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Don't eat too much but enjoy the  
day. Tomorrow is Thanksgiving.

Give a bond for Christmas. It  
will mean much now and after  
while. And it will help to meet the  
county quota of \$1,253,000.

The highways are getting a little  
slippery as is usual at this time  
of the year. Be as careful as pos-  
sible for accidents are more serious  
now than ever before.

The hunting season, especially in  
the deer country, is producing more  
than the usual number of acci-  
dents. It's a sport in which it be-  
hooves all who engage in it to look  
twice before they shoot.

It doesn't seem possible that  
Germany or Japan can long stand  
under the terrific fire now being  
hurled against them. Somewhere  
along the lines, the break is sure  
to come and then look for a quick  
end of the war.

Walter Winchell calls attention  
to the fact that the "tired old man"  
went back to his desk and more  
hard work right after election  
while those who argued the job re-  
quired youth and vigor went fish-  
ing or vacationing.

The Youth Center is popular and  
we are sure it will so continue.  
Parents are urged to cooperate  
that it may be continued a high  
grade place of amusement that aids  
the boys and girls as it entertains.  
It's a good start for a great move-  
ment in the community.

The military leaders on the Euro-  
pean front are calling to us "to pass  
the ammunition" and we won't fail  
them. We must buy more bonds  
even if it is a sacrifice and we must  
continue to produce the things  
needed. A let-up now would pro-  
long the war indefinitely. A break  
may end it at any time.

If the Germans break along the  
Rhine, the end will not be far off  
for it would be next to impossible  
to regather the forces and hold them  
in fighting condition. That's the  
idea of the Allied leaders any way  
as the Nazis continue to urge their  
people to fight to the death. The  
war is at its very peak in intensity  
with weather entering largely  
into each day's results.

General Eisenhower issued a  
strong plea for more materials  
when he spoke Sunday. He said  
that today we are using ammu-  
nition that was expected to be fired

next February or March but the  
rapid advances and the need for  
such huge amounts of materials is  
now using that reserve stock. They  
must have more and quickly. The  
general begs all employees to con-  
tinue their effort and asks every  
one to buy more bonds that we  
may go on to victory.

Tomorrow is the day when we  
return thanks to the Great Com-  
mander for all the blessings given  
us and ask Him to continue them  
in the hope He will feel we merit  
it. It's Thanksgiving Day and  
more than just a holiday from  
word-a-day routine. It's the time  
for serious thoughts to a kind  
Providence who has given us  
wonderful crops of food, has pro-  
tected and cared for us. Tell Him  
you appreciate it and will show  
your gratitude by making greater  
efforts to please Him.

## Dr. Gallup Scrambles:

For postelection entertainment,  
nothing can surpass the pleasant  
business of watching Dr. Gallup  
scramble off his pre-election limb.

Never averse to self-administration,  
the good doctor, who sat in Mr.  
Dewey's kitchen cabinet as an ex-  
pert on public opinion, now claims  
credit for having "indicated the  
winner successfully." His poll, he  
says, forecast the civilian vote per-  
centage for Roosevelt "with an er-  
ror of only one percent."

That remains to be seen. But  
even if true, what an error! Dr.  
Gallup was wrong on Minnesota,  
wrong on New Jersey, wrong on  
Illinois, New Mexico, Missouri and  
New York. In his last report, the  
days before election, he gave Roose-  
velt only 165 electoral votes for  
sure, and suggested that the Pres-  
ident might possibly reach 292 by  
taking the "pivotal" states in which  
he appeared to have a slight mar-  
gin. Actually Mr. Roosevelt took  
not only all those, but most of Mr.  
Dewey's "pivotal" states as well.

Which may account for the fact  
that Dr. Gallup discovered early  
Wednesday morning, and so notified  
his clients, that "the chief  
function of polls is not to predict  
elections," but to measure senti-  
ment on public issues. The doctor  
did, however, give a tolerably good  
imitation of a man predicting an  
election prior to November 7.—  
Chicago Sun.

There are too many committees,  
there is duplication of committees,  
there is lack of co-operation among  
committees and there is grave fault  
to find with the seniority system.  
There are forty-seven standing com-  
mittees in the house, and thirty-  
three in the senate with a dozen  
or more special investigating com-  
mittees in each house. One sug-  
gestion was made last year that  
the senate's committees be reduced  
from thirty-three to thirteen and  
that each committee have fewer  
members.

As to duplication, it is a fault  
frequently pointed out. General  
George C. Marshall has been known  
to testify for some hours before  
the military affairs committee of  
the house, and then be called upon  
to give the testimony for another  
several hours to the senate's mili-  
tary affairs committee.

Congress owes it not only to

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simplifying and improving the  
whole complex structure.

One of the reasons for the in-  
creasing power of the executive  
branch of the government is the  
obvious fact that congress has  
been staggering along under nine-  
teenth century procedure for too  
many years.

Itself, but to the nation, to clear  
up this bumbling system. If the  
legislative branch is to take its  
rightful place in the American  
scene, it must rid itself of cumber-  
some and time-wasting practices.—  
Auburn Evening Star.

## A THANKSGIVING

(Continued from page 1)

that for that vast army of men and  
women, the finest young men and  
women on earth, who have dedicated  
themselves to the great task of  
protecting their homeland from  
being overrun by wars, alarm, by  
dictators and tyrants. They stand  
between us and the horrors of  
oppression. We thank Thee for  
them, for their faithfulness to the  
task, for their idealism, each braving  
danger for a peaceful world, and  
for their courage and coolness and  
strength in their time of danger.

We know, our Father, that  
many of them are making the  
supreme sacrifice for their ideals.  
What greater love can any man  
have than he who is willing to  
lay down his life for his brother.  
God we thank Thee for such  
heroism, such devotion. Look  
with compassion upon the mothers  
and the loved ones whom such  
heroes have left behind to mourn  
them. Comfort them in their sorrow  
and their lonely vigils. Because  
our hearts are grateful for such  
courage and devotion, we  
here dedicate ourselves again,  
amidst our tears, to the cause of  
world peace. As one, we hundred  
and thirty million people cry this  
business of war must forever cease  
on the face of the globe. It must  
not happen again, our Father. We  
will see to that!

What a sense of humility this  
plagues upon us, Father. We claim  
not Thy Grace as our protection  
from such cruelty and bigotry. We  
have tried to love our fellow men,  
we have believed men are truly  
sons of Thine as they have de-  
veloped brotherhood, and peace,  
and freedom, and justice. But we  
remember how innocent babes and  
loving mothers have suffered, and  
we claim no merit, save Thy  
Providence alone. We only here  
dedicate ourselves, all we are and  
all we can accomplish, to the  
effort of building a world of peace  
that the holmied boots of op-  
pressors shall never again stalk  
the earth. We shall continue to  
love brotherhood, and righteousness,  
and peace, and freedom, and  
Thee! With grateful hearts we  
so dedicate ourselves.

And we thank Thee, our Father,

for that vast army of men and  
women, the finest young men and  
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will see to that!

For so many things, we thank  
Thee, our Father. For true men,  
and strong in high places we re-  
joice. For countless laborers  
faithful to their tasks we rejoice.  
For that faith which from our  
birth, "over and around us lies,"  
we rejoice. For Jesus, our Christ,  
we rejoice.

Citations were ordered issued  
against Melvin C. Smiley and Joseph  
L. Dixon for attorney fees, re-  
turnable on November 26.

In the divorce suit of Jim Parr

we rejoice. For Thy Providence,  
we thank Thee, and are glad. In  
deeds, as well as words, we will  
worship Thee and serve Thee.

vs Noda Parr, the defendant de-  
faulted and the prosecuting attorney  
was ruled to answer.

## Real Estate Transfers

Mildred MacFoley et vir to Viona  
C. Kirchner lot 13 and part of 12  
in Preble for \$1.

Agnes Ulman to Lena Ulman pt.  
lot 163 in Decatur for \$1.

Floyd Vorhees to Harold C. Long  
et ux lot 162 in Geneva for \$1.

Gladys Neuenschwander et vir to  
Milo Habegger et ux lot 622 in  
Berne for \$1.

George R. Steele et ux to Louis  
H. Eberle 40 acres in Union town-  
ship for \$1.

Charles K. Miller to Clara L.  
Ewell 1/2 acre in Preble for \$1.

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