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Esther Friesth, '32
Tells Her Experiences

Whole United States. There are opportunities to attend many meetings of organizations that visit Washington for their annual conferences. At the Anti-Crime Conference I heard Hon. Homer Cummings, United States attorney, and Hon. Patrick Harley, former Secretary of War, speak on the menace of crime.

I had the pleasure of attending some of the many concerts that come to Washington, including Lawrence Tibbet, master baritone, Heifetz, the great violinist, Jose Iturbi, Madame Jeritzu, Velm a Saengerkaben, Don Cossack Russian Male Chorus, National Symphony and John McCormack. And there are many other worthwhile things, including art galleries, monuments, museums, lovely parks and many historic places in the vicinity of Washington. These activities explain to some extent why the Payne Fund wishes to have its students receive the fine opportunities of our national capital.

The other half of my time is spent with studies and the writing of my thesis, "Teaching Child Development Through the 4-H Club Program." Here I have at my disposal all the annual reports of extension work kept on file, many fine libraries and the opportunity of doing research work at the National Child Research Center. I am very fortunate in having these finely prepared people—Dr. Louise Stanley, chief of the Home Economics Bureau of the Department of Agriculture, Miss Gertrude Warren, national 4-H Club organizer, and Mr. M. C. Wilson, head of extension studies and teaching—on my thesis committee.

WASHINGTON, aside from being a great center of political, cultural and educational life, is also a center of much social life. Several weeks ago I was thrilled beyond words to have the privilege of attending a reception in honor of Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It meant so much to meet her if only to have her say, "How do you do? You have a hard name." This inspiring person, whose winning smile seems to be perpetual, has time to meet hundreds of people at tea, attend to civic and domestic affairs, hop in a plane for New York and make a speech all in one day with the greatest calmness and lack of fatigue.

At a tea given by Mrs. Bowman, hostess at the National Little Girl Scout House, I met Mrs. Dolly Gann, sister of former Vice-president Curtis, Mrs. Walter Newton, wife of the secretary to President Hoover during his administration, and Mrs. Bruce Horsfall, wife of the artist for Nature Magazine. Dolly Gann is a very enthusiastic person and has just completed a book, "Dolly Gann," which relates her experiences here in Washington life.

Then there was the Delta Delta Delta Founders' Day banquet, where I met Mrs. Henry Wallace, wife of Secretary Wallace, who is regarded as one of the loveliest women in Washington society this winter. One has opportunities of meeting many interesting people without realizing who they are until someone explains their positions in Washington.

The opportunity of spending a year in Washington studying the historic places of the Capital City and surrounding country is going to give me one of the happiest experiences of my life. I shall always remember the thrills I experience as I walk past the White House on my way to school every morning. Not infrequently I see a bright blue roadster pass and find that it is none other than the First Lady of the Land on her way to attend to the many activities of her busy life.

Isabel Bevier Says

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to give home economics its present respected place in the curriculum, and her studies have served as a pattern for many other home economics departments.

Miss Bevier was active in conservation work during the War. She was home economics director of the food administration of Illinois, and was one of the six chairmen of the Home Economics Division of the Food Administration under Hoover.

After retiring from active work at the University of Illinois, Miss Bevier established the Home Economics Department at the southern branch of the University of California.

In addition to her academic work, Miss Bevier has served as president of the American Home Economics Association for several years and has written several books, the best-known of which is "Home Economics in the Higher Education of Women."

What a lot of good you'd do
If you'd smile,
As this world you travel through,
If you'd smile.
Though you're neither rich nor clever,
Though your youth be gone forever,
Yet one thing you can endeavor,
You can smile.

—Grace Arundel.