

Thanksgiving Day Carries Deep Tradition And History

By Bobbie McDaniel

Thanksgiving Day, an annual national holiday in the U. S., Canada, and a few other countries, celebrates the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Although days of thanks for special occasions were celebrated in the first years of Virginia's settlement, and harvest celebrations are as old as civilization itself, it is generally acknowledged that the first Thanksgiving Day celebration in America occurred when the Pilgrims, by order of Gov. William Bradford, held a three-day festival to commemorate their harvest in the autumn of 1621.

Thanksgiving Day was not celebrated in America as a regular national holiday for more than two centuries after 1621. Massachusetts Bay Colony's first civil Thanksgiving was observed July 8, 1930. It was 1660 before the celebration for harvest festivals became an annual event in that colony. By the end of the 18th

century, however, celebrating Thanksgiving Day was an institution in all New England. During the Revolution, days of thanks were set aside for special occasions and Nov. 26, 1789, was proclaimed by George Washington as the First National Day of Thanksgiving.

The meaning of Thanksgiving and the manner of its celebration have changed little since the day of the Pilgrims. Thanksgiving was, and still is, basically a home festival with religious overtones. The main emphasis is on the gathering of family and friends for a gay and plentiful feast.

The Brevard setting for Thanksgiving will be a delicious dinner with all the trimmings the night before vacation begins, and a holiday that extends from the end of classes on the 25th to the 30th of November when classes resume. President Davis and his family will be there to help make it a meaningful and festive occasion.

John Chappell Will Appear In Holbrook's "Mark Twain Tonight"

The Dunham Music Center on Brevard College campus will be the scene of a world-famous re-creation of one of America's most appealing writer-philosopher-humorist, Mark Twain, as the Mutual Concert Association presents John Chappell in the Lyceum program, Mark Twain Tonight, at 8:15 p.m. on Monday, November 23.

For two hours, John Chappell, scholar and actor, promises to regale the audience with the biting wit and thought-provoking observations of Samuel Clemens.

Mark Twain Tonight, which won for Hal Holbrook the Tony Award, the Drama Critics Award, and an Emmy nomination, is 99 per cent Twain material. Some selections are whole pieces of material lifted from one source, with additional lines from other sources, sewn into the fabrics of the piece to sharpen its dramatic or humorous possibilities. Other selections begin with an idea of some topical value, with comments and anecdotes about it wrought together to form a satire on the subject.

It was Twain who observed "Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to." "If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man." It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly native criminal class except Congress." "To my knowledge I have no race, color or creed prejudices . . . all I care to know is that a man is a human being. That's good enough for me. He can't be any worse."

John Chappell is originally

from North Carolina. He made his professional acting debut in 1957 at a summer stock playhouse in Vermont, and has appeared in various professional stock and road companies since that time, while continuing his education. He is the author of one published play, "The Murder of James Crow" and is currently at work on another. He is completing work on his PhD in comparative Drama and Theology at Emory University's Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts and has a Master's degree in this field from New York's Union Theological Seminary; he also holds Bachelor of Divinity and Bachelor of Science degrees.

This spring, Mr. Chappell created the role of Harold P. Brown in the world premier of Melmouth's The Great American Light War. Last season he was seen as De Sade in Peter Weiss' Marat/Sade. He has toured in two productions of Waiting For Godot, one of which he directed. Broadway director Joe Layton chose him for the principal role of Gov. John White in his production of America's longest running outdoor dramas, The Lost Colony, a part Mr. Chappell was asked to recreate for educational television.

The program is by season membership only.

NOTICE

Because of lack of student interest in the chess and bridge tournaments, the only ACU-I tournament will be table tennis. Parings will be announced at a later date and winners will travel to UNC-C for the regionals.

President Of Wofford College Will Speak Here November 22



DR. PAUL HARDIN III

Dr. Paul Hardin, III, President of Wofford College in Spartanburg, S. C., will speak at the 11:00 o'clock morning worship service at the First United Methodist church on Sunday, November 22nd.

He will be speaking in an observance of Laymen's Day on the subject of Christian Higher Education.

Assistant Professor E. Wannamaker Hardin, Jr., Acting Chairman of Brevard College's Division of Social Studies and Religion, will preside.

The two Hardins are related to each other as cousins. Also providing leadership in the service will be Luke Harrison, the Church Lay Leader, and Gil F. Coan, Administrative Board Chairman and Brevard College trustee.

Formerly Professor of Law at Duke University, Dr. Hardin also taught as Visiting Professor at the University of Texas and the University of Pennsylvania. He received his AB and JD degrees from Duke University, graduating first in his class from law school. He served with the US Counter Intelligence for two years and practiced law for two years in Birmingham, Alabama, before beginning his teaching career at Duke in 1958. He became President of Wofford in 1968; and a Trustee of Duke University.

An active and articulate Methodist layman, Dr. Hardin was a delegate to the last General Conference of the United Methodist church. He is Director of Stewardship Education for the South Carolina Annual Conference and is a Trustee of the Lake Junaluska Assembly. He is the son of Bishop and Mrs. Paul Hardin, Jr., of Columbia, S. C.

Any youth interested in meeting Dr. Hardin personally or discussing Wofford College and its program with him will be invited to do immediately following the service on November 22nd in the church's College Lounge.

Thanksgiving Holidays Begin November 25

Brevard College students will begin Thanksgiving holidays on Wednesday, November 25, at 5 p.m., and will last through Sunday, November 29, with classes resuming on Monday morning, November 30.

Dr. Robert A. Davis announced the revision of the Thanksgiving holiday schedule and stated that the administrative offices will close at the end of business on Wednesday, November 25, and will reopen on Monday morning, November 30.

SGA Planning Trip As St. Louis Blues Are Here

By Frank Owen
V. President SGA

We've got that fever, we're hot, we can't be stopped. That seems to be the general attitude of our students on campus this semester. And now everyone has the St. Louis Blues.

So far this year we have been working together and as a result the student's activities have been many more and much better. But the most significant factor this year is that the student has been willing to contribute the time as well as the money to make every minute a success. Thus far this year the Social Board has done a fantastic job in organizing some student activities. Their selectiveness in the movies this year has been a pleasing quality, and their first dance was a great success. George Gunza's venture at Halloween illustrated the willingness of the students to help. And most recently, the SGA and Social Board contributed the time and money in sponsoring two trips to Belmont Abbey and Gainesville, Florida.

It is imperative that the students keep certain elements of truth in mind when they regard these two ventures. Because of the limited funds of the student organizations, we can only sponsor such trips. If we put all the financial backing into them, we would be bankrupt by the end of this semester. However, the money

in the SGA and Social Board is there for the students; and if at a minimum loss we can provide activities for the students, we should do so. So far we have done this and with measured success.

One chartered bus was taken to Belmont Abbey and only 27 students out of 45 that signed up went. The charge was \$1 per student and the cost of the trip was \$150. That constitutes a loss of \$123 or \$61.50 from both SGA and Social Board. However, the important factor to remember is that the trip was reasonably successful.

Our next venture was a chartered bus to Gainesville, Florida, at \$10 per student. For this price the student received adequate food, lodging, and transportation. The bus accommodated 44 students and was a great success. Just the same the total cost of the trip was around \$800. So the SGA and Social Board lost about \$340. In these two organizations we feel as though it was a tremendous success and that everyone involved shares this feeling.

Now a trip to St. Louis is in the planning and by the time this article goes to press, all the plans will be definite. What we want to do is arrange a package plan from which, for a certain fee, the student acquires food, lodging, and transportation. The estimated price will be in the neighborhood of

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