

Truman Rises American Way; Farmer, Soldier, President

WASHINGTON, April 13 (U.P.)—Harry S. Truman, the 32d president of the United States, like many of his predecessors, spent his early life on a farm.

He was born at Lamar, Mo. He married his childhood sweetheart, the former Bess Wallace. They have one child, Mary Margaret, 21.

President Truman's mother once said of him that he could "plow the straightest row of corn in the country."

On his way to the highest office in the land, he held jobs as drug store clerk, railroad time-keeper, bank clerk and newspaper mailing clerk.

Named to Senate in '34

He was elected to the senate in 1934 with the backing of the late Missouri political boss, Thomas J. Pendergast. He quickly won a reputation for getting things done. As chairman of the war investigating committee he was renowned as "watchdog of the war effort."

In world war I, he commanded a field artillery battery and saw action at St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne. He entered the war as a private and ended as a major. He later won a reserve colonel's commission.

He was graduated from Independence, Mo., high school and attended Kansas City law school. Later he tried to get into West Point, but failed because of defective vision.

He was elected Jackson County, Mo., judge in 1922, and held two four-year terms.

The new President attracted little attention in the senate until 1941 when he won his demand for an inquiry into defense contracts with charges of waste and

News of President's Death Breaks Up CIO Conference

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WASHINGTON, April 13.—Philip Murray and Sidney Hillman, the labor leaders generally credited with mobilizing the margin of votes that won Mr. Roosevelt's fourth election, were holding a press conference when news of the President's death came.

They were completing an explanation of expansion and intensification of the C. I. O. political action committee work.

Several men entered Mr. Murray's office. Among them were youthful "Jim" Carey, C. I. O. secretary-treasurer, and C. B. "Beany" Baldwin, former aid to Henry A. Wallace and now C. I. O.-P. A. C. manager. They whispered to Mr. Murray.

Nothing in the C. I. O. president's usually serious face indicated he

NAVY INDICTS NEW GROUP OF RECRUTS

The following men have enlisted

or were inducted into the navy through the local recruiting office:

Howard E. Nutt, 1930 Holloway ave.; Thomas P. Redmold, 553 N. Parker ave.; Oscar C. Gray, 309 N. Meridian St.; Swindell, Richard L. Gilmer, 3843 Salem Station; Norman Harry Bivens, 2212 Young St.; Joseph L. Johnson, 4400 N. Meridian St.; Robert Owen McComb, 224 N. Land ave.; William Maurice Smith, R. R. 3; Leland Randal Wood, New Palestine; John E. Ambrose Babbitt, 3341 N. Capitol ave.; Robert William King, 3341 N. Capitol ave.; John Lee Hillman, 2801 N. Miller St.; Wallace Haskill Hamby, 1107 New Haven.

John Henry Hicks, 1447 W. 32d St.; Victor Leon Harris, R. R. 12, Box 242; Roy Edward Lewellen, 2200 N. Meridian ave.; and Edward Thomas Winship, 521 Powell place.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO MEET AT DINNER

The Indianapolis alumni association of Phi Kappa Psi will hold its monthly dinner meeting at 6:30 p. m. Monday at the Apex grill, 129 E. 16th St.

A member of the association, Robert W. Smith, vice president and chief engineer of Graphite Products, Inc., will speak. Officers of the association are Quentin D. Wert, president; John L. Mutz, vice president; Henry Frenzel, treasurer, and John Lee, secretary.

D. A. R. RECEPTION SET FOR OFFICER

Barbara Fritchell, council, 76, D. A. R., will honor State Officer Georgia Petty at a reception at 8 p. m. today.

National and state officers will be present. Mrs. Vesta Harding is committee chairman, assisted by Mrs. Augusta Suhr and Mrs. Martha Callender. Boy Scouts will present the colors.

SOLDIER PROMOTED

Mike H. Rubenstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rubenstein, 909 S. Capitol ave., has been promoted to master sergeant. He is an aircraft mechanic line chief in China.

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had just heard of an event which must have affected him deeply.

He resumed for a few minutes his explanation of the C. I. O.-P. A. C. announcement.

Then he said, "some very bad news has come in this afternoon, some very bad news. It is that the President is dead."

The press conference quickly broke up. Reporters asked Mr. Hillman for a comment.

"No, no," he pleaded. "Not now, please."

His grief was obvious.

The main item of the C. I. O.-P. A. C. expansion program, as adopted by the C. I. O. executive board, provides for establishment of Political Action Committees by each state and city industrial council. Thus the organization is pointed toward activity in municipal and state, as well as congressional and presidential contests.

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