# Roosevelt More Familiar With City Than Any Other President

## **Great Changes Noted** In Quarter of Century

Almost All of Old Hotels Have Been Razed; 'Country,' in 1913, Is 'City' Now; **Building Program Huge.** 

By Edward T. Folliard.

American President of modern times has known his Washing-D. C., quite so well as Franklin D. Roosevent. He has seen it from a quiet, rather sleepy Southern town to the bustling world if it is today.

Capital it is today.

When Roosevelt came here in a 1913, a strapping, dynamic young man of 23, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy. Washington had a population of 231.069. Today it is almost double that—519,000. In those early days of Woodrow Wilson's regime, it was entirely possible for a person to walk across Pennsylvania avenue reading a newspaper and not worry much about the consequences. The Prosident and Mrs. Roosevelt as nuch as anything else when they returned in March. 1933, was the growth of Washington's suburbs—then on the way out, although automobiles here totaled fewer than 10,000. Today there are 227,643 livensed motor vehicles in the city, better than one for every three persons.

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The physical changes in the city have been tremendous, and the automobile has been largely responsible.

that transformed the south side of Pennsylvania avenue.

Wardman Park Hødel

"Out in the Country."

When the Wardman Park Hotel was built in 1919, that part of the city—Connecticut avenue and Woodley road—was looked upon as "out in the country." Now, thanks to the automobile, it is regarded virtually as the heart of the city, a fact emphasized by the construction nearby of the new Shoreham Hotel. Other hotels that have gone up since Franklin D. Roosevelt came here in 1913 to serve his apprenticeship with the Federal Government are the Washington, the Lee House, the Hamilton, the Mayflower, Hay-Adams, Annapolis, Houston, Farington, New Ebbitt, Dodge, Commodore, Pennsylvania, Carroll Hall, Claridge and several others.

To say that the city's hotel facilities have been trebled since 1913 is to make no exaggeration.

When the Woodsovelts first came here to live they took over a modest house at 1733 N street northwest. Then, in 1918, they moved to 2131 R street northwest. Frequent guests the publication in England of this enthusiastic description brought many immigrants, among them a number of Scotch and firish families. One section of the new American colony was known as "New Scotland," and the descendants of these people owned the land which instrator during the war days, and Mrs. Hoover. They and the Roose-

## Englishman's Vision Far Exceeded in Reality.

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Most of Old Hotels
Have Been Replaced,
When young Roosevelt came here to be a member of Woodrow Wilson's "little cabinet." virtually all of the city's hotels were on Pennsylvania avenue or not far from it. The principal houses were the Willard, the Raleigh, the old Shoreham, the old Ebbitt, the National, Park, and the Powhatan, which was erected in 1912.

Of those named, only the Willard, the Raleigh and the Powhatan are operating today. The old Ebbitt, a foregrain today. The old Ebbitt, a fower along it fower and himself "Pope of Rome." He was an unconscious prophet, and himself "Pope of Rome." He was an unconscious for the Helevue and the Franklin Park, and the Powhatan are operating today. The old Ebbitt, a flowed along its foot. The Tiber." and himself "Pope of Rome." He was an unconscious for prophet, the Streets is a parking lot.

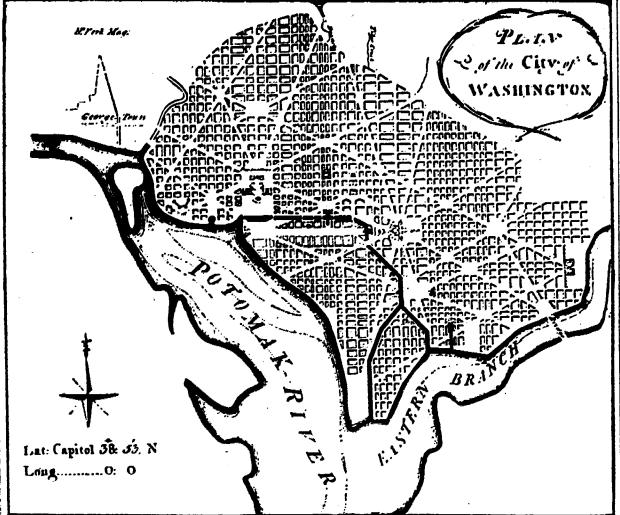
The old Stroetham, the Bellevue and the Franklin Park also were supplanted by office buildings. The National, which in its day housed many of the Republic's great men, now is an armory, and the site of the Sterling at Thirteenth and E streets is a parking lot.

The old St. James Hotel, on lower Pennsylvania avenue, were torn down as part of the great "face-litting" program that transformed the south side of Pennsylvania avenue.

Wardman Park Hosel "Out in the Country."



House built by George Washington, which was really two houses, erected in 1799 by the first President on the west side of North Capitol street, later numbered 224. In 1889 this was a hotel known as the Hillman House, and in 1900 it was called the Kenmore. When the street was lowered to grade, two stories were added to the house underneath.



A little known map of Washington, from a copper engraving published by the New York Magazine, June, 1792.

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Princeton and Annapolis, as the Revolutionary War or the convenience of the members dictated. Some anxious rivalry for the honor had grown up in the various cities and States of the North before 1783, and several offers of permanent locations had been tendered: Newport, R. I.; Kingston, N. Y.; Annapolis, Md., and Williamsburg, Va.

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The debts of the Nation amounted to over \$52,000,000. Outside of this sum were State debts amounting to \$21,500,000, which had been incurred Sewport, R. I.; Kingston, N. Y.; posed, too, that Congress should capital City. A compromise between what was then known as the first move was made by the diate of New York, which some in the early part of 1783 of-more than seven years later, that ered a tract of land in the town.

## Wives of Presidents Have Been Active In Organizations Promoting Public Welfare

## Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt Interested in Housing and Education.

By the Poe Sisters.

Presidents of the United States from nor Roosevelt would show that, with scarcely an exception, these women have all been "up-to-date women have all been "up-to-date women" judged by the standards prevailing at the time of their regimes.

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Interested in Children.

The first President's wife the average Washingtonian remembers was gentle, invalid Mrs. William McKinley. Perhaps this was from the vantage point of being among the children invited by that gracious lady to watch an Easter egg rolling fro mthe south portico of the White House

Mrs McKinley, although too ill to be active, shared the interest of other White House ladies in children. Little ones taken to se her always came away with some of her tavorite roses in their hands and the memory of a wistful spirituelle

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lives, enjoyed the White House more perhaps, than any other group of youngsters favored with the privilege of living therein and yet were shielded from pittless publicity and the public gaze by the good sense and wisdom of Mrs. Roosevelt. Nothing was permitted to interfere with their education or recreation and they were taught to avoid news cameras and not permitted to converse with strangers.

Love of Out-of-Doors

Example Was Set.

Through this example the love of the out-of-doors was fostered among the households of the Nation by Mrs. Roosevelt. This was not done by appearance at public meet-tings on these topics, but by wholein the B street house were Herbert
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These same ladies all enjoyed white House life. "I love to shake hands. I love to meet people, people are my favorite books," declared hings. I love to meet people, people are my favorite books," declared hings. I have enjoyed most while in the White House." said Mrs. Hoover, as she was about to leave it. "has been meeting interesting the people and finding out about things at first hand." That Mrs. Roosevelt shares these sentiments is shown by the great variety of people she meets daily at her own choice.

Mrs. Harding had an ardent desire to share the White House with the people and so has Mrs. Roosevelt with the people and so has Mrs. Harding took a special interest in the floral decorations at state functions and invariably discussed them at length with the officials in charge of such operations.

A tall woman with a slender, well-curved figure, Mrs. Harding wore well-fitting clothes, and, though not always well. could stand patiently for a long time in order that her white or blue satin dresses, her favorites for White House wear might be made to set without a wrinkle.

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## Executive Saw Capital Almost Double Its Size

Washington Had Population of 331,000 in 1913, When Young Man With Future Arrived on Scene.

reduced their debts without expecting aid from the new Federal Government, were bitter in their opposition to the Federal Government's assuming State debta.

The Kastern members of Congress threatened secession. Hamilton was in despair. Jefferson met him in the street, before the house of President Washington. The account of that interview has been recorded in Jeferson's memoirs. He tells how he hand the foundary of the first cathout State in the Constitutional Convention at the ferror of the first gentlement of Maryland. Cultured and Hemilton stranged for the Congress to accept, on the one hand, before he reached the age of 20, was elected a member of the State.

Dr. Stuart, a resident of Alexan-

All this took place in 1790.
When President Washington returned from his tour of the South in the summer of 1791, following a memorable ride of 1,900 miles, he found a visitor awaiting him at Mount Vernon. This was Maj. Pierre Charles TEnfant, a skillful French engineer, who had been chosen to draw the plan of "the New Federal to the plan of "the New Federal".

Maj. L'Enfant was cordially re-ceived by Washington, and re-mained in Mount Vernon in con-sultation with him for nearly a week during which time the plan of the Federal city was thoroughly-matured. Maj. L'Enfant, a liberty-loving Frenchman like Lafayette, had come to America in 1777 from Paris.

THIS DAY'S MAIL

By'the Prelident. T. PICKYRING. Secretary of Ser

Proclamation of President John 25, 1797, calling Congress to meet in the first called extraordinary session of that body. From the Minerva and Mercantile Advertiser of New York, March 28, 1797.

called the Scotchman.
Tradition has it that George Washington personally appealed to Burns and that Burns said:
"I suppose you think people here are going to take every grist that comes from you as pure grain, but what would you have been if you hadn't married the Widow Custi:"

Washington, according to the story, replied: "I have selected your farm as part of the Federal City and the Government will take it. It will be

part of the Federal City and the Government will take it. It will be better for you to enter into an amicable agreement. On what terms will you surrender your land?"

Burns understood thorough ly what confiscation-meant, and on March 20, 1791, he joined with the other proprietors in conveying to the President all of his holdings.

Each owner surrendered his reel estate to the United States with the understanding he was to retain every alternate lot to himself. The Government was permitted to reserve all tracts especially desired at 25 pounds an acre, while the land for avenues, streets and alleys should cost nothing.

The rise in value of land in the western section of the city—the White House area—ma'e the daughter of the obstinate David Burns an heiress, the most sought-after young woman in the new Capital City.

City.

For more than a half century after the Federal Government was moved here. Washington was the laughing stock of European travelers. Thomas Moore, the Irish bard and friend of Lord Byron, come here in 1833 and save vent to the following severe bit of satire:

This fam'd metropolis, where fancy sees.

Which traveling fools and gazet-

Which traveling fools and gazetteers adorn
With shrines unbuilt and heroes
yet unborn:
Though naught but woods and
Jefferson they see.
Where streets should run and
sages ought to be."
After writing that. Moore felt
rather badly about it and apologized several times, Could be see
the Washington of today, he probply would be even more humble.
For the morasses truly have become
squares, the machificent cheliek in
honor of Washington stands in
Potomac Park, and the city abounds
with shrines.



Old St. Paul's Church, opposite Chanbounded by Vesey, Fulton and Church attended service here immediately afte New York City on April

t in the square George Washington