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Successful Parade

The 1952 Christmas shopping season in Brevard was auspiciously opened last Saturday afternoon with a gigantic parade, which exceeded all expectations.

Thousands of children and adults alike were thrilled with the beautiful floats and the magnitude of the parade.

The Rotary club, and especially the members of the parade committee, Otis Ridgeway, Rhea Doyle, Dan Hawkins and Buddy Melton, are to be congratulated on a job well done.

The parade was a clear demonstration to merchants of the town that a big parade can be staged here, and we should plan now to make it an annual event.

And adding to the beauty of the occasion were the multi-colored lights, which were erected by the Jaycees. They are by far the best Brevard has ever had, and the members of the organization are still busy on the project.

For a happier Christmas this year, trade at home. We should like to remind our people that dollars spent here do double duty: many of them change hands several times and eventually, a portion will go into vital public services.

Our merchants support all worthy movements. They make Red Cross, TB, Scout and other drives possible. Our merchants are interested in the welfare of the town; they pay taxes; employ local people; and they deserve special consideration at a season when people give rein to their generous impulses.

So, resolve now to trade at home this Christmas and the whole year through.

A New Thanksgiving

Although the world about us is confused, frustrated and filled with turmoil, we here in America are still living in a land of plenty.

The Thanksgiving table our forefathers set up those many years ago was an oasis in a desert of near-starvation days. An immigrant people, newly arrived and untrained for the needs of this wild continent, they needed help even to exist.

Today, the meaning of those early times is sometimes lost in the dazzling brilliance of our present wealth. We often forget that all this is not merely the product of our labors, but also the result of the kindly benevolence of our Lord.

America since the first Thanksgiving has grown to be the most powerful nation in the world, and as it has done so, it has ac-

quired certain obligations with respect to the world and to humanity. Long a champion of the rights of free men, we have grown to the point that the primary task of protecting the rights of free men everywhere rests largely upon us.

Without what America represents today, there would be scant incentive for free men to continue the struggle forced upon them or hope for the ultimate triumph of the things in which they believe.

So, as we gather around our tables on Thanksgiving, let us celebrate our good fortune with humility, vowing to use the Light of our Lord as our beacon.

Buy Christmas Seals!

Throughout Transylvania and the nation at this time of the year an urgent appeal is made to buy Christmas seals.

According to the local chairman John P. McCoy, letters containing the 1952 Christmas seals are being mailed out to hundreds of Transylvanians by the Transylvania Tuberculosis association and liberal contributions are being requested.

The mailing out of the Christmas seals is the only way by which the local association raises funds to fight tuberculosis and money raised is kept right here to fight TB at home.

Many advances have been made in the detection and treatment of tuberculosis since the first year that Christmas seals were sold. This year in Transylvania county 6,380 people were given a free chest X-ray in the countywide survey made by the mobile unit.

The fight is not yet won. Of all the infectious diseases TB is still the No. 1 killer!

Mail in your contribution today to fight tuberculosis, and on every Christmas card, every gift, use a TB seal. You will be aiding in a great cause!

Join In The Spirit

We wish to echo the plea of the officials of the Brevard Garden club and urge the citizens of the community to make their homes radiant this Christmas.

Several generous cash prizes are being offered in this annual outdoor lighting contest and included in the various classifications are the best decorated house and yard, best outdoor tree, best decorated doorway and best decorated window.

Nothing can add more to the attractiveness of the home or the beauty of the town than decorations, colored lights and Christmas trees. These decorations, aside from adding beauty to the natural landscape, emphasize the spirit of the season and its potent meaning.

Decorations are inexpensive. There are literally hundreds of ways in which the natural settings can be utilized during the holidays and made attractive, beautiful and cheerful at very little cost.

Light up the trees and shrubs growing in your yards; it's a friendly way to say "Merry Christmas" to your neighbor!

Taxes Cost More Than Food

Ask the average man what his chief family expense is, and he'll probably reply food.

But he'd be wrong. The chamber of commerce of the United States points out that the average family's tax bill is greater than its combined food and clothing budgets.

For fiscal 1952, the total tax bill is around \$86,500,000,000, of which \$62,100,000,000 consists of federal taxes and the rest state and local levies. That amounts to \$500,000,000 more than the department of commerce says we spent for food and clothing in 1951.

So many of our taxes are collected as a hidden part of the cost of all the things we buy that most people don't realize the magnitude of the load. In 1939 all taxes averaged less than \$400 per family—today the figure is close to \$2,000.

The federal debt now totals \$260,000,000,000, which means that the average federal mortgage on each family is \$5,860, in addition to state and local debt mortgages. We will never be able to reduce our debt mortgages and tax liability until government cuts wasteful spending and keeps expenditures within the limits of its income.

IKE'S PEAK



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Gratitude is one of the noblest and most rewarding of graces and virtues. The Bible and modern psychology agree on this. Each year Thanksgiving Day, the distinctively American observance, is an annual reminder of this fact.



Dr. Spough

Gratitude and appreciation furnish the lubricant for successful human relationships. They oil the machinery of society, of industry, of the home, and the individual nervous system. Personnel directors in industry have learned that men and women do their best work under the stimulus of appreciation.

From long association with people I have learned that the chronically ill are the complainers who have lost the grace of gratitude, if they ever had it.

FROM OUR FILES GLANCING BACKWARD AT "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

14 YEARS AGO (From the files of 1938) Special Thanksgiving services will be held at the Brevard Baptist church Thanksgiving morning at 9 o'clock.

A new furniture store is expected to open for business within the week in Brevard, to be known as Abercrombie and Co.

A program of unusual interest was a feature of the regular meeting of the DAR, held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. L. Newland.

A special feature at the Woodmen of the World hall Monday night at 7:30 o'clock will be an entertainment by Garley Foster, the human bird man.

The annual P-TA picnic will be held Friday afternoon and evening of this week at Rockbrook camp, it has been announced.

Patients reported at Lyday Memorial hospital on Wednesday were: Jim Burgess, Guy Eason, Mrs. Mattie Lance, Mrs. B. F. Chapman, Virginia Surret and Mr. Cook.

Last week's assembly program proved very interesting and unusual. Miss Poindexter's eighth grade girls gave a musical comedy entitled "Good Morning, Teacher."

Election of officers will feature the Thursday noon meeting of Brevard Kiwanis club, when a full slate of officers and directors are to be elected. Dr. E. J. Coltrane is the retiring president.

wrote, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (RSV) He tells us that we are to pray about everything, and with thanksgiving. No matter how small our need we are to ask God about it and then thank Him. The reason so many of our prayers aren't answered is that they are not concluded with true thanksgiving. Prayers offered in true faith in God will receive an answer. It then remains for us to thank Him, and then wait for the answer. Learn to be thankful and practice it every day in your relations with God and your fellowman. Follow the instructions in the Bible, that great Book of Wisdom: "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

"Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

"Thanks be God for His inexpressible gift!

"O give thanks unto Lord for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever."

"Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Edward Clayton, of Furman university, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mrs. M. A. Mull, 42, died at Biltmore hospital, Asheville, last Friday at noon, following an operation.

Mrs. Van Huggins, aged 45, died suddenly at her home in the Selma section Monday afternoon about 5:30, from a stroke of apoplexy.

16 YEARS AGO (From Files of Dec. 3, 1936) Another link in highway 284 was let by the state highway commission in its meeting held in Raleigh Tuesday.

Nearly \$300 reward money has been posted for the arrest and conviction of the slayer of Joseph D. Whitaker, Henderson county game warden, who was shot and killed early Sunday morning, November 14, by an unknown assailant.

T. B. Reid, respected citizen of the Oakland section, died at his home last Saturday morning, following an illness of two weeks. He was 86 years old.

Outweighed and outplayed in everything but kicking, Brevard college lost the final game of the season to Mars Hill last Thursday on the latter's grid by the score of 38 to 7.

A news story released from The Transylvania Times office early last week in regard to Jack Miller, of Brevard, has made the rounds of newspapers throughout the nation.

BEHIND THE NEWS . . . From Washington

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY



WISDOM ABOUT KOREA

Senator Styles Bridges, addressing himself to the Korean question in the "American Mercury," profoundly remarks:

"In our republic one man is said to be as good as another. But it doesn't follow that one man is as wise as another; and what is needed now is wisdom . . ."

It is so often said that every man is entitled to his opinion. Yet, what is his opinion worth when neither experience, scholarship nor wisdom supports it? The Korean war, costly in American life, is an example of the danger to a nation of swift action guided not by carefully prepared knowledge and applied wisdom, but by an emotional reflex to an immediate challenge. As long as our government was directed in its Far Eastern policies by Owen Lattimore, John P. Davies, Jr., Philip Jessup and similar persons prejudiced at the time of crisis in favor of Soviet Russia, we had to go wrong.

Senator Bridges wisely raises the question as to the fact of the war. It is a war. It is not a police action. It is an American war, not a United States disciplinary effort. He says of it:

"The Third World War is not in the future; we are in it now; we were in it even before the Second World War ended. The Third World War is the oldest of all wars; it's the determination of totalitarianism to destroy the revolutionary idea of free government and individual importance."

This is a correctly stated position from which there can be no factual retreat. And no one, Republican or Democrat, Truman, Eisenhower or Stevenson, has presented a program for ending this war. Perhaps there can be no end to it in the foreseeable future. Do we have the courage to face that fact? Do we have the fortitude to recognize that historical errors having been made by our politicians at Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam, they cannot be corrected by wishful thinking and by Pollyannaish platitudes?

How complicated our relations to the enemy are is evidenced by the fact that we have spent 16 months talking about how a truce might be achieved and during that prolonged period no truce has been approached and Americans have continued to be killed.

One of our major difficulties is that for most Americans Asia is a forbidden continent about which they know nothing. Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, Secretaries of State Hull, Byrnes, Stettinius, Marshall and Acheson were ignorant concerning Asia. The only one of these men who had spent any time on that continent was General George Marshall, first with the Fifteenth Infantry in Tientsin and then as Mr. Roosevelt's ambassador to China. The only experts consulted from 1937 to 1952 were leftists, out of the Institute of Pacific Relations. Older China experts were ignored because their well-prepared experience conflicted with the opinions of those who, without knowledge, reached conclusions which have proved to be wrong. Of this Senator Bridges says:

"China, the heart of Asia, was lost to the enemy. Whether it was lost by Roosevelt's listening to Hiss at Yalta; by Chiang's alleged intransigence; by Stilwell's petulance; by Marshall's somnolence; or by the chicanery and perhaps treachery of the Institute of Pacific Relations—all these we have debated with a good deal of light as well as heat. The fact now is that the heart of Asia was lost, and virtually every American, except those who support the cause of communism, now agrees with General MacArthur that this was a tragedy for which we shall be paying for generations . . ."

General Eisenhower has no vested interests in the mistakes made in Asia. He had no part of these mistakes. Except for the short period, November 10, 1945-1948, when he was chief-of-staff, no Asiatic matter came before him. In John Foster Dulles, chosen secretary of state, our country has a knowledgeable man of high character and an intimate relationship with the East of Asia. It is a good appointment from this standpoint, the China problem will remain with the United States throughout this administration.

And what would be essential then would be to recognize the fact of war and to form firmer and tighter relations with our allies, South Korea, Formosa, Japan, the Philippines. War requires sharp and positive thinking if loss of life is to be minimized. We have not had that concerning Asia, for two decades; it is essential now.

PICK OF THE PRESS IN THE CAROLINAS

WHAT TO DO WITH TRUMAN AND STEVENSON (Smithfield Herald)

The election, which so emphatically put Eisenhower in the White House seems to have put Truman in the doghouse and left Stevenson out in the rain.

But there ought to be a place in the American political arena for Truman, who has the experience gained with seven years in the presidency and the support of over 24,000,000 Americans who voted for him in 1948, and also for Stevenson, who showed a masterly understanding of America's problems in his campaign speeches and drew a popular vote of more than 26,000,000.

The suggestion has been kicked about for several years that all ex-presidents should be given seats in the U. S. senate, where their ex-

perience and their ability could be drawn upon. They might be given the right to speak without the right to vote; and their wisdom and their prestige could certainly be used advantageously. This is probably the most strategic moment to start the plan, for the Republicans could call in Herbert Hoover and the Democrats could draft Harry Truman.

Now what about Adlai Stevenson?

Just before the election returns were in, Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review of Literature, wrote an editorial entitled "Must It Be All or Nothing?" His thesis was that while the winner necessarily takes all in any system of majorities, it need not follow that the loser should relinquish all. "The least that can be done," said Mr. Cousins, "is to give the de-

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WHO'S BURNED UP?

