

## Up With America

Thanksgiving. For what? For life, certainly. For liberty, although its definition is becoming more relative, and, if not for happiness, at least for the liberty to pursue happiness, however elusive.

This wonderful, wacky country of ours—these disjointed United States—is not shooting or being shot at this Thanksgiving. That's something.

Depending on our mood, we can go down the list of positive points, or we can use this uniquely American holiday as occasion to lament the loss of all the values and virtues that we associate with the first Thanksgiving.

If the 200 million-plus polyglot of people that is America agree on anything these days, it is that we're in some kind of a fix. We're running out of everything, including trustworthy public servants at the highest level. Our place in world affairs apparently has passed its zenith. A strong case can be made for the claim that we, as the world's oldest and most dramatic experiment in government by the governed, are collapsing of our own weight.

There are those, however, who insist reports of America's imminent demise are greatly exaggerated. One of these is Canadian radio and television commentator Gordon Sinclair. Some weeks ago, he broadcast in Toronto what is a rarity in the world today—a pro-America editorial. It has been reprinted in dozens of newspapers and in the Congressional Record. We are lifting it from U. S. News & World Report, and we would like you to read it as part of your Thanksgiving observance.

This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth.

Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris.

## Security For The Over-Colleged

Losing confidence in your federal government, you say?

Well, yes, as a government, but not as an employer.

The Civil Service Commission says that for every vacancy it has, there are a dozen qualified college-trained applicants.

We're sure any work can be challenging and rewarding, but it does make us uneasy that so many of our capable young people opt for the security of the federal payroll. We do not call this a cop-out, on their capabilities, but we wonder why they elect not to take the risks inherent in the private sector of our economy.

We can take temporary comfort in the knowledge that the dozen young people asking for each berth on the federal roster still constitutes a minority. Although the Civil Service says its 12-to-1 ratio of applicants to jobs is a near record, there still are more of us out here than in their living off what is extracted from us.

## Colonel Moor's Musings

That was a right interesting piece in the paper about James Troutman and his wood energy. I expect that brought back a heap of memories for us older folks. And he is right about us living like "cows on a cement pasture." A house built nowadays might as well be under the ocean, the way it's connected to lifelines of pipes and wires. We don't realize how quick we're hurting if one of them is cut.

## Parson Jones' Pulpit

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER:

Another Thanksgiving has come around and for that I'm thankful. I hear some folks grumble about the problems in the world you would think there's nothing left to be thankful for. But these people are suffering from caters of greed that have formed over their eyeballs from having too much. When they'll only be able to get five gallons of gas a week, they'll be thankful for that.

This Thanksgiving season I want to pause to give thanks. I thank God that, even with sin trouble, I can still smell the turkey baking in the oven when I walk in the house. I'm thankful that even with my trifles I can look around the table and see the faces of those I love and behold something what's priceless—my family.

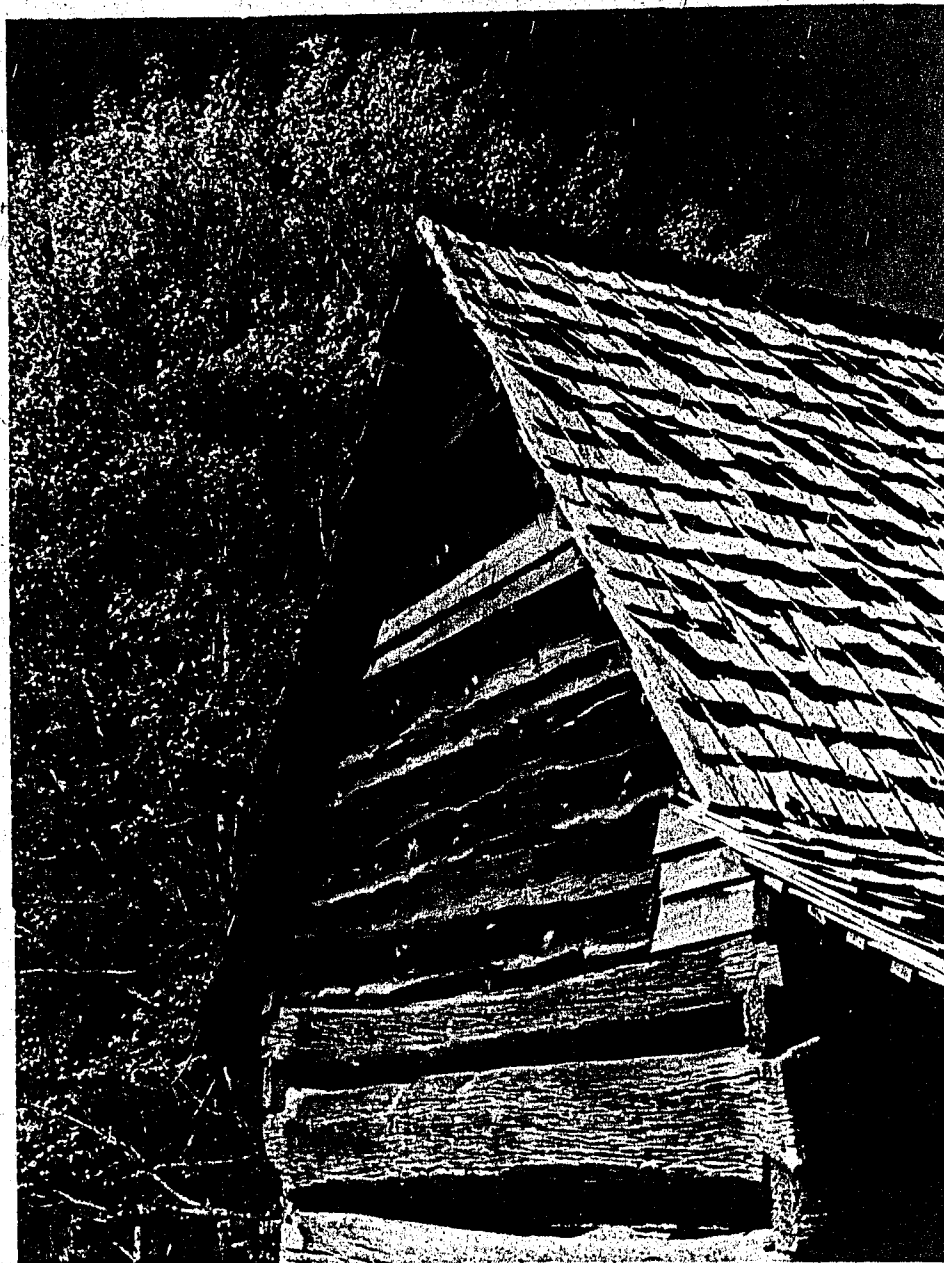
I thank the Lord that, even though I can only hear half of what the children are saying, it beats hearing a hole lot of nothing. I'm thankful that in this country, we don't send used-up politicians to Siberia and that lying still ain't accepted as a way of life in government. I thank God I can work and I thank God I can loaf. I thank Him I can still laugh and I'm grateful I can still cry. I thank the Lord for the Bible and the church, and for the newspaper and a cup of hot coffee. I thank Him for a fishing pole, a stream, and a can of pork and beans.

I'm thankful I can write and that I can read what I wrote. I thank the Lord for a coat on a cold day and ice tea on a hot day. God knows I'm thankful my mouth ain't stapled shut and that I have no cavities in my fillings. I thank God a cut will heal and a hole can be patched. I'm especially thankful for the force of gravity so I don't get slung off the earth.

Above all I'm thankful I've got mind enough to be thankful, Mr. Publisher. If that won't do as a starter for this Thanksgiving season, then we'll talk about heaven. Unfortunately, space won't allow it, so I'll just say "The best is yet to come."

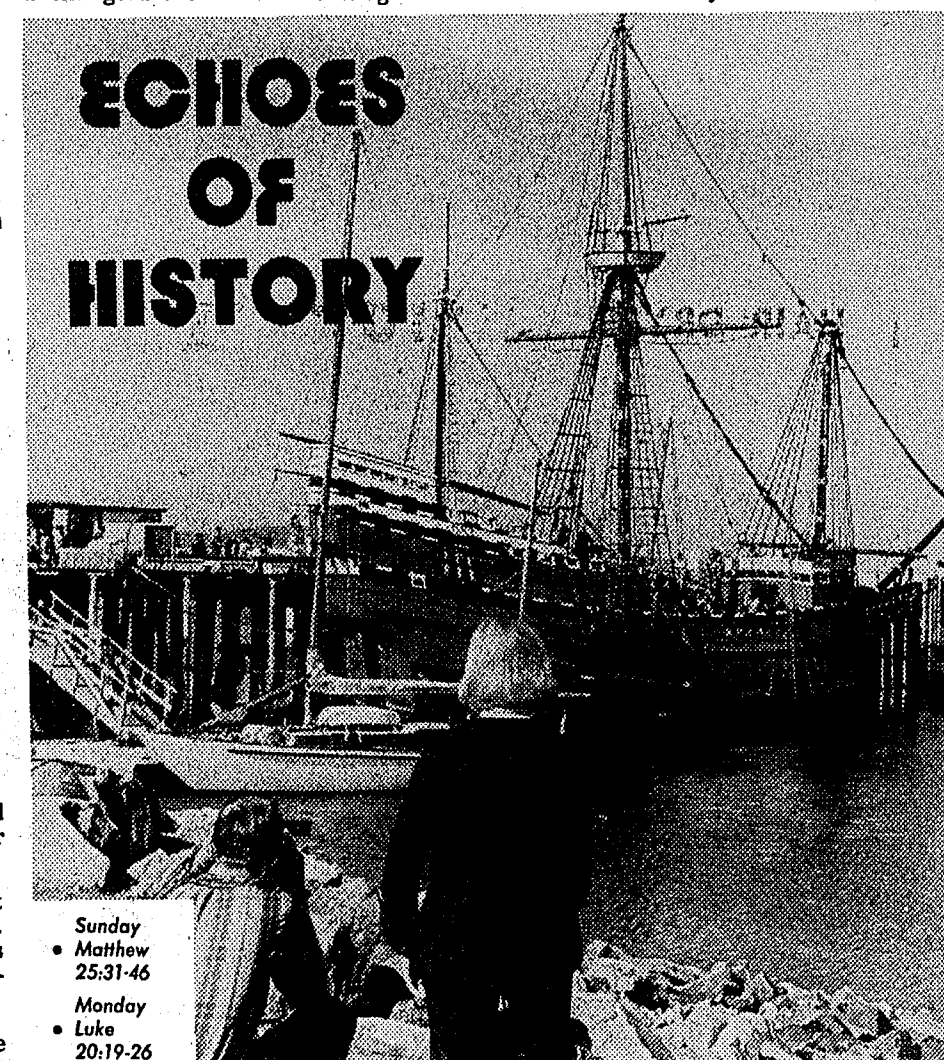
I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.

Yours Truly,  
Parson Jones



## Challenging The Certainties Of Time

Novelist James Farrell, writing in the evening of his years, said that as he grew older he learned to cope with certainties of life and to "spit into the face of time." This proud cabin does not spit, it challenges time. It stands seemingly unchangeable off the Blue Ridge Park way near Boone. Richard Lowder of Mooresville was enthralled by its weathered and honest face, not unlike that of an aging seaman. He stopped, visited the ageless, majestic but abandoned mountaineer and came away with this picture to remember it by.



The bill introduced in the State Senate by Senator Person, of Franklin, has created no little stir among the good people of the State of North Carolina and in Mooresville in particular, where strict prohibition has reigned all these years. Physicians and druggists of this city have always frowned upon the idea of issuing prescriptions for liquor. Dr. A. E. Bell, the oldest physician in Mooresville in line of service, is very emphatic in his denunciation of the bill. He says that reputable doctors do not want any such privileges extended to them. He cites the fact that narcotic victims are a great nuisance, and to add to that the issuance of prescriptions for whiskey means that people would abuse the law and that there are a few men in the medical profession who may be induced to take advantage of their license and write prescriptions for the profit there may be in it for them.

In years gone by druggists of Mooresville would not keep liquor for prescriptions and practically the same condition exists today. Dr. Bell tells the Enterprise to say for the physicians of Mooresville that they are unanimously against any such law being enacted by the legislature.

Approval of bills and other routine business was the principal business of the board of Town commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday night.

James L. Miller appeared before the board and requested that light be reconnected in the building formerly occupied by O. C. Stonestreet, having been cut off when Mr. Stonestreet quit business last month. The matter was referred to the water and light committee.

The Stewart Park corporation requested the board to accept the street extending from Main to Oak street, known as Stewart avenue. The avenue extends just one block. The street was taken over.

The mayor and clerk were authorized to renew a note in the sum of \$10,000 for 90 days with the American Trust Company.

A well-planned scheme of entrance into the store of E. J. Poston, corner of Moore avenue and Church street, was carried out last Friday night when a hole large enough for the admittance of a hand and arm was cut through a panel in the front door and the lock turned from the inside. The entrance was affected by some one familiar with the surroundings. It is thought, and about \$25 in pennies. Policemen have been unable to locate the thieves so far.

Sometime after midnight Saturday night some one stole the sedan of Mr. J. H. McCalland from in front of his home on East Center avenue. He did not miss the machine until late in the morning and after an inquiry at Kannapolis he was informed by the officers there that the car had been abandoned and was found on Pine street. The car was brought back to Mooresville and turned over to the owner during Sunday afternoon.

Mr. R. C. Knox, for many years a member of the firm of Knox & Brown, of Davidson, died at his home there Saturday morning. He had been in poor health for several years and developed a serious ailment last December. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Bethel Presbyterian Church near Cornelius. Surviving is his widow, who before marriage was Miss Delia Wilson, of Mecklenburg county, and a sister of the late Dr. W. E. Wilson, of this city.

One of the largest delegations ever appearing before the county commissioners visited Statesville last Monday when the verbal petitions were presented urging the commissioners to provide for a county health department. This movement has the backing of practically every physician in the county, the mayors of Mooresville and Statesville, the various organizations such as the Red Cross, Welfare department, many civic clubs and individuals who are not identified with organizations. The proposition will embrace the employment of a full-time physician, three nurses, a sanitary officer at a minimum expense of \$12,000 per year. The physician's salary would be placed at \$3,000 and the nurses at \$1,500 each, and allowance of \$600 each for traveling expenses. The commissioners indicated great interest in the establishment of the county health department and gave assurance that if possible, arrangements will be made for the establishment of such service when the budget of the next fiscal year is made out. Dr. C. N. Sisk, director of county health work of the State, was the principal speaker before the commissioners, who outlined in detail the work to be done and the minimum of expense attached.

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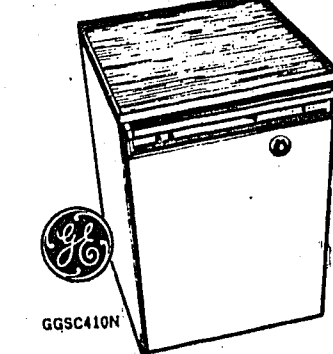
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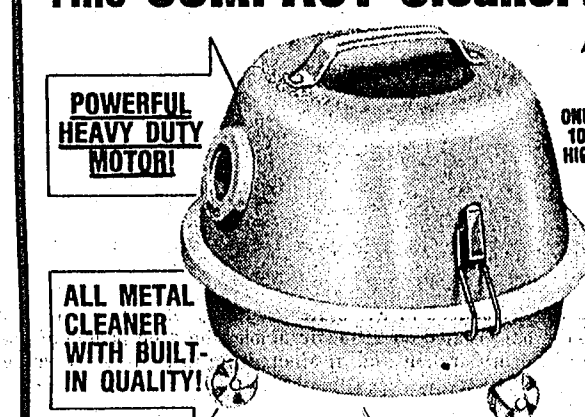
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