

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The scene is sunny Florida. The speaker is Brigadier General Wallace Graham, President Truman's personal physician. The stage setting is provided by several dozen correspondents, pads open and pencils poised.

GRAHAM: I'm bothered about the president and his weight. It's only 175, but it ought to be a lot less.

CORRESPONDENTS: You mean the president is developing a pod?

GRAHAM: Well, he used to brag that he could get into his World War I uniform. I dare him to now.

(Business of correspondents writing frantically in their notebooks.)

GRAHAM: Harry Truman is the healthiest president the country ever had, but that isn't enough. He has more burdens and needs more strength. It's these cooks. They fry everything in butter. More corn bread and mustard greens, and less breaded pork chops, fried in bacon grease—that's what Harry needs.

CORRESPONDENTS: Is that all, sir?

GRAHAM: Well, you might add that a broiled steak and a few vegetables, boiled, not fried in butter, wouldn't hurt him any.

(Business of correspondents dashing frantically for the nearest telephone.)

YOU understand, I presume, what it's all about.

Harry isn't much of a fisherman, and it has been a basic tenet of the American political faith that nobody but a fisherman can be re-elected president. In Harry's case, they're having to scratch around for a substitute.

His **WEIGHT** looks like it might be it. Everybody in lush and abundant America is worried about his (or HER) weight. We all worry about extra pounds. **HARRY WORRIES ABOUT EXTRA POUNDS.**

So, you see, a bond is established between the president and us common people. Without a bond between the chief executive and us heavy-voting common folk, the jib would be up.

PERSONALLY, I'm not so sure that Harry needs all this worried-about-his-weight stuff. In his give-'em-hell tour around the country in the fall of 1948, he displayed a talent for getting close to us common people and then he was still letting it be known that he could get into his old uniform without pulling in his tummy too much.

If his ideas about national finance were as sound as his instinct for getting votes, I think I'd be throwing up my hat for him myself. You just can't help liking the little guy.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Gold Hill 4-H club met at the Estremado home March 15, with 20 members and eight parents attending. Club Leader Norman Gail was unable to be there, being still confined to his home from the effects of his recent accident. Dick Biles, club president, was also absent, and the meeting was in charge of George Christensen, vice-president, and Jerry Esgeu, assistant leader.

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