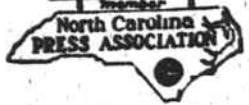


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We are thankful for the Atlantic Ocean, and that our ancestors had sense enough, some 200 years ago, to cross it, coming west.

Government, European style, after Hitler: If a man does not agree with your ideas and policies, have him stood up against a wall and shot. That's what happened to 64 leaders in Rumania, who tried to keep the blight of Nazism from their land.

Not a man has been drafted from Jackson county, and we hope that circumstances may be such that the record will hold good clear through the present emergency. The Nation called upon the county Selective Service Board for three men; and there were more volunteers than the board knew what to do with. Three of these were selected, and will go to Fort Bragg to begin their training on December 9.

An annual, national Thanksgiving is a peculiarly American custom. No other nation observes such a national holiday. And, sad to say, in recent years, our Thanksgiving Day has been thought of in the minds of far too many Americans as Turkey Day, Football Day, Hunting Day, or just another holiday, instead of the day set apart when a mighty nation bows its head in humility and offers up its collective thanks to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, for His multitudinous mercies. Now, that we have been shocked into taking stock of ourselves and of making a new evaluation of our priceless heritage, perhaps we will more and more re-learn the beauty of gratitude.

A THANKSGIVING THOUGHT, IN 1940

tube and iron shard; all valiant dust that builds on dust, and guarding, calls not Thee to guard—Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord! Judge of the nations spare

"For heathen heart that puts her trust in reeking We are assiduously building airplanes, and gunboats, battleships and tanks, piling up munitions, and preparing a strong physical defense to preserve the priceless heritage that is ours; and rightly so. We would be a foolish people did we not appreciate the heritage that is ours and arm ourselves to protect it in a world gone mad—a world that seems determined to allow itself to become the victim of atavistic brutality.

These physical armaments are most necessary; but we must not allow ours to become "heathen hearts that put their trust" in physical armaments alone. We must not forget. We must not, as we are guarding, neglect to call upon the God of our Fathers to guard us.

In days past, our fathers did not forget to give thanks to God for His protection and mercies. We, their children, must not become so busy that we neglect, this, the most important part of National Defense. If we remain true to the truths of Christianity and Democracy that have made and preserved us a nation, then, indeed, can we say: "A mighty fortress is our God". For, the strongest forces that are at work in this universe are not physical, but spiritual.

THE NANTAHALA DAM ROW

The repeated misunderstandings that have hindered the work of constructing the Nantahala Dam are a matter of keen regret to the people of Western North Carolina. The recent disturbance that caused the work to shut down for an indefinite period, which have been pictured to us by the daily press as more or less an attempt to start the War Between the States all over again, are a disgrace to our section of the country. That there should be an attempt by one group denominated as "Southerners and Westerners" to force another group designated as "Northerners" to leave the job and go back to their homes, sounds so unlike our people of the mountains that The Journal is hard to convince that that was the real truth of the matter.

It has been intimated that this influence or that may have been at the seat of the trouble. However that may have been, the whole affair is a most regrettable one, and one from which Western North Carolina as a whole has been made to suffer in the eyes of the people of the nation. But, the Governor of North Carolina has now stepped in and has announced the policy of the State. North Carolina, he says, will not permit any interference with anybody who is in the State for peaceful purposes. He assures the people of North Carolina that their interests will be cared for; and gives full assurance to others that they shall be protected in their rights in North Carolina.

North Carolina has been singularly free from labor disturbances. If labor, as an organized group, or any individual laborer has a grievance, the State will hear and investigate and see that full justice is done. At the same time, North Carolina will afford protection to property and liberty.

Regardless of what may happen in California, or

Pennsylvania, or elsewhere, North Carolina will brook no disturbances during these times of stress, especially on projects having to do with the National Defense program. We are all Americans. We all must shoulder our part of the burden of preparing the defense of the Nation. If any manufacturer balks at doing his full share and paying adequate wages according to his ability, and providing suitable working conditions, his recalcitrance must not be allowed to interfere with the main objective of defending our country. If any element in labor is bent upon creating division among the people, that element must be curbed. That is the North Carolina way.

Everybody, manufacturer, laborer, citizen, all of us must join hands in one mighty effort. Those who will not do so of their own free will must be eliminated from defense contracts, either for supplies or for labor.

This paper believes and has always believed in a fair deal for labor, a fair deal for employer, and a nation of people that put the welfare of their country above all other considerations. To do otherwise would render us vulnerable to the attacks that may come without, and to those that are already coming from

within. Any person, any group, any employer who will not keep in step with that program is either wittingly or unwittingly a tool of those who would like to see our institutions perish.

Deer Stocked On Santeetlah Area

Five young deer have been placed on the Santeetlah area of the Nantahala National Forest in Graham county, as the beginning of a restock program planned for the area. The animals were placed in a field that had been previously sown to rye, and which was fenced to protect these fawns from hunters and dogs.

It was one of these animals that was killed last week.

Fawns were selected for the restocking since they adapt themselves better to new environments and tend to hold older deer in the locality which are to be released later. Both the fawns and the deer for the San-

teetlah project are from the Pisgah National Forest. The deer will be protected from hunting for some time.

Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: Can I use peanut meal in the laying mash for my hens?

ANSWER: Yes. Recent research by the North Carolina Experiment Station shows that high grade peanut meal may be used in replacing 50 percent of the more expensive animal protein concentrates now in general use in laying mashes. Roy S. Dearstyne, head poultryman at State College, replaced from 62 to 94 percent of the animal proteins with peanut meal in two series of experiments where

he used the North Carolina laying mash as recommended by the poultry department. There was no reduction in egg production, in the hatchability of the eggs nor in the livability of the chicks so hatched.

QUESTION: I plan to set out a small home orchard. Will you please give suggested varieties of fruits and how to set the trees?

ANSWER: Conditions vary with the different sections of the State and rather than give a general recommendation, it will be better to write to M. E. Gardner, head of the department of Horticulture, State College, Raleigh, and get his suggestions for trees or varieties adapted to any given section. Prof Gardner will be glad to give your question prompt attention.

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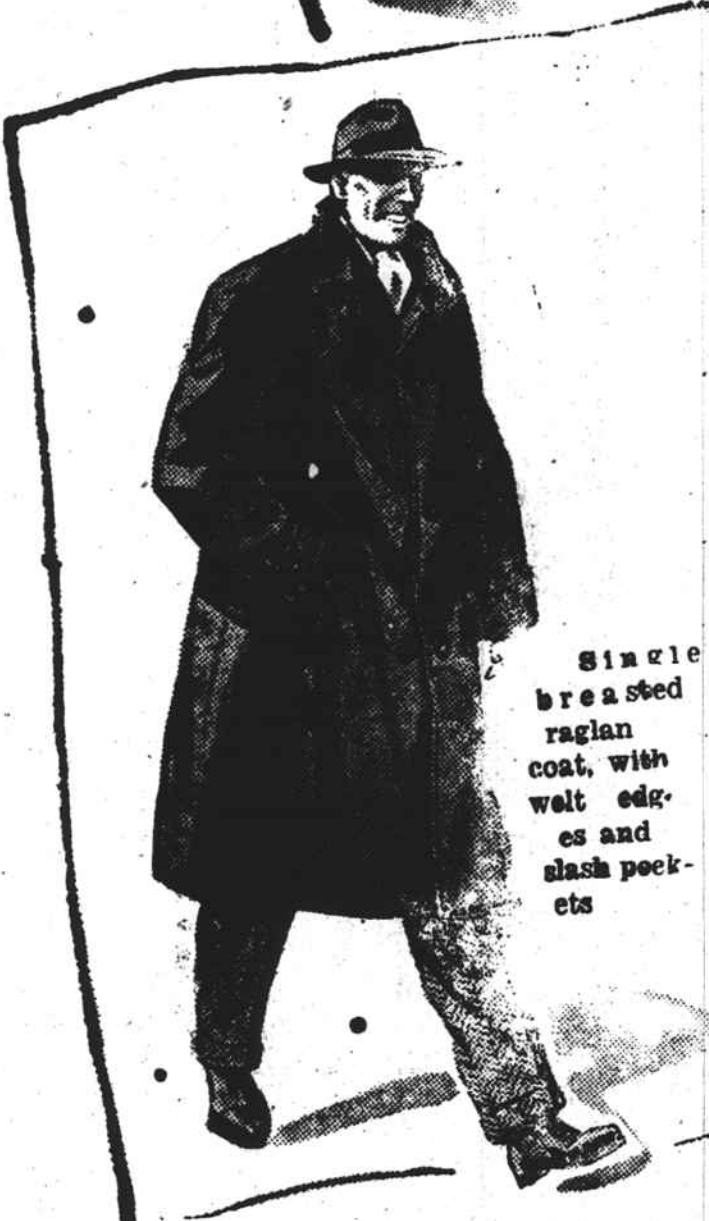
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