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ALMANAC

"An angry man opens his mouth and shuts his eye"—Cato

NOVEMBER

26—U. S. Marines sent to Boxer Rebellion, 1895.

27—Hoosier Tunnel through Massachusetts mountains completed, 1872.

28—First auto race, 1885.

29—Bund Leader Kuhn convicted, 1939.

30—Washington occupied Trenton, N. J., 1776.

DECEMBER

1—Pan-American peace congress opened, 1936.

2—First U. S. savings bank opened, 1816.

T Thanksgiving Prayer

By RUTH TAYLOR

With humble and contrite hearts, we gather together this Thanksgiving Day, 1942, to give praise unto Thee, most bountiful Giver of Gifts.

The shadows of war darken our lives. We are menaced by the enemy from without. From within we are hampered by our own self-will and personal ambitions. Our nearest and dearest are sent into danger all over the world. The even tenor of our ordered lives has been shattered.

Yet we give thanks to Thee, O God, and bless Thy name for Thy manifold mercies vouchsafed unto us.

We thank Thee for this land of ours, its fertility, its resources, its homes, its people who are still free to fight and work and strive for freedom for all the world.

We thank Thee that we are Americans; that the days of prosperity and peace have not sapped the spirit which is our heritage from those who came to this land seeking freedom to worship Thee according to their own consciences; that as Americans, regardless of class, creed or color, we can stand firm, shoulder to shoulder in the struggle for the rights of all mankind.

We thank Thee that we are a United States; that we can differ in details of theology, of economics, of politics and still be united in demanding for and in granting to all others the same freedom we claim for ourselves.

We thank Thee for the victories granted us, not merely over our enemies on land, sea and in the air, but on that battling ground within

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ourselves for the day by day clash between the forces of prejudice and ill will and the forces of neighborliness and fair play.

We thank Thee for Thy purpose in our lives as peoples and as a nation; that we may in Thy good time establish more firmly the democracy whose command is Thine—"Love thy neighbor as thyself," and bring Thy kingdom to reign on earth from now until everlasting.

Amen.

Anti-British Propaganda

There is a kind of Nazi propaganda that misses no opportunity to drive a wedge between us and our British allies. It seeks to make us hate British and to be full of suspicion toward them.

One of the Nazi rumors you hear is that the British have left their allies to fight alone while they themselves have kept their armed forces in England. The people who spread this untruth never give you facts and figures to prove it. But that is for the very excellent reason that they haven't any facts or figures to prove it. But that is for the very excellent reason that they haven't any facts or figures to give. Let us look at this falsehood and expose it. Before the Nazi invasion of France, Britain had promised to send twelve divisions of fully equipped troops to that country. Was that promise kept? It was . . . to the letter, and beyond the letter. After Dunkirk the British sent more troops to France in an effort to help her in a situation that was becoming hourly more desperate, and many of the British soldiers who went to France after Dunkirk were those who had but a short time before escaped from France. Tell that to the people who say that the British have failed their allies and have kept their army at home.

Once more, after the fall of France the British were left alone in the Middle East. Their forces numbered only 40,000 men. And, contrary to what the Nazi propagandist say, these troops were not all New Zealanders, or Australians or Canadians. More than one-half of them were men from the British Isles. The Italians had 360,000 soldiers in Abyssinia, and 260,000 in Libya as against the total number of 40,000 Empire Troops. Yet, despite the British inferiority in numbers, their army—more than one-half of which came from the British Isles—inflicted severe defeats upon the Italians who were driven out of Eritrea, Somaliland, and Abyssinia with a loss of 25,000 men.

Victory in Libya against the Italians was within the grasp of the British when the Nazis began their invasion of Greece. The Greeks called for help, and who responded? The British again . . . this time at the cost of calling a halt to the campaign on the Libyan front from which troops were withdrawn to be sent to Greece. And one-third of those Empire Troops which fought in Greece were from the British Isles. Tell that to the people who spread the Nazi

falsehood that the British have left their allies to fight alone.

And tell them something else. Tell them that in the Battle of Crete nearly one-half of all the British forces engaged were men from the British Isles. Tell them that for three years British troops have fought on fronts all over the world and that up to January, 1942, 71 per cent of all the casualties suffered on land by the whole British Empire were men who came from the British Isles. Tell that to people who talk this nonsense about the British keeping their army at home.

Little Things Affect Destinies In the World

It is the little things that affect the destiny of any person, man or woman; its the little things that mar or glorify the destiny of a nation. The first little thing may not amount to more than a tracing or dent on character, but it paves the way for better character if a good little thing or dented character if a wrong little thing. The little things, right or wrong, grow into big things as they become more and more abundant.


A parent may tell an innocent little lie to a child, who cannot discriminate and sees no wrong in also telling a little lie. Too soon the child may become a proficient liar. Or a child may pick up a penny left on a table; get in the habit of picking up loose change and become an able thief. Lying and stealing lead to greater wrongs and the character becomes badly dented. Ill humor shown in the home is reflected by ill humor in the child.

A child may have merry parents and learns to be merry, hears nothing except kind and courteous words spoken and learn to speak likewise, see kind deeds done and learn to be

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Religious News and Views

By REV. W. B. DANIELS, JR.

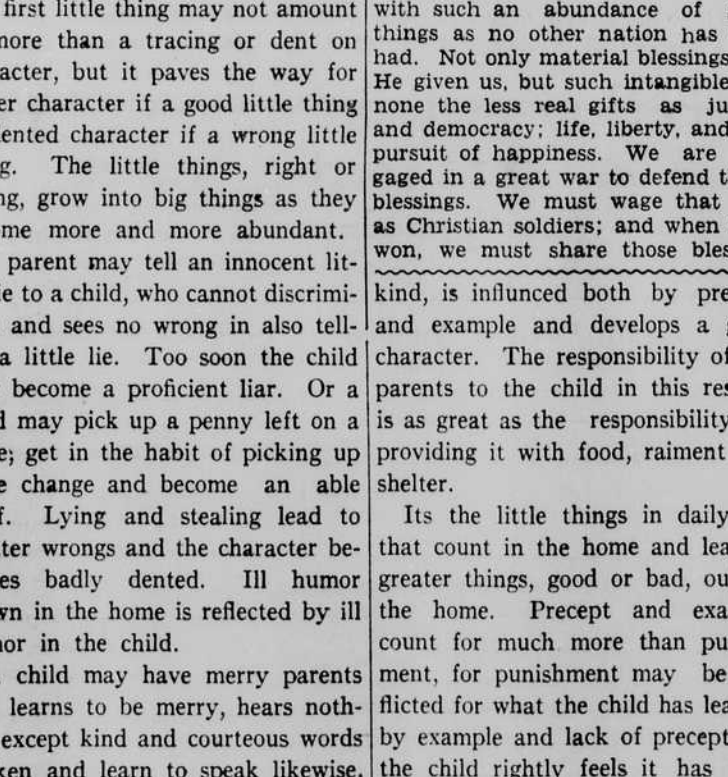
Thanksgiving Thoughts—

"O most merciful Father, who hast blessed the labors of the husbandmen in the returns of the fruits of the earth; we give thee humble and hearty thanks for this thy bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving-kindness to us, that our land may still yield her increase, to thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." Collect for Thanksgiving Day.)

"God has blessed this land of ours with such an abundance of good things as no other nation has ever had. Not only material blessings has He given us, but such intangible but none the less real gifts as justice and democracy; life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are engaged in a great war to defend those blessings. We must wage that war as Christian soldiers; and when it is won, we must share those blessing kind, is influenced both by precept and example and develops a good character. The responsibility of the parents to the child in this respect is as great as the responsibility of providing it with food, raiment and shelter.

Its the little things in daily life that count in the home and lead to greater things, good or bad, outside the home. Precept and example count for much more than punishment, for punishment may be inflicted for what the child has learned by example and lack of precept and the child rightly feels it has been wronged.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS:..



"Quite a discussion some of the boys were having down at lodge meeting last night, Judge...you know, in the anteroom before the election of officers."

"Sure was...and Herb was dead wrong. The alcoholic beverage industry does account for more taxes than any other industry. I checked the figures in my office this morning. Why the figure on alcoholic beverages is pretty close to a billion and a half dollars a year. Lucky thing we haven't got prohibition or the government would have to make up the money some other way. And there's only one answer to that—more taxes. You know what that would add up to?... about \$25 more taxes a year for every man and woman in the country. In other words you and Sue would have to pay about \$50 more in some form of tax. I guess about the only ones who'd come out ahead on that deal would be the bootleggers and gangsters."

with all the world. Then we shall be partners with God in the establishment of the space for which we pray—the peace which is the fruit of righteousness, through which the kingdoms of this world may become the Kingdom of Christ our Lord." (The Living Church).

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest; To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning and of thy truth in the night season . . . Thou visitest the earth, and blesseth it; thou makest it very plenteous. The river of God is full of water; thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth. Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blesseth the increase of it. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy clouds drop fatness . . . The folds shall be full of sheep; the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing." (The Book of Psalms).

"Jesus said, 'be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on . . . For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.'" (St. Matthew vi).

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We urge you to pay your Taxes now and take advantage of the savings.

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J. E. Davenport
Tax Collector Washington County