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Dear
May (God) rest his soul

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176 9 Park Place
Brooklyn (33).

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my dear Mr Roosevelt

it is now nearing the
12 on which Dear President
Roosevelt passed away
I haven't forgotten, and will ever
forget. He made my husband
and self, regain our self
respect when we thought things
in general were desperate.

I want you to know I always
light a glass candle on the 12th
and that burns all night long.
may you Mr Roosevelt + family
always feel well + happy
Respectfully
K. S. Adams

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

My class 9A'-9B' wrote an original radio play entitled, "The Roosevelt We Knew". We presented it at our school assemblies where our student body and our Faculty were greatly impressed. I am enclosing a copy of this play and hope you will accept it with our good wishes. Phoebe Katz, Laura Sheekin and Arnold Kisch were the authors and the rest of the class and I worked on the presentation.

9B' joins me in sending you our kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) Henrietta D. Antoville
Teacher.

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THE ROOSEVELT WE KNEW

NARRATOR: The President slept away this afternoon. He did his job to the end as he would want you to do. All our love, Mother.

NARRATOR: Through the cooperation of Class 9AI of the Robert E. Simon Junior High School, Robert E. Simon proudly presents, THE ROOSEVELT WE KNEW.

TIME: April 12, 1945 - About 3:15 P.M.
PLACE: The office of the local newspaper
SCENE: A small office in the newspaper building

JOHN: And listen here, Chief, you know how I feel about a certain young lady. Of course you do. And, of course you realize that in order to get married I'll need a small raise to cover the ceremony, the honeymoon, and....

MARY: No, that will never do. Do you really think that hard-headed boss of yours will listen to a spiel like that? No, you'll have to do better than that.

JOHN: (apologetically) Okay, okay. I'll do better. Don't you worry about me.

MARY: Well alright what are you waiting for?

JOHN: Oh, nothing. Come on let's go.

SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS GOING. THEN FALTERING.

JOHN: Say, Mary, couldn't the whole thing wait until tomorrow?

MARY: (emphatically) No, it couldn't. But on the other hand, if you don't want to get married rather than face a little boss....

JOHN: O.K., I'm sorry. Come on.

SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS. KNOCK ON DOOR. DOOR OPENS & SHUTS.

BOSS: (on telephone) Yes, of course, no, GOODBY....and what do you two want?

JOHN: Er, ahem. You see...it's this way...

SOUND OF PHONE RINGING.

BOSS: Oh, excuse me a minute....what? Certainly not. Goodbye. Now what were you two saying?

JOHN: Well you know boss,....well, Mary and I were sort of planning.....

PHONE RINGS.

BOSS: Oh, hello. Who? Oh, hello honey (sugary) no, of course not, honey. Oh sugar plum, how could you think bad of me? Dearest. Well, give my regards to your s-w-e-e-t m-c-t-h-e-r- darlinest. Yes, of course dearest, goodbye. NOW WHAT DO YOU WANT?

JOHN: Well, Chief, you see, it's this way. You know how I feel about Mary, here, and you've told me ever so often how you approve of marriage.....

SOUND OF DOOR OPENING.

BILL: Are you the editor here? Well, I, William Jack Francis George Johnson Percival Van Taub the Third, have come to do your paper the honor of extending to me some information which, to get right down to the point is, how many cubic feet of heat were given off in the conflagration of Chicago which we have reason to believe was not started by Mrs. O'Leary's cow but....

JOHN: Now, if I could just have a small raise say about....

JOAN: Yes, we think we have dug up definite evidence to that end and if.....

JOHN: All I'd need is about 50 cubic feet of heat...

BILL: And if we could just find out how much of a raise is required.....

THE OFFICE IS A BEDLAM, ALL TALKING AT ONCE.

PHONE RINGING.

BOSS: CONFOUND IT. CAN'T THAT PHONE STOP RINGING
(NOISE CONTINUES)

BOSS: HELLO.....(softly, as if stunned) What?..Roosevelt dead? - - - - -

SILENCE.

ALL: What? No. It couldn't be. Say, you're not kidding, Chief?

BILL: Why this is a circumstance which I completely overlooked. Such a tragedy has not occurred since the death of McKinley in.....

BOSS: Brown and Mary...go out and poll the public opinion. Jim, get the true facts for a scoop, and you kids better come back another time (fading out) come on there. On the double, get those presses rolling. (Out)

SCENE: Outside of building.

JOAN: Gee, ain't that awful. About Roosevelt's death, I mean.

BILL: Yes, it's a great calamity for all nations. Truman undoubtedly will take over. There will be a great upset in the cabinet.

JOAN: Yeah, I know, but gosh...I was just born when he got in. He was wonderful.

DOORMAN: You bet your bottom dollar he was, kids. Why, ever since I became the doorman here, I've been telling the kids about him. He was one of the greatest men that ever became our president. A fine man with courage and personality galore. He made you feel that he was a man who would do his best for his country and its people, or die in the attempt. And he did, kids, he did his best, and his best was pretty good. He died in the line of battle, fighting to keep his country free.

SCEPTIC: But, so did Madison, Van Buren, Mc Kinley and a host of others I could mention. What was so great about Roosevelt? He wasn't anything so special.

1st VOICE: One moment, miss, I'll tell you what was better about him. He was the living image of the tolerance, unity, and kindness the world has so long strived for. His life exemplified all the wisdom and discretion one man could acquire. And to the end of his boundless energies exhibited every phase of the courage, perseverance, and diplomacy which made him the benefactor of the mankind that he was.

EL. BOY: And WHAT's more, he led our country through a war which would have stymied any other man but Roosevelt.

2nd VOICE: It was a combination of all the problems those other men faced.

BILL: Say Pete, did you know Roosevelt personally? Or did you get your excellent information by repetition of hearsay?

PETE: Well son, I don't know exactly what you mean, but I think I get the general idea. Yes, I knew Roosevelt personally. I knew him when he was in the Navy, and later when he was elected Governor. Why I remember...

MUSIC.

ROOSEVELT: Hello, Pete. How's things?

PETE: Why, hello, Mr. Ro.....UH I mean Governor Roosevelt.

ROOSEVELT: Mr. Governor it is, Pete. What did you think of the new bill I brought up?

PETE: It was swell Governor...I'm with you all the way. Me, and a load of others like me.

ROOSEVELT: Thanks, Pete. It makes a man feel good to know that.
Be seeing you.

PETE: Sure thing, Governor.

MUSIC UP AND OUT.

Yes, I knew him and I was proud to be seen talking with him.

JOAN: I'll bet you were. I would have been telling everyone if I knew him.

BILL: Pure animal boastfulness. But.....well...so would I.

3rd VOICE: Anyone would, kid.

4th VOICE: Sure, why I remember one day I got an invitation to a reception. I'm a school teacher, you know. It was a big affair there. There were lot's of people. From college professors to people just learning to speak English. He shook everyone's hand including mine.

MUSIC UP AND OUT.

ROOSEVELT: How do you do, Miss Klauber?

Miss K: How do you do, Governor Roosevelt?

ROOSEVELT: And what subject do you teach?

Miss K: Mathematics at Junior High School 165.

ROOSEVELT: A fine school. Well, I'll be seeing you, Miss Klauber.

Miss K: So pleased to have met you. I hope I've shaken the hand of a future president.

VOICE: And she was right.

4th VOICE: After the depression our people were beginning to stand on their feet again. It was at a meeting at the White House, and so were representatives of peoples from thousands of walks of life.

MUSIC UP AND OUT.

ROOSEVELT: How do you do Miss.....?

MISS P: Platt, Mr. President. I'm a welder sir and...well.... you see sir, thanks for everything you've done for us, thanks a lot.

ROOSEVELT: You're welcome, Miss Platt, because you and others like you have made it possible for me to be here. Why, how do you do sister?

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SISTER CLAIRE: Sister Claire, President. I teach at a parochial school in California, but I was proud to be able to be here. Bless you, Mr. President for all you've done for our children to grow up in a better world.

ROOSEVELT: It was a privilege, Sister, and a great responsibility, but I did my best and what I thought was right.

MUSIC UP AND OUT.

SCEPTIC: (Sarcastically) Sure, we know all about that. Born January 30th, 1882. Raised at Hyde Park. Educated like a gentry at Groton, Harvard, and Columbia Law School. Married Eleanor Saint Patrick's Day, 1905, and actually stopped that parade to make way for the wedding procession. Senator in 1910 for New York State, Secretary of the Navy in 1913.

BILL: It is a well known fact that Roosevelt's never-ending love for Aqua Pura sports continued to occupy the greater part of his spare time.

SCEPTIC: Well, sonny, doesn't your encyclopedia brain reach the very MINUTE detail of.....

BILL: Are you by some coincidence referring to the incident of Roosevelt's affliction of Polio in 1921? Or, are you referring to his miraculous treatments at Warm Springs, Georgia?

JOAN: Wasn't Warm Springs the birthplace of his political career?

BILL: Not only that, but his affliction saw the beginning of the March of Dimes.

PETE: That was the time when this country was fast slipping into its worst financial crisis, the time when the people, uncertain as they were, placed their last hope into Roosevelt. And on the day of his first inaugural address, March 4, 1933, the people listened, and what they heard made them feel a whole lot better.....

MUSIC. THEN EXCERPT FROM SPEECH...MUSIC AGAIN...FADEOUT.

VOICE: And by jingo, he was right.

JOAN: I bet in those days there was hot news on the air.

PETE: There sure was. Why I remember when extras were everyday things.

NEWSBOY: Extra, Extra, read all about it.

VOICE: 1933.

VOICE 5: National Recovery Program Approved.

NEWSBOY: Extra.
 VOICE: 1934.
 VOICE 5: Gold Reserve Act Passed.
 NEWSBOY: Read all about it.
 VOICE: 1935.
 VOICE 5: Social Security Act Passed.
 VOICE: 1937.
 VOICE: Defeat of Proposals to Re-organize Supreme Court.
 NEWSBOY: Extra, extra.
 VOICE: 1939.
 VOICE 5: Congress Repeals Arms Embargo.
 VOICE: 1940.
 VOICE 5: Roosevelt Elected for Third Term.
 NEWSBOY: Extra. Right off the press.
 VOICE: 1941.
 VOICE 5: Congress Declares War on Germany, Japan and Italy.
 VOICE 6: Roosevelt gave the country an alphabet with more meanings
 than Webster ever dreamed of...the N.R.A...A.A.A...T.W.A....
 C.P.A....T.V.A.....O.P.A.....
 BILL: And innumerable others.
 BOSS: (Coming out of building). What's going on here? Why the
 crowd? I thought you kids left long ago. And John, you
 have an assignment to cover.
 JOHN: Well....
 BOSS: Well, what?
 JOHN: Well, who could tell the story better than the people
 who made it..? the people for whom Roosevelt gave his
 life? I came to them for my story, to Miss Platt and
 Sister Claire. I found in them the ideals for which he
 fought so painfully and courageously, for he was the
 Roosevelt that is immortal.