

Thanksgiving Proclamations Impressive

PRESIDENT CALLS 1944 AS A 'YEAR OF LIBERATION'

Both President And Governor Urge People To Read Their Bibles

In their Thanksgiving proclamations, President Roosevelt and Governor Broughton placed emphasis upon the brighter outlook for an early victory and for the establishment of a lasting and abiding peace.

The President called this "a year of liberation, which has seen so many millions freed from tyrannical rule."

Both the President and the Governor urged the people to read their Bibles and to renew their spiritual life.

Because of the timely sentiments expressed in each proclamation, The Echo is herewith printing them in full with the hope that you will read and will be uplifted by them.

The President's PROCLAMATION

Thanksgiving Day, 1944

By the President of the United States of America

A PROCLAMATION

In this year of liberation, which has seen so many millions freed from tyrannical rule, it is fitting that we give thanks with special fervor to our Heavenly Father for the mercies we have received individually and as a nation and for the blessings He has restored, through the victories of our arms and those of our Allies, to His children in other lands.

For the preservation of our way of life from the threat of destruction; for the unity of spirit which has kept our nation strong; for our abiding faith in freedom; and for the promise of an enduring peace, we should lift up our hearts in thanksgiving.

For the harvest that has sustained us and, in its fullness, brought succor to other peoples; for the bounty of our soil, which has produced the sinews of war for the protection of our liberties; and for a multitude of private blessings, known only in our hearts, we should give united thanks to God.

To the end that we may bear more earnest witness to our gratitude to Almighty God, I suggest a nationwide reading of the Holy Scriptures during the period from Thanksgiving day to Christmas. Let every man of every creed go to his own version of the Scriptures for a renewed and strengthening contact with those eternal truths and majestic principles which have inspired such measure of true greatness as this nation has achieved.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, in consonance with the joint resolution of the Congress approved December 26, 1941, do hereby proclaim Thursday the twenty-third day of November, 1944, a day of national thanksgiving; and I call upon the people of the United States to observe it by bending

Queens Of The Thanksgiving Feast



every effort to hasten the day of final victory and by offering to God our devout gratitude for His goodness to us and to our fellow men.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this the first day of November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-ninth. (Seal)

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.
By the President:
E. R. STETTINIUS, Jr.,
Acting Secretary of State.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Governor's PROCLAMATION

Thanksgiving Day is the most typical of all the holidays observed in this nation. Around it cloister undying memories of the men and women who founded our republic and of those whose pioneer spirit and unshakable faith have made possible the greatest of all holidays in this nation. It is a day which combines in its sentiment the spirit of patriotism and religion.

When George Washington, the first president of the United States, issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation 155 years ago, he included in this document the statement that "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor."

In its original observation, Thanksgiving was designed as an occasion for giving thanks to Almighty God for His bountiful blessings in the harvest season. Then, nearly all Americans were engaged in Agriculture. It still has much of such significance. It still is essentially a harvest season event. This year, the people of America have every reason for harvest season Thanksgiving.

Estimates indicate that the largest crops in the history of America are being harvested at this time. Food, feed and fiber crops exceed all previous estimates and records. We not only will have an abund-

ance of food for ourselves, but will be able to share with people in devastated areas elsewhere in the world. For this, we are truly and devoutly thankful.

Not only for our bountiful harvest are we thankful at this season. In the hearts of millions of American parents, there is a deeper note of Thanksgiving for the early prospect of complete victory and the return of our sons to their homes. Furthermore, the hope of durable peace is stronger than ever before in the world's history, for these things let us give thanks.

Two symbols should mark observance of this Thanksgiving Day. One is the flag of our nation to which new lustre has been added by countless deeds of heroism in the unprecedented war in which our nation is engaged. The other is the Bible, which is the foundation of our religious life and to which the people of the nation are turning in ever increasing number for guidance and consolation. It is earnestly hoped that on this Thanksgiving Day our people will display the flag and likewise find time to read appropriate sections from the Bible in the home, public assemblies, as well as in private.

Therefore, in the spirit of our first national Thanksgiving, I, J. Melville Broughton, Governor of North Carolina, do proclaim and set aside Thursday, November 23, 1944, as a legal holiday in North Carolina and a day of general Thanksgiving to be set apart for religious and patriotic concentration; and I do call upon the people of our State to renew their allegiance to the ideals and principles upon which our republic was founded; to reconcentrate themselves to the cause of popular government and free institutions; to acknowledge anew our dependence upon Almighty God and to rekindle their devotion to everlasting spiritual value.

It is also urged that earnest prayer be made for an early peace throughout the world, based upon justice, freedom and democracy.

In witness whereof, I, J. Melville Broughton, Governor of North Carolina, have signed and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed hereto, at our city of Raleigh this 7th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four, and in the one hundredth and six-

Control, Champagne Are Still Leading In Bowling League

Control and Champagne are continuing to hold their leads in the Ecusta bowling leagues.

In the women's duck pin division Champagne has won 19 and lost only 2 games, while Control is in second place with 15 victories and 6 losses.

In the men's ten pin league, Control has annexed 18 games and lost 3. Champagne occupies second place with 15 victories and 6 losses. Machine Room is following closely behind.

In the duck pin league, Champagne holds honors for high team match with a score of 1,366 and high team set with 479. Louise Bruce, of Control, is leading in high individual game score with 116 and Mary Merrill, of Champagne, has high individual match honors, 295. Mary likewise has the highest average to date, 90.9. Louise Bruce is second with 89 and Anne Morris third, 88.

As to be expected, Control also leads in high team match and set scores with 2,441 and 924. Callender, of Machine Room, has bowled the highest score for individual game, 227, and Chris Rogers, of Champagne, has high individual set score, 556.

Walter Straus continues to hold first place in high average with 167. He is followed by Bruce Reynolds, 166 and Paul Simpson, 162.

The standings today are as follows:

WOMEN'S DUCK PIN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	Ave.
Champagne	19	2	.904	438
Control	15	6	.714	421
Endless Belt	12	9	.571	406
Finishing	10	11	.476	403
Pin Setters	5	16	.238	397
Office	2	19	.110	362

MEN'S TEN PIN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	Ave.
Control	18	3	.857	747
Champagne	15	6	.714	758
Machine Room	17	7	.708	740
Maintenance	11	10	.524	691
Office	10	11	.476	686
Pulp Mill	4	20	.167	521
Refining Room	3	21	.125	597

RECEIVES MEDICAL DISCHARGE

Morris O. Ward, formerly employed as Assistant Turbine operator, who served more than two years in the Army Air corps, has received a medical discharge. He plans to return to his job. A private first class, he was stationed at Dothan, Ala.

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J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON,
Governor.

SEAL.
Charles E. Flack,
Private Secretary.

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