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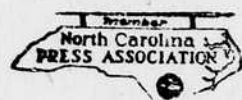
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LET US RETURN THANKS

On Thanksgiving Day many reverent Americans, looking with thanks to God, will give testimony to their belief in a supreme being, interested in the welfare of men and the development of saints.

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Among the things for which the people of this country should be thankful is the freedom which has come to American men and women. We live our lives under no compulsion but our own willingness to attempt to approach the divine spirit in relationship with other struggling human beings. At the same time, we are not required by the law of the land to make any obeisance except that dictated by our consciences.

The United States, above all the nations on earth, and the American people, apparently above all other living groups, have been abundantly blessed. Surely, if a benign providence has a hand in the affairs of man, there is occasion for reverent appreciation and grateful thanks.

There will be some return thanks for their worldly goods, others for their sound health and still others for the general good that has come to them in life. The original Thanksgiving Day was designed to commemorate bountiful harvests, which assured early Americans sufficient food for the sustenance of life. The day represents, by proclamations of the President and the Governors of the American states, a special occasion set aside for a public expression of thanks to Almighty God.

BUY SEALS TO FIGHT T. B.

While the fight against tuberculosis has made great progress, medical experts expect that new drugs will make possible the abolition of the diseases, we should not overlook the fact that nearly 50,000 persons die every year from tuberculosis. The disease is the seventh, greatest cause of death in the United States. This should emphasize the importance of the annual sale of Christmas Seals for the purpose of securing funds with which to accelerate the fight on the great White Plague. The National Tuberculosis Association estimates the annual cost of tuberculosis at \$350,000,000. They think that a disease, known to be curable and preventable should be prevented by a nation as alert as the United States and when it occurs, should be cured.

When residents of McDowell County buy Christmas seals, they contribute their money to the greatest undertaking.

Not all Christians will return thanks on Thanksgiving Day in accordance with the American tradition; they will be out hunting, looking at football games and doing other things.

Advertising is known by the company it keeps. Your business message in The Progress is welcomed by the best of families in McDowell county.

There is no end to the free publicity that is being mailed in the United States.

Some folk are never happier than when they are getting someone else into difficulties.

Smart business men are now making their plans to get the Christmas shopper's cash.

We have noticed that the slowest moving individuals like to speed up all others.

As long as some people have enough to eat, they are satisfied with conditions as they are.

The courteous automobile driver rarely becomes involved in an accident.

ZERO HOUR APPROACHES

On November 28, the people of McDowell county will be called upon to decide if they want a modern new hospital. Every man, woman and child in the county will be given an opportunity to invest according to their financial ability in the fund-raising drive for this vital cause.

That our county is one of the many in North Carolina now without adequate hospital facilities is a tragic truth with which all of us are familiar. The number of beds for every thousand people is only 1.7.

We know too that during the war a shameful percentage of our young men were rejected for physical unfitness when they came up in the draft. Yes, 60.3 per cent of the young men called in McDowell county were turned down—46.7 per cent of the whites and 67.4 per cent of the Negroes! These men were rejected because of bad eyes, bad teeth, bad feet and other similar physical defects that an adequate county-wide progress of health care and hospitalization possibly could have prevented.

There are other equally disturbing facts—we have too few doctors and nurses; midwives still attend at some of our births; our infant and maternal mortality rates are too high; and our sanitation laws are not as strong as they should be.

We need a new hospital in McDowell county in size to serve our 25,000 people. We must also care for cases from Yancey, Mitchell, Avery, and other surrounding counties.

Maybe we haven't had to go to a hospital lately. But don't think you never will. Sooner or later you'll get sick. We all do. To you sickness may come slowly, or it can strike like lightning. When it does come, an accessible hospital bed could very possibly mean the difference between your life and death.

Federal and state grants available amount to 68.5 of the total construction and equipment cost. That means the federal and state governments stand ready to give McDowell County \$480,000 cash on the barrelhead! All we have to do to qualify for this bonanza is to raise the remaining 31.5 per cent.

McDowell county citizens and industries have given \$120,000 of that amount. It is up to everyone to give generously to help raise the \$100,000 that we must have to get the State and Federal money.

Incidentally there are no strings attached to the U. S. and N. C. grants. The money is an absolute gift, and to get it we simply raise our matching share. It boils down to this: for every \$31.50 McDowell county puts up to build a hospital, the state and federal governments will give \$68.50, which is good business in any man's language.

So, how about it, mister? Will you do your part to insure the health and happiness of yourself, your family, and your friends and neighbors in McDowell county? Don't miss this chance.

Your contribution, no matter how small, will help to make McDowell county a safe, healthier and happier place in which to live.

NATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

We have been of the opinion for a long time that our government is becoming too paternalistic in its attitude to the average citizen.

People are depending less and less upon their own individual efforts and are depending more and more upon the government to take care of their problems.

So far as a great many people are concerned, the more you do for them, the less they want to do for themselves.

We wonder if the same thing isn't true of some of the nations of the world.

For a number of years these nations have been depending upon the United States for assistance. This assistance has been given freely in most cases.

But how long is it to continue?

Is our country to play the part of Santa Claus to the rest of the world for an indefinite period of time?

One reason given for this assistance is that it keeps other nations from going communistic.

That's fine. But what do you suppose will happen when this aid eventually is withdrawn?

We are inclined to believe that the answer is contained in Vice-President Barkley's famous story about the man in Kentucky for whom the Senator had done many favors throughout the years. In the last senatorial campaign, Barkley learned to his amazement that the beneficiary of his many kind deeds was going to vote against him. He called upon the voter and reminded him of all that had been done. The man hesitated a moment and then said: "Yes, that's all true, Senator; but what have you done for me lately."—The State.

The task of the church is to build character in the individual; the duty of the state is to provide a favorable environment for this task. —Deets Pickett.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

"WHITE MEAT—OR DARK?"

—A FAMILIAR QUESTION ON THANKSGIVING DAY IN HOMES THROUGHOUT THE NATION.



LET THIS CHOICE REMIND US THAT, IN THE MIDST OF OUR GREAT PLENTY, WE IN AMERICA HAVE ALSO FREEDOM TO CHOOSE OUR OWN WAY OF LIFE IN GREAT THINGS AS WELL AS IN SMALL... WE HAVE
FREEDOM UNLIMITED—
—A PRIVILEGE—AND ALSO A RESPONSIBILITY

THE ROSE - Queen of all Flowers

BY MRS. W. S. SHIFLET

Since the beginning of time, flowers and gardens have played an important role in the life of man and are symbolic of Religion, History and Romance. For centuries the Rose has borne the title "Queen of the Flowers" and has been the inspiration of more stories, poems and songs than any other flower.

The Rose is one of the oldest cultivated flowers, its origin is hidden in the far distant past but every few years a new variety is perfected. You may be a casual gardener but that need make no difference, you can grow roses. Choose your kind according to the care you are willing to provide, and your joy will be enough to share with others.

It has been said that Sappho, the ancient Greek Poetess first called the Rose, "Queen of Flowers" and the Greeks and Romans used the rose for wreaths as an ornamental expression of beauty and as a symbol of love, joy and prudence, the sweetness and beauty of young love. The Greek word for rose is Rhodon, and one of the Greek legends tells us that once a beautiful maiden called Rhodanthe fled to the Temple of Diana in order to escape pursuit of three ardent lovers. Rhodanthe's beauty and radiance impressed the handmaidens of Diana so much that they decided to give her Diana's place as their Goddess. Apollo driving his sun chariot overheard, looked down and seeing the insult to his sister, Diana, became so angry that he changed Rhodanthe into a rose and the handmaidens into thorns to be with her forever, and spying the ardent lovers, he changed them into the worm, the bee and the butterfly and to this day they are still pursuing the rose.

There is no definite way to use the Rose, or container to hold them. We think of the Rose with fine china, porcelain and silver, but they are used with grass and shrubs in containers of copper, pewter, pottery and glass, and have won blue ribbons in all at various Flower Shows.

The Rose, Queen of all Flowers, its beauty and fragrance brings joy to all, in the garden of King or around lonely cabin. So let's grow Roses.

Cupid used the Rose as a dart to penetrate the heart of love, the Rose conveying a message in number and color. If Cupid sends Red Roses, his love and if three three they say "I Love You." When three white ones, they say "I wish to wed." If three yellow roses, "I'm very jealous." Of course its the imaginative and sentimental in mankind that endows them with this intelligence and the rose still speaks in your gift thru all the ages, lets grow them and let them speak for Marion.

Three months of the year the Rose holds first place. In February we use them for Valentines and in arrangements for a patriotic color scheme, nothing could be more lovely than Red Roses, white snapdragons and Blue Delphinium to represent Old Glory. We wear a rose on the second Sunday in May and June for Roses that grow in our family garden, Mother and Dad, Red if they are living and white if they have been transplanted to Garden Fair above. June is also called month of Roses and Brides and they seem to belong to each other. The Rose is really Queen at this time as various designs, bouquets and rangements of Roses are used for weddings.

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THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day, a legacy of the Pilgrims, is the most distinctively American of all our holidays. It is especially cherished because of the democratic ideals it represents, and because of its religious significance as a time of thankfulness to God for our blessings.

Driven by religious persecution from England, the Pilgrims found refuge in the Netherlands, but because Dutch living conditions displeased them, they set out for the New World. Landing at Plymouth Rock on December 21, 1620, they did not find a country of abundance. It took hard work and constant application for them to survive the severe winter. One of every two families perished from cold, hunger, or disease. When fortune finally smiled and November, 1621, brought a bumper crop, Governor William Bradford of the Plymouth colony ordered a three-

day feast of thanksgiving.

From this three-day celebration, and a similar day of religious thanks giving held by the Pilgrims on July 30, 1623, to express thanks to God for a favorable change in the weather that saved the crop and prevented wholesale starvation, our modern Thanksgiving Day originated.

George Washington issued the first presidential Thanksgiving proclamation on October 30, 1789, to mark the adoption of the Constitution. He designated Thursday, November 26, as a day of general thanksgiving on which he would also ask God "to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and unctually."

The next president to issue an important Thanksgiving proclamation was Abraham Lincoln, who in 1863 urged all Americans to observe the last Thursday in November as a day for national thanks-

giving. The holiday has been observed annually since then.

Thanksgiving Day, then, is a day for reflecting upon our responsibilities as American citizens. For, if the Pilgrims have any message for us today it is the importance of developing this sense of responsibility, a responsibility they possessed to a high degree.

The American Heritage Foundation which directed the nation-wide tour of the Freedom Train has proposed that we revitalize Thanksgiving and other major holidays by making them occasions for stimulating "active membership."

These are the nine duties of a good citizen suggested by the foundation in its holiday program:

- (1) vote in all elections;
- (2) serve on a jury when called;
- (3) respect and obey the laws;
- (4) pay taxes understandingly;
- (5) work for peace, but accept all duties in time of war;
- (6) avoid group prejudices;
- (7) work for better schools;
- (8) work for all community improvements;
- (9) practice and teach good citizenship at home.

One of the tragedies of our times is that few Americans realize that the development of this sense of responsibility is the only way our national greatness can be sustained. If our American heritage is to be preserved, enriched and handed down to future generations, each citizen must feel morally responsible for contributing to the betterment of his community, state and nation.

Three religious leaders have stressed these points in special 1949 Thanksgiving statements issued at the request of the American Heritage Foundation.

Bishop John Stamm said: "There is urgent need of the recovery of a more meaningful observance of Thanksgiving Day. Feasting, fellowship and other social activities are not substitutes for thanksgiving to God. In these days when many people forget God, and when there is growing totalitarian control which rules God out and seeks to enforce a pagan philosophy of life, we as a nation need to remind ourselves of our national heritage. The founding fathers sought to establish a nation of freedom, not totalitarian rule. Freedom is, however, possible only when there are spiritual foundations, when God is recognized in His sovereign character and power, and when men are willing to do the will of God."

The Rev. Raymond A. McGowan, Director of the Social Action Department of the national Welfare Conference, said: "...Thanksgiving Day checks us, or should check us, in this matter of not asking God's help. I know that Thanksgiving Day tends to be a late breakfast, a big dinner, a football game, a later radio round-up of the football games over the country, and a tired evening. I am so foolishly American an optimist as to think that the real meaning of Thanksgiving creeps through, anyway. If it does, that makes Thanksgiving Day a great day."

Dr. Bernard J. Bamberger, president, Synagogue Council of America, said: "We must not only voice our gratitude for our blessings, but must recognize the obligations they impose upon us. . . Freedom, brotherhood, and democracy can be eroded and dissipated if we are careless and indifferent. May Thanksgiving Day awaken us more fully to our duty to protect and conserve and extend the blessings of liberty—for us our people, and for all people everywhere."

As expressed in the words of the American Heritage Foundation's "Freedom Pledge":

I am an American. A free American
Free to speak—without fear,
Free to worship God in my own way.
Free to stand for what I think right.
Free to oppose what I believe wrong.
Free to choose those who govern my country.
This heritage of freedom I pledge to uphold
For myself and all mankind.

Christmas Seal funds support program of education, case finding, rehabilitation, and medical research directed at eradicating tuberculosis.

How To Relieve Bronchitis

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.
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