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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA  
September 10, 1936, 8:12 P.M.

(There were about seven thousand people in the audience. Congressman Doughton introduced the President.)

My friends: I have had a wonderful two days in the old North State and it makes me want to come back and spend not days, but weeks.

Incidentally I am getting a pretty good education, for it was not until about five minutes ago that I learned from my old friend, Bob Doughton, that this was where Andrew Jackson first started in to practice law.

I have learned not only a lot from what I have seen today but I want to tell you from my heart that one of the people at whose feet I have sat for many years is that splendid American statesman, your Congressman, Bob Doughton. (Applause)

I am not speaking politically, but I do think you ought to know that in these difficult years in Washington it has been his sound common sense, his old-fashioned modesty and his keen perception of the

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My friends: I have had a wonderful day here in the North State and it makes me want to come back and spend two days, but weeks.

Especially I am giving a pretty good education, for it was not until about five minutes ago that I learned to say "My friends, Bob Doughton, that this was where Andrew Jackson first started in to practice law.

I have learned not only a lot from what I have seen today but I want to tell you how we must meet one of the people at whose feet I have sat and only here in that splendid American stadium, that Congressman, Bob Doughton. (Applause)

I am not speaking politically, but I do think you should know that in these difficult years in Washington it has been the young women come, the old-fashioned modesty and the keen perception of the

needs of the country that have been of tremendous value to me in working out problems of government with the Congress of the United States. (Applause)

This has been a real holiday for me because I have learned a lot more about the wonderful scenery and also about the great future that lies before the State of North Carolina. I told them a little further west this morning that there are going to be so many people coming into North Carolina from all the other forty-seven states that you good people will have to hustle to take care of them. (Applause)

As some of you know, I go through here a good many times, back and forth, on my way to and from Warm Springs in Georgia. I have never had a chance yet to do more than make an appearance on the back platform of the train and some day I want to come back and stay longer and meet you all face to face.

Many thanks and good night. (Applause)