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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.

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.

Yet we know that things will work out, and that the future is full of promise. That is the American way of life.

We have much to be thankful for today. We survived the war. America still stands.

This year there will be more families united in homes throughout America than there have been during the past five Thanksgiving Days.

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

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.

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.

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.

Does The Honors

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 far—from 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.

Homer Ferguson presided over this tremendous effort. Waynesville and Haywood have every right to be proud of his accomplishment.

A parade, a special edition of the Waynesville Mountaineer, street banners, speeches such as are made on these occasions and a round of barbecued corn-fed pork and baked Haywood county apples were all part of the manners of a friendly and grateful American community honoring its own.

Regret Action

While we would not favor any action which would deny a veteran material for building housing quarters, we do regret the necessity of the action of the CPA which will delay the proposed improvements to the Waynesville Country Club.

While the Country Club is privately owned, it is a tremendous asset to Waynesville and the county. There is great need in our community for more eating facilities.

There are many rooming houses in the 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 future.

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."

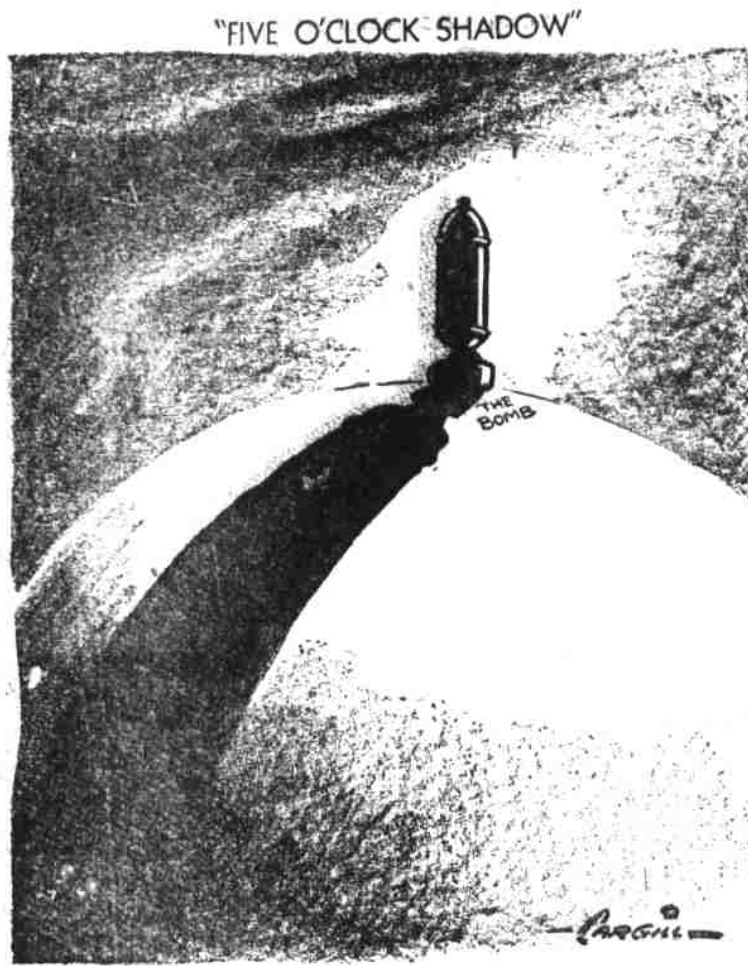
The Bishop may have something there. If the time we spent bemoaning the fact that the country was going to the dogs was spent in demonstrating what a fine thing it is to live in a great democracy and pointing out its advantages, we might have more influence in combating communism.

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 throat-cutting than cooperation.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

The part that Prof. Robert Lee Madison has played in the educational program of Western North Carolina would be hard to estimate—for it began long before his work at Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee.

We were greatly pleased at the suggestion, as we are sure people were throughout the county, of Mr. Josephus Daniels—that he made to Mr. Homer L. Ferguson—that they retire and come to Haywood county to live.

Inside WASHINGTON

Lilienthal Popular Choice Behind-the-Scenes Battle As Atom Control Chairman Twixt Braden, Messersmith

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, 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 behind-the-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.

FIORIELLO 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 hybrid and cannot breed.

A Detroit newspaper editorial on the subject was circulated among employes to add to the merriment, particularly this "billy 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."

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 to Nuernberg to attend the closing session of the top Nazis' trials.

Just back from a European tour, Thomas told a 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."

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The recent Livestock and Home Arts Show was a recognized success and in view of this fact would you favor the county enlarging and improving the present facilities toward making the event an annual affair?

Bryan Medford—"I think the county should assume this financial obligation, for it is badly needed."

Jack Messer—"If the show is to be held I think we should have adequate facilities. The last show demonstrated the need."

Mrs. W. T. Crawford—"I think the county should finance these improvements and encourage our people toward greater accomplishments."

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

Rev. M. R. Williamson—"I think the 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 Editor The Mountaineer:

The Chamber of Commerce wishes to express to you, publicly, their sincere thanks and gratitude for the very splendid issues of The Waynesville Mountaineer and the publicity given to our Homer L. Ferguson Day.

Your personal efforts towards this November 20, 1946 have been unsurpassed. We know that Mr. Ferguson and his affiliates also appreciated all that was done for them, and will cherish the memory of the Day, and the historical papers from your office that so very thoroughly gave the interesting facts and details in the life of one of America's greatest men and a son of Haywood County.

We thank you again for all that you have done. We wish to assure you of the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce at all times.

Very sincerely, L. E. Sims, President (Miss) S. A. Jones, Secretary For the Board of Directors of The Chamber of Commerce

Banana oil is made from potatoes, beets and grains.

Washington Letter

'All For One And One For All' Aids Government Girls

By JANE EADS WASHINGTON—The Government Girls Club meets regularly to think up ways to make life in the nation's capital more pleasant for their sisters, whose top salary is not more than \$2,000 a year.

Mrs. Lucille Butler, 26, who came from West Pittston, Pa., five years ago to work in the Bureau of Internal Revenue, is president of the club.

She says the girls are really "up against it" now with living costs rising the way they are.

She points out, for instance, that lunches at government cafeterias have gone from 35 cents to 55 cents, and she says that she has her usual sausage cake for breakfast any more because one cake now costs 22 cents.

At that, she and a lot of others like her have to pay 40 cents for breakfast and about 60 cents for lunch.

"As for dinner," she says, "most of us just hope we'll get invited out by a boy friend."

"There's nothing left for extras any more. We need all we've got just for living. Most of us can't go home for Christmas this year, let alone buying gifts for the folks."

Since their organization in May 1943, the group has sponsored many projects to keep the girls interested in things of their own problems.

The club's purpose is to stimulate interest in government activities. It now has a membership of more than 100 girls.

Agnes Richards, between the Veterans' Administration and Congress, movement when she government girls get pitch in a dollar each equipped fighter plane Army and the Navy.

The girls select agency personnel off the money and act as when the planes presented to the two of the club's members.

Last fall the group style clinic for fed Forty girls were selected clothes purchasable means which were wearables.

"We are also interesting prices down. Two girls set up girls' shop where things at reduced were hard to get of of nylon 10 cents than anywhere else."

For the past two has given Christmas orphanage here, but that orphans were old people in homes.

This Christmas and spend the eve mates of the Blue Old People.

BROADWAY

By Jack O'Brian

Lunch For Famous Is Duly Recorded In Gotham Town

NEW YORK—In Sardi's, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein 2nd, writers of "Oklahoma," "Carousel," producers of "Happy Birthday," "Show Boat," "I Remember Mama" and the town's biggest smash, "Annie Get Your Gun," having their weekly Thursday luncheon with Theresa Helburn and Lawrence Langner, directors of the Theater Guild.

Two of the best liked guys on Broadway despite their raining dollars. Usually Broadway talks viciously about such successful fellows, but Dick and Oscar aren't the usual Broadway types; much nicer.

In the Stork's Cub Room, George Jessel beaung Anne Jeffreys, Falstaffian Dick Flanagan, 31

Add enjoyment to your

Thanksgiving Feast

by serving



"a health food"