

# ROOSEVELT'S VISIT PLEASES BOWIE

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BOWIE, July 12.—This North Texas community gloried Tuesday in Monday's visit by President Roosevelt and his statement:

"I am glad to come to Bowie, because I have heard so much about it from two famous young men who came from here, Amon Carter and Jimmy Allred."

While the Chief Executive was making his platform appearance a basket of chicken and bread, like that which Carter as a youth once sold in Bowie, was presented to the President. A bouquet of flowers was presented to the Nation's leader by Mrs. James Allred Sr., mother of the Governor.

The visit to Bowie was made when President Roosevelt granted the request of Carter that the special train be stopped there briefly.

The old hotel where Carter sold chicken and bread was identified by a large sign, "Amon Carter's residence and hotel."

**"Needs a New Roof."**

"Your hotel looks like it needs a new roof," the President said as he viewed the dilapidated structure.

"How about a PWA grant to help me out on it?" Carter asked. The President promised to look into the matter.

The basket of the famous chicken and bread sandwiches was passed up to President Roosevelt by Maj. Ned Horton, secretary of the Bowie Chamber of Commerce. The President insisted on "buying" a sandwich, and pressed a dime into Carter's hand as the crowd cheered. Carter then briefly expressed the thanks of the people of Bowie for the President's unscheduled stop.

A letter in the basket from President Gary of the Bowie Chamber of Commerce told Roosevelt that "henceforward everything will be dated from the time President Roosevelt visited us."

"We note with considerable pride that two of Bowie's greatly beloved citizens accompany you," the letter continued. "We are rather proud of Amon and Jimmie in Bowie. They were pretty good workers when we knew them.

**"And Who Knows . . . ?"**

"And who knows? Jimmie may have, at this time, owned the barber shop in which he shined shoes; and Amon probably would have owned the imposing hotel in which he made probably the world's poorest waiter.

"May we point out to you, the imposing structure immediately on your left.

"This is Amon's hotel and is indicative of the big things that Amon was connected with at that time.

"We regret our inability to display the barber shop in which Jimmie did such noble work, but you may be assured that it contained, if our memory serves us right, two chairs."

Gary explained in his letter that Bowie "is known throughout America as the town that 'chicken and bread' built."

# Panhandle Grins With Rainmaker Roosevelt

AMARILLO, July 12.—This Panhandle country, which Monday night poured its thousands into Amarillo to greet President Roosevelt, sparkled Tuesday morning under a bright sun, and began drying off from the showers which drenched Roosevelt and nearly 100,000 who came to cheer, but dampened no spirits.

Traveling across the northern tier of Central West Texas counties, and over the plains of the Panhandle, the President thought, he told his sopping audience here, that it was a 100 to 1 bet it would not rain in Amarillo.

Teasing the vast crowd, assembled from all this Panhandle country—which means here, not only Texas, but parts of New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma—the showers came intermittently, beginning about 45 minutes before the Presidential special arrived.

After a lull, the rain began falling as Roosevelt emerged from his private car, but without hesitation he boarded a waiting automobile, its top folded back for the benefit of the waiting crowds.

## Endures Rain Gaily.

Through 24 blocks, walled with cheering humanity, he endured the rain gaily.

But he reserved his biggest grin for the thousands in Ellwood Park, many of whom had spent the entire day there to hold vantage points, and they gave him an ovation that drowned out a massed band for approximately five minutes.

Riding in the President's car in the procession were Governor Allred, Mayor Ross D. Rogers of Amarillo, and his son, Elliott.

Originally, Congressman Marvin Jones, who received a tribute in the President's address, had been assigned to the car. But Roosevelt insisted that Allred should have a seat.

It was a great day for Amarillo, as Rogers told the President's audience, in one of the brief introductory talks. It was a great day for Allred, who had learned from the President at Wichita Falls of his appointment as judge of the new South Texas Federal Court.

## Monument Is Planned.

Rogers told the crowd that the ground under the speaker's stand had been dedicated to Roosevelt and that on the spot a beautiful shaft would be erected in honor of his visit and as a token of gratitude for what he had done for the Panhandle country.

Then he introduced "Judge Allred." To many in the audience, his appointment, announced Monday midday, still was news, and he was given an ovation.

Jones presented the President. Smiling in the rain, wearing no raincoat and with no shelter from the pelting downpour, Roosevelt lifted his hat, waved it at the cheering crowd, then handed it to Elliott Roosevelt.

He immediately began joking with the crowd about the rain, evoking gales of laughter. Then he launched into his address.

All the way from Fort Worth he had been occupied with remarks about soil and water conservation, and this was the theme of his address here, where these policies and the government's aid in carrying them out have removed the vestiges of the 1931-36 drouth.

## Whoops and Cheers.

But with the rain streaming from his face, the significance of "water" was irresistibly appealing to his sense of humor. Every time he pronounced the word he paused and the crowd appreciatively whooped and cheered.

He chose to say, in conclusion, that the rain was a happy omen, and it is likely that these words will be graven on the monument that will mark the site of his speaking.

Roosevelt complimented the band, which comprised musicians from 65 cities and towns and was assembled at the suggestion of Editor Gene Howe of the Amarillo News-Globe.

Commenting that in the East, communities assembling bands of 500 members would lay claims to world records, he said, "here you form a band of 2,500 and think nothing of it. It shows what you can do with the Panhandle."

He referred to the world's largest bouquet, presented to Mrs. Roosevelt here during the Mother-in-Law

Day celebration March 9, and conveyed her personal greetings.

## Compliments Jones.

Roosevelt paid a strong compliment to Representative Jones of this district, who, he remarked, had been inviting him to Amarillo for six years.

"We are fortunate," he said, "in having as chairman of the Agriculture Committee of the House of Representatives a man who has a well-rounded knowledge of the agriculture problems in every part of the United States. He and I have discussed many times the great objective of putting agriculture and cattle-raising on a safe basis—giving assurances to those who engage in these pursuits that they will not be broke one year and flush the next. We need a great permanency and greater annual security for those who use the soil."

Before coming here, he had paid other tribute to Jones. At Childress, entering Jones' district, he said he was "glad indeed to come to Marvin Jones' district."

He added that he and Senator Connally, who was a member of the train party, had been joking with Jones, telling him they were expecting to find agricultural conditions in his district better than anywhere else in the country.

## McFarlane Complimented.

At Wichita Falls, Roosevelt had complimented Congressman W. D. McFarlane of Graham. At Chilli-cothe, McFarlane introduced him as "the greatest humanitarian the country has ever known."

Here, in his address, he spoke of Lyndon Johnson, Austin, and Maury Maverick, San Antonio, also traveling with him, as his friends, each with his particular problem of land use and protection.

And he capped the whole theme of his Texas talks with the conclusion that "money spent for the building of ponds and small lakes, for the damming of rivers, for planting shelterbelts, for other forms of afforestation, for putting plow land back into grass—is money well spent.

"It pays to do it, not only for this generation, but for the children who will succeed to the land a few years hence."

## Meets Quadruplets.

First stops of the President's special, after it left Fort Worth Monday morning, were Bowie and Bellevue. At Wichita Falls a crowd estimated at 40,000 greeted the President. At Childress, among those who shook hands with Roosevelt were the famous Keys quadruplets, who came from their home in Hollis, Okla., to greet him.

At Clarendon, where still another great throng awaited the arrival of the special, Allred, Jones and Senator Connally were on the rear platform as the train stopped.

Allred was introducing Jones, when the latter suggested that the Senator be presented instead.

"All Texas today delights to pay its tribute of admiration and loyalty to President Roosevelt," Connally said. He praised Jones as "one of the ablest and most useful members of Congress." He then presented Roosevelt, who received a tremendous ovation as he stepped out on the platform.

He told the Clarendon crowd he had been hearing about their section of Texas from Jones at least once a week for the last five and a half years.

## Red, White and Blue Rain.

Roosevelt made a great joke of the rain here, and cheered up the hardworking Amarillo committees, which had viewed the dripping skies with dismay.

His attitude was instantly communicated to the bedraggled crowd and everywhere along the 24-block route of his drive to Ellwood Park, his famous and infectious smile was duplicated.

Nothing was calamitous after the President arrived.

By dint of hard sewing, women of the Red Cross had constructed a huge flag, which was swung across the line of parade at Third and Polk Streets.

Crowds assembled there received extra drenchings from the flapping flag.

And the water that soaked them was not ordinary water. It was red, white and blue water—for the col-

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on his trip, he said, is "the growing understanding that everybody seems to have of our national problems."

Roosevelt told the crowd "it is good to be back here," then said he wasn't sure whether he would be back here or not. He said he saw in a Denver paper that it was the first time in 20 years a President had been to Pueblo.

"I was wondering whether I was dreaming that I came here in 1936 or whether I wasn't President then.

"It seems we've had a good agricultural year," he added, "even down in the dust bowl."

He told about "getting soaking wet" in Amarillo where he spoke Monday.

From Pueblo the presidential train was routed northwestward for the scenic beauties of the Royal Gorge. A sightseeing stop is scheduled for Hanging Bridge.

## ROOSEVELT-GARNER MESSAGES REVEALED.

EN ROUTE WEST WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 12 (INS).

The now famous exchange of telegrams between President Roosevelt and Vice President Garner as the President's special train passed through Texas follows:

The Vice President to the President: "Welcome to the best State in the Union and as fine and wholesome a people as there is in the Republic. I regret being unable to greet you in flesh, but I have two good reasons. First, it is too far to walk, and, second, I am now working for a living. Pleasant journey to you."

The President to the Vice President: "Many thanks. Hope the fishing is good and the work not too strenuous. Wet a line for me. All best wishes to you and our Number One Boss."

Garner's home at Uvalde is far southwest of the President's route. The cordial language in the telegrams was designed to dispell any impression that there had been any serious rift between the two.

ors of the homemade flag were not fast.

Picturesque cowboy regalia was everywhere evident along the President's course, but the cow country, in tribute to a peace-loving President, left its "shooting irons" at home.

### Borger Closes Shop.

Most unusual turnout, possibly, was that of the Tukumcari delegation, 150 strong, each member of which wore a pair of big jack rabbit ears on his lapel.

Most enthusiastic town was Borger, which closed up shop for the day to come to Amarillo. All city employes except a few firemen and policemen were given a full holiday for the occasion.

Busiest people were Roy Cullum, Amarillo's general chairman; Lawrence Hagy, Amarillo oil operator, who drove the President's car; Police Capt. Sid Harper, a former Fort Worth boy, who directed traffic, and Clay Thornton, traffic chairman, who rustled sandwiches for the 225 National Guardsmen and 75 or more policemen and other peace officers on traffic duty.

Everything imaginable was pressed into service for rain protection by the crowd, which would not give up its places.

Oddest looking were the hundreds who had provided themselves with folding chairs.

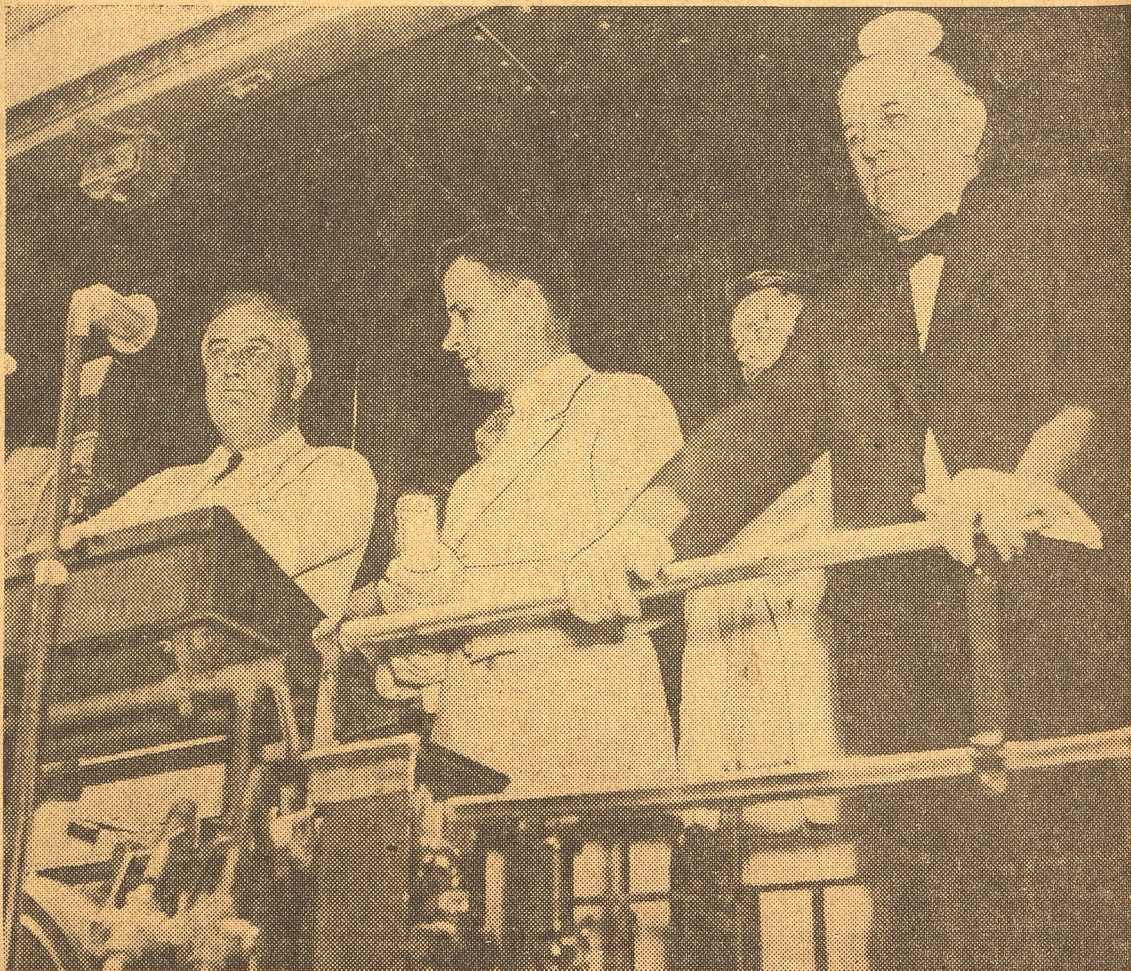
When the rain began the chairs became umbrellas.

The rain came down until President Roosevelt returned to his train, to continue his trip to Pueblo, Colo.

Then the clouds dispersed and a bright moon lighted the homegoing throngs.

Accidents were reduced to a minimum by careful supervision of urban and rural traffic. In Amarillo, only one spectator fainted—a small boy, who was quickly revived.

## As Roosevelt Names Governor Allred Federal Judge



In this stop at Wichita Falls Monday President Roosevelt (left) named a new federal judge for the Southern judicial district of Texas—Governor All-

red (center), to whom the President presented a commission. U. S. Senator Connally stands at right. Allred is expected to resign the Governorship early

in the Fall to assist in clearing the heavy docket. The appointment was not altogether a surprise, as Allred had been rumored for the post for some time.

# Proving to the Panhandle That the President Can 'Take It' and With His Famous Smile

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT convinced the Panhandle that he could "take it," by consistently smiling in the rain that drenched him during practically his entire stay in Amarillo. It was still rain-

ing when he made a few last farewells at his train. He is shown in the picture at the left, shaking hands with Congressman Lyndon Johnson. Mayor Ross D. Rogers of Amarillo is still seated

in the presidential car, at Roosevelt's left. Secretary McIntyre is at his right. The center picture, taken during the drive through the city, shows the President, Mayor Rogers and Governor Allred

greeting the sopping crowds. At right, on the platform in Ellwood Park, making light of the rain. With him are his son, Elliott, Allred, Amon Carter of Fort Worth and other members of his party.