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The Torch

"Today, as we move against the terrible scourge of war—as we go forward toward the greatest contribution that any generation of human beings can make in this world, the contribution of lasting peace—I ask you to keep your faith."

THESE words are taken from the last public address to be prepared by Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The address was to have been delivered by radio to the Jefferson Day dinners scheduled for Saturday night, April 14. The dinners were not held, for, on the sunny afternoon of April 12, in the village of Warm Springs, Ga., the mortal lips of the principal speaker were forever stilled.

It is fitting that the word "Faith" should appear among the last words of the great man who was our President through twelve of the most fearful years in history. Had he not learned the meaning of faith through the painful and the then almost hopeless effects of infantile paralysis that struck him low in full manhood?

Who else but one who had found personal faith could have led this nation through the valley of doubt we call "The Depression" and upward to the activated social consciousness? And now, the faith that brought us through depression is bringing us through war and nearer and nearer to the time when the peoples of the world shall learn to live together in peace.

Had our Commander-in-Chief known that this was to be his last order to his people, we think he would have let it stand:

"I ask you to keep your faith."

Man From Missouri

IT MUST be a difficult thing for any man elected to the high responsibility of President of the United States to so conduct himself on his first day in office as to inspire confidence among both political friends and enemies. Yet, President Harry S. Truman, on whom the mantle fell so unexpectedly, has done just that.

Welcome to the waiting nation and our allies was the statement that the new administration was pledged to "no change of purposes or break in continuity" with foreign policy established by President Roosevelt.

The precedent shattering gesture of President Truman in going to the capitol for a luncheon conference with congressional leaders, Republicans included, was a gracious thing. It creates the feeling that here is a friendly man with whom even those of divergent political philosophies will work for the common good.

Arriving at the White House at 9:00 o'clock on the dot President Truman went to the oval executive offices where conferences were held with Secretary of State Stettinius and the war chiefs. Perhaps one of the most reassuring meetings of the day was with the recently resigned War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes, who flew from his home in Spartanburg, S. C. to offer his services as a private citizen.

In a hall of the capitol the President saw a group of reporters well known to him. After thanking them for their good wishes he said in humble sincerity, "Boys, if you ever pray, pray for me now." It was an auspicious first day.



The Macon County Supply Company

Wishes to express its sincere sympathy for the loss of our President. . . . We think he was a great American.

Iotla

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ward were visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Poindexter Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Cunningham has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mrs. Billy Barnard and Violet went to Asheville Friday to take treatment for her eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ramsey went to Asheville last Saturday on business.

Roy Ramsey was visiting his sister in Canton last weekend.

Miss Ruth Poindexter and Miss Violet Barnard visited Mrs. Verlon Poindexter in Waynesville Sunday.

Leland Roper has been remodeling his house the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Sykes, of Atlanta, Ga., announce the birth of a son, David Conley, on March 24, at the Georgia Baptist hospital, Atlanta. Mrs. Sykes was before her marriage, Miss Georgia Conley, of Franklin.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness shown us in the recent death of our father, and particularly do we want to thank the members of the census department for their presence, cooperation and lovely floral offerings from the head office in Shelby, N. C. Also for the many beautiful flowers from neighbors, friends and kinsmen in the immediate community.

James M. Raby and Brothers and Sisters.

Mrs. Jennie Barnard is very sick at her home on Iotla.



In the passing of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our greatest president, let it spur us on to work for victory and permanent peace.

Franklin Army Store

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$51,000 REFUNDING BONDS OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP IN MACON COUNTY

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Macon, North Carolina, as follows:

1. Bonds of Franklin Township in the County of Macon, North Carolina, of the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$51,000 are hereby authorized to be issued for the purpose of refunding a like amount of valid existing indebtedness of said Township evidenced by its \$51,000 4 3/4% Refunding Road Bonds dated January 1, 1937 and payable January 1, 1967, which bonds are redeemable prior to their maturity at their face amount on any semiannual interest payment date (January 1 & July 1) thereof.
2. This order shall take effect upon its passage and shall not be submitted to the voters.

The foregoing order has been introduced under Article 3, of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. A tax will be levied for the payment of the proposed bonds and interest thereon, if the same shall be issued. Any citizen or taxpayer may protest against the issuance of such bonds at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to be held at 10 o'clock, A. M., May 7, 1945, or an adjournment thereof.

LAKE V. SHOPE,
Clerk Board of Commissioners
A19-1tc

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of J. O. Harrison, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of March, 1946, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 12th day of March, 1945.
AMY HARRISON,
Executrix

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of Mrs. H. A. Jones, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of April, 1946, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 6th day of April, 1945.
Dock Carpenter, Executor
365 Haywood Road,
W. Asheville, N. C.

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The people of the world have lost a great friend and leader in the passing of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. To him we pay our highest tribute.



Baldwin & Liner

FEED STORE
Palmer Street



WE DEEPLY mourn the passing of our great leader and benefactor, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and having lived under his leadership will ever be a living inspiration to help us carry on until peace and freedom is won.

M. BLUMENTHAL



WE dedicate this to the memory of a Great Wartime leader who died almost in the very hour of victory to which he led the way—

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

We bow in humble reverence to the Great American and Statesman

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