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Thanksgiving Day.

While the schools, churches, stores and offices will observe next Thursday as Thanksgiving Day, the mercury will continue to be closed today in observance of the occasion. President Franklin Roosevelt had proclaimed November 23 as the date for Thanksgiving. Governor Chandler and governors of several other states proclaimed the established last Thursday in the month for the observance.

Whether we celebrate today or next Thursday or otherwise here days makes little difference. The spirit in which the day is observed is the important matter.

Certainly the citizens of our country have much for which to be thankful. Abundant crops are reported throughout the land. Farmers are assured fair prices for their products, and unemployment has shown a big decrease in recent months.

With half of Europe at war and the remainder of the nations armed to the teeth, nobody knows what appears to be their inevitable entry into the slaughter, the United States, alone, remains aloof. The President has assured us this **every precaution** will be taken to prevent our being drawn into the conflict. For wise leadership we should render our thanks. We should be grateful that the youth of our land is not on foreign soil fighting the cruel battles of the European nations.

Thanksgiving has long since lost its original meaning. When the Pilgrim Fathers gathered to observe the occasion it was with solemnity and gratefulness to the Almighty for abundant crops. The custom, carried out for many years by our forefathers, was a time for family gatherings and a day of prayer. But in recent years the occasion has gradually lapsed into a mere festival occasion in which the religious significance is almost entirely overlooked.

Let us, this year, resolve to, in spite of the mixed confusion of our times, observe Thanksgiving with the Creed Inscription in mind. Let us give away almost everything that is wrong with modern civilization is changing. The Christ for the lesser. Those who are teaching Indian boys and girls how to read and write are not only carrying out the wishes of our government but are helping to make a living and are educating them to study things artistic and scientific.

Cree Indians, to live, must know how to catch fish, shoot and trap waterfowl, such as geese and ducks, shoot moose and trap furbearing animals. There are no roads nor telegraph nor newspapers in that region. There is no need for them now. Indian boys and girls are being taught things that will not help them on in that gaining a living in that land.

Instead of paying over what the paid teachers are making them pore over, Miss Squire says the Indian youths should be taught how to make a living in the Janes Bay district. Instead of going to Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, London or New York, Sometimes she wonders, she says, why some folk (not Cree Indians) are so dumb.

Not So Nordic.

The Germans, says Dr. Ernest A. Hooton, Harvard University anthropologist of note, "are the most racially heterogeneous of the belligerents and have been for the longest time." He describes the pure Nordic type in the land of the Nazis as "a very rare bird indeed," and he pooh-poohs the Hitler claim that nordicity is indigenous to Germany.

Not until the close of the Bronze Age did the Nordics get there, Dr. Hooton declares, and the German racial strain was a "pretty mixed mess" by the end of the prehistoric period. Admitting that the Germans have a Nordic culture, the anthropologist points out that physically they are not so Nordic as they would have us believe.

Science disrupts the Nazi theory very effectually. Wesupeculate on what Mr. Hitler would have to say to this. Oh, excuse us—Mr. Hitler doesn't believe in science.

Hospital Donation Day.

Next Wednesday, November 29, will be observed as annual donation day for the Johnson Baird Memorial Hospital.

For several years one day in the year has been set apart as a day in which citizens of Nicholas county are asked to contribute food, linens, money or anything to their hospital. Largely through these donations the operating debts at the hospital has been met.

Canned vegetables or fruit, preserves, jellies, meat, lard, vegetables or any non-perishable food, bed linens or cash is acceptable. The response this year should be generous. The past year has been especially hard on the hospital.

Donations should be made at the hospital. The offering taken up in the various services at the Christian church next Wednesday night will be given to the institution.

Surely every citizen of the county should welcome the opportunity to make at least a small contribution to this institution which has done so much to alleviate the suffering in our community.

Score: Visitors 0.

Gentlemen that we are, we yell ourselves hoarse for the home eleven, but all the same feel a little sad when the visiting team travels miles and miles just to lose a football game.

If the out-of-towner wins an honest fight, we're the first to say and cheer. But there, in the football stadium, our entertainers for most visiting teams ends. We think the home team is pretty good. But those who also think a people overrate the visitors because when you add up the gains and subtract your losses, you'll find the home team—our team—ahead.

So Dumb.

One of the tragedies in modern civilization is being developed in the Hudson Bay country, writes Miss Lorene Squire, Kansas native who has established a school for Indian children. Miss Squire, who has been living with the Cree Indians

To Delay Appointments.

Governor Keen Johnson has announced that no major political appointments will be made until after the legislature adjourns. By carrying out this policy he will be relieved of avoid the party fights which have retarded so many past administrations.

In characteristic manner, the Governor declined to take a holiday after the election and has remained on the job at Frankfort to formulate his legislative program and prepare for the beginning of his first term of office, which begins on December 12.

The Governor has announced that his legislative program will contain no radical changes in the present laws. Few promises were made by him during his campaign for office and he has made no commitments on appointments to the various posts under his control.

The Mercury feels that Governor Johnson, in making appointments, will display the same high type of statesmanship that has characterized all of his public service and will name qualified men and women to the posts.

The Hunting Season.

The hunting season which opens Friday promises Nicholas county hunters the best season in several years with both rabbits and quail reported as plentiful. During the past year a large number of quail has been distributed in the county.

Reports have reached The Mercury office that in certain sections of the county the hunting laws have been violated by hunters who have not waited for the opening of the season. Both quail and rabbits have been killed, according to reports. The honest sportsman should report these to the Violations to District Game Warden Jess S. D. McCauley, of Cynthiana.

In order to maintain a good hunting area in Nicholas county, hunters should observe the rules of good sportsmanship and cooperate with farmers. Unless this is done, farmers will not allow their farms to become game preserves. No hunter should go on the land of a farmer without permission. He should be careful not to shoot in fields where there is livestock and should close gates on farms.

A few birds should be left in every covey in order to provide hunting next season. The bag limit should be rigidly observed, both on rabbits and quail. No hunter should enter the field without first obtaining a license.

With the observance of these few simple rules, the hunters of this county are promised good hunting for years to come.

Learning How To Eat.

Three hundred chefs met the other day to talk over the matter of foods. They came to the conclusion that an important task was before them. Unanimously, they agreed that the average diner does not know good food and that it was their job to teach him the differences between foods and foods.

In their view, the trouble is not that Mr. and Mrs. Average Diner are not willing to learn but they have been denied the opportunity to learn. A major difficulty, the chefs hold, has been that menus are printed in some other language than English and hence the diner can never learns to eat some fine dishes because he is afraid of the names. So this is going to be ended, in the hope of developing a race of gourmets in this country.

Our guess is that the suggested menu change is not all that stands in the way of giving us keen and discriminating appetites. An English menu does not necessarily go hand in hand with a full pocketbook, and if one is to practice the art of fine eating he must have more than a widow's mite.

Buckwheat Cakes.

What has become of old-fashioned American buckwheat flour cakes? The kind that takes time and thought and culinary skill to make.

Many of those now graying at the temples remember with hungry relish the kind of buckwheat that their mothers and grandmothers used to make. There is nothing quite like them now. In fact in the cities it is virtually impossible to buy the old-fashioned delicacy. When you do get it, it is just an imitation. It comes only with the skill and patience to make them.

In those older days the buckwheat batter was put to baking as soon as the crop had been threshed and taken to the grist mill and there always was batter. It was just added to every time any was used from the bucket stood in the pantry ready to meet any unexpected call or demand, no matter how great.

The buckwheat cake was the breakfast table in steaming piles. On the table there would be a pitcher of sorghum syrup that was cooked the fat just oozed out. The buckwheat cakes were baked on the individual plates. No sissy molasses was good enough for them.

Instead, the grease from the breakfast was dipped over the cakes from the platter, and then was there a feast! Those who have never tasted real old-time buckwheat cakes have missed one of the great American breakfast delights. Another generation will not even have heard of them!

Hold A Pre-Fire Clinic.

Each year in this country thousands of impromptu "fire clinics" are held. Men, women and children, and powers-by gather together to look over the fire and exchange their theories of what caused the blaze and how it might have been prevented.

It is obvious that a "fire clinic" held after a fire has occurred is going to be of little practical benefit, but how much better it would be if "fire clinics" could be held before the fire occurred, thereby preventing an untold amount of property loss and, in some instances, human life.

Fire prevention week does not mean that we should have a "fire clinic" once a week, but it should make a lot of the common causes of fires accumulation of rubbish, defective chimneys and flues, defective electrical installations and wiring, leaking kerosene heaters, careless smoking, careless use of matches, careless handling of gasoline, and careless use of kerosene in lighting fires in stoves and furnaces.

Fire prevention week should not be observed for one week only. It should be a part of the education of the people of the commonwealth throughout the year. Every man, woman and child should feel a personal responsibility in preventing fires. Only by the education of the people of the commonwealth can this be accomplished. We have many years of knowledge that fires can be prevented, but we have not learned the lesson well enough to prevent the loss of property and human life that is occurring annually.

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But It's True

Mr. Kso learned English while his father was consul in Paris, learned French while his father was stationed in London, finished in England, by the way, is said to have spoken English with a German accent, German with an English accent.

50 Years Ago

Thursday, November 28, 1889

Died—Mrs. Mary J. Walker, 60, at her home in the county.

Miss Ollie Trigg buys the W. A. Spurlock property on Fifth street.

The Farmers' Institute organized chapters at Moorefield and Wes-

Union Thanksgiving services to be held at the Baptist church today.

Flemingsburg makes contract for lighting streets of that city with electricity.

Married—Miss Nora Shea and Mr. Michael Fitzgerald, both of the county.

Another disastrous fire at North's Middletown last week destroyed part of the business houses of the town.

New burley tobacco crop sells on Louisville market at prices ranging from $1 to $36 per hundred pounds.

Grape Charles Lytle resigns as Master Commissioner of the Nelson circuit court and J. T. Gleed is appointed to fill the vacancy.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, November 27, 1919

Edwin P. Morrow's majority over James D. Black for Governor is 12,000.

Married—Miss Anna Thompson and Mr. Charles Sparks, both of the county, on the 26th.

Managers of Carlisle tobacco warehouses announce that first sales season will be held on December 9.

Dr. H. Bruce Payne, veterinarian, city mail carrier at the Carlisle office, has resigned and will engage in the practice of his profession.

The J. P. Rogers farm of 500 acres near Blue Licks sold at public auction on the 20th for an average price of $55 per acre.

W. S. Fretwell sells farm of 50 acres on the Miller Station road to Mrs. Lucy Ann Hall, of Carlisle, for $3,000. Warren Hinkle for $300 per acre.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. George Hall at their home in the county, on the 17th, a daughter.

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George Lincoln, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lincoln, suffers accident of leg while hunting Saturday when shotgun his companion, Sidney Collins, was carrying accidentally discharged and mangled his leg.

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From Other Editorial Pages

STATE WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Lexington Herald.

Governor Keen Johnson's announcement that he will not make any appointments to the State Welfare Department until after the legislature adjourns is a wise one. It will relieve the Governor of pressure from those who would like to see the department used for political purposes. It will relieve the department of the necessity of operating in an atmosphere of political intrigue. It will relieve the legislature of the necessity of investigating charges of political activity in the department.

Furthermore the great problem of public assistance, something entirely new, has only been tackled. Meager first steps have been taken. There is nothing like a crystallized and co-ordinated statewide public welfare program in existence. The first of these is the administration. The second is public assistance.

In regard to public assistance, while The Herald believes in economy, efficiency and cautious appropriations, such a problem, it must be borne well in mind that the state that now fails to meet the needs of its people must expect to pay Thirty Dollars a Thursday," "Townsend Plans," "Pappy Pass the Biscuits," "Ham and Eggs," Bigwise Plans and Lottery proposals to develop.

Old age assistance is now the largest item in public assistance due to the fact that a state amendment permitting assistance to the children of needy families and to the blind was defeated at the last election.

During the last fiscal year the state appropriated nearly $100,000 for child welfare. It appropriated nearly $25,000 for blind relief in the form of grants to counties that set up proper agencies and matched to the extent of one-third the funds available.

Now, the state has appropriated $1,000,000 for old age assistance. It would come as a surprise to no one if this amount would be found inadequate. New chemical formulas for manufacturing processes were discovered. Industry as a whole began gradually to understand the American principle of equal to the new problems.

The state is now looked at with horror in 1941 we approach today with calm self-assurance. The people have learned that we are not quickly forgotten, and scientists have learned that prosperity is not suddenly since then in an effort to find new products for stand-and processes.

It is also believed we could obtain rubber only from the dandelion plant places. Stoppage of this supply would cause Americans to go around smooth to spread gray hairs on the heads of their self-conscious wives and industrialists who need their services to keep their businesses going. This means less money for the manufacture of hair dyes and cosmetics, and the ladies would be forced to go back to the old-fashioned methods of beautification.

Fortunately, we do not believe that it can ever be necessary for the United States to engage in a war of aggression against any nation. We cannot believe that the people of this country would ever consent to the waste of human life and property that would be involved in such a war. We cannot believe that the people of this country would ever consent to the waste of human life and property that would be involved in such a war. We cannot believe that the people of this country would ever consent to the waste of human life and property that would be involved in such a war.

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UNCLE SAM CAN TAKE CARE OF HIS OWN

(Ashland Independent.

America learned a lot of things from the first World War. Generally they were things that the people of this country could have learned without the terrible expense in lives and money, if they had just taken the trouble to tackle some of the war problems at home.

One of the things the people of this country discovered was that the United States was far more nearly self-sufficient than had been commonly believed. When trade routes were cut off in 1914 and warring nations couldn't afford to export materials they needed badly at home, many industries were created with worry lines. Many needed materials and the benefit from many valuable manufacturing secrets were rapidly becoming unavailable, and the United States looked sadly toward the day when certain industries, particularly chemicals, would have to close and the public would have to do without commodities to which they had become accustomed.

Then the laboratories got busy. They learned how to make optical equipment and they produced dyes which had suddenly become unobtainable after a Kentucky election to withheld comment as to results.

Only yesterday, we do speak. The war was noting the beginning of a sound economic structure of a weekly newspaper in a Kentucky county—and Keen Johnson, who seemed to be likely to become governor, now sits weekly

Tidbits of Kentucky Folklore

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CONFEDERATE REUNIONS

Within the last few years there has gradually passed to history one and farther south one of the most picturesque of all institutions, the gathering of the last remnants of the Southern armies for their annual reunion. When I was a boy, it seemed that the old soldiers were about gone and that as World War veterans are now, they were so common that one rarely thought about a time when they would not be. But their reunions always created a stir, whether it was only a local affair or a reunion of the whole South in some large city. From my earliest boyhood there were meetings in our county seat. I had a big voice and no fear, I often had to sing a piece for the old boys. In that way I came to look forward to the annual event as I grew to be a chubby youth. It was hard for us children to understand why the old men looked alive were plain privates in the ranks. There was attached to one's being a captain or a lieutenant that the title was transferred to privates, just as in our time all preachers and most college professors are called "Doctor." One of our neighbors was a Major Long and we called him "Major" when he was not around. Long after the war, when he was a prosperous merchant, he was still called "Major." It was a disappointment to me when I discovered that the title was not to be the object of envy that I had supposed it to be. Many of the men who came back who had titles in the number of men who had titles in the number of those who died. One almost became a habit to look for the obituary of the men who came back