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Hi There!



Ain't got NO NEWS to write you,
But that's no reason why,

Can't send a little card,

LIKE THIS,

To say a friendly



“**HI**”

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

These clippings are from Buffalo papers at the time of President Roosevelt's death. I intended to send them to you at the time, as I knew that you would not see articles from these columns, and that every word in praise of your husband would be precious to you and to your family. However, I neglected to send them, then forgot it until recently when I came across the wad of clippings while cleaning my desk. Even at this late date I hesitate to destroy them without giving you a chance to read them.

Very sincerely yours,
Anonymous

[Unident.]

February



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Hyde Park

New York
Anonymous Sender

Buffalo Newspaper Clippings

Memorial Suggestion

Editor, Buffalo Courier-Express:
On April 12th, a great man found his peace, like the peace found by our nation's fallen sons and daughters. He, just as they, gave his all for this country.

And now, instead of a Birthday Ball for the President each year, to contribute to the Paralysis Fund, let us make it an "In Memoriam" Fund to our late President who suffered the dread disease, but still came out on top to be the greatest man the American people have ever known. RUTH M. KATZ
Buffalo

Tribute in Remembrance

Editor, Buffalo Courier-Express:
Franklin Delano Roosevelt has inspired us as a leader and proved a battler for freedom and democracy. Though he has passed away, his thoughts, his beliefs, his memorable life story and his bright vision of peace will never be forgotten.

He will forever remain in the heart of every true American and the majority of millions all over the world.

May he rest in peace and God bless his soul.

DOROTHY L. DARDICK
Buffalo

A DESERVED TRIBUTE

Less than three weeks after the death of President Roosevelt, one of the world's mightiest warships bears his name. The giant aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt was launched Sunday at the New York Navy Yard.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt was built in the record time of 17 months and at a cost of more than \$90,000,000. With her sister ship, the Midway, the new vessel is the world's biggest warship. She and the Midway also are the world's fastest and most heavily armed carriers. When she is commissioned she will carry more than 80 twin-engined planes of a type so new they have not yet been in combat.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt is the 27th American combat carrier. In this connection Secretary of the Navy Forrestal revealed at the launching ceremonies that the United States now also has 65 escort carriers. He said that in February, 1942, the United States in the Pacific had four carriers, which at the end of the Guadalcanal campaign had been reduced to one. He added that in comparison with 1942 we now have 23 battleships as against 16, 67 cruisers as against 38, 386 destroyers as against 178, 364 destroyer escorts as against none, and 240 submarines as against 112.

Originally the Franklin D. Roosevelt was to have been christened the Coral Sea. Her scheduled name was changed as a memorial to the man who was Commander in Chief when the United States fleet became the strongest in history. No more Navy-minded President ever sat in the White House. The naming of this great ship in his honor is a most fitting tribute.

Trees as Memorials

Editor, Buffalo Courier-Express:
All broad-minded and thinking Republicans joined with Democrats in sincerely mourning the death of one of the greatest statesmen and humanitarians of the world. FDR fell fighting to give the people of the world an abiding peace, to give them freedom from the fear of fear.

In listening to the memorial sermon preached in Mr. Roosevelt's own church at Hyde Park, I heard the rector recall the late President's words expressing the desire to retire some day and grow trees. Here is a thought. Arbor Day is near. Why should not those of us who have gardens plant a rosebush or any green thing to the memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt?
Buffalo K. G. N.

Tribute Recalled

Editor, Buffalo Courier-Express:
In a sermon last Saturday Dr. Fink correctly stated that we know the late President Roosevelt was great, because of three things: The life he lived, the causes he served, and the man he was.

To which I would like to add a fourth—he was great because of the type of enemies he made.
Buffalo B. B. LANE

Deplores FDR's Death

Editor, Buffalo Courier-Express:
The radio stations of the nation have earned the gratitude of the American people for their most gracious and unselfish act in cancelling all commercial programs on the air just as soon as it was made known that the great heart of Franklin D. Roosevelt was stilled in death. The passing of this beloved American statesman has given us a closer insight into what—we may call—the heart of America. The reaction of our people of all creeds, nationalities, political faiths and racial standing has given the world an object lesson as to what America and the soul of America stand for.

Our Captain has been called home. The ship of state entrusted to his care at a time when mountainous waves of turmoil and unrest threatened to shatter its strong masts and mighty hull against the rocks of cruelty and hate kept its course on the dark waters. With great courage, faith and vision, aided by a gallant crew, he brought his ship safely into the outer harbor within sight of the inner harbor of peace and tranquility.

What a captain! What a ship! What a crew and what a voyage! His lifework is finished. This we know, he ever kept faith with his country, his conscience and his God.

Along the paths he traveled he brought light and sunshine. His heart and mind were driven by the urge to help those worn and wearied pulling hard against the stream of life. He sleeps in a garden on the banks of the Hudson. His epitaph might well read like that of the another great American, John Howard Paine, "Sure when thy gentle spirit fled, to realms above the earth's dome, with outstretched hands God's angels said 'Welcome, to Heaven's home, sweet home.'"
WILLIAM J. RAYMOND
Buffalo

Unforgettable American

Editor, Buffalo Courier-Express:
The Master has called Franklin D. Roosevelt. Historians will write that FDR was the greatest American that ever lived—the man of the people—for the people and true to the people. His humanitarian policies toward the hungry, the needy and the handicapped, regardless of color, race or religion, will live forever.

The Americans have recognized his policies and have had FDR as their President till his death, an American never to be forgotten.

Harry S. Truman is our 33d President of these United States. I wish him God's guidance in carrying out Roosevelt policies.

STANLEY T. STROBECK
Lackawanna

Tribute to Roosevelt

Editor, Buffalo Courier-Express:
Please permit me to present this obituary to our friend FDR:

"God Bless Roosevelt, friend and guide of America, land of our heart."

"For whom millions have split their tickets more than once to keep him in office and help democracy."

"Though we've lost him in body, may he from us never depart."

"May his spirit guide Truman to carry on the good work for a United States of the World."

Buffalo A. G. E.

Heritage in Trust

Editor, Buffalo Courier-Express:
The world has been enriched because of the living of Franklin D. Roosevelt. In analyzing his character we find he possessed all the qualities that fitted him for greatness; he had a pure and golden heart, righteous mind, just conscience and unconquerable spirit.

He stood as a bulwark against oppression, tyranny, race hatred and against all ills.

He helped to remind us of the forgotten man and successfully up-lifted the downtrodden.

He brought succor to millions and security to all our people.

He put into practice all that religion stands for and through his courageous leadership compelled legislative action in radical social reforms against great opposition.

He exerted his efforts in helping to educate the people to a better understanding of their duty to one another.

He asked and received Divine guidance which made it possible that he be the beacon light to enable him to illuminate the path of right, and bring close to humans a better understanding of their duty to one another in their human relations.

Franklin D. Roosevelt has left his footprints in the path of time for us to follow for all future generations. DAVID FREDLANDER
Buffalo

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Canadian Sends Sympathy On President's Death

We have been listening to your
nation in mourning and we Cana-
dians know that both you and we
have lost a very gallant gentleman,
great leader and a good Christian.
We feel so deeply for your people
words cannot express one little bit
of what we are thinking. At this
very hour of victory with Germany,
it is too bad he did not live to see
your fair land, as well as ours, en-
joy the lasting peace he strove so
hard to bring to the Allied nations.
We shall and do mourn with our
dear friends of America a great
friend.
HARRY.

Lion's Head, Ont.

Roosevelt's Aims Lauded

Editor, Buffalo Courier-Express:
With the untimely passing of
Franklin Delano Roosevelt some-
thing which cannot be described
has departed the American scene.
To those who loved him, a love
shared with us by the common man
everywhere, his departure has left
us with a tragic void. We have lost
the voice that gave eloquence and
meaning to our aspirations and
dreams.

The forces of reaction which our
late President strove so valiantly
to keep from engulfing the Amer-
ican people will swing their phan-
toms into action while our hearts
and senses are still numb with
grief.

With Franklin Delano Roosevelt
gone to his eternal rest, we are
filled with misgivings about the
future. For stilled in the majesty
of death is the unforgettable voice
which in one of the nation's most
critical days rang out in a clarion
to arms against the fear of fear
itself; silent are now the lips that
time and again moved to challenge
an economic oligarchy whose greed
and manipulations had thwarted
the realization of the American
dream; departed forever is the in-
fectious and disarming smile with
which the exploited masses of the
earth associated his deep and abid-
ing sympathy for those who toiled
with their hands and who lived and
hoped from day to day.

It was for the consummation of
this noble task that Franklin De-
lano Roosevelt lived and gave his
life, that men and women may live
out their allotted spans without
fear of the four scourges which
have from time immemorial beset
the human race. The inspired
leadership with which Franklin De-
lano Roosevelt enriched the demo-
cratic man of whatever race or
creed is an imperishable monu-
ment to the human spirit; but those
who loved him realize now as never
before that many are the dark
shadows that will beset their
paths before they can emerge into
the sunshine of the better world
envisioned by their departed friend.

Buffalo EDGAR HOLZ

Unity to Assure Peace Held Fitting Memorial

Free people everywhere have lost
a friend. History will record that
America and the world had a great
leader when the cause of freedom
was assailed by the most evil forces
that ever threatened to overthrow
civilization and set us back to the
Dark Ages. At that time of crisis
we had Franklin Roosevelt. Yet
even here, this man who fought so
fiercely and so nobly for his coun-
try, this man who stood as a sym-
bol of liberty to all who sought it,
this man who so early recognized
the threat to our free institutions
of the Fascist forces—this man,
born of riches, who sought always
to lift the common man to a fuller
life, this man who understood the
meaning of tolerance because he
lived it, this man who fought for
oppressed minorities whenever and
wherever tyranny raised its head—
this man yet had to stand abuse
and vilification from small, mean
men of his own land, not construc-
tive criticism but vindictive ven-
ting of personal hate.

President Roosevelt would have
been the first to fight the death
of that privilege of criticism to his
enemies even though he must have
known such men would not have
given that freedom of criticism to
their enemies. It is a great pity
that he could not have led America
in the making of peace, for no man
was better equipped intellectual-
ly, breadth of vision, knowledge
of world affairs, love of the com-
mon man, understanding of the
historical causes of war and the
forces that make for peace.

No greater monument can be
raised to his memory than for all
Americans of all parties to unite
in a supreme effort to have Amer-
ica take her proper place in an
international organization to fore-
ever banish war and insure peace
and further good will between na-
tions. We who remain have the
sacred trust, as we have a sacred
trust to all our honored dead, who
gave their lives so our nation could
endure.

FLAT LICK

Reunion

APRIL 12, 1945

Dear Father, such a little while ago
in earth
We served him—know him well—and
his true worth
He was our Great Commander, and we
died
That peace he so much cherished,
might abide.

Dear Father, he is coming home
today—
And 'tis our wish to meet him on the
way—
Stand at attention, salute him that
dies no more—
And act as escort outside Heaven's
door.

Dear Father, let us greet him—in his
smile—
Remember days when for a little while
Play for him for you'll be content
The love he loved—'Tis in the Chief!

Dear Father, please—do have you
understand—
It is so far from earth to Heaven's
door—
We'd like him more to be at his com-
mand—
And God replied: "Go forth—and bring
him home!"

STANLEY J. DICKS.

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Historic Parallel

Editor, Buffalo Courier-Express:
How applicable to our beloved late
President Franklin D. Roosevelt
are the following words written in
commemoration of the death of our
first President, George Washing-
ton, while he lay in state in Mt.
Vernon in December, 1799:

"... Let his countrymen con-
secrate the memory of the heroic
general, the patriotic statesman,
and virtuous sage; let them teach
their children never to forget that
the fruits of his labors, and his
example are their inheritance."
—U. S. Senate to John Adams (Pres-
idential successor.)

"... His example is now com-
plete, and it will teach wisdom and
virtue to magistrates, citizens and
men, not only in the present age,
but in future generations, as long
as our history shall be read."
—John Adams.

Buffalo

HARRIET HOFFMAN

His Deeds Continue

Editor, Buffalo Courier-Express:
For our great Commander in Chief,
who gave his life for our country:
Action speaks louder than the
loudest word. He spoke in deeds
which every nation heard. The
honor we accord the world con-
cedes to him whose actions spoke,
whose words were deeds.

His deeds continue and shall ever
give incentive to us all and they
shall live through war to victory,
an inspiration to the United States,
a freeman's nation. These states
which Roosevelt in one brotherhood
held fast together for the general
good; many yet one, against the
brutal foe, from strength to
strength shall ever onward go.

Buffalo

D. B.

Mourning Lost Leader

Editor, Buffalo Courier-Express:
As head of the Democratic Party
in Erie County during that period
which embraced Franklin D. Roose-
velt's first term as Governor of
New York State, I came to recog-
nize and admire his magnificent
leadership, his genius and his
Americanism. To those who had
the good fortune, as did I, to en-
joy congenial relationships with
the Chief Executive of the State,
it was evident that he possessed all
the characteristics and qualifica-
tions of genuine greatness.

History will honor Franklin D.
Roosevelt for many things, but
above all because he had the vision
and the courage to meet the world
crisis which confronted America
after Pearl Harbor. He has led
our country through its most try-
ing period. He has laid the ground-
work for an everlasting peace.

However wide may be the dis-
agreement of many of his fellow
Americans with some of his poli-
cies or actions, we must all unite
in mourning this lost leader. But
in the midst of our grief, let us
dedicate ourselves to completing
the job which he had so gallantly
advanced into the final stages.

JOHN W. HENRY
Eggertsville

Tribute to Mr. Roosevelt Takes Spiritual Turn

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, by
now you have ascended to the peace
of your heavenly home, leaving
behind a world at war, but you may
rest in the knowledge that God is
well pleased with your finished
tasks here on earth.

Deep in our hearts today is the
thought that we can do no more
than what you have done, for you
gave your life for your country
just as surely as if that life were
given on the battlefield of Europe.

If any man at this moment still
doubts your great heart, he has
only to read the 13th Chapter of
First Corinthians, the most lovely
creed that anyone can choose to
follow, and follow it you did. I
sincerely believe you so loved this
favorite book of the Bible that you
followed it to your fullest, as your
life proves in every way.

In the lovely home you have now
come to, may you rest with the
blessings you have stored up for
yourself while in this world, and
God grant you the peace and rich-
ness and splendor which you so
richly deserve. CLAIRE KORN.

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The Americans have recognized
his policies and have had FDR as
their President till his death, an
American never to be forgotten.

Harry S. Truman is our 33rd
President of these United States,
I wish his God's guidance in carry-
ing out Roosevelt's policies.

STANLEY J. STROBEN

In Memoriam

With heavy hearts we bow the head
For one who gave the poor their
bread.
In years beneath the nation's great
Our President how long he rest.
His revered body taught but clay,
The voice that speaks just yesterday
Is still, and in his chamber sweet
Our President how long he rest.
A statesman rare, he walked with men,
His words can save some from pain;
No painter ever can paint that face,
No sculptor form such stately grace.
All free nations share our grief
And join us as we erect our tomb.
His grave his all that freedom live
'Twas by God's grace he lived to give.
— ANTHONY KINCHELL
Dunk, N. Y.

Courier of Peace

He who serves the humble between
kings,
And so it was with our Chief of
State,
He loved mankind in word and deed,
Regardless of their race or creed.
The lamp of peace he flamed with
care,
He gave more than he could
share,
His heart was brave, his faith was
great,
He does not die who does not hate,
Angels hasten to prepare the feast
To welcome home the Courier of
Peace.
— FRANCES JERMANG.

Purple Orchids

One dozen purple orchids for the man
Whose task is done, he was
in breaking
Of peace, of pain, of love, of hate,
A world of friends,
One dozen years of hard-earned fame
He worked and pleased,
You lived now, he leaves his work
To God—his friend.
— ANNE DALY.

President's Death Proved Real American Spirit

It is surprisingly beautiful and satisfactory to realize the heights to which the American people can rise, when called upon to face realities, be it work for victory, in our great struggle for freedom from oppression, flood relief, assisting other nations in dire distress, or to express sorrow and sympathy as at the present time, in the journey of a great man who has passed into the next room where we are all preparing to enter. Franklin Delano Roosevelt is not dead. He walks among us. We still hear his voice over the radio, calling us "his friends."

As a further tribute to the American people, the anxiety for wealth and production came to a standstill in memory of the great man. The radio forgot its jazzy dizziness, and as a friend who listened said, "She didn't know there was so much beautiful music in the world." Long live the American spirit.
— ROSE E. TRAUGER.

America Seen Determined To Fight to Victory

Franklin D. Roosevelt — mandated by the people in distressful times, he bravely carried on his chartered course to bring the Ship of State through storm and stress, in safety to the port of faith restored. He builded well a road with foothold sure out of the miry slough and cleared the way to a new era. Now, as he departs, we reaffirmed our love and gratitude to him who held as an inviolate trust the four-fold mandate of a People's will. With high resolve to reach the goal he set we will fight on till victory is won. D. B.

As Tribute to Roosevelt We Will Strive Harder

I, as one of the many people of the world, am feeling the great sense of loss in the death of our President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. I feel sure that as a tribute to his memory, America will be spurred on faster to victory and that everyone in America will get in and pitch just a little harder as the President would have wanted it so. He has done so much for us and we can do that little for him.
— R. M. H.

Mr. Roosevelt Is Hailed As Greatest American

The Master has called Franklin D. Roosevelt—a conference with God. Historians will write that FDR was the greatest American that ever lived—the man of the

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Harry S. Truman, our 33d president of these United States, I wish God's guidance in carrying out Roosevelt's policies.
— STANLEY STROBECK,
Lackawanna, N. Y.

Administration Praised As Aiding Human Rights

In service to civil liberties President Roosevelt's administration was outstanding. All aspects of human rights were set by it in clearer light. It gave the nation a new birth of freedom.
— C. I. CLAFLIN,
Chairman Erie County
Civil Liberties Committee.

Clean Radio Programs Would Be Memorial

Now that the death of our beloved President is known to all men and the shock and numbness is wearing off, I wish I were a writer so that I might do justice to his memory. From our home in the hills, I and my family had listened endless hours for three days and nights to the beautiful and dignified memorials they had over the air, and I must thank God that my faith in the American people is justified. The death of our beloved President has brought out all the good in most of us. I am sure of that now.

Those three days of "radio dignity" were a godsend, in a way. I wonder how many people feel the same way. It was proof that the radio can be kept clean if the people want it clean, instead of endless murder programs, costly, questionable jokes and swears words. There are a few programs left today without murder in them. They are even bringing murder in our choice programs.

Our beloved President's speeches on the air were always dignified and well spoken. Let us, the people, demand a clean airway as a memorial to him and our beloved dead on the battlefields. — MOTHER,
Watons, N. Y.

FDR in the Crisis

Editor, Buffalo Courier-Express: Dry your tears, Columbia, your Captain is gone. Another has taken his place. You may not know him so well but you do wish him well. The Captain you mourn you knew and loved ever since that day in March, 1933, when you stood by his side and watched as he placed his hand on the sacred book and pledged his word and honor that he would serve you faithfully.

In your heart you knew that he would never fail you. You were troubled, Columbia, on that March morning more than 12 years ago. You had seen your sons and daughters, millions of them, helplessly shipwrecked on the shore of a turbulent economic sea. Breadwinners denied the chance to earn their bread, aged men and women robbed of their life savings by those they had trusted. Clouds, thick and low, hung like a pall over your beloved land. He took your hand; its pressure and his smile gave you new courage, faith and hope.

With vigor he applied himself to the hard task ahead. His first thought was to relieve the condition of the innocent victims of the hungry horde of vicious, lawless, financial men who knew not mercy.

The boys and girls he succored eight years later, rallied to his side when the foul blow was struck at Pearl Harbor. They answered his call, fought and died for you, Columbia, just as they do today.

He, too, fought; he, too, died. They carried him to his last resting place. His casket was draped in the folds of the flag he loved.

So dry your tears, Columbia. He would want it that way. In spirit he is with you today and always will be. That indomitable spirit of him who was your Captain—your friend — Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

WILLIAM J. RAYMOND
Buffalo

What Our Readers Say

FROM THE MAIL BAG

(Letters must bear signatures and addresses. Please be brief.)

Tribute and Trust

Editor, Buffalo Courier-Express: With the passing of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the peoples of the United Nations mourn deeply. The loss of this incomparable leader is irreparable, both to the nation and to the world of progressive, right-thinking people of this one world. Our late beloved President somehow had literally become the confidant and friend of all both rich and poor; and regardless of his or her status in life, he had endeared himself to all. His famous smile, his superb speaking voice, his tremendous grasp of the war and its attendant multiple problems was really uncanny.

President Roosevelt has passed on to the great beyond, but his fame, glory and genuine love for his fellow men and women will live on. To quote his memorable statement is very apropos at the present time: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." That phrase of his we must always remember, in fact it should become our battle cry as we approach the postwar era of the future. President Roosevelt blazed the way with the assistance of us all towards a new world to come and by the grace of God and with the perseverance of every man, woman and child now alive we shall not deviate from the humanitarianism he so superbly instituted.

We now look to President Harry S. Truman for leadership and guidance. May God help and guide him! Let us hope that, like his mighty predecessor, though he walks with kings and the great of this world, he will retain the common touch.

BENJAMIN P. SHEPARD
Buffalo

Men Sad Roosevelt

Aboard a Coast LST at Okinawa, Guardsman John class seaman, Co. St. Oakfield, N. Y. at this LST's 5

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significance of "It finally at pound bomb ships," said was talking, talking about never thought about our Pre you respect th that, but I d mean so much this LST, I felt it all day.

Trigitio says dency and s stayed over drove into the maws to disch of men and of tanks, tr and gasoline. "We had to hide and seek the Jap navy came the m on the 13th, but on that of the enem peared. I do the next day Okinawa."

Late Presid As Friend o

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In every throughout prayers for successor, the Truman. M soft voices song to the l

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The old taught and I no wars w alone. Mr. spirit and th man's land. four senato have his pla fourth term United State all time for Indiana love this man g too big to l

Irving N.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

A President is dead,
 And yet we know him not
 Except as others speak—
 How weep, and how not weep,
 And how we and how our grief,
 For he was ours.
 As surely as the sky, the sea,
 The very air we breathe
 Belongs to us,
 He will be missed.
 We weep for as we love
 This land in which we live,
 And as we love our flag,
 And all for which it stands,
 So loved we him.

A President is dead,
 And yet not dead, for who
 Can call him dead who lives
 Within the hearts of men—
 Who leaves a heritage of love
 In all humanity?
 The dream of freedom that was his—
 The hope of world-wide unity—
 Lives on.
 He still is living,
 The mortal man is gone,
 The spirit that was his
 Will live through all eternity,
 Weaving Freedom's banner
 And urging "Carry on."
 —V. E. MERRILL

He was asked to
 be buried in the
 White House
 crypt. One name
 and one
 epitaph cannot be
 respectful
 to the memory of one who
 will not be forgotten, our late
 President
 Franklin Delano Roosevelt.
 RESPECTFUL

Burden of Peace Fight Placed on Individual

It is very hard to understand why, if there is any pattern and reason to our world, if there is a God who directs human affairs, He would take our President from us at this crucial time in the affairs of not merely our nation but of the civilized world. Our minds search in a sense of extreme confusion for some sense, some divine purpose.

Perhaps, in all humility, it is to place the burden of responsibility for a just peace squarely upon the shoulders of each of us individually. When Mr. Roosevelt was alive, in his great vitality he took upon himself, almost alone, the weight of this responsibility. With his great mind and willing spirit his great mind and willing spirit dwelt from our midst, there devolves upon each of us an urgent and personal responsibility for the terms of the peace to come.

No matter how small nor how humble our minds and positions in this country, we should each give earnest thought to a solution which will bring real peace to the world. We should discuss with our friends as many angles of the problem as are within our knowledge and comprehension. We could write our papers, our congressmen, tell our clubs our ideas.

It is up to each of us to bend a helpful spirit, a charitable sympathy toward our neighbor nations, and a sincere and urgent prayer for clear-sighted thinking on the world's present problems.

If we try hard enough, together we can make a good peace.

HOUSEWIFE
 Williamsville, N. Y.

Radio Program Reactions Are Found Uplifting

I think it too bad that we must suffer a national bereavement such as the present one in order to have the splendid programs we have had for the two days since our President's death. Some no doubt think of these hymns of the church and associate them with times of sorrow and of great personal or national loss. But it is rather the contrary I think for those whose faith is in the risen Christ.

To them these hymns are songs of strength and hope. To me they are a rich source of inspiration. Can we not in the future have more of such programs instead of some of the low type of humor programs to which we have been subjected for the past few years? May God be praised that in His talking from us our elected leader He did not leave us without recourse to His divine leadership! C. A. R.

Radio Stations Lauded For Reverent Spirit

This is not merely my own opinion but also those of many others with whom I talked. Only one of our radio stations, WBNY to be exact, saw fit to broadcast their commercials while the entire nation was in mourning for our departed President. On Saturday Clint Buehman's voice was reverent and subdued as he made the necessary announcements. Many thanks to those who showed proper respect

Only Few Generations Span Our History

The tragic and untimely death of President Roosevelt and the widespread mourning that has called a story which my father likes to tell regarding the death of some of our other great presidents. It also illustrates how few generations bridge the history of the United States.

My father was a boy of 16 when President Lincoln was shot and died. His elderly grandmother was living at the time. Father said to her, "I suppose there was never such universal mourning throughout the country as there is now for President Lincoln." She replied, "Ah, but you don't remember when George Washington died!"

ALDEN MERRILL

He'd Memorialize Name On All Honor Rolls

President Roosevelt is dead. To many of us he will always be remembered as our President. As a fitting memorial to this man his name should be inscribed on every honor roll in the United States. He died as have many of our soldiers, sailors and marines, fighting to save this world from men like Hitler and Tojo.

This, I firmly believe, is the greatest tribute that we could pay our late commander-in-chief, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

H. T. ESPERSEN
 Silver Creek, N. Y.

His Memory Will Remain In Hearts of the World

Franklin Delano Roosevelt has inspired me as a leader and proved a battler for freedom and democracy. He will forever remain in the hearts of every true American and the majority of millions all over the world. May our late President rest in peace and God bless his soul.

DOROTHY L. DARDICK

Late President Praised As Friend of Negro

As a citizen of the United States, as a father and father-in-law of soldiers now risking their all against the enemies of our country, as a former employe of our Government with nearly a quarter of a century service to my country, and as a Negro, I wish to add my tribute to the memory of our great and good commander-in-chief, whose sudden passing left our nation and the world stunned, grief-stricken and bewildered.

As a Negro, I feel I can state without fear of contradiction that our group feels that the greatest exponent of a square deal for all humanity, of justice, and equality for all, and one who passionately believed in the ideals of Jesus Christ by recognizing and respecting the dignity of all human beings was Franklin Delano Roosevelt. We feel that history has never produced a man who did so much good for so great a number.

The hypocritical practices of certain types of statesmen and leaders, who use only lip service in support of the ideals of the foundation of this great republic, were alien to FDR. What he believed in he openly and courageously preached and practiced.

We are oftentimes puzzled by the hostility and antagonism that develop in some quarters when we try to improve conditions affecting our very existence, when we struggle to obtain recognition for employment according to our ability, when we try to create decent environments in which to raise our children, when we try to educate those same children in order that they develop into loyal and intelligent citizens of this great nation.

These are some of the things that Franklin Delano Roosevelt knew and that he tried with all his ability to remedy. It is my personal belief that this great and good man lived and died for the same cause Jesus Christ expounded, suffered and died for the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

CLARENCE A. ORINAWE

In Memoriam

Franklin Delano Roosevelt
 He is just gone
 I don't believe I will not see—
 That he is dead, he is just away,
 With a country smile and a wave of the hand.

He has wandered like an unknown land
 And left us dreaming how very fair
 It would be slow to figure there,
 And you, oh you, who the wildest years
 Will be the first to try and greet return,
 Think of the old-time trip and glad return,
 In the love of there as the love of here.

Think of him still as the same, I say,
 He is not dead—he is just away.

May his spirit carry on, thinking of
 him
 Through woman's deepest shadows
 since his love
 His comforting assurance ever bright,
 It is the sunrise gleaming in the skies
 The dawn that follows always at the
 night.
 It is the song that lifts the heart,
 The sun that descends slow at close
 of day.
 It is the promise that his hair seems
 Will bless and comfort your day and
 meet
 The One now up in the blue skies,
 The One who died on the cross under
 a cruel
 agony
 Rest in peace.

MRS. ELLA MAY

Roosevelt Lived in Era Of Greatest Problems

There have been eight great presidents in American history: Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln, Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt. As long as man is possessed of the ability to read, as long as American history is studied in any land by any people, children will learn what these men did. The historian's measure of a man's greatness results from an estimation of the problems which he had to face, the ideals which actuated him, and the procedures which he followed in applying his ideals to the problems at hand.

Washington loved liberty and secured our freedom; he did not believe in democracy, but he opened the door for it. The remaining seven presidents all were elected by the common people of their day. The rising tide of democracy is evidenced in every one of their administrations in the acts which were passed and the measures which were advocated to improve the condition of the common man in this, our country, the hope of the common man throughout the world, alien and now.

The historian will find in assessing the problems which faced these eight great men that those which confronted Franklin Roosevelt were greater than those of any who preceded him in our history. He happened to be president in an age of such advanced industrialization that the common man's economic and political security were threatened, he was no longer sure of a job to secure the necessities of life for himself and his family, and he could no longer be sure of the safety of his country and his freedom. Against bitter opposition, Franklin Roosevelt attacked both those problems, attacked them with vigor and with unflinching courage, attacked them with an indomitable persistency. The historian will find one measure of his greatness in his ability to comprehend. When it proved impossible to move toward the goal by one route, he acceded to necessity and chose another, but the goal was ever the same, security for the common man. Thus did Franklin Roosevelt live and die.

The goal has not been reached. The goal remains. It is constant. Who shall say but that we may succeed?

ELSIE MacCUTCHEON
 Westfield, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

We read in the paper that you want all of us to give two dimes. In our room at the 66th Street School we each gave more than two dimes. Most of us gave 50¢.

We miss President Roosevelt.

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Buffalo, New York
January 24, 1947

Dear Mrs Roosevelt:-

Your late husband and our beloved President was some one to look up in regards to courage, and helping others, regardless to race or creed. You may wonder at the enclosed picture of yourself, but in going thru my fathers books etc., I found this picture. My dad passed away shortly after your husband. For some unexplained reason I kept saving it, and every time I look at it, I wonder if you would like to save it or I should say if you would like to have it. I'm not going to sign my name, but I always read your column- My Day., so if you do receive this message, you could leave me know through it.

Very Sincerely,
Just another Democrat.

[JUST
[UNKNOWN]



ON MARCH 17, 1905, in New York City, Franklin Roosevelt, then 23 and a law student, married Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, 20, a distant cousin. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, gave his brother's only daughter away, and Alice Roosevelt, later to become Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, was a bridesmaid

1-29-1947
Mrs Roosevelt - ^(I am only a poor woman) I know you are a good
woman, and your Husband the late

President of the U. States was the
greatest President we ever had for the
poor people. why if he was alive today
we would not have all those strikes.
in one year. all happened, first
we had no bread, then no coal now
we have no paper which means so
much to the poor people. especially
me who are sick and aged.

There is some Communists in all
kinds of Unions who is the ^{Unknown} cause

of those strikes, they are bringing
their ideas from other countries to
debtor ^{summers and names} our Great America. The poor
working man dont want strikes he
cant afford to stop work his family
suffers to much. my son who belong
to the Auto Union was away from
work last Summer. we lost our home
that was all caused through the
head of the U. I. O. Union in N. Y.
they like to cause unrest among
men who with our dues hold to
them (they never work). and they
dictate to us to collect money
to get in power. our Senators
this is true. should do something
about it

He Is
Just
Away



Reber



I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead - He is just away!
With a cheery smile,
and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be,
since he lingers there.

And you -

O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old time step and glad return,
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There
as the love of Here;
Think of him still as the same, I say:
He is not dead - He is just away!
James Whitcomb Riley

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air mail

*Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.
Hyde Park
N. Y.*