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Thanksgiving, 1959

This year Thanksgiving—a national religious festival—is ninety-six years old. It began in 1863 and credit for beginning the observance is usually given to Mrs. Sarah J. Hale.

Less than one month separates Thanksgiving this year from Christmas, which means that these two national religious observances are only twenty-eight days apart. However, Thanksgiving—unlike Christmas—is not so highly commercialized.

Thanksgiving was originally regarded with almost the same reverence as was shown for Sunday. It was customary for families to attend religious services and afterwards to gather around the table and a bounteous dinner, including turkey and pumpkin pie.

In some instances churches were decorated with farm products in order that the members of the congregation might see what they had to be thankful for.

The first Thanksgiving proclamation, issued by any President, came in 1789, when George Washington ordered a day of Thanksgiving for the adoption of the Constitution. President Madison also set a day to give thanks for the peace during 1815, but it was not until the time of Abraham Lincoln in 1863, that we had a national Thanksgiving proclamation, setting apart the last Thursday in November as a day to be observed.

Our Thanksgiving Day in the United States, then, is relatively young, but is has taken hold more firmly than any other Thanksgiving Day in any other country, and has spread to the various corners of the world.

It is one of our most-enjoyed holidays, a colorful observance and an inspiration. To many Americans it signifies the coming end of the year, the completion of most of the harvesting of the year, the end of the football season and the beginning of several hunting seasons.

'Mail Early' Drive Launched

Postmaster M. J. Sexton announced his annual "Mail Early for Christmas" campaign today and outlined his plans for insuring delivery of all Christmas gifts and cards by Christmas Eve.

"We've found from past experience," the postmaster said, "that the two biggest factors in successfully handling the Christmas mail rush are first, to get our post office facilities into high gear from every standpoint, and second, and most important, to have the full cooperation of the mailing public."

He then offered some helpful suggestions by stating, "It's not too soon to start checking your Christmas gift and card lists very carefully—making sure that each address includes full name, street and number, city, zone and state." He also said, "Early Christmas shoppers should stock up now on heavy wrapping paper, sturdy corrugated cartons, strong cord, and paper adhesive tape, to insure se-

cure packing and wrapping of their Christmas gifts. Buy stamps for your Christmas cards now, before the rush, and thus avoid those last minute Christmas headaches."

Be sure to use only first class four cent, or seven cent air mail postage on your Christmas cards. This enables you to include handwritten messages on the cards and, also, cards sent by first class mail are subject to forwarding or return service, if necessary, whereas cards that are mailed at the three cent, third class rate, may include only your signature and will not be forwarded or returned.

The postmaster emphasized the importance of planning your Christmas mailing so that those Christmas cards and gifts for most distant points are mailed first. Special effort should be made to get all of your out-of-town packages and cards into the post office before December 10. Those for nearby points will arrive before Christmas Eve if they are mailed by December 15.

Court News

7733. George Montague, possession of non-tax paid liquor for the purpose of sale, 4 months on roads suspended on payment of \$75 fine and costs.

7826. Aubrey Lee Wilkerson, careless and reckless driving, three months on roads suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs.

7803. Earl Dixon Baker, speeding 85 mph in 55 mph zone, improper muffler, speeding 74 mph in 55 mph zone, 60 days on roads suspended on payment of \$60 fine and costs and not operate car in 30 days.

7799. William Weldon Adams, found not guilty of financial responsibility, 90 days on roads suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs for possession of non-tax paid liquor for the purpose of sale.

7804. William Weldon Adams, driving on wrong side of road, improper brakes, 60 days on roads suspended on payment of \$35 fine and costs.

7819. Larry Wallace Fitchette, improper muffler, \$10 fine and costs.

7800. Charles O'Neal, possession of non-tax paid liquor for the purpose of sale, \$50 fine and costs.

7772. Arthur Smith, Jr., no operator's license, \$25 fine and costs.

7732. Howard Glenn Doyle, speeding 75 mph in 55 mph zone, \$35 fine and costs.

7823. Bobby Leonard Cannady, careless and reckless driving, \$25 fine and costs.

7822. Delbert Lewis Carlyle, speeding 65 mph in 55 mph zone, \$25 fine and costs.

7820. James D. Gilbert, improper muffler, \$10 fine and costs.

7825. Floyd Thomas Eaton, speeding 55 mph in 45 mph zone, 30 days on roads suspended on payment of \$25 fine and costs.

7818. Horace Jones, failing to stop at stop sign, \$10 fine and costs.

7815. James Russell Carroll, improper muffler, \$10 fine and costs.

7814. Patrick M. Stallings, improper muffler, \$10 fine and costs.

7795. Billy Irvin Martin, improper muffler, \$10 fine and costs.

7726. James Foster Ferrell, careless and reckless driving, \$25 fine and costs.

7727. James Foster Ferrell, failing to report an accident, \$20 fine and costs.

7425. Jerome O. Williams, bad check, \$10 fine and costs.

7782. James Sidney Jenkins, improper hand brakes and turn sig-

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Radio Station WETC Offers Opportunities To High Schoolers

Corinth Seniors Publish Paper

The students of Corinth-Holders High School are in the process of publishing the second edition of the school paper, the Co-Ho-Pa. The staff is made up of members of the student body. The paper is entirely free from advertisements, being composed of current events in the school and the community. Mrs. Gilbertine Garner, the English teacher, sponsors the Co-Ho-Pa, and the staff is under her able guidance.

Members of the staff are as follows: Editor, Marie Hatcher; Assistant Editor Ronald Barham; Business Manager, James Hinton; Assistant Business Manager, Steven Driver; Religious Editor, Carolyn Weathers; High School News Editor, Joyce Barham; Grammar Grade News Editor, Shirley Price; Art Editor, Clara Creech; Assistant Art Editor, Carolyn Barnes; Literary Editors, Gail Renfrow, Josephine Hocutt; Boys' Sports Editor, Norwood Boyette; Girls' Sports Editor, Jane Painter; Gossip Editor, Hedy Creech; Humor Editor, Bob Moore; Circulation Manager, Elmerine Richardson; Assistant Circulation Manager, Pat Narron; Exchange Editor, Carolyn Sanderford; Proofreaders, Mrs. Gilbertine Garner, Mrs. Geraldine Carroll; Typists, Elmerine Richardson, Janet Faucette, Marie Hatcher.

The staff expects to have the second issue of the Co-Ho-Pa out by Thanksgiving. There is no charge for the paper; the oldest child of each family that attends school gets a free copy. The purpose of the Co-Ho-Pa is to keep the parents informed of school events and to promote good will between the school and the home.

In order to provide a service to all high school students in this area who are considering possible careers in radio and television broadcasting, Radio Station WETC, Wendell-Zebulon, is sponsoring a Radio Club to be composed of qualified persons with genuine interest in this field, Bob Stephenson, manager of WETC, has announced.

Stephenson said club members will have an opportunity to work with experienced broadcast personnel under "on the air" conditions and to learn many of the phases of broadcasting while at the same time enjoying many of the social and educational benefits which result.

There will be no charge to any student participating for any phase of the Radio Club's training or practical exercises. There is no obligation for the interest. There will be opportunity for part time, and under certain circumstances full time employment. Under no conditions will the club's activities interfere with any school activities.

If you are a high school student, of high moral character, capable of average or above average scholastic achievement, and interested in the fascinating, challenging and profitable field of radio and television broadcasting, call or contact Radio Station WETC, telephone AN 9-9325, before November 25.

Union Service

By W. Arnold Smith

The Zebulon Baptist and Methodist Churches join together again this year for Thanksgiving observance. The pastors of the two churches, the Rev. W. Arnold Smith and the Rev. William K. Quick, will bring short meditations on "A Thanksgiving of Christmas" and the congregation will be called upon to voice their thankfulness. The music will be presented by a combined choir of thirty voices under the direction of the ministers of music of the two churches, Miss Julia Lee Ribet and Mrs. Robert Daniel Massey. God, the good provider, blesses so bountifully all our lives and we gather together to give thanks unto Him. The service will be held at the Zebulon Baptist Church Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited.

Plans Underway For Christmas Pageant

Plans are underway for the Community Christmas Pageant to be held this year at the Wendell Christian Church on Sunday night, December 13, at 7:30.

Participating in this annual program are the local Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian churches. The Rev. Roy McCormick, pastor of the Wendell Presbyterian Church, is chairman of the planning committee.

A representative from each church met Thursday afternoon of last week to set up committees for the program. Those present were the Rev. H. L. Rogers, pastor of the Wendell Methodist Church; Mrs. Brooks Coley, Mrs. D. W. Thomas of the Christian Church; and the Rev. Mr. McCormick.

Scouters Live Interesting Lives

Distinguished service awards were presented to three outstanding adult scout leaders Tuesday, November 10, at the Saponi District Annual meeting held in the National Guard Armory.

Mrs. Thomas, wife of Dr. B. D. Thomas, was recognized for her work as an outstanding Den Mother. She started out in scout work in 1957 as an assistant Den Mother of Pack 540, Den 3, and eventually became head of the group.

She reported that she likes working with scouts very much, and looks forward to the meetings held every Monday afternoon.

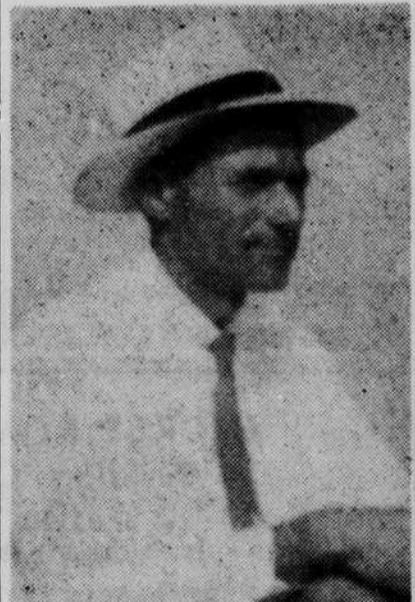
Mrs. Thomas is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Davis. She was born in Seaboard—she wouldn't say when—and graduated from the local high school. After high school she enrolled in East Carolina College (then ECTC) and was graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education.

Her first teaching position was in Woodland, where she spent two years. After Woodland she came to Wakelon where she taught fourth grade for three years. She has not taught since her marriage to the doctor.

In college she was selected to appear in Who's Who in American

Universities and Colleges," of which she is very proud.

Her pleasant, sunny personality makes and keeps many friends for her. She is active in Zebulon Baptist Church, of which she is a member. She heads the Sunbeams, and has formerly taught in the church's Junior Department. At one time she sang in the soprano section of the choir.



Wray Brewer

Mrs. Thomas loves to read, which she considers her hobby. Biographies and current periodicals appeal to her reading appetite most.

She is the mother of three children, Ben David, Jr., 10; Neil, 7; and Michele, 5.

The outstanding Cub Master award was given to another Zebulonian, now a resident of Franklin County.



Hubert Watson

Hubert Watson, Franklinton scout leader, received the outstanding Cub Master award for his distinguished service in scouting. He was born in Eagle Rock January 17, 1920, but for many years lived in Zebulon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Watson.

He began working with the scouts when his eldest son joined a scout troop, and he has been actively participating in scout work since.

Watson was graduated from Wakelon High School, and went into military service almost immediately after graduation. He served seven years in the Army, and now holds a position with National Guard at Butler as a civilian employee.

Most of his war time service was spent in Panama where he was in charge of the supply base. He was then attached to the Air Force.

He graduated at the head of his class in radar school at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and was offered an instructor's position with the Army but declined it.

Watson is married to the former Lois Craig of Joplin, Mo. He is the father of four children, all boys: Jimmy, 10; Jack, 8; Rickie, 5; and Fred, 3.

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