

ANNA ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: A CHRONOLOGY

- October 11, 1884 born in New York City: Parents were Elliott (younger brother of Theodore) and Anna Hall (direct descendant of Robert Livingston).
- Fall, 1889 Elliott Roosevelt, Jr. born (brother)
- June 2, 1891 (Gracie) Hall was born (brother)
- June 7, 1891 her parents separated
- 1892 Her mother died of diptheria; she went to live with Grandmother Hall in Tivoli, N.Y.
- 1893 her brother, Hall, died
- 1894 Elliott Roosevelt (father) died from alcoholism
- 1899-1902 attended Allenswood School in England
- 1904 met her 5th cousin Franklin at Campobello Island off the coast of Maine
- March 17, 1905 Franklin and Eleanor married in New York City (Theodore Roosevelt gave the bride away); the couple lived in NYC (in a house bought and decorated by Franklin's mother) while FDR finished law school at Columbia University
- May 3, 1906 daughter Anna born
- 1907 son James born (called Rosy and later Squire James)
- March 18, 1909 son Franklin Delano, Jr. born /died of influenza in November
- September 23, 1910 son Elliot born
- 1913 Franklin appointed Secretary of the Navy and family moved to Washington, D.C.
- August 17, 1914 2nd son named Fraklin Delano, Jr. born (called brother)
- March 13, 1916 son John born
- 1920 Eleanor joined League of Women Voters

DEAR MRS. ROOSEVELT

1. For each letter you read, complete the following information, as best you can:

AUTHOR
name:

age:

sex:

home state:

occupation:

family situation:

PARTICULAR PROBLEM
OF THE AUTHOR

WHICH LARGER
DEPRESSION PROBLEM
IS REFLECTED HERE?

WHAT DOES THE WRITER
WANT FROM MRS.
ROOSEVELT?

***SELECT ONE PARTICULAR LETTER THAT YOU FIND STRIKING AND PREPARE TO
DESCRIBE IT TO THE CLASS.

CONCLUSIONS (to be discussed with the class as a whole):

What was a policy developed during the New Deal that would have dealt with each of these needs?

✓ My Dear Friend. FEB 24 1937 ^{2/24/37}

It must be Gods will for me to write this letter to you. I have six poor little children and I am teaching them to live for Jesus. They go to church and Sunday School every Sunday. I love my children I have four girls and two Boys. and I want to bring them up to be Christians. I dont want to do any thing bad to get money to cloth them Please dont mention this. but if it is Gods will could you help me. I would like to have them all look nice and neat for Easter. They all have parts to sing and speak. two of them get Baptised. I am thankful for any little gift. Please dont get angry. that I am writing you. This it is a message Please do just as you feel. May God be with you

and bless you.

Your loving friend.

Mrs Vroman.

924 Strong Street.

Schenectady.

N.Y.

February 28, 1937

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My dear Mrs. Vroman:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to acknowledge your letter for her. She is very sorry indeed that she cannot comply with your wishes, but owing to the large number of similar requests it is impossible for her to do as you ask.

Assuring you of her regret that she cannot help you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Malvina T. Scheider
Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Mrs. Vroman
924 Strong Street
Schenectady
New York

mlt
mlt

December 7, 1938

91 Royal Ave.

Buffalo, N.Y.

WJ
12/10/38

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I am writing to ask you
to help me out.

I have a little baby two
months old and my husband is
working but receiving only \$15.00
a week.

We have several debts
amounting to \$400.00, unless we
get the money to pay it up
we will lose all our furniture.

You know how bill collectors
are they want their money or
else they will take the furniture.

I am asking you if you
will be so kind as to lend me
\$400 so that I can pay my
furniture out. I will pay you back
\$20 a month plus the interest you
will want for borrowing the money.

II

I am writing to you because I have confidence ^{in you} and know that you will try to help me out.

I am only 22 years old and certainly couldn't stand the strain of losing my furniture; it would mean the breaking up of our cheerful little home -

My husband does all he can to find a job which pays more but it is so hard. If you will lend us the money then I know we will be happiest people to think that someone saved us our home.

Please let me know whether or not we can borrow the money - We will pay it back as quick as we can.

I'll be praying and hoping you will save us.

Yours truly

Mrs F. Biringer

91 Royal Ave.

Buffalo, N.Y.

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ack 3-24-34

42-06 159 Street

Flushing, New York

Mar. 22, 1934

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Please excuse the paper I have never asked anybody for anything before and I feel kind of awkward writing this so please excuse any mistakes.

I am in my second term in Flushing High School and have managed to buy notebooks and pad so far. This being the spring term spring football is in session. This being my favorite sport I am trying out for the team. I managed to loan from a boy friend shoulder pad, helmet, and football pants but he didn't have any luck in securing a pair of football shoes. Practice started yesterday. I wore sneakers and had my ankle cut by a fellow with shoes on. I came home last night and spoke to my parents about getting a pair of shoes.

I'm sure they would like me to have these but my father, who works three days a week ^{makes only \$13.44} and on the Long Island State Park Commission, said we could not afford the

I thought one of your sons may have
an old pair of football shoes they do not use
now. I wear size eight.

Please answer even if you can't do
anything for me.

Thanking You in advance,
Clifford Kolb.

Ms. A. 8. 1944

AL 11

VIII
Rayville, Louisiana
Route #2,

February 27, 1944

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House, Washington
Washington D.C.

Dear Madam:

I am a twelve year old girl of a Richland Parish farm. I am very much against the white people mixing with the colored. The way you are acting about the white associating with the Negroes is infuriating many southern people. I suggest (although you may think I am rather young to be giving you advice) that you drop the whole matter and return to your senses. Many other southerners think so, too, but it seems that none of them will write you.

What I think about white girls dancing and associating with the colored, and you entertaining them at the White House, I am not able to put into words. It may be the Yankee way of trying to be famous,

but you will not win fame in this way. I believe that even the Negroes, at least the respectable ones, will not do the things that you think they should do.

I will not go to school with a Negro. Even if you should have your way, I will finish my education at home.

I hope I haven't seemed impolite, for I do not really mean to be. I am only giving you my personal opinion. I usually do all my own thinking.

I realize you are a very busy lady, and travel very much, (which is not at all patriotic, but may be necessary,) but I do hope you will answer my letter, personally, and correct all of the mistakes I have made of you.

I am grateful to you for reading this. I hope I haven't offended you.

Yours Truly,
Alma Vivian Lester

U. S. S. Santee
C/O Fleet Post Office
N. Y. C., N. Y.
December 3, 1943

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White House
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Roosevelt:

The world is impressed by your humanitarian effort to bring about a stronger relation to all mankind, regardless of race, creed or color. You have electrified the determination of my people (the Negro) in their onward struggle for the rights that is naturally theirs. No, you have not denied your friendship to any particular group due to darker pigmentation of their skin.

Mrs. Roosevelt, Hitler's race theory must be destroyed, not only abroad but right here in America. As the great emancipator uttered a house divided cannot stand.

As you, there are few but I pray that God send more as you.

Respectfully
Alonso Altus Adams
(United States Navy)

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April 23 1935

Pineville N.C.

April 20 1935

Mrs. Roosevelt

Dear Madam

I understand that you help the needy, I would appreciate it very much if you would give me a suit of clothes I've been out of work a long time and I believe if I had a suit of clothes I would have a chance of getting a job. My age is 45 yrs my height is 5ft 5 in weight 145 lb. If you won't do this please don't expose my name

yours truly

R. P. Gordon

Pineville N.C.

Rec'd
3/5/34

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Philadelphia
Pa

Wm. ...

Jan 18 - 34

Dear Madam -

I am writing this letter
 to you personal. because the president
 could not be burden with letters of this kind
 I have not maid a cent in three years
 And I cannot get work of any kind
 I am a painter by trade and I can also do
 carpenter work and I am very handy at any
 line of work. now Mrs Roosevelt I wish you
 would do me one good favour
 I would like to get work on the 5th hiker
 ship if you would wright a very nice letter
 to the Frigidaire sales coporation

I am inclosing a small photo
so you may see what kind of a man
I am hoping I may hear from the
Trinidadian Sales Corporation and may
God bless you and yours in all you
may do for me

yours truly

William J. Fletcher

113 South 43rd St

Philadelphia

P.A.

It would get me work about the ship
I would love to see this world before I die
But it takes some one with influence
more if you would do that you would
do me a great favor I am very
respectable and have no bad habits
I am a single man I have only my self
to take care of and I find it hard to do
that I am living with a sister of mine
for 17 years and I cannot pay my bro
if I can only get work on the Sixth Parker
and go around this world I would be a
happy man on this earth

Please do all you can do for me and
I know God will answer my prayer

RECORDED FROM POLICE AT THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS OFFICE

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Dec 21 1934

Alliance, Ohio
December 5, 1934

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

My name is Katherine

I go to Alliance High School. I am eighteen years old and a senior.

We live on a small farm near Freeburgh Ohio. My father has been out of work for five years. A girl can't get nearly small necessities in life when there is no income. At noon I walk down town and see the pretty clothes but can not get them.

Student

The letter is to ask you were you
with your old clothes. My mother
makes over what few I get but that
isn't many. There is three from our
family in High School, so there isn't
much chance for me or sister & sister.
getting any. I wonder if you
would send me your old dresses
mother could make me a couple
dresses for school or anything? They
would be greatly appreciated I am
sure.

I am five feet six, ~~with~~ wear 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
shoes, dark brown eyes and hair,
medium complexion and skinny.
I weigh only 100 lbs.

I am writing this letter in
school and have one eye on the
teacher so I am not writing as much
as I can. The address is

Miss Athene

P. H. 1

Alliance, Ohio

P.S. You may wonder why the fancy
stationery but it was given to me
for my birthday.

I hope you can send me a few that aren't
needed by you
(Please do not publish this)

6007-21 ave.,
HOPEWELL, VIRGINIA

11/23/30
Mrs. J. H. Roosevelt
Washington, D. C.

My dear Lady:

My Husband and I are white folks and American born. We have been married for 30 years, and have always been in a position to provide for ourselves until the depression began, and my husband is one among the unemployed he is now 67 years old. We are Church going and God loving people. He has been acting (or rather serving) as Superintendent of fund school for more than 30 years and we try to live right. But it seems as tho, oh well, things just look darker; we have two sons but one of them is married and his income is scarcely over \$13 dollars a week, and the younger son is clerking in a Grocery Store and only makes \$10 dollars a week, of which we are very thankful that they have that. But that barely suffices for the necessities and our home is not paid for and our boys are trying to finish paying for that, so you see our position. and I wonder if you would please help me I need a winter coat and of course I cannot purchase one myself. if you have an old discarded coat would you please send it to me, or is that asking too much? never before in my life have I found it necessary to ask for help. my bust measure is 38 in. if you will be kind enough to help me it will

HOPEWELL, VIRGINIA

be the joy of my life to see you more have a coat.
and to know that you give it to me, I know
I would appreciate it in the morning and you
will be rewarded for it. I know it is more
blessed to give than to receive.
may the Lord Bless you and yours whether you
choose to help me or not. We have heard Mr. Rose
speak over the "radio" that is our only chance of
hearing him. may you have many happy years
to live and and serve.

Sincerely

Mrs. K. K. Scott

631 Second St. ✓

Ravenna O.

The President of U.S.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt;

I am Mrs. Herbert Proctor, wife of the chair-
man of the Colored Democratic Club of Portage
County. My husband and I have worked

diligently for the party for the past twelve
years controlling hundreds of votes.

Besides this we have given our time effort
and money to the Red Cross, Civilian Defense
Sold War bonds and have bought War Bonds.

All this beside raising six fine children
that would be a credit to any Country.

Now my problem is this, I have a son in
the service in Texas and he is being
treated worse than a prisoner of war.

My son was an honor student win-
ning medals of bronze, silver and gold in
speech. He had bestowed upon him the
degrees of Merit, Honor, Excellence, and
Distinction by the National Forensic League
so I know I am wright in feeling that

he is deserving of ^{the} same treatment. This is serious something must be done quickly about this awful thing. He is a Northern born boy and an American citizen and he believes in what he is being trained to fight for. He will retaliate such treatment as he is receiving and I do not want one hair of his head harmed by those Godless white people. To think he has to fight for such people. I am enclosing a copy of one of his letters so you will know first hand just what our boys have to put up with. Oh. Please do something about this awful thing. For twelve years we have fought for you will you please do something for us. See that our boys get the same privileges that the white boys do. As long as our Government upholds segregation discrimination and all will just that long will it exist. Yours in the name of God and all that America stands for. Very Respectfully
Mrs. Herbert Proctor ✓

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ack 7-10-34

Augusta Ga
July 7th 1934

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am a boy of eleven. And have
to walk five miles to school.
Will you please send me
a bicycle as all the boys
~~and~~ around me have
bicycles. and there are even
children in the family and
dad is unable to buy me
one.

With many thanks.

Your friend
Charles Edmondson

Box 240 No. 1

256-Co. E.E.C.
Blue Mt. Camp #25
Peekeebill
New York
September 9, 1933

Dear Boss,

I'll address you this way for two reasons, first you seem to be a pretty regular guy, second you are the boss. (That's pretty logical if it isn't let me know.)

I don't know why I write a letter to you. I think its more to see just what you would do.

We have here I think one of the best camps that could possibly be established. The country and the hills here make you think there is no such thing as a city.

I wont waste your time writing a letter about what work I have done and all I should have done.

Enclosed you will find a copy

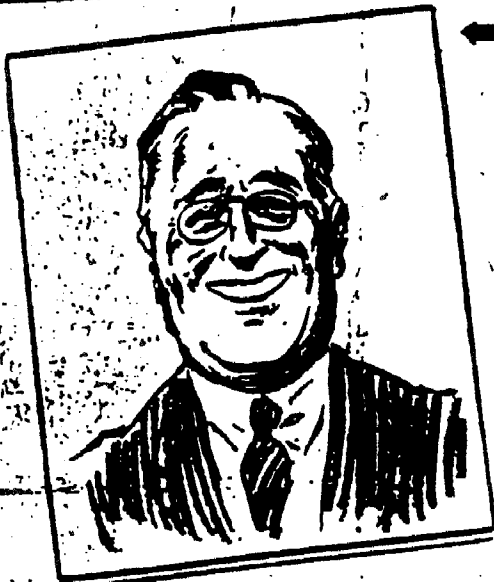
of our camp newspaper. If you like it let me know. If you don't like it make believe I didn't even send it. I'll know then what you think about it.

Anytime you are around this part of the country, Drop in and see us we are always home.

I can't sign this letter with love and kisses because I'm not in love with you. So I'll just sign off with

Your pal,
Bill - Hand Jr

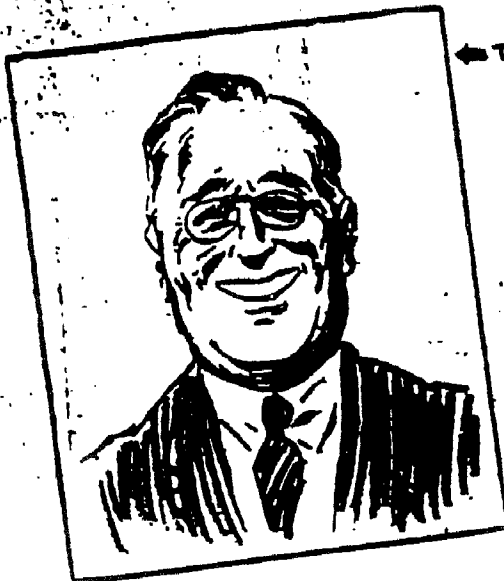
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← THE CANDIDATE



THE ISSUE →



← THE CAMPAIGN



THE RESULT →

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Anyway, They Have Agreed on One Thing.

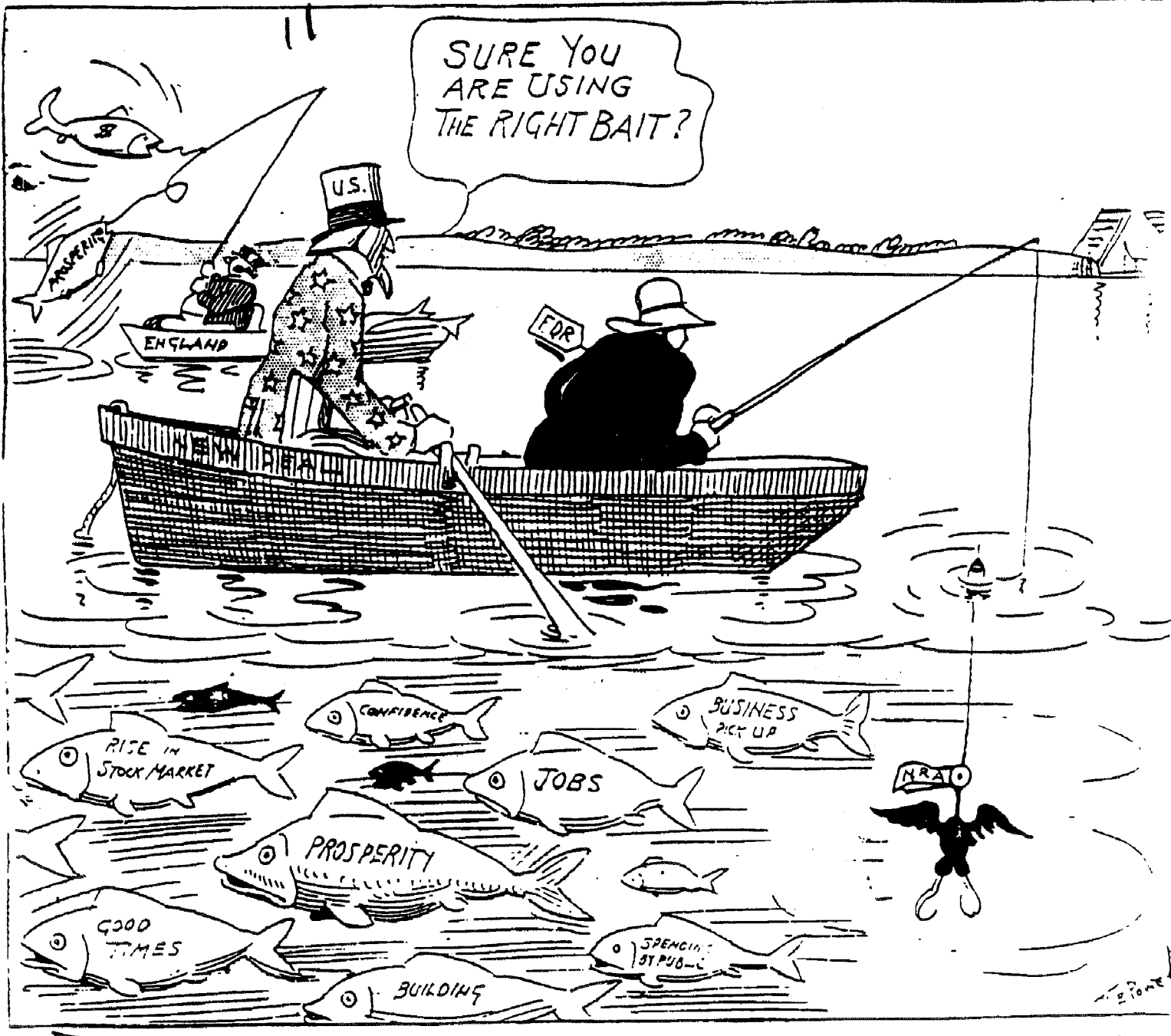
No Bites:—

Eagles Scare
the Fish

By T. E. Power

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SURE YOU
ARE USING
THE RIGHT BAIT?



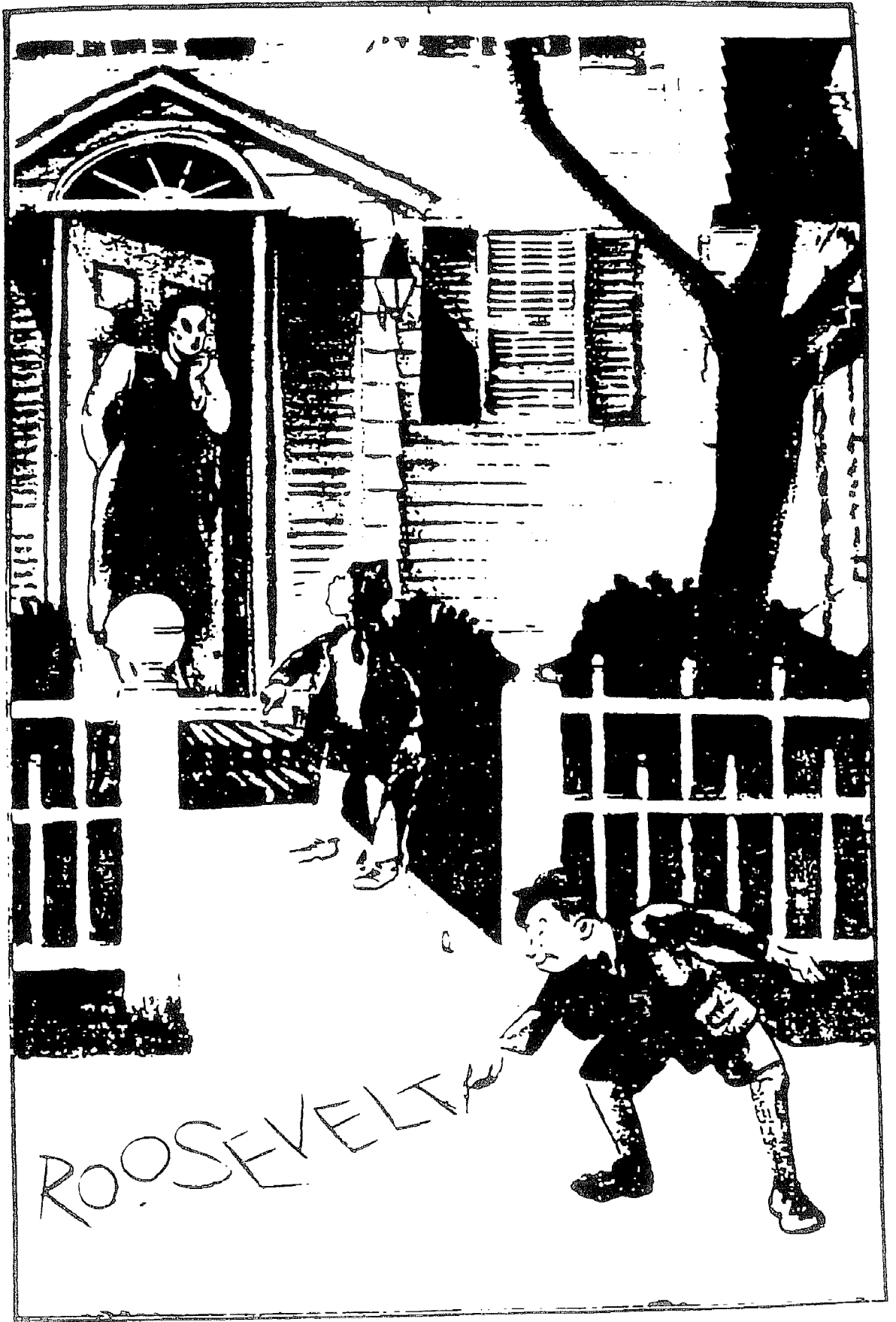
WHEN A KITE GOES WRONG, THERE'S BUT ONE THING TO DO

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With a Fly in It





MOTHER, WILFRID WROTE A BAD WORD

EXPERT CHISELING





The Veterinary Says Your Horse Is Dead!

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His First Girl



CLIPPING FROM
DENVER COLO NEWS
MARCH 3, 1933

THAT 'NEW DEAL'



'Open Your Mouth and Shut Your Eyes!'

By Nels
Hardin



"Come, little boy, just open wide
And shut your eyes, for I'll decide
What medicine is best for you,
So take this pill and like it, too.

"Although you may not like the taste
Just swallow nicely, and make haste.
You'll have to take the dose on trust,
And 'have to,' as you know, means MUST!"

MAR 31 1934

BURIED—FOR HOW LONG?

By MORRIS



CARTOON ANALYSIS SHEET

LEVEL ONE

1. List the objects or people you see in the cartoon.
2. Identify the cartoon caption and/or title.
3. Locate three words or phrases used by the cartoonist to identify objects or people within the cartoon.

LEVEL TWO

1. Which of the objects on your list are symbols?
2. What do you think each symbol means?
3. Which words or phrases in the cartoon appear to be the most significant? Why do you think so?
4. List adjectives that describe the emotions portrayed in the cartoon.

LEVEL THREE

1. Describe the action taking place in the cartoon.
2. Explain how the words in the cartoon clarify the symbols.
3. Explain the message of the cartoon.
4. What special interest groups would agree/disagree with the cartoon's message? Why?

DEPRESSION INTERVIEW

Select a person over the age of 75

Possible questions to be used:

1. Where did you live during the Great Depression from 1929-39?
2. What do you remember about school?
3. What do you remember about incomes? Example...What did your father do?
4. Did you have a job? How much money did you make?
5. Tell me about the lives of people during that time...Example Did most people have a car? Did you go to the movies? What did young people do for fun?
6. What did you think of Hoover as a president?
7. What did you think of FDR as a president?
8. What were the major hardships suffered by your family during the depression?
9. What do you remember as being the worst aspect of life during the depression?
10. What do you remember as being the best aspect of life during the depression?
11. Were there any people or agencies that helped made life easier for you or your family during the depression?
12. What did you think of FDR's New Deal program?
13. Were you or your family personally affected by any of the New Deal programs?
14. Do you think that living through the depression made a difference in the rest of your life? If so, what difference did it make?

DEPRESSION SHOPPING LIST

The prices given for the various items are from the year 1933 at the height of the depression. Using various means, indicate the current prices of the item in the spaces given.

1933 Pontiac sedan	\$585.00	_____
Chevrolet standard pickup truck	650.00	_____
Women's wool dress	1.95	_____
Ladies dress shoes	1.79	_____
Men's wool suit	10.50	_____
Men's dress shoes	3.85	_____
Double-bed sheet	.67	_____
Wool blanket	1.00	_____
Electric iron	2.00	_____
Vacuum cleaner	18.75	_____
Deluxe washing machine	47.95	_____
Deluxe sewing machine	24.95	_____
8-piece Dining Room set	46.50	_____
Dental filling	1.00	_____
Cigarettes, per pack	.15	_____
Alarm clock, electric	2.00	_____
Portable typewriter	19.75	_____
Kodak Brownie camera	2.50	_____
Automobile tire	6.00	_____
Gasoline (per gallon)	.18	_____
Tricycle	3.98	_____
Basketball	1.00	_____
Sirlon steak (per pound)	.20	_____
Bacon (per pound)	.22	_____
Gallon of milk	.39	_____
Dozen eggs	.29	_____
Margarine (per pound)	.13	_____
Loaf of bread	.05	_____
Coffee (per pound)	.26	_____
Sugar (per pound)	.05	_____
Modern 3-bedroom house/garage	2,600.00	_____
Airlines ticket round trip--		
New York to Chicago	86.31	_____
Chicago to Los Angeles	207.00	_____

THE CLASS OF 1938 B.C.
(Before Computers)

We were before the pill and the population explosion which, inexplicably, went hand in hand.

We were before television. Before penicillin, polio shots, antibiotics and frisbees. Before frozen food, nylon, dacron, Xerox and Kinsey. We were before radar, florescent lights, credit cards and ballpoint pens. For us, time sharing meant togetherness, not computers or vacation homes. A chip meant a piece of wood: hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word.

In our time, closets were for clothes, not for coming out of, and a book about two young women living together in Europe could be called "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay". In those days bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. We were before Grandma Moses and Frank Sinatra and cup-sizing for bras.

We were before Batman, Grapes of Wrath, Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer and Snoopy. Before DDT and vitamin pills, Vodka (in the U.S.) and the white wine craze, disposable diapers, jeeps and the Jefferson nickel. Before Scotch Tape, Grand Coulee Dam, M&M's, the automatic shift and Lincoln Continentals.

When we were in college, pizzas, Cheerios, frozen orange juice, instant coffee and McDonalds were unheard of. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent.

We were before FM radio, tape recorders, electric typewriters, word processors, Muzak, electronic music and disco dancing.

Almost no one flew across the country and trans-atlantic flight belonged to Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart. We were before Israel and the United Nations. Before India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Iceland and the Phillipines were independent countries. Since our graduation, 92 countries-48 of them African-have become independent nations.

We were before pantyhose and drip-dry clothes. Before ice makers and dishwashers, clothes dryers, freezers and electric blankets. Before Hawaii and Alaska became states. Before men wore long hair and earrings, and women wore tuxedos.

We were before Leonard Bernstein, yogurt, Ann Landers, plastics, hair dryers, the 40-hour work week and the minimum wage. We got married first and then lived together-how quaint can you be?

In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, coke was something you drank and pot was something you cooked in.

We were before coin vending machines, jet planes, helicopters and interstate highways. In 1935 our schools were not de-segregated and blacks were not allowed to play in the major leagues. Made in Japan meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did on an exam.

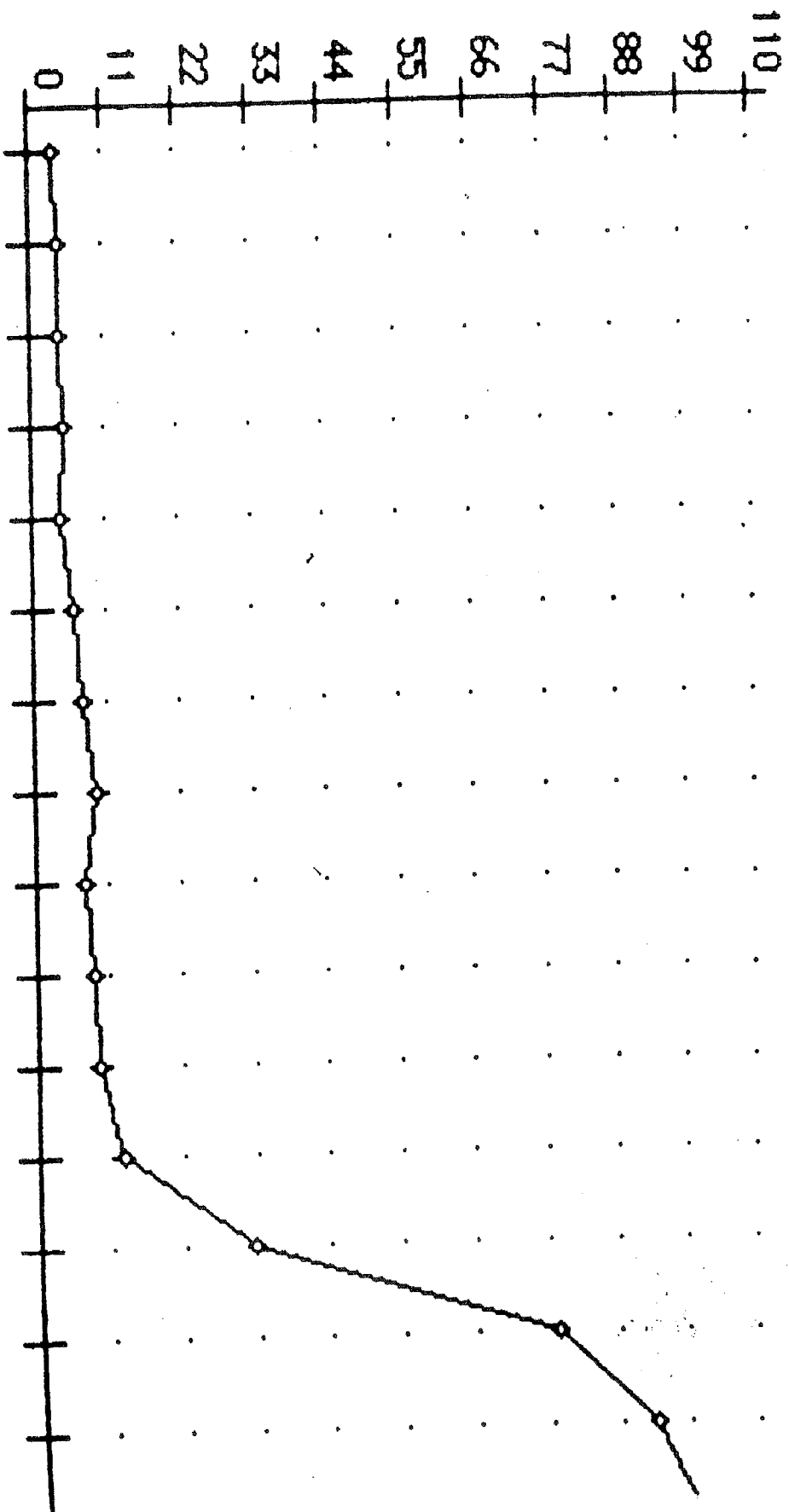
In our time, there were five-and-ten-cent stores where you could buy things for five and ten cents. For just one nickel you could ride the subway or ride the ferry or make a phone call, buy a Coke or buy enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy coupe for \$659, but who could afford that in 1935? A pity, too, because gas was eleven cents a gallon.

If anyone in those days had asked us to explain CIA, NATO, UFO, NFL, JFK, ERA or IUD, we would have said alphabet soup. We were not before the differences between the ~~was~~ discovered, but before sex changes. We just made do with what we had.

And so it was in 1938

FEDERAL SPENDING

M I L L I O N S



Years