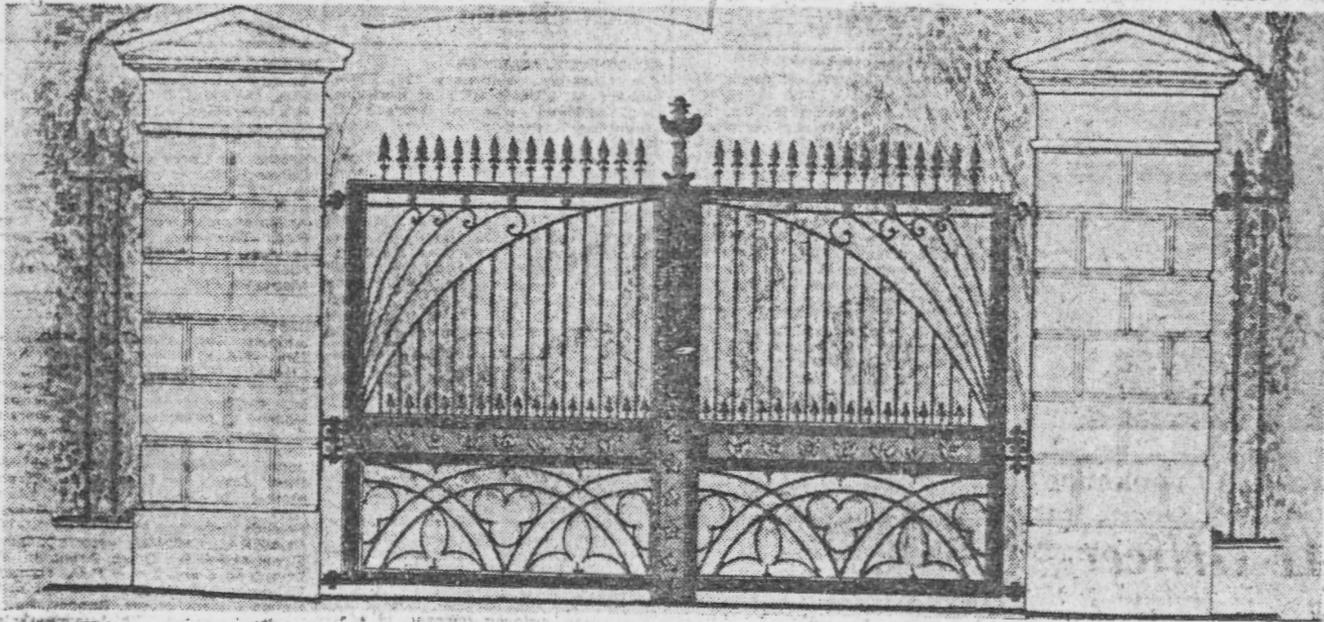


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This crash-proof steel gate will soon be erected at the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance to the White House.

White House Gates to Be Replaced

By Paul Hodge

Washington Post Staff Writer

The elegant but brittle wrought iron gates on the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the White House, which were built in 1818 and have been crashed through twice

point in replacing the old gates.

The new black steel gates will be similar but not identical in design to the existing gates and the alterations to the stone pillars supporting the gates will not be no

and held Secret Service agents at bay for four hours when he got out of his car and appeared to be wired with explosives.

The "explosives" turned out to be highway flares and the man was later sentenced

Requested by the Secret Service to improve security at the White House, the 10 new gates will cost a total of \$550,000, including installation, Berkley said. Construction of the gates will begin by March 15 with

THE WHITE HOUSE GARDENS AND GROUNDS

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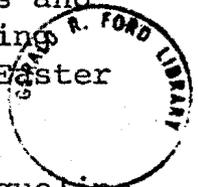
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The present sightlines and ceremonial character of the President's Park follow landscape plans developed in 1935, when trees were removed to reopen the river view. The grounds now lend themselves to varied kinds of official gatherings, Presidential arrivals and departures by helicopter, and welcoming ceremonies for visiting heads of state. Easter-egg rolling on the south lawn is an Easter Week tradition dating from the Hayes Administration.

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The President uses the Rose Garden for small official ceremonies and outdoor press conferences. In spring, flowering bulbs come up beneath blossoming crabapple trees; in summertime some 25 varieties of annuals and perennials bloom with the roses, followed in the fall by a colorful array of chrysanthemums.
(a blaze of colorful chysanthemums.)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 26, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL WHITE HOUSE/OEOB STAFF

FROM:

MIKE FARRELL 

SUBJECT:

Garden Tours

Saturday, May 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 30, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

This weekend the second in the series of Mrs. Ford's Bicentennial garden tours will be held on Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30. Please note the difference in hours on Saturday and Sunday.

White House and OEOB pass holders and their guests will be admitted through the Appointments Gate on East Executive Avenue during the above times. It would be helpful if you would remain within the established tour route as you enter the grounds.

The State Floor of the Residence will also be open both days. On Saturday the U. S. Air Force and U. S. Marine Corps bands will play, and on Sunday music will be provided by the U. S. Navy Band.

The White House will also be open for tours on Memorial Day, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a limited number of reservations remaining for the early morning special tour.

Thank you.



For Immediate Release
Friday, March 12, 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY TO MRS. FORD

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9th - W. H. Garden Tour

For immediate release
Thursday, April 22, 1976

*Calendar
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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of Mrs. Ford's Press Secretary

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Sunday, April 25: The tours will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the State Floor of the White House will also be open. Visitors should go directly to the East Gate on East Executive Avenue. Music will be provided by the U.S. Air Force Band.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SHEILA WEIDENFELD

FROM:

MIKE FARRELL

SUBJECT:

Garden Tours

Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 25, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Attached is the necessary information for you to prepare a press release.

Thank you.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1976

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CORRESPONDENTS-PHOTOS:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 5, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL WHITE HOUSE/OEOB STAFF

FROM: MIKE FARRELL

SUBJECT: Garden Tours

Saturday, August 7, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 8, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On Saturday, August 7 and Sunday, August 8 the White House gardens will be open as part of Mrs. Ford's Bicentennial garden tour program. Please note the difference in hours on Saturday and Sunday.

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Thank you.



For Immediate Release
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OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY TO MRS. FORD

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE OF WHITE HOUSE TOURS FOR 1976

To better accommodate visitors to the White House during our Bicentennial, the following provides information on tour procedures and scheduled events for 1976.

1. Tuesday, March 16, 1976 - Saturday, October 23, 1976

A Visitors Waiting Area will be established on the Ellipse in cooperation with the National Park Service. During this period, visitors should proceed to the Ellipse south of the White House -- not to the East Gate.

- (a) Visiting hours will be Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (most days, schedule permitting) and on Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The White House will be closed on Sunday and Monday.
- (b) Ticket booths will be open at 8:00 a.m. each day, Tuesday through Saturday. Tickets may be obtained from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Tuesday through Friday, and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Each member of a family or a group must obtain a ticket for the tour. Tickets are available the day of the tour only.
- (c) Each visitor after being issued a ticket (specifying the time of the tour) may either leave the park to visit other attractions or choose to view the entertainment program (9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. most days) on the Ellipse. Bleachers will be available. Visitors will be escorted from the Ellipse to the White House at the appointed time.

2. Before March 16 and after October 23, 1976

The White House will be open from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Tuesday through Saturday and closed on Sunday and Monday. Visitors should come to the East Gate on East Executive Avenue.



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Special Note: On Saturdays the hours will be 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. ^{on the ellipse} ~~and the Visitors Waiting Area will be used.~~ On Sundays the hours will be 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. ~~and the Visitors Waiting Area will not be used.~~ Visitors should come directly to the East Gate on East Executive Avenue.

4. Easter Egg Roll

Children 8 years and younger, accompanied by an adult, are invited to participate on Monday, April 19, 1976 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be entertainment and an egg rolling contest. Reservations are not required, admission is free. Participants should come to the Southeast Gate which is located at the intersection of East Executive Avenue and Alexander Hamilton Place, N.W.

5. Holidays

The White House will be open the following Monday holidays:

May 31	Memorial Day
September 6	Labor Day
October 11	Columbus Day

Visiting hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Ticket booths on the Ellipse will be open 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

The White House will be closed the following holidays: New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

With best wishes for a most enjoyable visit to our Nation's Capital during the Bicentennial,

The White House Visitors Office



For immediate release
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

To better accommodate visitors to the White House during the Bicentennial, the President and Mrs. Ford have asked that a number of changes be made in White House tour procedures.

These changes include:

- the extension of regular visitors hours.
- opening the grounds and gardens of the White House on a number of weekends throughout the year.
- establishing a waiting area on the Ellipse so that visitors will be comfortable while awaiting their tours. This also allows a system of ticketing so that visitors can better utilize their time until the hour of their tour.

Details of the changes:

From Tuesday, March 16 - Saturday, Oct. 23, a Visitors Waiting Area will be established on the Ellipse in cooperation with the National Park Service. During this period, visitors should proceed to the Ellipse south of the White House, not the East Gate. Tickets for the White House tours will be issued at the Ellipse from 8 a. m. - 12 noon Tuesday through Friday, and 8 a. m. - 1 p. m. on Saturday. Once tickets are obtained, visitors are free to do as they like until the time of their tour. Bleachers are available, and there will be entertainment most days. Visitors will be escorted from the Ellipse to the White House at the appointed time. Tickets are available on the day of the tour only. The Ellipse system was tried on a temporary basis last fall and found successful.

Visitors hours will be extended an hour during the week and two hours on Saturdays. Hours between March 16 and Oct. 23 will be 10 a. m. - 1 p. m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a. m. till 2 p. m. on Saturdays.

In addition, the President and Mrs. Ford have asked that the grounds and gardens of the White House be open one weekend a month from April through October. Dates will be announced.

In addition, to accommodate weekend travelers, the White House will remain open on three Monday holidays (it is normally closed on Mondays). These Mondays are: Memorial Day (May 31), Labor Day (Sept. 6) and Columbus Day (Oct. 11). Hours on those days will be 10-1 p. m. Ticket booths will be open 8 a. m. till 12 noon.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL WHITE HOUSE/OEOB STAFF

FROM: MIKE FARRELL

SUBJECT: Fall Garden Tours

Saturday, September 18, 1976, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday, September 19, 1976, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 16, 1976, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday, October 17, 1976, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The September and October dates for Mrs. Ford's Bicentennial garden tour program are listed above. The October dates will be the final garden tours for this year.

As in the past, White House and OEOB pass holders and their guests will be admitted through the Appointments Gate on East Executive Avenue.

The State Floor of the Residence will also be open, and bands of the Armed Services will provide music.

Thank you.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SHEILA WEIDENFELD

FROM:

MIKE FARRELL

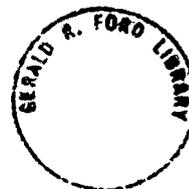
SUBJECT:

Fall Garden Tour
October 16 and 17, 1976

I would very much appreciate your issuing a release which incorporates the information outlined below.

The Fall Garden Tour, the last in a special Bicentennial series scheduled by Mrs. Ford for 1976, will be held on Saturday, October 16, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and on Sunday, October 17, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Some 30 varieties of chrysanthemums will provide a wide range of color in the Rose Garden, Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, and at the fountains. On Saturday visitors should come to the Ellipse to secure tickets. On Sunday admittance will be at the East Gate on East Executive Avenue. Bands of the Armed Services will perform both days, and the State Floor rooms of the White House will also be open for the tour. Admission is free.

On Tuesday, October 26, 1976 the White House will return to the established visiting hours, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Tuesday through Saturday. Visitors should come directly to the East Gate on East Executive Avenue. The Visitors Waiting Area program and the ticket system will be reestablished during June, July and August of 1977 to better accommodate the larger crowds at that time of year.



For immediate release
Thursday, October 9, 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of Mrs. Ford's Press Secretary

Mrs. Ford has asked that the gardens and grounds of the White House be open to the public on Saturday, October 18, and Sunday, October 19, 1975, from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Visitors may enter the grounds through the East Gate of the White House, and any guest in line at the designated closing time of 5:00 p.m. will be able to take the tour. Reservations are not required.

The tour includes a walk through the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, the South Lawn, and the Children's Garden. It concludes with a visit to the Rose Garden. The State Floor rooms of the White House will also be open for visitors to enjoy at their leisure.

White House and National Park Service staff will be available to answer questions and each guest will receive a brochure which will serve as a guide. Bands of the Armed Services will provide music from the South Balcony both afternoons.

During the Bicentennial, Mrs. Ford plans to make the grounds more available to the increased numbers of visitors expected in Washington. The plans presently call for the gardens to be open one weekend each month beginning with April and concluding in October. Dates and times will be announced next year.

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For release before April 12, 1975

*East Gate -
for bands -*

~~OFFICE OF WHITE HOUSE LIAISON~~

Mrs. Ford has asked that
~~Visitors will be able to tour the gardens and grounds of the White House on~~ *be open to the public*
~~on Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19~~
~~the weekend of April 12 this spring. The lawn and gardens will be open to~~
~~the public at no charge on Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13 from~~
~~2 - 5 p.m.~~ *from 2 - 5 P.M.*

The White House grounds were opened to the public for the first time in the history of the mansion in the Spring of 1973 and the Gardens and Grounds Tour has become a semi-annual tradition.

Visitors may enter the grounds through the East Gate of the White House, and any guest in line at the designated closing time of 5 p.m. will be able to take the tour. Reservations are not required.

The tour includes a walk through the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, throughout the South Lawn, and ~~to~~ the Children's Garden. It concludes with a visit to the Rose Garden. ~~Visitors will exit through the White House to the Northwest Gate.~~ *The state floor rooms of the White House will also be open for visitors to enjoy at their leisure*

White House and National Park
~~The tour is at the visitor's leisure, with tour officers at various points~~ *staff will be available to answer questions and service*
~~on the grounds to answer questions. Each guest will receive a brochure~~
~~containing a diagram and explanation of the grounds and foliage.~~ *Band of the Armed Services*
~~from the military bands, will provide music from the South Balcony~~ *throughout both afternoons*

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~~Next year, during~~

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SUBJECT: Instructions for Social Aides

EVENT: Fall Garden Tour

Date/Time: October 19, 1975

No. of Guests: _____

Uniform: _____

Parking: _____

In-Place Time for Aides: _____

In-Place Time for OIC: _____

Duty Aide: _____

First Family Participation: _____

The following Social Aides will attend:

1:15 pm - 3:30 pm U. S. Air Force Band

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm U. S. Navy Band

(Bands will enter East Gate)

*Officer in Charge

Music:

Remarks:

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ROBERT E. BARRETT
for Major, U. S. Army
Army Aide to the President



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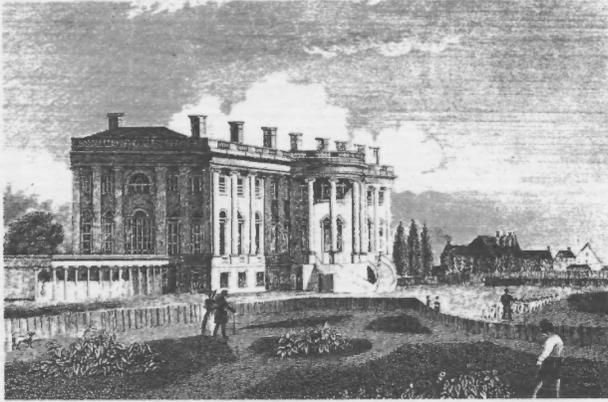
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White House Staff Mess

Mr. O'Donnell

White House Police



*The White House
Gardens and Grounds*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

One of the things the President and I have enjoyed most about the White House are its beautiful grounds and foliage. And because we've had such enjoyment from them, we're especially happy to be able to share them with you.

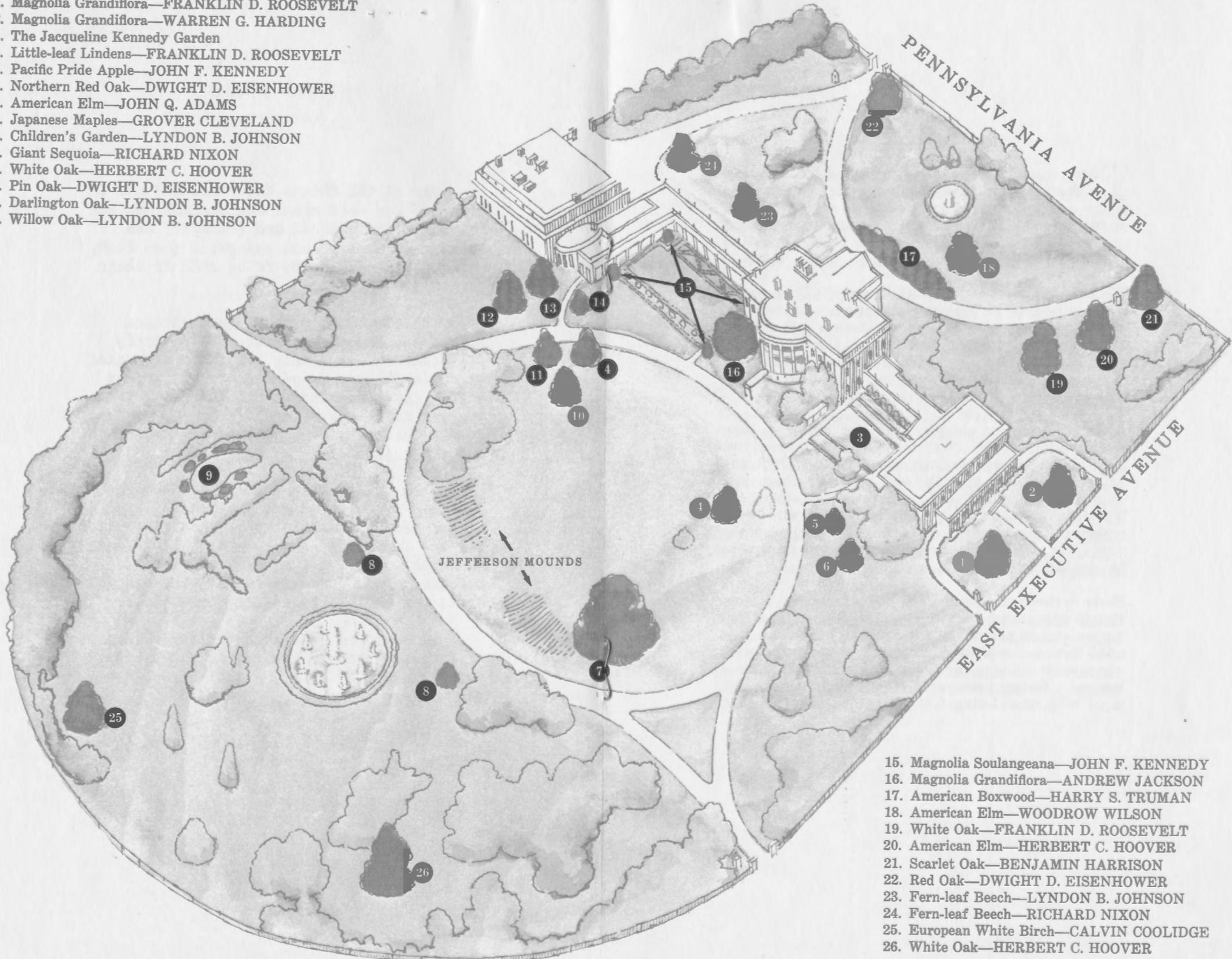
The lawns and gardens have greeted Presidents and their families for nearly 175 years. Each family has taken a special pride in the beauty of the grounds, often adding their own individual touches. What you see today may be one of the few composites of the taste and handiwork of 38 Presidents and their families.

From ponies to Easter eggs, from concerts to bar-b-ques, the lawns have traditionally been a place for children to grow, for historic figures to gather, for events of significance to occur. And the grounds have, as well, provided a peace and tranquility needed for decisions that would affect the world.

We hope you will feel the same sense of history that has touched us as you explore the grounds. We hope you will enjoy them-- they belong to you.

Betty Ford

1. Magnolia Grandiflora—FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
2. Magnolia Grandiflora—WARREN G. HARDING
3. The Jacqueline Kennedy Garden
4. Little-leaf Lindens—FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
5. Pacific Pride Apple—JOHN F. KENNEDY
6. Northern Red Oak—DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
7. American Elm—JOHN Q. ADAMS
8. Japanese Maples—GROVER CLEVELAND
9. Children's Garden—LYNDON B. JOHNSON
10. Giant Sequoia—RICHARD NIXON
11. White Oak—HERBERT C. HOOVER
12. Pin Oak—DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
13. Darlington Oak—LYNDON B. JOHNSON
14. Willow Oak—LYNDON B. JOHNSON



15. Magnolia Soulangeana—JOHN F. KENNEDY
16. Magnolia Grandiflora—ANDREW JACKSON
17. American Boxwood—HARRY S. TRUMAN
18. American Elm—WOODROW WILSON
19. White Oak—FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
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21. Scarlet Oak—BENJAMIN HARRISON
22. Red Oak—DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
23. Fern-leaf Beech—LYNDON B. JOHNSON
24. Fern-leaf Beech—RICHARD NIXON
25. European White Birch—CALVIN COOLIDGE
26. White Oak—HERBERT C. HOOVER

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The present sightlines and ceremonial character of the President's Park follow landscape plans developed in 1935, when trees were removed to reopen the view toward the river. The grounds now lend themselves to varied kinds of official gatherings, Presidential arrivals and departures by helicopter, and welcoming ceremonies for visiting heads of state. Easter-egg rolling on the south lawn is an Easter Week tradition dating from the Hayes Administration.

The redesigned east garden was dedicated in 1965 to Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy. This intimate, friendly garden is the one most often used by the First Lady in her official duties and for entertaining friends. The beds are planted with spring bulbs; annuals are changed with the season. In addition, small plots are devoted to a variety of herbs, which are cut and used regularly in the White House kitchen.

The President uses the Rose Garden for small official ceremonies and receptions. In spring, flowering bulbs come up beneath blossoming crabapple trees; in summertime some 25 varieties of annuals and perennials bloom with the roses, followed in the fall by a colorful array of chrysanthemums.

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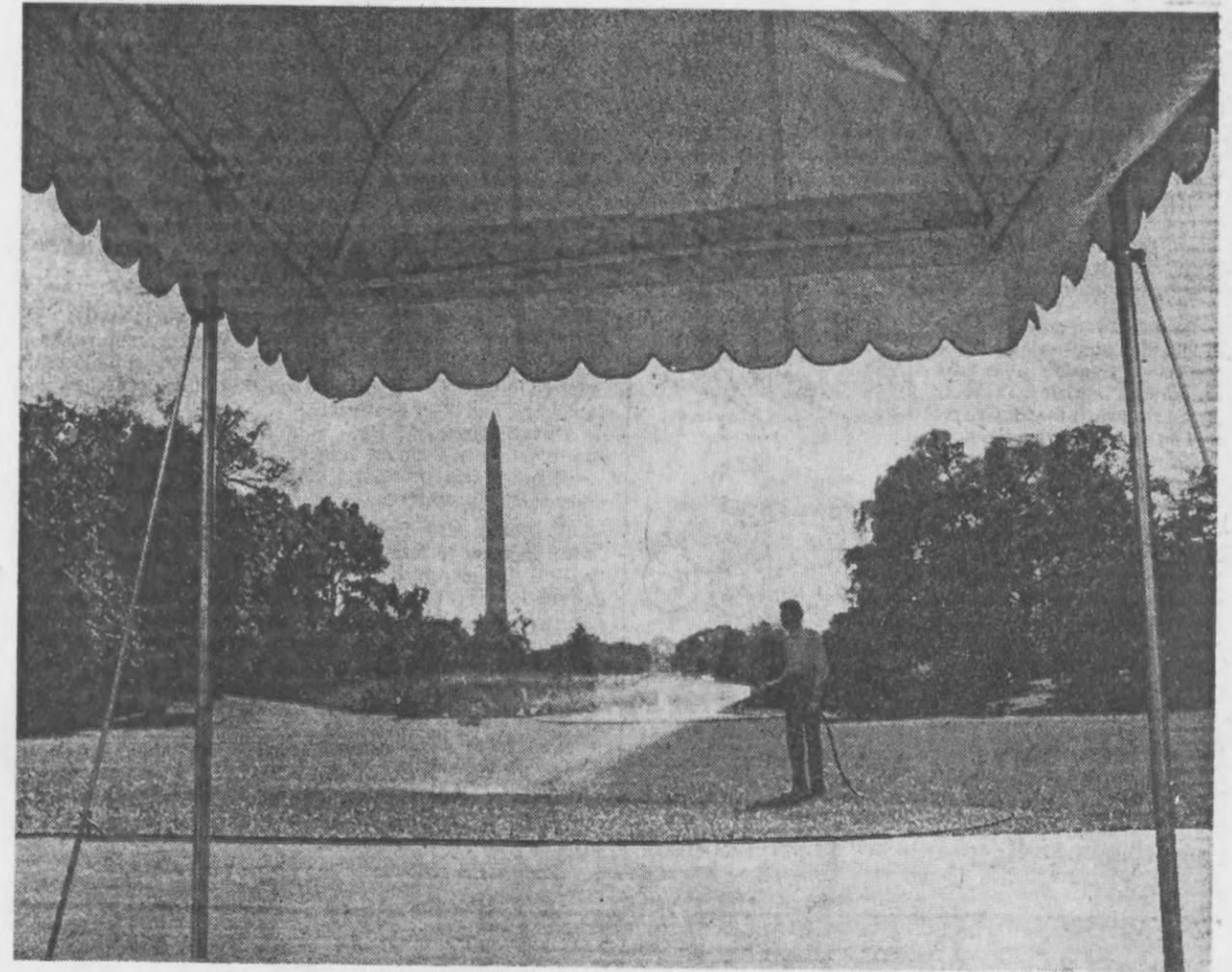
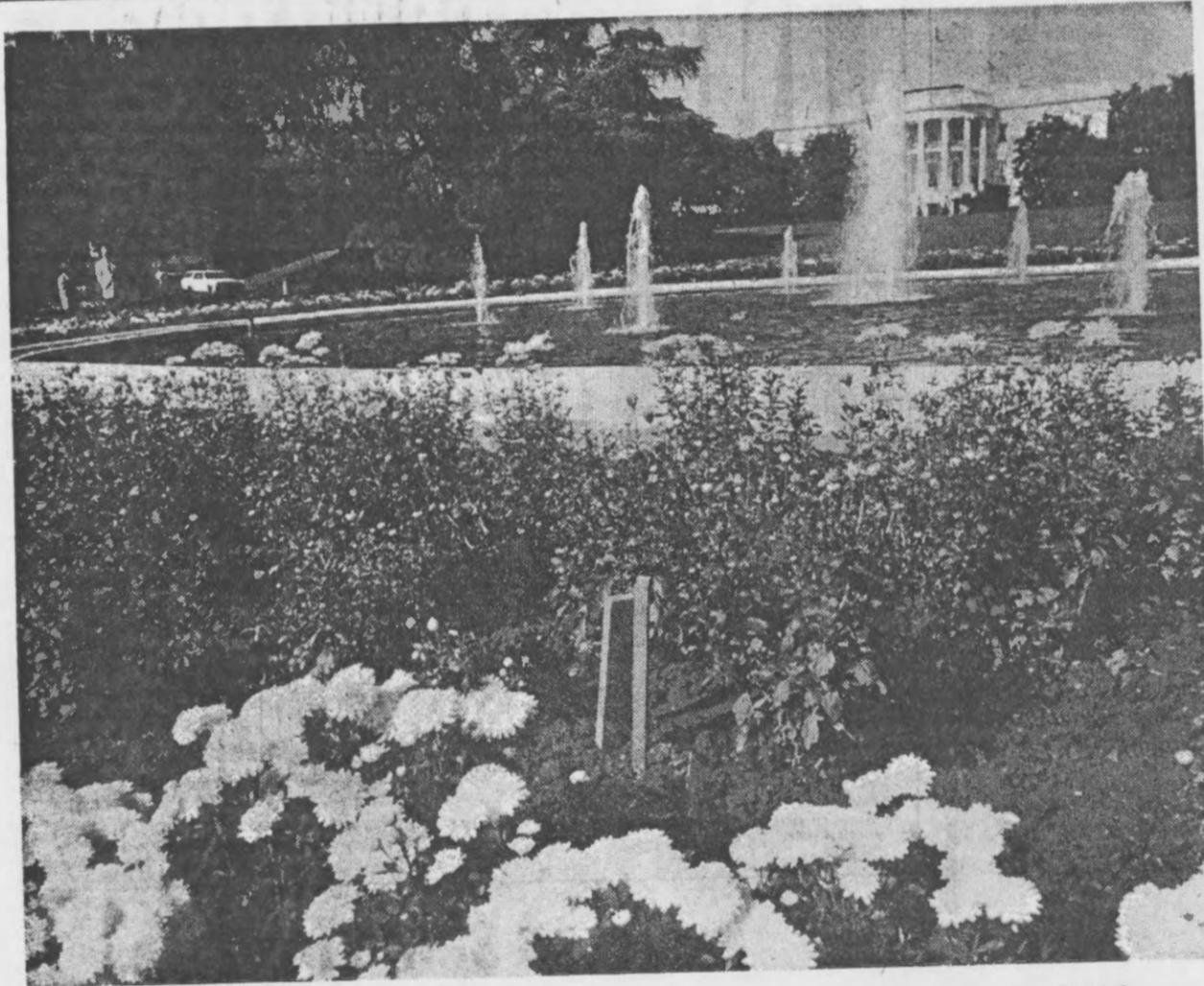
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The fountain on the south lawn of the White House always is ringed with colorful blooms.

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From canopied south entrance, one sees Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial.

Garden Tour of the the White House

BY BETTY FRANKEL
Free Press Garden Writer

WASHINGTON — Abigail Adams, the first First Lady to live in the White House, hung her laundry in the East Room to dry because there was no suitable place to string clothes lines in the bare muddy yard outside.

Today the sight of fresh laundry hanging from clothes lines on the beautifully landscaped White House grounds would be unthinkable.

they are quite simple. They are carefully maintained, though, and provide a gracious setting for the house and the official functions that are held there. They also must meet the private needs of the first family.

Just a few weeks ago the Fords held a picnic for the White House staff on the lawn, where everyone, including the Fords, ate hot dogs. Numerous teas and receptions are held out of doors each year, and an Easter egg roll has been held annually since the time of the Hoovers.

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consisted of some abandoned shacks left by the construction workers, piles of rubbish, and pits in which bricks had been fired.

President and Mrs. Adams wanted to develop the house and grounds as a symbol to the country's greatness, and so citizens would look to the national home with pride. They wanted to put up a fence and plant roses around the house.

However when Thomas Jefferson moved into the White House in 1801 the house and grounds still were raw and unfinished. Pennsylvania Avenue was a muddy lane hacked

mile away was only partially completed. The City of Washington was a dismal little village with a dozen houses, a half-dozen government buildings and a few taverns.

Jefferson, who was skilled in architecture and was an enthusiastic horticulturist, put his talents to work on the White House and on the grounds. He planned terraces and porticos and colonnaded wings.

VERY LITTLE OF WHAT Jefferson planned was carried out until many years later, but he did set men to work

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By Bob Burchette—The Washington Post

Dr. Elliot Epstein holds a handful of the treated sludge from Blue Plains.

White House Balks at Sludge To Enrich South Lawn Soil

By Paul Hodge
Washington Post Staff Writer

The Agriculture Department was to have spread 20 tons of treated Blue Plains sewage sludge on the south lawn of the White House yesterday, to enrich the soil.

But, at the last minute the White House apparently had second thoughts

stitutional Gardens, being created beside the Reflecting Pool.

Another 9,000 tons is going to Seneca Falls State Park in Montgomery County, and many local jurisdictions are standing in line to receive free truckloads from Agriculture's stockpile of 22,000 tons of treated sludge at the Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville.

"We are simply using the natural com-