



President and Cabinet—President Truman (third from right) poses at the White House with members of his cabinet before a regular session of the group. Clockwise around the table are Interior Secretary Oscar Chapman, Commerce Secretary Charles Sawyer, Vice President Alben W. Barkley, Labor Secretary Maurice J. Tobin, Agriculture Secretary Charles Brannan, Postmaster General Jesse Donaldson, Defense Secretary Louis Johnson, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, President Truman, Treasury Secretary John W. Snyder, and Attorney General J. Howard McGrath. (AP Wirephoto.)

GORGEOUS VIRGINIA MAYO

Film Beauty Once Was Stringy-Haired Wall-Flower

By PATRICIA CLARY
Hollywood, Jan. 18 (AP)—Virginia Mayo, whose beauty has been praised by artists and philosophers, once was a stringy-haired wallflower who couldn't make the upper set in high school. Her years as an "outcast" filled Miss Mayo with the determination she says made her a movie star, but she wouldn't want to go through it again even so.

"High school kids can be awfully cruel," she said sadly. "My family wasn't rich as some of the others, and my clothes weren't as nice."

Miss Mayo is now so gorgeous that one philosopher said a look at her makes him believe in fairy tales. But at St. Louis' Soldan High the student leaders let her strictly alone.

"As a result I learned to be grateful for any success I had," she said, "and I've also learned to be tolerant of less successful people."

Even now, partly as a result of her unhappiness in youth, Miss Mayo is quiet and shy with people who visit her on the set of Warner Bros. "The Hawk and the Arrow."

Her determination to show the people who snubbed her started Miss Mayo on her dramatic training. But even then she found herself on the wrong side of the social tracks.

"My aunt ran the drama

school I went to," she explained. "I think she was harder on me than on any of the other pupils. But none of the other kids realized that; they just thought of me as teacher's pet."

Eventually Virginia became her aunt's assistant in instruction, separating herself even farther from the other students.

"So along with the fundamentals of the acting business," she said, "I learned complete self-reliance. I can't say now that I'm sorry it happened that way, although I'd never go through those miserable years again."

Woman Perishes in Fire
Junction City, Jan. 18 (AP)—A farm woman perished yesterday when fire destroyed her home seven miles north of here.

Deputy Coroner Howard Ramsey said he believed Mrs. Maude Waters, 64, was trapped in a bedroom while trying to remove furnishings from the burning house. Cause of the fire was not known.

Tooze Lenient To Prostitutes

Portland, Jan. 18 (AP)—Circuit Judge Walter L. Tooze yesterday criticized the system that jails women guilty of prostitution. He had just reduced the sentences of four defendants.

He said: "It is my opinion that time in jail is not the answer in these prostitution cases. To jail these women, whose places of business are known to many, is to invite an increase in sex crimes."

"Admittedly prostitution is not a wholesome business and certainly cannot be condoned, yet prostitution is perhaps the world's oldest profession. At least those who profess to be in the business make an attempt to

keep themselves free of disease, or public places. They are the appear before me. All will be given fines and whatever punishment the situation merits," he said.

"That is more than can be said for the so-called 'party girls' who frequent bars and other public places. They are the appear before me. All will be given fines and whatever punishment the situation merits," he said.

"However, prostitutes will not escape punishment when they appear before me. All will be given fines and whatever punishment the situation merits," he said.

Judge Tooze suspended one sentence and converted other sentences to fines ranging up to \$150.

Dust Blizzards For Colorado

Denver, Jan. 18 (AP)—Colorado and the west may be in for another series of "black blizzards," State Agriculture Commissioner Paul Swisher warns.

Already wheat is blowing out of the fields in some spots, he reports.

"If it ever really starts to blow this time, it will be worse than it was before," he declares, referring to the sky-darkening storms of the mid-thirties.

"Pompeii may be a picnic to what Denver will be if that sand ever starts moving in here."

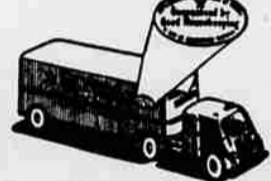
The storms could be worse, Swisher said in an interview, because thousands of acres of additional land in eastern Colorado were plowed up during the World War II farming boom, which continued into the post-war years.

The place where the wheat has been blown from the ground, Swisher reported, is in Crowley county, northeast of Ordway.

Procopius, a sixth century historian, gave an accurate description of the symptoms of plague.

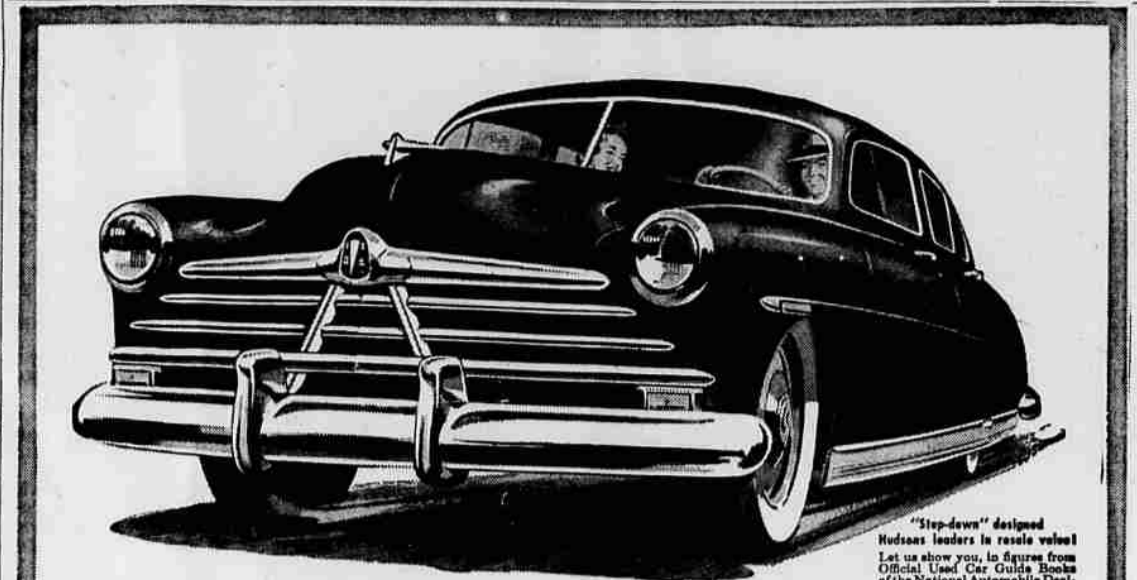


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