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## INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER

### NEW EXECUTIVE TALKS ON NATION'S PROBLEMS ---DECLARES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT--- ALSO DEDICATES HIMSELF TO PROMOTION OF PEACE

Washington, D. C.—With simple, forceful language reflective of his own personality, Herbert Hoover Monday dedicated himself and his administration to law enforcement at home and the promotion of peace throughout the world.

These two purposes stood out in bold relief in his inaugural address, delivered from a simple decorated stand on the east front of the Capitol after he had taken the oath as the thirty-first President of the United States.

Declaring that the most malign of government must be safe-guarded today is the disregard and disobedience of law, the President said that "to consider these evils, to find their remedy, is the most important safeguard of freedom, the basis of all ordered liberty, the vital force of progress," he said. "It must not come to be in our republic that it can be defeated by the indifference of the citizen, by exploitation of delays and entanglements of the law, or by combinations of criminals."

#### Enforcement of the Laws

Turning to the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment, Hoover asserted that abuses which had grown up around it are due in part to the failure of some States to accept their share of the responsibility for concurrent enforcement and to the failure of many State and local officials to zealously enforce the law.

"But a large responsibility rests directly upon our citizens," he asserted. "There would be little traffic in illegal liquor if only criminals patronized it. The duty of citizens to support the law is co-equal with the duty of their government to enforce the laws which exist."

"Our whole system of self-government will crumble either if officials elect what laws they will enforce or citizens elect what laws they will support. The worst evil of disregard for some law is that it destroys respect for all law."

#### My Countrymen

This occasion is not alone the administration of the most sacred oath which can be assumed by an American citizen. It is a dedication and consecration under God to the highest office in service of our people. I assume this trust in the humility of knowledge that only through the guidance of Almighty Providence can I hope to discharge its ever increasing burdens.

It is keeping with tradition throughout our history that I should express simply and directly the opinions which I hold concerning some of the matters of present importance.

#### Our Progress

If we survey the situation of our nation at home and abroad, we find many satisfactions; we find some causes for concern. We have emerged from the losses of the great war and the reconstruction following it with increased virility and strength. From this strength we have contributed to the recovery and progress of the world. What America has done has given renewed hope and courage to all who have faith in government by the people. In the large view, we have reached a

higher degree of comfort and security than ever existed before in the history of the world. Through liberation from wide-spread poverty we have reached a higher degree of individual freedom than ever before. The devotion to and concern for our institutions are deep and sincere. We are steadily building a new race—a new civilization great in its own attainments. The influence and high purposes of our nation are respected among the peoples of the world. We aspire to distinction in the world, but to a distinction based upon confidence in our sense of justice as well as our accomplishments within our own borders and in our own lives. For wise guidance in this great period of recovery.

But all this majestic advance should not obscure the constant dangers from which self-government must be safe-guarded. The strong man must at all times be alert to the attack of insidious disease.

#### The Failure of Our System of Criminal Justice

The most malign of all these dangers today is disregard and disobedience of law. Crime is increasing. Confidence in rigid and speedy justice is decreasing. I am not prepared to believe that this indicates any decay in the moral fibre of the American people. I am not prepared to believe that it indicates an impotence of the federal government to enforce its laws.

It is only in part due to the additional burdens imposed upon our judicial system by the 18th amendment. The problem is much wider than that. Many influences had increasingly complicated and weakened our law enforcement organization long before the adoption of the 18th amendment.

To re-establish the vigor and effectiveness of law enforcement we must critically consider the entire federal machinery of justice. The redistribution of its functions, the simplification of its procedure, the provision of additional special tribunals, the better selection of juries, and the more effective organization of our agencies of investigation and prosecution that justice may be sure and that it may be swift. While the authority of the federal government extends to but part of our vast system of national, state and local justice, yet the standards which the federal government establishes have the most profound influence upon the whole structure.

We are fortunate in the ability and integrity of our federal judges and attorneys. But the system which these officers are called upon to administer is in many respects ill-adapted to present day conditions. Its intricate and involved rules of procedure have become the refuge of both big and little criminals. There is a belief abroad that by invoking technicalities, subterfuge and delay the ends of justice may be thwarted by those who can pay the cost.

Reform, reorganization and strengthening of our whole judicial and enforcement system both in civil and criminal sides have been advocated for years by statesmen, judges, and bar associations. First steps toward that end should not longer be

delayed. Rigid and expeditious justice is the first safeguard of freedom, the basis of all ordered liberty, the vital force of progress. It must not come to be in our republic that it can be defeated by the indifference of the citizen, by exploitation of the delays and entanglements of the law, or by combinations of criminals. Justice must not fail because the agencies of enforcement are either delinquent or inefficiently organized. To consider these evils, to find their remedy, is the most sore necessities of our times.

**Enforcement of the 18th Amendment**  
Of the undoubted abuses which have grown up under the 18th amendment, part are due to the causes I have just mentioned; but part are due to the failure of some states to accept their share of responsibility for concurrent enforcement and to the failure of many states and local officials to accept the obligation under their oath of office zealously to enforce the laws. With the failures from these many causes has come a dangerous expansion in the criminal elements who have found enlarged opportunities in dealing in illegal liquor.

But a large responsibility rests directly upon our citizens. There would be little traffic in illegal liquor if only criminals patronized it. We must awake to the fact that this patronage from large numbers of law-abiding citizens is supplying the rewards and stimulating crime.

I have been selected by you to execute and enforce the laws of the country. I propose to do so to the extent of my own abilities, but the measure of success that the government shall attain will depend upon the moral support which you, as citizens, extend. The duty of citizens to support the laws of the land is co-equal with the duty of their government to enforce the laws which exist. No greater national service can be given by men and women of good will—who, I know, are not unmindful of the responsibilities of citizenship—than that they should, by their example, assist in stamping out crime and outlawry by refusing participation in and condemning all transactions with illegal liquor. Our whole system of self-government will crumble either if officials elect what laws they will enforce or citizens elect what laws they will support. The worst evil of disregard for some law is that it destroys respect for all law. For our citizens to patronize the violation of a particular law on the ground that they are opposed to it is destructive of the very basis of all that protection of life, of homes and property which they rightly claim under other laws. If citizens do not like a law, their duty as honest men and women is to discourage its violation; their right is openly to work for its repeal.

To those of criminal mind, there can be no appeal but vigorous enforcement of the law. Fortunately they are but a small percentage of our people. Their activities must be stopped.

#### A National Investigation

I propose to appoint a national commission for a searching investigation of the whole structure of our federal system of jurisprudence, to include the method of enforcement of the 18th amendment and the causes of abuse under it. Its purpose will be to make such recommendations for re-organization of the administration of federal laws and court procedure as may be found desirable. In the meantime it is essential that a large part of the enforcement activities be transferred from the treasury department of justice as a beginning of more effective organization.

#### The Relation of Government To Business

The election has again confirmed the determination of the American people that regulation of private enterprise and not government ownership or operation is the course rightly to be pursued in our relation to business. In recent years we have established a differentiation in the

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### News From Our Florida Friends

On Wednesday, February 27, 1929, Mr. C. A. Loomis, Mr. E. G. Watkins, Mr. Ed. Loomis, Hank and Bill spent a very enjoyable day fishing at the Alofia River.

I also see by the Dallas Post that Raymond Denmon feels very disappointed at the passing of Leap Year. My advice is be patient, you only have four years to wait for another chance.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Watkins who have been spending a very enjoyable month in the Sunny South, visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Loomis, also their son, Mr. Elmer Watkins, of Fort Perin, then traveling through West Palm Beach and Miami have returned back to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Loomis and now are about to leave for their home in Parsons, P. A.

The report as to when the two bachelors, Bill and Hank intend to return home seems to be rather undecided as the moonlight boat riding on Palm River is too "enticing" to leave. Mr. C. A. Loomis, Mr. E. G. Watkins motored to Lake Wales, Fla. on February 28 to see the great singing tower which seems to be one of the outstanding attractions for tourists. —Hank and Bill.

### Auxiliary To Hold Dinner

The Dallas branch of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Auxiliary met recently at the home of Mrs. Fred Frace at Shavertown. The principal topic of business was the annual dinner to be held at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. on March 18.

Mrs. Henry Weise, the president, is in general charge of the affair. Mrs. Arline Beisel Rood will be toastmaster and is also acting as head of the entertainment committee, which has promised some unusual entertainment.

### Mrs. Spencer Buried Friday

The death of Mrs. Marshall Spencer, aged 63, occurred Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the family home at East Dallas, following an illness of complications. Surviving are her husband, one daughter, Bernice and a son, John, both at home; also a sister, Sarah DeWitt, of Mt. Zion.

The funeral was held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock with interment in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

### Funeral Services of Miss Ruth H. Dean

Largely attended funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon for Miss Ruth H. Dean at the late home, Harris Hill Road, Trucksville.

There were numerous floral tributes evidencing the esteem with which the deceased was held by many. Interment was held in the family plot in Forty Fort.

### W. T. Sutton Thanks Citizens

"Dallas Pa., March 5, 1929. To the Editor of the Post:

"I wish to thank the citizens of Dallas for electing me to the office of poor director. I am sure that I appreciate the honor you have conferred upon me.

"But having held the office for a number of years, and not being selfish, I would be pleased to have someone else hold this honorable and lucrative position to which you, my fellow citizens of this town, have so kindly elected me.

"W. T. SUTTON."

### CONGRATULATE ROTARIAN

George F. Metz, of Trucksville, was the recipient of congratulations from his fellow Rotarians. The occasion was the arrival of a fine baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Metz last week.

### Robinson Farm Scene of Serious and Threatening Conflagration Early Last Wednesday Morning---Donates Check

Early Wednesday morning, the garage and storage barn of the Robinson Farm, located near Hayes Corners, burned to the ground.

The origin of the fire is not known and was discovered by an autoist going by, who immediately hurried to the Castle Inn and spread the alarm. In the meantime, Tom Higgins, who had just closed his place of business a few minutes before, noticed the reflection in the sky. Upon attempting to blow the siren and failing, he immediately called the Dallas operator. The operator put in several calls and located it at Robinson's.

Upon calling his neighbor, Harold Wagner, who called Jim Besecker while the operator called Robert Allen, these four men took the fire truck to the farm. Shortly after Al Mission, Clyde LaBar and Clyde Veitch, R. S. Stevens and Elmer Rainey arrived in machines, also George Kirkendall and Edward Avery.

The first arrivals, with the help of the Robinson boys, who arrived shortly after, took the prize horses from the barn. However, due to the valiant efforts of the boys, the fire was confined to the small barn and the large barn was saved. Great credit

should be given the firemen there who for three and one-half hours, in freezing weather, fought the flames. The loss is estimated at \$2,500.

#### Robinson Boys Express Gratitude

The Robinson boys called on President Besecker within five hours after the fire and presented a check to the local Henry M. Laing Fire Company in the sum of \$250.00. They expressed surprise at the efficient fire service of the company, and in view of the fact that only the small handful of men on hand, handled the fire. They also expressed their appreciation to the Harvey's Lake Fire Company, who although arriving somewhat later, stood by to assist wherever possible. Mr. John Robinson stated that for the prompt arrival of the fire boys from Dallas the big stock barn and horses would have been a total loss inflicting a loss of about twenty-five thousand dollars.

The four boys requested the privilege of joining the local fire company and paid their first year's dues.

The Dallas Post commends those boys who braved the cold and unpleasant weather to serve their community without favor or hope of reward.

### Luzerne and Wyoming County League Hold First Meeting for 1929 Season--- Fans Will Be Assured a Fast Circuit

The initial meeting of the Luzerne and Wyoming County League for 1929 took place at Higgins' Restaurant last Monday evening with six managers present, East Dallas and Noxen being absent.

One of the big problems to work out will be the roster of the West Wyoming club which lines up with a first-class or semi-pro outfit to play in a second-class league.

There is no question but that the Wyoming club should be strengthened which the league managers will consent to, but a first-class club in a second-class league would have a tendency to lessen base ball interest back of the mountains.

Another tangle for the league to settle developed between Hunlock's Creek and Roaring Brook when a certain player signed a contract to play with the Roaring Brook club and latter signed with the Hunlock's Creek club. After listening to both sides, President Higgins ordered the player in question to report at the next meeting when it is hoped some agreement can be made. In the meantime Bob MacDougle has been assigned to the Rules Committee and when Bob presents his set of rules for approval we will guarantee that when a player signs a contract he will stay with the club unless legally released.

Ed. Berger, of the Decker-MacLean Hardware Company was present in the interest of base balls and equipment and it was voted on to adopt the No. 0 Reach Official Ball which is rated as the best on the market.

From the line the writer could get from the meeting it seems the ambition of every manager is to get the best club.

Beaumont, one of the main cogs of the league, are looked for to give the best account of themselves as Bob MacDougle will be back after a year's lay-off and with other things up their sleeves, looks like a big time for the Wyoming County boys.

Manager Morgans, of the Shavertown club has been doing his share of scouting and while he would reveal nothing it can be assured he will have a real club.

While Manager Wilson of East Dallas was absent from the meeting due to a school board meeting, he claims he is all set and while he is making no bid for the pennant he is going to make every club that opposes East Dallas go their limit to win.

Manager LaBar will bank his chances on his last season club with the exception of young Evans and Charles Learn, who will be used as utility men. Harry Williams has also made his home at Dallas and if Harry can be convinced to play with the locals it will take some of the burden off Peyton Lee.

Another meeting will be held within the next week or so when the roster of each club will be turned in for approval and will appear in this paper for the interest of the fans.

### Pomona Grange In Session Today

Pomona Grange will be held with Carverton Grange today.

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