

President Asks That Thanksgiving Day Be A Day Of Dedication And Resolve In March Toward Victory

Official Proclamation Stress- es Fact That Production Has Been High

"God's help to us has been great in this year of march toward world-wide liberty," President Roosevelt declared in this year's Thanksgiving proclamation.

"In brotherhood with warriors of the United Nations our gallant men have won victories, have freed our homes from fear, have made tyranny tremble and have laid the foundation for freedom of life in a world which will be free.

"Our forges and hearths and mills have wrought well and our weapons have not failed. Our farmers, Victory Gardeners and crop volunteers have gathered and stored a heavy harvest in the barns and bins and cellars. Our total food production for the year is the greatest in the annals of our country.

"For these things we are de-

voutly thankful, knowing also that so great mercies exact from us the greatest measure of sacrifice and service.

"Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, November 25, 1943, as a day for expressing our thanks to God for His blessings. November has been set aside as "Food Fights for Freedom" month. It is fitting that Thanksgiving Day be made the culmination of the observance of the month by a high resolve on the part of all to produce and save food and to share and play square with food.

"May we on this Thanksgiving Day and on every day express our gratitude and zealously devote ourselves to our duties as individuals and as a nation. May each of us dedicate his utmost efforts to speeding the victory which will bring new opportunities for peace and brotherhood among men."



Despite priorities and shortages, little sister still will have her Christmas doll. Although wartime shortages exist in the items listed above, manufacturers displaying their wares in Chicago's Merchandise Mart state that they will have sufficient replacements through the use of less critical materials.



THE minute Tommy woke he remembered that it was the day before Christmas. And that meant—his breath escaped in a quick, white plume across his bed—Santa would soon arrive! The thought shot sudden warmth through his small body as he climbed out of bed and reached for a stocking. After supper he would hang one up . . . and, if it should have a hole in the toe like this one, that wouldn't matter. Santa, of course, understood why he had not had anything new for a long time.

"Tommy!" his mother's voice called. "Dress quickly, dear. It's very cold. That's why I let you sleep late."

Tommy turned and saw her watching him from the doorway. Her blue eyes looked tired, as if she had been up a long time.

"Mommy, will it be long before Santa comes?"

"I'll tell you about that later," she said. "Let's bring your things into the kitchen by the stove."

"I'm sorry there's no milk, dearest," Mommy said. "Maybe I shall hear from the agency today and get a job and—"

He didn't want to talk about milk, or Mommy getting a defense job, or even ask why his Dad did not come home any more. "Mommy, what about Santa Claus?" he asked.

So then she told him. He listened quietly, hot little tears burning his eyelids. She had told him the most dreadful thing he had ever heard in all his life. No wonder she cried, too.

"But, darling," Mommy said, wiping his eyes with her apron. "I have something nice for you. I was saving it for tomorrow but I'll let you have it now because it will

How to Make Your Own Christmas Wreaths

If you like to make your own decorations you will be interested in the way a Massachusetts man makes his.

"I have some wire hoops that I've saved for several years which form the frame for the wreath. I get a supply of laurel leaves or princess pine, or some other kind of evergreen; take a ball of heavy string and start to work. The string, of course, is to tie the sprigs of leaves or pine to the hoop. I just keep wrapping round and round the hoop, adding leaves all the time, until the entire hoop is filled with greenery. Near the end of the job I work in a few extra doodads, to add a little variety. For instance, pine cones, partridge berries, sprays of juniper all add color and novelty to a wreath and make it just a little nicer looking than it would be if you left it plain. If I want to be real fancy, I take a little silver or gilt paint and paint up some small cones for the wreaths.

"Some folks like to fix their Christmas wreaths with candles in the center, but when I want to have a light in the center of a wreath, I hitch up a little electric light. Then I know there's no danger of anything catching on fire."

Need Little to Keep Faith With Children at Yule

Tonight, perhaps some soldier is less lonely because he remembers the sled or drum or train he found beneath his Christmas tree one morning long ago.

It takes so little to keep faith with the children. Madame Schumann-Heink remembered one Christmas all her life. She was perhaps seven or eight when times were very hard and it did not seem as if very much was going to be left for her. But on Christmas morning, the little girl found she had been remembered. Her treasure? It was an orange, round and yellow, and her very own. Just one orange saved that Christmas day for all eternity. Years later, a famous lady realized the love and sacrifice and ideals that orange represented.

Save Lespedeza And Soybean Seed

Lespedeza and soybeans provide more than one half the hay grown in North Carolina and, since the seed for both of these crops is short, growers should harvest soybeans and lespedeza this year even on lands where such practice is non-profitable because of low yields, suggests Dr. E. R. Collins, State College Extension agronomist.

"How are we going to feed our dairy cows, our beef cattle, and our work stock, if we can't get enough seed to plant the necessary hay crops," Collins says.

Some counties are making relatively good yields of soybeans but the variety grown there may not be suited to the section where low yields were made this year and the seed supply is relatively short.

"If all the lespedeza seed produced in North Carolina could be kept here, the supply would be adequate. However, the lespedeza crops from Tennessee, Arkansas and other states are short and they have been seeking seed in North Carolina," Collins reports.

Happy Memories

Here's what went into a 12 pound Christmas cake in the happy days before rationing and scarcities, in case you've forgotten:

Christmas Fruit Cake
 1 pound of butter or other fat
 1 1/4 pounds of brown sugar
 10 egg yolks
 2 oranges, juice and grated rind
 1 lemon, juice and grated rind
 1 teaspoon of soda
 1 cup of molasses
 1 cup of black coffee
 1 pound of flour
 1 teaspoon of salt
 1 teaspoon of cloves
 2 teaspoons of cinnamon
 2 teaspoons of mace
 2 teaspoons of nutmeg
 1 glass of tart jelly
 3 pounds of raisins
 2 pounds of currants
 1 pound of citron
 2 cups of flour for the fruit
 10 egg whites

Solving the Great Problem

"I'm no' sending any Christmas or New Year giffies tae ma relations this Christmas," said the artful Andrew.

"But why not?" asked his friend.

"Surely they'll be expecting something."

Andrew shook his head.

"No, I've seen to that," he replied. "They'll no' be expecting anything. I wrote an' told them I was suffering from loss of memory—an' to make sure they'd believe it I forgot tae pit ony stamps on the letters."

"God Rest You Merrie"

Exception is taken to the accustomed punctuation of a familiar Christmas carol by a correspondent. He says:

"Why do not people give the original meaning to the Christmas carol, 'God Rest You Merrie, Gentlemen'? In the time when this carol was composed, to be 'merrie' meant a wholesome state of mind, which was 'wished' by the carolers on all people, 'gentlemen.'"

Carolina Plant Farms at Bethel

is planning to save stalks from 18 acres of fall cabbage in Tyrrell County for seed, reports J. Y. Lassiter, extension horticulturist at State College.



CAR TROUBLE DOESN'T ANNOY HIM!

Perhaps it is fortunate that Old Santa still uses his dependable sleigh or an airplane to get around, or he might have to curtail his visits this year. M. W. Galloway

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"Santa asked us to give you all these presents," the nurse said.

make you healthy and strong enough to be a soldier like Daddy."

She gave him a luscious, bright red apple.

Yes, he thought, if Santa had only had a mother who knew everything that was good for him, he wouldn't be so sick now that he couldn't go out with his presents tonight. And he would not be in the hospital.

Then a bright thought came to Tommy and he began to run. When he reached his destination he was out of breath. He hurried into the wide corridor, his small feet making silent steps on the heavily piled carpet which led to the reception desk. The white-uniformed nurse didn't see him as he stood there. Tommy found his voice then.

"Look," he said, "I've brought a present for Santa Claus. Will you please give it to him?"

"Oh—er—is Santa Claus here?" the nurse asked.

"Yes," said Tommy, nodding. "My mother told me. He's awfully sick with a cold and can't come out tonight."

Then the doctor spoke up.

"Yes, darling. Santa is here and he's very ill." He leaned over and covered her hand with his. Looking straight at Tommy he said, "Sonny, you bet we'll give him your apple. I'll see that the rascal eats every bite of it!"

"And tell him to eat it slowly and chew up the skin. Then he'll get big and strong like my Dad."

The nurse put her arm around Tommy then. "Just wait here a minute, little boy. Sit here in my chair and we'll be right back and tell you what goes on in Santa's room when he gets your gift."

He was looking at the tree when he saw the nurse and doctor appear from behind it. Their arms were loaded with Christmas packages and they were smiling and hurrying over to him. There was even a huge stocking, running over with toys and sweets.

"Santa ate your apple, sonny," the doctor said. "Thanks a lot," he said to tell you it made him feel so strong that he got right out of bed and went over to his closet where he had all these presents."

"He asked us to give them to you for him," the nurse said, "because he has a lot of business to do tonight at the soldiers' camps. He said you'd understand."

"Oh!" cried Tommy. "Geel!" All those wonderful presents when he hadn't expected anything. Wouldn't Mommy be sprised!

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Give Your Old Clothing TO SUFFERING PEOPLE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

At the request of the Salvage Division of the War Production Board, we have agreed to co-operate with the government and the war effort by helping to collect and clean Discarded Clothing and Rags.

Bring us Your Old Clothes that you wish to contribute to this campaign for the relief of suffering people in foreign lands who have been made homeless by war. Remember, the drive starts today and ends Saturday, December 4. D. J. Luther

All Kinds Of Old Clothes For Men, Women, Boys and Girls Are Wanted

In Brevard, our County Salvage Chairman Howard Wyatt has appointed members of the Mathatian Club to promote the collection campaign and the Home Demonstration Clubs in the county. Everybody is urged to co-operate in this great humanitarian campaign. This is one way you can make Christmas a happy season in many lands!

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