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BUT DO NOT WAIT FOR AFFLICTIONS. And when he was in affliction, he sought the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.

Like the Pilgrims

Every day of the year is an appropriate time for giving thanks to a kind and merciful Providence for the blessings of life, but here in America of all lands, it has been a national custom older than the government itself that all the people turn aside on a special day of the year to engage in devotions fitting to the occasion.

It matters nothing, from the standpoint of significance of the act itself, that some states observed last Thursday and some others do it tomorrow. What is all important is that by this step and of our own free will we all, as individuals, leave secular affairs out of our thinking long enough to recognize the Divine Creator and do homage for his goodness to the children of men.

There is little point to an enumeration of those things that merit our gratitude. Each one has blessings of his own for which he should return thanks to the Giver of all good, and he who does not qualifies for condemnation under the truth that "the greatest sin is the sin of ingratitude."

Americans need only to compare their lot with that of most of the rest of the world to become conscious of their great good fortune. It is both positive and negative. Almost from the beginning it has been thus.

We are at peace and have an abundance of food and raiment, whereas countless millions have neither. We still enjoy freedom, which the same millions do not have. We can sleep quietly and undisturbed at night without the fear of bombs being dropped from the skies to blow us and our loved ones and our homes to bits. And so on ad infinitum.

As Americans lift their hearts this Thanksgiving Day, perhaps the thought uppermost in their minds is their health, their measure of prosperity, their freedom, their peace, and all summed up in one word, their happiness. It is not of our own making, but the gift of God. Of ourselves none of these could be possible. If there be in us that spark of the Divine, as men do believe, we can do no less than recognize our obligations and return thanks for everything. To do less is to enthroned the baser side of life.

Like the Pilgrims in that far gone era of American stockhold, let us all bow our heads and our hearts in deep, sincere gratitude for the blessings that are ours, and in humility and lowliness of soul resolve so to live henceforth that this goodness may be continued unworthily though we be.

In Compassion

Citizens of Henderson and Vance county have wrought well in their support of the 1940 Red Cross Roll Call. In the compassion of their hearts for suffering humanity, they have contributed in memberships and other cash gifts something like \$900 in this year's campaign, which is thought to be a record for any year since the World War.

The people themselves should be thanked for this response, and the workers who waited on them deserve the appreciation of those who were offered opportunity to share in the service. To Fred Kessler, who headed the campaign, is due also gratitude for his leadership and direction in the showing that has been made.

No set amount was asked by the national organization; it chose to leave its cause to the judgment of

the people, that they might give as they felt they could and as they were impressed with the increased need this year. Local officials informally set their minds on a one thousand dollar goal, and they all but reached it.

This response on the part of local citizens means that about \$450 will be retained by the local chapter for whatever activity within the scope of the Red Cross program they may decide to undertake, the other half of the amount going to the national society. This year's larger fund makes it possible for greater service to be rendered in all directions, and the community is to be commended for its hearty support of the cause.

Arms and the Law

No one, we think, has any idea that Jailer Peoples intended to kill the colored youth who fell a victim to the officer's bullet last week. We certainly do not think so. Undoubtedly he was motivated only by a desire to discharge his duty as he conceived it. Yet it would appear he was over zealous in his effort to capture a fugitive attempting escape from his custody.

There are times when an officer is justified in shooting to get his man. It depends largely, however, on the nature of the crime alleged against the prisoner. But violations of law that justify shooting to kill are involved in by no means a majority of criminal cases. For that reason firearms should be brought into play only in rare instances.

Where the charge is no more serious than a misdemeanor, it is not of sufficient importance to call for use of a pistol, even at the expense of an escape. Better let the prisoner get away than kill him when the accusation is for no greater offense than fighting. Fighting is indeed a breach of the peace, and is prohibited by law, but there are many things worse than an attack, which still are not punishable by death.

We are confident the jailer regrets the fatal shooting perhaps as much as any one, other than perhaps relatives of the dead youth. Invoking of the law against him would not bring back the boy's life, just as like procedure does not in any homicide case. Officers are permitted to carry firearms for their own protection as much as anything else, and certainly since they are called upon to risk their own lives when necessary in handling criminals, they must be granted this degree of safety.

The tragedy is deplorable, even if it were an accident, as the coroner's jury held it to be. Whether the investigation already conducted is the conclusion of the matter we do not know. But whether or no, it should serve to instill into the minds of men entrusted with deadly weapons the necessity of exercising the utmost caution in making use of them.

Human life is the most precious thing in the world, and should be so respected by officers and others alike. The very fact that pistols and guns so often play tricks on those who resort to them is the more reason why they should be employed as a last resort, and even then only in self-defense or other extreme cases.

Make It Succeed

Cash and pledges for the 1941 Vance County Community Chest campaign brought the total almost within striking distance of the \$4,785 goal that was set. As this is written a trifle more than \$1,000 is needed to reach the mark. Why not, then, go a bit further and make it succeed one hundred percent?

This year's budget is the smallest by a few hundred dollars that has been asked since the Chest idea was offered to the public. A larger amount than is now sought has been given before, and certainly the need is perhaps as great now as it was then. Those who may not be in full sympathy with all of the agencies sharing in the budget should not hold back because of that if they are friendly to most of the purposes for which funds are being raised. All of them are in themselves good, whatever any individual may think of the merits of one or more being included in this appeal.

Earnest efforts were put into plans for the campaign by busy men and women, and they have given of their time in addition to that in contacting prospective supporters of the Chest drive. For most of us, all that was asked was our contribution; others gave that and their time as well.

This is not an appeal to those who have responded; it is an urge to those who have not done so but who are able to share in the undertaking as were many who have willingly donated. The amount sought is not large enough that any should have to sacrifice if only all would help. What is desired is that as many people as possible in the city and county should have a hand in underwriting the budget.

Leaders have announced that the drive will end next Saturday, regardless of whether the goal is reached. By then they will have given of their time as they could spare it for

two weeks; some of them for a much longer period.

Our people can make this cause a success if they are of a mind to do it. They have done it before, and they usually find a way to do the things they really wish to do. Why can we not approach the finishing of this task in that spirit?

Only a few days are left for those to act who have not made a contribution or a pledge. If they will aid in whatever measure they feel they can afford, the goal ought to be attained by the close of the campaign Saturday. Those who will share the benefits will be grateful to citizens for such response as they may make.

Singapore aviators are sent to Canada for training—news item. What's the British high command planning to do—put 'em in cold storage until the spring offensive?

Some of Uncle Sam's new soldiers will be taught how to use skis. New recruiting slogan: "Join the United army and enjoy winter sports."

There is a town in Maryland, we hear, which has the name of Accident. Imagine being caught in Sunday traffic in those parts.

Mind readers must be lonely. For how can you keep friends when you know exactly what they think of you?

A westerner trains horses to gallop backward. Might be big dough in that—if he can sell them to the Italian cavalry.

The big chance of your life to hitch a wagon to a star is almost at hand with that big comet due in a few weeks.

One more Greek victory and Mussolini may be forced to punt from behind his own goal line.

Ants like candy—scientific item. And so do a lot of little nephews and nieces.

Factoquiz

- 1. Can a style of wearing apparel be patented?
2. How many camels or mules travel in a caravan?
3. What was the origin of the bride's shower?
4. At what age does a cow produce the maximum of milk?
5. What is the heuristic method of education?
6. Where is Mt. Lindbergh?
7. Where was the late Tom Mix born?
8. Who invented the electric bell?
9. Who was the author of "The Old Oaken Bucket"?
10. Can the wife of a rural mail carrier be appointed postmaster?

FACTOQUIZ ANSWERS

- 1. Yes.
2. From 40 to 600 or more.
3. A Dutch father refused to give his daughter a dowry if she married a poor miller, so their friends gave them the wherewithal to go to house-keeping, and showers were originated.
4. From six to ten years.
5. A method which incites the pupil to find out things for himself by using his own initiative.
6. In the Antarctic region, explored by Admiral Richard Byrd.
7. Mix Run, Pennsylvania.
8. Joseph Henry.
9. Samuel Woodworth.
10. No.

ANSWERS TO TEN QUESTIONS

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- 1. Ointment.
2. Indian Ocean.
3. David Farragut.
4. Asuncion.
5. Furniture.
6. Lead and tin.
7. One-third.
8. Father.
9. Governor.
10. Irving Berlin.

SALLY'S SALLIES



Men may be fools to marry, but what else is there for a girl to wed?

A WONDERFUL SONG—IF THE BRITISH WIN



What Do You Know About North Carolina?

By FRED H. MAY

- 1. What leading place in the fight for prohibition in North Carolina belongs to Yancey county?
2. How long was the plank road from Fayetteville to Salem under construction?
3. How many times did the New York Herald claim a North Carolina congressman would be sold?
4. How long have the Great Smoky Mountains been known by that name?
5. When was the size of a cord of wood established by law in North Carolina?
6. Why was Congressman Shepperd defeated for reelection in 1837?

ANSWERS

- 1. Yancey County in 1903, through Representative J. Bis Ray, secured the passage of an act which made the manufacture or sale of whisky in that county a felony. Then in 1908 in the state-wide prohibition election Yancey county voted the greatest majority of any county in the State—1210 for prohibition and ten against.
2. The Fayetteville and Western Plank Road Company was chartered in 1849. Within a short time work was under way. The road was completed early in 1854 to its western terminal at Bethania, about six miles west of Salem. The main road mileage was 129 miles with several short side, or feeder roads. It was the longest plank road in the world.
3. The New York Herald claimed that the North Carolina Congressman, John Adams Hyman, Negro, born a slave in 1840, had been sold seven times as a slave before 1865, and would be sold many more times than that while in congress. The Herald did not add that Hyman did not get the money in the first sales, but would in these last ones.
4. No one has been able to es-

tablish definitely the time the mountains became known as the Great Smoky. The Cherokee Indians, who lived among these mountains many years before the first white man came, knew the mountains as the Great White Mountains, or as the White Mountains. It is believed they may have become known as the Great Smoky Mountains about the time of the beginning of the Revolution.

5. The assembly of 1784 passed an act which established the size of a cord of wood. The act applied to all towns in the state where sales of firewood were made, and fixed the size as "eight feet in length, four feet in height and four feet in breadth," the act required that the wood be corded by the seller. 6. Congressman Shepperd had supported a proposition in congress for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia. This did not set well with his North Carolina supporters and he was defeated for reelection in 1838. Two years later, in 1840, he was elected again for one term. He was elected again in 1846 and served until 1851 when he retired, not seeking reelection.

Holidays To Stop High Cage Drills

Thanksgiving holidays will interrupt basketball drills that are now underway at Henderson high school. Coaches Fred Kilpatrick, of the boys, and Bob Harrison, of the girls, called drills the first of this week, and there was fine response.

Each team will have several of last year's regulars back in harness, but the girls will be minus their star of the past two years, Mary Florence Houghtaling, one of the greatest girl players ever to perform for Henderson high.

Several games have been carded before the Christmas holidays, the first being with Townsville here on December 6. The boys and girls are defending Vance county champions, and are struggling to swing onto the two titles.

CONVOCATION OF CHURCHES MEETS IN HIGH POINT

Durham, Nov. 27.—The fifth annual state-wide Convocation of Churches will be held in High Point, January 14, 15 and 16, it was announced today by Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, executive secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches. The convocation will be held under the sponsorship of the High Point ministerial association and the Chamber of Commerce of that city. Previous convocations have been held in Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro.

MAJOR FLETCHER TO ENTER SERVICE

Raleigh, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Major A. J. Fletcher, wage-hour director of the Carolinas region, said today he had been promised a leave of absence for military service, and expected momentarily to be called to the selective service branch in Washington. Fletcher has been in the National Guard since 1916-17, when he served on the Mexican border. He was a captain in the 113th field artillery during the World War, became a major in the guard in 1936, and recently has served as judge advocate general.

Pepper Speaks Monday Night

Chapel Hill Nov. 27.—Senator Charles Pepper of Florida plans to have spoken at the University here next Monday evening, December 2, in memorial hall at 6 o'clock. It was announced today by Bill Joslin, chairman of the Carolina Political Union, non-partisan student organization.

Dr. Ralph McDonald, associate director of the University Extension Division, and a personal friend of Senator Pepper, will introduce him. A strong two-term Democrat, Senator Pepper is expected to discuss America's foreign policy. His address will be broadcast from Station WDNB, Durham.

A round table discussion on his subject is scheduled for 7:30 o'clock when Profs. E. J. Woodhouse, A. R. Newsome and H. K. Beale, all of the University faculty, and perhaps President Gramam, will participate along with Senator Pepper. This part of the program also will be broadcast.

Following the address an open forum will be held, as is customary, and the senator will answer questions from the audience.

Members Named To Advisory Group

Raleigh, Nov. 27.—Three new members of the State Advisory Council of the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission have been named by the Commission to fill three vacancies, preparatory to the meeting of the Council to hold hearings starting next Tuesday for industrial groups and others, relative to possible changes in the State law.

The new members, as announced by Chairman Charles G. Powell, are R. Gordon Gray, publisher Winston-Salem Journal and Twin-City Sentinel, and Harry Buchanan, Hendersonville, representing the general public, and Harry I. Adams, district manager, American Federation of Hosiery Workers, Charlotte, representing employees. Gray and Buchanan succeeded W. Carey Dowd, Charlotte, and Don Elias, Asheville, resigned, and Adams filled the place made vacant by the death of A. M. Hughes, Wilmington.

WELCOME ANOTHER THANKSGIVING.

By Thomas Robertson. Let us welcome this another Thanksgiving. Like the Pilgrims of yesteryear, And prove that we are really thankful. For the things that are to us so dear. Let's thank God for America. Our home where life is free. And most of all let us thank Him For our neutrality.

Let us praise the gathered harvest That the race of man hath brought. And cherish deeds of great men Because of the goal they sought.

Let us be thankful for our friends And for our sisters and brothers, But most of all, everyone should be thankful For the living fathers and mothers.

Many are the things that we should be thankful for That are essential in our living. So let's open up our sleepy hearts And welcome another Thanksgiving.

The beauty of the landscape is often a beauty of the soul.

WANT ADS Get Results

NEW TERM HENDERSON... business College, January 6...

GOOD CLEANING IS YOUR... assurance of obtaining the maximum value from your clothing...

THE INTERNATIONAL... "Little Jack Little"...

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