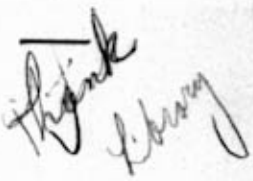
CRIS-CROZ

Thank Library



MICHIGAN STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Mrs. Fred M. Cross
President
Bad Axe, Michigan

March 7, 1947.

Mrs.Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

This is a Tribute to the President that was chief officer of our country up to April 12th. We have a Radio Program every week and the Station requested that we do the Tribute on the 14th.

We were perhaps the only state that happened to have such a broadcast. I am sending it to you now because I have thought perhaps you would like it for your file of papers.

It was a Job well beyond me and our Chairman but it was given with lovely music and the station seemed to feel it worth while. They had a recording made of it at that time.

This comes with my sincere personal appreciation and best wishes always.

Very sincerely,

Christine M. Cross

Mrs. Fred M. Cross
President-Director

A TRIBUTE TO

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Station WXYZ

Michigan Radio Network

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1945

TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1945

WXYZ, MICHIGAN RADIO NETWORK

MUSIC: "The Rosary

ANNOUNCER, Mr. Hall : The Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs pays tribute this afternoon to America's great President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. We present Mrs. Fred M. Cross, President of the Federation, and Mrs. Clyde E. Bickel, Chairman of Radio. Mrs. Bickel.

BICKEL: Last Thursday, our country lost the great patriot of our time and the whole world joined us in our grief — sincere in the belief that our loss was also their loss. So great a man deserves a tribute far beyond our humble pen — we look to the poets — the immortals — for the expression of our thoughts. This nation had great need of a strong leader when Franklin Delano Roosevelt became our President — he might have been a direct answer to the call of Josiah Golbert Holland:

"God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands.
Men whom the lust of office does not kill
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy
Men who possess opinions and a will
Men who have honor; men who will not lie
Men who can stand before a demogogue
And hear his treacherous flatteries without winking
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking."

His oath of office in 1932 were the words spoken by many men before him — but he might have used the words of Sir Cecil Spring Rice:

"I vow to thee, my country—all earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect—the service of my love
The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test

That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price
The love that makes, undaunted, the final sacrifice."

MUSIC: "Lord's Prayer" —Mr. Lamsey

CROSS: Franklin Delano Roosevelt bore the burden of the office of presidency of the United States under the strain of a world wide conflict. He fulfilled his duty as a Commander-in-chief in a manner which proved his military leadership, never loosing sight of the problems which have to be dealt with here at home. Under his leadership measures came into being with the purpose of caring for the poor and the aged — it is fulfilling the inscription on our very Statue of Liberty:

"Give me your tired — your poor
Your huddling masses yearning to breathe free
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed, to me
I lift the lamp beside the golden door."

His feelings against intolerances of all kinds were intense and he demonstrated his feelings by urging measures which offered, as nearly as possible, equal opportunity for all. He might have been the answer to the prayer of Countee Cullen:

"Not for myself I make this prayer
But for this race of mine
That stretches forth from shadowed places
Dark hands for bread and wine."

There were many times when his work, ahead of his time, was misunderstood — but he went on —

"Knowing that God beyond the years we see
Hath wrought the dreams that count with men
For madness into the fabric of the world to be."

MUSIC: "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desire".

BICKEL: "The Guns that spoke at Lexington
Knew not that God was planning then
The trumpet word of Jefferson
To bugle forth the rights of man."

Not for President Roosevelt was this unmanifested destiny. He well knew the part he played. "This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with Destiny," he said. "For the trust reposed in me I will return the courage and devotion that befit the time."

"He held the lamp of Truth so high that day
So low that none could miss the way
And yet so high to bring in sight
That picture fair — the world's great light
That gazing up — the lamp between
The hand that held it scarce was seen."
—W. G. Emslie.

MUSIC: "The Palms"

CROSS: Longfellow wrote "Not in the clamor of the crowded street
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng
But in ourselves are triumph and defeat."

MUSIC

BICKEL

MUSIC:

wide conflict. He fulfilled his duty as a Commander-in-chief in a manner which proved his military leadership, never loosing sight of the problems which have to be dealt with here at home. Under his leadership measures came into being with the purpose of caring for the poor and the aged — it is fulfilling the inscription on our very Statue of Liberty:

"Give me your tired — your poor
Your huddling masses yearning to breathe free
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed, to me
I lift the lamp beside the golden door."

His feelings against intolerances of all kinds were intense and he demonstrated his feelings by urging measures which offered, as nearly as possible, equal opportunity for all. He might have been the answer to the prayer of Countee Cullen:

"Not for myself I make this prayer
But for this race of mine
That stretches forth from shadowed places
Dark hands for bread and wine."

There were many times when his work, ahead of his time, was misunderstood — but he went on —

"Knowing that God beyond the years we see
Hath wrought the dreams that count with men
For madness into the fabric of the world to be."

MUSIC: "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desire".

BICKEL: "The Guns that spoke at Lexington
Knew not that God was planning then
The trumpet word of Jefferson
To bugle forth the rights of man."

Not for President Roosevelt was this unmanifested destiny. He well knew the part he played. "This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with Destiny," he said. "For the trust reposed in me I will return the courage and devotion that befit the time."

"He held the lamp of Truth so high that day
So low that none could miss the way
And yet so high to bring in sight
That picture fair — the world's great light
That gazing up — the lamp between
The hand that held it scarce was seen."
—W. G. Emslie.

MUSIC: "The Palms"

CROSS: Longfellow wrote "Not in the clamor of the crowded street
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng
But in ourselves are triumph and defeat."

Few men are called upon to fill a great public office handicapped with a physical burden as Mr. Roosevelt was. It is said that he believed his condition was an asset rather than a handicap. To his friends he said: "While others may be tempted to get up and look out of the window, I am kept riveted to my seat and am better able to concentrate on my work."

Goldsmith wrote:

"Careless their merits or their faults to scan
His pity gave ere charity began
Thus to relieve the wretched was his pride
And even his failings were on Nature's side."

MUSIC

BICKEL: Somewhere I read in an old book whose name
is gone from me, I read that when the days
Of a man are counted, and his business done
There comes up to the shore in the evening with the tide
To the place where he sits, a boat
And in the boat, from the place where he sits, he sees
Dim in the dusk, dim and yet so familiar
The faces of his friends long dead, and knows
They come for him, brought in upon the tide
To take him where men go at set of day." — Wharton

In the boat that came for our beloved president — sat those who went before him — friend through a common work — Jefferson — Lincoln — and all the others who strived to give that others might live in freedom.

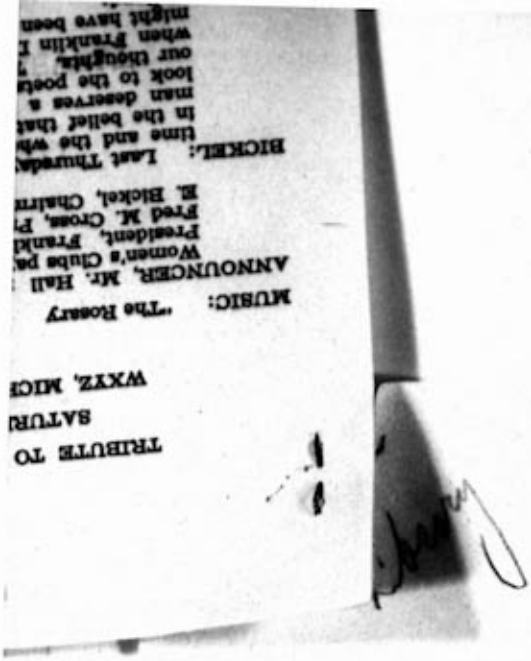
There is no greater tribute to be paid any man than that the work which he began during his lifetime be continued after his going. In the work toward the establishment of permanent peace President Roosevelt tried to answer the cry of worried mothers throughout the world. His name will go down in history for this endeavor.

With Pericles we are remembering:

"That when Athens shall appear great to you — consider that her glories were purchased by valiant men. Their virtues shall be testified not only by the inscription on stone at home but in all lands wheresoever in the unwritten record of the mind, which far beyond any monument will remain with all men everlastingly."

"A sacred burden in this life ye bear
Look on it, lift it, bear it solemnly
Stand up and walk beneath it steadfastly
Fail not for sorrow, falter not for sin
But onward — upward 'til the goal ye win."

MUSIC: "Agnus Dei"



MICHIGAN STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Mrs. Fred M. Cross
President
Bad Axe, Michigan

March 7, 1947.

Mrs.Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

This is a Tribute to the President that was chief officer of our country up to April 12th. We have a Radio Program every week and the Station requested that we do the Tribute on the 14th.

We were perhaps the only state that happened to have such a broadcast. I am sending it to you now because I have thought perhaps you would like it for your file of papers.

It was a Job well beyond me and our Chairman but it was given with lovely music and the station seemed to feel it worth while. They had a recording made of it at that time.

This comes with my sincere personal appreciation and best wishes always.

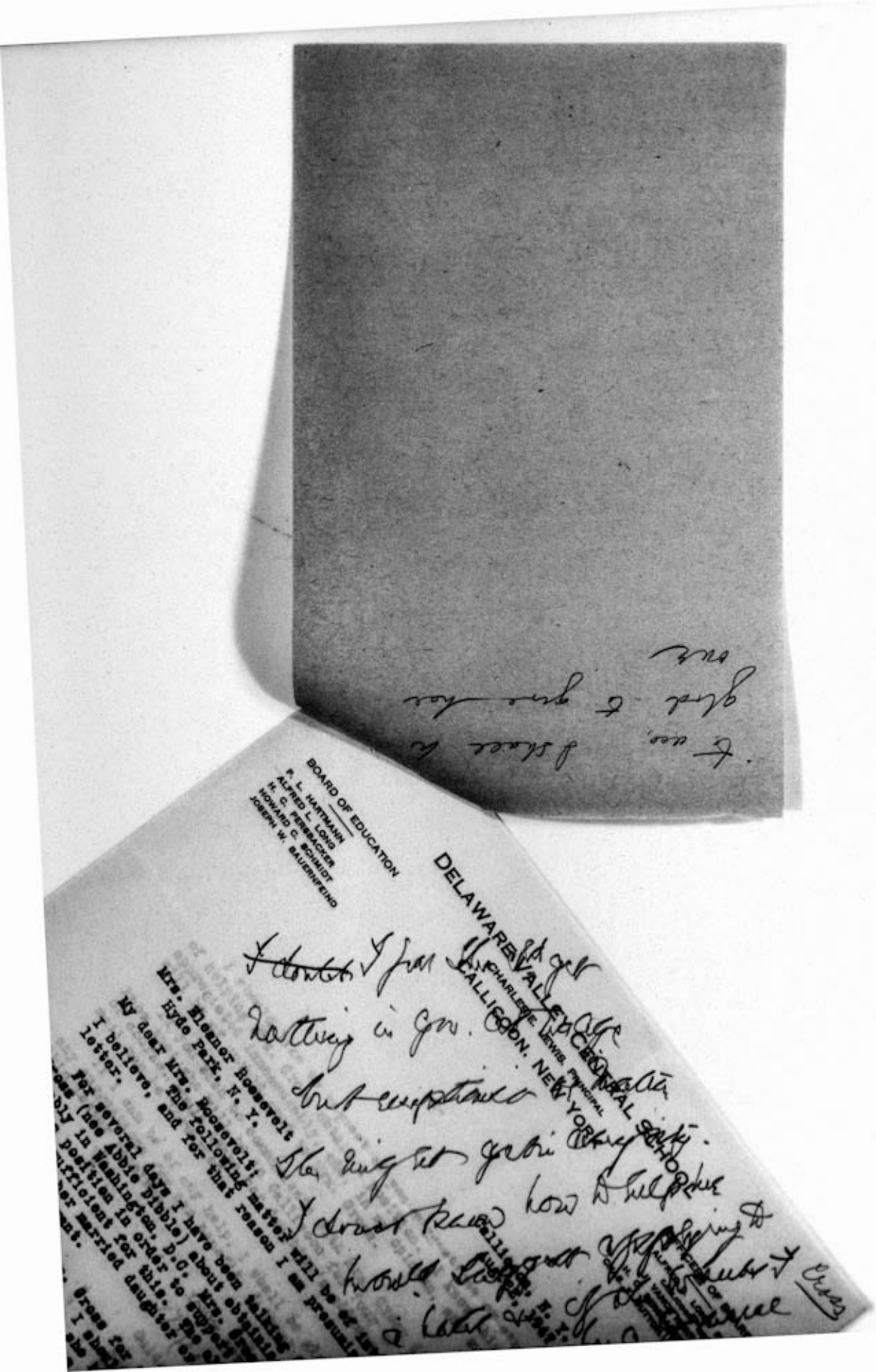
Very sincerely,

Mrs. Fred M. Cross
President-Director

Steugel =

I am afraid Mrs. Grass could get nothing in the government at her age but receptionist or Matron & that she could get in any city.

I do not know how to help her but would suggest she apply to a hotel & if she wants a letter of general recommendation.



BOARD OF EDUCATION
P. L. HARTMANN
ALFRED L. LONG
H. C. PERBACKER
HOWARD C. SCHMIDT
JOSEPH W. BAUERNFEIND

DELAWARE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
CHARLES E. LEWIS, PRINCIPAL
CALLICOON, NEW YORK

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I believe, the following matter will be of interest to you, and for that reason I am presuming to write you this letter.

For several days I have been talking with Mrs. [illegible] (nee Abbie Dibble) about obtaining a position in Washington, D.C. Mrs. [illegible] is sufficient for this. She supports her married daughter and [illegible]

DELAWARE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

CHARLES E. LEWIS, PRINCIPAL

CALLICOON, NEW YORK

BOARD OF EDUCATION

P. L. HARTMANN
ALFRED L. LONG
H. C. PERSBACKER
HOWARD C. SCHMIDT
JOSEPH W. BAUERNFEIND

OFFICERS OF BOARD

ALFRED L. LONG, PRES.
CALLICOON, NEW YORK
J. VANCE TRENT, TREAS.
H. C. PERSBACKER, CLERK
CHAS. E. MUTTON, DIST. SUPT.

Callicoon, N. Y.
Aug. 22, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The following matter will be of interest to you, I believe, and for that reason I am presuming to write this letter.

For several days I have been talking to Mrs. Guernsey T. Cross (nee Abbie Dibble) about obtaining a position, preferably in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Cross tells me that she needs a position in order to support herself, as her finances are not sufficient for this. The alternative is to be dependent on her married daughter or other relatives and this she does not want.

I have known Mrs. Cross for twenty five years, and regard her as a true friend. I should like to help her in any possible way. Inasmuch as she has a college education, a pleasing personality, as well as the will to make good in some work, I think there are certain types of positions she could fill successfully. The fact that she is fifty-nine years old has seemed an insurmountable obstacle to her, but I do not feel this is necessarily the case. I would not consider her physically robust, and therefore conclude she should not take a position which would make heavy demands on her physical strength.

Various jobs which I have suggested to Mrs. Cross as possibilities are: receptionist, social welfare worker (office job), desk work for a hospital, Y. W. C. A., church or other philanthropic agencies, claim adjuster in a department store, interviewer (certain type not demanding specialized training), and personal shopper for a department store.

Mrs. Cross has had no business training nor experience. She does not do typing nor stenography. I am of the opinion, there are, however, certain types of personnel work which she can do, in spite of this, provided she gets the right opportunity. She would take a position elsewhere than in Washington, but does feel she would like to be located there.

DELAWARE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
CHARLES E. LEWIS, PRINCIPAL
CALLICOON, NEW YORK

BOARD OF EDUCATION
P. L. HARTMANN
ALFRED L. LONG
H. C. PERSBACKER
HOWARD C. SCHMIDT
JOSEPH W. BAUERNFEIND

OFFICERS OF BOARD
ALFRED L. LONG, PRES.
CALLICOON, NEW YORK
J. VANCE HUNT, TREAS.
H. C. PERSBACKER, CLERK
CHAS. E. BUTTON, DIST. SUPT.

I should like to request of you suggestions or other means of helping Mrs. Cross obtain a position. I know this will be appreciated immeasurably, and, in my opinion, any such effort will be of untold good to Mrs. Cross.

If you wish to communicate with Mrs. Cross directly, I know that she will be in Callicoon for four or five days, and, of course, would leave her daughter's address as that to which mail may be forwarded.

If I can be of any help, I shall be glad to follow through any suggestions for her benefit. I thank you for any attention this letter receives.

Yours very respectfully,

(Mrs.) Norma Thompson Stengel

Guidance Director, D. V. C. S., also

Secretary of Callicoon Unit, Sullivan County Children's Association

Crowell

THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH
IOWA CITY

Hyde Park Inn
Hyde Park, New York
August 14, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Your secretary, Miss Boylan, has written me that she is bringing my previous letter to your attention on your return to Hyde Park. This is to let you know that we have arrived in Hyde Park and are working in the Search Room of the Library.

We are indeed anxious to have interviews with you if you can spare time for them. Since each of the three of us is writing a doctoral dissertation on a different period of the President's political career, each of us has some definite questions about which we would like to ask you. Mr. Cowperthwaite is studying the President's speeches of the 1932 campaign, Mr. Brandenburg the addresses on international affairs between 1939 and 1941, and I the speeches in the campaign of 1936. Each of us would like a little time with you, but we can come as a group if you would prefer. We will be grateful for any arrangement that you may be able to make. We shall be staying at the Hyde Park Inn through the twenty-second of August.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Crowell

Laura Crowell