

usually come closest to who guessing right, picked Attorney-General Frank Murphy as the President's most likely choice for the Supreme Court as soon as the news came out that Associate Justice Pierce Butler had passed

The choice of Mr. Murphy seems logical for several reasons. For one thing, it is geographically right; Mr. Murphy hails from Michigan, which is in the same section of the nation as Justice Butler's home in Minnesota, as —judging from persistent rumors in Raleigh—in North Washington looks at the political Carolina's Democratic gubmap. Then Mr. Murphy is a ernatorial campaign. It is Roman Catholic and so was Jus- indicated that the chief executive tice Butler. Not that the ques- will issue a statement soon protion of religious beliefs has ever claiming his strict neutrality in counted for much in picking the matter. Supreme Court nominees, but as the court is now constituted it the Governor's hold-your-hats sugcontains one Jew and seven Pro- gestion, probably would lift autotestants and not a single Catholic. matically an unofficial ban on Justice Butler was the only one gubernatorial announcements. of that faith to sit on the high bench after the late Chief Justice was a broad hint to would-be White died.

Senate Would Approve

confirmation by the Senate. He should be tossed into the political has achieved a high standing in ring until about the first of the general esteem since he came to year.

easily give rise to questions com- a candidate.

dent. He is definitely a Liberal, and Willis Smith, of Raleigh. though he does not lean so far to the Left as to justify the ap-pelation of Radical. He is defi-tor and farm leader, said re-cently that he had received many nitely less radical than some of letters urging him to enter the the other Justices, but much more unofficial race. Other possible

the others. A staunch upholder of the Bill of New Bern, speaker of the of Rights in many public utter- state house of representatives. ances, Mr. Murphy is held by During the last month, political some competent lawyers to be leaders who supported Dr. Ralph much more a strict construction- W. McDonald in the 1936 guberist of the Constitution in general natorial campaign have had sevthan the public gives him credit eral conferences, and it is be-for being. It is predicted that lieved that they considered the for E. Lee Trinkle once on the Supreme Bench he possibility of backing Broughton, would be found more often lined Willie Lee Lumpkin, of Franklin, up with the actually Liberal Chief or Paul Grady, of Kenly.

Governor Hoey may take a neutral stand

Such a declaration, superseding

The hold-your-hats suggestion chief executives, dropped early last spring, when Hoey said he believed a prolonged political The prophets pointed out that campaign would be unwise, and Mr. Murphy could hardly fail of added that he thought no hats

Washington, and his attainments The unofficial ban resulted. as a lawyer are unquestionable. Consequently, the gubernatorial Moreover his experience as an campaign to date has had many administrator in the Philippines of the aspects of an undeclared and as Governor of Michigan war, since at least six men are have given him points of view on fighting for the post, but none Far Eastern affairs, which may has declared himself formally as

ing before the Supreme Court, The six who have told friends as well as of the relations of the repeatedly that they are running state to the Federal government. are J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh; The most compelling reason, Mayor T. Cooper, of Wilmington; as the forecasters saw it, for the Lee Gravely, of Rocky Mount; selection of Mr. Murphy, is that Lieut. Governor W. P. Horton, his political philosophy runs close- of Pittsboro; Revenue Commisly parallel to that of the Presi- sioner A. J. Maxwell, of Raleigh,

on the radical side than some of candidates include H. E. Stacy, of Lumberton, and D. L. Ward,

Justice Hughes than with either Dr. McDonald, now connected

Think back three hundred and eighteen years ago . . . to 1621 . . . when our Pilgrim forefathers completed their first harvest! They had no luxuries: their humble gratefulness was for adequate provisions, for crude homesteads, for refuge against winter's bitter cold and hurling snows. Their gratefulness was for the chance to be free; to fight

for liberty; to pursue that happiness which is the birthright of every individual. It was in Plymouth that this first Thanksgiving Day was observed, more meaningfully than any Thanksgiving Day since!

Today, in the well-heated comfort of modern homes, we observe Thanksgiving anew. The physical comforts we enjoy are immeasurably greater than those of our forbears: and we must still be thankful for the freedom with which we have been endowed; for the liberty which distinguishes our nation among all nations; for the happiness which we can pursue, and which we may pass on as the heritage of our own descendants. These are troubled times, and in their darkness we find all the more reason for a full measure of Thanksgiving, in the happy company of our loved ones, on this day.



Students of **Rich Hill School** who attained -an average grade of 90 for the

third month of the present school term are as follows: First Grade: Irene Lyons and

Alma Lee Crouse, Second Grade; Junior Johnson, Alfojean Johnson and Nella Mae Shaw.

Fifth Grade: Guy Dickinson. Sixth Grade: Virginia Edwards. Seventh Grade: Lyla Dickinson and Helen Spurlin.

A short delay in holding the **1940 conventions**

-of both the Republican dimensions of more than 9,000 ing visit in Warm Springs, Ga.

Presenting no intimation that with the president.

dential candidates would be post-Congress in an election year. The 1940 season. plan, they said, still was highly

tentative. They doubted that it tentative. They doubted that it had yet been placed before John D. M. Hamilton or James A. Far-D. M. Hamilton or James A. Farley national chairmen of the Republican and Democratic national committees The idea behind the committees. The idea behind the proposal, they said, is to make the 1940 campaign "short and the 1940 campaign "short and sweet," to save money for national by next Spring committees, and to avoid boring the country with a protracted

When the chant of the tobacco auctioneer opens

-officially Boone's new Mountain Burley Warehouse, on Wednesday, December 6, visiting growers from the dark leaf belt will be given opportunity to inspect a building, the modern convenience of which is said to be second to none in North Carolina and sur-

rounding states. Constructed by Statesville contractors at a total cost of more than \$25,000, the Mountain warehouse is of frame and sheet metal design, is well lighted by 2,736 square feet of roof glass, and the basement of the building, with

and Democratic parties, for square feet, has been divided into the nomination of candidates two immense prize rooms. These for the presidency were pro- rooms are equipped with modern posed directly to President Roose-velt in several discussions during scales, presses and pumps, and will greatly facilitate the clearthe chief executive's Thanksgiv- ance of tobacco from the main warehouse floors.

One of the features of the the proposals had any bearing on modern marketing building is a the possibility Mr. Roosevelt might comfort room for visiting farmseek a third term, the sources said ers. This space is fifty feet several recent White House call- square, and is equipped with runers had talked over the subject ning water, toilets, bunks and stoves. Boone followers of to-Under the plan, the 1940 con- bacco markets are of the belief ventions by which Republicans that this noom is the most comand Democrats nominate presi- fortable to be found in the belt. Communications received from poned a month or a month and Eastern Carolina within the past one-half. The conventions, nor- few weeks indicate a strong demally held in June would not be sire on the part of several leadheld until July or later next year. ing tobacconists to establish ware-The informed sources termed houses in Boone, Promoters in 'pipe dreams" a suggestion that Boone are of the belief that at such a postponement might give least one more will be built be-Mr. Roosevelt firmer control over tween now and opening of the

-was voiced Thursday campaign from June until Novem- (Thanksgiving) night in Ga.,

by

the extremely Conservative Jus- with the extension department of tice McReynolds or the decidedly the University of North Carolina, Leftish Justice Black.

Fifth Appointment

In any event, the death of Justice Butler gives the President his fifth chance to fill a vacancy on the Court with a man of his own choosing, which is what he was aiming at when he proposed his ill-fated Court Reorganization Bill, on which his own party split more definitely than on any other New Deal proposal.

A clear majority of the Court will bear the Democratic label, not to count Justice McReynolds, who was President Wilson's Attorney-General and politically is more akin to Vice-President Garner than to President Roosevelt. If party politics played any important part in influencing Supreme Court decisions, the three lone Republicans on the bench would be in a hopeless minority. But with a very few notable exceptions, justices of the Supreme Court have uniformly been chosen lina opens today (North because of their high personal Carolina's Thanksgivcharacter and legal ability and it ing Day), it has been pointcannot be fairly said that the ed out by the State Department John Marshall, Richmond, after a turns.

Murphy to the Court is that it good crop this year. would remove from the Presidential race a man who is credit- seasons that hunters ought to friends at the hotel. ed with ambitions to live in the know before they oil up their White House. The likelihood of guns.

Mr. Murphy's Presidential nomination, however, is considered re- ary 15, execpt in Union County, mote.

either he or any other justice ing will be allowed only on Tueswill feel under the slightest obli- days, Thursdays and Saturdays in gation to take orders from the nine counties-Lenoir, Duplin, died. man who appointed them. They Craven, Carteret, Pitt, Greene, have been removed from all con- Jones, Onslow and Pender. trol by either the Executive or the eral Government and have become the third major branch, with power to check the actions of either 150 for the season, and the posof the others.

Functions Of Court

It is their function, among may put that many in cold stor. 23,000 votes. other things, to decide whether an uge for his personal use until 10 He was h Act of Congress conforms to the the Constitution, and their have any in his possession.

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was defeated in the second Demosenator, managed his campaign. Grady was defeated in a close

race for lieutenant governor in 1936 by Horton. He was defeated for utilities commissioner in 1938 by Stanley Winborne. Even if Governor Hoey issues his neutrality statement, he has made it plain he would defend

his administration against any attacks by candidates. The neutrality, of course, would end after

The hunting turkey, grouse

-and nabbit in North Caro-

in Raleigh. Another reason which cynical Most hunters who take to the commentators put forward as a fields and woods today, the game then attended the reception given sound one for Mr. Roosevelt's division believes, will be in quest by Governor and Mrs. Price for nomination of Attorney-General of quail, and reports indicate a

> Here's some facts about the Quail-The season ends Febru-

where it opens December 10 and So, too, is the likelihood that closes January 10. Quail shoot-

> In all other counties bird shootexcept Sunday.

The bag limit is 10 a day and

at the Second Presbyterian cratic primary of 1936 by Gov- Church in Roanoke, and the ernor Hoey. Lumpkin, a state body of the former Virginia governor was taken to Wytheville for burial. Following the services in Roanoke, the funeral cortege left Roanoke, at 11:30 o'clock, escorted by members of the state police force.

-November 27, at 11 a. m.,

The procession, divided into three groups to facilitate traffic, arrived in Wytheville at 2 p. m. where the body lay in state at the home of Mrs. C. A. Spence until 3 p. m., when the cortege proceeded to the Wytheville cemetery for brief ceremonies and

burial. Active pallbearers were Governor James H. Price and these members of the State Board of Education: Dr. Sidney B. Hall, Richmond; Virginius R. Shackle ford Orange; Joseph H. Saunders, Newport News; W. N. Neff,

Abingdon, and Blake T. Newton, Westmoreland County. The former governor's death came Saturday morning, November 25, at eight o'clock, in Hotel

Court follows the election re- of Conservation and Development, busy day. On Friday he presided at a meeting of the state board.

> As he came to retire he complained of a cold in the chest and an attending physician did not at first believe his condition to be serious. Later the physician summoned a colleague and the two of them had not been long at the bedside before Mr. Trinkle

Mr. Trinkle preceded United States Senator Harry Flood Byrd Legislative branches of the Fed- ing will be permitted every day in the governorship. As the Democratic candidate, he defeated Colonel Henry W. Anderson

Republican standard-bearer, at the session limit is 20—meaning that a hunter may keep as many as 20 quail in his refrigerator or a not the refrigerator or be a contract of the refrigerator of the refri

ge for his personal use until 10 He was born at Wytheville lays after the close of the sea- March 12, 1876, the youngest son Supreme Law of the Land, which ion. After 10 days, he may not of Elbert S. and Letitia M. Sexton Trinkle. His stock was that decision to the contrary instantly Wild turkey-The season is the of the pioneers who moved 'to nullifies any such law without same as that for quail. However, Southwestern Virginia from Penn-(Turn to page six, please) (turn to page 6, please)

will pause for just a minute on this Thanksgiving day and reverently give thanks that they are fortunate enough to be citizens of this great America of ours.

EDITORIAL

Give Thanks Today

Since the first settlers hewed out their homes in the wilderness of this continent, it has been a distinct privilege to be an American. They came to these shores seeking liberty, equality and justice and they were rewarded for their efforts. Our forefathers fought, bled and died for our inheritance of freedom. Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and the right to worship as our individual consciences dictate has been bequeathed to us by men who were willing to give, and in many instances gave, their lives that American citizenship would be prized by their descendants. Upon this Thanksgiving Day, we give thanks, therefore to the Supreme Being for these men of foresight and vision who gave us freedom and opportunity.

This year, probably as never before, the sentence "I thank God that I am an American," will really mean something definite to millions of American citizens who have taken their heritage of citizenship as a matter of course and have uttered the words without understanding their real meaning. With several of the nations of Europe at war, we should be thankful that we are at peace with all nations, and that there exists in this country of ours a public desire that we as a nation shall continue at peace. We should be grateful, in a definite sense, for our system of representative democracy, which guarantees that no one man's desire for power shall cause the flower of youth of our country to be sacrificed on the battlefield for the benefit of those who would profit financially and otherwise thereby; and for the guarantee that this public desire for peace will be heeded. We sympathize with our fellowmen in countries at war, whose children and womenfolk are in mortal danger of death each hour of the day, but each of us will most fervently repeat-"I thank God that I am an American," and that the American way is different.

Of course, it is absolutely right and proper that we should be thankful for our inheritance of freedom and opportunity. Nevertheless, this year, as never before, we should keep strictly in mind that it is our duty and obligation as American citizens that this inheritance shall be preserved. There are men and organizations of men in this America of ours who are working unceasingly to undermine and trample into dust that inheritance. Whether these men or groups of men are teaching, preaching and upholding Naziism, Fascism, Com-munism or any other "ism," we as true Americans should, as we give thanks for our American inheri-tance on this Thanksgiving Day, resolve to do our utmost in seeing to it that if these persons or groups are not satisfied with our American way of life and of doing things, that they be forced to go back to the countries from which they came. Let us all resolve to be increasingly on the alert to aid in

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Warm Springs, ber during a time of international President Roosevelt, at a crisis.

September 30.

and where."

ing the 1940 conventions.

It was pointed out that in both celebration held at the Warm his 1932 and 1936 national cam-Springs foundation.

paigns, Mr. Roosevelt did not Speaking at the annual turkey open his national swings until dinner at the Warm Springs in-September - considerably after fantile paralysis foundation, the winning the nomination. In 1932, chief executive said that if the it was emphasized, Mr. Roosevelt war still was going on in the began his campaign tour shortly spring he hoped he could get back after September 1, and did not down there "for a shortened holibegin his swing in 1936 until day, anyway."

To 350 guests and patients, Chairman John D. M. Hamilton, some on wheel chairs, others on of the Republican national com- cots, the president recalled that mittee, figuratively told President when he left Warm Springs last Roosevelt to mind his own busi- April he had told persons at the ness in Washington, D. C., Tues- station he would be back in the day night, after the Chief Execu- fall "if we don't have war."

tive was reported to have dis-"Well," he asserted, "we had cussed the possibility of postpon- a war. We have a war today. Columns were written about what "It seems to me President I meant and I meant just what Roosevelt is arrogating to him- I said. We have a war, but I self a great deal of authority managed to get down here this when he undertakes to direct fall."

Then, for a moment the presihold its national convention," dent's listeners caught their Hamilton said. "That usually has breaths and finally gasped with been a function of the Republi- relief, as he added:

tients were cheerful as they

caught and reflected some of the

exuberance of the occasion. The

president and Mrs. Roosevelt were

in informal evening attire, and

many of the diners were in din-

Pumpkin coaches drawn by

minature turkeys and cornucopias

spilling over with fruits and vege-

Ten patients sat at the presi-

tables decorated the tables.

can national committee. If Demo-"You know, I'm in favor of crats are willing to have Mr. war, very much in favor of war Roosevelt dictate all their party -the kind of war we've been affairs, that is their business. But conducting here at Warm Springs. Republicans will not permit him This kind of war is spreading all to decree when they shall meet over the country-a war against the crippling of men and women

ner dresses.

He said that the President's and especially children.' deep solicitude about economy The faces of most of the pa-

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when the Republican party should

The local **Baptist Women's Missionary Union**

-will join other W. M. U. women in study and prayer for missions December 4-8, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoons.

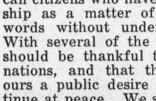
On Monday, the meeting will books were given be held at the home of Mrs. A. O. Joines; Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. Howard J. Ford; Wed--December 2, and also on Monnesday, at the home of Mrs. Clin-ton Halsey; Thursday, at the posite the office of The Alleghhome of Mrs. C. A. Reeves and any Times, over Richardson's on Friday, at the Baptist Church, hardware store. at 7:00 p. m.

Everyone interested in bargains Members of the various W. M. in clothing of all kinds is in U.'s of the county are invited to vited to attend.

attend. Visitors are also in- This sale is sponsored by vited. Young Women's Circle.

dent's table, having won their places by drawing lots, and for them the president carved turkey. A number of

the public library



of education on Capitol Hill and delegates to the Virginia Education Association's convention. He spent a sociable evening with