

Traffic Toll
(Lexington and Fayette County)
Yesterday ... Deaths 0; Injuries 1
1915 To Date ... Deaths 3; Injuries 134
Same Date '44 ... Deaths 1; Injuries 80
Let's Be Careful

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This Date In History
Practically the entire city of Chelsea, Mass., was swept by fire, 1908.

Sudden Illness Fatal to President

Truman Takes Oath as Chief Executive

War To Be Pressed To Victory, He Says

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Roosevelt Death Shocks Leaders

Stalin Sends Regrets; Tokyo Plays Music

LONDON, April 13 (Friday) (UP)—Marshal Josef Stalin sent his personal condolences today on the death of President Roosevelt, the third member of the "Big Three," Prime Minister Winston Churchill, was reported to be considering the possibility of attending the President's funeral in Washington this Saturday.

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Army Chiefs Say Germany End Near

Roosevelt Visited Lexington As Candidate In Fall Of 1920

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Organized Fighting Expected To End Within Few Days

By Jack Bell
WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—High Army officials told congress today the end of organized fighting in Germany probably will come within a few days.

Chief's Death Saddens City

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Stroke Ends Career Of Nation's Leader

WASHINGTON, April 12 (UP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt, for 12 unprecedented years president of the United States, died today—a casualty in history's greatest war. Tonight at 6:09 Central War Time Harry T. Truman became the nation's 32nd president.

Mr. Roosevelt died suddenly in "the Little White House" at Warm Springs, Ga., as armies he helped to muster drove momentarily closer to final victory over Nazi Germany.

He died on the eve of what he had hoped would be the inauguration of an era of peace in a world at long last free of want and fear.

Mr. Roosevelt left as his successor the 61-year-old Harry Truman of Independence, Mo., a man who never wanted to be president. The 31st president died at 3:35 p. m. C. W. T. of a massive cerebral hemorrhage. The 32nd president took the oath of office from Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone less than three hours later.

Bells To Toll For President

Service Is Planned At Christ Church

An interdenominational memorial service for President Roosevelt will be conducted from 12:05 to 12:35 o'clock today at Christ church by the Rev. David Cartwright Clark, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Midway in the service, the bell in the tower will be tolled and the congregation will stand in silent prayer. All persons in the vicinity of the church who hear the bell are requested to pause in silent meditation.

The service will include hymns, the Apostles' creed, the Lord's Prayer and a brief memorial address. All citizens are requested to attend.

Members of the board of city commissioners, other city officials and spectators at the hour's meeting last night at the city hall stood a minute in silent prayer upon request of Mayor R. Mack Oldham.

"A terrible thing has happened. I have sustained a very serious blow in the death of our President and commander-in-chief of our armies on the threshold of victory in the European theater," the mayor said.

The flag at the city hall will fly at half-staff until after President Roosevelt's funeral. A suitable memorial service will be held by the board of commissioners, Mayor Oldham announced.

All downtown stores will be closed during the funeral services. Ed Wilder, executive secretary of the Lexington Board of Commerce, said last night. Arrangement will be made, he stated, at a meeting of the retailers executive committee this morning at the trade board offices.

County Judge W. E. Nichols said last night that plans for suitable observance by offices in the Fayette county courthouse will be decided upon at a meeting this morning.

Special assemblies are to be held at the city schools today. Superintendent W. T. Rowland announced. Principals of the schools will arrange programs of "a fitting nature" emphasizing the solemnity of the occasion.

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The Weather

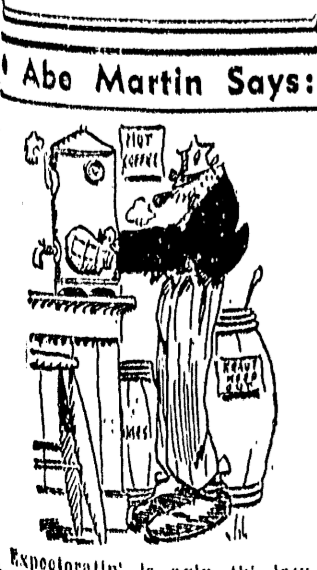
Forecast, Lexington and Vicinity
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms today. Slightly cooler. Indicated high, 75 degrees.

Paper Truck Picks Up Clothing Saturday

Charles Sturgill, paper-salvage chairman for Fayette county, announced today that Lexington's paper-salvage truck would be turned over to the United Nations Clothing Collection committee Saturday for use in that organization's collection campaign.

Abe Martin Says:

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