks and most important was the introduction of the leaders of the camp as well as the state delegations.



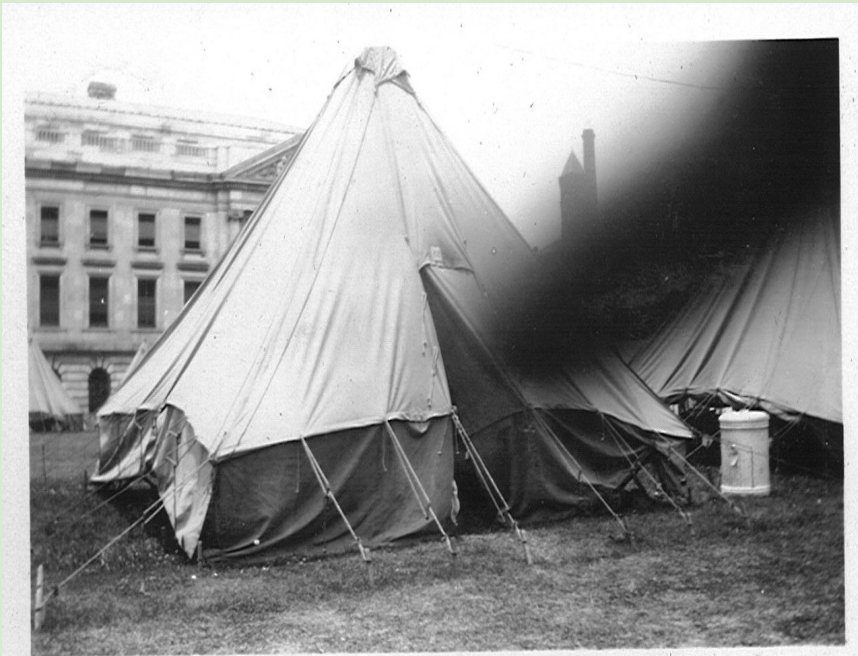
New National Museum

After this we were divided into groups and had our Club conference. The subject discussed was 4-H Club Goals. We also had our group picture taken at that time.



Iowa delegation at third National 4-H Club Camp

In the afternoon we were taken in a bus to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Experiment Farm at Beltsville, Maryland. On this tour we were shown many experiments which are being carried on with all kinds of livestock.



Our tent & U.S.D.A. Hoghouse

At night we all attended the Camp fire and had a fine time. The first day of camp was over but never to be forgotten.



Camp fire at National Camp

Mr. John Alexander talked to us on The American Youth Foundation at the assembly Thursday. The topic to be discussed in conference was 4-H Club Organization. We also took a tour in the morning to St. Albany Cathedral which shone with beauty throughout.



Washington Monument



Lafayette Park, looking northeast, Washington D.C.

In this afternoon we visited the Smithsonian Institution and saw a great many things that we learned about in History. During the recreation period we played many old games. This was a time of real joy to me. That evening we had another lively Camp fire.



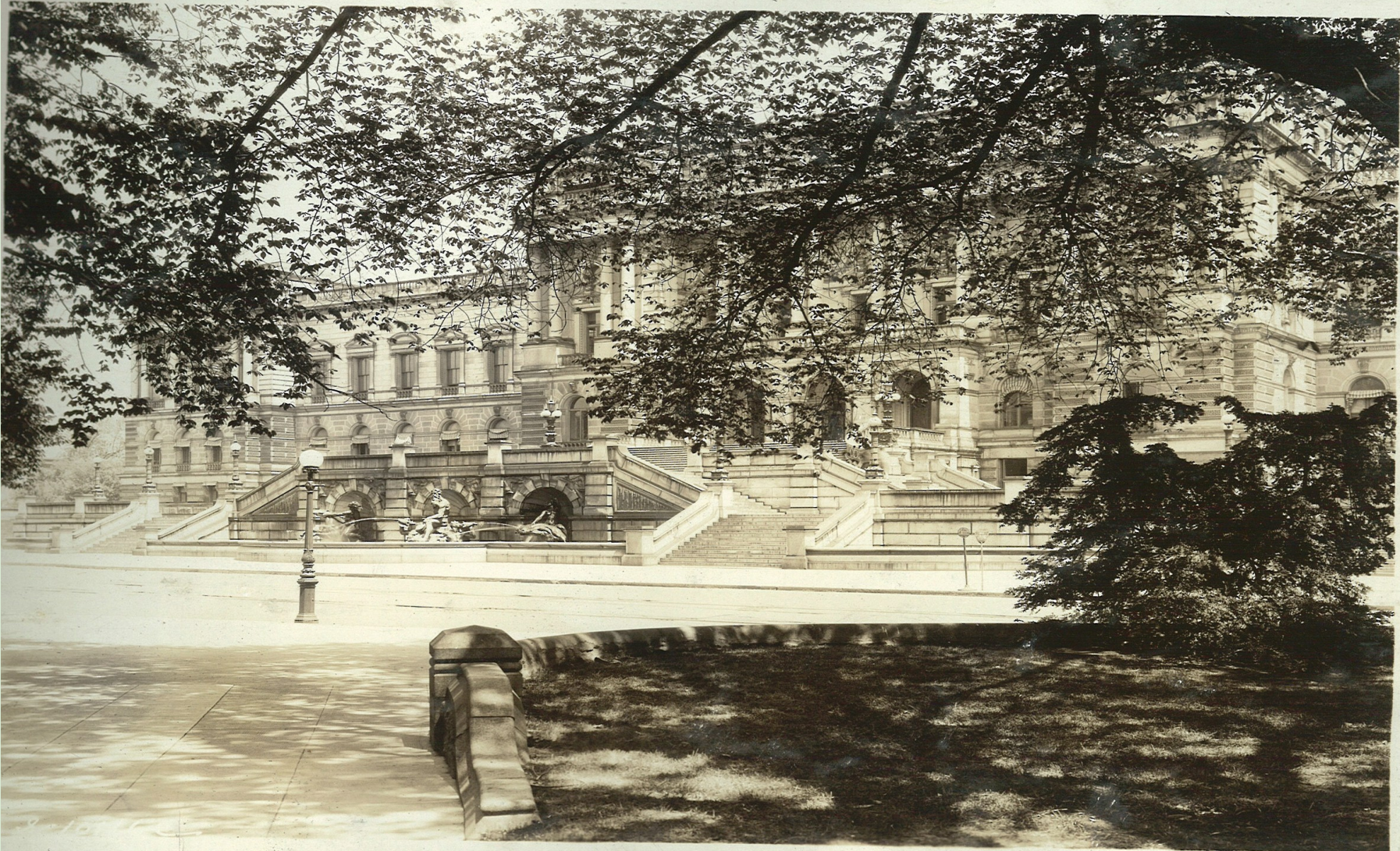
The Smithsonian Institution

The Friday assembly was opened by an address by Ruth Bryan Owen. The assembly sang a few selections each morning and announcements for the day were made at this time. At the Club conference we discussed the 4-H Club Program. After conference Mrs. Hoover came to camp and presented the Champion boy and girl with a silver cup.



Mrs. Hoover

In the afternoon we had a free period to do whatever we wished. In the evening we had our recreation. We visited the Library of Congress that night where we saw the original copy of the Declaration of Independence.



Library of Congress

Saturday was a very interesting day. We first had a talk by The Right Hon. Sir Esme Howard, British Ambassador.

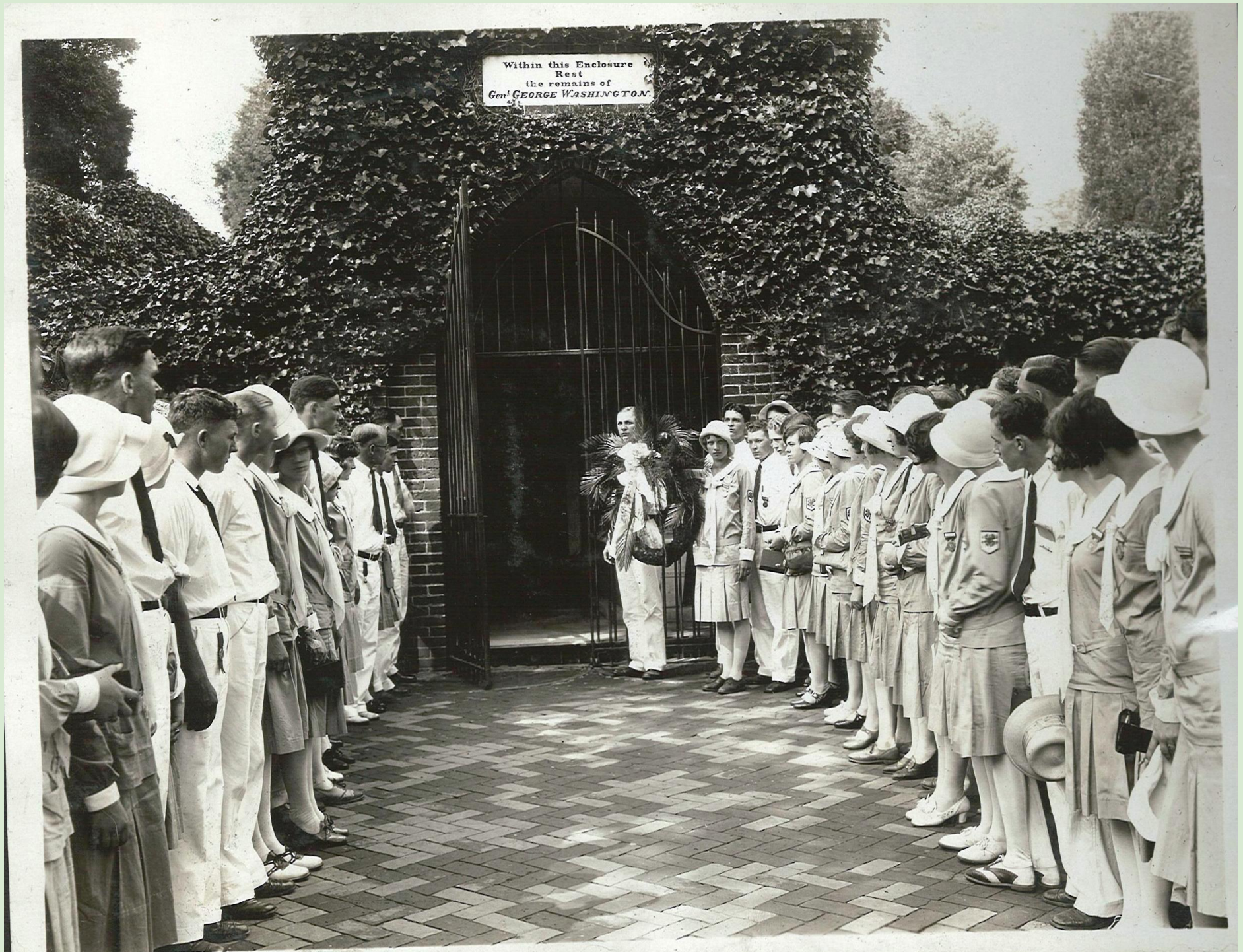
In the group conference that morning we discussed "The 4-H Club Meeting." After this conference we took a tour through the Washington Department of Agriculture Greenhouse. It was very fine to see the different plants. The U.S. Department of Agriculture gave each camper a rose plant. In the afternoon we made a tour to Mt. Vernon. Here we saw George Washington's Tomb and home on the Potomac river. This was a very beautiful place. We had several pictures of the group taken there.



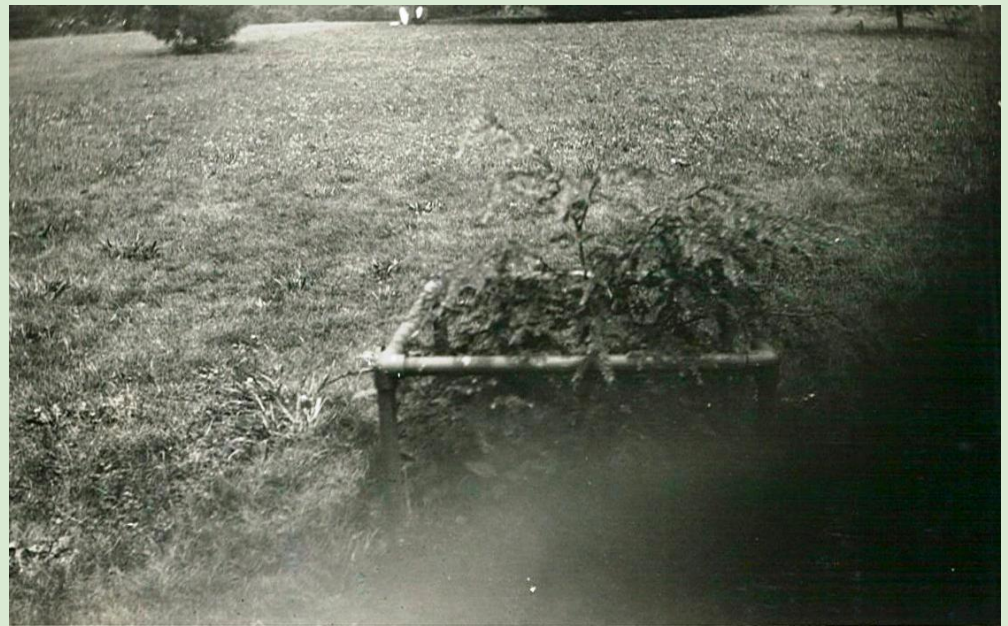
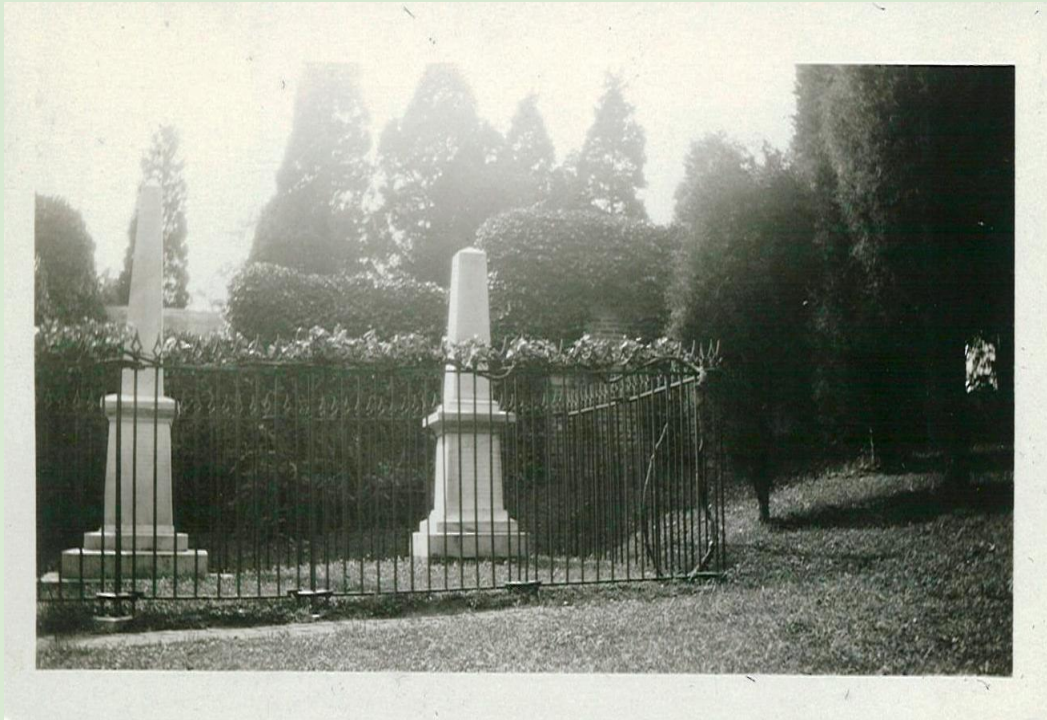
Club campers at Mount Vernon



Washington well & Home Mount Vernon



Washington Tomb



Side of Washington Tomb & 4-H Club Tree



Washington Home



Tomb of Washington, Mount Vernon on the Potomac

In the evening the banquet of the Third National Club Camp took place. The main feature was a talk by Mrs. Hoover. This banquet closed one of the greatest days of the camp.

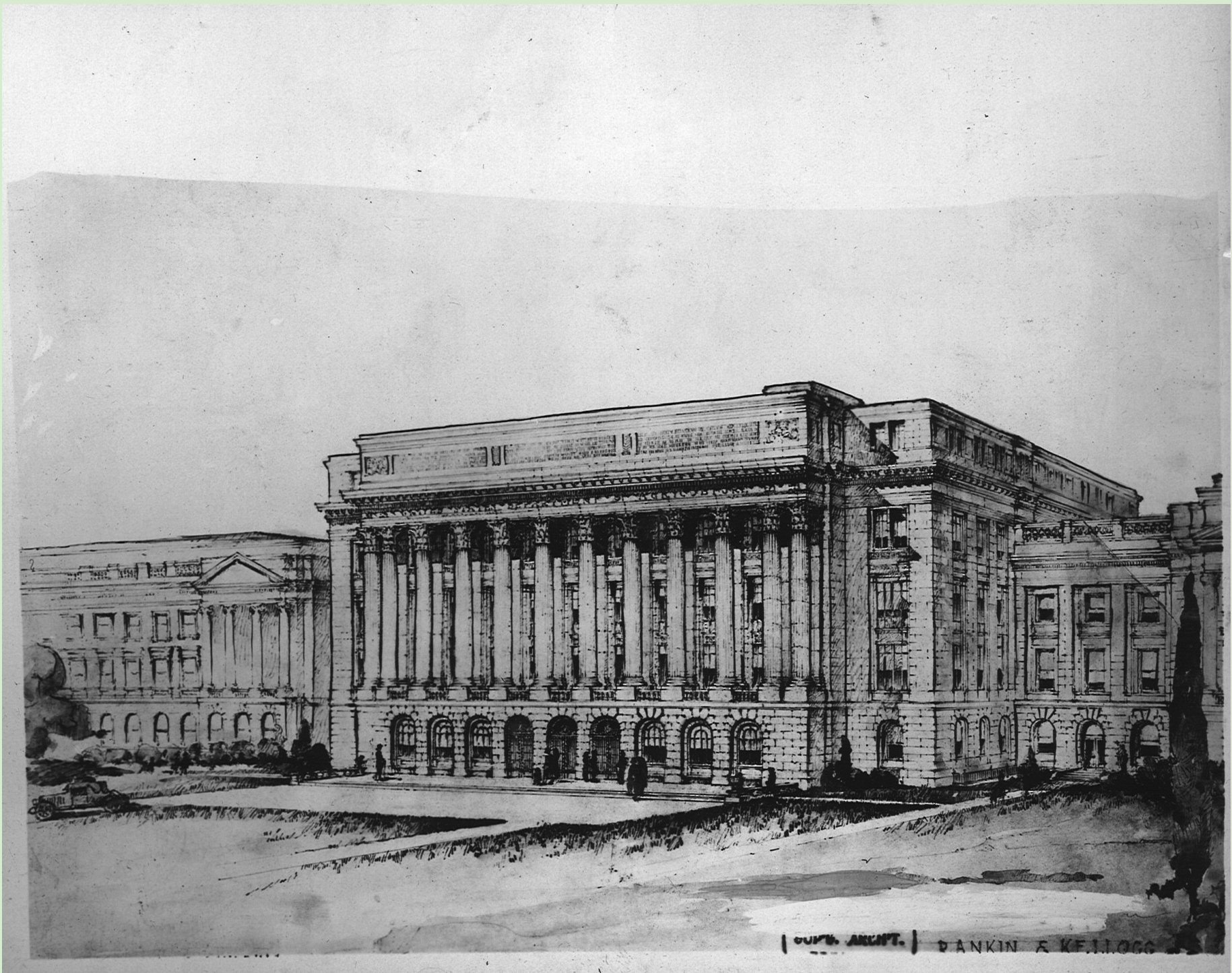


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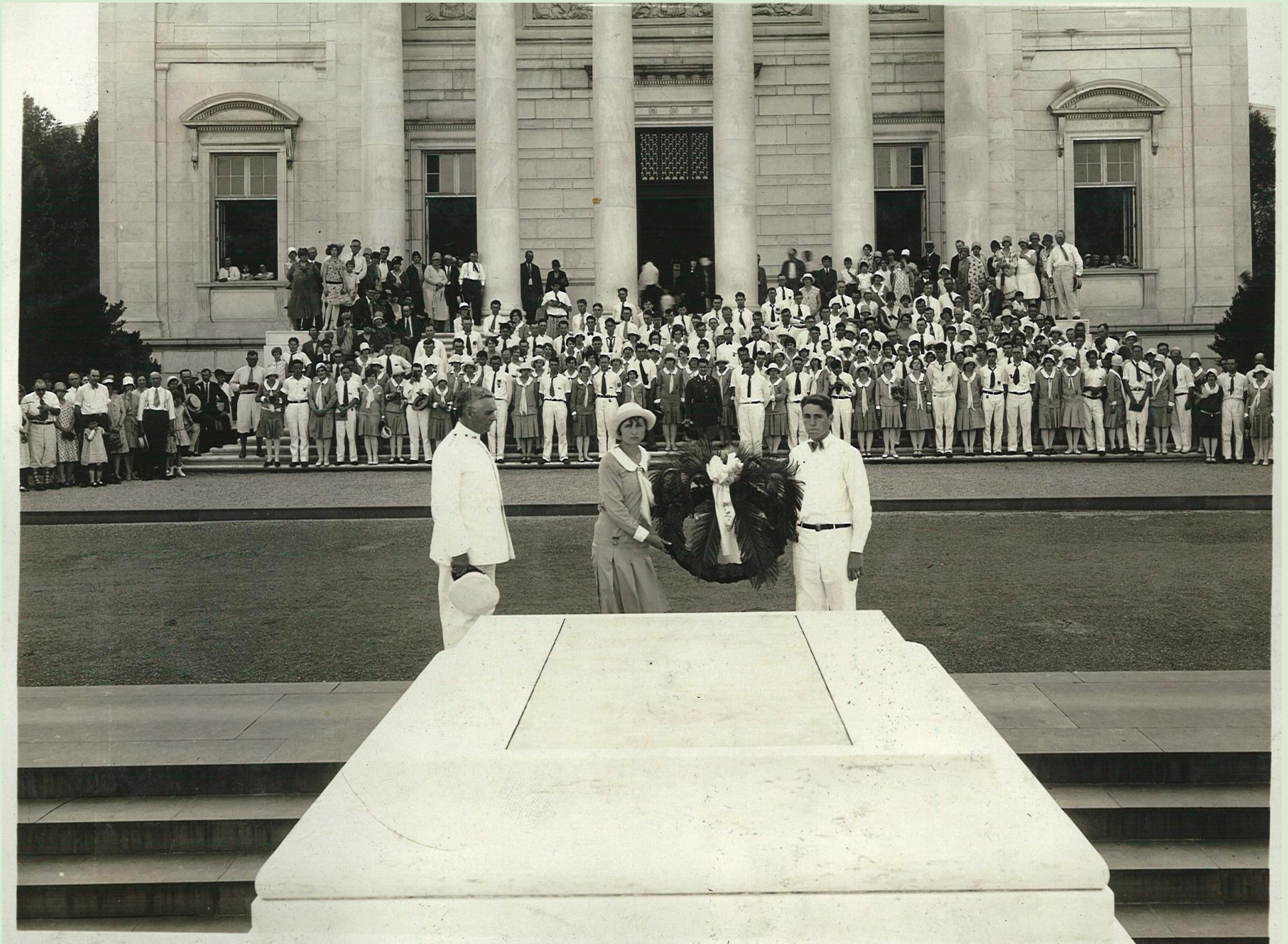
We found Sunday to be a very interesting day. In the morning the Iowa 4-H delegates attended the church that George Washington attended. In the afternoon we made a tour of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Experiment Farm, Arlington, Virginia and the Arlington National Cemetery. Here we saw the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and many others, also the great Amphitheater and the Hall of Fame. In the evening we had a joyful recreation period and then closed the day with an interesting camp fire with stories and talks.



Main building of the U.S.D.A.



Administration building of U.S.D.A.



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Arlington Ampitheater



Hall of Fame, Arlington, Virginia



A section of Arlington Cemetery showing towers of Radio Station in background.

Our assembly opened Monday morning by a talk by Leonard W. Kephart. After singing a few songs and announcements were made we went to our conferences where we discussed Club Standards. We took an educational tour through the Smithsonian Institution. In the afternoon our tour took us through the U.S. Capitol. This was such a wonderful building that I could not begin to give justice to it by trying to tell about it.

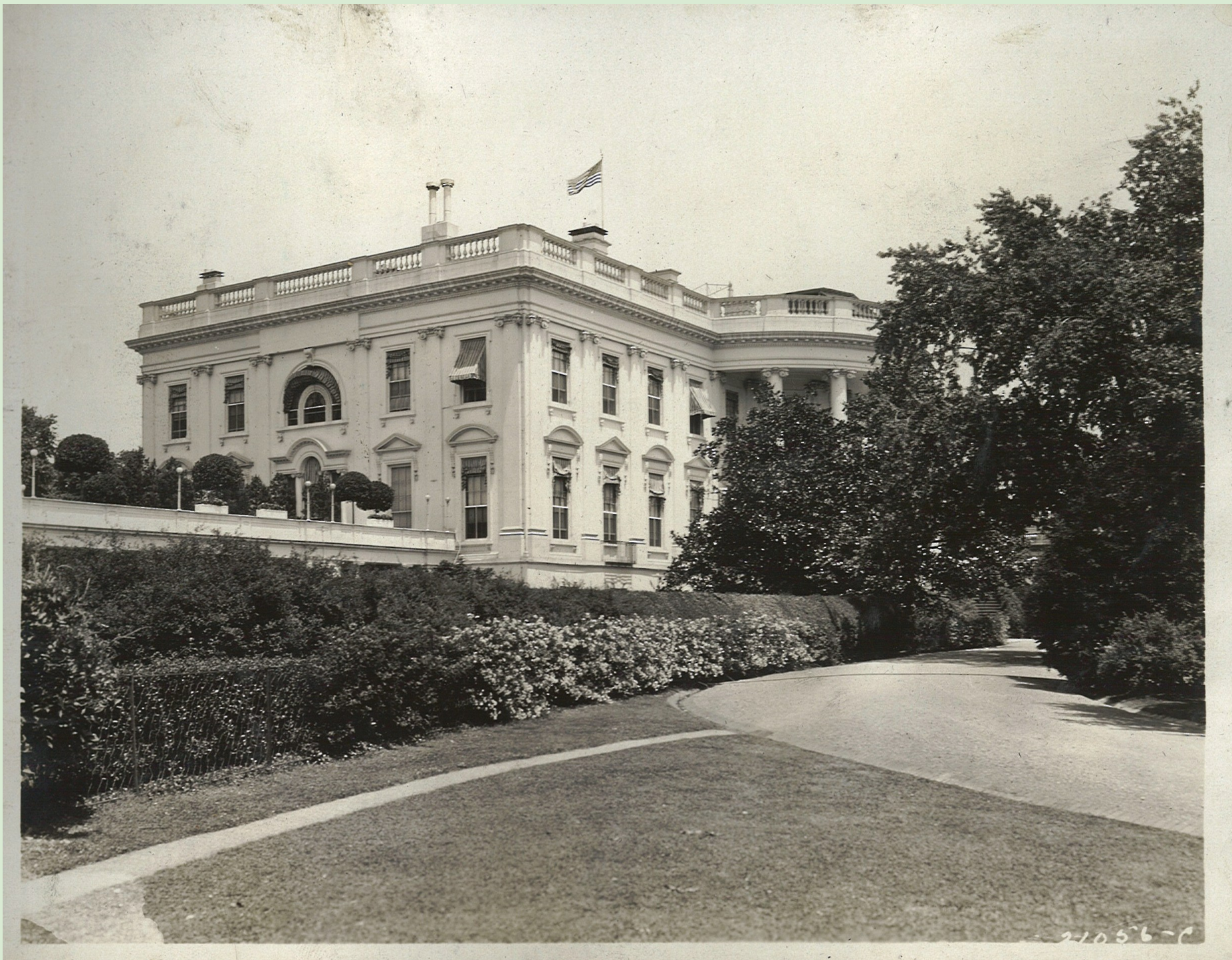


United States Capitol, West Front



Senate office building

The closing day was very interesting to me. First we heard a talk by Dr. W.S. Abernathy in the assembly. After the music and announcements we had our last conference meeting which summarized the former meetings. The most interesting and thrilling thing of the camp took place this morning. This was the visit to the White House where Mrs. Hoover shook hands with us and gave us a drink and cookies and we were shown about the White House. In the afternoon there was a tour through the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the Pan American Building and Lincoln Memorial but as I was in the National 4-H Pageant I could not go on this tour. In the evening we closed the Third National 4-H Camp with the 4-H Pageant.



White House



Sherman monument with Treasury in background



State War & Navy building



Lincoln Memorial

The next day we toured Washington before leaving on the train for home. We ended our stay in Washington with a delicious dinner at the Roof Garden of the Washington Hotel given us by Mrs. Barker. I thought this wonderful of Mrs. Barker who had been very good to us throughout the trip. We could not have wished for a better chaperon.



Union Station

In the afternoon we started on our homeward trip. The ride through the country that afternoon was very fine. In the evening the “Wind Kiss’d Westerners” had a little meeting on the order of a camp fire with each state contributing something. The next morning we found ourselves in Chicago where we were to part. There we said ‘goodbye’ to Gertrude. As the rest of us were to leave Chicago later in the afternoon we visited the Chicago University. At 6:30 I said ‘goodbye’ to the rest of the Iowa Group and left for home.



Red Cross building



Science building

I am sure that I was never with a finer group of people than at this great camp. I enjoyed the friendship of the group from Iowa more than words can express. We will always cherish these friendships.