PRESIDENT HAILS BROOKLYN COLLEGE

Wishes It ‘the Fine Future It Deserves’—Wields Trowel at Cornerstone Laying.

MAYOR VOICES THANKS


President Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the gymnasium at the new Brooklyn College yesterday and wished for the institution of higher education “the fine future it deserves.”

A crowd of 7,500 men, women and children were gathered on the college grounds, at Bedford Avenue and Avenue H, when the President, accompanied in his car by Mrs. Roosevelt, Governor Lehman and Mayor La Guardia, arrived, at 11:25 A.M., an hour behind schedule.

About 200 workmen engaged on the PWA’s construction of the college suspended operations for the President’s visit and perched themselves high above the scene on the roofs and at other vantage points on the five new buildings, including the gymnasium. Mothers lifted their children above their heads to catch a glimpse of the President, and a roar of cheers went up on his arrival and departure.

In presenting the President to the crowd, Mayor La Guardia explained that Mr. Roosevelt had a very busy schedule before him, but he wanted to express his appreciation to the President for taking time to visit the college and the appreciation of the city for “the President’s vision in establishing this project.”

“Trembles” Over Mayor’s Visits

“I have seen Brooklyn College in pictures and now I have seen the real article with my own eyes,” the President said. “Every time the Mayor of New York comes to Washington I tremble, because it means he wants something, and he always gets it.”

“The project is killing two birds with one stone. It is not only putting to work thousands of people who need work, but it also is improving educational facilities now and for generations to come.”

“This has been much suffering in this depression, but much good also has come out of it. It has given an opportunity to better con-
which would cost $4,500,000 and bring the total outlay for the new college up to $10,000,000.

Sees Vast Housing Project

A drive through the slum-ridden Williamsburg section of Brooklyn brought the President's car along side the blank, gray walls shielding the $12,780,000 PWA housing project there. The President caught his first glimpse of the project, largest public housing development in the country, at the corner of Bushwick Avenue and Scholes Street.

"Proceeding west on Scholes Street," Mr. Roosevelt stopped for a moment at the corner of Graham Avenue, where Lila May Boylan, four-year-old daughter of William Breitenbach, Democratic leader of the Thirteenth Assembly, pressed a bouquet of roses into his hand. It was then 12:15 P.M. Without further halt the official party drove north on Graham Avenue, past the William J. Bryan Junior High School, being constructed with PWA funds; then west on Maujer Street, where PWA is putting up a district health center. Ten thousand school children and 5,000 adults cheered President's passage through the streets bordering the housing project.

He turned away from the development to watch his car drive across the Maujer Bridge to the Williamsburg Bridge and Manhattan.
Laying the cornerstone at the Brooklyn College