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TRULY A SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

Save for those who have suffered grievous bereavement or wounded by the heavy hand of war upon a loved one, most all of us can say with graciousness and sincere gratitude that all of us should feel extremely thankful for this Thanksgiving season. Tho many of us are burdened with responsibilities and have obligations that must be discharged, none of us suffer for lack of food and clothing and we are fortunate and blessed.

God has been good to all of us, and the future holds out promise and we look forward to the ending of our uncertainties, although we may not continue to hope for the same degree of prosperity forever. In the light of God's goodness, we should gratefully accept a smaller portion, and be happier because of it, if it will mean the return of our American boys to their homeland, and the ending of the senseless slaughter and waste into which our nation has been plunged.

To all of us in this remarkable Coastland of North Carolina have been vouchsafed matchless blessings. The privilege of living within this domain in peace and comfort is the greatest thing in the world. Amidst its imperfections, we find of course a percentage of ornery mortals with whom to contend, as in all lands, but perhaps less of them than in many another region.

We are thankful at this season for the blessing of living where we are; for the splendid and inspiring friendships we know; for the unselfish neighbors that live beside us; for the health and strength which enable us to toil and do business and earn our sustenance; for the promises the future holds, and for the challenge as well, for all of us to do our best and manifest our gratitude, our faith, and all those things that indicate we deserve the blessings we have so richly received.

AN IMPORTANT OBLIGATION

The most important thing before the various Boards of County Commissioners in North Carolina next week at their December meeting, is the appointment of a competent Tax Supervisor, Appraisers, and the setting in motion of the machinery for the Quadrennial re-assessment of property in the several counties.

To this task there should be devoted only the best of ability and consecrated service. The proper valuation of property is important, for it is worthy of the ablest and fairest service. It should have been begun long ago, in order that all might be viewed on January 1, or immediately thereafter.

The old system of valuing property at a small percentage of its actual worth, and the antiquated methods that routine in use in some counties, brought a needless hardship upon many property owners, and extorted unfair payments from numerous people. The law says property should be listed at its true value. This would permit a big drop accordingly, in the rate applied, and the net result should not mean higher taxes.

Too often now, the man who has an old house, or the fellow who buys an automobile carried the burden of taxation. The old houses should be valued at their true value, for some have been rebuilt and are in fine shape. When property goes on the books at honest value, then the new buyer and builder will have to pay his honest share, and relieve the old taxpayer of his heavy burden.

Too often speculators in real estate have been allowed for many years to continue to list unimproved property at a mere fraction of its actual value. This enables them to escape their fair share of taxation, at the expense of the other fellow, and they hold their property unimproved, for many years in order to make big profits at the expense of others.

It takes a pretty smart person to oversee the sort of a program, as will be needed in the coming months of 1953. He ought to be capable, to be fair, to be tactful and courteous and patient with the people. He ought not to be selected just to give somebody a job, or to pay off a political debt. He ought to be put there to serve the people, and they should pay him well for his services.

OTHER EDITORS

HERE'S THE BEST WAY TO DOUBLE YOUR MONEY

(Uncle Dan from Doolie in the Mooresville Tribune)

Dear Mister Editor:

If you stop to think about it, people is mighty queer. They git in a rut, fall in behind the leader, and stay there. They all wear the same style clothes, git the same kind of haircut. They all have to have a old-fashioned lamppost or a wagon wheel at the driveway, all have to have a picture window. Take this thing of a picture window. It's a mighty pretty thing if it looks out on anything that is pretty, like a wooded hillside or a nice slope or lawn. But most of them look out on a busy street, a brick wall, or the neighbor's clothes line. People just don't think. Everybody has a picture window so they got to have one. We follow the same rut in politics, religion, and most all walks of life. That's one reason I never had much faith in Eisenhower winning the election. People stay in the rut until some great disaster fetches them into doing a little thinking of their own.

I heard some of the Wimmen folk saying that dresses was to be longer this winter. They didn't say longer on which end. Both ends could do with a little more cloth.

Ed Doolittle was lamenting the fact that he could have doubled

his money if he had known how the election was coming out. I've always found that the best way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket.

Yours truly
Uncle Dan

DON'T THROW THE DIRT IN THE ROSE BUSHES
Johnstown, Pa., Tribune-Democrat)

For the next six or eight weeks the people who write pieces for the papers and who nightly lip words of wisdom over the air waves will be busily engaged in telling President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower whom to pick for his cabinet.

We shall not join in this indoor sport. Gen. Eisenhower is fully capable to choose from a long list of outstanding Americans the men who will work with him to bring efficiency and economy back to Washington.

This observation is pertinent, however: The American people have been aware for some time that not all government workers were honest. And that not all government workers were loyal.

There may have been a tendency on the part of many of us to suspect that there were more crooks in Washington than the facts would bear out. And that the disloyal numbered more than a handful.

It was a case of some bad apples subjecting the whole barrel to suspicion. The shock and disapproval of the people is a fact that he could have doubled

the dishonest and the disloyal had wormed their way into positions of trust and responsibility was bound to cast discredit on many government workers who were above reproach.

Gen. Eisenhower, of course, now has the task of restoring the American people's confidence and trust in federal employees. And we have no doubt that he will set about doing just that the moment he moves into 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

It is not enough, however, merely to fire the crooks and the Commies and near-Commies. An American housewife, when she cleans house in the spring and again in the fall, does not merely dump the dirt into the rosebush outside the kitchen door. She burns it. Or she makes certain the garbage collector hauls it away.

Just so with the dirt that has been accumulating for more than seven years in the nation's capital. It ought to be burned, or it ought to be hauled away.

We're not talking of witch hunts. We're not talking of secret police methods in which civil rights are trampled ruthlessly. We are talking, however, about the need for a thorough-going investigation of departments and bureaus of the federal government in which congressional probes have shown the need for an effective cleanup.

The government official best equipped to undertake this searching inquiry, is, of course, the new attorney general in the fresh Eisenhower administration. We don't pretend to know who he will be. But his chief qualification should be a successful background of fearless prosecution of the guilty, together with a deep conviction about the need for protecting the rights of the innocent.

We're not the least bit worried that Washington faces an orgy of purges, either in the Soviet or the McCarthy tradition. We do think, however, that the American people are entitled to a careful and thorough probing of all the dark corners of government service.

And unless Dwight D. Eisenhower has fooled a lot of his fellow Americans, just such a cleanup can be expected come next January.

THE DAM HAS BURST—OR HAS IT
(Bedford, Pa. Gazette)

A sort of genteel terror stalks the corridors of the vast hives of Government in Washington as one Federal worker tells another the latest rumor. As even the newest typist knows, government workers are grouped roughly in three castes, like Hindus. The top layer, consisting of appointive officers, is quietly packing up, and in no uncertainty as to the future. These people never expect to outlast an administration.

Next come the "career" officers, who have worked their way up through the ranks. These are the people on whom the real functioning of government depends, and in the past have seldom been disturbed. Then there are the armies of rank-and-file employees, protected by Civil Service laws, the "untouchables," traditionally secure in their jobs.

But the experts say there's a real upheaval coming, especially in the State Department, Veterans Administration, Federal Security Agency, the Post Office and various other bureaus. Whether the Republican economy - in - government program turns out to be a tidal wave or a ripple, Uncle Sam's helpers are mentally lighting out for the hills.

CARNIVALS ALL OF QUESTIONABLE VALUE
(Williamston Enterprise)

Described as one of the filthiest and degrading ever to hit the road, a carnival coming from the middle of the gutter of debauchery, played here last week with apparent immunity, and apparently with the blessings of an indifferent public.

The sponsors, just as others have done, teamed up with the devil for the sake of a small percentage, leaving the community poorer morally and financially.

No one would rule out a little clean fun and amusement, but it is far better to be sunk in gloom than it is to be dragged down into common debauchery.

Various civic clubs, the first departments and other agencies have been played for suckers long enough. The leaders should be convinced by now that little is to be gained and that much can be lost by teaming up with such degrading and demoralizing outfits as the one that pitched its tents and opened its dens of corruption here last week.

Contractors without fail, place guardrails around their construction projects for the safety of the public, but protection is torn down by leaders and indifferent people and the way opened to the corruption pits for the unsuspecting and the careless—those who need protection.

(Nanty-Glo (Pa.) Journal)
Thank heavens, the election is over. It was a hard and bitterly fought campaign. The new president will now be everybody's presi-

MANTEO FIRM AGENTS FOR ADDING MACHINES

Burroughs Line Carried by Times Printing Company; Sold Locally For First Time

The Times Printing Co. store at Manteo has been appointed as a dealer for Burroughs adding machines and cash registering machines in this locality, according to an announcement made today by Victor Meekins, manager of the company.

"For the first time," he said, "Burroughs adding and subtracting machines and Burroughs cash registering machines have been made available for sale by dealers, and in this vicinity. The 15 models we can now handle will make a complete line of quality adding and cash registering machines readily available for offices, merchants, fishermen, manufacturers, farms and homes in this area."

Burroughs machines were previously sold only through the company's own branch sales offices and resident salesmen, according to Meekins. Burroughs will continue to sell its larger systems-type accounting, statistical and micro-filing equipment only through its own offices and salesmen, but the Times Printing Company's store facilities will supplement the company's distribution of its popular priced machines for the everyday figuring needs of business.

Meekins now has Burroughs machines on sale.

WINSTEADVILLE NEWS

Club Meets

The Winsteadville Community Woman's Club held its November meeting Monday night at the home of Mrs. Carl Kinion. Mrs. Kinion, Mrs. Bernie Davis and Mrs. D. Clifton Davis were hostesses.

The president, Mrs. O. E. Selby presided. Mrs. Howell Sparrow, secretary-treasurer, gave a financial report.

The major business of the meeting was the election of officers for 1953. New officers elected were: president, Mrs. M. Hollowell Allen and vice-president, Mrs. Carl Kinion. Mrs. Howell Sparrow, secretary - treasurer, was reelected for another year.

Plans were made for the community Christmas tree which is held annually and sponsored by the Woman's Club, the Men's Civic Club and Bethany Sunday School.

During the social hour Mrs. D. Tex Davis won a prize for being the most successful in pinning a head on a turkey. Mrs. S. T. Sparrow, Sr., came nearest guessing the correct number of beans in a jar and received a prize. The door prize went to Mrs. Darrell Sadler.

For refreshments dainty sandwiches, cookies, mints and Russian tea were served. Forget-me-not gifts were exchanged.

Members present other than the hostesses were Mesdames Guy R. Davis, A. M. Sparrow, Sr., D. Tex Davis, S. T. Sparrow, Sr., L. C. Whorton, Darrell Sadler O. E. Selby, Ellis Smith, R. E. Norfleet, Sr., A. M. Sparrow, Jr. John F. Sparrow Johnny Kinion, Howell Sparrow, L. R. Sparrow, E. L. Sparrow, D. Otis Eelby, S. D. Sparrow, Stephen Godfrey and M. Hollowell Allen.

Mrs. Ivy Hill of Chocowinity was a guest.

Society Meets

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Bethany Church met Friday night at the home of Mrs. A. M. Sparrow, Jr., with 13 members in attendance.

Mrs. S. T. Sparrow, Sr., was program leader for the evening. Her subject was, "Taking Religion To the People." Interesting papers were read by Mrs. L. C. Whorton, Mrs. S. D. Sparrow and Mrs. A. M. Sparrow, Jr.

When the meeting adjourned the hostess served iced drinks, hot buttered pop corn and salted peanuts.

Members meeting with Mrs. Sparrow were Mrs. A. C. Regan, Mrs. Howell Sparrow, Mrs. A. M. Sparrow, Sr., Mrs. S. T. Sparrow, Sr., Mrs. S. D. Sparrow, Mrs. John F. Sparrow, Mrs. W. E. Powell Mrs. Stephen Godfrey, Mrs. Johnny Kinion, Mrs. Ellis Smith, Mrs. L. C. Whorton and Mrs. M. Hollowell Allen.

Miss Carlene Davis of Norfolk spent the week end with her fa-

ther, D. Clifton Davis and Mrs. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Selby and Mrs. D. Tex Davis and son, Davie, spent several days recently in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith visited friends in Panteo Sunday. Mrs. Irby Gill and Mrs. Willard Gill of Zebulon were week end guests of the L. C. Whortons. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sparrow, Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Leland Dudley at Lake Landing Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wynne of Washington spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sparrow.

STUDENT HONORS FOR STUMPY POINT MAN

William E. Hooper, senior at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hooper of Stumpy Point, has been named to the nation's list of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

The editors of Who's Who asked the faculty of Atlantic Christian College to nominate seven or eight names of outstanding students to include in their annual national list.

Atlantic Christian College has a student body of some 600 students. In selecting members to be named to Who's Who, the college nominating committee considered the student's scholarship, his co-operation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, his citizenship and service to the school, and his promise of future usefulness.

While at Atlantic Christian College, Mr. Hooper, who is a transfer student from Campbell College, Buies Creek, N. C., has made quite a name for himself. As president of the Men's Dormitory Council, he has led and represented the men students in a remarkable way. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Cooperative Government of the college, a member of Phi Delta Gamma fraternity and has served as treasurer of that fraternity, member of the Future Teachers of America, member of the college Monogram Club at Campbell and the A Club at Atlantic Christian College, served as pitcher of the baseball team and is now president of the senior class at Atlantic Christian College.

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KITTY HAWK WSCS HAS AFRICAN MEAL

Study Course Concluded; New Course Planned for 1953

Tuesday noon, November 25, the Womens Society for Christian Service of the Kitty Hawk Methodist Church sponsored a buffet style "African Luncheon." This luncheon climaxed the study classes which have been held, discussing the book "African Heritage" by Dr. Emory Ross. Tasty African recipes were used as much as possible and among these were served beef and chicken with rice and peanuts (Congo), candied yams, and banana sweet.

At this same meeting the last in a series of study classes was held in connection with the study of the book "These Rights We Hold" by Fred L. Brownlee. This event was held at the Parsonage in Kitty Hawk with Rev. W. J. Freeman leading in the Prayers.

This meeting also marked the beginning of the membership drive.

26 members were present and everyone contributed something toward the meetings.

Special Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Church Thursday evening at 7:30. Everyone welcome.

After Christmas a study class will be conducted on the subject "Along the African Path" by Dorothy McConnell. Rev. Freeman will lead the study. Dates and time of meetings will be announced later. All who are interested are invited to attend.

SCRANTON BOY IN TEXAS

William E. Midgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan T. Millette, 20, of Scranton, is completing his AF basic airman indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, the world's largest air force base.

Mrs. Sparrow's mother, Mrs. Effie Latham of Bath, visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bowers in Bethel.

Mrs. Bernie Davis left Sunday night for Norfolk to be with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Hardison, who has been critically ill for several months, is gradually growing weaker.

Mrs. S. T. Sparrow, Sr., spent Wednesday at Everetts Cross Roads with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Everett. Mrs. Everett suffered a broken arm in an accident at her home last week.

The M. Y. F. group of Bethany Methodist church attended a sub district meeting held at the Methodist church in Washington last Sunday evening. The young people making the trip were Mrs. D. Tex Davis, Mrs. O. E. Selby, Polly Selby, Sid Davis, Mercedes Mountcastle, Karen Selby, Charles Godfrey, Mary B. Godfrey, Carol Sparrow, Dorothy Lou Sparrow, Marshall Sparrow and Bobby Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Sparrow and children, accompanied by

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

101 YEAR OLD MOTHER OF MANTEO WOMAN DIES

Mrs. Emma Jernigan, 101-year-old Nansemond County resident, died November 20th in Suffolk, Va. She was the mother of Mrs. Effie Crawford of Manteo and her life story had been written in these columns.

Mrs. Jernigan, believed to be the oldest white person in her section was a native of Nansemond county and spent the last few years of her life with relatives near Holland. She was the widow of Mills Jernigan, of Holland, and daughter of John and Mrs. Pattie Jones, of Nansemond County.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. C. B. Brady of Norfolk, and Mrs. Effie Crawford, of Manteo, N. C.; a son, Joe C. Jernigan, of New York; 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.