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Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving again! For what? We can make an inventory of the good against the bad. Shall we be thankful for health? One's health may be bad. Are we grateful for protection from our enemies? Well, we are at war. Are we thankful for food and clothing? Thousands are not well supplied. True enough that many of us rejoice in health, peace, and in relative abundance; but riches and poverty, peace and war are but incidents of life, like sickness and health. What counts supremely is the fire of indignation against wrong; the holy zeal to throw one's self into a cause for the betterment of others, a glorious unselfishness on which the eternal heavens rest.

We Americans have reason for thanksgiving because even in plenteous supply of all the needful things we have still alive the spiritual fervor of youthful adventure; life still is more than meat and raiment; and our people, rich and poor, have kept the flame of sympathy for other peoples brightly burning.

Thankful we should be for the spirit of America and for what our country means to oppressed people everywhere—the light along the road. The open-handed American, with much or little, is the symbol of the quick, responsive sympathy which breathes the essence of the spiritual life.

To the Great Jehovah our thanks are due for all His benefits, His mercy and lovingkindness; but, above all, for His revelation of Himself as He walked among men, hungry, homeless, despised, and rejected, yet majestic in the enthronement of abounding love for all mankind.

Let us measure our thanks by the gains of the spirit rather than by bread and meat.

Shop Early And In Brevard!

The Christmas shopping season officially opens tomorrow in Brevard!

In response to a request from the Post Office Department and demonstrating their usual high sense of patriotism, Brevard merchants agreed to launch the Yuletide buying season earlier this year than they have ever in the past.

Postmaster General Walker has aptly emphasized the fact since the railroads and other forms of transportation are already taxed to capacity, the mailing of Christmas packages and greetings should be done earlier this year in order to assure timely deliveries.

As this annual Christmas Shopping Edition clearly shows, Brevard merchants are well prepared to take care of the shopping needs of this county and section. Of course they do not have as much Christmas merchandise and toys as they have had in the past, but they have as much, if not more, than can be found elsewhere. For months they have been making plans for this season. They have bought wisely and well and invite your inspection. You will, we believe, be surprised and delightfully so, at the large variety of Christmas gifts on display here. You will be delighted, too, with attractive decorations in the stores, and windows and needless to state, the street decorations will stimulate within you a greater spirit of Christmas.

In addition to that, the merchants have arranged for Santa Claus to make an official shopping tour here Saturday, to

greet the children and to distribute candy to them.

For best selections, for good service and reasonable prices, we urge that you do all of your Christmas shopping in Brevard, and that you do it early. Trading at home this Yuletide season is the patriotic thing to do . . . you will save gasoline and tires. And don't forget, you will be boosting your town and your county. Dollars spent at home remain here to work, while dollars spent away seldom ever come back to help build up our town and county!

Start your Christmas shopping tomorrow! Make this edition Your Shopping Guide!

Dr. Gallup Quizzes Britishers

The other day we were rummaging around amongst the accumulation on our desk and picked up a reprint from an article in August Reader's Digest such as is frequently sent to newspapers. As we started to toss it into the waste basket, our eye caught a boxed item and we paused to scan it.

What we read was, to say the least, highly diverting. It had to do with a Gallup poll. It seems that the indefatigable Dr. Gallup asked the Britishers whom they thought had made the greatest contribution to the war effort. Half of them said Russia, 42 per cent said Britain, five per cent named China and three per cent said the U. S. A.

Now, we'll admit that this question was put in an awkward form. It seems to us it should have been worded something like this: "In what ratio do you think the Allied nations are contributing to the war effort?" Still, it shows that not many Britons are impressed with our contribution to the war effort, now running around a billion and a quarter in lend-lease aid to keep Britain and other United Nations fighting in addition to our expanding efforts as a belligerent in different parts of the world. Also, the question was put in such a way as to exclude judgment on the decisive part that America must play in this war if it is to be won.

But the query as put reveals that as a nation the Britishers have forgotten those black days after Dunquerque, when the remnants of their army were thrown out of Europe and F. D. R. without consulting congress supplied them with arms to resist what was believed to be an imminent invasion. In all of Britain's history, that was her darkest hour.

Many have wondered why Hitler didn't invade England at that time. Some guessed that he wasn't ready to follow up his smashing successes on the continent; others that he believed he could force the British to sue for peace by intensifying his "war of nerves." It is also highly probable that der fuehrer knew if he pounced on England he would have the U. S. to fight, and if that is true the U. S. A. saved the Allied cause in the hour of its greatest peril.

A Real Challenge

"Food Fights For Freedom" has been appropriately selected as the slogan for the 1944 agricultural production program.

Food is not only a weapon that our armed forces must have to win battles, but it is also an essential weapon that must be furnished to preserve freedom in conquered lands.

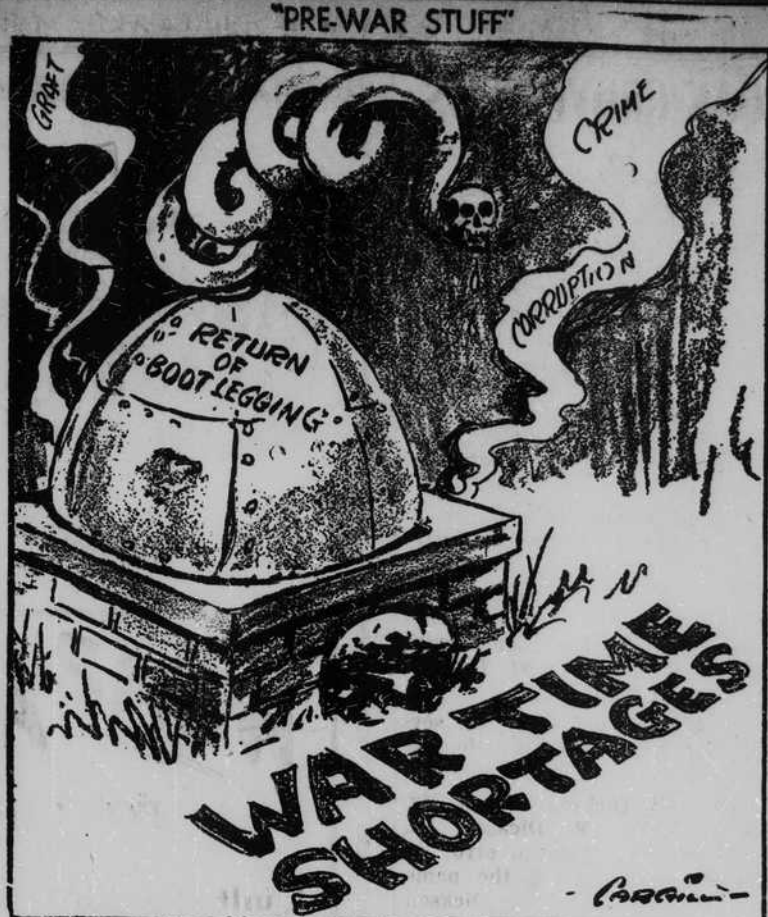
Demands for food in 1944 will surpass all former records and despite many handicaps, our farmers are expected to meet these demands just as they have always done. Townspeople are expected to raise their own food in gardens and every one is expected to conserve, to save and to share.

The 1944 goals for this county call for increased production of potatoes, fresh vegetables, corn, eggs, milk, livestock and hay.

Under the able leadership of our farm officials, an educational campaign is to be conducted in the county between now and the first of the year.

To meet the 1944 goals, intelligent planning is needed and all farmers are requested to attend one or more of the educational meetings that are to be held. Transylvania farmers, we believe, will do their part! Their assignment for next year presents a real challenge.

The C. I. O. has set aside \$700,000 as a fund for "political education," and it is understood that it plans to spend \$5,000,000, if necessary, to put U. S. labor squarely in politics . . . to stop the right-face of the Democratic party and force it back to the crusading New Deal days."



You're Telling Me
 By WILLIAM RITT
 Central Press Writer

IF RUDOLF HESS is really as nutty as a jay-bird—as claimed in recent dispatches—what about those other Nazi big shot, who failed to get out while the getting was good?

In an all-glass house where could the owner hide the mortgage so the neighbors couldn't see it?

Canadian cows ate up \$600 worth of war bonds. Tragic—but just supposing they had been ration coupons!

A Philadelphia husband and wife operate a street car as motorman and conductor, respectively. Though they make a fine team their married life is a sort of ding-dong existence.

The Toronto Star reports subscribers torpedoing whales. Even Moby Dick has discovered it's a truly global war.

A runaway pet kangaroo has returned to its Connecticut owner.

The hop back to Australia was greater than it originally figured.

The chickadee, according to Fac-tographs, often hangs upside down in search for insects to eat. Well, that's playing 'possum with a purpose.

Tin Buckets More Wanted Than Rifle It Would Appear

About a month ago, Jason Hugins at the postoffice inserted an ad in the classified column offering a rifle for sale. He got 27 replies and sold the weapon at a satisfactory price.

A couple of weeks ago, the Nickel Bargain House advertised tin buckets in the same medium and had 53 direct replies from the ad. Mrs. Kitchen stated. She also had a flood of responses to some clothing ads she ran last week.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
 By PAUL MALLON

Washington, Nov. 24—Democratic National Chairman Frank Walker may be replaced sometime soon by Leo Crowley, the president's receiver in bankruptcy for declining bureaus.

Mr. Crowley has a public reputation only as a banker, but he has handled as much politics for Mr. Roosevelt as any other line, being regarded in the administration, since the inauguration of the new deal, as the democratic maestro of Wisconsin and Minnesota, if not some adjoining states.

If you see Mr. Crowley come into the democratic managership, you will know Mr. Roosevelt is going to make a race for it next year again, despite all current political portents and the sub-rosa information passed through the Democratic side of the senate that he will not make up his mind until May 1.

Offhand, you would figure that Mr. Roosevelt would run only if he thought he could win without a nationally disunifying struggle, and if a majority were certain.

Most Democratic politicians figure it another way. They say there is no other Democratic leader acceptable to the new deal element, and also no one acceptable to Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Wallace was groomed and has kept the administration hearth for left-wingers burning, but not brightly. He would be a weak candidate. Ex - Justice Jimmy Byrnes would not suit the leftists. No one else has been allowed to grow up to mention.

Some southern newspapers, in editorials not nationally noticed, have been asking:

What about Byrd? Also, a Democratic Senator, who made a political announcement about two weeks ago, received from the midwest a lot of mail asking the same question. There is this about him:

A half spontaneous, half organized (locally) movement is rising in his behalf. He is the natural candidate of the south, may well become a sort of favorite son of several southern states and thus become a bulwark against the Wallace element in the party at the next convention, if the leftists try to put over the V.P.

Furthermore, he would be acceptable to many a national Republican leader as a vice presidential candidate, though he could not, in the present booming state of Republican affairs, become a coalition candidate for first place. He could probably beat Wallace in a Democratic convention, even packed with officeholders, but not Mr. Roosevelt.

The isolated public mention of Chief of Staff General Marshall has no political backing (his popular backing is not yet measured,) but Marshall would not be acceptable to the new deal element. He is army, has never participated in the socializing business, or in politics.

All this adds up to the new deal loyalists pressing Mr. Roosevelt into a fourth term nomination, even if prospects of his election are not good. One other consideration substantiates this reasoning.

The only alternative would be Mr. Roosevelt's choice by Britain and Russia to head the promised "International organization" to direct world affairs, but with Dewey, or anyone not of Roosevelt choosing in the white house, the job would not be powerful. Stalin and Churchill would run to the white house where policies would be made, not to Mr. Roosevelt. From his standpoint, therefore, it may be preferable to seek re-election, first anyway.

Mr. Willkie said in Wisconsin that Governor Dewey could not run because he promised. This is true, yet practically all the ranking men of politics in both parties in the east currently consider Dewey as almost a certain nominee.

Their reasoning is not hard to follow. Ohio's Governor Bricker is now officially out seeking delegates, as predicted. The favorite son movement (of which Mr. Willkie also complained) is spreading through the west from the eastern Republican centers previously cited in this column. The lion's share of the south (old Taft following) is generally attributed to Bricker.

If you count all the rest for Willkie, it will be only enough to tie up the convention temporarily by preventing Bricker or a favorite son from getting a majority. To the eastern leaders that means Dewey certainly will be it.

Mr. Willkie can upset this obvious trend only by winning a majority of primaries (30 of the 48 states do not have them) or by tying up with the favorite sons who he already recognizes as against him. He has everything a candidate needs, including financial and publishing support, but it can be readily seen that Dewey can win against him—without campaigning.

No boy shall die because we failed

HOW would you feel if you knew that one of our own boys died because we in his home town failed in our duty? Failed to back him up?

If he died for lack of ammunition (it takes half a cord of pulpwood to make the nitrocellulose for each shot of a 16-inch gun).

If he died for lack of a parachute (rayon is made from pulpwood).

If he died for lack of medical supplies (pulpwood makes cellulose surgical dressings and the special containers for blood plasma).

Let's face the facts: The shortage of pulpwood is acute.

And this is a pulpwood-producing community.

Pulpwood is our war industry . . . just as important as the making of

planes, guns, or jeeps.

And cutting more pulpwood is our responsibility.

Let's resolve today that no boy from this community shall die because we've failed.

To that end, let's pledge

a cord of pulpwood for every local boy in the service. Your son? Your brother? Your neighbor? Will you back them up? . . . A cord of pulpwood for each is little enough to ask. Send in your pledge now.

PLEDGE A CORD OF PULPWOOD FOR EVERY LOCAL BOY IN SERVICE

CHAIRMAN, VICTORY PULPWOOD CAMPAIGN
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I will cut _____ cords of pulpwood to back up these boys:

Signed _____ Address _____



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