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**THANKSGIVING**

This is a day proclaimed and set apart as a day for the giving of thanks. It is so declared and decreed because it is felt that everyone should be thankful. The richly blessed should be thankful for their bounty; the less fortunate should be grateful for even the smaller blessings that come to them in the humblest walks of life. It is to be taken for granted that everyone will realize and recognize from whence these blessings come, and retain thanks to the Giver of all good things.

God speed the day when it may be so!

For not nearly all people are thankful for what they are allowed to enjoy. Perhaps it might be said with truth that none of us is truly thankful—that is, in the fullest sense of the term. And yet there are those who have the greatness of heart and soul that they are humbled in gratitude for life, health, strength and the happiness that has come to them. It is upon these latter named that the burden falls to remember those who lack what they enjoy. And the ranks of the "less fortunate army" seems never to diminish.

This is a time when hypocrisy should have no place in our hearts. It is a time when the Creator of the universe should reign supreme in the hearts of those who know and proclaim Him; He should reign supreme at least in the minds of those who profess no faith in Him. It is a time when everyone without exception should take time to pause and ponder over the things that pertain to the Kingdom and its rule upon earth.

Sufficient are the ways in which thankfulness may be manifested by all. There is no person but who can find how in some way he or she may show gratitude for the many things for which they should be grateful.

There are the orphans. Seems to our mind that these little fatherless, motherless ones have first call on the great heart of the world. 'Twould appear that Jesus thought that way about it when He delivered His wonderful lecture to His disciples with little children as the object lesson. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these" will reward through all time as the call of Christian and civilized people to a sense of duty—Christians deem it a privilege to obey the call. Great and good men and women are being given to the world through the great institutions known as orphanages. The effort is a good paying proposition even from the standpoint of "cold-blooded business" if anyone wishes to look at it that way.

There are orphans, too, far beyond our borders. They are being provided for under what is known as the Near East Relief. Governor Angus W. McLean is making an appeal in today's News for these unfortunate ones. We heartily commend the Governor for his voluntary effort in behalf of the suffering people of Europe. To the person of limited vision it may seem a far cry, but the nearness of Armenia is measured by the conception of "who is thy neighbor?" Matters not whether the suffering one may live in the heart of civilization or on the borderland of "nowhere"—the appeal should come with as much force in the one case as in the other. We trust that our Harnett folk will heed the call of Governor McLean for funds for the Near East. If we are truly thankful, we will do so.

Then there are the community cases. Even the small community may present golden opportunities for service in behalf of unfortunates. In every community, doubtless, there may be found people who need the attention and help that is so often denied them by a busy world. The kind hand of a thankful person may work wonders at this time when the rigors of winter are beginning to be felt. Are there unfortunates in your community? Remember what the Master said of the good Samaritan? Perhaps you know of some one who has been traveling the rough road from modern Jericho and has been rendered helpless by the adversity that besets the path of the weak. The fallen one may be lying by the roadside not far from your comfortable home. Go and see.

Have you made your Thanksgiving offering? If so, have you done your full duty? Will you feel satisfied with anything less than duty done? Will that small wee voice tell you

"Well done" for what you have put forth, either in effort or funds? If not, it is never too late to do good. The truly thankful person is the one whom the world loves to honor, because it is he who is most honorable. The thankful person is generous. The ingrate is always to be despised because he is indeed despicable.

**A GOOD SETTLEMENT**

Harnett county made a good bargain when it was decided to settle the suit against Former Sheriff J. W. McArtan and his bondsmen for the sum of \$35,000 for alleged shortage in accounts. The attorneys representing the county's interest in the matter are to be congratulated upon their handling of the suit in such an efficient way, and we believe they will receive the commendation of all our people for the course they pursued.

Likewise we would here say a word in behalf of Mr. McArtan, his surety and his attorneys. They have met the conditions laid down by the attorneys representing the county, and have done it in a manly way. More contentious persons might have held out to the serious injury of the county's interest; but there developed in the case a spirit of fair play that is pleasing to note. The county treasury is helped at a time when it needed money, and we verily believe the county has gotten out of the deal all that is fair and just.

There are none who will believe that Mr. McArtan ever intended otherwise than that Harnett county, his county, should receive its due. The fact that he proved to be such a faithful law enforcement officer is sufficient to show that he is honest now and has been so all the while. As to the reason for the shortage, there are not a few people who will say that Mr. McArtan was not altogether at fault. We know that he was not.

As we have aforesaid, we are among those who will wish for him a speedy rehabilitation of his resources and a comfortable journey on the road to success.

Our sympathy goes out to the Free-Will Baptist brother who undertook to pilot his case through the wily road of the courts. He hired no lawyer. Did he think they were useless? To be sure if he was of such stability as to get his note off on the person suing him to recover, he would be of ample means to engage an attorney, what with the enlarged army of barristers that have been handed down to us from the august Supreme Court. The brother needs to know that lawyers, even though they may be expensive attendants, are indispensable as side partners when a fellow gets into an argument that hails him into court.

Most time for Collards Week. If the frost-cured "garden sass" is so plentiful that it encumbers the earth round about your homeplace, just remember the scribe who inaugurated Collards Week. The celebration consists mainly of donations.

**INVESTING \$14,000,000 A DAY**

During the first half of 1925, the amount of new securities purchased by investors in this country exceeded \$3,175,000,000, surpassing the investment of the corresponding period of 1924 by more than \$300,000,000. Of this total over \$500,000,000 went into stocks of corporations. In other words, in the first six months of 1925 the American people invested more than five times as much in bonds as in stocks.

One of the best tests of national prosperity is the investing power of the people. The investing of more than \$14,000,000 a day in bonds and foreign securities not only reflects prosperity, but also an increasing adherence to the principles of thrift taught by the Liberty Loan campaigns. Further, such an enormous investment shows the confidence of experienced investors in the strength and continued stability of industry.

Some one has said that when all the people are working the country is prosperous. A country is really prosperous only when its citizens save a part of their individual profits and make their savings grow by investing in dependable, fair-yielding securities. When saved dollars are working in safe employment, teaming up their earning power with individual earning power, the prosperity of the nation and its citizens is doubly assured.

**THE PRACTICAL COUNTRY ROAD**

A western county, for the past few years, has been quietly carrying on a road paving program which has resulted in hard-surface highways into every section of the county. In fact, all the principal county roads will be paved in the not distant future.

A practical plan has been followed. For years gravel or crushed rock has been hauled on the roads and packed down until it is from six inches to a foot deep. Instead of disturbing this well packed base, the county has had it covered with four inches of asphalt concrete which protects it from the water and absorbs the impact of traffic. Some of this pavement is now ten years old, has required little or no maintenance expense and is in

as good condition as when first laid.

This type of road construction gives full value for every dollar expended in hauling rock into a road, and secures a high grade type of pavement at from one-half to one-third the cost often involved in road paving programs which overlook the salvage value of old highways.

**RABBITS ARE IN DEMAND**

From the Division of Markets comes the news that rabbits are in now in demand and that they are bringing \$5.00 per dozen in the city markets. Think of it, if you can, five good dollars or a dozen molly-cotton-tails would have sounded, in the days of not long ago, like some ambitious person was either trying to corner the rabbit market or else "make something for nothing." A nickel apiece or two for a nickel would have been named as the price, and was, when this scribe used to patrol the traps. Fact is, the cotton-tails became a drug on the market, any man's time we have peddled all day without a single sale for our "rabs."

But times have changed, and with the times everything else, it seems, so goes everything. And it must be true. If an automobile is worth two thousand dollars, which it is not, then a rabbit must be worth 41 2-3 cents—which it is not. But a thing is worth what it will bring, we suppose, in this day of high cost of living.

We get our information from the "Market News" of the Division of Markets. The bulletin says: "Attention of the Marketing Service of the Division of Markets is called to the fact that many farmers are overlooking a source of income which could result in considerable revenue. Rabbits are now bringing \$5 per dozen in the city markets. There is said to be a good supply of rabbits in the State this year and farmers would do well to avail themselves of this opportunity of supplementing their income. Information as to how to ship and how to trap can be had from the North Carolina Division of Markets, Raleigh, N. C."

And so there's another avenue through which the farmer can come into quick money. There's money growing, not on the bushes, but in the bushes; and the woods are full of it, with rabbits at \$5.00 per dozen.

**SOUND CONDITIONS REVEALED**

A survey just completed by the National Manufacturers' Association shows that general business under head of industries is ahead of last fall and the outlook for the winter is favorable.

There is an increase in employment and also in wages with the labor situation so stabilized that less than 1 per cent of strikes is reported.

Replies from 30,000 questionnaires sent to every section of the country cover conditions during the last month, in 30 main industries.

The improvement over last fall's business was noted by 56 per cent, no change reported by 26 per cent and a falling off by only 18 per cent.

**PUT BUSINESS INTO FARMING**

"Agriculture is the basis of American prosperity. Its decline means ultimate loss. If not disaster, to industry in general; and it is because of this fact that there is a basis of equity in the demand of the farmers of the country for conditions, through legislation or otherwise, tending to stabilize the industry of agricultural production. The farmer insists that something of a special kind shall be done for his relief. How and in what manner, it is the business of practical statesmanship to find out. And it is a serious business; the country cannot go on prosperously if the farmer is a constant and increasing loser as compared with other factors in the industrial life of the country,"—San Francisco Bulletin.

Probably the one thing above all others which the farmer needs is not only a thorough knowledge of farming but a better business training. The electric power companies of the United States, in their program to take electricity to the farmer have made a start in the work of training, along business lines.

Electricity on the farm will teach farmers the advantage of power. Power will add to the output of farm labor. As production per man and per acre is increased, the farmer will of necessity absorb more business-like ideas regarding farming. If ten acres under "power production" can be made to produce what 100 acres is now raising, the position of the farmer as a business man will be materially advanced. Electricity has made the start. Machinery manufacturers and financial institutions must follow suit.

Customer ownership and the sale of stocks and bonds to millions of individuals has been demonstrated a practical method of financing light and power companies and other utilities. Why cannot long time mortgage securities on farms be sold to the public in a manner similar to the securities sold on public utility properties? Is it not practical to figure out an easy method for farmers to handle their financial problems over

a period of years with small annual payments?

The Bulletin has made a suggestion. It is up to business men, farmers and the statesmen to work out a solution along business lines. It has been done for industry. It can be done for farming.

**WILL WE HAVE NEW FOREST?**

A hopeful lawyer from San Antonio, Texas, writes asking for information concerning the whereabouts of a tract of pine land of which he has heard in this State.

As described to his clients, the attorney states that this tract contains 85,000 acres, is on a river, is bisected by a railroad, and contains timber which is estimated to cut 400 million feet of shortleaf and 200 million of longleaf pine.

It is needless to say that there is no such tract of timber in North Carolina. There has been no such tract for twenty years, at least. In fact, of all the great forests of longleaf pine which once covered the Coastal Plain, there remain only here and there some small tracts which have been preserved on account of litigation or by reason of sentiment. A tract such as that pictured in the letter of inquiry would be a fortune indeed.

Originally the stand of longleaf pine amounted to 400 billion board feet, distributed through the States of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Today there remains of this tremendous supply probably not more than one-fifth, practically all of which is in the five states bordering on the Gulf of Mexico. Longleaf pine in the Carolinas and Georgia is, in the commercial sense, a tale that is told.

There is a brighter side to the story of longleaf pine. If only present provision be made for future needs. Second growth, in distinction to old or original growth, increases rapidly. For while for the first few years the growth of young seedlings consists chiefly in the development of a large root system, and generally from three to six years are required for longleaf to reach the height of three inches to one foot, this is preparation for the rapid shoot upwards which follows. At five years some longleaf sapling reach a height of from two to three feet, and at seven years the akkgjwydwluuu at seven years of age are from five to eight feet high. On protected old fields in North Carolina measurements of longleaf pines show that in 25 to 50 years the average trees produce saw logs 14 to 20 inches at the butt and 20 feet in length.

With the abolition of the free range of hogs in Eastern North Carolina, young pines of the longleaf species are volunteering by the hundreds of thousands. A little foresight and protection from fire and many parts of the Coastal Plain will in another generation begin once more to produce longleaf pine commercially.

The old forests of original growth, which might have been maintained in all essentials by reproduction, have passed. But the new forest of the same species is still possible on account of the persistence, hardihood and will to survive which the longleaf pine has shown against every possible practice designed for its extermination. Whether this new

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forest shall be realized within a reasonable period of time depends upon the degree to which public sentiment supports the effort of State and counties to afford it the necessary protection—Natural Resources.

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Farmers of North Carolina ordered about one-half million pounds of pyrotol, the cheap government explosive, last year. Indications are that at least a million pounds will be used in the State this year.

Wisdom is in knowing what to do next, skill is knowing how to do it, and virtue is in doing it.—David Starr Jordan.

Tom Tarheel says his idea of a big dinner is to have among other things a well baked ham and that is why he takes so much trouble in curing out his meat properly.

The sick can be helped to recover more quickly if all surroundings are properly looked after. The patient must have quiet; the light should be subdued but not dull, cross ventilation is best, and draperies and pictures are tiresome.

North Carolina's construction during past 9 months exceeded 124 per cent by approximately 3 per cent.

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"Four things come not back:  
The spoken word;  
The sped arrow;  
Time past;  
The neglected opportunity."  
—Saying of Omar.

The neglected opportunity! Can you look back to last year, or last month, or last week and think of opportunities now forever gone? Time past! Those weeks and months and years cannot be recalled. It is useless to brood over them, except to permit the experiences of the past to be a teacher and guide for the future. One of the opportunities open before you today is that of saving—saving every penny that you can. Our savings department offers you four per cent interest, compounded quarterly, upon your savings.

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