

30 Million Americans See Truman Conduct TV Tour of White House

Washington — (U.P.) — President Truman sat down in the East room of the White House and played the piano Saturday while an estimated 30,000,000 Americans in a television audience watched and listened.

His impromptu performance came toward the end of a 48-minute telenovela of the President's recently renovated home, the White House.

The Chief Executive personally guided the TV tour, which was flashed across the country by three major networks.

Program Ends Early

Originally, it was scheduled for an hour, but Mr. Truman and the three commentators who accompanied him at various times in the tour found themselves at the exit 12 minutes early. The commentators thanked him for his graciousness, Mr. Truman responded it was a pleasure, and then they said goodbye.

As a network musician, Mr. Truman—one of the foremost piano devotees ever to occupy the White House—violated no unspoken rules. James Caesar Petrillo, president of the Musician's Union (AFL), gave Mr. Truman an honorary membership card a few years back.

Mr. Truman conducted a non-partisan tour, speaking well of the past occupants of the big white mansion, regardless of their political affiliation.

No Flowery Talk

The President used a casual, conversational tone of voice for most of his descriptive commentary and steered clear of flowery

talk. He used the word "lovely" only five times and "beautiful" only three.

Mr. Truman was smiling and appeared relaxed once the show got on the air, but he had his nervous moments before it began. For fully five minutes before the opening scene, he stood on the first floor, fidgeting just like any performer about to make a TV debut.

Then, on signal, he went down to the first level to greet Walter Cronkite of the Columbia Broadcasting System TV network and soon they were in the diplomatic reception room, where Mr. Truman noted the walls featured pictures of "some of the most beautiful ladies."

"Good Looking Ladies"

The pictures on the walls, Mr. Truman said, used to be of presidents, but "I think it looks much better with these good looking ladies." He identified for the viewers pictures of Dolley Madison, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Mrs. Herbert Hoover and

Mrs. James K. Polk among others.

From then until he came upon the pianos in the East room, Mr. Truman spun an informal history of the White House through its long history with plenty of personal observations on the furnishings, decor, and former occupants.

When he told Frank Bourgholzer of the National Broadcasting Company another of his "straight men" on the tour, that one of the pianos has about the "finest tone I have ever heard," he was asked to strike a few chords.

Plays Piano

Mr. Truman sat down and quickly played through a small portion of Mozart's Ninth Sonata. Then he walked across the room, stood before another piano which he said also has excellent tone. Still standing, he played a few chords—not identifiable as a formal composition—and finished by running his fingers gingerly down the keyboard.

The President confided that "sometime or other, I'm hoping to have a reception and have a two-piano concert in here with two of the world's greatest pianos." He didn't say who would play the pianos.

Among the interested close-up spectators was the President's daughter, Margaret, who tagged along close behind him—but always out of camera range.

A concert soloist and a TV star in her own right, Miss Truman was asked how she would rate her father in his debut as an "entertainer."

"How can he miss with three networks?" she quipped.



KENNETH PICKENS
New NOMA President

Office Managers Name New Officers

Kenneth E. Pickens, 24 Hamilton street, of Medford Corporation, has been elected president of the Medford chapter of the National Office Management association, members stated Saturday.

Other officers elected by the group included Hugh F. Friel, Bruce Bauer Lumber company, vice-president; Mrs. Frances E. Grant, Associated Fruit company, secretary, and Truitt Cantrell, Veneer Products company, treasurer.

Five persons were elected to the board of directors. They included John A. Graff Jr., Mann's Department store; Homer M. Bell, Tru-Mix Concrete company; L. E. Sohler, Magnolia Lumber Corporation; Winston W. Carl, Burroughs Adding Machine company and Mrs. Ellen N. Cox, Modoc Orchard company.

Following election of officers, Willard Fuller, Portland representative of the Pitney-Bowes company, spoke and presented a film on metered mail. The meeting was held at the Medford hotel.

Judge O. J. Millard Overruled by High Court on Ruling

The state supreme court last week overruled the Jackson county circuit court in its decision on a dispute over a right-of-way in the Applegate valley. Judge Orval J. Millard of Josephine county, who was presiding in the case was told to vacate an order of his court or to show cause why it should stand.

The case involves property owned by Ives L. and Lyla J. Brown over which Vivian Whitsett and Roy Whitsett sought to obtain a right of way to the Applegate river.

The right-of-way, for a ditch, was sought through condemnation under a 1945 law, the constitutionality of which has since been questioned. Judge Millard's order of April 25 granted the right of way.

However, the Browns appealed to the supreme court to vacate the order. On Thursday the court, through an alternative writ of mandamus gave Judge Millard the choice of vacating the order or showing cause why it should stand.

Assumes Jurisdiction

Attorneys involved in the case explained that the supreme court assumed jurisdiction and issued the writ in order that it might later hear arguments concerning

University "Mock Convention" Nominates General Eisenhower

Eugene — (U.P.) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower won the Republican presidential nomination Friday night at a mock GOP "national" convention staged by more than 1100 University of Oregon students.

Eisenhower was nominated on the second ballot. He won over Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio and Gov. Earl Warren of California. Final balloting gave Eisenhower 659 votes, Taft 293 and Warren 247.

A late move by Taft forces to throw their support to Gov. Warren came too late in the voting to prevent Eisenhower's nomination.

The mock convention, complete with brass bands, flags, signs, horns and confetti, was held in huge McArthur court on the university campus. Student leaders organized the convention on lines of the actual Republican national convention with students representing each of the 48 states and the territories. The



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Lasts Five Hours

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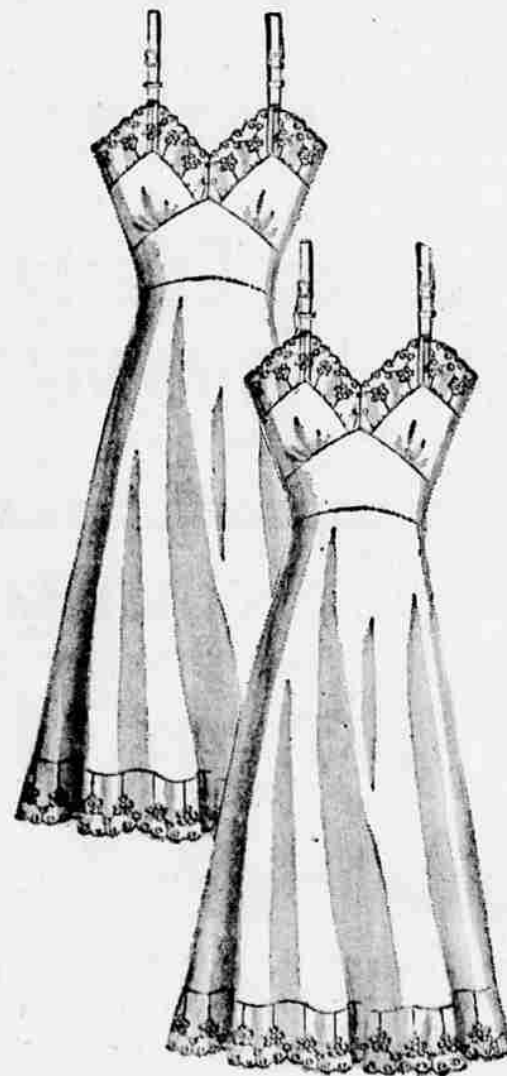
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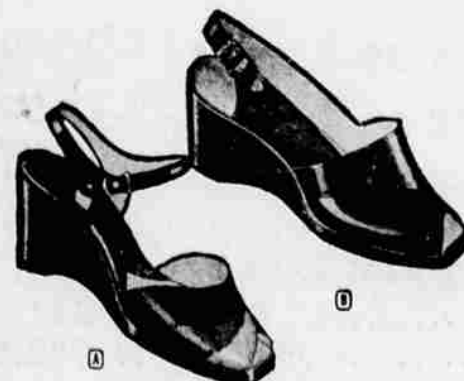
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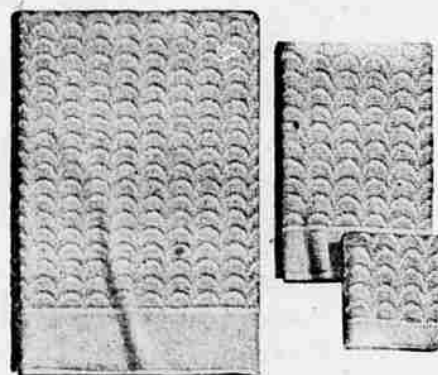
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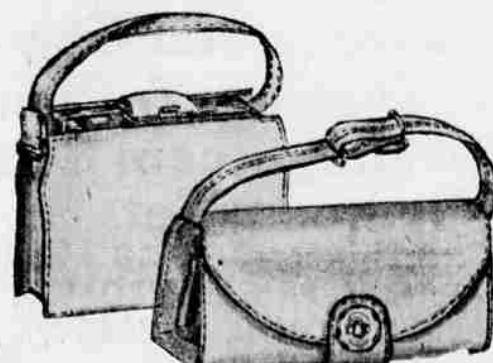
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