

Brief Review Of State, National And World News During The Past Week

PRES. TRUMAN PLANS MOTHER'S FUNERAL

Grandview, Mo. — President Truman Sunday paid a last, long visit to his mother before her funeral Monday.

Mrs. Martha Ellen Truman, whose 94-year-old heart quietly stopped beating Saturday, lay in a gray casket in the old fashioned sitting room of her small cottage here.

A few "very close friends" were admitted to pay neighborly respects to Mrs. Truman, who was clothed for her last journey in a blue dress ornamented with a dicky in a fashion decades-old.

Putting aside the affairs of state completely, the son, whose mother "never thought he'd be President, but he'll be a good one," gave himself over to sorrow and strict seclusion at the Summer White House in Independence Saturday night and yesterday morning.

Then at 9:45 a. m. (c.s.t.)—very late for the President to be getting about—the White limousine rolled away for the 25-mile trip through rolling farm country to Grandview, leaving Mrs. Bess Truman at home.

In the rear seat with the grave-faced Chief Executive was his daughter Margaret. They were followed by a single secret service car.



PERSONAL PAPERS OF LINCOLN REVEALED

Washington—Long secret personal papers of Abraham Lincoln disclosed that throughout the Civil War the subsequently assassinated President was plagued with at least 30 death threats.

The collection of 18,350 papers, opened at the Library of Congress to the public for the first time, also contained evidence that Lincoln had to take time out from the affairs of state and direction of the war effort to:

1. Consider complaints about "gloriously drunk" General Ulysses S. Grant, who finally obtained the confederacy's surrender and was elected President in 1868.
2. Cope with "pettisonat politics" engaged in by the wives of his generals.
3. Mediate bitter rows between the army and navy.
4. Minimize the "factional carping" among his cabinet members and deal strongly with constant scrambling for political patronage.

STATE FAIR PREMIUMS WILL TOTAL \$25,000

Raleigh—Premiums to be awarded for winning exhibits at North Carolina's 1947 State Fair will total nearly \$25,000 and will be limited strictly to Tar Heel exhibitors, Dr. J. S. Dorton, director of the fair, has announced.

Total premiums, setting a new high record, will be about \$6,000 above the \$19,000 offered at the 1946 exposition. This year's fair is scheduled for October 14-



MOTOR UP PIKE'S PEAK . . . When Lt. Zebulon Pike first made his historical discovery of Pike's Peak in 1806, he expressed the belief that the mighty mountain would never be scaled. The new glass observation car, with diesel-powered locomotive, winds up the 14,110 foot summit, over the famed Pike's Peak cog railway.

175 War - Emergency Laws Are Killed By President

Washington—The war and emergency ended Friday night for 175 pieces of wartime legislation but another 100 extraordinary powers remain on the books.

President Truman signed senate joint resolution 123 and thereby barred new army and navy recruits from loans, jobless pay, educational aid and other GI bill of rights benefits. They continue, however, for those already eligible for them.

A thick sheaf of other laws under which the nation has lived through war and reconversion became dead letters at once, or will expire in periods of one, two or more years.

Repealed at once were: The wartime suspension of anti-trust prosecutions.

The power to declare new farm products entitled to federal price support, as hogs, milk and poultry now are.

The employment of \$1-a-year men.

Repealed one year hence are: The authority to arm merchant vessels.

The authority to keep army and navy officers in temporary grades.

Provisions to issue, but staying on the statute books in case of future war or emergency, are:

18. Dr. Dorton said premium money would be increased from 15 to 25 per cent in every department, with the larger increases going to the livestock and home demonstration departments.

The World of Mirth carnival has been contracted for the midway, and George Hamid of New York will present the grandstand attractions. Both the carnival and Hamid are old favorites at the fair.

Dr. Dorton said the premium list is now being published, and he will announce when it is ready for distribution.

the laws authorizing:

The transfer of the coast guard to the navy.

The placing of mandatory orders for munitions.

The death penalty for desertion.

"It is not possible at this time to provide for terminating all war and emergency powers," Mr. Truman's statement said. But he added that he was instructing Attorney General Clark to continue studies looking to the end of the remaining war powers.

It was "T-Day—termination-of-war day—on veterans benefits for newcomers. July 25, 1947 is the last day which may be counted for service in World War II in setting eligibility for veterans' benefits.

Persons entering the service henceforth will not be eligible for benefits under the GI Bill of Rights. If they become disabled in service, they will get compensation at about 75 percent of the wartime rate.

These stop-dates are set on GI benefits for those now eligible for them.

1. Education and job-training courses must be started not later than four years from today, must be completed not later than nine years hence. The government provides training from one to four years, pays up to \$500 a year plus subsistence up to \$90 a month.

2. Unemployment allowances—they stop two years from today. Jobless pay ranges up to \$20 a week for 52 weeks.

3. Loan guarantees—these will be made for ten years hence. The government guarantees up to 50 percent on certain home, farm and business loans.

The USDA announced a supplemental export allocation of 10,000 pounds of inedible tallow and grease to France in place of an equivalent quantity of soybean oil previously allocated.

Traffic Accidents Down In N. C. For Month Of June

Raleigh — Forty-one persons were killed and 542 were injured as a result of 916 traffic accidents on North Carolina streets and highways during June, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Landon C. Rosser reported.

These figures compared with 77 fatalities and 486 injuries in 788 traffic accidents during June, 1946.

Commissioner Rosser said the 41 fatalities during June showed a decrease of 47 per cent from the 77 who met death on North Carolina highways during the same month last year.

Six of the fatalities and 162 injuries occurred in 380 accidents in cities and towns. On rural highways there were 536 accidents, accounting for 36 fatalities and 379 injuries.

Rosser said the report showed a 37 per cent increase in rural accidents and a four per cent decrease in urban accidents when compared with June, 1946.

Of the fatalities, 17 were caused by motor vehicles running off roadway; 13 by collision between two vehicles; four by motor ve-

hicles with pedestrians; two by motor vehicles colliding with train; two by motor vehicle colliding with fixed object; one by motor vehicle colliding with bicycle; one by motor vehicle overturning in roadway, and one other noncollision.

A 71 per cent decrease was noted in pedestrian fatalities over June, 1946.

Columbus and Davidson led all counties in fatalities with three each. Six counties had two fatalities each: Alamance, Bladen, Hay-

wood, Surry, Craven and Halifax. Twenty-three counties reported one fatality each.

Commenting on the report, Commissioner Rosser said "the entire Motor Vehicle Department is gratified at the striking decrease noted in traffic fatalities over June, 1946."



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WATERSIDE THEATRE DAMAGED BY FIRE
Manteo—Fire, late last week raged through the Waterside Theatre at Fort Raleigh, where the symphonic drama, "The Lost Colony," is in its 10th anniversary season.
The flames, discovered in the women's dressing room to the left of the audience's seating space in the huge amphitheatre, quickly spread to the stage, destroying many of the props and about one-half of the big stage itself.
John A. Walker, general manager of the production, estimated the loss at between \$50,000 and \$75,000. He said it was partially covered by insurance.
The fire started in the prop room and was discovered by Bristol O'Neal, a watchman, Albert Q. Bell designer and builder of the theatre said.

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