

Principal's Column

Thanksgiving Should Be Day Of Thanks

As has been previously announced, we are getting two days off for Thanksgiving again this year. Time to consider the origin and meaning of this holiday can be profitably taken by all of us. The story of the hardships endured by the early settlers of America is common knowledge. When these people realized that they had been blessed with a bountiful harvest, they were thankful to their God for the abundance. They were not satisfied with ordinary thanksgiving, but set aside several days to be observed as a special time of giving thanks. The story is familiar how they feasted and gave thanks to God for His goodness toward them in the new world.

EARLY AMERICANS

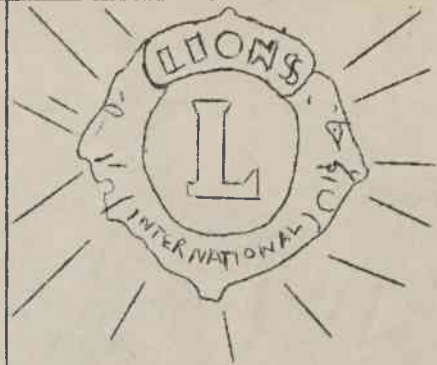
These early American settlers were sincere in their giving of thanks. Although they feasted and made merry, feasting and merrymaking were not the important things to them on this Thanksgiving occasion. Feasting and merrymaking have come down to us as an important part of the Thanksgiving spirit today. What we need to guard against is the possibility that the merrymaking and feasting may become more important in the observance than the reverent thankfulness which we are attempting to show. In recent years Thanksgiving Day has become a day of big hunting and fishing trips, of football games

drawing tremendous crowds, and of visits to relatives and friends who haven't been seen for many years. Can Thanksgiving Day be properly observed in connection with these practices? Obviously, yes, but it is more difficult than a quiet, reverent day with one's immediate family and friends.

SPENDING OF THANKSGIVING

How should our Thanksgiving Day be spent? Someone has said that there is no better way than to use it singing, praying, and giving. We can show our gratitude through song and prayer. What are things that you have this year for which to be thankful? Make a mental list of them, or better still, list them on a sheet of paper. The number will amaze you, I am sure, and will include, along with many others, some of the following: peace, freedom, love, friendship, the Church, home, school, health, Democracy, food, clothing, and shelter. Finally, we have an opportunity to give. We can give of our time, of our talents, and of our means. Each of us should find someone on Thanksgiving Day less fortunate than we and share our blessings with him. In so doing each would get a lasting good from the day.

Thanksgiving is as American as the land, the sea, and the sky. Let us keep this day set aside for giving thanks to God for His goodness to us as individuals and as a nation.



BAILEY LIONS CLUB

Lions, if you are absent from a meeting you cut our attendance percentage.

Welcome, Lion Burgess, we are glad you like our civic club.

We have been plotting against the rats of this community. Look out! We are on your trail.

When the day arrives we ask the complete cooperation of all citizens in and around Bailey that the damage done by rats may be eliminated.

Do we need more industries in Bailey?

Can we have them?

Now?

Just a suggestion: Do we want some industry to the extent that the people are willing to develop it at home or do we want some outside interest to come here and reap the returns?