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Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation

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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 affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks, for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation, for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war, for the degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed, for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty which we are blessed, and are now enjoying, in the course of acquiring an ever increasing knowledge and in general for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually, to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed, to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace and concord. To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and in general to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Multiple Blessings In Stormy Days

AS THE angry crackle of world tension drops to a half-hearted whisper, America pauses today to give thanks to God for His blessings. U. S. citizens attempt to forget their fearful restlessness and suspend their quarrelsome resentments as they bow their heads in fervent prayer.

It is inevitable that thoughts go rushing back to the harassed men and women of another day of turmoil and terror—to the Pilgrim fathers and the first Thanksgiving. These hardy souls were the first Separatists from the Church of England who established independent churches in New England in the early 17th century. To avoid persecution, they fled to Amsterdam in 1608. Misery followed them to Leyden and then to Delft-haven and Southampton. Finally, they sailed from Plymouth in the Mayflower, late in December, 1620, this determined band of religious refugees founded the colony of Plymouth, Mass.

Despite agonizing heartaches and hardships, the Pilgrims survived those first awful months on the North American continent and after their first harvest in 1621 they set apart a day to give thanks to God. It was a time of solemn worship and of feasting, a time of grateful acknowledgment of heavenly blessings and of earnest praise to the Lord.

The Empty Stocking Is Hanging Up

THANKS to you, the readers of The News, hundreds of families in this community benefit annually from the spirit of Christmas each year. In homes where there otherwise would be gloom and despair and hunger there is love and laughter, the laughter of children who never before knew the joy of opening Christmas presents, and the deepening happiness that comes with knowing that someone does care.

This is because of the Empty Stocking Fund, filled each year by readers who wish to share their blessings with others less fortunate. It is hung out today, as it has been for 23 years, on the day when one counts his blessings.

The Empty Stocking Fund began during the depths of the depression. At first, money collected went for toys and Christmas parties for children. Later food baskets were distributed. Then it was decided that there was a missing element in this plan. It was the participation of recipient families in the planning and anticipation of Christmas. And so the Christmas Bureau, operated by community leaders and a part of United Community Services, was instituted. Through it cash gifts are distributed.

In this work The News offers itself as a medium through which the gifts are collected. The work is coordinated so that duplication of giving is avoided insofar as possible. The Christmas Bureau does not interfere with established Christmas charities. It merely asks that they check the multi-billion dollar losses to insects, are impairing and destroying the health and lives of the American people. The excuse that cats must run at large to rid rodents keeps being repeated, in spite of evidence of all authorities that there are much better methods of rat riddance than cats, with their habit of eating cats, though inefficient, are wanted on rat infested premises, why aren't the cats kept there in order to be allowed to run in the gardens of other people who do not have rats but do want to protect their gardens?

From The Sanford Herald

CHICKEN COOPS FADE AWAY

SOMETHING we never see anymore is chicken coops.

They were two and a half or three feet high and a bit longer, shaped about like a pup-ent—chicken wire stretched over an inverted-V frame. Sometimes, to protect the chickens from sun or rain, a tow sack or section or tarred roofing was draped across the ridge pole.

A mama hen and her chicks would be put in a chicken coop. The old girl couldn't get out but the little ones could, either through or under the wire. They didn't go far, though, and the coop served to keep the family together, away from tramping feet and pecking beaks of other chickens.

A frying, baking or salad-size chicken would be cooped up too, to spend a day or two on special diet before having its neck wrung—what an operation that was: a flip of the wrist, a jerk, then a flaming body and a chicken's head, eyes closed by bulging blue-yellow lids.

There were chicken coops behind grocery stores, and sometimes inside them.

Students at Tulane University blame a party raid on the fact that the football team couldn't win any games. Silly us, thinking these things came from too much studying, our examinations and a hard day in the chemistry lab!—ASTORVILLE CITIZEN.

**Backstage Battle
 War Party Vs. Peace Party**

By MARQU IS CHILDS

WASHINGTON seemed to be losing the battle. But this rebuff has not prevented Radford from advocating the strong-line policy. He relies for ideological support on his friend William C. Bullitt, former ambassador to Moscow, who now spends part of each year on the island of Formosa as an informal and friendly adviser to Chiang Kai-shek.

Almost invariably with visitors who talk to him about policy Radford brings out of a desk drawer Bullitt's book, "The Great Globe Is Here," published in 1946. To his visitors Radford reads aloud passages that he has heavily underscored with a pencil. The theme of the Bullitt book, which is a kind of foreign policy bible to Radford, is that so long as the Communists are in control anywhere there can be no real peace in the world.

MERELY A TRUCE. While Bullitt does not advocate preventive war, he stresses every means short of that to liberate not only the satellite peoples but the Russians themselves from Communist domination. Again and again he quotes Lenin and Stalin to the effect that every period of peace must be merely a truce preparatory to a new attack to attain Communist domination throughout the world.

Bullitt and those who think like him now feel that the danger to America is far greater than it was at the end of World War II. Radford, who has again and again expressed his private view of the need for strong measures against China, such as a tight blockade of the mainland, urged direct intervention to save beleaguered Dien Bien Phu in Indochina last April.

UNPRECEDENTED STEP. He was overruled partly because the British refused to share the responsibility and partly because the fourth member of the Joint Chiefs, Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, was bitterly opposed. The President took an unprecedented step in giving Radford a chance to make a personal presentation to the National Security Council in which he argued that American ground troops would almost immediately be called for to support planes from American aircraft carriers.

There is every likelihood of an intensive public campaign to sever Russian-American relations. It is probable that this will be spearheaded by the organization, For America, which recently announced an impressive list of new sponsoring members, including a number of former generals and admirals. Among them were Gen. James Van Fleet and Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, both ardent and



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active advocates of a "get tough" line with China. Who does not like controversy, and particularly in his own family, will have to take a stand.

As they have been doing in the currently suspended debate over the defense budget and reduce the military establishment. In coming weeks, and particularly after the new Congress convenes with the Democrats in control, much more will be heard of this issue. It will not be decided by one statement for a single Senate debate. But if there are many more incidents, such as that involving the B-29 and the sinking of the Nationalist gunboat, the question can be quickly fanned to white heat.

**Democrats To Offer Barkley
 His Choice Of Committees**

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON GREATER love hath no senator than this, that he lay down his seniority on a prized committee for a friend. This is the tribute Democrats plan to pay to their former majority leader and vice president, Alben W. Barkley, when he is sworn in next January as the new junior senator from Kentucky.

It has been informally agreed that Barkley can choose his committee and it is expected that he will want to return to Foreign Relations. The vacancy will be there, due to the defeat of Sen. Gillette of Iowa, even if circumstances should shift control of the Senate to the Republicans. If Democrats regain control, there will be a second foreign relations vacancy about which a contest is almost certain.

ANYTHING FOR MORSE. Sen. Morse, the Oregon independent whose vote will enable Democrats to organize the Senate, and who does a long and stellar line of Democrats. Hence Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson, who recently announced "anything within my power to give him, or Morse will get."

With or without Morse, the Democratic side of the Foreign Relations Committee will be staunchly internationalist. This is the main reason for the White House as the Republican story is very different.

Of the present GOP majority of seven, Senator Ferguson of Michigan, an Eisenhower supporter, has been defeated. Unless control remains Republican, the other six will constitute the Republican minority with no vacancies to be filled.

Of these six only the present chairman, Sen. Wiley, and Sen. Aiken are committed to the President's program.

Sen. Knowland, present majority leader, has already voiced his doubts and called for a re-examination of foreign policy. Senators Hickenlooper and Caperton can be expected to back him. Sen. Smith of New Jersey will not want to cross the President but he too has doubts about the Eisenhower policy in Asia.

Sen. Aiken, the Republican is that unusual combination of a red-hot

New Dealer domestically but an isolationist. Sen. Langer. The President also was set back on the almost also vital Appropriations Committee by Ferguson's defeat as Ferguson was the ranking Republican. Sen. Cordon of Oregon, next in line, who tended to be isolationist, but was responsive to White House influence, was also beaten.

There will be considerable significance for the White House in the GOP choice for the appropriations committee. The nominee will join Knowland there and also Sen. McCarthy. Sen. Frankfurter, Senators Bridges, Mundt, Dewarback and Dirksen.

Appropriations committee Republicans friendly to the Eisenhower foreign policy include Senators Saltonstall, Tye and Margolis Smith, and possibly Yarnall. Death has retired the only influential Democratic isolationist, Pat McCarran, from Appropriations and his Democratic majority next year will be responsive to the President's views.

Apart from the special cases of Senators Barkley and Sen. McCarthy, Democratic Leader Johnson hopes to apportion committee places according to the plain of the little boy who said that "big brother has been two wheres and I ain't been two wheres." He succeeded last year in giving every one of his minority one good committee; it may be more difficult when Democrats are back in power.

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FROM THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN

Dracula, who raises goose flesh.

E for Eberf (whoever he was: we just don't like the name.)

F for Frankenstein, monster-indignant."

G for Genesis (Hlan).

H for, naturally, Hitler.

We haven't thought on down much beyond the I's and J's. Eight storms a season may be the quota even without getting into Ivan (The Terrible) or Jack (The Ripper). But it might be a good idea to take the pressure of notoriety off the distaff side. Who would have thought it of good old Hazel?



"They had to go out and shoot their own because they couldn't get frozen turkey at the Super-Market . . ."

People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Prize Offered For Cat Control Bill

Santa Barbara, Calif. Editors, The News:

ONE anarchy flourishes unchecked in the United States, land of vaunted and wanted law and order. This solitary, preposterous, and costly anarchy is entirely unjustified and inexcusable. It is the anarchy of cats and cat owners. They alone have no law or responsibility, regardless of consequences.

The song-insectivorous birds, best bulwark against insects, are vanishing, die mostly to cats that run at large. Poisonous insecticides, in vain attempts to check the multi-billion dollar losses to insects, are impairing and destroying the health and lives of the American people. The excuse that cats must run at large to rid rodents keeps being repeated, in spite of evidence of all authorities that there are much better methods of rat riddance than cats, with their habit of eating cats, though inefficient, are wanted on rat infested premises, why aren't the cats kept there in order to be allowed to run in the gardens of other people who do not have rats but do want to protect their gardens?

The bill must outlaw the running at large of cats within the state. A bill merely to bill cats would not be eligible, since being is practically worthless for bird protection.

—GERTRUDE CHARNY
 President, Friends of the Birds Inc.

For Every Winner There's A Victim

Charlotte, N.C. Editors, The News:

I SET by your paper that the postmaster general has declared chain letters illegal, even the newest one where only the money is sent through the mail. That is what I told several people when they approached me to buy letters, even though they said they were legal this time.

It seems to me people would stop to think that when anybody makes a lot of money out of a chain letter, if they do, that a lot of other people are going to get stuck somewhere along the line. The money made by the winners doesn't just grow on old tree, and for every chain letter "winner" there has to be a victim. For every big winner there are hundreds, even thousands, of "suckers."

Personally, if I am going to make a few dollars, I'd rather not have to do it by sticking people, not even people I don't know.

I bet the people who found they poured money down the drain on this latest chain letter, are so quick to invest in the next one that comes along. And there will be another one in a year or two, WANTANCE.

—L. Y. WYATT

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON DESPITE impressive media bulletins, many senators are privately suspicious of the sore elbow that has suspended Senate proceedings for 10 days.

The elbow, of course, belongs to Sen. Joe McCarthy, who, for such a husky fellow, has had an unusual record of illnesses—most of them politically convenient. What makes senators suspicious is that Sen. Herndon Walker, Welker of Idaho, correctly prophesied several weeks in advance that McCarthy would go to the hospital before the census vote.

This amazing prediction was made on the return flight from the late Sen. Pat McCarran's funeral in Reno. Walker had stayed up all night after the funeral playing blackjack in the gambling joints. In the way back, he insisted on discussing Republican strategy very loudly with Pro

Welker Spilled McCarthy's Plans

Tem Senate President Styles Bridges of New Hampshire who happened to be sitting in the middle of a group of Democrats, including Hilary Kilgore of West Virginia, Jim Eastland of Mississippi and John Stennis of Mississippi.

Bridges did his best to crush up Welker who went right on discussing secret GOP strategy in front of the Democrats. He also told McCarthy that McCarthy's plan to lay the census vote while his friends tried to stir up national sentiment for him.

In fact, Welker comes so loose-lipped that another of his losses, Bill Jenner of Indiana, broke in with the warning: "You better watch out! Joe will ensure you're in!"

But the real tip-off was a crack by Welker that Joe was "a sick man" and probably wouldn't last through the census debate. Welker predicted that McCarthy would have to go to the hospital. Of course, the Idaho senator didn't think about it. Rather, he spoke of Joe's troubles with his sinus and a throat condition. These are old medical alibis, however, that have sent McCarthy scurrying to the hospital nearly a dozen times.

It may be only a remarkable coincidence, but just before the census vote seemed to come at a politically convenient time for McCarthy.

For example, he turned up at the hospital just before he was scheduled to make a series of speeches in the last congressional campaign. He thus avoided an embarrassing showdown with the Republican National Committee, which wanted him to stay out of the election. At the height of his own 1952 campaign, McCarthy again rushed to

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the hospital. This won him public sympathy, which he capitalized on to the fullest. At the 11th hour, he left his sickbed and made a dramatic appeal for votes.

The Army-McCarthy hearings were also delayed because Joe was out west "recovering from a throat infection." And after the hearings, the McCarthy committee couldn't meet to fire counsel Roy Cohn, because Joe was off recuperating again.

McCarthy also came down with a convenient "sinus attack" during the uproar over his charges against the State Department in 1950.

As for the condition of his elbow, Navy doctors described it impressively as "traumatic debris" — which means nothing more than a sore elbow.