

## Presidency Hazardous Occupation, Record of Past 55 Years Shows

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Washington — (U.P.) — On the record of the past 55 years, the presidency of the United States



is as hazardous as any occupation on earth. Five of 10 presidents since the turn of the century have died or been cruelly stricken in office. William McKinley was assassinated in 1901. Warren Gamaliel Harding and Franklin D. Roosevelt died in office, both of cerebral hemorrhage, although Harding also was suffering from pneumonia. Woodrow Wilson was partially paralyzed during the latter months of his second term and for long was unable to discharge the duties

of his office. President Eisenhower was struck down by a heart attack last Saturday, but is making good recovery progress.

Theodore Roosevelt had some illness but vigorously survived almost two White House terms only to be pined by an assassin's bullet when he sought reelection as the Bull Moose candidate in 1912.

**Assassination Attempt in 1933**  
An assassin shot at President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933, the bullet killing Mayor Anton Cermak of Chicago. They occupied an open automobile in Miami, Fla.

Two Puerto Ricans stormed Blair House while President and Mrs. Truman were in residence there, but were unable to reach Mr. Truman.

The record of the past 55 years is impressive. Dr. Karl C. Wold had that in mind when he wrote the book called "Mr. Pres-

ident—How is Your Health?"

Beginning with George Washington, Dr. Wold reported that presidents more often than not have suffered severe and often protracted illness while in the White House. Washington was seized with severe pains in his thigh shortly after his first inauguration.

### Mistrial Pondered On Murder Charges

Minneapolis — (U.P.) — District Judge Leslie L. Anderson today considered a demand for a declaration of mistrial and a change of venue in the case of a dentist charged with seducing and strangling a patient.

Attorneys for the dentist, Dr. A. Arnold Axilrod, 50, accused the state of trying to "blacken the whole defense" as they made the demand Tuesday.

Anderson delayed a ruling, but commented "I have had a feeling there was a little too

much of trying this case in the news."

Axilrod is accused of drugging and seducing Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Moonan, 21-year-old wife of a soldier stationed in Korea. The state charges that he strangled her in his car when she told him he had made her pregnant and threatened "to tell the world." Axilrod denies the charges.

His trial on murder charges is more than a week old, but only nine jurors have been chosen.

were more often afflicted with intestinal infections. Heart disease is a more modern killer, although there always is the possibility that earlier physicians may have failed to recognize it in their diagnosis.

Nine former presidents have died of heart disease but there is no record of such as the cause of the death of a president in office. Cerebral hemorrhage

### Resuscitator Obtained By Phoenix Firemen

Phoenix — The Phoenix fire department has received a resuscitator, which will be available for use by doctors and others in the community, it was announced today.

The resuscitator is being kept at the home of Fire Chief Leo Furry. It is planned to build a cabinet for it in the fire hall, where it will be stored permanently.

was stated by Dr. Wold to be the second most deadly disease among presidents and former presidents with a toll of seven.

Dr. Wold found that modern presidents do not live as long, on the average, as their predecessors. The first 10 presidents lived to an average age of 77.4 years, the second 10 to an average of 63.7 years. From Chester A. Arthur to Franklin D. Roosevelt, the average age of presidents at the time of death was down to 61.1 years.

### 12 County 4-H Members Given Progress Medals

Twelve Jackson county 4-H club members have received medals in the national 4-H club awards program for outstanding progress in club projects.

The awards are sponsored nationally by business firms which are interested in promoting youth activities. Twelve members of Jackson county clubs are competing for state awards in the national program.

**Winners Listed**  
The 12 county medal winners include:

Laurel Higenbotham, Central Point, medal in dairy achievement; Ken Bitterling, Antelope club, Eagle Point, medal in soil conservation; Sheila Couey, Southwest Medford, poultry achievement medal; David Woolfolk, Antelope club, medal in meat animal achievement; Rose Marie Legler, Central Point, poultry achievement medal; Leolyn Brock, Eagle Point, medal in frozen foods.

Nancy Barnes, Westside Medford, food preparations medal; Ann Buck, Rogue River, medal in home improvement; Jerry McDonald, Eagle Point, dairy achievement medal; Lorna Chapman, Valleyview, food preparation medal; Jane Westover, Eagle Point, medal in frozen foods; and Lewis Nickerson, Central Point, dairy achievement medal.

Winners competing in the state program were announced previously.

### Social Security Booklets Received

Two new booklets, "How Social Security Covers Farmers" and "How Does Social Security Affect Farm Families," have been received by the Medford Social Security office.

The first booklet is to help farmers determine whether they are employed or self-employed, especially in relation to farming of land leased on a cash rental or share crop basis. A section is devoted to income reporting requirements for self-employed farmers.

The second booklet tells how long a person has to work to get retirement payments, explains special provisions whereby farmers and other newly-covered workers can become insured, and gives examples of benefit amounts.

Copies of the booklets may be obtained by contacting the Social Security office, 33 North Riverside ave.

### Walla Walla Convicts Stage Hunger Strike

Walla Walla, Wash. — (U.P.) — Thirty-seven convicts charged with spearheading riots in July and August at the state prison here have gone on a hunger strike, Warden Lawrence Delmore Jr. said today.

Delmore said the 37 inmates, housed in a maximum security section of the prison, refused yesterday's three meals. He said an extra guard had been placed on the cellblock but no violence was reported.

"The men generally are protesting charges brought against the July riot ringleaders," Delmore said.

A major riot broke out at the prison July 5 when convicts seized nine hostages and took over all the prison except the closely guarded walls. The hostages were released unharmed 26 hours later when prison officials signed a "treaty" ending the riot.

### Tulelake Man, 36, Missing in Alaska

Tulelake, Calif. — (U.P.) — Gerald H. Watson, 36, former employee of the fish and wildlife service here, has been reported missing and feared drowned in Alaska.

Tom Horn, manager of the Tulelake wild life refuge, said he received word that Watson disappeared Sept. 9 with a James D. Peterson, address unknown. They were feared drowned in Skilak lake, near Kenai, Alaska, Horn said. Watson left here last December.

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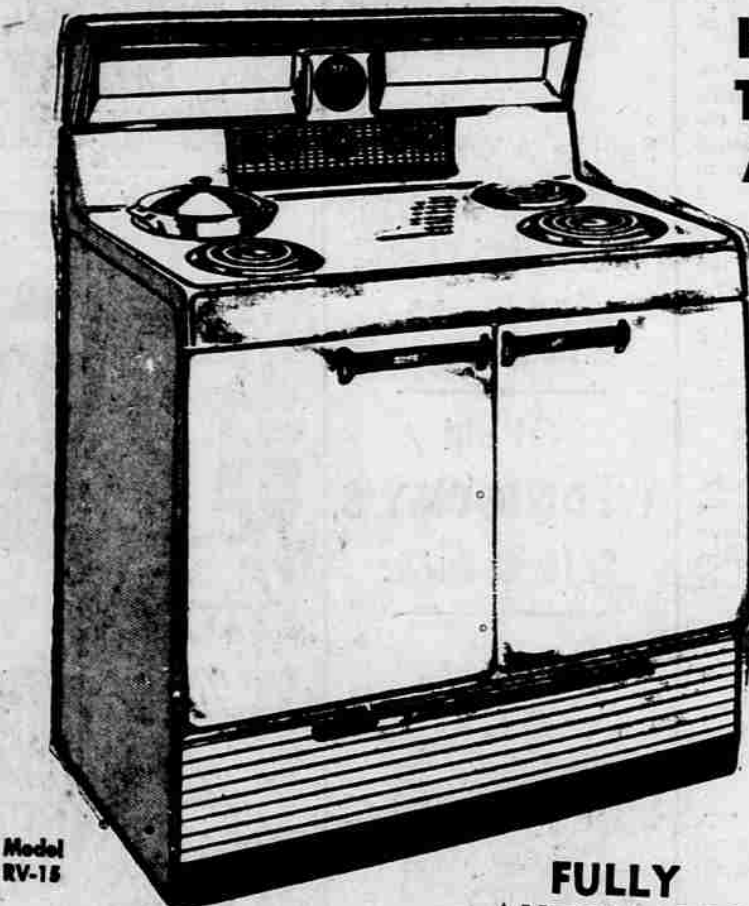


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