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[Election Night]

INFORMAL, EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
to the members of a torch light parade
from Hyde Park and Poughkeepsie
Election Night, November 2, 1937.

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That's a pretty good record -- this is the third year hand running and are we proud!

I am awfully happy and it shows that the Democrats, incidentally, can win on a warm sunshiny day.

I am perfectly delighted that you all came down tonight. Of course, I haven't had anything to do with the race -- I have only been here ten days.

However, it is a grand party and we have got to have another one next year. I am very, very proud of the fact that, taking it by and large the government in the town of Hyde Park is becoming, I think, increasingly more efficient. That is why Elmer got the vote that he did today.

People in town elections do not vote any more because of what they think on tariff or on foreign affairs or other purely national problems. They are thinking about the individuals that they are voting for and they are thinking about the best man and that is one reason why democracy in the town of Hyde Park is growing and gaining.

And so as a finale, I am going to ask Elmer to make the first speech he has made in his campaign.

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