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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
BEACON, NEW YORK
November 2, 1936, 1.50 P.M.

(The President was introduced by Mr. Morgan Hoyt, Chairman. There were about 7,000 people in the audience.)

My old friends and neighbors:

I did not come down here to make a political speech. As you know, it has been one of my customs, starting in the year 1910, which is before any of these children (indicating) were born, to come down here to Beacon the day before election. (Applause)

I have not had as many chances as I would like to have had in the last four years to be in Dutchess County. But when I do come down I am reminded of the old days when Morgan Hoyt used to campaign from house to house in what was then Fishkill Landing and Mattawan. (?)

I am particularly happy not only to see from these signs that there are a lot more people at work than there were four years ago, but to hear also that the factories in Beacon are running two shifts.

It is good to come here and to say how do you do to you, my old neighbors. I hope to come here very often in the days to come. (Applause)

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I am particularly happy not only to see you these days but there are a lot more people at work than there were four years ago, but to hear also that the factories in Balltown are turning two shifts.

It is good to come here and to say how do you do to you, my old neighbors. I hope to come here very often in the days to come. (Applause)

INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
NEWBURGH, NEW YORK
November 2, 1936

(There were about 10,000 people in the audience.)

My friends, I am very glad to come back to Newburgh.

You know, I have a kind of sentiment about Newburgh and Orange County which I do not have with respect to any other County in the State except Dutchess. The reason for that is that one-half of me comes from Orange County.

I am not here to talk politics. I will merely remark that four years ago, the day before election, I drove through Newburgh. And I stopped in this identical spot under this identical banner which crosses the street. (Laughter, applause) (The President was referring to a Republican campaign banner of large size which was hung from one side of the street to the other.)

I recognize it well. The names are the only things that are different on it. Four years ago it brought me much luck. (Applause)

I am glad that Newburgh is better off than it was that last trip of mine. I hear that employment has picked up and I have heard also about your new Junior High School

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I am glad that Newburgh is better off than it was

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up and I have heard also about your new Union High School

and a lot of other improvements that have been made. As you know, those improvements have been made possible by the policy of the Government of trying to put people to work on useful projects in the different communities of the country.

I am very happy that the factories of Newburgh, like the factories of Poughkeepsie and Beacon, are running full time and that there more people employed and that there are more people going to be employed.

And so, my friends, I have only come here just to say "how do you do" to you. I hope to come back here, I need not tell you, very often in the days to come, for I shall always remember that you are my neighbors. (Prolonged applause)

INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
KINGSTON, NEW YORK
November 2, 1936, 3.25 P.M.

My friends, I could not pass up a good, old custom. (Applause)

This is the fifth time that I have come over to Kingston and Ulster County the day before election.

And I am over here not merely because a lot of my ancestors lived in Ulster County and I have got a lot of cousins over here, but also because, during the last four years, I have had to stick so much in Washington that I have not had much chance to get around and see my neighbors on the Hudson River.

I am glad today, driving down through Poughkeepsie and Wappingers Falls, and Beacon, and Newburgh, and up here through Marlboro and Highland, and coming here, I am glad to note that things are really better than they were four years ago. (Applause)

I am not going to talk politics but I do hope and I do believe that things will get still better in the next four years.

And so, let me thank you for coming out and giving me this reception. I hope to see you all again very soon.

Many thanks. (Prolonged applause)

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(Applause)

This is the fifth time that I have come over to

Kirkston and Uister County the day before election.

And I am over here not merely because a lot of

my ancestors lived in Uister County and I have got a lot

of cousins over here, but also because, during the last

four years, I have had to stick so much in Washington that

I have not had much chance to get around and see my neigh-

bors on the Hudson River.

I am glad today, driving down through Poughkeepsie

and Wappingers Falls, and Beacon, and Newburgh, and up here

through Katydown and Highlands, and coming here, I am glad

to note that things are really better than they were four

years ago. (Applause)

I am not going to talk politics but I do hope and

I do believe that things will get still better in the next

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me this reception. I hope to see you all again very soon.

Many thanks. (Prolonged applause)

INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
RHINEBECK, NEW YORK
November 2, 1936, 4.10 P.M.

(There were about 1,500 people in the audience.)
Mr. Crowley, a resident of Rhinebeck, introduced the President, explaining why, as a life-long Republican, he was going to vote for the President.)

My friends, you know I do not come to Rhinebeck to make a political speech.

Most of you people have heard me speak at Rhinebeck many, many times before, but I could not forego the chance to come here and say, "how do you do" to my old neighbors.

This is the fifth time in my life that I have made what might be called "the circle", leaving from Hyde Park and driving down on this side of the River to Beacon, going across to Newburgh and then up on the other side to Kingston and then to Rhinebeck. It is the fifth time and I believe it is going to be as lucky as it has been the last three times. (Applause)

And so, I just want to say "how do you do" to you again, and I hope that possibly in the next four years, when the conditions that Mr. Crowley has spoken of are a little easier in the White House, I shall be able to spend

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(There were about 1,500 people present.)
Mr. Crowley, a member of the House of Representatives, explained why, as a lifelong Republican, he was going to vote for the President.

My friends, you know I do not come to Rhinebeck

to make a political speech.

Most of you people have heard me speak at Rhinebeck

back many, many times before, but I could not forget the

chance to come here and say, "how do you do" to my old

neighbors.

This is the fifth time in my life that I have

made what might be called "the circle", leaving from Hyde

Park and driving down on this side of the River to Beacon,

going across to Newburgh and then up on the other side to

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I believe it is going to be as lucky as it has been the

last three times. (Applause)

And so, I just want to say "how do you do" to

you again, and I hope that possibly in the next four years,

when the conditions that Mr. Crowley has spoken of are a

little easier in the White House, I shall be able to spend

a little bit more of my time in Dutchess County. (Ap-
plause)

Thank you very much. I hope you will all vote,
regardless of party. (Prolonged applause)