

Thanksgiving Is Where The Thankful Find It

The Eye Opener is a brightly written, generally fascinating newspaper. In it, humor abounds; news and editorial content is neatly balanced. Its circulation is confined to a rather small area, though, because it is the voice of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

The staff of the Eye Opener hungers for communication with what the editor refers to, in caps, as the Freeworld. Years ago, the convicts asked to exchange papers with us. We were pleased to, and we assumed the prisoners had asked dozens, perhaps hundreds of other newspapers to do the same. In any event, we have read the Eye Opener with some eye-opening results through the years.

The Eye Opener's editorial philosophy is optimism, because there simply isn't room for more pessimism. As the editor noted recently, a convict should relish the realization that things have got to get better, because they can't get any worse. One guest columnist declared that the great ambition in his life was to become an ex-convict.

All this rambling brings us to an editorial in the current issue of the Eye Opener. It is entitled "Thanksgiving," and it makes an off-made point. Here are a few excerpts:

"The month of November is the time for all of us to give thanks for what we have. Granted that a convict has very little to be grateful about, but there are some things for which we should be thankful."

"Those of us who are blessed with good health have something a lot of people are

without. If our families are well and happy and love us—what more could we ask? This year, there remain millions in the world who are unclothed and unfed. This is something a convict doesn't have to worry about.

"No matter how bad off you are, there is always someone worse off."

This paper is dated Thanksgiving Day. Of course, you received it Wednesday, most of you, at a time when you are preparing for what we welcome as a day off from work. If the Oklahoma State Penitentiary inmates can get glowing hope in Thanksgiving, think of reasons for a humble, solemn observance of the occasion in Mooreville. Take stock of your place in the Freeworld.

Come to think of it, Freeworld deserves to be capitalized. What a narrow line between the restrictions of prison walls and the Iron Curtain. We would prefer a nice, clean prison with plenty of books to read and three squares.

We might get a bit mushy and consider all the sacrifices that have gone into establishing and maintaining our Freeworld.

We should, by all means, make every effort to combat what seems to be the prevailing theory: everything is going so well, things are bound to get worse. Instead, we should dedicate ourselves to the ideals that produced the first Thanksgiving.

We must apply ourselves to the proposition that the Freeworld is worth whatever it costs. We can do no less, if Thanksgiving is not to become a hollow mockery.

Don't Drop Your Guard, Buy TB Seals

Chances are, you already have received your TB Christmas Seals. If you haven't, chances are astronomical that you will. Whenever you get them, buy and use them.

These seals have been distributed now for more than a half-century. They always bear, as part of their design, a double-barred cross, symbolic of the fight against tuberculosis. And don't get the idea this scourge of mankind, this gray death is defeated. Man is winning, at least in the comparatively healthy nation, but he has by no means won.

One of the big reasons he has made

headway at about TB is the sale of Christmas of the Iredell Tuberculosis Association. This amounts to a program of education concerning the disease, case finding, and work with patients as the need may arise. The local association also contributes to research on the national level.

Until such time as the dread disease has been conquered for good and all, there is a real need for buying and using the colorful seals each year. And we might mention that seals on your mail tells those who receive your greetings and gifts that you care about others.

A New Slant On A Long Ignored Theme

A succinct editorial in the *Palo Alto Times* a few weeks back introduced a little-discussed slant on juvenile delinquency. It was a comment on a statement by a retiring Oakland policeman.

The officer recalled his years of working in the juvenile division of the police department. He pointed out "we rarely had an Oriental kid who was in the wrong. The only logical conclusion we can draw from this is the fact that strong home ties, the sense of honor toward the family have made it almost inconceivable for these kids to go astray."

What a tremendous commendation this is for Orientals. And what a condemnation

it is for Occidental parents. Not all parents whose children run afoul of the law are to blame by any means. And when the Oriental's idea of family honor takes the forms of assassinations and hourly street riots in their own countries, we must accept this cop's truism with a grain of salt.

The fact remains that his observation has this sound basis: where parents instill a sense of honor and build strong home ties in their children, the kids are more likely to respect the existing social order, in whatever country they live.

And the sad second fact: all this talk about family name and honor is passe in most of America.

Yokels Can Wear The Name With Pride

From The Times (London)

In an account in a London paper of some recent efforts to add urban gaiety to the rusticity of a country town its inhabitants were spoken of as yokels. If that word be derived, as some think, from the yoking of oxen or horses and the driving of a plough the yokel was a man of some ability. In the same paper was a description of the complicated machinery of a combine-harvester which the alleged yokel has now to master. That vehicle of several purposes has saved an immense amount of labour

The names bestowed on the yokel have been absurdly insulting. He has been termed a bumpkin, a clod-hopper, a chaw-bacon and a hobbledyho. Compared with these the American hayseed seems almost polite. Now that the bumpkin has to be a mechanic and electrician these titles may be increasingly forgotten, as they deserve to be. Before farming was mechanized and the barish pump gushed petrol the great writers who came from the country did not think of its people as clods. Thomas Hardy's men of the dairies, the flocks, and the forest were not zany with straws in their hair. In Shakespeare's Arden the shepherd Corin could hold his own in argument with Touchstone. Late of the court, and crushed, the quibbling clown with his final remark, "the greatest of my pride is to see my ewes graze and my lambs suck." To keep a flock in health and land in good heart may be yokel's work. If so, it honours that name.

Parson Jones' Pulpit

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER:

I reckon you been reading about Christine Keyler lately. She shore stirred up a skunk in the woodpile across the waters. It smelled so strong the scent has come all the way over here. That gal's got an awful pretty name to be tacked on to a hussy. Use to be years ago a name meant something. Now, you take the name Christine—it means Christian. Ain't it a shame to give a name like that to a shrew-devil. I got a good name for her, but you wouldn't print it if it wrote it.

The name I got in mind means something, come it fits. She ain't the only one that got misnamed. You take that Elizabeth Taylor. Her name means "God's Promise." Now if she's "God's Promise" I'm a monkey's uncle. She trots after everything that comes along. Some-body said she had a set a towels marked "Her's" and "Next."

Yes sir, things shore has changed. Use to be it was a disgrace to be a hussy. Now-a-days they give 'em a movie contract. In the Good Book it tells about a woman who had been married 5 times and was living with a felts that wasn't either one of the five. She was looked down on.

Mr. Publisher, she was just born too soon. Now-a-days they would give her a screen test and put her in the movies. Folks would crowd around her to get her autograph. Have you noticed, Sir, that all the movies are about either "nuts" or "hussies"?

Course, if Christine don't make the movies they can always use her in these naked women magazines. There seems to be a big demand for these right now. I was over to see Rufe the other day, and I saw one of these books laying on the television set. He swore the situation wasn't as bad as it looked cause his 14 year old boy had bought it, not him. That was awful comforting to hear.

Mr. Publisher, women folks have come a long way since they were allowed to vote—all the way from being a man in a cotton dress to sex toys. That's what I call progress! Use to be men looked for a woman's head, and I saw one of these books laying on the television set. He swore the situation wasn't as bad as it looked cause his 14 year old boy had bought it, not him. That was awful comforting to hear.

There's one place in the Good Book where it says folks oughta be able to blush. It seems to me we done lost our blusher. Don't nothing bother us anymore, so I reckon we'll just go on giving people Christian names and let 'em act like the devil.

I often wondered why they invented rouge for women's faces. Now I know. I think the men folks need a little too. Let's at least look like we're blushing.

See you?

Yours Truly,
Parson Jones

OUR COMMUNITY

1954

9 YEARS AGO

IN OTHER YEARS

George W. Randall and C. V. Henkel, Jr. have announced that they will be candidates for reelection to the House and Senate, respectively, of the North Carolina Legislature. Randall, a Mooreville resident, and Henkel, resident of north Iredell, both served their first term at the last session of the Legislature.

Cliff Ingram has announced the sale of Ingram's Cleaners to Howard Combs and Carl Robinson, the change in ownership having become effective Sunday, April 17. Under the new setup, the business will be operated as a partnership.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Blackwelder of the Centenary community have been married 47 years. This union has been blessed with 11 children, all of them living. Last Thursday night was the first time in all their 47 years of happy married life that Mr. and Mrs. Blackwelder have spent alone. During the first years of their marriage they lived with a parent and an aunt. "Then," said Mrs. Blackwelder, "there were the children, and it is just happened that in all the 47 years we had never spent a night alone."

On Wednesday evening, April 24, at the War Memorial Building, the local branch of the Duke Power Company celebrated its 25th anniversary at a dinner meeting.

Three of the employees received their 25 year pins at this time—P. V. Fields, branch manager; Roy L. Sherrill, line foreman and Andy Torrence, groundsman. One other employee had previously received his 25 year pin, John P. Sherrill, of Troutman.

James Walter (Bunny) Kinnison, 51, salesman for the 1915 Chevrolet Company, died in the Mercy Hospital at Charlotte at 7:15 o'clock last Friday morning. Suffering from a heart ailment for the past seven years, he had been seriously ill for the past month. He entered the hospital on Wednesday.

Last Sunday morning at the close of the worship service at the Second Presbyterian Church, the congregation presented a beautiful silver service to Mrs. L. Young White in recognition of her many years of faithful and efficient service as church pianist and organist.

Joe Gudder, Jr., stationed at the Naval base at St. Diego, Calif., returned to his post Monday after spending an eight-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gudder.

Sgt. Glenn Beaver, who recently returned to the states after a tour of Army duty in Korea, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Sloan Beaver, at her home on Lawrence street.

Mrs. Robert R. Gabriel entered Charlotte Memorial Hospital Tuesday afternoon for an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Gibson and son, Jimmy, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Gibson, Sr., of Mooreville, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Gibson, Jr., of Wake Forest, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Edwards had as their week end guests, Cpl. and Mrs. Lynn S. Edwards and son, Mark, of Columbia, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. John P. Campbell and daughters, Linda and Donna, of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Morrow and son, Kenneth, Jr., of Danville, Va., were week end guests in the home of Mrs. Morrow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall F. Crouch.

Mrs. Snowdell T. Davis of Newport News, Va., spent Sunday night with her sister, Mrs. Lester L. Troutman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott, of High Point, spent the Easter week end here, visiting Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Metz, at their home on West Center avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Mack and children, of Richmond, Va., were guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mack, during the Easter holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Chalmers Carr and children, William and Alice, of Kenilworth, N.J., were week end guests with Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Turlington at their home on West Center avenue. Dr. Carr is a nephew of Mrs. Turlington.

In regular session last Thursday night, members of Tom Swamp Post 1072, Veterans of Foreign Wars, elected William Jackson Harwell post commander for the new year.

SPORTS

Bowman, Boyles' Cage Charges Step Up Pace As Opening Game Is Near

With their opening game still over a week away, the basketball charges of coaches Harlan Bowman and Roy Boyles have really stepped up their pace in the pre-season practice sessions.

On checking over at the local roundball training center, spectators are amazed with the hard work the youngsters are putting forth. Bowman, with his entire starting five returning for this campaign, knows just where he stands in preparing his charges for battle.

Mike Robinson, Tommy Deal, Johnny Barrie, Johnny Cane and Tim Rouse in all probability will form the first five. However, Bowman refuses to name a first line unit as other boys have been showing up well in practice and it is quite possible when the opening Odell rolls around December 6 there could be new faces in the starting unit.

In all, Bowman has 17 boys working out in practice. Meanwhile, Coach Boyles still is searching his talent for a first six to begin the opening game. Graduation took the bulk of his starting talent at forwards, and Joan Miller transferring to Troutman, has the task of getting a completely new crew at the forward positions.

In exchange for Miller, Boyles acquired the services of Sherry Sherrill who was a member of the Troutman team last year and she will be shooting for the Devil next year.

With this new rule, action in a girls game is going on all the time. When the opposition scores the other team takes the ball out of bounds under its own basket.

In past years when a team scored the other team got the ball at midcourt and had a chance to score.

Also, this new system permits eight players to be on one end of the court. In the old game there were only six. During last year it appeared the locals were hard pressed to return the ball up court after the other team scored and this will be one of the problems Boyles will have to work out if the locals are to succeed in the coming season.

The schedule follows:
*Dec. 6—Odell Here
*Dec. 10—Statesville There
*Dec. 13—Odell There
*Dec. 17—Kannapolis There
*Dec. 19—Statesville Here
*Jan. 7—Kannapolis Here
*Jan. 10—West Rowan Here
*Jan. 14—Children's Home Here
*Jan. 17—North Rowan There
*Jan. 24—East Rowan Here
*Jan. 28—Troutman There
*Jan. 31—Monroe Here
*Feb. 4—Davie County There
*Feb. 7—Children's Home Here
*Feb. 11—North Rowan Here
*Feb. 14—West Rowan There
*Feb. 18—East Rowan There
*Feb. 21—Troutman Here
*Feb. 25—Monroe There
*non-conference games.

Wrestling Coach Perry Pearson Has High Hopes

Candidates for the Senior High wrestling team have taken to the mat in rigorous practice for the upcoming grapple schedule.

Coach Perry Pearson, who has the duties of handling the Blue Devil unit during the campaign, has 22 boys on hand in early sessions. Pearson relates, they will provide the depth for a well rounded team. Newsletters to the squad are Mike Thompson, Allen Brawley, Tim Triese, Robert Thompson, George Evans, Randy Nelson, Gary Leazer, Alec Beam, Ray Brannon and Richard Carver.

With only one week of practice gone it would be hard to evaluate the abilities of the squad. However, this could well be the year for the Blue Devils to have a banner season. Only time will tell just how far they will go.

It is expected the locals will be able to send a boy to the mat in all the weight classes. Last year, the Devils lost several matches due to the fact they had to forfeit at least one, and sometimes two, weight classes in their match.

Twenty-two boys are now taking part in the practice with twelve being lettermen. Around these boys, Pearson hopes to build this year's team and should some of the new boys come through, the team will have good depth.

Actually, the regular season is nothing but practice for the tournament which decides the championship team as well as the individual weight champions. Last year the Blue Devils placed fourth in the tournament and won three individual championships. Of these champions, Dewitt Hinson is the only returnee to the team.

Mainstays of the locals' talent will be David Clapham, Hinson, Bobby Ham, Larry Dyeon, William Kelly, Tommy Pennington, Mike Couch, Preston Ingram, Bobby Ingram, David Curtis, Mike Johnston and Jeff Stonestreet. Each of these boys has considerable experience and from all indi-

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Asheboro Wins WNC Grid Title

Coach Lee Stone's Asheboro Blue Comets took all the marbles in Western North Carolina High School Activities Association football with a 21-6 decision over Shelby in the championship game Friday night.

The contest, played on the Comets' home field, had the winners coming back from a 6-0 second period deficit with a touchdown and extra point to go ahead 7-6 at the half.

In the final two quarters, Asheboro took command of the game completely, adding touchdowns in each of the last two chapters to pick up its first championship in three attempts.

Previously Asheboro had made the trip to the finals three straight times only to see its dreams vanish.

Asheboro earned the chance in the title game by routing Monroe 28-0 in the first round of the playoffs. Shelby slipped into the finals with an overtime decision over Wilkes-Central, last year's champion of the WNCISAA.

At a recent Booster Club meeting, the club went on record as being a year-around support of the sports programs in local schools. Their activities during the football season are well known, but some think the organization fades away at the last football game. Such is not the case.

Also, it is well known that football is the only paying sport in the school, and money received from admissions to gridiron contests has to foot the bill for the entire athletic program. All the other sports are non-money making propositions.

The goal of the Booster Club is to build up attendance at the other sport activities in an effort to bring more revenue into the athletic fund.

As a start to this end the club has agreed to sponsor the opening basketball game against Odell December 6 and the opening wrestling match against South Mecklenburg on December 13.

The club will make an all-out effort to get both these sports started off in a money-making way. Boosters plan to promote and plan various activities in helping to enlarge the attendance at sports affairs.

To do this it will not only take the efforts of the club, but the help of all sports fans. In the Mooreville area, therefore, the club will not only appreciate it, but it will beg for your attendance at the sporting events.

To get the program off to a big start, members of the Booster Club will put on sale tickets to the opening basketball game and wrestling match. Prices of the tickets are 50 cents for each event. The tickets will be on sale at various business places in town.

Why not make this a banner year in fan production in Mooreville.

Junior High Cagers Begin Practice

Coach Dave Richardson of the boys team and Dan Woody of the girls Junior High basketballers are now in practice sessions. The teams began workouts last week in preparation for the Central Piedmont Conference schedule which begins December 12.

Both teams will be in a rebuilding year. Most starters on both teams were ninth graders during the last campaign.

Richardson has around 19 boys vying for positions on his team. Woody has a larger number of candidates for the girls squad.

The boys will be out to improve on their 5-5 record of last year. The lassies dropped all 10 of their 1962-63 games.

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