

FOR ALL THESE THINGS

BY THIS time in New England there is usually snow on the ground and all that's left of the corn in the fields is broken brown husks. In late November the water beads itself into spray on the coast's gray rocks and hoary frosts etch cold patterns on window panes.

It is a picture, of course, a picture somewhat idealized by the years. In many homes in New England, where in the 17th century Thanksgiving began, there is no turkey on the table, there is no field from which to gather a bumper crop and from whence the host-frost on the window is not picturesque, only a reminder that coal costs more and more.

But even these, the poor folks (the South has no monopoly on poor folks) have in the perhaps hazy memory of a past, a great deal to be thankful for. There is little to feel, to be glad from politeness to Europe's starving millions and declaring plausibly that there, but for the grace of God, go we. It is not particularly appropriate to glory in our comparative comfort, to enhance our own position by contrasting with that of the unfortunate in Europe.

It is perhaps better to be thankful that we are in a position to help others, better to be grateful for our productive soil, our forests, our ample supplies of food, than to be grateful for the fact that we are not Americans alone but all humanity. We are grateful that we can give.

Here in the South the weather has been muggy for days for a while then a frost on the punkin. Rain has washed the crispness from the fields and soaked the red and gold from the Autumn trees but butchers report the sale of turkeys high and growers inform that the ingredients for pumpkin pie have been disappearing rapidly this week.

Not possessed of New England's long identification with Thanksgiving, the South, nonetheless, halts its day-to-day ex-

istence on November 25 to rest, eat leisurely and well and to give thanks for what it has. This year, too, on the awakening South, has more for which to be thankful than ever before. Its material gains over the past decade have been little short of amazing; per capita incomes, though still far below those of the North, are on the increase. New farming techniques have reclaimed dead land, and where red gullies once furrowed barren land, new crops flourished this year. The weather-grazed fields that once lined the highways have to a great degree been replaced by neat and warm brick or concrete cottages. The more beneficial marks of civilization have penetrated the back country, pouring inexpensive electricity into farm houses, making new brightly-lighted schools genuine places of learning.

Through the efforts of his fellow citizens the Negro has also gained and can join the South in giving thanks this year. Negroes who once spent their lives in shotgun shacks with outdoor toilets and no water in such adequate accommodations as are provided by Charlotte's Fairview Homes and similar developments over the South. Negroes who still exist in unlivable raw-paper shacks can give thanks that the Bureau of Reclamation and others are doing their utmost to correct the existing situation.

Yes, there are still the sick, the sick in mind and in body; there are the poverty stricken, spiritually and materially poor. There is still no peace in the world; many must yet forgo guns and battle and senseless struggle but we can be thankful that, if we must, we are so equipped that we can maintain the freedom of mind and body secured for us almost two hundred years ago.

Though poverty, sickness and war still plague us, though it is not right with the world, God is in His heaven and there is hope. There has always been hope and there always will be hope; and for the divine gift of hope there should be an eternal Thanksgiving.

A NEW GENERATION

EUGENE TALMADGE and Huey Long—if they could look back from the grave—might beam with pleasure to know that their sons have replaced them in the halls of the legislature.

Herman Talmadge became Governor of Louisiana last week at the age of 53. Russell Billis Long, Huey's oldest, will be Louisiana's junior United States Senator in January at the age of 30.

Both sons of the late Huey P. Long, the old politician, used their fathers' old bag of tricks to reach high office. In the first place, they possessed their fathers' name and blood, and they quickly learned the secret of the voters in the poorer sections of the state; they took off their coats and popped their galluses and identified themselves with the interests of the poor and forgotten people; they flattered the ego of the average man, and they plucked at his emotions as subtly as a baby elephant moving through a cane patch; they promised the little people the moon while they flirted with the moneyed interests to feather their campaign chests.

But even young Long and Talmadge represent, in the eyes of many, a resurrection of the worst race-hating elements in the South, there may be lurking in their personalities some leavening of the old generation's democratic spirit.

Russell Long and his New Orleans home recently had this to say to a New York Times reporter: "My main concern, just like my father's, will be for social legislation. I think we ought to have wider social security benefits, more public health services, more Federal aid to education, free school lunches and that sort of thing. We've got all of these things in Louisiana now, but many people outside Louisiana don't seem to throw any of our money."

"I think it's the sort of thing we've got to have for the country as a whole. It's not only simple justice to our people. We've got to do it in our national self-interest if we don't want the Communists to take over in the next depression."

"I guess the main difference between me and my father is that the only way he knew to get the things he wanted was to fight and raise hell for them. He wanted all these good things to happen right now—fast."

"I know you can't get things that fast. From the Greensboro Daily News"

NECK STILL EXTENDING

AFORETIME we have admonished to the disposition of the American Federation of Labor to accept Harry S. Truman's victory as its own and, while using him as a front, to assume the responsibility for the conduct of public affairs; but we had hardly expected to see so prominent an organization of a drive to oust Gen. George Marshall as Secretary of State. That's crust with a big C.

Just how many things Secretary Marshall has done wrong the AFL leadership does not make clear—perhaps it is not clear in its own mind. Later, as we get it, is not

I'm satisfied to take my time. And if I do that, and make a good Senator, then I figure people will be bound to say, 'Well, Huey's name must not have been so bad after all.'"

Herman Talmadge has not made such a candid statement publicly—but his press mouthpiece, a paper called The Augusta Courier, frankly proclaims that the new Talmadge administration will devote itself to a broad front social program.

(It is well known, however, that some of his heaviest campaign support came from the wealthiest business interests in Georgia.)

"These scions of the old demagogic school have grasped political power in their respective states in the past few years. Probably the best one is that they learned to manipulate the political machines which invariably bring victory where political skillfulness is as legitimate as money-going. (Wrote one Georgia newspaperman in Harper's Magazine recently: "Votes often are sold for a dollar and a slug of stump run; the dead and insane are voted; returns frequently are not counted at all, but counted as a looking-out for the voters. Votes were sold as openly as if they were at auction—say, indeed, they were. . . . One family of five sold their block of five votes for a hundred dollars. . . . All told, between thirty and forty per cent of the electorate were estimated to have been bought . . .")"

The return of the old hate-baiting political dynasties can also be attributed, in part, to the renewal of outside agitation for rehabilitation of the political patterns in the South. New generations hate hucksters are delighted to find new audiences for the old "white supremacy" story.

As much as some of the South's population is throwing its support to the candidate with apprehension on the newly won power of the old Dixie dynasties, they must give both these new political leaders an opportunity to prove themselves—if better or for.

Russell Long and Herman Talmadge are men of the 20th Century; they have been told to "war, and they have seen the world. The impact of democracy's task in the current crisis may not be entirely lost on them. Their sons will show whether the new generation brings hope for better things.

against the Marshall Plan; it just doesn't trust the planner.

Nor has it so far set about warming up another Secretary of State, and so we are left to infer that AFL is primarily concerned for throwing its weight around and being convinced to London to watch a Labor government in operation. Our own feeling is that William Green and his outfit are well-nigh as capitalistic as NAM.

GIVE THANKS



First United States Thanksgiving

Washington's Proclamation

(NOTE—The first National Thanksgiving Day was proclaimed by President George Washington in 1795 to the executives of the various states of the newly formed Union. The text of the proclamation is reproduced here.—Editors, The News.)

CITY OF NEW YORK
October 3, 1789
WHEREAS it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor, and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by His mercies and aid doing their utmost to correct the existing situation.

People's Platform

Place Of Treatment For Alcoholics

CHARLOTTE
The Ministers of Our City:
The Heads of Our City and County Government:
The Chairman and Assistants of the ABO Board:
IN THE name of Jesus Christ our Lord won't you or some one help us? The women, wives and mothers of alcoholics—fathers of our children—times hungry and unhappy children.

I read where the men of the ABO Board want more money in salaries. The reason given was that they had built a business of \$100,000 for the City and County. Maybe they are proud of their achievements. I'm certain they could see some of the broken bodies and broken minds they have contributed to in their wonderful business enterprise. Remember, too, for every broken man, there is a broken home and in most cases, small children who are worried over the way their drunken fathers will use men of the ABO Board and our Government heads bear their wonderful success at what price?

"I'm asking you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, will you take a small per cent of this wonderful business and establish a place where these men can get some kind of treatment? You could set aside a room in the propaganda building, and have men to be administered by and through the ministers of our city or some really reliable and Christian organization that is interested in building men for God and not business from profits made from such a source."

Wouldn't you ministers of our city help us mothers and wives get some help in providing a place of treatment for these drink-crazed men provided by Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Russian Situation Encourages Marshall

WASHINGTON
SECRETARY OF STATE MARSHALL, now pushing on and inclined to worry, has come back to Washington recently after a tour of propaganda work in Moscow. He has reported to the White House and others that the Berlin airlift has been a tremendous defeat for the Soviet side, and that the Russian hunger and fear, in his opinion, has turned against them at the Paris sessions of the United Nations.

Russians Regret ERP

THE success of the ERP can be measured by the intensity of Russian attempts to stir up trouble, the Secretary of State has reported. The greater the Marshall Plan's progress in Poland, France, and Italy, the more the Russians pretend not to care about this, but it is their propaganda reaction in the rest of Europe.

Marquis Childs
GOP Thanksgiving

WASHINGTON
I'M most devout Republican this year. This year, too, on the awakening South, has more for which to be thankful than ever before. Its material gains over the past decade have been little short of amazing; per capita incomes, though still far below those of the North, are on the increase.

Thanks to what happened on Nov. 22, the party got rid of some of the most embarrassing memories of that past. When the voters singled out such old line politicians as Rep. Harold Knutson of Minnesota for defeat, they gave unmistakable indication that they wanted no more of that brand of Republicanism.

So the party is rid of a surprising number of encumbrances, the furniture of another day which has never been retired to the attic. B. Carroll Reece in Tennessee and C. Clayton Broderick in New Jersey and Dworeshak in Idaho, these and many others were swept out.

A clean start is being made and with no apologies. No apologies are being made for the party's defeat in the 80th Congress to that point. He showed how on housing, on taxes, on the budget and almost everywhere else, the Republican Congress was following the orders of the Old Guard. He concluded: "This record seems far from encouraging to the Republican party can learn to take into account the desires, particularly of that independent voter group who are largely young people. I see little or no chance for a continued success. I think we should therefore—the condition requires strong leadership and the present program, I believe, is not a program for the party. I see another member of a discarded, discarded group."

But it is one of the leaders who can help to move the party out from under the dead weight of the old guard. He has written in 1947 apply with even greater vigor than he should. He is truly thankful for the Baldwin and what they can mean for the future.

Joseph And Stewart Also The Kremlin Pays

EVERY reasonably well-informed person knows that the Soviet Union gives financial support to the Communist Party in the United States. Yet very little has been known to date about this. It is this that the Communist Party should disclose details of Soviet financial support for the French Communist Party. The French Communist Party during the recent French coal strike.

Some of the facts were revealed at the party's annual convention in New York City by the leaving Socialist Party leader, Louis Budenz, who is now in the Interior. Others have been available since. The facts concern the role played by the Soviet Government in the Communist Party in the United States, which is known as "The Commercial Bank of Northern Europe."

Obviously, this is just a bank like any other bank. In fact, it is the main channel for money given to the French Communist Party by the government of the Soviet Union. It is organized as a French company with a capital of 100,000 shares of 1000 francs each, controlled by the Soviet Government. The bank is owned by the Communist Party in the United States. The bank is controlled by only five persons, three of whom are in France of 10,000,000 francs. Largely through this bank the Soviet Government has financed its investment in the French coal strike of upwards of \$100,000 a day.

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Finnegan

(From The High Point Enterprise)
THE BEO Railroad has been publishing its new policy of using simple, understandable English in writing operating and safety rules, timetables, press releases, notices, etc. It is hiring typists and using "readability clinics," discussion groups and other aids to make its rules and notices easier to read.

This is the BEO is backing up, over an elaborate scientific track: to that famous old ideal of the railroad language: "Off again. On again. Gone again. Finnegan."

himself following disclosure that department-store sales were down, that the stock market is shaky, and that some business men are getting jittery.

The analysis which the economists gave him shows not only that the economy is continuing to grow, but that employment, savings, credit and wages are still climbing. So is demand for many commodities. There is no reason to be concerned about continuing inflation at an early recession.

NOTE—President Truman also telephoned Chairman Edwin M. House the other day and asked him to hold a series of White House conferences to prepare the Truman Administration for the coming Congress. The conferences have already begun. They will draw the economic blueprint which the Truman Administration will follow during the next four years.

The Diplomatic Pouch

WESTERN allied intelligence reports that Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister, has been ordered to leave Italy to be received by the Italian Government in Rome. It is believed that Gromyko's visit is part of a plan to increase the American presence in the Italian peninsula.

ATTENTION WALL STREET: President Truman has reported to the stockholders of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company that the company's earnings for the first nine months of the year were \$100,000,000.