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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1946

Thanksgiving 1946

As our National Thanksgiving day arrives. we have wondered if we as citizens of one of the greatest nations on earth are grateful enough for our blessings. We have endured and suffered much during the past few years, yet our misfortunes have been small to those of many other nations.

It is true we are deep in the problems of a postwar era, which offers complex conditions which test our strength and faith to carry on. We had expected it all to be so different. We thought when peace was declared, that it would not be but a few months until we were back where we were in 1941. Things do not work that way. We will never go back where we left off. We are not the same people. The war years have changed us to some extent. We may not realize it but we have a different outlook.

Yet we know that things will work out, and that the future is full of promise. That is the American way of life. That is our heritage handed down from those pioneers back then, that they had survived the hard- added attraction in the community, ships of the new country was to them a There are many rooming houses in the

Does The Honors

Editor

Waynesville's gala homecoming celebration yesterday in honor of Homer L. Ferguson, master builder, set a note of praise and tribute which the rest of Western North Carolina will echo.

Mr. Ferguson is a native son who won his spurs on a scene far-though not too farfrom the mountain region. At least, Haywood and other western counties could send sturdy builders in wartime to the great yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company, where rose many of the great steel vessels which formed the nation's "bridge of ships" to the war fronts. With hands more used to the feel of the plow on the mountainside field, ships were built in prodigious number and with a speed which astounded a nation quite accustomed to miracles of war production. Learning from scratch by the side of the salt water, men of the mountains and the plains built ships for victory.

Homer Ferguson presided over this tremendous effort. Wavnesville and Havwood have every right to be proud of his accomplishment. The company which he heads enjoyed little of the publicity sometimes manufactured for others, but when postwar accountings were made its record hardly admitted of any rival.

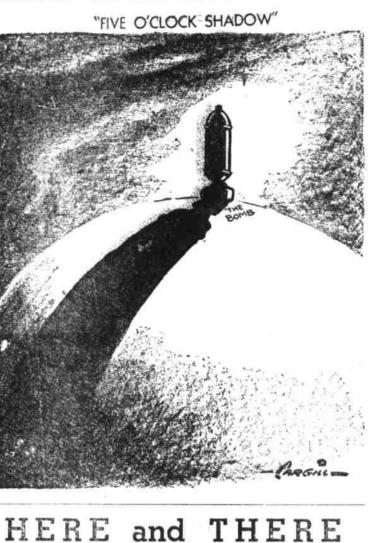
A parade, a special edition of the Waynesville Mountaineer, street banners, speeches such as are made on these occasions and a round of barbeeued corn-fed pork and baked Havwood county apples were all part of the front-Asheville Citizen.

Regret Action

While we would not favor any action which Democrata, iter grandfather, the would deny a veteran material for building housing quarters, we do regret the necessity lina Senate and was the author of of the action of the CPA which will delay the proposed improvements to the Waynes- early life of Prof. Madison at Qualville Country Club.

While the Country Club is privately owned, student also of this venerable it is a tremendous asset to Waynesville and taught afterward in the schools of engineering on the Mississippithe county. There is great need in our com- Swain and Macon countles. Miss munity for more eating facilities, for in the Elmore, the daughter, is a former peak of the summer season, it has become a ern Carolina Teachers College, serious problem, which in time, if not remedied, will react against us here. With the who observed the first American Thanks- opening of the dining room to others outside giving. They had much to be grateful for the guests in the club would have been an

THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER



By HILDA WAY GWYN

The part that Prof. Robert Lee were throughout the county, of Mr. manners of a friendly and grateful American Madison has played in the educa- Josephus Daniels-that he made to community honoring its own. More than one tional program of Western North Mr. Homer L. Ferguson-that they Editor The Mountaineer: Carolina would be hard to estim- retire and come to Haywood counbattle of the late war was won on the production line. Homer L. Ferguson is rightly work at Western Carolina Teach- in the county-and they would give their sincere thanks and gratitude acclaimed for his generalship on that vital ers College at Cellowhee. In many much to our community life in their for the very splendid issues of The families several generations have contacts with us here. It would be Waynesville Mountaineer and the come under his cuiding hand. Take nice to have the Ferguson home for instance in the case of Miss occupied once again by the family. Ferguson Day. We feel that we can, Mary Helen Elimered member of the Faculty of the Waynesville them so completely with the brick wood County, in thanking you and Township high school, who is prom- house that sets back from the each member of your staff, for the inently identified with the Young with their background of accomlate William J. Jenkins, who served for 26 years in the North Carotion to us here. It would be much Rhymes and Rhyhems" by a Mountaincer, was a student in his mer time-"Yes, that is the Fergu- unsurpassed. We know that Mr. the president of the Newport News In. Later the mother of Miss El-

more, Mrs. J. B. Elmore was a teacher in Franklin, Mrs. Elmore student of Prof. Madison at Westson place, but none of them live here." And instead of saying, "Yes,

suggestion, at we are sure people



VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The recent Livestock and Home Arts Show was a recognized suc-Arts Show was a recognized suc-cess and in view of this fact would One For All' Aids you favor the county enlarging and you favor the county entarging and improving the present facilities to- Government Girls ward making the event an annual affair?

Bryan Medford - "I think the county should assume this finanneeded.

Jack Messer-"If the show is to not more than \$2,000 a year. be held I think we should have adequate facilities. The last show demonstrated the need."

Mrs. W. T. Crawford-"I think of the club. the county should finance these improvements and encourage our people toward greater accomplish- rising the way they are, ments."

R. E. Sentelle-"I would positively approve of such a project and encourage our people in these industries."

Rev. M. R. Williamson-"I think he show was a credit to the entire county and that the county should make adequate provision for the displays and entries in the show.

Letters To Editor

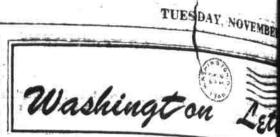
THANKS

The Chamber of Commerce publicity given to our Homer L. The older generations associated also, speak for the citizens of Haystreet-with its spacious grounds- tireless cooperation shown in mak-The Ferguson and Danie's families ing this Day a great success, and one that will be remembered a plishments will ever lend inspira- history in our Town and County. Your personal efforts towards

nicer to say to visitors in the sum- this November 20, 1946 have been son residence, the same family of Ferguson and his affiliates also appreciated all that was done for Shipbuilding, and of Brig. General them, and will cherish the memory Harley Ferguson who raised the of the Day, and the historical pa-Maine and did that marvelous piece pers from your office that so very stein 2nd, writers of "Oklahoma," thoroughly gave the interesting "Carousel," producers of "Happy and, Mr. Ferguson since his retire- facts and details in the life of one Birthday," ment is making his home here"- of America's greatest men and a member Mama" and the town's bigthan to say-"yes, it is the Fergu- son of Haywood County.

time

Very sincerely,



'All For One And 1011Viller By JANE EADS hip of more th 54 agencies.

WASHINGTON - The Government Girls Club meets regularly between the Veter clal obligation, for it is badly to think up ways to make life in the tion and Congress nation's capital more pleas int for movement when any their sisters, whose top sa, ary is government aris

pitch in a dollar e Mrs. Lucille Butler, 26, who equipped fighter came from West Pittston, Pa., five Army and the Navy years ago to work in the Bureau The girls sele of Internal Revenue, is president ency personnel

the money and act She says the girls are really "up when the planes against it" now with living costs presented to the two ed the club's nucler

Last fall the gro She points out, for instance, that lunches at government cafe- Forty girls were set terias have gone from 35 cents to clothes purchasable 55 cents, and she says she can't have her usual sausage cake for wearable. means which were breakfast any more because one "We are also inte

cake now costs 22 cents. ing prices down." M At that, she and a lot of others like her have to pay 40 cents for girls st up breakfast and about 60 cents for things at reduced ru lunch.

were hard to get we "As for dinner," she says, "most of nylons 10 centr of us just hope we'll get invited than anywhere else out by a boy friend.

"There's nothing left for extras For the past two any more. We need all we've got has given Christma just for living. Most of us can't orphanage here, bu go home for Christmas this year, that orphans were let alone buying gifts for the folks." old people in ho This Christmas t

Since their organization in May and spend the events of the Blue Plant and spend the Blue Plant many projects to keep the girls in- Old People



Lunch For Famous Is Duly Recorded Dick is the daddy In Gotham Town

looks at Column chell, who is there NEW YORK-In Sardi's, Rich- the week, comme ard Rodgers and Oscar Hammer- as if he were built

"Show Boat," "I Re-Davis (Margie), the gest smash, "Annie Get Your Gun." We thank you again for all that having their weekly Thursday Comie Henny Your you have done. We wish to assure luncheon with Theresa Helburn harmonica from ha We were greatly pleased at the there is where Mr. Josephus Dan- you of the cooperation of the and Lawrence Languer, directors a discordant note. Chamber of Commerce at all of the Theater Guild . . . Two of off all the improv the best liked guys on Broadway Eddie Duchin calle

despite their raining dollars . . . Larry Youngman Usually Broadway talks viciously gio quicked, 'Look L. E. Sims, President (Miss) S. A. Jones, Secretary about such successful fellows, but nevitch" the Boar dof Directors of Dick and Oscar aren't the usual The Chamber of Commerce | Broadway types: much nicer. ed every pos In the Stork's Cub Room, Geor- names of Larry Ad Banana oil is made from potagie Jessel beauing Anne Jeffreys. Minnevitch . oes, beets and grains, . . Falstaffian Dick Flanagan, 31 (Continued on Pa

miracle.

We have much to be thankful for today. We survived the war. America still stands. This is a free country, and no matter how much discord there is today, we know that the fundamental construction is firm and strong.

This year there will be more families united future. in homes thorughout America than there have been during the past five Thanksgiving Days. For this we should be grateful and as we review conditions in European countries today, we should take stock of our blessings and give thanks to our Heavenly Father that despite changes we still have that rich heritage of the American way of life.

Our harvests have been abundant and slowly the suffering of the war years is slipping into the background. Our great nation is peculiarly blessed.

Thanksgiving Day-1946 should be one of the most thankful ever observed in America.

Satisfied Readers

We read with interest of the poll of public opinion recently taken in South Carolina, sponsored by the State Press Association. The poll sought to determine how well leaders in agriculture, labor, business, education, religion, and other fields thought of their local papers-the news service, the price, editorial interpretation, columns, pictures and crime news.

Questionnaires were sent to 5,000 outstanding men and women and the tabulations were made from approximately 20 per cent of the questionnaires which were returned, according to Wilton E. Hall of the American Independent and the Mail, who is president of the South Carolina Press Association.

The survey was conducted by Charles L. Allen, assistant dean and director of Research of the Medill School of Journalism of Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

On the whole our neighbors over the line seem to like their newspapers. Some pertinent things were brought out in the survey. In regard to post-war period they answered the queries about news rating as follows, in order named: better local government headed the list; new and better housing and better schools; new and better highways; recreational centers; and better state and national government.

area where meals are not served, and often these guests like to spend their day on the golf course, and to be able to get their lunch at the club would make them much better satisfied spending their vacation here.

We trust that it will be possible for the Club to make these improvements in the near

We Hope He Is Right

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of New York, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America stated in a sermon in Des Moines during the week that "war with Russia can be avoided without compromise, of basic convictions."

"Energy expended in fighting communism, if devoted to preserving and extending democracy would make totalitarianism undesirable and democracy impregnable."

He declared that men "who summon us to a holy war against communism are not only declaring war on Russia, but are diverting our attention from the primary obligation to democratize our own economic, political ecclesiastical and social life.'

The Bishop may have something there. If the time we spent bemoaning the fact that the country was going to the dogs was spent in demonstrating what a fine thing it is to live in a great democracy and pointing out its advantages, we might have more influence in combating communism. We, however, believe in keeping an eye open and well informed.

Befitting Memorial

We note with gratification the gift of the A. C. Lawrence Leather company of five new uniforms for the Waynesville Township Band to be dedicated as a memorial to the late L. M. Richeson, former superintendent of the company.

We recall that much of the success of putting across the organization of the band and raising the initial funds was due to the enthusiasm of "Rich," as he was affectionately known in the community.

The promise of relative freedom from India is producing a strange series of riots between the Hindus and Moslems, with more throatcutting than cooperation.

Lilienthal Popular Choice As Atom Control Chairman

Behind - the - Scenes Battle 'Twixt Braden, Messersmith

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Special to Central Press

· WASHINGTON-As the five men who will manage the nation's monopoly on atomic energy begin to take hold of their all-important jobs, it appears probable that at least for the present there will be no political opposition to their appointments.

Selection of David Lilienthal as chairman seemed to have been generally acceptable. While extreme leftwingers regard him as an internationalist, Lilienthal has taken a hard-headed view of the international aspects of nuclear energy as a weapon.

> In speeches he has said flatly that agreements to "outlaw" atomic warfare are worthless. Likewise, he sees iron curtains in the world as preventing inspections of the various nations' peaceful applications of atomic energy from safeguarding against secret conversions to war purposes. The atomic chief declared that only an international body, with a full, airtight world monopoly on atomic energy, sources of material, and processing facilities, can save the world from future atomic war.

On domestic policies, Lilienthal is expected, David Lilienthal even by those who have not approved the principles involved in the Tennessee Valley Authority,

to do a good administrative job. As chief of the TVA, Lilienthal has been on a tight rope, with the enmity of smart, able Senator Kenneth McKellar (D) of Tennessee, as an ever-present threat to trip him up if he took an awkward step.

If anyone can manage the nation's atomic monopoly without getting in trouble with private industry and Congress, sure-footed Dave Lilienthal would seem most likely to succeed.

• STATE DEPARTMENT OBSERVERS are watching a behindthe-scenes conflict between Assistant Secretary of State Spruille Braden, former "tough" United States ambassador to Argentina, and the present ambassador, George Messersmith.

Messersmith favors a minimum of compliance from the Peron regime in its commitments to string along with other American republics; Braden wants almost complete compliance.

An early determination of the struggle is expected and newsmen are waiting for it to break,

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. . · FIORELLO H. LA GUARDIA, director of UNRRA, is the current subject of fun-poking among agriculture department employes in view of "Butch's" recent statement to a news conference that UNRRA is shipping mules to Yugoslavia for breeding purposes Better biologists than Butch immediately pointed up with delight

the irrefutable fact that mules are hybrids and cannot breed. A Detroit newspaper editorial on the subject was circulated

among employes to add to the merriment, particularly this "belly laugh" paragraph:

"It just goes to show that an UNRRA director can't make a jackass out of a couple of mules, but a couple of mules sure can make a jackass out of an UNRRA director."

La Guardia himself once said, "Whenever I pull a boner, it's always a beaut." .

O DESPITE HIS "THREE-STAR" AUTOMOBILE, Senator Elmer Thomas (D) of Oklahoma says he was stopped for an inspection of

his credentials "at almost every turn" of the road when he drove 200 miles in Germany from Frankfurt U. S. M. P.'s to Nuernberg to attend the closing session of the top Take No Nazis' trials

Just back from a European tour, Thomas told a Chances reporter that "members of my party had special

cards of identification but American military authorities took no chances on permitting unauthorized persons to reach the trial." Thomas viewed the high Nazis before they were executed and

said he saw Goering's cell. He said he was particularly impressed by the trim appearance of American military guards at the trial.

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