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The News is glad to publish letters, not too long, on matters of general interest. But such communications must be accompanied by the real name of the writer, even when they are to be published under a nom de plume. If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or free government, I would choose a free press.—Jefferson.
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Our observance of Thanksgiving this year shares many likenesses with the Pilgrim's historic first Thanksgiving. We do not face the crudities of living experienced by our forefathers, but we again have been made to realize, as they did, the dignity and worth of human existence. Like they did, we too are making tremendous sacrifices for the ideals in which we believe.

It is a strange Thanksgiving. There will be many tables with empty places. There will be many tables without the accustomed turkey because turkeys have gone to war too. But the nation will unite at this season and voice a prayer for those things we do have: the safety of the country, the progress we have made abroad since last year, and the hope that the empty places at the table soon will be filled again.

The first Thanksgiving was a triumphal day for the Pilgrims. They had endured hunger, disease, heavy loss of life and the hazards of a New England winter. As a second perilous winter approached, they carried on and gave thanks. May we face our misfortunes and our gains with the courage and humble gratefulness so characteristic of those who first set aside a day for Thanksgiving.

Buy Christmas Seals

The annual Christmas Seal Sale, sponsored by the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, which begins November 27, deserves the support of everyone. Mrs. J. Henry Highsmith, President of the N. C. Federated Women's Clubs and one of the most outstanding women of the state, is the chairman this year.

The Christmas season is the only time of the year the tuberculosis association attempts to raise money for work that is carried on throughout the year. The seal itself is beautiful and is a reminder of health and happiness. Let us remember this as we purchase and use these seals.

As officials have pointed out, that in times of war, tuberculosis shows an increase and it is still the first cause of death for individuals between the ages of fifteen and forty-five. With this in view, we must continue to regard it as a real menace. The comparative small amount we put in seals will go a long way toward fighting this.

This is a year of drives; but we must remember that we are going to continue to have drives—bond drives, war relief drives, Red Cross drives and many others, until the final drives are made on Tokyo and Berlin. But with all of the war drives let's not forget that tuberculosis is a deadly enemy, here on the home front and we must not lag in our efforts to control and conquer this enemy. Buy Christmas Seals!

Keeping Christmas

As the Christmas season approaches it is time to begin to make preparations for it. And yet there are people, who in a feeling of despondency, will declare they do not feel like celebrating this year. Perhaps there are few of us who feel like celebrating it as we have in the days of yore, but everyone should observe Christmas in the right spirit. If the sorrow, suffering, loss and brutality of war and fear of forces now dominating certain parts of this world make you doubt the spirit of Christmas, it is time to pause and consider the real

meaning of "Keeping Christmas." When Christ was born, the world was in fear. A ruler and his subordinates ruled by force. There was confusion and fear among men just as there is today. At that time, innocents were being slaughtered. Yet in such a time the magic star appeared. And no doubt to most people, "Peace on earth, good will toward men," seemed as far away then as it does at this moment. Yet people rejoiced at the good tidings. It was proof that love is stronger than hate and must triumph in the end. Surely it should not be hard to see the brighter side of Christmas as we remember that this Christ-child, born in Bethlehem two thousand years ago, has forever since been the symbol of love, faith and hope. There has been and will be no blackout of Christmas. It must still abide, shining and glowing.

In our homes we must make ready for this celebration. It is fitting that we remember our friends and loved ones with gifts of love and devotion, expressing the true spirit of the Yuletide. If you are puzzled over the Christmas spirit, I would like to give you a part of an explanation once written in the New York Sun by Frank Church, in answer to the inquiry of Virginia Hanlon, a little girl, who in 1897 wrote, asking, "Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

Church wrote the following: "He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exists and you know that they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy."

These are the things we should remember in times like the present.

Thousands of Americans, as well as others, are now fighting that we may have "Peace on earth, good will toward men." We cannot let them down by failing to observe Christmas in the proper way.

Last year about this time we received a letter from a relative in service and we quote parts of it here for we believe it is typical of many men who will not be able to spend Christmas at home:

"The ocean, some several thousand miles, and the important job of helping to defeat Hitler will keep me from coming home this Christmas. But I'll be thinking of the family back home . . . the smell of roast turkey, the spicy taste of fruit cake and all the other fixins . . . the exchange of gifts under the Christmas tree . . . gathering around and singing carols . . . going to midnight church services . . . reading all the greeting cards. I like to think that you will be carrying on as usual; and the thought of what I am missing gives me a double incentive to hurry up and end this war and get back home to celebrate Christmas. But don't get out of the habit of celebrating just because I have a job here, from which there will be no holiday until it is finished."

This year, the same young man wrote the following: "As you know, I won't be home for Christmas this year, either, but we are nearer to returning than we were last year. Keep on observing Christmas in the good old American way and one of these days, when this job is over, I'll be back, along with a lot of other Americans to enjoy it, but first we must make sure of peace."

Let's be generous in our observance of Christmas. Remember that being generous does not mean extravagance; this we should surely guard against in wartime. But we must remember that there are probably more people who need cheering up this year than ever before and that there are practical, useful gifts that bring good cheer. Gifts of beauty will add to the joy of Christmas. And, of course, there is "the present with a future"—war bonds and stamps.

Keeping Prices Down

The public in general thinks of OPA chiefly in connection with rationing. The "P" which stands for price is a vital factor and means much to everyone. The price clerk of the War Price and Rationing Board has an important job in the distributing of information as well as checking up on the various items on which there is a price control. Price control is essential now and will continue to be important. Ashe county merchants are doing a good job and are to be commended for their efforts to comply with the program in every way. The cooperation of the public is also an important factor to make the program a success. Let's all cooperate to keep prices at their proper levels.

ALLEGHANY MAN MAKES RECORD WITH TURKEYS

(Continued from Page One) around 30,000 for spring delivery. Since the concern uses its own eggs, about 1,600 hens will be kept this year.

The polts, sold at 60 cents each when they are one day old, are hatched in incubators with 4,200 egg capacity. All polts come off the same day. The last hatch, which comes off around May 25, too late to be raised on the coast, will again be brought to Alleghany, where the weather is ideal for late turkeys.

The turkeys were kept in a brooder house equipped with four electric brooders until they were six weeks old. "The windows were never closed during that time," Mr. Edwards stated, lamenting the fact that many turkey growers tried to pamper the fowls too much, thus hindering their growth.

When they were seven weeks old the turkeys were turned out in the open where they lived the remainder of the summer and fall with no shelter at all. Feed is before them at all times, with 1,000 pounds fed each day during the last two weeks before they were marketed.

Mr. Edwards left lights burning around his flock all night long to protect them from foxes and from becoming frightened and stampeding. He also protected them from heavy rains saying that this was the greatest hazard for the turkey grower.

Out of the entire original flock of 1,400 polts, 1,223 turkeys were put on the market. The hens averaged around 17 pounds and the Toms around 27 pounds. The turkeys are of the wagon wheel strain of bronze broad breasted variety. They reach an early maturity and are heavier than the average turkey.

Edwards estimated his profit on the flock at around \$3,000.00 this year. The total expenses incurred in raising them was \$4,910.00 including labor, electricity and feed. The turkeys were fed 1,000 one hundred pound bags of grain and mash, 5,200 pounds of grit, 300 pounds of tobacco and 300 pounds of mineral. On the whole, the dressed turkey cost 16 and seven-tenths cents per pound to raise and the ceiling price is 51 cents per pound.

"The turkey is the most economical farm fowl in accordance with the feed it eats," Mr. Edwards stated, "and Alleghany county has the ideal climate for growing it." He predicted that in the near future a much greater number of turkeys would be grown here.

Assisting Mr. Edwards on his turkey farm are Mrs. Edwards and their two sons, Parlen and Purn, who are students at Glade Valley high school this year.

PUBLIC IS URGED TO MAIL GIFTS EARLY

(Continued from Page One) situation is critical. The 200,000 extra workers whom we normally recruited to handle the swollen Christmas volume of mail were able to work long hours of overtime and to do heavy work. This cannot be expected from the women and high school boys and girls to whom in large part we must look this year to meet the situation.

"The way in which everyone responded to making it possible for us to handle a volume of 70,000,000 parcels for the armed forces overseas leaves no doubt in my mind that the November Christmas mailing will be equally successful. I ask for the help of the press, radio, business advertisers, civic groups and all Americans in making it possible for the Postal Service to do its work.

"We urge everyone to buy now, mail in November and mark gifts 'Do Not Open Until Christmas,' Mr. Walker declared.

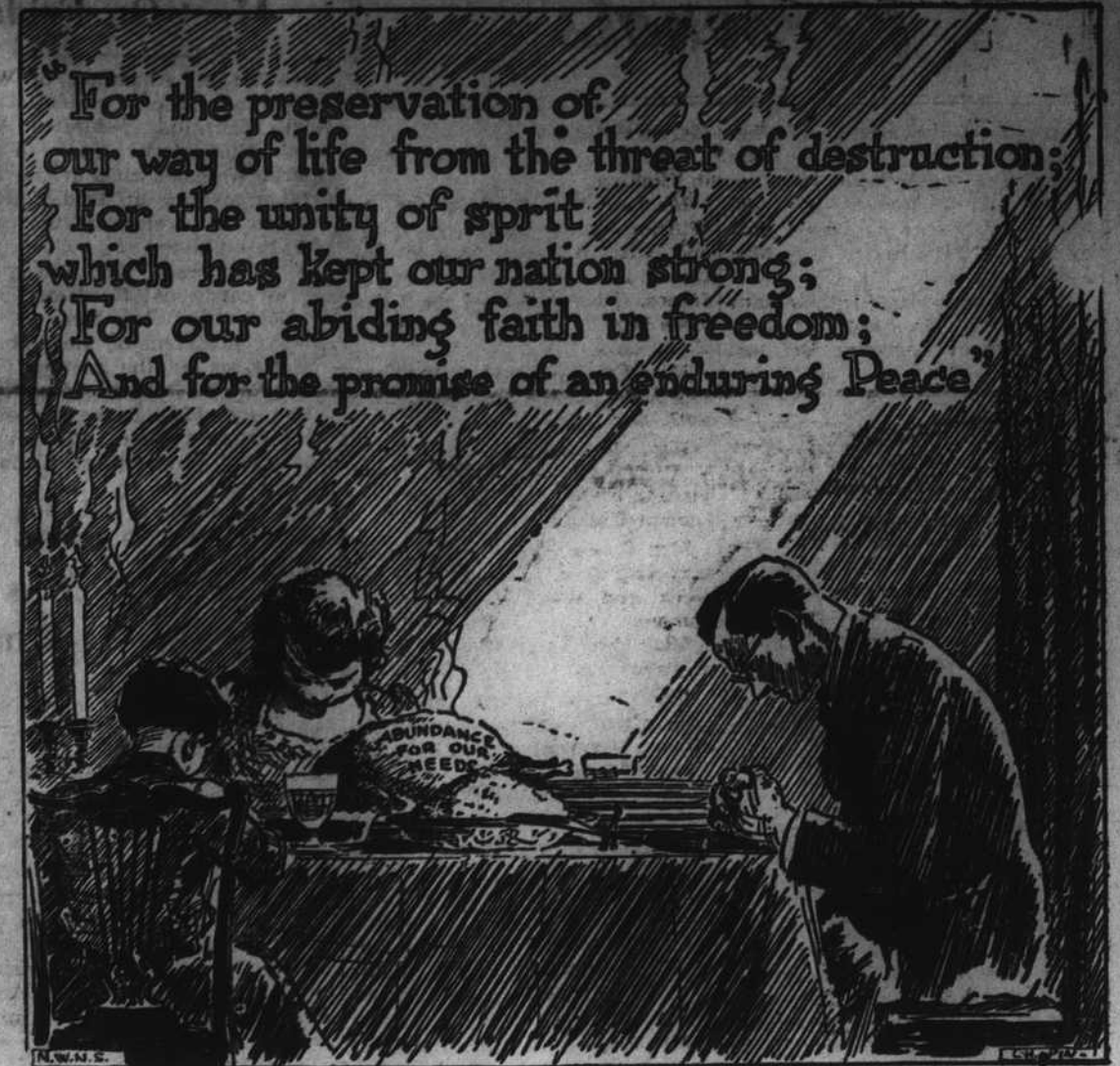
COUNTY FARMERS TO VOTE ON LEADERS

(Continued from Page One) Stratford; Turkey Knob—3:00 p. m., Kennedy's Store; Piney Creek—7:30 p. m., Piney Creek School; Twin Oaks—10:00 a. m., Irwin Hotel; Cranberry—1:00 p. m., Laurel Springs Post Office; Whitehead—3:00 p. m., W. L. Edwards Store; Sparta—7:30 p. m., Courthouse; Wolf Branch—7:30 p. m., Wolf Branch School.

SALE OF SEALS IS UNDERWAY IN COUNTY

(Continued from Page One) the 39th annual sale in North Carolina, we want to sell our quota 100 per cent." Proceeds from the sale, with the exception of the small amount sent to national Tuberculosis association headquarters, is used locally for the prevention of tuberculosis. Miss Fields pointed out that all teachers have been requested to end the drive in their schools on December 12.

Let Us Give Thanks



152 COUNTY MEN ARE CLASSIFIED BY BOARD

(Continued from Page One) Rose, Walter H. Coulson, Mack Waddell, Robert J. Joines, Bayse Thornton, Raymond W. Hill, George E. Carpenter, James D. Edwards, James R. Caudill, Chester A. Killon, Ben C. Weaver, Letcher C. Chappel and Isaac R. Wright.

4-A: Charlie F. Richardson, James O. Wyatt, Arthur Brown, Grover W. Shepherd, William P. Baugus, Paul F. Andrews, James M. C. Joines, Blake D. Hampton, John P. Caudill, Eugene C. Pruitt, Isaac H. Higgins, Vance M. Spaulding, Andy C. Holloway, Stewart S. Lyons, James H. Dowdle, So-well B. McCann, Wilmer C. Woodruff, Boyd M. Higgins Edwin Duncan.

Oscar J. A. Simpson, Robert G. Pruitt, Odell S. Andrews, Rex G. Harless, Dexter W. Montgomery, John J. Caudill, Carl P. Delp, Liver F. Blackburn, Robert E. Richardson, Omar L. Edwards, George W. Woodruff, Cary Brown, Flake G. Harris, Arthur T. Reeves, Peter B. Redolfi, Harvey I. Crouse, Robert Brinegar, Ivey C. Harrell, Carey D. Blevins, John W. Warden, Chap Edwards, Clayton H. Bennett, David R. Phipps, Richard B. Bumgardner, Richard H. Crouse, William H. Dixon, Edward L. Gentry, Robert L. Halsey, Walter G. Crouse, Mack F. Chambers, Cliv Holloway, Reid E. Fender, Mack C. Edwards, Fred T. Hart, Robert G. Combs, Charlie W. Phipps, Kilby, H. Atwood, John M. Carpenter, Troy Cleary, Henry J. Johnson, Lonnie R. Richardson, Joe B. Reed, Robert G. Cleary, Charlie H. Gibson, Robert L. Joines, Roy Bryan.

Fred T. Pruitt, Claude E. Holloway, Porter E. Thompkins, Fred E. Handy, Lonnie C. Adams, Thomas M. Shaw, George D. Todd, Robert E. Black, William O. Shumate, Robert M. Poole, Crockett J. Poe, Joseph L. Larue, Virgil L. Jenkins, Joe Pope, Elmer Billings, Paul O. Smith, Vass G. Lane, Floyd A. V. Poole, Dewey C. Truitt, Luther B. Finney, Roscoe S. Royal, Willie J. Talbert, David P. Jarrell, Lawrence B. Reeves, Johnnie R. Todd, Clive A. Thompson, Alfred A. Bedwell, Willie F. Hines, Fieldon V. Rector, Estes Crouse, Lafayette C. Leftwich, Charlie E. Osborne.

Otis H. Pittman, Ben S. Atwood, Robert E. Vanhoy, James P. Miles, Ralph C. Gentry, Ross E. Richardson, Jessie M. Osborne, Mack H. Fender, Robert C. Brooks, Guy W. Waddell, Robert B. Edwards, Mack F. Brooks, Harvey F. Irwin, William P. Wyatt, Burlie A. Franklin, Walter S. Brooks, Haywood F. Brown, Lonnie H. Black, Bryant W. Jones.

Carper Osborne, Johnnie R. Caudill, John R. Whitaker, Vester B. Mabe, Coy A. Caudill, Orson L. Phillips, Claude H. Moxley, Kilby Halsey, Haywood Y. Tompkins, William C. Thompson, Charlie R. Roberts, Walter G. Baugus, Wayne Holcomb, Herman D. Bran-nock, Claude S. Gambill, Clyde W. Johnson, Walter R. Edwards, Hicks H. Nash, Homer P. DeBord, Carl R. Choate, Thurmond G. Bennett and Hardin E. Joines.

4-F: Paul V. Evans, Leroy D. Baugus, Everette L. Richardson, Kyle A. Reeves, Robert S. Fry-ary between Ungvar and Tolna) zia, Wayne S. Carpenter and his German soldiers while a strong

Sparta Hi News

National book week was observed last week in the elementary grades with various programs and projects by the students.

FOURTH GRADE: The fourth grade, under the supervision of the teacher, Miss Ivazell Taylor organized a "Friday Afternoon Club" which gave a program in their room last Friday. In addition to this they read and reported on eighteen books during the five school days of National Book Week.

FIFTH GRADE: Mrs. Verna Wagoner, teacher. Each day during book week the fifth grade read and gave oral reports on several good books during the English period. They also gave reports on the chapel speakers for the week.

SIXTH GRADE: Mrs. Ruth Choate, teacher. National Book Week was reviewed by Mrs. Choate's pupils in a chapel program, a play, "Magic in the Library," including such characters as Little Women, Little Black Sambo, Uncle Remus, Dr. Do Little, Huck Finn, Tom Sawyer, Red Riding Hood, Pinocchio, Alice in Wonderland, Robin Hood, The Dutch Twins and others with the fairy and librarians.

The pupils read and made reports on all these characters. The boys and girls have read and made written reports on 78 books thus far this year. The remainder of the group gave a play, "The Four Freedoms," including suggestions for the Thanksgiving season.

MANY TURKEYS ARE SOLD IN COUNTY

(Continued from Page One) market last week is estimated at \$22,720.00. This was the highest price growers have received here in several seasons, although there were fewer turkeys on the market this year, it was explained. A number of turkeys grown in this county are always held back until the Christmas season.

GOAT DEVOURS OPA RATION CERTIFICATES

(Continued from Page One) replaced in the quota, being forever lost, and it will require two more from the quota to give Mr. Edwards the tires he needs. Since the board's quota had exhausted for this month, he will have to wait until an additional is received or possibly until next month.

ENTIRE NAZI ARMY IS NOW THREATENED

(Continued from Page One) tack on the road block which the Americans now held across the Ormoc highway south of the enemy strongpoint at Linaas. A new Russian offensive in Czechoslovakia Northeast Hung-ary between Ungvar and Tolna) zia, Wayne S. Carpenter and his German soldiers while a strong

Several Tried Before Wagoner

A number of cases were heard here last week before Justice of the peace, B. F. Wagoner.

Buren Evans, of Whitehead, was fined \$10 and cost for public drunkenness. Dexter Montgomery, of Sparta, was fined \$10 and cost on a similar charge.

Tried before Mr. Wagoner on Saturday was Ed Whitaker, who was charged with operating a car without license and reckless driving. Officers reported that a car driven by Whitaker ran into a car driven by Johnie Spicer on the Parkway, with Spicer having only eight feet of the road while Whitaker had eleven. Whitaker was ordered to pay the cost amounting to \$7.00.

Also on trial were Art Whitaker, who was under suspended sentence and charged with fighting. The case was nol pro. The case against Charles Whitaker, who was on probation, and charged with fighting was also nol pro.

James Whitaker, charged with fighting, was ordered to pay the cost and Mack Atwood, charged with fighting, was fined \$5.00 and cost.

REMINDERS

MEATS, FATS—Red Stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through P5, good indefinitely. The four red stamps validated October 29 totaling 40 red points will have to last for at least a 5-week period. No new red stamps until December 3.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through W5, good indefinitely. No new stamps until December 1.

SUGAR—Sugar Stamps 30, 31, 32 and 33, each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar Stamp 24 becomes good November 16 and remains good indefinitely. Sugar Stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February 28, 1945.

GASOLINE—A-13 coupons in new ration book good for four gallons through December 21.

FUEL OIL—Period 4 and 5 coupons and new period 1 coupons, good throughout present heating year.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1, 2, and 3 in Book Three, good indefinitely.

drive in Southwest Latvia ripped for the third day into the Nazis pocketed around Ventispils and Liepaja, Berlin reported last night.

Moscow ignored both sectors, the night Russian communique telling only of a small gain in a line-straightening operation west of Eger in Northeast Hungary and the virtual clearance of the Baltic Island of Saare.

Five towas were captured in Hungary, the principal one being the railway station of Verpellet, eight miles southwest of Eger, the Soviet communique said.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE — Registered bull calf, two weeks old. For sale reasonable. E. B. Edridge, Glade Valley, N. C. 11-23-44