

# Inability of Doctors To Recognize Bite of Black Widow Feared

By DELOS SMITH  
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New York — (U.P.) — Medical men are afraid Black Widow spiders may be increasing, and there is a reason for fear: If you're an M.D. where there have been no Black Widows around—are you going to recognize the results of a Black Widow bite when you see them?

Dr. Richard R. Grayson, a Missouri country doctor, has reassured all other doctors. He looked at the results, and he knew what caused them. Had to be the Black Widow; nothing else could have. In Perryville, where he practices, a Black Widow bite had been a rarity. But all of a sudden last summer, five persons were bitten.

For Black Widows to show up in sufficient numbers to bite enough human beings to merit a formal medical report was regarded by epidemiologists as "significant." If it happened last summer, what will happen this summer when Black Widows are even better established in new surroundings, they asked.

Dr. Grayson's first case was a young workman. When he was brought to the doctor's office, he "was barely able to stagger"—"he was moaning and groaning and twisting about."

**Rigid Abdomen**  
Somehow the doctor got him onto a table for an examination. "The entire abdomen was rigid,"

## Beatty Circus Due; Vets Will Sponsor

The Clyde Beatty circus will be in Medford June 16, it was announced Saturday. Its appearance will be sponsored for the first time by three local veterans' organizations, who announced the plan to make it possible for every local youngster who wants to attend.

The sponsoring groups are American Legion Post 15, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1833, and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 8. The joint committee handling arrangements has started formation of a "kid brigade," to be sponsored by merchants and veterans, to see that every youngster can see the circus.

Only children's tickets will be on sale in advance of the performance. Proceeds from the project will go for programs of child welfare, veterans rehabilitation and welfare of veterans' dependents conducted by the sponsoring organizations.

The 1955 production of the Clyde Beatty Wild Animal circus and aerial show has been augmented by new acts, the committee reported.

said the doctor. "There was no question of localized tenderness or rebound tenderness inasmuch as the abdominal wall could not be depressed at any point."

His thought was of the chance of a hernia. But the patient said he had been "bitten by something," and it clicked in Grayson's mind—the Black Widow. To check that, he injected 10 cubic centimeters of 10 per cent calcium gluconate, and "the patient exclaimed that the pain was gone. He smiled happily, arose immediately and stated he wished to go home."

"Not so fast," said the doctor, and persuaded him to go to the hospital, where "it was noted that even though the pain immediately subsided after the calcium, the rigidity of the abdominal muscles was undiminished until many hours later."

**'Missouri Medicine' Report**  
In his report to "Missouri Medicine," Dr. Grayson pointed out that in not one of the five patients "was the history of spider bite available when the patient needed treatment the most. In other words in most cases, apparently, the diagnosis of Black Widow spider bite will have to be made on clinical grounds and the physician will have to be thoroughly aware of the disease in order to make the diagnosis."

But any doctor who has seen one case will recognize the next one.

"The best bet," he continued, "apparently is the intravenous injection of calcium gluconate. In no other disease, perhaps, is such instantaneous relief granted from such agonizing misery as here. One could almost say that this test is specific for the disease."

## Free Water Request Referred to Medford

Jacksonville —The Southern Oregon Historical society this week requested the city of Jacksonville to furnish water without cost to the Jacksonville museum. The city council, on recommendation of the water committee, suggested the society submit its request to the Medford city council.

The city of Jacksonville purchases water from Medford, and the council did not feel it should furnish water for the museum with city funds.

Miss Claire Hanley, president of the society, submitted the request to the city council. Art Davis is chairman of the water committee.

The council also set 8 p.m. Tuesday night for a meeting of the Jacksonville budget committee. The meeting will be in the city hall.

January is normally the biggest coal consuming month.

# HST To Celebrate Birthday Today With Dedication Ceremonies for New Library

BY WARD COLWELL  
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Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — When former President Truman turns the first spadeful of earth for the Harry S. Truman Library today his 71st birthday—he will be thinking of yet another job in his already busy schedule.

He said he intends to be one of the guides to direct tours through the \$1,750,000 structure when it is completed in about 14 months.

The library ground-breaking at Slover Park in Mr. Truman's home town of Independence, Mo., will be the first part in an elaborate observance of the former chief executive's birthday anniversary.

In the evening, at the Hotel Muehlebach, a dinner will be held in his honor. Tables were sold at a rate of \$80 each, the money to go to the library fund.

**Horseshoe Shaped**  
The library itself will be an expansive, fully air-conditioned, horseshoe affair nesting in the elm shade center of the city-donated park at the north edge of Independence.

The stone structure will be of simple, modern design. It will contain stacks areas for Mr. Truman's private papers accumulated during his eight years in the White House. There will be reading and study rooms for researchers and the former president himself will maintain an

office in the library. From it, he said, he expects to personally conduct guests on tours of the premises.

He made no secret of his hope that many of the tours would be made up of school children. Although Mr. Truman is deluged with invitations to speak to various groups, the ones he accepts most frequently are from high schools, colleges and universities.

**Country's Destiny**  
"These are the young students who will take over the destiny of our country," he often has said. "They should understand what this republic stands for and should be prepared to fight for it both physically and spiritually. I hope the library will provide a source of information and inspiration to carry this out."

It was his hope, too, that future presidents will join former Presidents Herbert Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt and himself in making their private papers available to the government and the people.

Although the guest list for today's birthday observance is made up largely of national governmental, educational and political leaders, the active participants will be from a regional level.

Dr. Elmer Ellis, president of the University of Missouri, will deliver the principal address at the library ground-breaking. At

the evening banquet, Dr. Franklin P. Murphy, chancellor of Kansas University, will speak along with Mr. Truman. The ground-breaking ceremony starts at 5:30 p.m. (EDT), the birthday dinner at 9 p.m. (EDT).

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# Vast Storms Hit Midwestern Area; One Person Killed

By UNITED PRESS  
A vast band of thunderstorms and showers followed Saturday in the wake of tornadic winds which killed at least one person. The storm pattern early Saturday stretched from the Northern Great Lakes across the mid-Mississippi valley and into the Eastern Central Plains.

**Woman Killed**  
Tornadic winds hit Temple, Tex., Friday night, killing a woman and a tornado ripped a four-block wide path of damage in Harlan, Iowa.

The winds at Temple collapsed a 30-by-260-foot masonry building, killing Mrs. Mamie Bennett, 40. A worker in the building was critically injured and part of a Temple theater roof caved in. The 15 patrons were uninjured. The winds also damaged the Academy School gymnasium eight miles south of Temple, and hit the Taylor, Tex., area, causing heavy damage to the John Jansky farm.

Elsewhere in Texas, a rain-slicked road was partially blocked for a bus-truck crash near Farmersville in which 17 persons were injured.

The Iowa twister hit the ground at Harlan, bounced up, and touched down again near Kirkman, nine miles away.

The roof of a large building was torn off at Harlan and farmers reported widespread damage. Winds of 60 miles an hour whipped Des Moines and What Cheer, Iowa, and an inch of hail was measured at Fredericksburg and Ossian.

Cool air meanwhile swept across the Northern Plains, dropping temperatures five to 15 degrees. But the temperature climbed to the East and a spring heat wave had pushed deep into the South.

## Thomson Sentencing Delayed Second Time

Newport, Ore. — (U.P.) — Sentencing of Richard Thomson for assault with a dangerous weapon was held up again Friday because Lincoln County Circuit Judge Fred McHenry was presiding at a trial in Corvallis.

Thomson was convicted April 29 of attacking his former business partner, James Mueller, in September, 1953. He was originally scheduled to be sentenced Thursday.

The county clerk said the sentence would probably be read here Monday.

## Carpenters Elect Portland Resident

La Grande, Ore. — (U.P.) — Oregon State Council of Carpenters Saturday concluded their three-day convention here and named Eugene as site for the 1956 meeting.

E. B. Weber, Portland, was re-elected president and Ivor T. Jones, Salem, was re-elected executive secretary. New officers included Walter Dage, Roseburg, first vice-president, and Leo M. Neal, Portland, second vice-president.

## Salem's Crime Rate 'Remarkably Low'

Salem — (U.P.) — Salem averaged less than two crimes a day in 1954, the FBI said Saturday, adding that the figures were "remarkably low" for a city of its size.

No murder was recorded and only two armed robberies. The FBI figures, based on Salem police records, showed that the city had 145 burglaries, 75 cases of larceny involving \$50 or more and 451 larcenies under \$50. Auto thefts totaled 38.

The FBI report said "few American cities of the size boast a better showing for law-abiding citizenship than Salem."

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 1 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

## First Payment Made To Celilo Indians

Portland — (U.P.) — The Army Corps of Engineers has paid \$600,000 of a \$15,019,640 sum to Yakima Indian tribe for loss of the traditional Celilo Falls fishing grounds due to construction of The Dalles dam.

Col. James U. Moorehead, Portland District Engineer, said a check for the \$600,000 sum was passed to the tribe Friday. Also to be paid by the federal government is a \$4,047,000 sum to Warm Springs Indians and \$4,198,000 to Umatilla Indians. Payment was made at the rate of \$3754 per tribesman.

Total payments will be made before the falls are flooded by the project, about October 1956.

Col. Moorehead said a claim filed by Nez Perce Indians was being studied.

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