

# Senator Truman and President Roosevelt

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tion began at the age of is sister started to take er the strict supervision eed aptitude, and by dint practice, became pro- years he acquired a real e burden of office ab- is time, the piano was for f pleasure and relaxation. f seven that he met Bess ater to become his wife. nd high schools they at- together, and both went terian Sunday school, al- up to be an Episcopalan t. Truman does not often s but his convictions are says, "I have always be- is something to live by

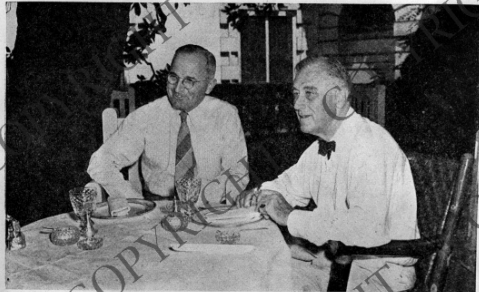
on his graduation from given an appointment to is Congressman. That

back to Grandview in 1908. He was then 22 years old and he soon assumed direction of the 600-acre farm, a burden that was proving too heavy for his father. It was a return, on a sizable scale, to the chores of his boyhood, for it has been truly said that Harry Truman "grew up between plow handles."

The President's brother, Vivian, had married and moved to a nearby farm in 1911. The elder Truman died in 1914, and Harry sold the beginnings of a fine herd of Black Angus cattle to pay doctor bills incurred by his father's fatal illness. Assisted by his mother and sister, he resolutely set out to

the feed in the field and waited for black times\* to harvest it. A neighbor whose farm adjoined the Truman place recalls that Harry was usually the first in the neighbor- hood to invest in new-fangled machinery. An- other remembers that Harry waged unrelent- ing war on weeds. "He was one of the weed- fightiest guys Dever knew." Truman led the community on crop rotation. "Farmers around here never thought much about crop rotation until Harry started doin' it regular."

and conservation was part of the Truman farm program, too. The hands were called out to hale the straw that was not fit for food



President Roosevelt and Vice Presidential Nominee Truman. In August, 1944, President Roosevelt invited his running mate, Senator Harry S. Truman, for luncheon on the lawn of the White House. During this lunch- on they discussed plans for the campaign which resulted in their victory on November 7.

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Senator and Vice-Presidential candidate Harry S. Truman (left) and President Franklin D. Roosevelt (right) at a luncheon on the White House lawn prior to the election. From: The Pictorial Biography of Harry S. Truman by John de Murinelly Cirne Crane.

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