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Thanksgiving

More than 300 years ago our ancestors solemnly observed Thanksgiving despite the knowledge that the days and years ahead could only bring what Winston Churchill has since described as "blood and sweat and tears."

Yet out of their faith and toil came the great and powerful United States of America.

This year Thanksgiving day finds us again faced with bitter days ahead but also with the faith that if each of us does his full part, next year will bring much more to be thankful for.

Victory is in sight in Europe and the Japanese have begun the slow but sure retreat to Tokyo.

Now is the time to give thanks, but, like the pioneers, to keep our hands on our muskets. This is no time for smugness. It is a time to FIGHT and WORK.

Our community can do a whole lot to make victory sure by cutting the pulpwood on which Uncle Sam depends for hundreds of essential materials of war. Our own boys, for whom Thanksgiving is but a memory, are depending on us too. So let's put over the drive to "Cut-a-Cord of Pulpwood for Every Local Boy in Service."

Do You Miss Your Doctor?

There are probably few communities in the United States which are not feeling a shortage of doctors.

Without recognizing the splendid job that the few doctors who are still on duty are doing, many people are prone to complain at the difficulty of getting medical service. We wonder if these complaining people ever stop long enough to think what causes the doctor shortage.

For one thing, the sons, brothers and friends who are doing the fighting at the front are getting the medical care they deserve. The American fighting men are being given the best surgical and medical treatment ever accorded fighting forces. This is the one and only reason for your having a shortage of doctors in your community.

Statistics show that in the first world war 60 to 75 men died out of each 1000 wounded. In the present war only 30 to 35 men are dying out of each 1000 wounded. The doctors are where they ought to be, and knowing where they are, they should not be missed.

More Die In Training

Recent deaths in this area of young men engaged in training as pilots for the air forces may give exaggerated ideas of danger in that branch of the armed service.

It is a matter of record that more men are lost while training as pilots than are killed and captured from our air forces while men and planes are in action. The Readers Digest recently said that the ratio of men lost in training was more than two-to-one over those lost in action.

That being the case it may be assumed that inexperience and eagerness may be largely responsible for the death of the large number of student pilots. Obviously, also, the type of planes used for training may have something to do with the large number of student deaths. Bigger and better planes are being built every day to meet the constant need of the combat forces. Most of the training planes appear to have been designed for the needs of several years ago.

Stormy Political Year

War or no war, North Carolina is set to have a stormy political year in 1944. The battle for ballots will center around former Governor Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, and former Governor Clyde Hoey, of Shelby.

Senator R. R. Reynolds has announced that he will not run for re-election to the U. S. Senate.

7—Only by carrying forward a program of international cooperation "can we expect, in the long range of the future, to avoid becoming victims of destructive forces of international anarchy which, in the absence of organized international relations will rule the world."

8—The conference gave preliminary attention to problems relating to the transition from war to peace and there was a "fruitful exchange of views on such questions as the treatment of Germany and its satellites, the various phases of economic relations, the promotion of school welfare, and the assurance of general security and peace."

"AWFULLY CLOSE TO THE SKIN"

(By George Peck)

This has been an era of new words, slogans, quips, maxims, aphorisms, adages and wisecracks. 'Twould seem that when Hitler loosed his mad dogs upon Europe, he also opened the floodgates for a veritable torrent of new and expressive language. It remained, however, for that octogenarian, Congressman Robert L. Doughton, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, to coin a new truism that tops them all.

This veteran member of the Congress he's been there since 1911, expressing his disapproval of the proposals of Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau that the Congress authorize more than 20 billion dollars in additional taxes, made an eloquent speech of just fourteen words. He said: "You can shear a sheep every year but you can skin him only once."

Congressman Doughton hasn't been in Washington for 32 years for nothing. He wasn't honored with the chairmanship of the most important Congressional Committee just because of his good looks; with which, incidentally, he is amply endowed. The North Carolina legislator has had his ear to the ground and his eyes wide open every minute he's been at the nation's capital, and throughout his four-score years he has learned many things, one of the most important of which is that there is a limit to how much a government can tax without destroying enterprise and eventually creating an economic vacuum, leaving little or nothing upon which to levy taxes.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. — Various aspects of inflation continue as the foremost debatable topics of the week. The Thanksgiving season brought little change in legislative proceedings. So close were the political balances that few lawmakers, especially on the House side dared to spend the holiday away from their official duties. Candidates for their jobs have an effective and annoying check method as to the incumbents' voting and attendance record. There is evidence that the wall against inflation is about to break under many pressures now endangering the whole economic stabilization program.

Because the tax legislation reaches down into the pocket-books of all citizens, House members find themselves chafing under the halter of parliamentary law. The Ways and Means Committee trotted out a new revenue

bill for debate and vote. Actually, the "gag" rule, which prevents amendments from the floor other than last-minute changes sponsored by the committee, means that the debate is nothing more than idle talk. It permits lawmakers dissenting from the committee's ideas on taxes to "blow off steam" but nothing more. The Senate Finance Committee will be the last resort for those who take exception to the tax program originating with the Ways and Means Committee which told the House they wanted the revised tax plan to be in operation by January or the beginning of the calendar year.

There were many political factors behind the rule which precluded floor amendments. Several features are contrary to Administration policies and fear was expressed that this pressure would mangle the committee draft. In addition, the bill contains an item requiring court appeals against arbitrary administrative action under the renegotiation act. Members of the Ways and Means Committee described the experiences of small war contractors as victims of tyranny by being required to sign on the dotted line. On the other hand, the House Postal Committee accused the tax committee of acting arbitrarily in recommending postal rate increases as postal changes are not in their jurisdiction. The restrictive rule, however, gave the Ways and Means Committee the upper hand to impose their conceptions of revenue law changes. Another "pressure group" sore spot was the item making returns obligatory by organizations exempt from taxation. This would cover labor unions which have always resisted

such public accounting of their gross income, receipts and disbursements. Religious and bona fide charitable groups were not included. It is only natural that a measure of this sort should provoke wrangling.

While discussion of inflation has been confined largely to food prices, government agencies are bothered about speculators and land booms. The symptoms have reached a point where various controls are being proposed. They are talking about a licensing plan that would require prospective owners to obtain a purchase permit from some local committee, a control of the amount of mortgage credit which might be advanced against a farm, a ceiling on land values similar to present commodity ceilings, a much stiffer deed or transfer tax than at present, or a resale capital gains tax on the profit derived from the speculative purchase and resale of farm land. Secretary of Agriculture Wickard has advocated the so-called land boom profits tax or resale capital gains tax.

The theory is that it would not interfere with or penalize in any way the bona-fide farmer. The tax is designed to encourage stability of ownership and to discourage circumstances such as experienced in the last boom when a farm might change hands several times in a year, or even within a couple of months, each time at a higher figure.

Because of the manpower shortage and the anticipated heavy volume of Christmas mail, the Post Office Department is going overboard in its efforts to recruit temporary employees for the holidays. The situation is such that the local postmasters are authorized to employ additional temporary workers to handle Christmas mail without an examination by the Civil Service Commission. The only requirement is that the applicants must be physically capable of performing the required duties and free from such defects or diseases as would constitute hazards to themselves or endanger their fellow employees.

Applicants must have a medical certificate. The maximum age limit of other years has been waived and physical ability will be the determining factor for the temporary employees. The search for temporary help has reached the point where prohibitions against the employment of state and municipal employees are now inoperative for the duration of the war. It is expected that thousands of high school students will be asked to assist in the handling and distribution of Christmas mail.



Thanksgiving Spirit In U. S. Is Not Rationed

It is significant that the ideals of the Pilgrims, after 322 years of testing, still remain the foundation of the American Republic and the annual observance of a day of thanksgiving.

Nation Has Much To Appreciate

Although the events of the past two years of war have tested the American people in many ways, these experiences have served, for the most part, to deepen the appreciation of the people of this country for the many benefits which they enjoy as citizens of this great democracy.

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NOT EXACTLY NEWS

Using a bird dog, Forney Hickman and his son, Leroy, who is an employee of the dredge boat, Henry Bacon, went out Saturday afternoon and killed a squirrel and two large coons. Will some one who claims to have a regular coon dog come forward with a story that can beat that? ... Everybody knows that Rex, saddle horse of Dr. Roy Daniel, is a beautiful animal, only those who have ridden Rex can know what a wonderful horse he is.

From the way those Shallotte horse owners insist on our riding their horses when in Shallotte, we are beginning to suspect that they are scared to ride their own horses. Anyway R. D. White told us Monday they had some mean ones ... Solo, terrier belonging to Mary Florence Moore, has cashed in her chips, after a very active life.

A rattlesnake hunting visitor to

Southport this week said that there was never any trouble about his getting hunting companions, yet some people are afraid of snakes ... He mailed that Christmas card to soldier, relatives or friends who are over seas? After December 1st it may be too late to reach them.

On his days or hours off from the barber shop, Sparky Sells can usually be found on some dock with a paper bag of bait. One afternoon this week he was noticed returning with 15 or 20 pounds of spots he had caught ... Local menhaden boats operating on the upper coast have been reported as having fairly good luck.

Only two new trucks have been obtained by residents of Southport in nearly two years. Dallas Pigott was able to get the second machine last week from Brax-

ton's at Whiteville, after an advertisement in this paper ... Leonard Davis, of Southport is now a Master Mechanic at airport somewhere overseas ... Victor Bartels has arrived somewhere overseas, according to word received by his family week.

The Home Agent and the Agent are now busy with the annual reports, which were filed this month ... of converting the big private Long Beach into a Night Club. For this early in the year he has been some good luck ... weather. However, only a few hunters have shells ... crop in Brunswick ... have been a good one. Some people who set out poison trees shade a few years ago ... ing the trees a bit ... profit.

Small Grain 4-H Club members to schools in Johnston county treated small grain for insects in their section desiring treatment this year, reports the Agent. Practically all serpents eat their victims head first.

hens a number of years ago, the average egg production per hen per year was below 100, Miller reported.

Angle Representative AAA Administration

The Marketing Quota Section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in Columbus county is in charge of Thomas Angle who has offices in Tabor City where he was transferred several months ago. He has three other counties in addition to Columbus. Mr. Angle operates out of the office of J. H. Pater, Senior Administrative Assistant, Marketing Quota Section, of Raleigh.

Mr. Angle married a Tabor City lady a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Garrell who was connected with the same department at the time of their marriage.

Pullet Sets A Laying Record

By laying 312 eggs from November 10, 1942 to November 10, 1943, a Rhode Island pullet at the Coastal Plains Station at Willard has set a record for North Carolina heavy breeds of chickens — at least as far as Fred Miller, Test Farms director for the State Department of Agriculture, has been able to ascertain.

Known simply as "No. 494," this pullet is one of a pen of eighteen averaging 246 eggs per bird for the year.

When the program of progressive breeding, feeding and management was begun with a pen of Single Comb Rhodes Island Red



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Say it with DEEDS ...not words

WE IN AMERICA have a lot to be thankful for this year. This is the one great nation that has not been laid waste by war.

Our boys are fighting in the jungles of the South Seas and in the villages of Italy that our own Main Streets may not become battle fields. By their sacrifices they have held the warfront thousands of miles beyond our shoreline. They deserve our deepest gratitude—a gratitude we should express in work rather than in words.

Let's back up these fighting men in a very practical way. Today there is a great shortage of pulpwood. Pulpwood has a thousand-and-one war uses—from explosives to shipping containers.

And since this is a pulpwood-cutting community, we have been asked to cut an extra cord of pulpwood in honor of every local boy in service.

This is a small thing to ask of us—small in comparison with what our boys are doing. One extra cord for every boy who went to war from the pulpwood areas will be enough to meet the present shortage.

So let's resolve to meet our quota—and make sure that no boy dies because we failed.

NEWSPAPER PULPWOOD COMMITTEE

