When U.S. Presidents Wither Away

When first quizzed by reporters about the possibility of some wrong-doing in the Internal-Revenue Dept., President Truman tried to shrug it off as "polities". Since then Congressional investigations have revealed much graft, corruption, lack of ethics on the part of too many head men and subordinates in that federal agency. So Mister Truman has decided to eliminate the 64 head collectors, in various parts of the nation, and to re-place them with 25 civil service appointees.

pointees.

Thus, in one fell swoop, the President admits that all is not well in that department, and resorts to severely drastic action to clean up the mess. At no time however, has he openly, in his own words, apologized to the American people for what took place in HIS administration.

WHY? SIMPLY BECAUSE harried WHY? SIMPLY BECAUSE harried Harry does not possess true humility. Although his office is the weightiest on earth, his mental and spiritual stature could be seated, we think, most comfortably in a baby's high-chair.
When historians finally write their few paragraphs about Harry S. Truman's administration, we hope they'll be kind enough to include something like this:
"While a U. S. Senator, Mr. Truman was doing a pretty fair job, especially as chairman of a Senate Committee investigating extravagance in government.

chairman of a Senate Committee in vestigating extravagance in government. Roosevelt, weary of Henry Wallace, sub-stituted Triman for Vice-President to team up in his fourth term. Roosevelt died a few months later, and Truman took

"AT FIRST, PRAYERFUL and hum-"AT FIRST, PRAYERFUL and humble, Truman valiantly tried to do his best. Then the human lust for power and place took over and the sincere man became the scheming politician. His stature withered under the firce glare of distrust and scorn of most of his countrymen."

Indeed, to live enduringly in the hearts of his countrymen, he who lives in the White House must live for ALL the people... not just for his Party or his cronies.

Dirt Always Is Dirty

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Unable to keep its own executive house in order, the Truman administration tried to get Judge Thomas F. Murphy, of New York city, to come to Washington, D.C., and sweep out the dirt.
One could write many columns upon the subject, but they'd all add up into this one sentence: When men. high in public office allow dirt to accumulate beneath rugs in their own resplendent offices, can they expect all subordinates to keep their shabbier offices in immaculate order?

Quite naturally, Mr. President, this en-tire subject will be aired in the blowing winds of the 1952 election.

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Capricious Cupid

works.

Honestly, though, it must be quite humiliating to have a gal who will allow you to spend \$2,500 on her, then turn you down. Sometimes Cupid's arrows are daubed with the poison of ingratitude.

In the long run, though, maybe the MSC grad is scores of thousands of dol-lars ahead by being turned down.

From Our Point of View

Rising unemployment still persists in Michigan. All the lip service given by President Truman, Secretary of Labor Tobin; and others in the Fair Deal hierarchy, when months ago they declared "we'll see that Detroit and Michigan do not suffer too severe dislocation as we change from peace-time to war-time pro-duction", appears to be mere lip service. duction", appears to be mere lip service. Come to think of it, that's about all most modern politicians do anyway—twitch their lips making nice platitudes to win

Leaders in the UAW.CIO have let it Leaders in the UAW-CIO have let it be known that they will not rush to the defense of members who are discharged from their jobs for gambling. That is fine . . . for many wives and children should benefit by that statement, simply because their bread-winners should be able to have more take-home pay.

An ever-mounting federal government deficit is something inherited by Ameri-cans in the last 20 years as the result of their failure to be, and remain, honest, intelligent citizens. What other answer

So They Say . . .

Dean Acheson, Secretary of State:
"The outcome in the contest between a better future and a return to the Dark Ages is still undetermined."

H. B. Potter, 22-year-old draftee, object-

ing to induction "shots":
"I believe the human body is the temple of God and that no foreign matter should be injected into it."

Edwin McNeill Poteat, preacher:
"Freedom is placed in jeopardy more
by those who will not exercise it than by
those who will not permit it."

Ned H. Dearborn, president, National Safety Council, commenting on the millionth U. S. traffic death:

"This is a day no civilized country should ever see."

George Meany, A.F.L. official, back from tour of Europe: Europeans are soft on the issue of com-munism. You are given the feeling that only Americans are worried about com-munism."

DRAFT NOTICE A former MSC graduate, now 35 years old, is suing a 25-year-old erstwhile sweetheart for recovery of \$2,500 which he claims he spent for rings, telephone calls, trips, etc., while courting her—herfore she married another man. The grad includes the new husband in the suit, too. Well maybe the jilted lover will get part or all of his money back. Maybe he won't, depending upon how Dame Justice works.

Happenings of Long Ago

Will He Get It?

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of the Eccentric—
The Items That Make Up The Historical Background
Of the Birminsham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO
January 17, 1902
Thanks to Willie Walker for a
liberal supply of the St. JohnsFuller wedding cake. We are still
dreaming over it and are happy
to anounce that everything is coming our way.

ing our way.

The school board of the district in which Miss Lema Bartram is teaching have evidenced that appreciation of her services by a liberal increase in her safary.

On day and evening recently Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Phillips enter-tained sixteen of their relatives and friends and a jolly anniversary day was passed agreeably to all.

The illustrated discourse by Mr. Frank West of Detroit at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening was profitable in every way. A large audience listened attentively and gave of their funds generously.

generously.

The ice crop is being harvested from the mill pond and a dandy it is. About 14 inches thick and as clear as crystal. W. C. Reynolds is headmaster on the pond and the lice is cut of the advance and sold to farmers all right as to price and conditions.

Nearly 200 veterans of the World War are expected to con-vene in Birmingham Friday for the 17th Legion district convention. Charles Edwards Post is planning and bugeram, including a drum and buge corps contest during the evening.

5 YEARS AGO January 23, 1947

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Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, Birming-ham's school superintendent, will teach two summer courses at Syra-cuse University this year. Ireland said the two courses would be in school finance and school adminis-

tration.

A mobile x-ray unit will be at the city hall next week to provide the city hall next week to provide the city hall next week to provide residents. City or Birmingham its initial appearance here through the courtesy of the Oakland county and Birmingham health departments.

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press grinds out the current entition.

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Weed Mowing Report Given To Commission

pp of several vacant pieces of property.

PROPERTY WHICH is rough and covered with brush, however, presents the most difficult part of this problem, as it is impossible to do a satisfactory weed tions. Lebold concluded, "There was a substantial improvement in the appearance of the vacant property programs and the receive moving programs and the several program for the 1952 sesson and anticipate using 2-4D en the lots when the property is the property of the property o

Kiwanis District Officer

Seats Birmingham Staff

Robert Jones was installed as president of the Birmingham Ki-wanis club Tuesday evening at a ceremony directed by Lt. Gov. Charles Layton of the IIth division Michigan district.

James Riley will serve the organization as first vice-president during the coming year with Marvin Kaufman as second vice president.

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Textiles from Guatemala
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The market basket changeth

THE old fashioned market basket has given way to the paper bag and old fashioned prices have long since disap-



peared. This situation calls for careful budgeting and controlled spending. A checking account will help you keep track of your payments so you can check unwise spending and save money. We invite your account here.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER REMARKS AT RANDOM it, a few others put a match to it, but the vast majority stepped on it.

Our '52 attitude should contain large amounts of the spirit of '76 and prices of '36. The mere fact that you have the admission price does not entitle you to remain inside. What does count is what you do or don't do once you enter.

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your house. My dad can lick your dad. My religion is the best, yours is no good and phoosy on it. The college I went to is better than the college you went to . . and keep your mouth shut or I'll close it for you."

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If you praise a man's hobby, you swally made a friend. If you riticule it, you've made an enemy.

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