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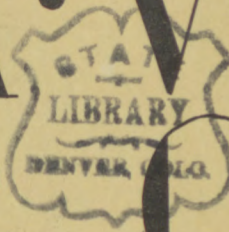
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## THANKSGIVING

"I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, hereby designate Thursday, the 26th day of November, 1936, as a day of national thanksgiving.

"The observance of a day of general thanksgiving by all the people is a practice peculiarly our own, hallowed by usage in the days before we were a nation and sanctioned thru succeeding years.

"Having safely passed thru troubled water, it is our right to express our gratitude that Divine Providence has vouchsafed us wisdom and courage to overcome adversity. Our free institutions have been maintained with no abatement of our faith in them.

"In our relations with other peoples we stand not aloof but make resolute effort to promote international friendship and, by the avoidance of discord, to further world peace, prosperity and happiness.

"Coupled with our grateful acknowledgement of the blessings it has been our privilege to enjoy, we have a deepening sense of our solemn responsibility to assure for ourselves and our descendants a future more abundant in faith and in security.

"Let us, therefore, on the day appointed, each in his own way, but together as a whole people, make due expression of our Thanksgiving and humbly endeavor to follow in the footsteps of Almighty God.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington this 12th day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1936, and of the independence of the United States of America the 161st.

"(Signed,)

"FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

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## Have I Helped WPA?

(A project worker has written my editorial for me this month. I submit it to you as expressing very forcefully what I am sure many WPA employes have thought but not expressed.—Ernest W. Corn).

During a recent personal inventory, one of those introspections, which if honest and complete, is apt to be painful, we started thinking of our association with the Works Progress Administration.

What have we done for the WPA? What has the WPA done for us?

Two simple, pertinent questions. But we found in the answers a preponderance of benefits to ourselves, and all too little on the side of what we have done for the WPA.

Have we tried to do a good job? Yes, of course we have.

But could we have done a better job?

And, thinking of things we have done, for which we have been paid; and thinking of the things we might have done, for which we would also have been paid, we are left with the guilty realization that we haven't done all we could for the WPA.

Admittedly, we're convinced that the Works Progress Administration is a good program, under which valuable constructive work is being done for our community, state and nation.

Of course we realize that the work furnished thousands has done more than build roads, buildings and dams. It has removed from our minds

the fear of what tomorrow may bring. Security has again become something we enjoy instead of a happiness we long for. WPA has re-established our self-respect and lodged our feet on the solid ground we enjoyed back in the days when we "had a job" and didn't doubt but that we'd have that job tomorrow.

But instead of the feeling of satisfaction we thought we'd have when we reached those conclusions, we were faced with the sudden knowledge that we haven't completed our job.

Have we told our neighbor what WPA has done for us, other fellows and their families?

Have we told our neighbor of the improvements our community is receiving which it could not have had without the Works Progress Administration?

Have we tried to dispel the doubts about the WPA and its workers from the minds of our neighbors, who, not being on our payroll, know nothing of the fine accomplishments of our program and the people who are doing this splendid job?

We hate to admit it—but there's no other answer—we haven't completed our task. We tried to do our jobs—we've collected our paychecks and

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