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CHARLOTTE, N. C., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1942

WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTATION

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High. x x x And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.
—Psalms 50: 14-15.

THOUGH AT WAR, MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR

The previous war our country was engaged in, World War No. 1, found us fighting a victorious battle for the freedom of all peoples on a Thanksgiving Day, but it proved of no avail, in the Peace that was made. Again, in 1942, America finds itself involved in another war of far greater proportions, with the same ideals, but there will, we all hope, be a different kind of peace made this time, one that will make it impossible for any of the Assassins to break the traces, and build for another assault upon innocent and peace loving peoples. No peace, we believe after this war is won, will be entered into that will give men of the Hitler, Mussolini, Toja type an opportunity to assuage their lust for power in the blood of millions upon millions of innocent victims.

But, with it all, Americans have much for which to give thanks—our bountiful crops, unlimited resources, and our people at home of a will to suffer deprivations and give of their all for the preservation of their liberties, religiously, politically and otherwise. No sacrifice is too great, and our boys on this Thanksgiving Day are giving battle to preserve for us these privileges, laying down their lives, if necessary, that we may enjoy the Thanksgiving Days to come, in peace and security.

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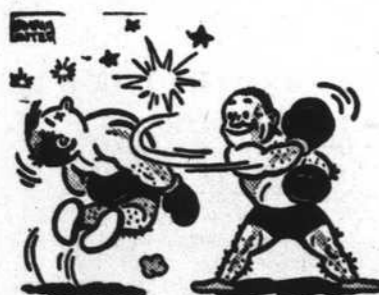
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By RUTH TAYLOR

The trees are glowing gold and scarlet. Nature has decked herself in the spirit of Thanksgiving for the fruits of the summer season. If you walk in the country, beauty faces you wherever you turn. But it is up to you whether you see the autumn glory as a fruition of the harvest of summer—or a final defiance to the threat of the approaching winter.

So it is with Thanksgiving this year. There are those who say—"Why should we celebrate? The world is crumbling about us. Everywhere there is war and devastation. The old things no longer exist. We have nothing to be thankful for!"

No doubt there were repiners and Doubting Thomases at the first Thanksgiving held on these shores. There were those who said "Why should we be thankful? We face a long and desolate winter, with no way of escape—no ships will arrive. There is only the merciless ocean before us and the dread wilderness and fierce savages behind us. We have nothing to be thankful for!"

But just as in the days of the Pilgrims, there were those who felt gratitude that the Lord had thus far preserved them, and carried them through their trials and tribulations, and that they, in the words of David, should "Give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever"—so in this day of sorrow and tribulation, the great majority of our people, too, are grateful and give thanks.

Not in the spirit of vainglory that our land is not as other lands, devastated and overrun by a merciless enemy, bombarded from sea and air, not in the spirit of vainglory—but humbly and reverently, we thank God for His mercy towards us, that we still have freedom—freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience.

We must face this day of Thanksgiving 1942, not only in the same spirit the first celebrants did over three hundred years ago—with gratitude for the mercies of the past and with faith in the continuance of those mercies, saying as they did, in the words of the Psalmist: "O give thanks unto the God of heaven; for His mercy endureth for ever."—but with the fervent prayer that, God willing and we toiling, we can continue to celebrate as a united people in a United States with all those precious privileges that that word connotes.

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND POLITICS

The President has received much abuse from many quarters during the past few years about his politics, yet we have never had a President who played less party politics than President Roosevelt.

The three preceding Republican Presidents — Harding, Coolidge and Hoover—were party "wheel-horses" of the first water. When Hoover appointed a "50 per cent Democrat" to the Supreme Court, he thought he was being very noble. The three administrations were marked by complete Republican party politics. To them, it was "turn the rascals out" as far as the Democrats were concerned and they did a thorough job of it.

Woodrow Wilson also made this error. We believe that if he had taken Republicans like Root and Taft, Sr., and Hughes into his confidence or even to Europe to make the peace, his League of Nations would have been ratified and we may have been living in a different world today.

Our President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, with the reputation of being one of the most astute politicians of our generation—plays less party politics than any President in our history.

In the President's Cabinet sit such die-hard Republicans as Henry L. Stimson—a member of Hoover's Cabinet. Secretary of the Navy Knox ran against Roosevelt on the Landon ticket in 1936, and made some speeches against the President that would make any Sunday school teacher blush—and yet he is one of the President's closest advisors in this war.

Wendell Willkie ran against the President in 1940—and yet he has been given opportunities that rarely come to human beings in three lifetimes, as far as gaining for himself public support and public interest.

Harlan Fiske Stone, whom the President appointed the Supreme Court Chief Justice was a Republican member of Coolidge's cabinet, and from the top right down all the way through in every branch of the Government service, there has been less party politics played in the matter of jobs than in any other President's time in our history. As a matter of fact, that is the real reason that men like Farley broke with Roosevelt. The President is much too non-partisan for these old-time party politicians. Then we have the African campaign. Can there be any doubt that the Republicans would have gained much less representation in the House of Congress and in Governorships if the African offensive had been started on November 1st, instead of on November 9th? When victory comes, and it is time to make the peace, we can be sure that the Republican Party will have as much representation in the making of decisions as will the members of the President's own party.

MR. PEGLER—OH THOU SAGE!!

On the day that American soldiers under General Eisenhower were invading Africa—Mr. Pegler in his syndicated column in many hundreds of our newspapers had an editorial which in effect tried to stir up hatred, resentment, suspicion against—no—not our enemies—against our allies—the Russians.

For fear that Mr. Pegler may have written that before he knew anything about the greatest overseas invasion in all history; the day AFTER General Eisenhower occupied Algiers and laid the very foundation for our eventual Victory—Mr. Pegler had a whole column about Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and how she caused high taxes and other gems of thought which any psychiatrist would agree can only come from some aberration of the brain on the part of this "sour-puss" sage Westbrook, Pegler.

Let us hope, and we know this will come to pass—that on the day American, English and Russian troops march down Unter Den Linden in Berlin Mr. Pegler will continue to give out with some real hot stuff about Mrs. Roosevelt and taxes.



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