The tour is sponsored by the Lower Cape Fear Historical So-

Its purpose is to provide funds for the restoration of the Zebulon Latimer House museum complex and the continuing projects of the

The Latimer House is the headquarters of the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society.

The price of a ticket is \$8 per adult or child.

## "Things That Matter"

by Lucian Coleman

## OUR ALL-AMERICAN

HOLIDAY

Psst! Hey, kids. You know that report on Thanksgiving your teach-er thought up to interfere with your television-watching? Relax. I'm gonna do it for you. The strangest Thanksgiving

back in 1978, when I was temporarily living in England.

The English had their own

version of Halloween. They call it Guy Fawkes Day, over there. But, as November came around,

I kept waiting for the usual turkeys and pilgrims and horns-of-plenty to appear in the local stores, and they never appeared.

Then the truth hit me. Thanksgiving, unlike Christmas, is strictly an American holiday, born and bred on American soil.

It all started back in 1621, when Governor Bradford and the folks in his Plymouth Colony thought they ought to do something to celebrate the fact that they were still alive.

Not having any McDonald's franchises or supermarkets in the neighborhood, they had nearly starved to death during their first winter on these shores.

But, by the grace of God, they had not only managed to eke out an existence; they had also been able to grow enough things in their gardens to see them through another winter.

So, in the autumn of 1621, Governor Bradford proclaimed a time of thanksgiving, the main feature of which was a three-day feast accompanied by fun things like shooting matches and, no doubt, catch-as-catch-can wrest-

ling.
To get ready for the feast, he sent out a hunting party of four men. They must have been good shots, because, in one day, they bagged enough pheasants and turkeys to feed everybody for a week.

Attracted by the smell of good food and the sounds of revelry. Massasoit, the head Indian king. brought 90 of his braves to the

Not wanting to eat up the food without doing something in return, they went out and killed five deer, which they gave to Bradford and his folks. So, a good supply of venison was added to the turkey and pumpkin pie on the table.

Thanksgiving wasn't yet a na-tional holiday. The Massachusetts Bay colony observed a thanksgiving on July 8, 1630, to celebrate the safe arrival of John Winthrop's ships. And, by 1660, thanksgiving celebrations at the time of the fall harvest had become an annual event in that colony.

By the end of the 18th century, such celebrations were traditional in New England.

The first hint of a national thanksgiving observance came on December 18, 1777, when the colonies joined the Continental Congress in a day of thanks for the defeat of British General Burgoyne.

Later, on October 3, 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation appointing November 26 as a day of general thanksgiving for the adoption of the new Constitution.

President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanks-giving on October 3, 1863. Years later, in 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt designated the fourth Thursday of each November as Thanksgiving Day; and, in 1941, Congress adopted a joint resolution which firmed up that date on the

national calendar. And that, young friends, is why you get to stay home, feast on turkey and pumpkin pie, and watch ball games on the fourth Thursday in November, while British kids have to go to school.



GIRL SCOUTS

South Fourth Street, one of Wilmington's most beautiful brick paved streets, will be featured on the ninth annual tour. Advance tickets and brochures are available by writing Old Wilmington by Candlelight; P.O. Box 813; Wil-

mington, N.C. 28402.
For information call 919/762-0492 or write the above address.

Advance purchase is advised and will be available at the Latimer House, 126 South Third Street. On the days of the tour, tickets

will be available at the Hart-Kenan Carriage House on Cottage Lane. Advance tickets will also be

available at: The Bookery in the Cotton Exchange, The Brass Lantern at Chandler's Wharf, Belk Berry Co. Customer Service of Independence Mall, Number 211 Antiques of 211 Princess Street, and Dee Gee's of 102 Orange Street.

The warmth and charm of historic Wilmington is experienced during the tour by the opening of the gracious homes and churches.

Refreshments are served, carolers stroll through the streets, music is presented, a Christmas shop bears gifts, and candles light your way. This is truly an experience in

Christmas Past.

An additional attraction, The Wassail Bowl, will precede the tour. It will be held at the Latimer House on December 10th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
These tickets will include a

wassail, champagne, entertainment, a gourmet's supper delight with suckling pig, and a ticket for

the tour.

The Wassail Bowl is a benefit to provide funds for the continuing preservation and interpretation of the Latimer House museum complex. Tickets are limited to 100 at the cost of \$50 per person.



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