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Star-News Program

- Consolidated City-County Government under Council-Manager Administration. Public Port Terminals. Perfected Truck and Berry Preserving and Marketing Facilities. Arena for Sports and Industrial Shows. Seaside Highway from Wrightsville Beach to Bald Head Island. Extension of City Limits. 35-Foot Cape Fear River channel, wider Turning Basin, with ship lanes into industrial sites along Eastern bank south of Wilmington. Paved River Road to Southport, via Orton Plantation. Development of Pulp Wood Production through sustained-yield methods throughout Southeastern North Carolina. Unified Industrial and Resort Promotional Agency, supported by one county-wide tax. Shipyards and Drydock. Negro Health Center for Southeastern North Carolina, developed around the Community Hospital. Adequate hospital facilities for whites. Junior High School. Tobacco Warehouse for Export Buyers. Development of native grape growing throughout Southeastern North Carolina. Modern Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

TOP OF THE MORNING

Just at this time we who live in the United States have some special causes for thanksgiving. To begin with, our country is at peace... Think of what the people of London have been undergoing day and night for weeks and months. If we could really understand with any degree of fullness the meaning of war, and then the meaning, we would flock to our churches on Thanksgiving Day and praise God for his goodness in giving us peace and for sending into the world... the Prince of Peace.

There are millions of people in Europe today who cannot write a letter without its being censored, who cannot listen to a radio without special permission, who cannot read papers or books that have not been censored, who cannot attend a church service unless the service has been authorized by the governmental authorities, who cannot do one of a thousand things unless permission is given by the government.

Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death."... Civil and religious liberty are more precious than life itself. If we understand all this, we would throng to our churches on Thanksgiving Day and praise God for the freedom wherewith He has made us free, not only in the political sense of that word but in its deepest spiritual sense.

DR. WALTER LINGLE in "Talks on Timely Topics."

Thanksgiving

As citizens of the United States we have a great deal more to be thankful for than appears on the surface.

There came a time in the infancy of the Colonies that the people set one day aside for giving thanks and showing appreciation to God for their deliverance from oppression. We owe it to ourselves and to Jehovah to observe that custom today with the same singleness of purpose, the same high motives.

Again, we are delivered from oppression, with our thankfulness for that we have need to reflect that our present freedom can survive only so long as we deserve to be free.

So long as we retain in our own hands the reins of government, we shall have cause for Thanksgiving. It is cause for thanks that we can think and speak and act of our own free will, with none to say us nay, so long as we stay within the law and do not jeopardize the rights of others.

It is cause for thanks that we are sovereigns in our own right and can walk with dignity

and respect. It is cause for thanks that we may worship as we please, vote as we please, that our homes are safe from search and seizure.

It is cause for thanks that the masses of the people are giving more and more thought to governmental problems in the solution of which their future is wrapped up.

With all the anxiety, the uncertainty of the times, we are fortunate people. We can even celebrate a day of thankfulness to the Almighty, without interference from a fuhrer.

Our Defense Effort

When the defense program was first taking form, the Star published a series of editorials pointing out the unprotected state of the North Carolina seaboard, its need for major defenses and Wilmington's and the whole southeastern area's potentialities both for aiding the defense program and capacity for service in the rearmament effort.

In these articles the advantage of establishing a network of military roads, radiating fanwise from Wilmington to coastal and interior military posts and to inland production areas was indicated. They also dealt with the area's availability for training bases for land and air forces, or shipyards, for submarine and torpedo boat bases and refuges.

Shortly after publication of this summary, Lieut. Col. George W. Gillette, then engineer for the war department in this district, prepared for the Star-News a map of the Carolinas showing the principal industrial and agricultural centers in the two states, the areas available and peculiarly adapted for defense projects, and the exposed condition of the coast. In an accompanying article Colonel Gillette explained the situation with detailed and illuminating accuracy.

Since then the war department has announced that it will create an anti-aircraft training base in the Holly Shelter area where at least 10,000 men will be stationed. There are indications that Bluethenthal airport will be utilized as quickly as it can be put in condition as a training base. The WPA has already earmarked \$35,000 for immediate application on this project, that work need not stop while larger amounts are being set aside for completion of the work. It seems quite possible that a marine and naval training post will be located in southeastern North Carolina, with Southport and Fort Caswell favored as the site. A shipyard is among the possibilities.

Thus it is apparent that the campaign to participate in the defense program is bearing fruit. But there are other matters that need the concerted effort of a forward-looking citizenship, if we are to bear our full burden and realize on our greatest opportunities in the national emergency.

Among these is the deepening of the Cape Fear river channel to at least 35 feet, so that this waterway may function at 100 per cent both for commerce and for defense. This is one project on which Colonel Gillette, out of his great experience, designated as an invaluable asset—an asset the government can ill afford to overlook. Supporting his view is the fact that the Cape Fear is an ideal hideout and supply base for torpedo boats and submarines, once its depth is sufficient to guarantee safe passage for these fleet vessels.

Another project is a highway system which will meet all requirements for fast and safe transport of mechanized war equipment and for the speedy movement of supplies. The addition of shoulders to existing roads will not serve the purpose, especially as most bridges bear the notice "maximum load six tons." Heavy artillery could not be moved over them. It is easy to foresee what would happen to 10-ton tanks.

These are things which Wilmington's leadership must concentrate upon as essential to efficient defense. There must be no easing of the effort to see that we are enabled to carry on with complete success in a future which will demand of every community its full capacity for service.

Axis Anti-Climax

By its admission that no more acquisitions to the Axis bloc are expected for the present, Berlin has capped with an astonishing anticlimax the diplomatic campaign that has engaged Adolf Hitler since mid-summer. It is almost incredible that all the conferences and all the publicity and all the talk of a "new order" have come to nothing more than the meager results thus far accomplished.

For what has Hitler gained? He has a pact with Italy and Japan that is supposed to be an alliance, but since it was signed Mussolini has gone to war with Greece and neither Germany nor Japan has taken up his quarrel. Clearly the arrangement is extremely loose when two of the partners can decide for themselves whether or not they are obliged to go to the aid of the third.

This three-power pact has now been extended, it is true, to three nations that have accepted the leadership of Germany, Italy and Japan in reorganizing Europe and Asia on new lines. These states are Hungary, Rumania and Slovakia, and they add 33,000,000 persons to the quarter of a billion claimed by the three equals. But all are German puppets and were German puppets before Hitler started on his travels. To get their signature on the dotted line was no achievement at all.

All this activity, then, was merely stage-setting. But now that the stage has been set, in full view of the audience, the management announces that the performance is not ready to begin. We had expected a scene showing Bulgaria joining the happy party, or perhaps Spain, or something equally eloquent on the subject of the strength of the Axis. Nothing on that order, we now learn, is immediately in prospect. Doubtless the author is determined to go

forward with the production one way or another. We can permit ourselves, however, a momentary feeling of relief. Whatever comes next, we can feel that it might have been worse.

Citadel vs. Davidson

Wilmington's American Legion post is sponsoring a football game on Saturday afternoon which promises to be quite the best gridiron contest ever held here. The Citadel and Davidson teams have performed well this season. Spectators are assured such an exhibition as they ordinarily would have to travel many miles to see.

In urging a large attendance it is pertinent to point out that this will in effect be a test game—not so much on the field as in the stands. The guarantee to the players is large. Other costs necessarily have piled up. There is no way of meeting the heavy expense except through the music of the turnstiles at entrances of Legion field.

If this music is rollicking and snappy there can be other games, in the future. But if it is like a dirge, there will be no major football in Wilmington for years to come. The Legion post cannot afford to obligate itself to pay any more deficits.

It is not as if you were asked to make a gift to a good cause. Here you are asked to invest in first class entertainment. There will be value received for every ticket you purchase. You cannot do better, in celebrating Thanksgiving afternoon, than by joining the throng headed for Legion field and the Citadel-Davidson game.

It will be to Wilmington's credit if the revenue from the game is large enough to create a balance on which to lay the foundation for more than even better football in the future.

WASHINGTON DAYBOOK

BY JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27—Already Washington is talking about 1944 as if it were just around the corner. The political prognosticators are burning midnight oil and slinging ink from Page 1 to Classified trying to guess the future of Wendell L. Willkie and the part he will play in the Republican party in the coming years.

Let's leave that to the Pol. Progs. Really, they don't know much more about it than we do, as most of them will admit. The shape of things to come will mold the future of the Republican party (and the Democratic party, too) and of Wendell L. Willkie, but—

If Mr. Willkie is nominated for the presidency again in 1944, he will be upsetting another Republican apple-cart (and one that has been running smoothly for 86 years) because he will be the first defeated candidate in the history of the party ever to have been nominated for a second try.

Not only that, but if Mr. Willkie should even be considered as a serious contender for the nomination by next convention time, he will be kicking over a precedent that has been broken by only two men in either of the major parties since pre-Civil war days.

DEMOCRATIC EXCEPTIONS

Grover Cleveland and William Jennings Bryan both were nominated on the Democratic ticket three times. Bryan, of course, never won the election. Cleveland did twice and although he was a defeated candidate when he was nominated in 1892, this was somewhat offset by the fact that he had been President for four years before his defeat. These are the two exceptions and both were Democrats. Let's look to the roster of defeated Republican candidates.

The first candidate of the Republican party as we know it today was Gen. John Charles Fremont, Indian fighter, California hero, and veteran of a dozen western ventures that had made him a national figure. James Buchanan beat him in 1856 and although Fremont remained in the limelight a good many years (he was territorial governor of Arizona and was nominated by a rump convention of Republican radicals at Cleveland in 1864 but withdrew in favor of Lincoln when he was convinced his candidacy might split the party vote), he never really counted as a political force after his defeat.

James G. Blaine, defeated by Cleveland in 1884, stayed in the picture long enough to become Benjamin Harrison's Secretary of State, 1889-'92, but when Harrison was defeated he turned to international law.

TOOK COURT POSTS

William Howard Taft and Charles Evans Hughes went on from defeated candidacies to become chief justices of the Supreme Court, a position which precludes political activity. Former President Hoover and Alf M. Landon are, of course, still on the political scene, but conventions since their defeats have passed them by with little more than a nod of courtesy.

On the Democratic side, since 1860, there have been Stephen A. Douglas, who died shortly after Lincoln's first inaugural; Gen. George B. McClellan; Horatio Seymour and Horace Greeley, who were beaten by Grant; Samuel J. Tilden, defeated by Rutherford B. Hayes in the famous contested election; Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock, the brilliant Union general, who was defeated by Garfield; and Alton B. Parker, who lost to Theodore Roosevelt in 1904. In nearly every instance, these men "retired to private life" after their political Waterloo, as did James M. Cox, the Dayton, O., publisher, and John W. Davis, the New York attorney. Al Smith's defeat in 1928 has brought in its wake only his well-known "walks" of succeeding years and a split with the party to which he had given life-long allegiance.

This is the record that Mr. Willkie has to look back upon. He may, of course, become the Republican Bryan or Cleveland, but if he does he'll have to smash another Republican precedent—one that is probably even more firmly established than those he broke when he ran away with the party nomination in Philadelphia.

Thanksgiving



Fair Enough

The Star wishes its readers to know that views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and may not always harmonize with its position.—The Editor.

BY WESTBROOK PEGLER

NEW YORK, Nov. 27—It appears that the unioneering labor fakery of the American Federation of Labor have passed some of their officials in their convention in New Orleans. If they fail to look after their own number dead in the eye and denounce him personally as a gangster and a threat to the labor movement, they put the whole nation on the alert to tire rank and file of the A. F. of L. on warning that their reform is so stupid and venal and mean that the rest are so insured to get on. E. Browne's kind of union leadership I confidently assume they will not even mention his name, much less tell him to get on. The gangster Browne, president of the union of movie and amusement employees, holds his office in the American Federation of Labor being twice vice president and a member of the executive council. Ironically, it is proposed that this same executive council be empowered to take out of the A. F. of L. the person of Browne's type.

Closely Related

Browne's union is so closely related to the Capone or Nitti mob of inveterate professional crooks that it is impossible to determine where the union ends and the mob begins. In fact, there is no such demarcation. They overlap. Browne's union, and Browne himself acquired his job only after the unsolved but not very heavily deplored assassination of his predecessor in the union racket in Chicago, Mr. Tommy Maguire, a low, brutal criminal whose funeral Browne attended.

William Green, president of the A. F. of L., and Joseph Padawny, its general counsel, are involved with Browne, both having indicated his notorious administration in understanding the fact well known to them, that he had named as his personal representatives, with full powers, two criminals of the Capone mob in Chicago who were worked a day as any legitimate occupation and a third union ringleader in St. Louis, Padawny, in his role of lawyer, collaborated for hire, with Willie Bluff, the crook of the Browne gang, in union negotiations in California and endorsed as "a very splendid report" the account of his stewardship, which Browne delivered at the last national convention of the racket, although in that report Browne took occasion to defend this vicious parasite whose record by that time was well known to Padawny. Green also indicated Browne's leadership in that convention—a fact which shows where labor unions are sided with Browne's racketeer appointee John Nick, when the rank and file of the St. Louis union went to the public courts in desperation to get the crook off their necks.

"Settled" (Browne) on the St. Louis situation. Padawny said to the delegates at the convention of Browne's racket, "and your report indicates that that was settled satisfactorily by him." What sort of talk was this from a man who is a lawyer, an editor and an officer of the county and national council of the American Federation of Labor, when the record showed that Browne's personal crook had racketeered and grafted and persecuted the rank and file workers of the local? Padawny "worked with your president on the St. Louis situation." Padawny must have known the nature of the case, and yet his character was such that he could not tell a national union convention that that "your report indicates that that was settled satisfactorily by him."

If Green and Padawny have not neglected an opportunity to make that reply in circumstances, at the New Orleans convention, which would have guaranteed them national circulation of their remarks. Taking one consideration with another, it seems most unlikely that the A. F. of L. will take a positive stand against gangsters in the labor movement and unemployable that they will name Browne personally. Would Mr. Green denounce a man whom he had known five months ago on the same set of facts that exist today and which showed his positive collaboration with a mob of underworld gangsters? And would Mr. Padawny, who was a judge in his time at Milwaukee, now repudiate a claim in whom so recently he spoke in terms of joyous praise? Browne is not the only individual who should be named but who is named because of his position and official position and his preference for criminal associates and criminal official agencies will be the test case.

Recent studies of influenza show that the disease comes from turning fluid blood into a thick sludge which plugs the vessels and causes the heart to overwork. even get extra work most of the time he was trying. "With Ann Sheridan, who was 'washed up' after her first film but stayed to fight it out and won, with Betty Grable, who was just a 'campus cutie' type who never had a sound of dialogue options with dizzy frequency. These and many more make a goodly company. To them, too, belongs the continued story.

The Editor's LETTER BOX

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OLD SAINT IS NEARLY HERE

With November nearly gone and December almost on, We make lists of friends so dear For cards sent far and near.

The lights and windows show With all their gleam and glow, That horns and skates can sing When'er they hear his ring.

Of course the dolls are there All dressed and smiling rare, The guns and firecrackers shout When Christmas is about.

Old Saint Nick gets lots of fun With mail from every one, Keeps working day and night His orders must be right.

The cakes and pies awake For this their yearly bake, And fruits and candies say They too are on their way.

Our streets will be crowded by With shoppers—you and me, There's wrapping to be done For each and every one.

And now his smiling face Comes down our fire place, Leaving all this message so dear Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

EMILY LEE FISHER

OUR ROADS

To the Star: Access to the sea is New Hanover's chief claim to distinction and its main source or reason for revenue.

To shorten the distance to the sea and make a boulevard of our "road to Mandalay" is a sound investment.

Last week a national road builder made several trips to Wrightsville and approved the following suggestions:

- 1.—The "get-away" from the city is slow and costly. Citizens who are interested should drive out to about 19th and Castle and see how easy it now is to make a straighter and safer road to Wrightsville and Oleander.
2.—Drive down to McClumber's Station and see what a hundred yard "cut off" or connecting link between the new and the old highway will do in making a straight road from Bradley's Creek to Wrightsville bridge. It will cost only a few hundred dollars and make unnecessary the mutilation and widening of the scenic drive.
3.—The curve at Seagate has a cross road and a school house which take the joy and sometimes the driver out of driving. The cross road should cross two hundred yards south or towards the city.
4.—Both entrances to the "cut off" to the Ocean Highway and Hollywood ridge should be marked and beautified.
All of which will not only save money but make money for the community. LINDSAY RUSSELL

Man About Manhattan

By George Tucker

NEW YORK, Nov. 27—My secretary, Asia, speaks.

Dear GT: The Plaza publishing people called to say they were sending you a new crossword puzzle book. . . And Washington telephoned to say your Social Security Number was 057-10-2784. . . They didn't mention your draft number, and neither did I. . . Did I do right?

And, oh yes. . . Billy Rose dropped in to ask about you and to say he was sure burlesque was dead. He said he didn't have anything against the good, and I am quoting him, hard-working people employed in what's left of burlesque any more than the engineers had personal grudges against the drivers of horse cars. But he went on to say the American people had decided that pay dirt was to be found only in clean shows, with the result that smut and nudity practically were bankrupt in this country.

Well, just after Billy left who do you think walked in? . . . Yep, I. Herk. . . He said, "If that guy Billy Rose has been in here running down burlesque, and I am quoting, 'he's insane.' He said all you have to do is look at the line of customers in front of the Gaiety. . . The Gaiety is a burlesque house that carries on all the time, and he wants me to ask you what is the difference between burlesque strip tease and the strip tease in Billy's floor show at the Diamond Horseshoe. . . I told him I would.

That was a nifty about the drunk in the elevator. . . That cop friend of yours in front of the building says Pat O'Brien is the darling of the police force. . . He says all the cops who can get off . . . Asia.

Hollywood Sights And Sounds

By Robbin Coon

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 27—It's Hollywood's oldest and truest story and it can't be told too often—both for producers and for the discouraged young ones about town who think the gates will never open.

Chapter No. 2,345 in the continued story, which might be called "Second Chance," is about James Craig, Young, tall, dark and handsome, Craig couldn't get a look inside Hollywood. He heard about the actors who got in by going to New York and he took the same road. He got into the stage show, "Missouri Legend," and it worked—right away he was signed up by a movie company.

Being signed was only the first step. The second was getting to act, which he did in a number of 12-day quickies. Step No. 3 brings in "Kitty Foyle," in which he has one of the two important supporting roles to Ginger Rogers. Director Sam Wood picked him because he felt the lad had something—"looks like Cary Grant, make-up, and he ought to have a change. We're giving it to him here." The other man in the film is Dennis Morgan, chapter 2,331 in Metro, no work; contract at Warner's, some work but not in big pictures; looks and personality that stood out even in the bad ones.

shone when given half a chance: Result: "Kitty Foyle." And there is Ginger herself—who had as many ups and downs before her real recognition as changes of hair-color and hair-color. (The latter is red - w, dark red.) It's easy to forget—seeing Ginger now with her dancing accolades, her dramatic and comedy accomplishments—was that one of the actors who got in by going to New York and he took the same road. He got into the stage show, "Missouri Legend," and it worked—right away he was signed up by a movie company.