

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Precisely as an unlooked-for drop in business during the fall disheartened the nation, an unlooked-for improvement in business of all kinds at this time is brightening it now.

CHAIN STORES—Incomplete November reports indicate a 15 per cent improvement over November, 1932.

RETAIL TRADE—Dun & Bradstreet, expert feelers of the industrial pulse, say that the season's volume is at the best level in two years.

BUILDING CONTRACTS—In states east of the Rockies November totals were 54 per cent above a year ago.

STEEL—Operations recently rose to better than 31 per cent of capacity, as compared with 25 per cent at the same time last year.

MOTORS—November sales in 14 representative states were 115 per cent over November, 1932, and truck sales were 92 per cent ahead.

Perhaps the most accurate way of getting at the heart of the matter is through corporation reports.

The Federal Reserve reported net profits of 295 corporations as being \$162,000,000 in the third quarter, as compared with \$25,000,000 net loss a year earlier.

There's not a great deal going on at Washington now, but there's more talk about the past, present and future state of affairs than ever.

Money, hard, soft, and medium, will be the prime topic. A tremendous amount of criticism has been directed at Mr. Roosevelt's gold-buying campaign.

The President is having the securities act examined to eliminate features that have made much legitimate financing impossible.

Congress will be asked for several billion additional emergency dollars, above the regular budget, to carry on the recovery program.

The worm is turning. The worm in this case is the railroads, which have suffered for years from legislative and competitive handicaps.

A reduced rate policy has spread to all parts of the country. Recently Western roads dropped the fifty per cent Pullman surcharge, as well as reducing fares.

Latest, most argued development, is the Pennsylvania Railroad's venture into less than carload lot freight shipments with store-to-door service.

Some Eastern competitors, notably the New York Central, fearing that the move will force all other roads into building up a similar service, which many of them do not want, have protested to the I. C. C.

Communion Service at Glade Valley There will be a Communion Service at the Glade Valley Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 11:00.

Everybody is invited to come and Communion with us.

Rev. O. W. Marshall, Pastor.

LITTLE PINE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cheek and son and Mr. Harlie Cheek have returned to their home in Farmington, Mich. after visiting friends and relatives here for some time.

Mrs. Garret Smith is seriously ill at this writing.

Mrs. George Maines spent the week end with her daughters Mrs. Flake Harris and Mrs. George Woodruff at Glade Valley.

Mrs. Mable Greene spent Friday with her sister Mrs. Arthur Murphy.

Mr. S. S. Smith of Cherrylane visited his son Mr. Garret Smith Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Handy made a business trip to Elkin Friday.

Miss Mabel Maines spent Saturday night with Miss Zelma Greene.

Mr. Buster Murphy, of Kistler, W. Va. is spending the holidays with home folks here.

Mrs. Pearl Harris and sister Ethel Young spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. I. M. Cheek.

Mr. and Mrs. Doris Campbell of Statesville were visiting friends here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wagoner entertained a number of their friends at a social, all present reported a nice time.

Mr. Arlie Maines and sister, Hattie, spent the week-end at Glade Valley.

Misses Reva and Cleta Greene spent Wednesday night with Miss Ethel Young.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Collins spent New Years Day with Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Cheek.

Miss Cleta Greene spent the week-end with Misses Nellie and Emma Lea Wagoner.

Mr. Lester Greene made a business trip to Elkin Thursday.

Miss Zola Cheek spent Christmas day with Misses Cleta and Reva Greene.

Miss Zola Cheek spent Wednesday night with Misses Hallie and Sadie Harris.

Mr. Guy Collins has returned home from Aberdeen, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wagoner visited Mrs. Wagoner's home folks during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Wagoner and Mr. and Mrs. Everette Handy spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Handy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Handy and son, Bill, visited Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Wagoner Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Wagoner spent Wednesday afternoon at I. M. Cheek.

CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

A new year service will be held at Gentry Memorial church Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

There will be no service at Edwards Cross Roads Sunday afternoon as previously announced.

All who have not brought produce to the parsonage for the Childrens Home will have until Tuesday to get it to me.

Start the New Year right by going to church at some place Sunday.

SLOGAN

"LIFE IS FULL OF ENDINGS, BUT EVERY ENDING IS A NEW BEGINNING. TRY HARDER NEXT YEAR."

SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL NEWS.

School opened Wednesday morning January 3, for the second semester's work. Very few former pupils were absent and several new pupils were enrolled.

Dr. Martin, pastor of the Baptist church conducted Chapel exercises on Wednesday morning. Both faculty and students thoroughly enjoyed his splendid lesson.

A kindergarten department under the direction of Miss Annie Sue McMillan is being maintained at the school building. Children from four years to school age are eligible to attend.

OBITUARY

JENNIE JONES ROUPE Jennie Jones Roupe was born Nov. 15, 1872. Died Nov. 29, 1933. Making her stay on earth 61 years and 14 days.

She was married to Floyd Roupe January 16, 1892. To them were born three children. Dr. Jones F. Roupe, the oldest preceded her to the Great Beyond about five years ago.

She made a profession and joined the Baptist church at New Hope about 42 years ago and lived a consistent member. There home was always open to the preachers and she visited her very often during her last days which she enjoyed very much talking freely of her prospect for the future.

She has been in feeble health for about three years with that dreaded disease T. B. All was done for her that could be done by all the folk, and especially by Frank and Nannie who was always by her side and ready to administer to her want and comfort.

We want to say especially to Frank our best friend is gone but it can be well said that you did your best in caring for her in her last days.

It can be well said for her that she was one of the most industrious women in all the community. It has often been remarked that she was the nicest house-keeper in all the community. She had a place for everything and kept at its place.

Dear Jennie will be missed by all who knew her. During her sickness she often expressed her willingness to go and that she was ready and waiting. Besides her kindred she leaves a host of friends to mourn her passing.

Sleep on dear Jennie, we all soothe follow.

Pall-bearers were Jeter Jones, Lyda Roupe, Claude Critcher, Delme Jones Frank Jones.

Flower girls were: Louise Roupe Reba Sue Roupe, Frankie Roupe, Zerna May Roupe, Estell Martin, Pearl Roupe and Doris Jones.

UNCLE DOC SAYS

Hello, Boys and Girls. Greeting for the New Year. This greeting applies to everyone, old and young. All men and women are just boys and girls got older. The year 1933 has passed into eternity where we will soon go. The past has had many hardships and bereftments. Lots of our dear ones will never behold again in time. Death has visited many a home and taken the flowers away. If we could only take the proper conception of life where death has visited a home! It has taken our brother or sister away to a country from whence no traveler has ever returned a sign or token. There is no majesty like Death and no theme so sublime and grand as immortality. It was what Christ taught and St. Paul preached. Now let us all resolve that the year 1934 shall be remembered for the many favors we have done for our brothers and sisters, for we all are brothers and sisters whether we own it or not, and not see how much we can extend from them, for we are so journeymen and will soon meet our God, prepared or unprepared I pray God that the heads of our government and officials at large shall realize that they are servants and not masters. So, hurrah for 1934. May God bless the country and succeeding generations after my old tongue is silent and my head beneath the clouds of the valley. My greeting is "A Happy New Year." Good bye.

Our Part in Government

TODAY men of all nations are evidencing deep interest in the affairs of their respective governments. This progressive attitude has undoubtedly resulted from the ceaseless, though not always recognized, influence of the wonderful Christian teaching that in the sight of God all men are equal.

Christian Science enables one to regard these subjects in their true light. As men begin to grasp the truth concerning God's government, and to prove their understanding by bettering individual thinking, they find themselves willing and ready to accept the responsibilities of useful citizenship.

Charity, too, is an open door to opportunities for serving. It may be described as a true sense of love. Charity is the attitude which reflects in the certainty of the ultimate triumph of Truth, even when evil seems threatening.

Inventory

AT THE end of each fiscal year a merchant or business man usually makes a list of his stock of merchandise in order to obtain definite information as to the actual worth of his business.

While a business man may take stock only once or twice during the year, in the textbook of Christian Science, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, we read (p. 233): "Every day makes its demands upon us for higher proofs rather than professions of Christian power. These proofs consist solely in the destruction of sin, sickness, and death by the power of Spirit, as Jesus destroyed them. This is an element of progress, and progress is the law of God, whose law demands of us only what we can certainly fulfill."

Necessarily we must progress, since that is God's law. Then if that law, the law of divine Love, demands of us what we can fulfill, we need not hesitate, or even be in doubt, for no problem is too difficult for a true understanding of Mind to solve, and no error too subtle for Truth to uncover. It is our part simply to be obedient to God's behest and to relinquish in thought, as fast as practical, aught that is unloving, selfish, unkind, and impure.

Learning something of the value of spiritual riches, we find with Paul that "our sufficiency is of God," and that beliefs of lack, discouragement, and fear are the merchandise of mortal thought, to be replaced with more substantial, more spiritual, thinking. As one's thinking improves, he finds changes for the better inevitably taking place in his daily activity.

terrest \$20 bills for a load of whiskey. Joe Jones, alias Johnson, and Rueben Chappell, convict, pleaded guilty to conspiracy in connection with the case. Clyde Saterfield, 27-year-old son of the promoter, Durham tobacco warehousemen, the third man reported implicated, was ordered discharged.

Funeral services were conducted from Union church by Elders Coy Walker and John Tolliver and interment in the nearby cemetery in the presence of a very large crowd of sorrowing friends.

TWO Held in Counterfeiting Case Durham, Dec. 19.—Two Durham white men were ordered held for federal court under \$750 bond each while a third man was discharged at a hearing Monday morning before United States Commissioner Walter B. Bass in connection with the payment of \$180 in nine coun-

Many doors to service are opened by the qualities expressed in the word "citizenship." Citizenship, as a way of living, has to do with such opportunities as come to the thinker in the usual walks of life, in the home, the school, or the shop. Citizenship means bringing to bear upon these activities the influence of a high idealism. It means practicing Jesus' Golden Rule, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 128), "It raises the thinker but his native gifts are high and perspicacity." Surely, one so equipped can furnish strong support to the right activities of civic government. The doorway to the highest service is opened through the power for good in true prayer.

He discards the unworthy and brings the good to the front, having placed a proper estimate upon them. And in order to supply the demands of his customers he is ready to secure more merchandise of good quality.

Many times in her writings Mrs. Eddy alludes to the parable of the tares and the wheat. On page 117 of "Miscellaneous Writings," for instance, she says, "The student of Christian Science must first separate the tares from the wheat; discern between the thought, motive, and act superinduced by the wrong motive or the false, the God-given intent and volition—arrest the former, and obey the latter."

So the individual knows that he must make a determined effort to eliminate the tares, erroneous thoughts, such as fear, anxiety, resentment, self-will, criticism, and a host of other useless beliefs that should have been discarded long ago, and tenderly cherish the wheat, good thoughts, such as love, courage, kindness, unselfishness, forgiveness, and kindly consideration of others, confident that his stock-taking will show a balance on the right side.

One of the tares to be exterminated is a false sense of responsibility. When we realize that all responsibility belongs to God and that we can reflect divine wisdom and power, we are freed from anxiety, fear, and worry. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path.

The relinquishment of fear and discontent is possible only as the assurance is gained that God, divine Love, is tenderly caring for all his creation.

We are told that once a rich young man asked Jesus what he should do that he might have eternal life. Jesus answered, "Sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven." It is as if he had said, "Dispose of everything that would prevent the establishment of eternal life in your consciousness. Later the Master added, "How hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!" It is evident that the riches referred to were treasured beliefs that are not substantial, while true wealth consists of spiritual ideas, which are enduring.

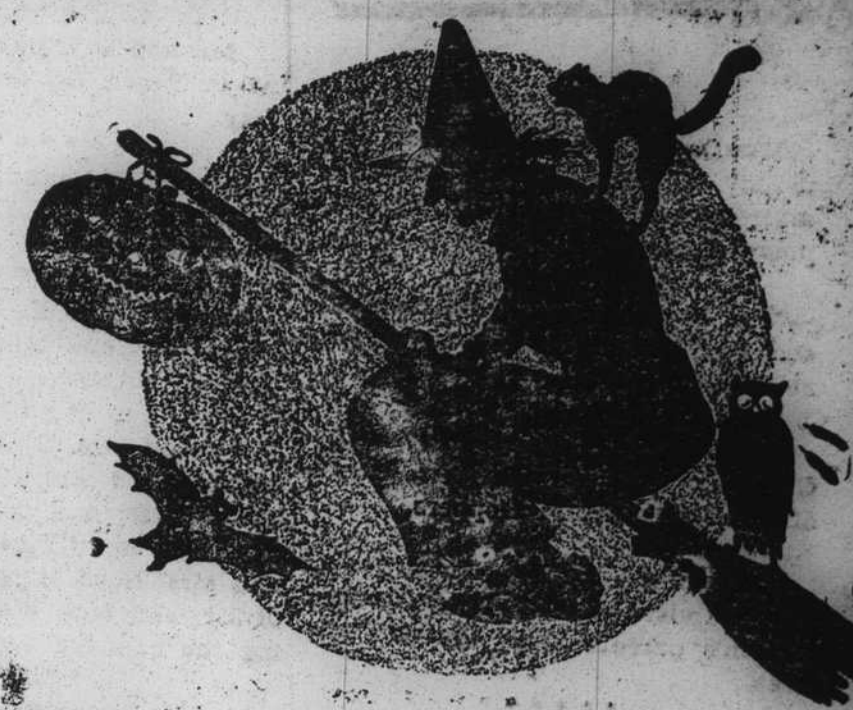
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Foods for Hallowe'en



SPOOKY foods are the specialty of Hallowe'en festivities—foods that suggest hobgoblins, jack-o'-lanterns, witches and black cats. So, without more ado, we're going to give you some recipes for spooky foods to serve on that spectral night.

An Entree and Sandwich. Red Devil on Toast: Add two cups grated cheese to the contents of a can of tomato soup, and heat until melted. Add the contents of a No. 2 can of peas and half of a No. 2 can (one cup) of red kidney beans, salt and pepper, and heat thoroughly. Serve on toast and lay right crisp curls of bacon on top. Serve eight.

Jack-O'-Lantern Sandwiches. and on half of them cut Jack-o'-Lantern faces with a sharp knife. Butter the other slices. Mix together one cream cheese, one-half cup chopped canned pineapple, one-half cup chopped salted almonds, and add enough mayonnaise to make the mixture spread easily. Spread on the plain slices cover with the faces, and stuff the eyes, nose and mouth with moist pickles.

An Appropriate Ice Cream. Black Cat Ice: Boll two-thirds cup sugar and one and one-half cups syrup from canned pineapple about three minutes, and cool. Add three cups cream, and freeze. Serve eight. Serve topped with a black cat cut out of stiff paper and fastened onto a toothpick.

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