The Little White House: Not Just A Presidential Retreat
The Executive Branch of government of the United States of America was running the country from Warm Springs, Georgia.

Imagine a line of railway cars pulling into Warm Springs. Next imagine dozens of government officials, dignitaries, staff and the President of the United States, disembarking and preparing to go to work. Such was the case when President Roosevelt came to town. Yes, there would be moments of fun, swimming, picnicking and visiting with the polio patients but more often than not, FDR was working.

What looks like a leisurely chat on the back porch (right) of the Little White House is actually an impromptu meeting with cabinet members to discuss the ramifications of the repeal of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution on December 6, 1933.

There are many other photographs depicting what appears to be a “break” for the president, but FDR was always on the go. In Warm Springs, he could drive his automobile down to the pools or to Dowdell’s Knob, while at the same time conduct the business of governing our nation.

In this issue, we will provide a condensed list of works FDR performed as President while at Warm Springs.
Below are just a very few snapshots of FDR at work while in Warm Springs.

A picnic at Dowdell’s Knob mixed business with pleasure as cabinet members, dignitaries and diplomats met with the President to discuss New Deal programs. The same was true at FDR’s therapy pools as seen in the photo (far right) with Sec. Ickes, Sec. Wallace and others.

FDR creates the Southern Governors Assoc., consolidating the southern vote into a political force.

The Governor, senators and officials from the state of Georgia meet with the President to discuss issues of local interests at the Little White House.
This is a list of some of the official works performed while FDR was in Georgia.

Nov. 17 - Dec. 6, 1933

Executive Order No. 6433A, Creation of the National Emergency Council. - November 17, 1933
Address Delivered at Savannah, Georgia - November 18, 1933
A Thanksgiving Day Proclamation. - November 21, 1933
Executive Order No. 6443. - November 22, 1933
Radio Address on Maryland Tercentenary Celebration. - November 22, 1933
Exchange of Letters between the President and Mr. Litvinov. - November 22, 1933
Presidential Statement of Non-Intervention in Cuba - November 23, 1933
Address at the Georgia Hall Dedication - November 24, 1933
Executive Order No. 6470 The Creation of the Public Works Emergency Housing Corporation. - November 29, 1933
The President Position on Haitian Bonds. - November 29, 1933
Greetings on the Forty-fifth Anniversary of the Lord's Day Alliance. - December 4, 1933
Executive Order No. 6474 Creation of the Federal Alcohol Control Administration. - December 4, 1933
Proclamation No. 2065 Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. - December 5, 1933
White House Statement pm the National Emergency Council - December 6, 1933
White House Statement on Jurisdiction of A.A.A. and N.R.A. - December 6, 1933
Address before the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America - December 6, 1933

Nov. 10 - Dec. 5, 1934

White House Statement on Distribution of Electricity by the New York Power Authority. - November 12, 1934
Letter to the United States Conference of Mayors. - November 23, 1934
White House Statement on Creating a Coordinating Committee for Federal Lending Activities. - November 14, 1934
Message to the Grange. - November 14, 1934
Address to Advisory Council of the Committee on Economic Security. - November 14, 1934
Thanksgiving Day Proclamation. - November 15, 1934
Address at George Rogers Clark Celebration, Harrodsburg, Kentucky. - November 16, 1934
Remarks at Clinch River Below the Norris Dam. - November 16, 1934
Remarks at Corinth, Miss. - November 27, 1934
Remarks at Tupelo, Miss. - November 18, 1934
Remarks at Birmingham, Ala. - November 18, 1934
Excerpts from the Press Conference. Warm Springs, Ga. - November 23, 1934
Executive Order 6910 on Withdrawal of Public Lands for Conservation. - November 26, 1934
Excerpts from the Press Conference at Warm Springs, Ga. - November 28, 1934
Remarks at Thanksgiving Day Party at Warm Springs, Georgia. - November 29, 1934
Letter on the United Hospital Campaign. - December 4, 1934
Greetings to the American Foundation for the Blind. - December 5, 1934
Greetings to the Farm Bureau. - December 10, 1934
Address to the Conference on Crime. - December 10, 1934
Nov. 21 - Dec. 8, 1935
Remarks at the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Warm Springs, Georgia. - November 28, 1935
Address at Atlanta, Georgia. - November 29, 1935
Greetings by Telephone to the American Foundation for the Blind. - December 5, 1935
Remarks to Orthopedic Surgeons, Warm Springs, Georgia. - December 7, 1935

Mar. 12 - 26, 1937
Radio Greeting on St. Patrick's Day. Warm Springs, Ga. – March 17, 1937
Remarks at a Schoolhouse Dedication. Warm Springs, Ga. – March 18, 1937

March 23 - Apr. 2, 1938
Transmittal to Congress of the Record of the Removal of the Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority. - March 25, 1938
Address at Gainesville, Georgia. - March 23, 1938
State Department Release on Help for German Refugees. - March 24, 1938
Transmittal to Congress of a Proposed Hungarian Relief Debt Settlement. - March 28, 1938
Statement on the Death of Colonel House. - March 28, 1938
Letter on the Reorganization Bill. - March 29, 1938

Aug.10 - 11, 1938
Address at Barnesville, Georgia. - August 11, 1938
Address at University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. - August 11, 1938

Nov. 21 - Dec. 4, 1938
Statement on Refugees in Palestine. - November 23, 1938
Radio Address at Thanksgiving Dinner, Warm Springs Foundation, Warm Springs, Georgia. - November 24, 1938

Mar. 30 - Apr. 9, 1939
Remarks at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. - March 30, 1939
Excerpts from the Press Conference. Warm Springs, Georgia. - March 31, 1939
Statement on a Rider to a Defense Measure. - April 4, 1939
Excerpts from the Press Conference. Warm Springs, Georgia. - April 8, 1939
Remarks Regarding Approaching War. Warm Springs, Georgia. - April 9, 1939

Nov. 22 - 29, 1939
Remarks at Thanksgiving Dinner, Warm Springs Foundation, Warm Springs, Georgia. - November 23, 1939
Letter Thanking the War Resources Board of 1939. - November 24, 1939
April 19 - 27, 1940
Radio Address Before the Pan American Governing Board. - April 15, 1940
Request for Authority to Expend Relief Appropriations. - April 18, 1940
Radio Address to the Young Democratic Clubs of America. - April 20, 1940
Proclamation 2399 on the Neutrality of the United States in the War Between Germany and Norway. - April 25, 1940

Nov. 29, 1941
133 Remarks at the Warm Springs Foundation Dinner, Warm Springs, Georgia. - November 29, 1941

Apr. 15 - 16, 1943
38 Remarks at the Warm Springs Foundation. - April 15, 1943

Nov. 27 - Dec. 17, 1944
125 Letter to Department Heads and Agencies Against Predicting an Early End of the War. - December 1, 1944
126 Transmittal to Congress of the U.N.R.R.A.'s First Quarterly Report. - December 5, 1944

Mar. 30 - Apr. 13, 1945
Excerpts from the Last Press Conference. Warm Springs, Georgia. - April 5, 1945
Letter to the Chairman of the O.W.M.R. Advisory Board on the Postwar Economy. - April 7, 1945
Statement on the Anniversary of the Attacks on Norway and Denmark. - April 9, 1945
Undelivered Address Prepared for Jefferson Day. - April 13, 1945

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