

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, May 9, 1933

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[Kansas City, Mo.]

May 9, 1933 Tuesday.

Dear Bess:

This is George's birthday and yesterday was mine. I wrote that sentence this morning at 7:30 at seven thirty one the procession started and I have been going ever since. Gates came in at eight and he and Buck and Judge McCardle and I revamped the whole salary list. Alden Millard came in day before yesterday and invited us both (Geo and I) to lunch with him at the President Hotel. We met him and Geo Millard at 12:15 and went to the Meuhlbach [sic] and had lunch. I left at one o'clock and went upstairs to a Chamber of Commerce Director's meeting. McElroy was there and you know he nearly always does everything but kiss me when he sees me at a public meeting. He was

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up front when I came in and Mr. Mann was talking about the auditorium. I sat down by Ruby Garrett and let them talk until they got tired. McElroy told them all about the Water Works Bonds and how necessary the auditorium was and spent nearly a half hour doing it. Well they endorsed his project and then Mr. Mann called on me. I told them about the Court House and they endorsed me and my project unanimously just as they had his. When the show was over he got up and left in a hurry and had never a word to say to me. Rather unusual, but I guess his conscience was hurting him if he has any. After that meeting I went down to the Star and the Post and gave them my speech for tomorrow and then came back to Independence and met a man from Liberty to get him to

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help Mize Peters get a job with the State. Boxley invited me to dinner and I went. I am supposed to be at Fairmount now making a speech to Democrats who are holding a social out there. But they can go to grass. I got two letters from you this morning and my only birthday present this afternoon from my baby. So you see I had to come back to my office and write you both.

I am about to get everything in shape to leave sooner than I thought. Tomorrow I make my Chamber of Commerce speech about the Court

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House, finish with the architects and if I can get Buck and McCardle to do the rest Monday you may get a wire to meet me Saturday the 13th instead of the 20th. How do you like that? I can't stand the strain up here much longer. I had a model of the Court House made at a cost of \$300.00 to the county and spent much time and effort getting it ready for my speech tomorrow and the fellow who made it knocked it over and busted it. He's trying by working all night tonight to get it ready anyway but I doubt if he will. The devil has a hand in most things. Be as patient as you can and if I can't leave until the 15th don't be too disappointed for you won't be half as sorrowful as I will. Love to you both Harry.