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We Are Thankful

Everyone sat down to a bounteous dinner Thursday. And we hope everyone was truly thankful for the blessings of the past season. Thankful for the crops raised, for the rain and snow we have had, thankful for health and prosperity, but above all these things, we are thankful we live in a country where we can worship as our conscious dictates, where we can express our views without fear of prosecution. May all of us be truly thankful for these and many other blessings we have received during the past year.

Tuesday noon, there was a knock on the editor's door and when opened, there stood Bryant Williams with a turkey for the editor with compliments of the season from the Bryant Williams' turkey farm. Thanks a lot, Mr. Williams, when we are enjoying turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, mince pie etc, we will think of you.

Hope Extension Club Meets

The Hope Extension club met at the home of Mrs. Charlie Cole Nov. 19 for an all-day meeting. During the business meeting, officer for the coming year were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. John Ward; Vice president, Mrs. John Bush; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Lewis Weddige; parliamentarian, Mrs. George Cassabonne; club reporter, Mrs. Nelson Jones.

Plans for the Christmas party to be held Dec. 10 were discussed and various members appointed to serve on decorating, entertainment and refreshment committees.

At noon, a covered-dish luncheon was served the following members: Mrs. George Casabonne, Mrs. Felix Canhabe, Sr., Mrs. Ida Prude, Mrs. Edgar Williams, Mrs. Loren Reeves, Mrs. George O. Teel, Mrs. John Bush, Mrs. Fred Martin, Mrs. Lincoln Cox, Mrs. Jane Pitt, Mrs. Guy Crockeit, Mrs. Bob Barley, Mrs. Charley Barley, Mrs. Nelson Jones, Mrs. Russell Lee and two guests, Mrs. George Teel, Mrs. M. D. Brantley and the hostess, Mrs. Charlie Cole.

Eastern Star Holds Meeting

The Hope Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star held its regular meeting Tuesday night, Nov. 18, at which time Mrs. Ethel Smith, Mrs. Mina Reeves and Mrs. Van Cleve of Pinon were initiated in the order. A covered-dish dinner before the meeting was enjoyed by members. Mrs. Sy Hoggsett and Mrs. Ernest Harwell were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Happy Franklin and children of El Paso spent Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cole.

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Post-Election Comment

Going by the post-election comment almost everybody likes Ike, including a great many people who voted for Governor Stevenson but have accepted the verdict with grace and now wish the President-elect all the luck in the world in dealing with the staggeringly difficult tasks that lie ahead of him. There are, of course, certain notable exceptions, such as Senator Morse of Oregon, once a Republican, now a self-styled independent, who says the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket won by bamboozling a gullible majority. However, it looks as if the greater part of our people by far are taking the high-principled stand of Governor Stevenson and honestly pray that the Eisenhower Administration will bring us and the free world safely through this era of unrelaxed crisis.

As even a cursory analysis of the vote shows, General Eisenhower won the backing of almost all segments of the population. He ran extremely well in the concentrated industrial regions, where the labor vote is supposed to control. He captured the farm vote. He cracked the South and cracked it deep. He brought into the fold most of the independent voters, who are numerous enough to swing any election.

As everyone knows, he was strongly backed by the business community of the country. But this doesn't mean that intelligent businessmen think that he favors a policy of "anything goes" so far as business or any other interest is concerned—there is nothing in his past record or his campaign speeches to indicate that he favors any group at the expense of another. What is probably a representative attitude was expressed by Robert E. Wilson of Standard Oil of Indiana. He spoke of business' gratification over the Eisenhower win, then said, "The victory places added responsibility on business to help the administration solve many serious problems in the best interests of all the people. It particularly obligates them to do everything possible to assure sounder economic conditions without any of the dire consequences which many Democratic campaigners were predicting."

The labor leaders are in a special position. Almost to a man, they shot the works for Stevenson—not because the governor is "their man" as an individual, but because they wanted the Democrats' pro-labor record continued. They took what a Wall Street Journal news story aptly termed "the worst political defeat they have ever suffered." However, the same story says, the union high command does not plan to foment war with the new Administration. Its attitude is one of wait and see.

The truth is, of course, that few men in history have come to the Presidency so free of political commitments, obligations and connections as Eisenhower. He has never held a political job. His experience has been of the broadest possible kind—as soldier and statesman, he was responsible to all of the free nations represented in SHEAF and NATO. Men

who were closest to him before, during and after his nomination have said they want nothing from him. As many writers have pointed out, Eisenhower is in a position to become a truly national President, and that is clearly what he passionately hopes to be. His projected journey to Korea, which he will take as the representative to all the people, is symbolic of his attitude and his concept of duty.

Eisenhower Ran Ahead of Ticket

As often happens with a candidate who has a very large personal following which cuts across party lines, General Eisenhower ran well ahead of the rest of the GOP ticket in most areas. In one or two cases, he carried states in which associates were defeated in their own campaigns for office—the most notable example being the failure of Henry Cabot Lodge, who was an original Eisenhower man and a top advisor from beginning to end, to win re-election to the Senate. Even so, the General's pulling power was so great that he did far better than almost anyone expected in carrying other Republicans into national office.

It was generally believed that if Eisenhower were elected, the GOP would gain control of the House, and that has happened. It did not seem reasonable, however, that they would get the supper hand in the Senate—mainly for the reason that more Republican Senators had to make the race this year than did Democrats, and many of the contested Democratic seats were considered safe. Yet the Republicans now have an official 49-47 edge in what used to be described as the most exclusive gentleman's club on earth.

One potentially important qualification must be made here. It stems from the curious case of Senator Morse of Oregon. Morse was an early Eisenhower booster, but near the end of the campaign he announced his opposition to the General and spoke for Stevenson. After the election he sent laudatory wires to Truman and Stevenson but none to the President-elect. He has said that he will henceforth call himself an "independent Republican"—a bit of nomenclature which, incidentally, has no legal status in Oregon. If Morse goes all the way in his defection from past political associations, and votes with the Democrats when the Senate is organized, a 48-48 tie will result.

Going beyond the statistics, Eisenhower will have a Congress which is friendly to most of his views—enough old-line Democrats see things his way to assure that. Sentiment is very strong for cutting the cost of government, for opposing tax increases and bringing about tax decreases as soon as possible, and for limiting the functions of the Federal government in many directions. These are cardinal points in the Eisenhower philosophy. He strongly believes that there should be a minimum of Federal interference with and direction of local affairs. The Southern Democrats, with few exceptions, will go along with this. An outstanding fact, of course, to use

the lead of a story written by an AP reporter, is that "The 'new deal-fair deal' era—which began 20 years ago in the great depression—went tumbling into history . . . with the Republican Presidential victory." That era was defended with all the resources at his command by President Truman during his whistle-stop campaign on behalf of Governor Stevenson. The retiring President, who rarely goes in for moderation, found no virtue in anything the Republicans have ever done or advocated and no vice anywhere within the Democratic establishment. He even attacked Eisenhower's record as a soldier-statesman. He seemed absolutely confident that he could do again what he did in 1948. But the voters turned deaf ears this time, and the Eisenhower avalanche followed. The pendulum has swung far.

Today's Meditation

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."—Psalm 103:2. Read Psalm 103:1-13.

At mealtime we children, eight of us, often dipped too heavily from the serving dish. Father would give us a reminder by saying, "Look on your plate."

This is wise counsel for us who pray. Instead of asking God for more and more, we should take note of what we already have. There is wisdom in the psalmist's reminder, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." The number of benefits are limitless, but among them are the beauty and fruitfulness of the out-of-doors, the love and companionship of family and friends, the functioning of the marvelous mechanism of our bodies, and soul redemption through Christ.

We have today many benefits which were unknown to the psalmist. Consider the advance in the fields of medicine, scientific research, transportation, and communication. How much more should we sing today, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!"

PRAYER

Thy blessings to us, our Father, are as the stars of the heavens and the sands of the sea. In return we have only ourselves to give. Help us this day, and in the days to come, to give ourselves wholeheartedly to serve others in Thy name and thus to serve Thee. In the spirit of Christ we pray. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In prayer and service I will give thanks to God.—Virgie Evans Rogers. Bonnie Altman went to El Paso last week end to visit his mother. He accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Buckner who went down to attend a LDS conference.

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The Low Down From Hickory Grove

A gimmick that is a blot on our nation's escutcheon and which is also one of the accessories to Govt. that adds to the postponing of that hoped-for day when the tax man will have a heart, is "matching money." In matching dimes it is a 50-50 chance—but with "matching money" where the Govt. runs the deal, look out. The deal sounds so sweet—the temptation of free dinero is so great—that cities and towns and lunch clubs succumb, can't pass up something that is half free even though such matching money is for a swimming pool when the town already has a grand ocean beach or a lake shore at its doorstep.

This matching money fans out to include electric line extensions and help to power stations where there

is already a private outfit standing ready to use its own cash to do the job, and the private outfit's rates are policed and supervised by an already existing State commission.

To get matching dinero you put up one buck and the Govt. put sup one buck. But the buck the Govt. puts up, it is your cash in the first place—the Govt. took it out of your jeans on last March 15. There is the gimmick, folks—"sugar coated free, matching dinero." Sounds quite a little like checkered suit and 3 shell stuff. Eh! wot! as we say here around the Grove.

Yours with the low-down,
JO SERRA.

'Cotton Caravan' To Tour States

A "Cotton Caravan," a traveling exhibit to explain ways of boosting New

Mexico cotton production, will tour eight counties in the state next February, M. O. Thompson, extension cotton marketing specialist at New Mexico A&M College, announced.

The caravan will be sponsored by local chambers of commerce, the New Mexico Crop Improvement Association, the 1517 Cotton Association, the New Mexico Ginners' Association, the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau, the Production and Marketing Administration, the Bureau of Plant Industry, and other federal agencies and commercial firms.

Tentative dates and places for Cotton Caravan stops include Las Cruces, Feb. 17; Deming, Feb. 18; Lordsburg, Feb. 19; Socorro, Feb. 21; Roswell, Feb. 25; Artesia, Feb. 26; Carlsbad, Feb. 27 and Lovington, Feb. 28.

The caravan will carry exhibits which will be set up at each scheduled stop. Specialists will travel with the caravan to explain various phases of cotton production.

According to Thompson, seed bed preparation, fertilizers, planting, weed control, spacing, insect control, varieties, irrigation methods, defoliation, mechanical harvesting, ginning, handling and storage of planting seed, distribution of planting seed, and marketing will be discussed in detail at the various meetings.

County committees will make local arrangements and select the topics of local interest to be discussed at the scheduled stops.

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New Seed Building Constructed at A&M

Construction was begun this week on a \$10,000 building for storing and processing foundation and breeding seed at New Mexico A&M college, John T. Stovall, administrative officer for the New Mexico Crop Improvement association, announced.

The new building, which will be located on the college agronomy farm at Mesilla Park, will be used to handle both cotton seed and seed for other crops. The Crop Improvement association and the 1517 Cotton association are sharing the cost of construction of the building, which will be donated to New Mexico A&M college.

One room, 80 by 30 feet, will be used for storing and processing, or curing, cotton seed, Stovall said. A 20 by 20 foot room will house supplies—tags, seals, sacks, etc. A third room, also 20 by 20 feet, will be used by college plant breeders to store breeding materials for all crops, especially seeds which are needed in the development of new strains.

"The building will fill a long-felt need for adequate storage space for seed at the college," Stovall said. "The storage facilities in the new building will assure New Mexico farmers of prime-quality seed for planting purposes."

The Low Down From Hickory Grove

For my chore today I will expound about the idea of what we gotta do next. After a collision on the highway she looks pretty sick, but after the ambulance has come and gone and the wrecking crew has picked up what is left in twisted and bent fenders, the highway is opened again for traffic.

It is a unanimous opinion that we have a mess to clean up on the political high roads of this proud land—Mr. Stevenson agrees, he said so. So, once we all agree, we are not as smart as we look or think we look, unless we start right at the core. The worm in our apple is "spending beyond our means."

My plan is short, it don't drip with honey and easy money. The sweet little wife and her big hero don't establish themselves in the community as stalwart folks by spending beyond their income. To get Sambo back into the saddle we will need to get his thousands of unneeded soup-foozlers out of the kitchen—out of the corn and oats fields—the potato patch—the insurance business—the power house. In short, the Army, the Navy, and the Courts come first—unhitch all else, and the sun will again shine o're this land of the free.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA.

The Sacramento stage line went off the road between Hope and Artesia Monday afternoon. No one was hurt. The bus was damaged some.

Mrs. W. E. Rood and Mrs. Hubert LaRose returned last Saturday from California and Arizona. Mrs. LaRose left Tuesday morning for her home at Robston, Texas.

A general rain and snow storm over the biggest part of the nation gave Hope and the Penasco Valley about an inch of snow. In the mountain section, the snow was deeper.

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"Woman of the North Country"

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Last Show in the
1952 Season

"WARPATH"

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Forrest Tucker

Hope Baptist Church News

(By Earl H. Brock,
Mission Pastor)

Services at the Baptist church next Sunday. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11, evening service at 7:30.

USDA Announces Plentiful Foods For December

Pork and pork products, turkeys, and raisins are headliners on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's plentiful foods list for December.

Pork will continue to be a good meat buy in December, partly because it is running into competition with the larger supplies of beef coming on the markets. Retail pork prices have declined recently. Lard is selling at reasonable prices.

Markets will have plenty of turkeys for Christmas and other December dinners, even with the usual heavy Thanksgiving buying. Turkeys may cost slightly more next month, but prices are expected to be lower than a year ago.

Production of raisins this year is estimated at 295,000 tons—20 per cent above average, and enough to furnish every man, woman and child in the U.S. with about three pounds apiece. Raisins are favorite ingredients for pork or poultry stuffing and for sauce to serve with smoked pork.

Other plentiful fruits for December include oranges, grapefruit, table grapes, and domestic dried figs.

The Meaning Of the Election

General Eisenhower's landslide vic-

tory, in the face of all the political advantages held by a party which had been in power for 20 years, was a remarkable expression of the faith his fellow-citizens have in him. It also was, much more than that. It was a clear-cut demand by the American people for a return to certain simple, fundamental ideas—ideas which the President-elect emphasized time and time again during the campaign.

The Democrats put their best foot forward. Governor Stevenson is an admirable and attractive figure, who lost with honor. It is to be hoped that he will continue to devote his high abilities to the public service. But, unavoidably, he was the inheritor of a philosophy of government which the election vigorously disavowed.

That philosophy holds that it is the duty of government to provide the people with alleged "security" from the cradle to the grave. It holds that, in various fields, it is proper for the government to go into commercial business to the partial exclusion of free enterprise, which is socialism. It is a philosophy that must forever result in greater and greater taxation, and more and more waste and extravagance and corruption, regardless of how high-minded the men at the top may be. Most important of all, it is a philosophy that must result in less and less freedom and opportunity for enterprise and individuals alike.

It is said that President-elect Eisenhower offered copy-book maxims. Whatever they may be called, those maxims have been the source of this nation's strength, freedom, and spiritual and material progress. The President-elect did not hesitate to passionately assert his faith in thrift, honesty, the dignity and responsibility of the individual, the rights and obligations of the states, the vigor of a free enterprise economy—nor to point to the menace of super-government. These were the principles he stood for—these are the principles the American people endorsed on Nov. 4, and on which this nation was founded.

State's Cotton Crop Will Break Record

The ideal weather for maturing and harvesting cotton in New Mexico during October has upped the estimated production for the state this year. The expected 1952 crop is now estimated at 310,000 bales, instead of the 300,000 bales estimated on Oct. 1, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

According to the BAE's Nov. 1 report, New Mexico's 1952 crop will exceed the state's previous record crop of 276,000 bales in 1949 and last year's 273,000 bales. The 1941-1950 average for the state is only 157,000 bales.

Indicated yield per acre for New Mexico this year is 503 pounds, which is greater than last year's 415 pounds or the 1941-50 average for the state 485 pounds.

About 296,000 acres in New Mexico are expected to be harvested this year, the BAE says. More than 182,000 running bales had already been ginned by Nov. 1.

Mexico Limits Cattle Export

Export of cattle from Mexico, previously estimated at 500,000 head for the year following the lifting of the foot-and-mouth disease quarantine, will not be more than 200,000 head in the coming year. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Mexican government has placed a limit on exports that will not allow more than that amount (including live cattle or equivalent meat) to be shipped out in the 12-month period.

Since Mexico has a much larger meat-packing industry now than before the hoof-and-mouth disease outbreak, it will probably want to export processed meat instead of live animals. This means, the USDA says, that the number of live cattle coming into the U.S. will probably be much less than the 200,000 limit set by Mexico.