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THE GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY DINNER

We are all called upon to observe International Golden Rule Sunday on December 7th. This is a national and international day observed by 23 nations. It is an American idea and we as loyal Americans are asked to eat a dinner consisting of soup, bread and stew, or corn grits and condensed milk, or rice, macaroni and cocoa. One dish of this kind of food is what the American orphans eat 365 days in the year. As we eat this dinner we are asked to think of these needy orphans, dependant upon America alone for life, and then each one of us make a free will offering for them. I trust that each and every home in this county and each individual if possible, will observe the day and make an offering for this most worthy cause. I hereby appoint every pastor, Sunday School superintendent and teacher in the county to please take charge in their respective communities or churches, and urge the observance of this day in each home and receive the offering. Funds are to be sent to the county treasurer of this county, Mr. G. P. Haganan of the Watauga County Bank. We hope that all homes will take an offering on that day and have it sent at once to Mr. Haganan. With very best wishes for your highest good, I am
Your for this noble cause
J. M. DOWNUM
County Chairman Near East

OCCASIONS FOR THANKSGIVING

That we have bread enough and to spare for the hungry of the earth. That our ancient order of obedience and orderly change stands fast. For the hope of better social understanding and just dealings. That our great opportunities of world-wide helpfulness remain. That the idea of brotherhood among the nations has taken root. For the true men and women who are giving lives of service. For leaders raised up and the opportunity of following them. For the open door of knowledge and the desire for truth awake in men. For joys of simple living and the unnoticed saints. For work and rest, the patience that continues, the ideals that soar. For the love of home in all of us, and its satisfaction when it comes. That the world is bigger than we, and the joy of the adventures that it brings.

THANKFULNESS AND HOPE

Thanksgiving is not, at its best, what anybody says or does, but rather what he feels. And so it is that all of us, equal members in a free democracy, are privileged to draw our inventories together to total up the credit side of our ledger of life as one united people, and to join together in a festival of good cheer and hearty thanks for what the past has yielded; to face the future in what it holds in store.

PRESIDENT URGES COOPERATION

In his first public address since the election President Coolidge on November 13 declared that the government would omit no effort to prevent a repetition of recent misfortunes involving agriculture but emphasized the need of giving more attention to scientific marketing of the farm products. "The farmer is not only a producer said the President, "he is likewise a merchant. It does him no good to get quantity production, in fact it may do him harm, unless he can likewise have scientific marketing. I want to see courses in cooperative marketing and farm economics along side of soil chemistry and animal husbandry. I want to see a good farmer on a good farm raise a good crop and secure a good price."

TWENTY REPUBLICANS IN THE LOWER HOUSE

There will be 100 Democrats including one woman and twenty Republicans in the North Carolina house of Representatives, and 47 Democrats and three Republicans in the Senate at the 1925 session, according to a list of members of the general assembly elected on November 4th, compiled by Henry M. London, legislative Reference Librarian. The list was made public in Raleigh Saturday. The three Republican senators will come from the twenty-fourth, thirtieth and thirty-second districts. The twenty-third district normally Republican went Democratic this year for the first time since its formation in 1892. The thirty-third normally Republican, went Democratic two years ago, but re-entered the Republican column this year. There were three Republicans in the expiring general assembly. The Republican house membership shows a gain over two years ago of eleven.

T. H. Crudup of Vance County got 200 day old chicks last spring, raised 85 per cent of them and after selling the cockerels and culling the pullets, had 780 choice ones left. These began laying in early September and had reached 40 per cent production by October 15. He is now selling about \$100 worth of eggs each week and they are costing him only \$60 per week.

"Hello, Moss, how long you all in jail?"
"Three weeks."
"What did you do?"
"Jes kill mah wife."
"And you got only three weeks?"
"Dat's all. Den dey's going to hang me."

Teacher (in Geography class)—
"Willie, name a certain year and tell how much cotton was exported from the United States in that year."
Willie—"1492; none"



Above is the U. S. S. Washington as she was towed toward the Virginia Capes to be used as a target in Navy practice. She cost \$30,000,000 and is 85 per cent complete. Her destruction is in accordance with the "Washington Conference." Protests from all sources at such wasteful destruction have been made, the claim being that other powers have not lived up to their agreements made at Washington.

CAPITAL WANTS RETURN TO OLD-FASHIONED INAUGURAL

President Coolidge will soon be called upon to state his conception of how to inaugurate a president of the United States shall be considered a purely personal affair to be guided entirely by the wishes of the individual taking the oath of office.

Plans are being laid in Washington to urge upon the President that there be a return to the inauguration ceremonies of olden days, with the President of the United States participating in parades, in balls and in other forms of dignified celebration.

There seems to be a unanimity of feeling that if Mr. Coolidge were to consider only his personal wishes in the matter the ceremonies of his induction to a second term would be the briefest and simplest possible. There has been a decided inclination from the White House to this effect. It has been stated that a simple and economical inaugural would be in keeping with the life and the present day attitude of the chief executive.

But residents of Washington and some of the political leaders are loath to take this intimation as a final decision and they believe that when the matter is presented to Mr. Coolidge from a national point of view he may submerge his own inclination and give his approval to plans for a general celebration.

A Better Day in Sight for North Carolina

There is a better day in sight for North Carolina as every clear minded natural born citizen of the great state knows, because the real men of the world live and work in the state. Walter Raleigh had the courage to colonize.

There is no better soil than that which lies in North Carolina territory. This soil can produce almost any crop you can cultivate and you can make a profit at any trade.

People are beginning to realize the great opportunity that lies before every one that works together and believes in cooperation, especially the people of North Carolina.

The reason I say there is a better day in sight for us is because we realize in the importance of co-operation.

So with these two important things in view we can't see anything but better girls, better boys, and a better state in the future.

ARLIE E. MORETZ.
"Boo-hoo," sobbed the bride. I baked the loveliest cake today and put it on the porch for the frosting to dry, and the dog ate it."
"There—there—dearie," comforted the new husband. "Don't weep, cry like a man who will give us another dog."

BODY OF ASHE WOMAN FOUND HORRIBLY MUTILATED

Jefferson November 21.—News has just reached Jefferson of the finding of the dead body of Mrs. Captain Phillips, an aged widow in her home in a remote rural section of Ashe county on Brushy Fork in North Fork township. The circumstances indicate foul play.

The body was found in the kitchen of her little home by a neighbor. The head, arms and chest were found lying under the cook stove. The right arm was broken near the shoulder. There were bruises about the body and gashes on the face. The lower limbs were nude.

While no direct clue to the killing has been obtained it is thought in the community that robbery was certainly the motive. Mrs. Phillips who was about eighty years of age, lived alone and had been living alone since the death of her husband, about two years ago. Both she and her husband were known as very economical people of a more or less retiring, if not hermit like character. It was presumed that she had some money hoarded away.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were English by birth, having come to this country about sixty years ago. The husband was known all over the county as Captain Phillips. The title was won when he worked in the iron mines at Ore Knob and the Mica mines at Beaver Creek many years ago. They were highly respected by all who knew them. Mrs. Phillips is survived by one son, the only relative on this side of the ocean.

Since apparently the murder had occurred several days before the finding of the body, the obtaining of evidence will be difficult. But every effort is being put forth by the authorities to ascertain the guilty perpetrator or persons.

The entire community is shocked by the horrible affair and the entire county eagerly awaits proof that will lead to arrests and convictions.

SMITH AND McADOO SAID TO BE REALIGNING FORCES

H. E. C. Bryan writes from Washington that William Gibbs McAdoo leaders are establishing headquarters there for the 1928 campaign. A personal representative of Mr. McAdoo had been to Washington and leased rooms.

This means that the Democrats are to have a race between Mr. McAdoo and Governor Al Smith unless something comes to switch the campaign. Mr. Smith is out at French Lick, Ind. conferring with the men who helped to beat Mr. McAdoo before.

There will be no fall months if the McAdoo and Smith forces resume the New York convention battle.

The Democratic national committee has been shot to pieces and will have but a few men and women during the off season. Chairman Shaver has dropped all of his publicity forces, and that is the way matters will stand until the committee meets again.

The \$200,000 debt of the committee will be wiped out before Mr. Shaver quits.
Democrats expect high old times. The candidates for the presidential nomination get to going good.

OFFICIAL COUNT OF CAROLINA VOTE IS MADE PUBLIC

Raleigh, Nov. 25.—The Democratic ticket of John W. Davis and Charles W. Bryan for president and vice-president respectively, polled 284,270 votes according to the official figures for North Carolina made public here this afternoon by the state board of elections which canvassed the vote today. The Coolidge-Dawes ticket polled 191,753, while the LaFollette-Wheeler forces carried 6,651 votes. The prohibition ticket polled 13 votes. The electors at large named on the democratic ticket are Walter D. Siler and G. F. Giles, the Republicans, Herbert F. Seawell and Thurston T. Hicks, the progressive, Tom P. Jimison and A. C. Shuford, and the prohibition Thomas P. Johnson and J. M. Templeton.

The official result of the other offices voted upon follow:
For United States Senator, F. M. M. Simmons, democrat 236,104; A. A. Whitener, republican 184,593.

For governor, Angus W. McLean democrat 234,441; Isaac M. Meekins Republican 185,827; J. W. Bailey one.

For lieutenant governor, J. Elmer Long democrat 235,260; George H. Ward republican, 183,934.

For secretary of state, W. N. Everett democrat 255,561; J. H. Killing Republican 184,411.

For auditor, Baxter Durham democrat 235,323; C. F. Dehnar republican 181,328.

For superintendent of public instruction, A. T. Allen democrat 235,112; S. M. Hutton Jr. Republican 181,298.

Attorney general, D. G. Brummit democrat 234,920; G. G. Bailey republican 181,550; Frank Nash, one.

Commissioner of labor and printing, Frank D. Grist democrat 231,130; L. B. Gaslen republican 181,334; M. L. Shigman one.

Commissioner of agriculture, W. A. Graham democrat 234,139; A. E. Stone, republican 184,696.

Insurance Commissioner, Stacey Wade democrat 235,185; J. W. Stanton republican 184,545.

Solicitors, second district, Don Gilliam democrat 11,463; Third district, R. Hunt Parker democrat 12,027; 18 District, J. Will press, democrat 17,416; William C. McTear republican 15,065.

The vote announced on the four amendments to the constitution and the two referendum bond issues were as follows:
Limiting the state debt, yes, 127,937; no, 140,060.
Increasing legislators' pay, yes, 87,248; no, 112,596.

Securing ineligibility of holding bonds for purposes for which set aside, yes, 149,124; no, 59,571.
Exemption from taxation of home and household notes, yes, 149,151; no, 48,827.

Two million bond issue for veteran home loans, yes, 143,015; no 62,261.
Seven and a half million dollar bond issue for port development, yes, 8820; no, 138,912.

CONGRESSIONAL RETURNS ARE NOW COMPLETED

Raleigh, November 25.—Democratic candidates were elected in all of the 10 Congressional districts of the state over their Republican opponents by substantial majorities, according to official and complete returns compiled by the state board of elections filed with the secretary of state today.

Representative Charles M. Steaman of the fifth district had the largest vote of the congressional candidates, receiving a vote of 44,048 votes against 24,709 votes for Thomas C. Carter, Republican opponent.

BEAVER DAM CHEESE FACTORY THE WINNER

The third and last cheese scoring for the year was held at Asheville on November 12th. Beaver Dam factory took the highest score and won the cup.

The scores of the factories were as follows:
Beaver Dam, Watauga Co., 93.50
Horse Shoe, Henderson Co., 91.75
Cove Creek, Watauga Co., 91.50
Brushy Fork, Watauga Co., 89.50
Haywood, Haywood Co., 89.00

There were three scorings during the year. The average was:
Beaver Dam, Watauga Co., 94.25
Silverstone, Watauga Co., 93.75
Horse Shoe, Henderson Co., 92.08
Brushy Fork, Watauga Co., 91.33
Cove Creek, Watauga Co., 91.25
Haywood Factory, Haywood Co., 89.83
Cove Creek, Watauga Co., 89.66
Democrat, Buncombe Co., 89.00
Twist Oak, Alleghany Co., 88.00

Watauga county factories made an average score of 91.83 while factories in other counties made an average of 83.82. Watauga stands out as a cheese producing county. Watauga manufactures more cheese than any other county in the state and according to the cheese entered at this year's scoring it manufactures a higher quality.

Milk producers should keep up production and continue to produce more cheese than any other county in the state. The cheese maker should exercise care and put forth every effort that Watauga may also continue to manufacture the highest quality of cheese.

People always like to go where they know there is plenty and are forever looking for the best. Now if Watauga can continue to hold first place among other counties in North Carolina as to quality and quantity of cheese manufactured, what would be more inducing for folks who want cheese.

Mr. Bud Trivett, cheese maker at the Beaver Dam Factory who won the \$50 silver trophy cup this year keeps one of the cleanest and neatest factories in the state. According to the scores he received at the three judging contests he is making the best quality. Mr. Trivett is never troubled with moldy cheese in the curing rooms because he turns them daily and keeps them on clean shelves.

Mr. Trivett started making cheese last spring and judging from his first year's experience I believe he will make a competent cheese maker.

H. L. WILSON.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE APPALACHIAN SCHOOL

The second quarter for the Appalachian Training School began on the 18th with somewhat increased attendance. If the weather is favorable the new central dining hall will very soon be enclosed and brick work has been finished to the first floor on the new dormitory for young ladies. Some work has been done on the new part of the campus and this work is expected to be pushed to completion as soon as the building program will permit. During the illness of Prof. D. D. Dougherty, business manager, who is now improving, President B. B. Dougherty has been on looking after some business matters.

The first snow for the season came to Boone and this section on the 18th a rather light one, and another of the same nature came on the 22nd. Snow usually comes earlier, but this has been for the most part a very beautiful autumn.

An interesting basket ball game was played on Saturday night between the Training School and the team from the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb at Morganton. The result of the score was 24 to 48 in favor of the boys from Morganton. This is the first defeat of the Training School boys for the season.

A man in a sadly nervous state carried his twins up to the baptismal font for the christening.

"What are the names of the little boy and girl?" asked the rector.
"Steak and kidney," stuttered the embarrassed father.
"What?"
"Their names," corrected the wife angrily are "Kate and Sidney."

Tenth—Zebulon Weaver, Democrat 41,030; Louis P. Hamlin, Republican 28,871.