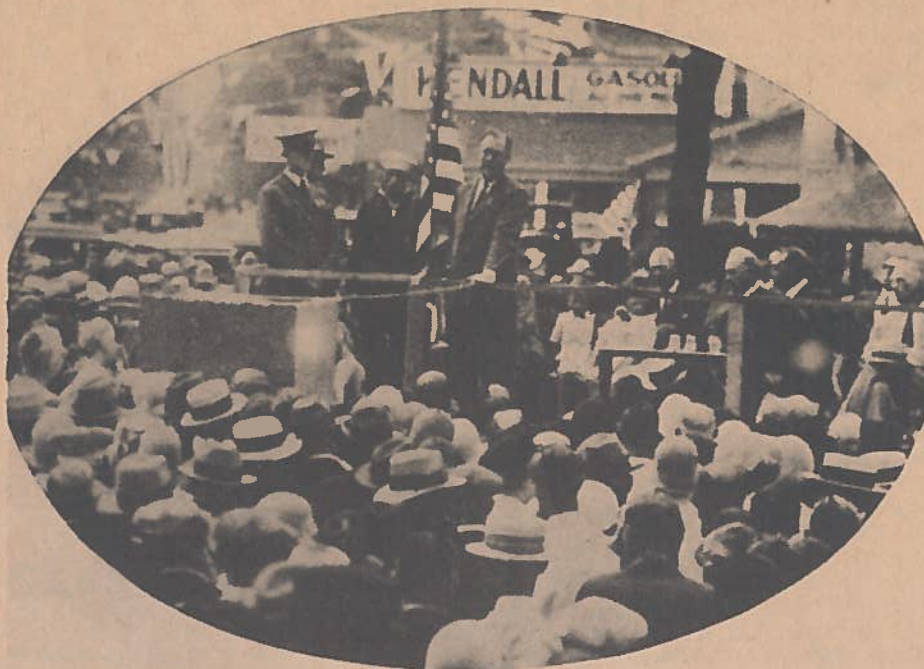

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“ROOSEVELT SPECIAL”

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The Franklin Delano Roosevelt One Hundredth Birthday Commemorative Mobile Museum will be at the Orleans County 4-H Fair on Wednesday, August 4 beginning at 11:00 A.M. This mobile museum is a 55 foot long trailer by 13½ feet wide and consists of artifacts and memorabilia relating to the life and presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Objects included in this traveling display have been gathered from the New York State Museum at Albany, the Roosevelt Home and Library at Hyde Park, N.Y. and the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

A welcoming ceremony led by Assemblyman R. Stephen Hawley will be held at the Fair Grounds near Knowlesville at 1:00 P.M. on August 4. The mobile museum dubbed the “Roosevelt Special” will be at the Fair Grounds one day only, and will be open through the evening hours.

The idea of having the “Roosevelt Special” come to the Fair was that of Lysbeth Hoffman, Town Historian for Carlton. And it was through the efforts of Assemblyman Hawley that we are able to have it in Orleans County. The museum was entirely funded by the State of New York.

Franklin Roosevelt visited Orleans County twice while he was Governor of New York. The first was in 1929 when he toured through the State on a boat down the canal inspecting various state institutions. The second time, he was in Orleans County was the following year on August 28, 1930 when he dedicated a large stone marker at Gaines commemorating the 1810 trek of DeWitt Clinton along the Historic Ridge Road. The photograph here shows Governor Roosevelt at the right of the flag, speaking before the large crowd gathered around the Medina Sandstone marker which was erected by the Ridge Road Improvement Association, Orleans Chapter DAR, Orleans County Pioneer and Historical Associations and the State of New York. The stone was contributed by quarryman Pasquale DiLaura.