

B.G. Bikers Arrive At D.C.



The Battle Ground Bike Club arrived in Washington, D.C., at 1:45 p.m. last Sunday. They will stay there a week making tours of the capitol buildings, the Pentagon, FBI building, old justice courts, Kennedy Center, Smithsonian Institute and White House and possibly take a river boat ride down the Potomac to Mt. Vernon.

The bikers were pleasantly surprised on arrival by a congratulatory telegram from the Battle Ground citizens via the City Council.

Senator McCormack has treated them as VIP's. He gave them a private personal tour of the capital complete with historical anecdotes.

The parents of the troop met at the home of Kevin Faris in Vancouver last Monday evening. Mr. Muzzy called from Washington, D.C., at that time. When asked about the highlight of the last couple of weeks, Mr. Muzzy commented that it had to be the "high" hills of the Appalachians. There were 3 rollercoaster hills of 2½, 3 and 5 miles in length which were extremely tiring to pedal in the high humidity.

Steve Dietel calling home last Thursday, commented that there was a little town in Missouri that all the bikers agreed was "good as the Northwest".

After the club stayed overnight at the First Baptist Church in Princeton, Indiana (about the size of Camas), the church's minister of education and youth, Paul E. Gonder, wrote a letter to the BGHS principal stating how im-

pressed he was be the Battle Ground kids' stay there. "Battle Ground can certainly look to all of the traveling bike club as dedicated young people and future leaders in the community," he stated. "They left our building in better shape than they found it..."

With the letter was a news clipping with a photo of the bikers and a three column story. It read in part, "The group of cheerful teenagers should make every American proud to know that our American Heritage means so much to them that they chose to see their country in such a manner enroute to visit our nation's capitol."

Last Sunday, Nancy Ellertson called her parents and described the club's "grand entrance" into Washington, D.C., biking past the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

The group will strip and crate their bikes, load them in a U-Haul trailer, pile into the back of the Muzzy pickup and leave D.C. in late afternoon on Saturday. They plan to arrive in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, next Monday where they will pick up a new school bus for the Seattle School District. The kids will ride in the bus from Iowa to Battle Ground.

The group may stop to see a few sights such as Mt. Rushmore and Yellowstone parks on the return trip.

The bikers plan to arrive in Battle Ground on Saturday, August 14th, just in time to take in the last of the Clark County Fair.