

President Truman Flies To The Bedside Of His Mother As Her Condition Worsens

GRANDVIEW, Mo., May 17 (AP)—President Truman was summoned to the bedside of his ailing 94-year-old mother today after her condition took a turn for the worse.

Brig. Gen. Wallace Graham, the president's personal physician, who has been attending Mrs. Truman, said her condition was "very serious."

At 7:30 a. m. PST, he reported Mrs. Truman "was resting very well" and that her pulse was fairly strong.

"She is suffering from a tired heart," General Graham said. "Her condition at all times has been

serious, but she has been getting along well. We have got her out of bed and into a rocking chair every day.

"I had hopes of getting her to walk, but her heart is extremely weak."

Mrs. Truman fractured a hip in a fall at her home last February. The fracture had healed to the point where the cast was removed a week ago. It was the third fracture Mrs. Truman had suffered in recent years. A hip and a shoulder respectively were broken in previous falls.

Recovered

Despite her advanced years she recovered from these injuries and was able to move around the house until she fell last February while preparing to retire.

Mrs. Mary Jane Truman, sister of the president, said, "Mother is resting quite comfortably now, but she is quite ill so I decided to call the president to Grandview."

General Graham said that Mrs. Truman's fracture had healed to the point where she could walk in another few days were it not for the weakened condition of her heart.

He described her injury as an "inter and extracapsular fracture of the left hip."

"At first she had a little difficulty with her liver and she had some temperature, but the physicians were able to cope with those conditions. Now the only complication is her heart."

The president took off from Washington at 4:45 a. m. PST and was expected to reach Grandview in about four hours.

He was accompanied by Charles G. Ross and Matthew Connelly, secretaries.

Mr. Truman decided to fly out after receiving word by telephone at 2:15 a. m. (PST) that her condition was becoming worse.

The White House said arrangements were made for the president to stay at the Muehlebach hotel in Kansas City, indicating he might remain there some time, driving back and forth to Grandview.

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Flashes Of Life

EFFICIENCY EXPERTS

SALT LAKE CITY, May 17 (AP)—For three months two efficiency experts have been surveying government operations in Salt Lake County. The authorized period is ended and the survey is still incomplete.

So Robert S. Herman, whose salary has been \$380 monthly, and Tom Metos, who has been receiving \$300 monthly, wrote the county commission, urging that the survey be completed, but adding:

"We recognize the necessity for cutting expenses. . . . We offer our services for the remainder of the survey on the basis of what time we have available for \$1."

The county commission accepted.

MARATHON BRIDGE GAME

CHICAGO, May 17 (AP)—Trygve E. Meyer, who has been commuting from his suburban home in Lombard to his job in Chicago for 36 years, believes he has some sort of a record for playing bridge.

Meyer, who has retired from his job, estimates that he has played 18,720 bridge games. During the 36 years he said he was in a foursome of bridge on every trip to and from work.

He also figures that he has traveled 468,000 miles—50 miles a day to and from work.

Four-H News

Henley Garden Club

The Henley Garden club was organized Friday, May 2, at the home of Edgar Hoffman, local leader, with 11 members present.

Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: president, Betty Brandesky; vice president, Dale Williams; secretary and treasurer, Oma Hoffman; reporter, Edgar Hoffman Jr.; song leader, Marilyn Kendall and yell leader, Robert Caspo.

Project material will be given at the next meeting.

The members decided to fine any member 5 cents for disorderly conduct at the meetings.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Hoffman.

Lakeview Votes Out City Lights

LAKEVIEW, May 17—City lights were voted down by the Lakeview town council Tuesday night at a meeting in which the budget committee dug up for the town \$4300 additional estimated expenditures, covered it with additional estimated receipts and kept the proposed 1947-48 levy at \$31,185.26, the maximum allowed under the six per cent limitation.

The proposal for lighting the streets in the business district went by the board on motion of Commissioner Merl Alger and second of Commissioner Charles Strieby, over the pleas of Mayor Lyle North and a special street lights committee from the civic affairs committee of the chamber of commerce headed by Fred Reynolds.

Among the many fields in which submarine men learn to become experts are diesel and electrical engineering, machine work, navigation and electronics.

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Solar Eclipse Due May 20 But Not Visible In America

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Visions of horrible scaly dragons gulping and gagging to swallow the sun do not plague modern Americans during the initial stages of a solar eclipse. Instead, most of us are highly intrigued by such an event, whether the "blackout" is visible from our own back yards or is favoring only some distant land.

An interesting eclipse is scheduled for May 20, although no phase of it will be visible from North America. The narrow path of totality, ranging in width in various places from 84 miles to 112 miles, will start at sunrise off the coast of Santiago, Chile, extend northeastward across Argentina and Paraguay to where it reaches the Atlantic a little north of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. No island will be encountered by the dark shadow as it sweeps across the ocean before touching Liberia in equatorial Africa. It will finally end at sunset in eastern Africa somewhat south of Ethiopia.

The partial phase in varying percentages of totality may be observed from all of South America with the exception of parts of Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela, and from all of Africa but the northern tip of Tunisia.

Various astronomical expeditions have been organized to study the phenomena in the band of totality. It is now late autumn in the south-

ern hemisphere, so the highlands of the Chilean Andes, where heavy snowstorms are apt to occur, must be avoided. Precipitation records for May indicate that Southeastern Brazil offers the best chance for clear skies, so to this general region 20 tons of astronomical instruments have been sent.

The National Geographic society's army air forces party has gone to Bocayua where it will study the Einstein effects, temperature changes at high altitudes and cosmic radiation. Several other scientific expeditions have been planned, including two each from Argentina and Brazil, and one each from England and New Zealand. A sight-seeing party of 30 from the United States plans to make the Brazilian trip in one plane and fly above the clouds should such threaten the success of the show. (The writer and his wife were invited to join this party, but sent regrets when the price per ticket was announced as \$1000.)

The duration of totality will at no place in South America exceed about 4 1/2 minutes. The longest possible for any total eclipse is 7 1/2 minutes. Plans have been made to broadcast this "very early" morning event.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon in its orbital revolution around the earth gets between us and the sun. A total eclipse will occur at any certain locality on an average of once every 360 years. The next one visible from any place in the United States will occur on June 30, 1954.

The next total eclipse for Oregon will occur shortly after noon on February 26, 1979, with the path of totality cutting directly across Portland. Since heavily clouded skies can almost certainly be promised for that season of the year, an intense "blackout" may be hopefully anticipated by all who plan to stay around until that time.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes tendered us during our recent bereavement in the death of our beloved husband and brother, Pearl Snodgrass.

Mae Starnes
L. H. Snodgrass.

Michael Curley Dies At 67

BALTIMORE, May 17 (AP)—The most Rev. Michael J. Curley, archbishop of Baltimore and Washington, who held senior rank over all other Roman Catholic archbishops in the United States, died here last night at the age of 67.

Archbishop Curley died without regaining consciousness, about an hour and a half after a cerebral hemorrhage, at Bon Secours hospital. Dr. Frank J. Geraghty announced.

Archbishop Curley, who had given up public appearances in 1943 as a result of an eye impairment, listened to a radio broadcast at 8 o'clock last night. A short time later he was found unconscious on the floor, apparently having risen from his chair when the stroke came.

The prelate, who became ninth archbishop in 1939, was the only prelate to preside over two archdioceses in the United States. He held senior rank by virtue of the fact that Baltimore is the primal see of the United States.

He was born October 12, 1879, at Athlone, county Westmeath, Ireland.

—Kennell-Ellis.

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