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THANKSGIVING DAY AND ITS REAL SIGNIFICANCE.

In 1621, after the first settlers of the New England colonies had gathered their crops and reaped their harvest, Governor Bradford made provision for the rejoicing of the people by setting apart a day for prayer and praise, which was often repeated during the following years. During the Revolution a day of national Thanksgiving was annually recommended by congress. Since 1864, the president of the United States has appointed the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. It has, since that time, been the usual custom of presidents and governors of the various states to issue Thanksgiving Day proclamations.

When the colonists first observed the day of thanksgiving their prayer was woven about the harvest field. No great advancement had been made, and the very fact that the ground yielded many fold the seed that had been sown was sufficient cause for the rejoicing of the colonists.

Should we make effort to express our gratitude today in comparison for the things which ought to call forth our spirit of thankfulness, our expressions of gratitude would exceed that of the colonists in every sense of the word. They were thankful for the grain that had been grown in the fields. We have every comfort, every convenience, everything that adds to the enjoyment of life, while the colonists had nothing but their harvest from a crop in which they had worked with their own hands. Should we consider the many blessings that we enjoy, words could not express our thankfulness. Yet these things have come to us in such manner that we give them but a mere glimpse of recognition, and go our way. Let us be serious on this Thanksgiving Day.

WONDERFUL WORK OF BREVARD WOMEN

If there be any truth in the old adage, "A man's work is from sun to sun, but a woman's work is never done," the natural conclusion is, that in her never ending tasks, woman is accomplishing something, whether for good or for ill.

Assuming, then, that she is constantly busying herself about something, the question arises, "Is the woman of today doing any outstanding piece of work which will, at the present time or at some time in the future, exert an influence for good in the community in which she lives?" We contend that facts will bear out the truth of this query by answering in the affirmative.

Excluding all facts, historical and otherwise, regarding the work of woman down through the ages and the wonderful feats accomplished by woman of the modern world, let us get down to more concrete matters and consider some of the undertakings and accomplishments of woman, or to speak in broader terms women, of our own town and locality. Are they doing anything in their untiring efforts for the upbuilding of the community, to make the town and county a better, more beautiful and more progressive place in which to live? A brief survey of the work of organized local women at the present time will, it is felt, answer this question in the affirmative.

The largest in membership, and perhaps the most outstanding of all the women's organizations in Brevard are the Woman's Bureau and the Parent-Teacher Association, both of which are unquestionably of inestimable value in the life of the community. The main project for the year of both these organizations is the beautifying and equipping of the Elementary school grounds, work upon which is already in progress, with expectations of completion in the near future. More recently proposed projects include the agitation by the Woman's Bureau of the plan for erection of a swimming pool in Brevard as a drawing card for tourists, and the sponsoring by the P. T. A. of the annual Christmas Seal Sale and

a circulating library for the rural schools in the county, in addition to the numerous other accomplishments of these two organizations for community welfare and beautification.

Other women's organizations of the town are doing their bit, and more, toward uplifting the community, thereby making it a more desirable place for home-seekers. Among

and good influences exerted on account of their existence would never be questioned.

A natural sequence, following an enumeration bringing to mind the many accomplishments of women through their various organizations, is that no intelligent thinker can rightfully doubt the truth of the statement that the women of the community, through organized effort, are an important factor in Brevard's present and future growth and prosperity, and that a lessening of their efforts toward community welfare would be keenly felt.

Every woman who has the uplift and progress of Brevard at heart, and it is to be hoped that all belong in this class, could do better thing than to line up with at least one of these various women's organizations, thereby showing a willingness to do her bit in concerted effort, which is an essential factor in the upbuilding of any community.

CONGRESS ADJOURNED; NO TARIFF BILL.

Congress has adjourned, and no tariff bill was agreed upon. The announced purpose of the session failed of materialization. Many will charge that little block of Western and mid-Western insurgent senators with defeating the tariff bill. These have been referred to as "sons of wild jack-asses" by Senator Moses, leader in the republican group. Others charge that the republican senators who formed a coalition with the democrat senators proved disloyal to the republican party, thereby defeating the majority party's plan to adopt a tariff schedule.

Others there are, however, who recognize in the work of the few insurgents a loyalty to the republican platform that ought to command the respect of all the people of the nation. The republican convention at Kansas City in 1928 adopted the following as a part of its platform:

"A protective tariff is as vital to American agriculture as it is to American manufacturing. The Republican party believes that the home market, built up under the protective policy, belongs to the American farmer, and it pledges its support of legislation which will give this market to him to the full extent of his ability to supply it.

"We favor adequate tariff protection to such of our agricultural products as are affected by foreign competition.

"The Republican party pledges itself to the development and enactment of measures which will place the agricultural interests of America on a basis of economic equality with other industries to insure its prosperity and success."

All that the small group of insurgent republican senators asked of congress was that this platform be honestly and sincerely reflected in the tariff bill. The majority party, under the leadership of the Old Guard, wanted a tariff bill that gave industry every protection, while failing to give the farmers what had been promised agriculture in the republican platform. The insurgents rebelled, formed a coalition with the democrats, hence no tariff measure at all was adopted.

As we see it these sons of wild jackasses are the really loyal republicans in the United States senate, for their only crime was that of insisting upon their party to live up to its platform.

Don't you wish you had raised some turkeys to sell just now!

HENRY FORD SETS THE PACE.

President Hoover's plan of holding conferences with the leaders in the nation, in an effort to "speed up" industry, expand business and promote prosperity for the nation as a whole, has had one reaction that really means something to the country. This reaction came through an announcement from Henry Ford that wages are to be increased in all his numerous factories, mines, railroads and industries.

It is safe to say that no other man engaged in an American business enterprise would have taken this stand. With millions of men out of work, clamoring for jobs with no reference to the wage to be received, the nation's biggest manufacturer, of his own accord, makes this announcement that every man's wages throughout his entire organization are to be increased.

Henry Ford is not crazy. He is able to see ahead, to penetrate the future. Henry Ford knows, and has all but brought to the nation his way of thinking, that good wages mean good business for everybody, while low wages mean starvation for the workers and stagnation for business.

Henry Ford knows one other something. He knows that an increase in the wages of his army of workers will bring wages in other industries to a high level. He knows that working men who receive good wages can afford good Ford automobiles, while men whose wages are low cannot buy his product.

It is a great lesson to America. Every manufacturer and every business man would do well to learn this great lesson—that good wages mean good business, and low wages mean poor business.

WHY NOT LOCATE IN BREVARD, FOLKS?

Recent announcement by a New York filming corporation of a proposed plan to establish a \$100,000 motion picture studio in Asheville has elicited favorable comment from the mountain metropolis.

The company proposes to use Asheville as a center for their filming productions, with Western North Carolina scenery as a background. Asheville is said to have been the choice location on account of its scenic setting, large amount of sunshine, and the possibility in the matter of raising transportation.

Our point at issue is this—Why isn't Brevard fully as capable of meeting these requirements as our neighboring city, not more than forty miles distant?

Certainly no one who is at all familiar with this section can question the matter of the incomparable scenic beauty of Brevard and surrounding territory. With its wonderfully beautiful natural setting in a broad valley entirely surrounded by towering peaks of matchless grandeur and loveliness; with its numerous waterfalls, which are easily accessible and second to none in Western North Carolina in point of number and natural beauty; with its magnificent mountain views to be seen in every direction, and countless other attractive features, Brevard and Transylvania county are unquestionably worthy of commanding the attention of the most fastidious seeker for home or enterprise.

As to the matter of sunshine, Brevard being of higher altitude than her sister city, and thereby nearer the source of sunshine, does it not give her a better chance of being more highly-favored by Old Sol? Surely this immediate section can at least lay claim to fully as much sunshine as is found in nearby localities.

In considering the third requirement demanded for location of an enterprise, that of speedy railway connections, it would seem the fact that Brevard is only twenty miles from the main railway transportation line and little more than thirty minutes from the main line by motor truck, would prove this factor not at all a difficult one to handle.

In view of these facts, and many others not mentioned, is it not worth the effort on the part of citizens of Brevard and Transylvania county to do every thing in their power to induce the right sort of industries and enterprises to locate in this vicinity, thereby resulting in a more progressive and desirable place in which to live?

The Brevard News is very grateful for the response given to an editorial in the last issue of this paper. Editorial comments in other newspapers, and re-publication of our editorial in so many papers give us cause for being grateful. Numerous letters have been received also, commenting on our effort.

"LORD, THOU KNOWEST I NEVER CHANGE."

It is told of an old Scotchman, who was deeply religious, that he desired to do a certain thing, but was not quite satisfied that it was the right thing to do. He went to the Lord in prayer about the matter, and it is said prayed something like this:

"Lord, Thou knowest that I at all times desire that Thou be in perfect accord with me. Thou knowest the thing that I want to do, the thing that I am determined to do, for I have made up my mind to do it, and not wanting to be in disagreement with Thee, I am asking that Thou wilt approve this thing that I have made up my mind to do, for Thou knowest, O Lord, that I never changeth my mind."

The editor of The Hendersonville Times-News must have had schooling in that old Scotchman's institution, judging from the manner in which that newspaper would deal with the working people. Time was, in the dim and distant past, when the "leading minds" of a community felt called upon to select the reading matter for the people classed as the working group, and decide what these should hear and what they should not hear. It most assuredly is not necessary in this advanced stage of our civilization for any one group in North Carolina to set itself up as a censor over another group, to select that other group's reading matter, or say what that group should hear or not hear.

To attempt to "keep out," or "restrain," any one who comes into North Carolina, or wants to come into North Carolina from any other state in the union, is not only a violation of the law and of the constitution, but is silly, childish, foolish, and dangerous—more dangerous by far than all the rantings of all the communistic speakers that could be crowded into a ten-acre lot. If, after people come into our state, they violate our laws there is a remedy at law for such, through our court processes. Let a judge and jury, however, decide the case. Let's not leave the matter to an unauthorized group to decide the case and mete out the punishment. That is anarchy in its truest form.

If a man comes preaching a gospel that we do not believe in, surely we have the press, the pulpit, the lecture platform, and other means of advantage on our side—the side we consider the right side—to those in whom we are interested. If the newspapers, the leaders, the preachers, the speakers, the office holders, the good women, the fine men, of our state cannot uphold our side of the question, with all the advantages we have, against the efforts of a few half-baked, fanatical communistic speakers, then we are the one who need a guardian, and not the textile workers of the state. Every time the state of North Carolina tries to shut an agitator's mouth through force or confinement, that agitator's case is strengthened, in that the ones he is trying to reach conclude that there must be something to the fellow's argument, else he would not be forcibly shut up.

We say let 'em rant—let everybody rant who wants to rant. If they utter seditious remarks, arrest them and try them, and let a judge and jury say whether or not they are guilty. That's what we have courts established for. Then let us who despise the doctrine of the communist, hold aloft our own great plan of civilization, a plan that has proven to be the best plan ever adopted in all the world's history, a plan that is nearing perfection as the years go by. But let us remember that this plan is builded upon the great principles of freedom of speech and freedom of thought—without which the great nation could never have reached its matchless standing that it today enjoys.

It was for this very freedom that America was born. It was because of this great principle that America prospered and grew. Destroy this one thing, and the whole structure of our civilization crumbles.

Thank you, on this Thanksgiving Day, for every word and act that has helped us in producing The Brevard News.

Keep your eye on 1930! Great doings in the next twelve months. The giants of the nation, working in concert, cannot fail in their effort to bring on great times. Of course, each fellow must go out after his own. Santa Claus is not going to put a living in the stocking for anybody. One day a year he comes to see the kiddies. The balance of the time we get just about what we ought to get in exchange for our efforts.

AN APPRECIATED LETTER

Mr. James F. Barrett, Editor,
The Brevard News,
Brevard, N. C.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I read with interest your little editorial brush with the Hendersonville Times-News concerning their theory of what should be done with communists, radicals, agitators, etc. Not through any sympathy with communists, but through sympathy with the theory of free thought, free speech, and free press.

David Star Jordan said: "Wrong opinions should be met only by fair discussion. To put them down by force or terrorism, or by special legislation, is a policy more dangerous than any expression of opinion can be."

Wendell Phillips said: "A society that is afraid to hear its humblest member without molestation is only fit for chains and slavery."

Says Hawthorne, author of "Scarlet Letter" etc.: "The world owes all

its onward impulses to men ill at ease."

Benjamin Disraeli (Conservative Englishman statesman 1862): "It is a privilege to live in this age of rapid and brilliant events. What an error to consider it a utilitarian age! It is one of infinite romance. Thrones tumble down and crowns are offered as in a fairy tale; and the most powerful people in the world, male and female, a few years back were adventurers, exiles, and demerps."

Steinmetz, the electrical wizard of Schenectady who died a couple of years ago, said: "The World belongs to the Discontented."

I want to congratulate you on one of the best weekly newspapers in Western North Carolina, and on your able editorial policy, which means a free-thinking policy.

Sincerely,
Wm. C. HENDRICKS,
Asheville, Nov. 23, 1929.

EXPERT

"Are you good at multiplication?"
"Well, I never studied it much but I've got ten children."



One Stop Service

What is One Stop Service? It is a station rendering to car owners complete service under one roof.

Any station can render super-service, but only the stations that are fully equipped and carry a complete line of merchandise can render real One Stop Service.

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| Firestone complete line of Heavy Duty Truck Tires | Complete line Oldfield Tubes |
| | Complete line Courier Tubes |
| | Complete line Firestone Puncture proof Tubes |
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| Tire Vulcanizing | Valve Caps |
| Tube Vulcanizing | Rims for any make of Car or Truck |
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| Tire Reliners | Rim Bolts |
| Flaps for Model T and A Ford rims | Rim Nuts |
| Valve Stems | Rim Lugs |
| Complete stock Auto Chains | Windshield wiper blades |
| Complete stock Arvin Heaters | Windshield wiper hose |
| Complete stock Oil Filters | Top Patching |
| Complete stock Champion Spark Plugs | Hub Caps |
| Battery Cables | Gas Tank Caps |
| Battery Clamps | Complete stock Body Polish |
| Battery Terminal Bolts | Nickel Polish |
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