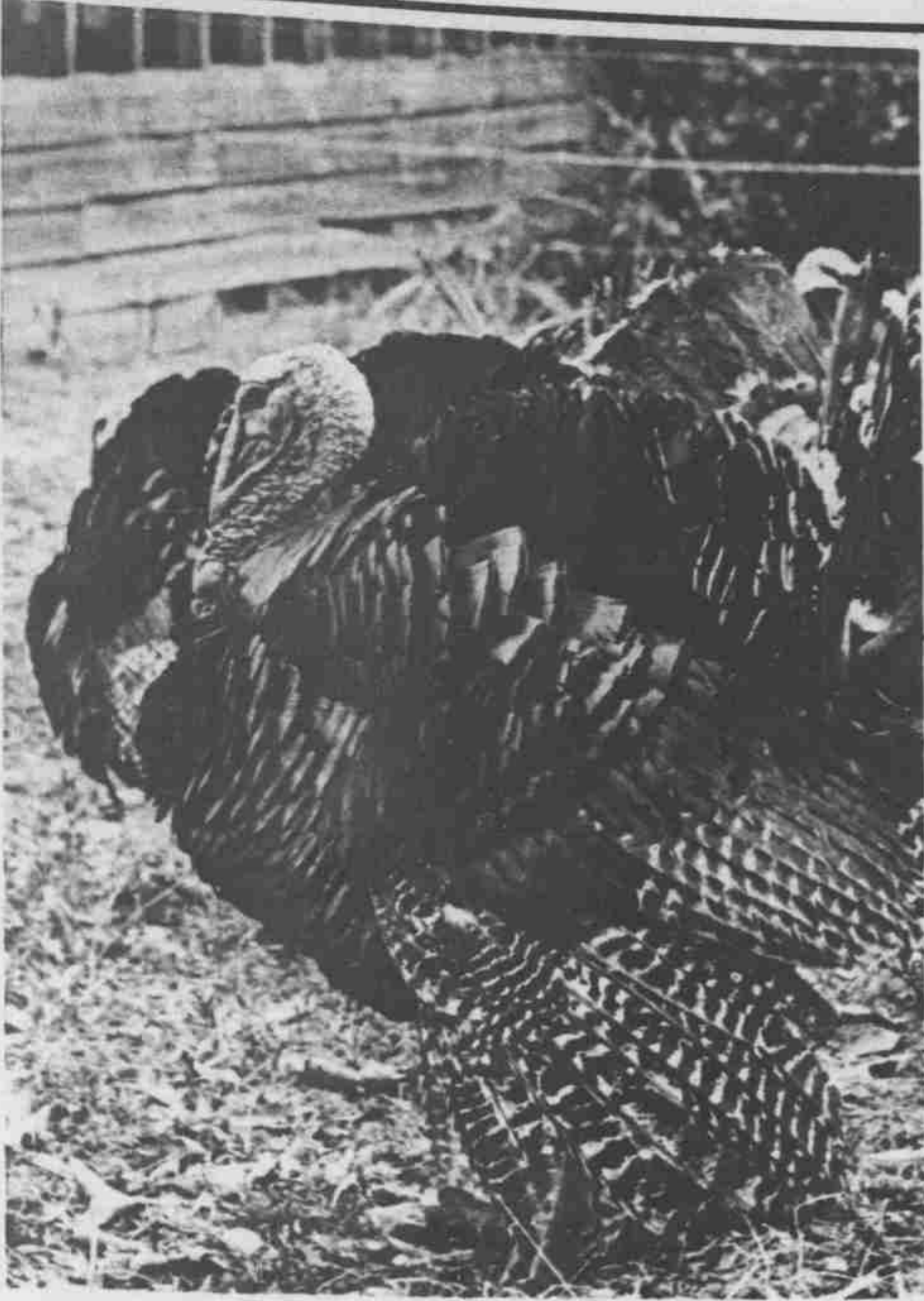


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Thanksgiving 102 Years Old This Year



TURKEY . . . OH, A GREAT BIG FELLA

Did you know that Thanksgiving didn't become a nation-wide observance until 1864? It's a fact! And this is just one of the many surprising facts about our traditional American holiday.

The first Thanksgiving was held in December of 1621, when Governor William Bradford of the Plymouth Colony appointed a day of celebration and sent four men out to shoot wild turkeys and other fowl.

The Pilgrims had come ashore from the Mayflower on Dec. 21, 1620. The winter that followed had been heart-breaking; half of the entire band had perished of disease, hunger and exposure. But the following March, two Algonquin speaking Indians, Samoset from the Pemaquid tribe and Squanto from the Wampanoag tribe, befriended the remaining group, gave them Indian corn seed—telling them to plant "when the oak leaves are as big as mouse ears," and to catch fish to fertilize the soil. Thus the seeds were sown for the first Thanksgiving harvest.

It was a warm and bright summer, and the crops grew and thrived. When autumn arrived, the three log warehouses were filled with provisions—the harvest of 20 acres of corn, and 6 acres of wheat, rye, barley and peas.

Governor Bradford thought it fitting to celebrate and give thanks for their good fortune and a formal invitation was issued to Massasoit, grand sachem of the Pokanoket Indians to join them in a feast of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving days following harvests later came to be celebrated throughout the New England Colonies but on different and varying days. George Washington proclaimed November 26, 1789, as the national Thanksgiving Day in honor of the new constitution; but the custom continued to vary widely among the states—kept alive only by

the proclamations of local governors.

It was a woman, Sarah Josepha Hale, however, who first suggested that Thanksgiving should be a national patriotic holiday. She was the editor of the popular woman's magazine called "Godfrey's Lady's Book," and for almost 20 years she campaigned through editorials and letters to the President, state governors and other influential persons.

Finally, Sarah Hale was able to win the support of President Abraham Lincoln. In the third year of the Civil War, he believed that the Union had been saved; he therefore proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26—naming the last Thursday in November as the day to be observed each year.

Today the occasion is still a time for giving thanks with reverent prayers, flower decorations and a turkey feast.

But while it is wild and domestic turkey that is traditional in the United States for Thanksgiving, in Japan a similar holiday of thanks is celebrated each year on November 23rd with visits to shrines and candy and pots

of hot ceremonial tea.

The colorfully-clad natives on the island of Sardinia, on the other hand, meet at the end of the harvest season in August to offer their thanks in the Festival of the Savior. At sundown a solemn

procession of people proceed to Church for prayer and to give thanks. Within a few days after the festival, the hunting season starts!

In Bavaria at the thanksgiving festivals, which take place each year at the end

of the harvest season, natives dress in traditional attire and perform folk dances which go back to the 13th and 14th centuries.

It doesn't matter if you choose to celebrate Thanksgiving in the typical Ameri-

can fashion with domestic and wild turkey, or with colorful folk dances, or with hot ceremonial tea—just as long as the spirit remains, making the holiday one of the year's most eagerly awaited and universally enjoyed.



Lenoir Hall Steak Room Breaks Meal Monotony

By DIANE COCHRANE Special to the DTH

Colored candles, background music and dim lights all contribute to the relaxing atmosphere which makes dining at Lenoir Hall's new Steak Room an enjoyable experience.

Corn stalks mark the entrance to the small cafeteria at the south end of the building which features a special steak dinner. The harvest theme is carried through the room with evergreen trees and pumpkins that line the walls.

The Steak Room is an innovation which University Food Service Director George Prillaman instituted with the students' best interests in mind. It was his desire to break the monotony of the students' routine by offering this attraction of leisurely dining at a moderate price.

A menu of grilled strip steak, baked potato, garlic bread, tossed salad and coffee or tea is featured for 99 cents from 5 to 7:15 p.m. daily.

Kenneth Krakow, assistant Director at Lenoir Hall, said the University Food Service is able to offer low prices to the students because purchasing is done by the State through bids. "The commodity is bought at the cheapest price for the specified quality," he said. Large volumes also help keep prices down. An estimated 5,000 persons

eat in the upstairs dining facilities of Lenoir Hall daily.

During the first week of its operation the Steak Room sold over 2,000 steaks. The management is very much pleased with the success of the new attraction and looks forward to its long continuation.

Students' enthusiastic response and favorable comments have prompted plans for additional University food services. A luncheon special began this week in the Steak Room which features soup and a sandwich or salad for 40 cents. Krakow also revealed plans to open another one of the small dining rooms in Lenoir Hall next week for a 50-cent special. One meat, vegetable, bread and beverage will be available.

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1:30-4:30
Place: Caldwell Hall, 201

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Its capital is Santiago
6. Business decline
11. Vexed
12. Swain
13. Dry
14. Double
15. Asiatic shrub
16. An annex
17. Type measure
18. Swirling
20. P. I. food unit
21. Single
22. Prickly envelopes of fruit
23. Pants
26. Minister's house
27. Vex
28. Sesame
29. Boring tool
30. Wields
34. Fish
35. Harbor
36. Devon river
37. Planters
39. Sultanate
40. Pitchers
41. Beaten along the Mohawk
42. A boa or racer
43. Grayish blue

DOWN
1. Packing box
2. Employed
3. Homer's epic poem
4. Guided
5. Man's nickname
6. Hurl
7. Not short
8. Pulpy fruit
9. Shooting stars
10. Postulate
14. Twining stem
16. Triumphs
19. Wall
20. Play on words
22. Hairless
23. Cooks lightly
24. Despicable; colloq.
25. A lubricant
26. Coin
28. Sailors
30. Miller or pacer
31. Nocturnal mammal
32. Tests: colloq. abbr.
33. Meaning
35. Become animated
38. Miami Indian
39. Beaver State: abbr.
41. Refugee: abbr.

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