

# Truman's Memoirs Tell of Well-Guarded Secret on Atomic Development

## Museum Reports Attendance Near 200,000 Total

Jacksonville — Attendance at the Jacksonville museum is nearing the 200,000 mark, according to Miss Mary Hanley, museum curator. The museum was opened about four years ago.

Attendance for the period since the museum's opening, through the end of August has totaled 196,655. During August, there were 5,731 visitors from 39 states and 12 foreign countries.

The attendance during the Jacksonville jubilee was 1,013 this year, compared with 2,348 in 1954. On one day, Aug. 4, there were 100 visitors from 17 states.

### Gifts Listed

Among gifts for the historical collection presented during August are a postcard labeled "The World's Greatest Sewing Machine," donated by Louis Lepert, Klamath Falls; a map of Oregon territory in 1841, given by Leon Haskins, and a photograph of "Lower Oregon and Upper California, Latest and Most Authentic Surveys," presented by Frank Bash.

Another group of gifts included a picture of Charles Goodman Skeeters (1825-1908) who acted as a guide to wagon trains in 1850 and was the guide of the Hillman party which discovered Crater Lake in 1853.

## Portland Building Damaged by Blaze

Portland—(U.P.)—The Manchester building in downtown Portland suffered heavy damage to its interior last night when a two-alarm fire that firemen battled for almost three hours swept through the structure.

Unofficial damage estimates ran over \$175,000, mostly to contents.

Eight firms in the seven-story building suffered damage, much of it from smoke and water. Fire Marshal Dale Gilman said the fire broke out in the northwest section of the fourth floor and spread through walls and ceilings. Most of the smoke and water damage occurred between the street and fifth floors.

The blaze was discovered shortly before 10 p.m.

### BLUEFISH HAUL

Kitty Hawk, N. C.—(U.P.)—In one day, anglers landed approximately two tons of bluefish at the local pier. The 4,000 blues caught averaged a pound each.

## ROGUE RIVER Many Greet New Teachers

Rogue River—The reception for Rogue River teachers was well attended last Wednesday evening. Mrs. Warren Bottroff, president of P.T.A., was in charge of the program. Most of the local civic organizations helped with the plans. The Lions auxiliary put on a style show, a "take off" on their more recent up-to-date show, with many beautiful old time hats. Mrs. Robert DeArmond wore a 90-year-old dress belonging to Mrs. Perry Greeg. It had been her husband's mother's wedding dress. Mrs. Dudley Fabrick sang "She's Only a Bird in a Gilded Cage."

Mrs. Bottroff introduced Superintendent John Harr and he in turn introduced the high school and grade school teachers. As of Sept. 19, the enrollment was 145 in high school and 345 in grade school.

A committee meeting of Girl Scout leaders was held Sept. 19 at the Civic Club house. Mrs. Harold Dunham, Mrs. Haden Williams and Mrs. Homer Classick are three of the leaders who will work with the two age groups this year. An early October meeting date will be announced soon.

Kathleen Classick, young daughter of the Homer Classicks recently was chosen Sweetheart of Camp White VFW by Tommy Thompson of the Camp White domiciliary. A party for about 20 other entertainers from other valley cities was given in the post club rooms. Miss Classick gave a tap dance number and baton routine.

In a recent letter to Rogue River friends, Mrs. David Mock stated they would be moving back to their home on Broadway early in October. Mr. and Mrs. Mock and daughter Dianne have been living in Bakersfield, Calif.

Leo Orvis left Thursday for Corvallis where he will attend meetings of the Gideon society.

The largest number from any class to graduate from Rogue River high school will enter college this fall. Miss Kara Lee Irvin left Sept. 11 for Lewis and Clark; Loyd Morrow and Bobby Hoover will go to Southern Oregon college at Ashland; Yvette Stevens and Dianne Dixon to Oregon State; Cletus Dailey and Teddy Stanfield, Oregon College of Education, Monmouth; Oscar Stallworth, Charles Davis, Gilbert Klomhaus and Truman Drew, to University of Oregon; Jaren McCoy has entered a school for nurses in Ohio for a three year course. She expects to take a fourth year specialization course.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Chance and daughter Barbara have re-

turned from a 10-day vacation in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Ronald Williamson, of Tacoma, Wash., who severely crushed his left hand while working in a Tacoma paper mill, is home from the hospital and improving, according to his mother, Mrs. Mary Williamson of West Evans creek rd. The Ronald Williamsons are former residents of Rogue River.

President of VFW auxiliary 116, Mrs. John Leven, and Mrs. Leo Orvis, Mrs. E. B. Burkett, Mrs. Mary Williamson, Mrs. Homer Classick, and Department President Mrs. Ted Hopkins attended the meeting of District 7 in Grants Pass, Sunday. Those attending from Post 4116 were Commander John Leven, Glen Hutchison, Homer Classick, Henry Albrecht and Ted Hopkins.

Just before the meeting convened at 1 p.m. a message was received that Department Commander Garry Hanson, Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Myrtle Tripp, past department president, had been injured in a head-on collision as they were driving down Sexton mountain on their way to the meeting. Mrs. Hanson was most severely injured when she was thrown from the car. She received a bad cut on her forehead and possible concussion. They were taken to Josephine General hospital for treatment. Mrs. Tripp and Hanson were released after examination and x-rays. Mrs. Hanson was to remain in the hospital for several days for further treatment and observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Miller and family who lived in Rogue River about a year, have moved to 12 Mace rd., Medford. Miller is employed at Camp White domiciliary. While in Rogue River they operated the cafe adjoining Bob's Texaco service on Highway 99 south.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Codr, Ontario, Ore., returned to their home Tuesday after several days visit with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Codr and daughters Kitty and Marcia.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Larson of San Diego, Calif., are here for several weeks vacation at the Edwards cabin on West Evans creek. Larson is a plasterer and has just finished a contract at Walt Disney's famous Disneyland.

## OLCC Investigation Will Resume Monday

Portland—(U.P.)—District Attorney William Langley said today the Multnomah county grand jury investigation into the Oregon Liquor Control Commission would resume next Monday.

A previous grand jury was dismissed when a member said she was related to an OLCC employee under investigation. The grand jury investigation came after an exchange of statement between Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton and Gov. Paul Patterson.

First witness may be Howard I. Bobbitt, former FBI agent who helped in an OLCC investigation ordered by Patterson in 1954. Thornton had demanded access to depositions taken by Bobbitt and Robert F. Maguire.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

## New President Said Unaware of Mammoth Project

Washington—(U.P.)—Former President Harry S. Truman disclosed today that he had no inkling that the mammoth wartime atomic energy project even existed until the day he became President, four months before history's first A-bomb explosion.

Not even then was he immediately told in detail about the world changing development which had been concealed from him for years while he was senator and throughout his brief service as vice-president.

Subsequently, the new President, who was to bear the responsibility for ordering the atomic destruction of Hiroshima, was assured by a close military adviser that the A-bomb would "never go off."

### His Own Story

This and other revelations about his early feverish days as chief executive were recorded by Mr. Truman in his memoirs, publication of which began in Life magazine. Among the former President's disclosures were:

1. He once regarded James F. Byrnes, now his bitter political enemy as the man "best qualified" to succeed him in the White House.

2. He startled Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov in his first two weeks as President by giving the Russian diplomat a "sharp" lecture for breaking the Yalta agreement on Poland.

Written in his familiar homespun style, Mr. Truman's memoirs relate his struggle to recover from the "terrible blow" of Franklin D. Roosevelt's death April 12, 1945, and grasp the reins of government at a crucial point in American and world history.

### For All Peoples

At a news conference in Kansas City about the memoirs, written under contract with Life for \$600,000, Mr. Truman said he dedicated them "to the people of all nations."

"I think people of all free nations are interested in the leading free nation of the world," he told newsmen. "I believe the people behind the Iron Curtain also are interested, too, so I dedicated the memoirs to the people of all nations."

The words with which he was informed that Mr. Roosevelt was dead, spoken with compassion by Mrs. Roosevelt, were: "Harry, the President is dead." At his news conference Mr. Truman said Mrs. Roosevelt always had addressed him and members of his family by their first names, and she did so this time.

### First 18 Days

After he was sworn in as chief executive, however, she never addressed him that way again, but always as "Mr. President."

Volume I of the memoirs, to be published in five successive installments in Life, also will be serialized in the New York Times and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The first installment covers his first 18 days in the White House.

It was after his first Cabinet meeting, which followed shortly on the brief oath taking ceremony that Mr. Truman received his first hint about the A-bomb. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson stayed behind as the other members left.

Stimson told him an immense project was underway to develop "a new explosive of almost unbelievable destructive power." That was all Stimson "felt free to say at the time, and his statement left me puzzled."

"It was the first bit of information that had come to me about the atomic bomb."

### Called Off Probe

While he was chairman of the Senate War Investigating Committee he had sent investigators to Tennessee and Washington to find what certain enormous construction projects were. Stimson had gone to him and asked him not to investigate the projects, now known to have produced the first A-bombs. Sen. Truman called off the inquiry.

One of the new president's closest advisers, Adm. William E. Leahy who had been Mr. Roosevelt's chief of staff, remarked:

"This is the biggest fool thing we have ever done. The bomb will never go off, and I speak as an expert in explosives."

Mr. Truman's memoirs also recorded how he went about picking his own Cabinet and personal aides, and how he appraised the figures around him—men much more famous than he—with a cautious "I'm from Missouri eye."

### CODY MEMORIAL

Davenport, Ia.—(U.P.)—The Quad-City "tent" of the Circus Fans Association of America was named after "Buffalo Bill" Cody. The famous showman was born in Scott County near LeClaire and started his first wild west show here.

## City Council Denies Request For Clark St. Industrial Zone

A request for change of zone from two family to heavy industrial was denied last night by the Medford city council after more than 40 persons attended a public hearing to oppose the change.

The request was submitted by Builders Supply company for an area on the north side of Clark st. between Narreagan st. and McAndrews rd.

The hearing was continued from a previous council meeting when a petition was submitted opposing the proposal. No one appeared at last night's hearing to favor the rezoning plan.

Several residents of the area pointed out, in voicing objection, that there is presently heavy industry in the White City area, which is furnished with water and sewer facilities, and that heavy industry should not move closer to downtown Medford.

The request was submitted because the present area is non-conforming, and to make planned expansions a change of zone would be necessary. Councilmen believed if the company desired, a revised petition requesting change of zone for a particular lot could be submitted.

### Setback Change Granted

In other action the council granted a change of setback on the east end of Reddy ave., adopted an ordinance for an emergency fund appropriation for purchasing a check writer for the city treasurer, replacing the present broken one; and

## Willamette Valley Hit by First Frost

Portland—(U.P.)—Parts of the Willamette valley were hit by the first frost of the season last night as the Eugene area recorded the lowest temperature on record for this time of year.

The thermometer dropped to 34 degrees at Eugene in the early morning hours with a 38 recorded at Salem and 41 at Portland.

Minimums in the high valleys of Central Oregon dropped far below freezing with 20 reported at Bend, 24 at Redmond and 28 at Klamath Falls.

The weather bureau forecast chilly weather again tomorrow morning with patchy morning fog in the western part of the state.

adopted an ordinance creating funds for Oak st. paving from West Jackson st. to West Second st.

Richard Henselman, representing residents of the Verde Hills area, submitted a petition with some 26 property owners' signatures for installation of a sewer system in the area as soon as possible. He pointed out sanitary conditions are bad, and that residents would like sewer service as quickly as possible.

City Manager Robert Duff said he believed plans and specifications for one section of the Verde Hills subdivision would be ready for council consideration next meeting, and a public hearing possibly could be held four weeks from last night.

Henselman said many residents are interested in whether it is financially feasible to construct a pump station to handle sewage until a trunk line is in-

stalled along Barnett rd. in the future.

### Annex Authorized

The local Girl Scouts were authorized to construct an annex to the Scout building in Hawthorne park to house offices and storage space, and Duff was authorized to confer with Albers Milling company on construction of a loading dock which would encroach on Evergreen st. The planning commission recommendation of adoption of a tree ordinance was taken into consideration by the council, which also granted permission of removal of parking meters on Sixth and Front sts. to increase traffic lanes and relieve traffic congestion.

The council granted Central Supply company a request for installing two hour parking on Front st. at Second st. Two hour parking will be on a trial basis in two spaces. Confirmation was given installation of 15 minute parking in front of the library on West Main st. and in front of Crystal White laundry at 811 North Central ave. (See story on Page 1)

## Ashland Committee Slates Study of Hospital Financing

Ashland—Feasibility of constructing a moderate-sized hospital in Ashland through a subscription plan and requests will be investigated during the next few weeks, it was announced here.

The decision to study construction through this method was made this week at a meeting attended by city council members and others interested in hospital construction here.

### Named Cochairman

E. H. Singmaster and John Cotton were named cochairmen of a committee to obtain advice on financing through a subscription and gift plan.

Those attending the meeting agreed to attend as a "committee of the whole" to work for the new hospital. The cochairmen indicated that others will be invited to take part and that meetings will be open to the public.

Singmaster, who presided, summarized reports of a special committee which late last spring reviewed the hospital needs of the city and recommended construction of a 30-bed hospital.

Muncie, Ind.—(U.P.)—Young Dennis Shults of Muncie fell into a lake near here while he was fishing. He had to be pulled to safety. But his tears changed to a smile when he discovered he had hooked a fish while he was flailing in the water.



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