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**PULLING TOGETHER**

A sincere desire on the part of the merchants and business men of this community to co-operate on civic matters was clearly demonstrated Friday of last week when they all closed from three to five o'clock for the annual Waynesville-Canton football game.

For several years the stores and places of business in Canton have closed when the game was in their town. It was understood that several there closed this year.

Several years ago it would have been impossible to have gotten such co-operation. Evidently, the return of better times has brought about a different feeling among competitors.

**WHY ALL THE FUSS?**

Newspapers and radio commentators are making a lot to do over the approaching marriage of Miss Ethel duPont and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. We fail to see why there should be any alarm about their marriage. They are two normal young people. They should know what they want to do, and even if their marriage isn't a success, it would not be the first.

Just because their families do not agree on political or economic matters does not mean that they can't be happily married.

**GOOD CHRISTMAS BUSINESS AHEAD**

Every indication is that the 1936 Christmas business will far surpass any similar period since 1929. The factories are behind with orders. Transportation facilities report heavier business, and the retail outlets feel that this will be a banner year.

Merchants have stocked heavier this year than usual, and are offering a wider variety of goods to select from.

Of course, the suggestion is thread-bare, but if ever it were timely, it seems that this season we should remember to "Shop Early". Those who do will be better pleased.

**THE ORPHANAGES**

The Thanksgiving season always brings to mind the orphanages, because it is at this time of year that most orphanages make an appeal for contributions. A general rule is to give one day's wage to some orphanage. Certainly that is not too much to ask of anyone.

There are many causes that the public are asked to support that we sometimes wonder if they are worthy of our support, but there is no question in our minds that of all worthy causes, that of orphanages comes as near being at the top as any other.

**ENFORCING TRAFFIC LAWS**

The city officials of Durham recently inaugurated a campaign to enforce traffic laws. Policemen were instructed to arrest any and all persons breaking any traffic laws, regardless how small. Even the needless blowing of horns on the principal streets was prohibited.

The motorists of the city were warned. The penalties were made public. The campaign started.

The result is that everyone is having more respect for the city traffic laws. They talk about it, practice it, and now they enjoy motorizing in the city.

One woman accidentally drove over a red light—she paid a cost of \$9.95. Today she stops for all signs, and drives with care.

The city officials would not change back to the old order of things for any sum, and the people of Durham would not allow it even if the officials so desired.

What has been accomplished in other places can be done anywhere—if such a change is wanted.

**A THOUGHT FOR THANKSGIVING**

Of all the holidays which we customarily observe, there are two of distinctly American origin which are celebrated all over the United States. Those are Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day. Both of these have peculiar significance to all Americans. They go back to the roots of our national life. Independence Day is, or should be, an annual reminder that our national liberty was achieved only because free men were ready to fight for their right to govern themselves. And Thanksgiving Day, should be a reminder that the foundations of America were laid by men and women who cherished spiritual liberty even more highly than they held personal and political liberty.

"Liberty," said Woodrow Wilson, "is a spiritual concept." Liberty of conscience is one of the fundamental precepts of our national structure, guaranteed to every citizen under the Constitution. Spiritual liberty is, perhaps, the most precious of all the bounties for which Americans should give thanks on the last Thursday in November.

So far in our history America has been more abundantly blessed than any other nation has ever been since the beginning of recorded time. We have prospered as no other nation has ever prospered. We are just beginning to realize that the latest world depression let us off more lightly, as a people, than it did any other race or nation. We are now beginning to realize, too, that we are well on our way out of the depression, heading swiftly toward renewed prosperity of a magnitude beyond our present dreams. For such material blessings it is well to give thanks to the Providence which has guided us; but it is also well to remember that there are greater treasures than money and the wealth of which money is a measure.

Let us, in the midst of our Thanksgiving feasting and merrymaking, not forget that we are possessors of a great spiritual heritage, and make the day an occasion for pledging ourselves anew to the upholding and perpetuation of that spiritual liberty, that freedom of conscience and of thought, which our forebears sought and found in their New World—Selected.

**A FEW UNDESIRABLES**

It was indeed unfortunate, and certainly uncalled for, when several Waynesville people tried to rub it into Canton football fans last Friday after the game. The Waynesville hecklers stood near a traffic light and poked fun at the Canton fans because Waynesville had won.

This much can be said for the Canton fans—they took their defeat like good sports. They acted the part of ladies and gentlemen throughout. It is regretted that the same can't be said for all of the Waynesville fans. But every town has a certain number of undesirables.

**COULD THERE BE ANY CONNECTION?**

We were quite amused at the editorial columns in the last issue of the Newport Plain Talk. The lead editorial was titled: "Coke County Doesn't Give A Damn." In the adjoining column was this paragraph:

"It may seem a little funny, but the election revealed the fact that Landon and Knox received more votes in Knox County than they did in the three states of Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina. Which indicates that Coke County must be largely Republican."

**GOODBYE, REX**

Rex Tugwell has typified perhaps more than any other New Dealer what the country mistrusted in this administration. He was an agricultural expert who had never tied a hamstring or thrown a bell cord over a mule. He was a professor who had arrived in Washington directly from the class room. He had written a book and, worse still, he had written poetry. He was young and handsome and he had ideas. He was a political tyro put in charge of innovations in government, and the combination smelled of fresh pink paint.

As a matter of record, Dr. Tugwell never tried to do anything more subversive than to root hopeful Americans in the soil, to establish other worthy citizens in better homes. He and Thomas Jefferson had in common a belief that the bedrock of democracy lay in this stratum; and while Jefferson was content to preserve democracy, Tugwell in his day sought zealously to restore it.

Even so, we are glad he is gone. As an administrator, he was an easy mark for the job-seekers. His department mushroomed all over Washington. As a planner, he was visionary. He built \$10,000 for families with \$2,000 annual incomes. As a public official, he was provoking. His speeches had the quality of disaffecting the very people he needed to placate. He was a greater handicap than a help to the cause with which he allied himself.—Charlotte News.

**THE OLD HOME TOWN** by STANLEY



**Random SIDE GLANCES**

By W. CURTIS RUSS

I must be getting soft-hearted—every time I go to a football game my sympathy goes out to the losing team, and after its all over I find myself kinda down in the dumps. As long as a team plays clean and fair I'm for 'em, whether they win or lose.

Emmett Ballentine starts the rabbit season off by bringing back a rabbit that he shot the head off while the cotton tail was on the run. He believes this is one of the few times in hunting history that such a thing has happened.

J. W. Caldwell, of Bellwood, is dead. He was a man highly respected by all who knew him. There seems to be some dispute about his age. He claimed just before he died that he would be 100 next February. His children, however, figure he was 106 when he died the 15th of this month. Regardless of his correct age, he said his prayers every night, according to Joe Price, with whom he lived.

When this paper started a hunt for the oldest citizen in Haywood county about a year ago, it was Mr. Caldwell who was considered the oldest person. I wonder if there is anyone older than 97 in Haywood now?

A clever bit of native wit was displayed recently, down at Canton, when two high school boys were standing on the side of the highway thumbing. As a girl on skates passed they thumbed all the harder. She sensed the humor in the action, and turned up her nose at them and skated on.

The Thanksgiving season always brings back memories of boyhood days, when I was allowed to watch the annual shooting match between rifle teams from neighboring towns. The match was considered on a high plane, and afforded some thrills for those who liked to see crack shooting.

The two most dreaded days in the year are Friday after Thanksgiving, and the day after Christmas. That let-down, and over-stuffed feeling always gets on my nerves.

The outstanding Thanksgiving in my mind is the time I was allowed to pull the trigger of a double barrel shotgun, letting go of both barrels at the same time. For some reason I've walked just a little one sided ever since.

Back in the days before drivers got so reckless on the highway, we thought nothing of driving 150 or 200 miles on Thanksgiving to a football game.

There is a certain thrill about riding on a train. The smell of the smoke, and occasional cinder, the clackety click of the rails, the broeze of the flagman, the roll and jerk of the train—it is always interesting.

I question whether it is right to tell children fairy tales and ghost stories always appeared too far-fetched to me. Sometime when I get time, I think I'll read Alice In Wonderland. To date I have always been busy with something else—usually reading about Ben Franklin or Thomas Edison, or travel stories which in my mind are about as good a past time as can be found.

Tomorrow will be Thanksgiving—will it be just a holiday, a feast day, home coming-day or Thanksgiving Day? Think it over.

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**Joe Palmer Is 4-H Club County Head**

The County Council of the 4-H Club met at the court house Saturday, Nov. 21. The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Margaret Green. The club pledge was given after which the club sang the plowing song.

Mr. Mitchener urged that all members get their project books completed and turn them in, along with their health project book. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

- President—Joe Palmer.
  - Vice President—Margaret Greene.
  - Secretary—Tommy Davis.
  - Treasurer—G. C. Palmer.
  - Recreation Leader—Mary Davis.
  - Song Leader—Mr. W. A. Carpening.
  - Reporter—Ruth Hooker.
  - Historian—Geraldine Rogers.
- Miss Mary M. Smith gave a plan of work for the 4-H club which met with the approval of all members.
- Every one enjoyed a Christmas story by Miss Mary Davis after which the council members played some interesting games.
- We adjourned to meet again Dec. 5th.
- Reporter—Ruth Hooker.

**FLORIDA CANAL O. K.'D**

A special board of army engineers after studying the Florida ship canal project, reported: "it was justified in the public interest," to the War Department. A public hearing on the report was called by the department for December the 16th in Washington, before the board of engineers for rivers and harbors. After much debate and wrangling the last Congress failed to appropriate the funds for the project.

**23 Years Ago in Haywood**

(From the files of Nov. 21, 1913)

Mr. Fred Howell was an American visitor on Sunday.

Mr. Frank Ray was in town on Tuesday on business.

Miss Margaret Stringfield was in Canton Tuesday on business.

Mr. Wesley Smith left Tuesday for his home in Reidsville, where he will visit his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lee.

Miss Anna Glosser, of Philadelphia, arrived Tuesday to take charge of the music department of St. Catherine's School. Miss Glosser is a graduate of the Boston Conservatory, and a very fine musician.

Mr. Walter Dungan left yesterday for Creamont, where he accepted a position with the Champion Lumber Company.

Mrs. Byra Wilson, Miss Byra Wilson, and Mr. Arthur Wilson, of Savannah, have arrived and are guests at the Suyeta Park Hotel for the winter.

Mrs. R. O. Covington was hostess Saturday afternoon to an informal auction bridge party at her home on Walnut street. Mrs. James E. Carraway won the prize.

Mrs. Charles E. Quinlan entertained the Friendly Dozen yesterday afternoon, at her home on Main street.

The people of Haywood will be able to return thanks to the Creator with hearts full of good cheer for their many blessings.

We fully appreciate the kind words that are coming to us about this paper, and we are trying to deserve them.

Our own Josephus Daniels seems to be running a race with Secretary Bryan, in the matter of speech making away from Washington, but the Tar Heel is not getting \$500 for each address, which is considerable difference.

We would like to have been watching the face of the Waynesville citizen who was expecting that little parcel post package that met with disaster the other day, when he discovered what had happened to his spirits.

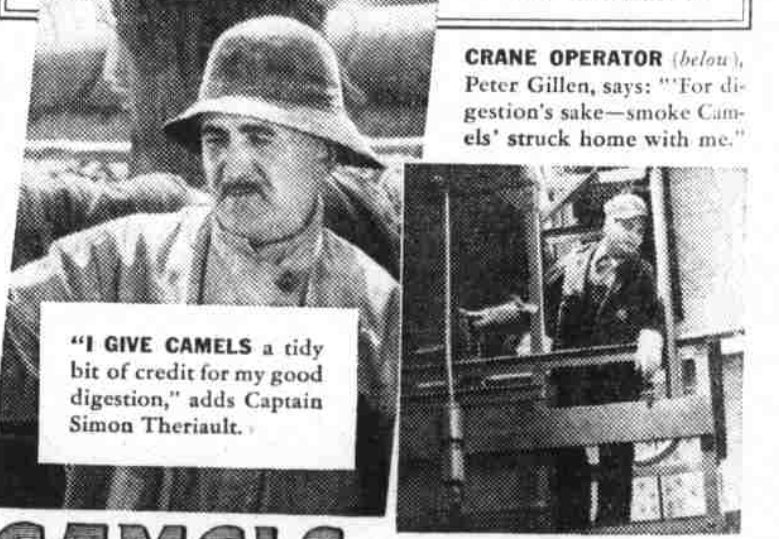
**NATIONS ARE LINING UP**

The situation in Europe becomes more serious. Last week European developments have projected more sharply to the foreground, the fact, which has been growing more apparent each week and each month, that Spain is the first battlefield on which Fascists and Communists are coming to grips in a struggle for world power, and that other nations vitally interested, because they are affected, are lining up in what may end in a general war.

**DEATH STALKS THE HIGHWAYS**

According to Associated Press calculations traffic mishaps on the highways of North Carolina last week resulted in ten deaths and 28 injured.

**"Me for Camels when food comes around!"**  
 —SIMON THERIAULT



**CAMELS COSTLIER TOBACCOS**

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