

Farm Boy To President—That's Record Of Truman, Now In Historical Role

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back there last August to receive his notification and found no one in the little town of 2,500 who remembered him as a child because he moved away when he was four. The little story-and-a-half white house in which he was born still stands, but the mule barn his father ran in the eighties is gone. Truman's birthday was May 8, 1884, when his mother was 32 years old. She lived to see him enter the White House, today celebrating that event quietly at nearby Grandview at the age of 62.

Truman's parents moved to a farm near Harrisonville, Mo., in 1888, and then came back to Jackson county where the President grew up on a farm and graduated from high school in 1901. He worked in the mailing room of the Kansas City Star, washed bottles in a pop factory, worked for a while in a bank and then went back to help his father run the farm.

Was Captain

In 1915 the elder Truman died, and in 1916 Battery B, his National Guard company, was mobilized for war, eventually going overseas where Captain Truman was in command when Armistice Day dawned over the Argonne front.

Truman came home on the Zepplin, a German ship that rolled so badly he lost 15 pounds in the 10-day crossing. He had but one thought in mind, to marry his childhood sweetheart Bess Wallace of Independence. He was 35 when they were married in 1919, and with a partner he opened a haberdashery in the historic old Baltimore hotel in Kansas City in 1920. In 1922, the firm went broke and 13 years later when he entered the senate he still was paying off debts.

Truman went into politics that

summer and ran for judge of the Jackson county court. He won a two-year term, was defeated in 1924, and elected again in 1926 when he became presiding judge. He has held public office ever since, going from there to the senate in 1935.

Immensely Loyal

He owes his rise in politics to two men to whom he is immensely loyal, though both are dead now. One was a corrupt city boss, the other the President of the United States, the man Truman succeeds. Their names were Pendergrast and Roosevelt. Pendergrast pushed Truman into the senate single-handedly in 1934 while he had the power to do so. Six years later Pendergrast had been to prison and had no power, but Truman survived a vicious Democratic primary to return to the senate for a second term.

President Roosevelt turned his back on Henry Wallace at Chicago in 1944 and Truman saw the lightning strike because he was the most acceptable compromise candidate to the warring factions of the discordant New Deal.

Truman is modest, loyal, hard working, poor and frugal. He still takes a great interest in his old World War buddies, showed remarkable ability as an investigator as head of the Truman investigating committee, and is given to intense and lasting friendships—the older the better.

District Patrol Camporee Sites Are Selected for Scouts

Camporee sites for the annual Patrol Camporees of the Old Hickory Council have been selected by the camping and activities committees of the seven districts in the area. Six separate camporees will be held on May 5-6.

Ashe and Watauga districts will co-operate in combining their camporee, which will be held on Negro mountain near West Jefferson.

All events in the camporee are on the patrol basis, with patrols competing against standards for a pennant. Each patrol earning 774 or more points of a possible 860 will receive a blue pennant, and will be eligible to attend the council camporee at Bluff Park in Wilkes county on May 19-20.

Patrols develop their own menu, provision list, equipment list, improvise their own equipment as far as possible and bring everything needed except wood and water. Patrols must register with the district commissioner not later than April 28 in order to take part.

The camporees will open on Saturday morning at 8:30, and will close Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Church service will be held on the Sunday program.

It is possible that in time a farmer may be given a chart showing the probability of weather hazards in his locality, for virtually every day of the year, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Ward Brothers Get Military Awards



S-Sgt. John E. Ward, left, son of Mr. Lionel Ward, of Boone, has just been awarded the air medal on the Italian front. He is a nose gunner on a B-24 in the 15th Air Force, and has been in combat for over a year, having almost 50 missions to his credit. A brother, Pvt. Jack Ward, right, who is with the air force in India, has also distinguished himself and received the Presidential citation. He has been overseas for 18 months. The Ward brothers entered service two years ago.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS MOURN DEATH OF PRESIDENT

Senator Wherry, Nebraska, minority whip in the senate: "It is a terrific shock to me . . . It calls for a continued united effort to fight the war to a victorious conclusion and to win the peace."

Alf M. Landon, 1936 Republican presidential nominee: "I treasure the memory of many pleasant conversations with him. It is tragic he could not have lived to see the fruition of his greatest undertaking."

Senator Vandenberg, Michigan: "President Roosevelt leaves an imperishable imprint on the history of America and the world. Those who disagree with him have always recognized his amazing genius in behalf of his always vigorous ideals."

Senator Robert A. Taft, Ohio: "The death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt removes the greatest figure of our time at the very climax of his career, and shocks a world to which his word and actions were more important than those of any other man."

Former President Herbert Hoover: "The nation sorrows at the passing of its President. Whatever differences there may have been, they end in the regret of death. It is fortunate that in this great crisis of war our armies and navies are under such magnificent leadership that we shall not hesitate. The new President will have the backing of the country. While we mourn Mr. Roosevelt's death, we shall march forward."

Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, in a telegram to Mrs. Roosevelt: "Please accept our deepest sympathy in your great loss which shall be shared by every

American and mourned by all of the freedom-loving peoples of the entire world."

Sandhills Peaches Escape Damage

Raleigh, April 16—Although the temperature went down to 34 degrees in some sections of the sandhills no frost damage to the peaches is apparent, the State Department of Agriculture is informed.

No damage to strawberries in the Wallace and Chadbourn areas has been reported.

Spring pigs should be vaccinated against cholera around weaning time, says Dr. C. D. Grinnells, Agricultural Experiment Station veterinarian at State College.

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THE FOUNDING OF A NATION

Lesson for April 22: Exodus 18-19, 24; 19:3-8

Four hundred years after the days of Joseph, there arose a new king over Egypt that "knew not Joseph." It was during those centuries, perhaps, that the Shepherd Kings were expelled and a native dynasty restored to the throne. The new king, claiming the Hebrews were a menace to the state began the oppression that led to the Exodus.

Moses, trying alone to administer to the people, under the wise advice of his father-in-law, began the organization of the nation, giving laws and regulations, appointing rulers, and establishing a judiciary.

On Sinai Moses communed with God, entered into the covenant, and received the Ten Commandments,

honored through all time since. The tabernacle was set up in the wilderness, with its priesthood and elaborate ritual—to become the center of the people's life. When the ark set forward, the host took up the march; when the ark rested, its tabernacle was set up, and the people pitched their tents round about, according to the tribes.

In this period we see the hand of God, under Moses, forming the Hebrews into an organized nation, which, after 40 years, reached the borders of Palestine, ready for the conquest of a homeland. Let us realize the need of God in the affairs of nations and in the lives of individuals.

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