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THANK-OFFERINGS DAY**NOT A DAY OF FEASTING**

Thanksgiving this year should be celebrated with fasting and with prayer rather than with feasting and jollity. It would ill become the people of the nation at the present time to make their Thanksgiving Day a season of feasting as in the past. Far better would it be to make that day a day of conservation of food to the utmost extent, and give the difference between the cost of a simple dinner and the cost of the elaborate dinners of the past to religious or Red Cross work.

The Nation needs to be called to the seriousness of this hour, and Thanksgiving should be made the occasion. At the beginning of the European War the churches of England and of France were crowded to their capacity with worshippers who sought forgiveness of their sins—individual and national—and sought the help of Almighty God in the hour of their need. St. Paul's Cathedral was crowded with thousands who filled to the utmost its vast spaces, and tens of thousands filled the streets awaiting their turn to enter for worship.

Paris, gay and full of the lighter things of life as we had all thought, in that hour which opened the world tragically suddenly turned to things of eternal value, and the great cathedrals of the city were crowded, and in front of one of them men and women were packed for five days and nights seeking their turn to enter, their places being taken by the oncoming crowds.

This is in striking contrast with the almost utter lack of interest on the part of American people in failing to give special attention to the day of prayer recently set apart by President Wilson. The Nation was called to prayer, but the churches, so far as we can learn, had no larger attendance than on usual occasions, and instead of being crowded, as in London and in Paris at the beginning of their war, our churches had a scanty attendance.

The contrast is a striking and a sad one. It is due in part to the fact that England and France saw the mighty shadow of impending horrors hovering over them, while we have not yet come close enough to be overshadowed by the awful realities of war. But at the coming Thanksgiving Day the President appeals to the Nation to recognize its dependence for victory upon Divine help, and we might as well set apart that day as a day to be devoted not to sports, not to the pleasures of life as in the past, but to the serious recognition of all the horrors which we are now facing. Every church should be open. No church, it matters not how small may be the expected attendance, should be closed, and in every church the message of the hour should be delivered with the utmost power of the preacher and received with the deepest realization of its import by the people who are gathered there to worship—Manufacturers' Record.

WHEN THERE IS PEACE

Austin Dobson

"When there is peace our land no more
Will be the land we knew of yore."

Thus do our facile seers foretell
The truth that none can buy or sell
And e'en the wisest can't ignore:
When we have bled at every pore,
Shall we still strive for gear and store?
Will it be Heaven? Will it be Hell,
When there is Peace?

Then let us pray for, this implore:
That, all base dreams thrust out of door,
We may in loftier aims excel,
And, like men waking from a spell,
Grow stronger, nobler, than before,
When there is Peace!

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Fight—if you can—and have no dependents who will become a burden to the nation.

If you cannot fight, help others to fight and win.

Encourage and vote for men in Congress who stand for sound and efficient conduct of the war; who think of America first—and of themselves, not at all.

Aid prosperity by working hard and spending wisely.

Eat fairly. Read what Mr. Hoover says about the use and saving of food. By doing as he tells you, you will be healthier.

Save for the Liberty Loans. Remember that if we do not help the Liberty Loans, we may have to subscribe to an indemnity loan to pay Germany.

Expose the slackers. The brave should not have to defend the coward, and if a slacker slacks, another must take his place. The slacker cheats the Government and all below him in the conscription lists, and you should prevent this injustice.

Prove wrong the view of the so-called conscientious objector who would allow you to protect his family, his property, and his comfort by force, while he snugly profits by your patriotism and sacrifice.

Be loyal to our Allies who are fighting with us for the world's liberty.

Read about and understand the war and oppose all talk of peace until peace means the end of all war, except with the consent of the people. Those who talk peace now are as ignorant as the pacifists who opposed our preparedness, one, two and three years ago, saying there never could be a war for America.

Support the war: hold up the hands of the President and Congress in all they do for its efficient conduct.

Our only duty now is to win victory and maintain our national honor. All classes of people should work together for that end, and not allow any talk of peace until we can have the sure peace of victory.

The time for talk is past—we must now act. We must prove our belief in America and all that her liberty means.—National Security League.

THE BLESSING OF THE YEAR

Gov. T. W. Bickett

Salvation comes through sacrifice.

He who would truly save his life must be ever ready to lose it.

The man or the nation that prizes breath above honor, and riches above righteousness, is dust already, and can never hope to put on immortality.

In the province of God the world is today engaged in blood-red debate to determine whether governments henceforth be guided by the love of justice or by lust for pelf and power.

Not in rashness nor in anger, but thoughtfully, in the fear of God, and out of respect for its own conscience, this nation has consecrated its unlimited resources and its unconquerable spirit to the maintenance of governments that will guarantee fair treatment to every man and every nation.

It is cause for universal thanksgiving that in the most august hour of human history the conscience of our people triumphed over the counsel of selfishness and fear.

This is the blessing of the year.

And I call upon the people of North Carolina to assemble on that day in their places of worship, and with humble and contrite hearts give thanks to the Lord of Hosts and the Harvest for His omniscient care.

And let us remember in helpful ways the widow and the orphan and all who walk in the shadow of adversity.

And let us pray unceasingly that He who "rides the whirlwind and directs the storm"

may crown our forces on sea and land with everlasting victory, and that war may come no more upon the earth.

THANKSGIVING PRIVILEGES

While the measure of the Nation's honor and the Nation's heart is being taken, in relation to world conditions of today, let us not overlook the urgent needs of fatherless and motherless waifs at our own doors. Let us not overlook the hundreds of dependent children whom the orphanages of our State are training for individual efficiency and good citizenship. Every one of these institutions needs better equipment and larger support, and every one of them is besieged with applications for admission which

THANKSGIVING NOV. 29.
President Wilson

We have been given the opportunity to serve mankind as we once served ourselves in the great day of our declaration of independence, by taking up arms against a tyranny that threatened to master and debase men everywhere and joining with other free people in demanding for all the nations of the world what we then demanded and obtained for ourselves. In this day of the revelation of our duty not only to defend our own rights as a nation, but to defend also the rights of free men throughout the world, there has been vouchsafed us in full and inspiring measure the resolution and the spirit of united action. We have been brought to one mind and purpose. A new vigor of common counsel and common action has been revealed in us.

We should especially thank God that in such circumstances, in the midst of the greatest enterprise the spirits of men have entered upon, we have, if we but observe a reasonable and practicable economy, abundance with which to supply the needs of those associated with us as well as our own.

A new light shines upon us. The great duties of a new day awaken a new and greater national spirit in us. We shall never again be divided or wonder what stuff we are made of.

And while we render thanks for those things let us pray Almighty God that in all humbleness of spirit we may look always to Him for guidance; that we may be kept constant in the spirit and purpose of service; that by His grace our minds may be directed and our hands strengthened; and that in His good time liberty and security and peace and the comradeship of a common justice may be vouchsafed all the nations of the earth.

must be denied for lack of means. Their capacity must be increased, or else hundreds of children now wandering the highways and byways, subject to every evil temptation the world has to offer, will be neglected and probably irretrievably lost.

We cannot—we will not—forget, for the Master says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto Me." We are admonished to conserve the products of the farm, the forest, the factory, and the mine. Is it not equally—aye, vastly more—important to conserve the future manhood and womanhood of North Carolina? Shall the orphaned children of this glorious old commonwealth be handicapped for life because, in their tender years, they did not have the sheltering care and culture of an orphan home?

The North Carolina Orphans Association again calls upon every man, woman, and child in the State to contribute on or near Thanksgiving Day at least one day's income (more if they will; less if they can do no better) to the orphanage of his or her choice. The need for such a call was never more urgent than now. Expense necessary to the maintenance of every orphan home in the State has increased, while the responsibilities have multiplied.

So, let not the day pass without making a thank-offering to your Master, by denying yourself some pleasure, some luxury, even some necessity, to help the helpless become what their God and your God intended they should attain in this life and in the life to come.

Share With the Orphans

This is a reasonable request, for any one can share with the orphans the earnings of one day out of three hundred and sixty-five. It is practicable, for rich and poor alike can participate in it. The business and professional man, the farmer, the land lord, the money-lender, the wage earner, the salaried worker, the housewife, the news messenger boys—everybody, old and young, of all creeds and classes, may unite in beautiful cooperation for the support of a needed civic and Christian philanthropy. Let North Carolina make the approaching Thanksgiving a day of historic importance; a day on which the hearts of the people were opened to the little ones whom our splendid orphan homes are endeavoring to

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
LETTER SERIES NO. 142**HOME ECONOMICS TEACHERS**

Home economics teachers in the schools are told in a recent circular of the U. S. Bureau of Education that a special obligation rests upon them to take an active part in the national food and clothing problems arising from the war. They are in a strategic position.

Inform Your Patrons

Teachers of home economics can reach into the homes of the patrons of the public schools and aid in extending a knowledge of food conditions. They can explain the reasons why American families are asked to modify some of their food habits. They can raise food economy to the plane of patriotic service. They can assist families in matters of economy so that better living conditions can be maintained. Of course, all home-economics teachers will alter laboratory practices so as to conform to present food conditions, but they may do much more; they may carefully make plain the reasons why America with her abundance of food material asks her people to select carefully, use wisely, and waste nothing.

Teach Conservation

They can help further, it is asserted, by taking pupils on fruit picking picnics to gather fruit for canning that would otherwise go to waste. This will be possible until very late in the fall in some sections. The products of food preservation may be

save from degeneracy and oblivion.

To this end we call upon the editors of our papers, daily and weekly, secular and religious, to give the widest possible publicity to this movement, which is philanthropic in purpose and State-wide in extent; we call upon all church leaders of all denominations, including pastors, Sunday school superintendents, women workers, and others of influence, to urge the giving of a day's income to some one of our orphanages; we call upon the officers of the various fraternal orders to bring this appeal to the attention of each man in their membership and enlist his support of this modest offering; we respectfully request all superintendents and teachers of secular schools, colleges, and universities to induce their students and friends to unite with them in giving a day's work and wages to the needy orphans of North Carolina. We invoke the cooperation of doctors, merchants, public officials, and all others with local following to pass the word along, with the Divine injunction: "Even so, it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven that one of these little ones shall perish." Actions speak louder than words.

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CAROLINA ORPHANAGES

Baptist Orphanage, Rev. M. L. Kesler, Supt., Thomasville.

Methodist Orphanage, Rev. A. S. Barnes, Supt., Raleigh.

Presbyterian Orphanage, Rev. W. T. Walker, Supt., Barium Springs.

Methodist Orphanage, Walter Thompson, Supt., Winston-Salem.

Thompson Orphanage, Rev. W. J. Smith, Supt., Charlotte.

Methodist Protestant Home, H. A. Garrett, Supt., High Point.

Oxford Orphan Asylum, R. L. Brown, Supt., Oxford.

Oxford Orphanage for the Colored, H. P. Cheatham, Supt., Oxford.

Christian Orphanage, C. D. Johnston, Supt., Elon College.

Odd Fellows Home, C. O. Baird, Supt., Goldsboro.

Pythian Home, C. W. Pender, Supt., Clayton.

Eleida Orphanage, Rev. L. P. Compton, Supt., Asheville.

Children's Home Society, L. H. Putnam, Supt., Greensboro.

Nazareth Orphans' Home, Rev. W. B. Werner, Supt., Crescent.

Nazareth Orphanage, Rev. Geo. A. Woods, Supt., Raleigh.

Mountain Orphanage, A. H. Temple, Supt., Ballfour.

Falcon Orphanage, C. B. Strickland, Supt., Falcon.

Alexander Home, Charlotte, Miss Deal, Supt.

donated to the Red Cross, sent to the soldiers in France, used for public school lunches, or sold for some community project. Home economics teachers can emphasize the cooking of perishable foods and reduce the use of the needed staples.

In Sewing Too

Sewing courses in the schools may also be modified to meet war needs. It should be required that half of all class work be done upon old material, says the Bureau. The value in teaching lessons in thrift can not be overestimated.

Whenever possible articles useful to others rather than to pupils should be made. This is valuable in establishing among the pupils interest in the great national and patriotic movement of the present time and in suppressing selfishness and vanity.

Students in the seventh and eighth grades and high school classes may sew for the Red Cross on various hospital garments. In this work both speed and efficiency may be developed. If each child who makes a garment is permitted to attach the name of her school and her room to the garment she will be more interested.

Adaptations of home economics courses to war needs will strengthen rather than weaken the work as heretofore given, and will be of great value in awakening among the students interest in the world problems of today.

Catholic Orphanage for Boys, Nazareth (near Raleigh), Rev. Geo. A. Woods, Supt.

Colored Orphan Home for Western N. C., Winston-Salem, Rev. W. J. Poin-dexter, Supt.

Kennedy Home, Wilmington, Mrs. Roger Moore, Pres.

Masonic and Eastern Star Home, Greensboro, L. M. Clymer, Supt.

Salem Home, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Petree, Matron.

Faith Cottage, Asheville, Rev. L. B. Compton, Supt.

Lindley Training School, Asheville, Mrs. Clara Montague, Matron.

Crittenden Home, Charlotte, Miss H. L. Cadett, Supt.

Rest Cottage (Rescue Home), Greensboro.

—Report State Board of Public Charities, 1916.

THE WEIRD SPELL OF GOLD

Some time ago we met on the train a middle aged woman who had just come from tramping over the Oconeechee hills in Orange county, hunting for gold she said. She looked it. We learned later that she has frittered away the best part of her life in this fashion.

For long years she has lived under the weird spell of gold, and there are many other folks in North Carolina who have lived under this same spell.

We wonder if they know that the bees produce greater wealth in honey and wax year by year in North Carolina than the gold yield of all our mines. Our gold production last year was only \$26,000; our honey and wax were worth \$250,000.

Gold production is a minor matter, even in America; year by year our hens create a greater volume of wealth in eggs alone. California leads the United States in the production of gold. Last year the total was nearly 22 million dollars. But her crop of cereals was worth 60 million dollars, or nearly three times as much as her gold.

Where Our Gold Is

The largest wealth in North Carolina lies in her soils and seasons, but this commonplace fact makes no appeal to romance and stirs no ferment in our brain centers. We have hardly even begun to cash-in our agricultural advantages, especially in the Tidewater country—our great winter garden, as the Washington authorities call it.

But we frequently find communities here and there that are paralyzed by the weird spell of gold and visions of immense sudden wealth some good day in gold mines.

Now and then a wild-cat concern leases one of these properties, makes a great show above ground, sells blue sky stock to foolish people, and mines the pockets of investors much deeper than they mine for gold. A bunch of these chaps has just been rounded up by the Federal authorities. Every year or so the story is repeated and so it will be till the end of time, we imagine.