

# CHARLES CURTIS DIES SUDDENLY

### Former Vice-President Passes. Unique Political Career Is Ended.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Charles Curtis, former vice president, who left an Indian tepee to scale the heights of American public office, died unexpectedly of a heart attack today at the age of 76.

For 40 years he had been in the thick of Republican political combat, and, despite his age, death came just as he was planning to return to the arena as champion of his old friend and fellow Kansan, Gov. Alf M. Landon, for the presidency.

For several days Curtis had been suffering from a cold. This morning he seemed much improved, and, encouraged, Mrs. Gann went shopping. Sometime afterward, Curtis suffered a heart attack. A frightened maid phoned Mrs. Gann to return at once and called Dr. George E. Calver, congressional physician.

Both rushed to the shabby-surrounded house in Cleveland Park, but the former vice-president was dead before either arrived. Dr. Calver returned to the capital, called newspapermen and handed them a brief statement:

"The Honorable Charles Curtis, former vice-president of the United States of America, died of a heart attack at 10:25 this date."

Meanwhile in the living room of the home, Mrs. Gann walked back and forth until immediately members of the family had been notified. Repeatedly, she expressed regret that she had been unable to reach the home a few minutes earlier.

"He died easily," she said. "I'm so glad he didn't suffer."

Then she retired to her room weeping.

Curtis' political career knew defeats as well as significant victories before the Roosevelt landslide swept him out of office with President Hoover in 1932. In an active lifetime, the high points were:

1884—Elected prosecutor of Shawnee county, Kansas.

1892—Elected to the house of representatives.

1903—Defeated in campaign for a seat in the senate.

1907—Elected to the senate.

1924—Became Republican leader of the senate.

1928—Elected to the vice presidency with Herbert Hoover.

1932—Defeated seeking re-election.

Curtis was born in 1860, on a farm near north Topeka, the son of a Kansas pioneer, Capt. Orren A. Curtis who had married a girl of Indian descent. Curtis himself was one-eighth Kaw Indian, the only person of such ancestry ever elected to the vice-presidency.

#### Keared By Indians

Curtis was still an infant when his mother died and his wrinkled old Indian grandmother, Julie Poppin, daughter of chief White Plume of the Kaws, took him in charge. He spent his boyhood on the Kaw reservation. He liked that life so much that once later, he wanted to return to it but was dissuaded.

At 15, he left the reservation. An expert hand with horses, he quickly found employment as a jockey on Kansas race tracks. His love of horses and racing stayed with him throughout his life. For years, he was a familiar figure at the Maryland tracks carrying his own elaborate form book and making punctilious entries after each race.

But after a year or so as a jockey he went to school, supporting himself by driving a hack in the evening, and then studied law. As county prosecutor, he crusaded against vice and achieved such a reputation that he was readily elected to Congress.

There his career as a national figure began, marked with victories and defeats until he became the senate's majority leader. In that post he depended more on quiet back stage negotiations than upon oratorical flourishes on the floor.

#### Made Good Ruling Officer

As vice president, his long experience in the senate had preeminently equipped him to become that body's presiding officer. While his predecessor, Charles Gates Dawes, now the only living former vice president, had grown irked at the slowness with which the senate operated and advocated changes in the rules. Curtis proclaimed in his inaugural speech that "the senate is the master of its own rules." He did, however, insist upon order in the chamber, and broke many a gavel in pounding to maintain it.

Running for the vice presidency in 1928, Curtis spoke in every state in the union. He finally was equipped with a luxurious private car after Mrs. Gann had protested to Republican leaders against making him travel in an ordinary sleeper.

Nettles were the favorite spring greens a generation ago.

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## ONION KING

### Former Millionaire Works In Store To Come Back



PASADENA, Calif., Feb. 12.—Clyde H. Meason (above) of Devine, Tex., former "World's Bermuda Onion King" whose \$3,500,000 enterprise could not survive the bank failures of 1933, is working in a store here but making plans for a comeback.

## Congress Plans For Adjournment May 1

Washington, Feb. 8.—Administration leaders concentrated all their energies today toward pushing the soil conservation subsidy bill through Congress next week as the spearhead of a drive toward adjournment by May 1.

In the face of an amendment rush and an assertion by Senator King, Democrat, Utah, that the AAA replacement measure was not a farm bill but a proposal to "carry out the ideas of Tugwell and Wallace," Chairman Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, of the agriculture committee, said he had plenty of votes to block an opposition recommitment move.

Smith added that the legislation would be sent to the house by Wednesday at the latest. House farm leaders cleared the way for consideration by Thursday, apparently regardless of whether the senate acts before that.

The May 1 adjournment deadline discussed on Capitol Hill today, although tentative, was welcome news to those facing re-election campaigns. No date is too early for them, some said, especially those who are not so sure of their constituencies.

Privately, some leaders said a definite adjournment date hinged largely on whether the Supreme Court throws out any more new deal acts. Such occurrences to date have invariably led to legislative substitutes.

The Smith-Jones bill to authorize federal subsidies to farmers directly or through states which set up soil-improvement programs conforming to basic principles outlined by the secretary of agriculture is one substitute. Railroad pension and farm mortgage moratorium laws enacted last summer were others.

Republican Leader McNary, of Oregon, may try to have the senate recommit the farm bill for public hearings, but Smith was confident such a move would fail.

Other farm bill leaders believed few if any amendments would be adopted.

### A CORRECTION

Mr. D. L. Greene who wrote a letter to the Democrat last week under the heading of "More Corn" states that there was an error made as to the analysis of the fertilizer used. It should have been 4-10-4.

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## Meat Camp News

The many friends of Mr. L. A. Greene will be glad to hear that he is improving.

The people of the community are deeply grieved over the death of Mr. J. C. Norris' two sons, Glenn and Hubert, who were fine boys. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Mr. Marvin Norris and Mrs. Robert Norris are reported to be nicely improving from pneumonia.

Mr. Manly Greene has been very sick but is better at this time.

There are four new made graves in Meat Camp cemetery, occupied by persons ranging in age from 13 years to 86. Should we not get a lesson from this? That the young die as well as the old. Therefore, let us be prepared, for as death leaves us so will the Judgment find us.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wilson and son, J. G., were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Verne Greene Sunday.

Mr. Rayburn Michael is still singing bass whenever opportunity affords. My! how he does enjoy singing.

We had a fine Sunday School at Meat Camp Church last Sunday. The attendance was not quite so large, but the interest was fine.

Many of our roads are still blocked with snow and ice and many old fashioned pick-ups are in use. Surely that little pesky ground-hog borrowed some kind of a light and saw his shadow or this bad weather would cease some time.

Glad to see Miss Lena Mae Foster at Sunday School after her serious illness.

Rev. A. E. Moretz made a fine application of the Sunday School lesson at Meat Camp last Sunday. Brother Moretz is a fine teacher as well as a good preacher.

Some church in need of a wide-awake pastor would do well to call him.

Friends of Meat Camp community are very sorry to hear of the serious illness of Farris Bumgardner of Zionville, N. C., who is suffering with pneumonia. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

The attendance of Greene Valley is exceptionally large despite the bad weather and so much sickness. The teachers are very much pleased.

The classmates of Bernard Norris are very anxious for his return, being absent from school for several weeks due to an injury he received sometime ago. He is gaining slowly.

Mr. Clayton Greene whose illness has been mentioned before is slowly improving.

Mr. John Wilson spent the weekend with his daughter, Mrs. Henry Miller, of Zionville.

It seems that the "Good Ole Ways" of travel "can't be forgotten when we yet see the old-time sled team going to church and bringing in food supplies over the blocked roads. A few of the old ways still remain and supplies fun for the young folks.

### OUR BABY

Our baby is lots of joy to us, Although it cries and makes lots of fuss; And its so tiny and so red, Lying there in its little bed.

To us it is lots and lots of company; And just as sweet as he can be. We wouldn't take anything for our boy, For then we wouldn't have so much joy.

It wears such tiny little clothes; And like daddy, it has a little nose. And when dad comes home at night, Every thing for baby is all right.

Though our baby is so innocent and small, We couldn't do without him at all; For everything then would seem bare, If our baby wasn't there.

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### Liquor Salesman Faces Court For Slaying Publisher



MINNEAPOLIS.—Above is a court picture of Isadore Blumenfeld, alias Kid Cann, liquor salesman, as his trial started for the alleged slaying of Walter Liggett, crusading publisher, shot down following newspaper attacks on racketeers and officials.

### BOONE HIGH SPORTS REVIEW

(By Jack Storie)

Boone HI had tough luck during this bad weather, with 4 conference games to be played to even the games with the rest of the teams. Due to the bad weather and the roads so bad, Boone HI had to postpone three games to be played at a later date soon.

Boone HI is now tied with Cove Creek for the first place in this district, by defeating the strong undefeated quint last week by a close margin of 22-21. It was Cove Creek's first defeat.

The conference tournament will be held here at the college gym, Feb. 27, 28, 29, it will be a fast, close contest between the leading teams.

It has been rumored around town, that Cove Creek and Boone HI play two more games, one at Cove Creek and the other here, the crowd was pleased with both games. The games were worth the price paid.

Baseball season is not far off, and Boone HI will be ready, the schedule is not finished, but games with several fast clubs will be scheduled for Boone HI, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Mt. Airy, Asheville, Lenoir, Hickory, and North Wilkesboro are on the tentative schedule, and more games will be played.

We have the best material this year that has ever been at Boone HI, and we also have a fine coach, a former leaguer himself, Mr. C. W. Teal is also with us again this year to assist Mr. Merrit, head coach, and to back the team as he has always done. The boys welcome Mr. Teal to help. Practice will start sometime in March. We also welcome the Chamber of Commerce to be with us again this year.

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## Farm Radio Program Saves Rural Women

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The home demonstration head expressed herself as being highly pleased with the response which she received from her broadcast. Similar programs will be tried in the future, she said.

Thursday of each week is devoted to specialists from the home demonstration department at State College, who give information of interest to farm women. The agents may be heard in person from Station WPTF Raleigh, each Thursday at 1:35 p. m. In addition to a seven or eight minute talk on some timely subject, news items of general interest are presented. The news items have to do with home demonstration club work as well as 4-H club activities.

The schedule for the week of February 10-15 follows: Monday, A. C. Kimrey, "Questions and Answers on North Carolina Pastures"; Tuesday, Glenn O. Randall, "The Trimming of Rose Bushes"; Wednesday, J. W. Johnson, "The Relation Between Co-operative Purchasing and Marketing

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