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THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

With Thanksgiving only a week away the first account of the origin of Thanksgiving Day provides interesting subject matter, and is given herewith as set down in 1623 by William Bradford, Governor of Plymouth Plantation.

"Notwithstanding all their great pains & industrie, and ye great hops of large cropp, the Lord seemed to blast, and take away the same, and to threaten further & more sore famine unto them, by a great drought which continued from ye 3 weeke in May, till about ye middle of July, without any raine, and with great heat (for ye most parte), insomuch as ye corne begane to wither away, though it was set with fishe, the moisture whereof helped it much. Yet at length it begane to languish sore, and some of ye drier grounds were parched like withered hay, part whereof was never recovered. Upon which they set a parte a solemne day of humiliation, to seek ye Lord by humble & fervente prayer, in this great distress. And he was pleased to give them a gracious & speedy answer, both to their owne & the Indians admiration, that lived amongst them. For all ye morning and greatest part of the day, it was clear weather & very hotte, and not a cloud or any signe of raine to be seen, yet toward evening it began to overcast, and shortly after to raine, with such sweete and gentle showers, as gave them cause of rejoycing, & blessing God. It came, without either wind, or thunder, or any violence, and by degrees in yet abundance, as that ye earth was thorowly wete and soaked therewith. Which did so apparently revive & quicken ye decayed corne, & other fruits, as was wonderful to see, and made ye Indians astonished to behold; and afterwards the Lord sent them such seasonable showers, with interchange of faire warme weather, as, through his blessing, caused a fruitfull & liberrall harvest, to their no small comfort and rejoycing. For which mercie (in time convenient) they also sett aparte a day of thanksgiving."

The Family Doctor

By DR. JOHN JOSEPH GAINES

A FAMILY CHAT

In our more northern states, the wintry days add much to health risks because of incidental exposure to the harsh changes in temperatures. In my zone, it is not uncommon to have a day at this season uncomfortably hot at noon, by nightfall it is too cool to sit outdoors without wraps—and we must use at least two comforters on the bed if we sleep with proper ventilation.

These variations are not conducive to the best of health. One eats heavier meals in crisp, sharp weather—and repents under summer heat with in the same twenty-four hours, we perspire on the warm afternoons and chill with the sunset. It takes careful attention to get by the autumn-winter blending without contracting colds or digestive irregularities that may annoy all winter. It is the same when winter is breaking and spring sets in, these are known as the "transition seasons," and family physicians are kept busier watching their flocks.

A steady level of temperature is best for health. Even if it be zero outdoors. The heated season is well borne, if it be steady, no matter how uncomfortable. It is the sudden, unlooked-for change that catches us napping.

The best rule is to keep the surface of the body clean, dry and comfortably warm, winter or summer. Always a reasonable amount of bathing, and friction on the skin with coarse towel. Keep the surface glowing, breathe deeply of pure, dry air, keep the bowels normally in order—and give the doctor a vacation.

The creed of the House of David may be right, but we don't recall of ever seeing a picture of an angel with long whiskers. Fact of the matter is, every man gets to Heaven by a "close shave."—Exchange.

THE BOOK by BRUCE BARTON

"THE HOLY BIBLE" Here is a book, or more properly a collection of books, which is beyond comparison the world's best seller. New novels grip the public fancy for a few weeks or months and then disappear, but the Bible stands continuously at the top of the list.

American presses are turning out text-books and literature of every sort. And Bible, cords of Bibles, literally cords of them. Nearly every home has at least one copy. Millions of copies are given as birthday, graduation and Christmas gifts. It is a book that everybody buys and concerning which almost everybody is ready to engage in debate at the drop of a hat. Yet how many read it? How many know what it really contains?

It is worth knowing. Not all of it, of course. There are long chapters of genealogy which are no more edifying than pages of the telephone directory. But when you have passed over such passages and everything else that for popular reading is tiresome or useless, what have you left? These four great treasures:

1. A bird's-eye view of the development of civilization. The story begins with the origin of the earth and for the first eleven chapters it deals with the human race as a unit. Coming down to the time when races were grouped and nations arose, it traces the development of a particular people, the Hebrews—their beginnings as nomadic shepherds, their conquest and settlement of a home, and their emergence into national

life; their rise to splendor under Kings David and Solomon; their overthrow and captivity, and the reestablishment of their national cult or worship, though with very limited authority in the matter of government, a century later. The recital brings us finally into definite touch with the civilizations of Greece and Rome. Certainly no one can claim to know history who has not read and understood it.

2. Some of the greatest literature of all ages. Here, to mention only a few, are the greatest of all poems, one of the greatest dramas, one of the finest love-stories, and a collection of proverbs which in varying phraseology have entered into the common-sense philosophy of nearly every modern nation.

3. The best of all text-books in human nature. For in the Bible we have profound thought beautifully expressed; we have the nature of boys and girls, of men and women, more accurately charted than in the work of any modern novelist or playwright.

4. Finally, we have the story of the most successful life ever lived on this planet, a life that changed the course of human thought and that still is able, after more than nineteen hundred years, to transform individuals, communities and nations.

Surely it is worth while to know the high spots, at least, of a book that contains all this. Let us start at the beginning with the title page of the common version.

Next Week: Development of the Book

"The Voice of the People"

Contributions to this department are welcomed, and profit may be derived from short letters by the people on topics of general interest. The signed name is asked and 300 words are usually enough.

CONTRIBUTIONS SOUGHT FOR GRANDFATHER ORPHANAGE

Editor Democrat:

On Thanksgiving the people of Boone and vicinity will have an opportunity to contribute to the support of Grandfather Home at Banner Elk, N. C., which serves this territory. While due announcement will be made through the Presbyterian churches, your readers may be interested to know of the work done by Grandfather Home. It has eighty-five children, nearly all from Northeast Tennessee, and Northwest North Carolina. Holston Presbytery, which consists of this region, supports Grandfather Orphanage.

All church benevolences have declined steadily and sharply due to the depression. This has wrought particular hardship on orphanages, which naturally have had more calls than usual to relieve the destitute.

Lees-McRae College, which, with Grace Hospital, is associated with the Grandfather Home at Banner Elk, this winter has given up its share of gifts from the Presbytery to Grandfather Home. This was done, not because the college did not need the money, but because the Orphanage needs it more.

Although under the control of the Presbyterian Church, the Home takes children of all denominations or of none, from this territory, and is therefore entitled to the support of all good people. It has a record of good work at low cost. The last report of the orphanage section of the Duke Endowment, comparing the forty-six institutions aided, showed that Grandfather ranks thirtieth in cost, and thirteenth in the quality of its work. Or, in other words, the quality of work was far above the average and cost far below. The report shows that the cost included food, housing, education, clothing, health, recreation and religious life. This is an unusually low cost for such high quality of work and we rightly have a feeling of pride in this record.

The children here at Grandfather have many advantages—country life and work in the beautiful mountain section, the privilege of Grace Hospital, and Lees-McRae College, and above all, the feeling of a real home. Grandfather is conducted on the cottage plan with small groups of children gathered around a matron who cares for them with a mother's love.

It was this same mother's love that moved these devoted cottage mothers to stay at their posts in last spring's financial emergency, accepting only what salary might be available after all needs of the children had first been provided.

There is a fine old custom in this section of giving one day's income or wages at Thanksgiving to an orphanage of one's choice. To all the people of Boone and Watauga County who are not already aiding some worthy institution Grandfather Home extends an invitation to join its circle of friends.

Besides gifts of money, staple groceries are particularly needed at this time. These may be given through your Presbyterian minister, and later a central depot will be announced for gifts of food and clothing. We will announce later the dates of radio broadcasts from the Bristol and Char-

lotte Stations.

—EDGAR TUFTS, Supt. Banner Elk, N. C.

Tires Wear Less in Cold Weather, Survey Shows

Automobile tires applied in the fall or early winter average approximately 30 per cent longer wear than tires initiated into use during the spring or summer, according to Mr. A. E. Hodges, local Goodyear dealer.

This surprising statement is based upon information resulting from a study by technicians of the operation of tires on hundreds of buses in all parts of the United States.

"The reason for the increased mileage is quite obvious when some of a tire's peculiarities are known. Tires' greatest enemy is heat. In summer time the combination of hot weather and fast driving generate sufficient heat in a tire to greatly stimulate wear.

"In the fall and winter seasons, however, rain, snow and cold definitely add to the life of tires by keeping them cool. Then, too, average driving speeds are lower during the winter months and this contributes further to increased life of tires.

"The net result is that motorists who replace tires in the fall and winter have the advantage of safe, anti-

Reading Fun in Store for Boys

World adventure thrills are in store for readers of The American Boy—Youth's Companion, according to word just received from the editor of youth's favorite magazine. From the Arctic to the jungles of Haiti, and from the plateaus of Asia to the lion country of Africa, the editors have charted a course of excitement and fun in the 12 issues of 1934.

Several years ago, The American Boy introduced to its readers the popular, black-haired Jimmie Rhodes, Army aviator. Those who followed his adventures through Brooks and Kelly Field, and with the 94th Pursuit on cross-country hops, target practice and formation flying, will be delighted to learn that Jimmie Rhodes has returned to the magazine. The new series takes him to Haiti where a revolution is impending.

The American Boy—Youth's Companion, filled with the adventure every boy craves, with the information he needs, and the advice on hobbies and sports he is always seeking, is the ideal present for that son, cousin, nephew and chum. It's the kind of present that renews itself every month when the mailman lays a copy on the doorstep. Approved by teachers and educators, and endorsed by high school America, the magazine can solve your Christmas shopping difficulties.

The subscription price is \$2.00 for one year. Until January 1, you may take out a three-year subscription for \$3.00, a saving of \$3.00 over the one-year rate for three years. After January 1, this three-year rate will be withdrawn. Mail your orders direct to THE AMERICAN BOY—YOUTH'S COMPANION, 7430 Second Blvd., Detroit, Mich. Service on your subscription will start with the issue you specify.

He's Got His New Skates

By Albert T. Reid



skid traction when driving conditions are most hazardous and have tires practically as good as new for the summer months.

"In addition to the benefit of an increase of approximately 30 per cent in mileage, motorists who purchase new tires this fall and winter may make a substantial saving in actual cost, as increased prices next spring are a strong possibility. In fact, price trends indicate that tires will be much higher next year.

"There are so many arguments in favor of replacing worn tires during the fall and winter that there actually is no logical advantage in attempting to make old, smooth tires last another season," Mr. Hodges said.

Few Cases Tuesday In Recorder's Court

Judge G. M. Suddreth had a light day in recorder's court Tuesday, only three cases being offered for trial, as follows:

Mary Hardin, prostitution, not guilty. Jackson Donvant, assault, guilty. Assessed with cost.

A civil case brought by Free Serv-

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by L. L. Moss and wife, Lottie Moss, on the 13th day of July, 1925, to the undersigned mortgagees, and default having been made in the purchase price secured by said mortgage, it being recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Watauga County in Book 9, at page 20, we will, on Monday, December 18th, 1933, at one o'clock p. m., at the courthouse door in Boone, N. C., sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lying and being in Watauga County, and being Lot No. 2 of the Abernethy and Bolick property at Blowing Rock, on the Linville road, plat of same being on record in the office of the Register of Deeds in Watauga County.

This the 17th day of November, 1933.

J. F. ABERNATHY and D. E. BOLICK, Mortgagees Trivette & Holshouser, Attorneys. 11-23-34

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed made by Clyde Brown to R. C. Little, Suma Hardin and Mrs. McD. Little, and default having been made in the payment of the purchase price thereby secured, it being recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Watauga County in Book Z at page 415, I will on Monday, December 18th, 1933, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property at the Court House door in Boone, Watauga County, North Carolina, at 11:00 a. m., to-wit:

BEGINNING on a lynn on a ridge (old corner) and runs south 35 east 48 poles to a chestnut oak; thence S. 53 E. 48 poles to a sugar tree; thence N. 79 1/2 E. 36 poles to a chestnut at Grassy Knob road; thence N. 84 with said road 12 poles to a chestnut, corner of R. C. Little and Rufus Brown; thence N. 19 W. 93 1/2 poles to a maple at the branch; thence N. 85 W. 43 poles to a stake at the old house place; thence S. 50 W. 44 poles to the beginning, containing 42 acres and 16 poles more or less.

This 22nd day of November, 1933. R. B. HARDIN and W. D. FARTHING, Administrators of the Estate of 11-23-4 Suma Hardin, Deceased.

ice Tite Company against the W. R. Chevrolet Company was dismissed. About forty dollars was involved.

Children's special trains have been inaugurated by a British railway.

County prizes of 300 and 200 lbs. of nitrate of soda is offered corn club members of North Carolina for high acre yields of corn in 1933 by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau.

TURKEYS for Thanksgiving SMITHEY'S IS HEADQUARTERS FOR ALL KINDS OF POULTRY AND PRODUCE. SEE US FOR MARKETING CHICKS, TURKEYS, CORN, POTATOES, HAMS, EGGS, BUTTER AND WILDCATS!! 45-LB. KITS LARD, ONLY 3.00 BANANAS, GOLDEN RIPE, LB 5c ORANGES, SWEET, DOZEN 10c ARBUCKLE COFFEE, 2 LBS. 25c CORN MEAL, HALF BUSHEL 45c BUGUMAN LYE, CAN 10c QUEEN OF WEST HIGH GRADE FLOUR In purchasing your fall and winter flour, remember QUEEN OF THE WEST! It is higher in quality and much cheaper in price!! OUR DRY GOODS TRUCKS ARE RUNNING EVERY DAY... bringing loads of the newest and latest styles with prices unequalled in this entire section. We will be glad to show you these wonderful bargains. SMITHEYS "THE GREAT BARGAIN GIVERS"