

"Editor's Message"

Have We Forgotten Thanksgiving?

Pondering over what type of message to deliver, I found that the past holiday, Thanksgiving, was well worth writing about.

Have we forgotten Thanksgiving? Each person should search their heart and soul for the true answer.

No matter what each person might say, the truth is all around us. We have forgotten Thanksgiving.

As Thanksgiving service got underway on November 27, I gave careful consideration to these words the minister spoke, "love, brotherhood, and fellowship." As I looked into the congregation from my position on the choir stand, I realized that the church wasn't filled to as much as a third of its capacity. What has happened? Has the true meaning of Thanksgiving been lost? Has everyone become so intrigued by the pre-Christmas spirit that they can't religiously support the one day set aside to thank God for what He has done for us in this land of plenty? If everyone would take a moment, just one moment, to think just what were our founding fathers thoughts on this occasion. Well, I'll tell you. Their thoughts were strictly centered on thanking God for the abundant food supply and leading them through the terrible dangers that existed at that time. With these thoughts, they joined in fellowship with the Indians and enjoyed a dinner by which they thanked God for His blessings.

However, in our present generation of fine fancy meals, fine silverware, China plates, candles and large turkeys, one can't find anything to thank God for. Instead, we concentrate on the future on-com-

ing month and what we feel God might see fit to bestow upon us in the forms of gifts or presents and many are only thankful then at the actual moment of receiving.

Referring back to the church service, that church should have been full of people. No, instead, we had rather sit at home and watch television and do other things which are not contrary to Thanksgiving Day. Even at the dinner table, we are so busy thinking about that juicy turkey, pumpkin pie, potato salad and other food that we rush through the prayer or don't even say it at all, just to stuff ourselves and say we had a good dinner and not thanking the One who caused you to have it.

Even in our city we don't have advertisement for Thanksgiving anymore. They will put up something just to get by. The windows in our downtown stores and shopping centers are full of Christmas items, trees, bells, Santa Clauses, etc. Nothing concerning Thanksgiving whatsoever! You will have to drive and drive, search and search, look and look, to find what you want.

America has forgotten God! And as the minister said in that service, just because we have plenty now, doesn't mean we will have it later! We should think about that a minute and agree, because he is right.

I have given you the facts that prove that we have forgotten Thanksgiving, in so many ways. I would like to leave this thought with you in closing this message:

If we were to make a list of those things for which we should BE THANKFUL, how long would our list be? Reflect on this a while. Have we been taking the Lord's blessing and benefits for granted? I would say we have.

FICKLE FINGER OF FATE AWARD

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| 1. Mr. Staley, for his Business Math teaching tactics. | ing a coach for the basketball team. |
| 2. Ronald Spainhour, for his thoughtful class participation. HA! | 8. Mrs. Feasler, for establishing a new world's record for finishing a business math book. |
| 3. Don Bowen, for not accepting the other side against the unlimited cut system. | 9. The basketball team for Thursday night, October 30, being a "night to remember." |
| 4. To Forsyth Tech student body for not taking an interest in extra-curricular activities. | 10. All student council members who have not been attending council meetings. |
| 5. Mrs. Kirby for her strict English punctuation. | 11. Gary Blackmon, Mary Hanes, and Vickie Matthews for appearing at the car wash Saturday, November 22, and doing nothing in the way of washing "cars." |



Holiday Greeting From Staff

The Reporter Newspaper Staff extends wishes for everyone to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Student For The Month



Hey, Hey, Mr. D.J.! (Wild) Willie Edwards.

In choosing the "Student of the Month" the Reporter Staff chose someone who we felt has helped FTI in a very special way, through attending FTI and through advertising spontaneously by radio broadcasts. The Reporter Staff is proud to present the "Student of the Month," none other than Willie "Love Leader" Edwards, a disc jockey at WTOB.

While interviewing Willie for the paper, I found that he has a wonderful personality and a sense of humor.

When asked how he got started as a disc jockey, Willie replied, "Throughout his childhood days he wanted to be one of three things. A bootlegger, a preacher, or disc jockey. He really didn't decide to become a disc jockey until his senior year in high school. While in high school he played football and had scholarships to various colleges. He turned down the college scholarships and decided to attend the Career Academy of Broadcasting in Washington, D. C., where he is also an instructor. Willie had been to two other technical schools but found that FTI has one of the best business curriculums he has ever seen.

When asked about his hobbies, life was a big issue which Willie expanded on. Also, any motor sports, and naturally, music.

When asked about what kind of music he likes, he replied that he loved all types of expressive music and that he has no favorite group or singer. Willie is also quoted as saying he is "very single" and is twenty years old.

A native of Norfolk, Va., Willie is one of the youngest disc jockeys in the United States. When asked about being a disc jockey, he said it requires concentration, self-control, physical work and it is a lot of fun.

When finishing FTI Willie hopes to get an executive position in radio.

Students of FTI — if you have anyone you feel that should be student of the month, you can help the Reporter Staff by placing their name in the "Student of the Month" box in the Student Personnel Office.

"YOU"

There is a tiger in your mind, big and enormously powerful, just waiting to be unleashed. That tiger is your potential at Forsyth Tech. With a little thought and effort, you can understand yourself and others and become one of the many honor students here at Forsyth Tech. Channeling the curriculum — and getting a better understanding of your goals. You may bestow upon yourself a meaningful and lasting education.

Commission Reveals Great Plans For Winston-Salem

On Thursday, November —, the Introduction to Business classes, under the direction of Mr. A. Stephenson, gathered in the amphitheater-like Room 101 to hear the guest speaker, Mr. Richard Earnheart from the Redevelopment Commission of Winston-Salem.

Mr. Earnheart is the Assistant Director of the commission. He held his audience "attentive" while he spoke of the various projects that the commission had undertaken and finished or future plans and projects that are still on paper which have not been started.

In the beginning of his speech, he began by saying that 80 percent of the population live in urban areas. He also said 2,235 acres are under urban renewal planning, which includes all of the central business districts and most of East and North Winston-Salem. By the year 2000, 100 per cent will live in urban areas. He continued by saying that \$250,000 will be spent in the next ten years on urban renewal.

Mr. Earnheart gave us some statistics on their planned programs on agenda. Some of these programs have been completed, others have been started, but the job has not been finished yet. The 2,320 slum, sub-standard dwellings are to be improved through rehabilitation and code enforcement.

Mr. Earnheart next explained to us what the "four plans" projects were and something about each one.

The plans listed in order are (1) East Winston, (2) Kimberley-North Winston, (3) Church Street, and (4) Central General Neighborhood Renewal.

Regarding to the East Winston plan, he said that out of five projects included in this plan, two had been predominately cleared with some work being started on the other three. He said that the Kimberley-North Winston project will be planned along with the Model Cities for that area. Nine hundred and eighteen acres will be cleared in this project with rehabilitation and selected sites being the main objective.

Mr. Earnheart said the Church Street plan is divided into seventeen parcels, and the land has been cleared. D. L. Phillips Investment Builders bought the land

IDEALISM

In this day, an age of conclusion and many other festivities and activities, it is quite understandable why we might forget some of the human aspects of life. There are so many indifferent situations bestowed upon us that we, as a group, just don't communicate anymore.

Influence by various groups are so great that we might travel in any direction and fall in a number of circumstances. We know who to follow and how long to stick to our philosophy.

A touch of kindness, an unseen nature of understanding, a love for human dignity, this, Circle K, is your enthusiasm for a most worthwhile cause have enlightened someone, somewhere, by creating a better understanding of Thanksgiving — in which many have forgotten. We thank you.

Final Exam Prayer

Now I lay me down to rest,
I pray the Lord I pass the test.
If I die before I wake,
That's one less test I'll have to take.

to construct a six or nine story Computer Center with parking decks for the Wachovia Bank. The cost of this Center will be six and one-half to nine million dollars.

Last, is the Central General Neighborhood plan. He said this plan, having five projects, also will be carried out over a period of ten years. This area will consist of 700 acres. He mentioned projects 1 and 2, with 1 being the Liberty-Main, and 2 the Central downtown area.

After elaborating on the Commission plans and projects thoroughly, Mr. Earnheart proceeded to the next thing, which was a film about the plans and projects he and the Commission are undertaking. A series of slides showing beautiful color pictures of such sites as follows:

The 27.5 acres North-South Expressway completed at a cost of \$2,636,000.

The John F. Kennedy Junior High School enrollment of 1,198 pupils at a cost of \$1,400,000.

The sheds and buildings of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company on a 3.5 acre tract. Cost at completion will be approximately \$1,000,000.

The beautiful abstract designed Forsyth County Health and Welfare Building completed with a proposed mental health clinic at a cost of \$1,000,000 and the three-fourth's of an acre from Russell Funeral Home at a cost of \$50,000. There were pictures, now torn down, and what has been built to replace those old buildings.

The most intriguing sites were the churches. Some of the more beautiful churches in Winston-Salem were shown; prime examples are the United Metropolitan Baptist Church and the Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Another area of interest is the downtown area. When this area is rehabilitated, it will compare only with the city of Hartford in Connecticut. The Trade Street area will be converted into a "mall." A plaza will be developed between Third Street and Cherry Street. Improvement of existing buildings are also planned. Traffic (motor and pedestrian), Government complex, new development, and parking areas are major elements in the Downtown Plan. The estimated cost of this project will be \$16,234,799.

No matter how huge this figure might sound, when the Downtown Area is completed, no other city, except the one mentioned above, in the United States, can rank with it.

After the end of the slides and film, a question and answer period followed. A question was directed to Mr. Earnheart about the activities of the commission after clearing the property. He said the sole responsibility of the Redevelopment Commission is to clear the property. The land is then turned over to a developer who will develop the land for a particular project of some kind. No further questions were asked because Mr. Earnheart had thoroughly covered the subject of the Redevelopment Commission and its activities. Winston-Salem would not have progressed this far without the help of this commission. The Beautification of the Downtown Area will highlight the planning of this group. Yes, the Redevelopment Commission does have great plans for Winston-Salem. Some have been completed, while others will help make our city one of the finest in the nation.

—F. McKissick