

Appendix 41 to
THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING IN SOUTH GEORGIA
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Photos and other Items Relating to Governor Chase S. Osborn

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Osborn's Condition Said Critical At Possum Poke

POULAN, Ga., April 11—(AP)—Michigan's former governor Chase S. Osborn, who rose from a sickbed Saturday to marry his adopted daughter, remained in a critical condition today.

His doctor, J. J. Crumley, said yesterday the 89-year-old friend of nine presidents was near death. A few hours later, however, he reported Osborn had made another

of his amazing rallies and was resting comfortably.

Crumley said the aged philanthropist made a miraculous response to a blood plasma transfusion and a glucose injection. But he added Osborn still is in grave condition.

"Michigan's grand old man" married his adopted daughter, 55-year-old Stella, Saturday in his

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OSBORN'S

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old Stellanova, Saturday in his

Georgia retreat, Possum Poke on Possum Lane. Mrs. Osborn said the adoption was dissolved shortly before the ceremony for sentimental reasons.

Osborn, a semi-invalid for years, became seriously ill last October. He spent two months in an Albany hospital, fighting a lung disease. He returned to his plantation home near here New Year's Day.

Last week he came down with pneumonia, but battled his way back to near normal health. He got up from his sickbed for his marriage.

Dr. Crumley said Osborn suffered a heart attack shortly after the wedding. A series of hemorrhages followed. Excitement over the wedding had nothing to do with his ailment, the doctor said.

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DEATH CLAIMS CHASE OSBORNE

Dies At Possum Poke Home, Possum Lane

POULAN, Ga., April 12—(AP)—

Chase S. Osborn, who rose from a log cabin to Michigan's executive mansion and great wealth, died yesterday.

The tough, 89-year-old political reformer, author and adventurer finally lost his stubborn, five-year battle for health. Death came at his picturesque Possum Poke home in Possum Lane, near Poulan, in Southwest Georgia.

Bride At Side

At his side was his bride of two days, 55-year-old Stellanova Osborn. Mrs. Osborn had been his constant companion for 23 years, first as his secretary, as his adopted daughter for 18 years, and finally as his wife. The adoption was voided shortly before their marriage Saturday.

Death was attributed to the after-effects of pneumonia. It was the last of a series of illnesses which plagued the crusty old former governor since 1944.

Wife Kneels

He died at 5:25 p. m. (EST), about two hours after taking a sudden turn for the worse and lapsing into unconsciousness. Close friends said that just before Osborn went into his final sleep, his wife kneeled by his bedside and said:

"I love you."

His last words were:

"I know that, honey. I am well aware of that and you have made me immensely happy."

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Boy Scouts at the casket of Gov. Chase S. Osborn
L-R: Terrell Perry, Eddie Deariso, Warren Camp, Wingate Deariso,
James Spring, Jimmy Hobby

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Marriage License

No. 429

STATE OF GEORGIA, WORTH COUNTY

To any Judge, Justice of the Peace, or Minister of the Gospel:

You are hereby authorized to join

Chace S. Osborne and Stella Lee Pruitt
in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State, and for so doing this shall be your License.

And you are hereby required to return this License to me, with your Certificate hereon of the fact and date of the Marriage, within thirty days after the date of said Marriage.

Given under my hand and seal, this 9th day of April, 1949
S. S. Story (L. S.)
ORDINARY

STATE OF GEORGIA, WORTH COUNTY. CERTIFICATE.

I Certify that Chace S. Osborne and Stella Lee Pruitt were joined
in Matrimony by me, this 9th day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Forty Nine
Recorded April 11th 1949 W. C. Smith M.D.
S. S. Story Ordinary.