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Who Started Thanksgiving?

Nearly everybody celebrates Thanksgiving Day with gorgeous feasting and without giving due thought to the significance of the day and perhaps without even feeling real thankful for the many things with which we are blessed.

This Thanksgiving season started many many years ago and it is doubtful if the real origin of its observance is really known.

However, America's Farming says: Governor Bradford, who ruled the Massachusetts colony back in the days when Miles Standish was their most dashing military captain—and their slowest wooer—is credited with originating our now national institution of Thanksgiving. After a winter of privation and sorrow, the Pilgrims had been blessed with a bountiful harvest, so in the fall of 1621 Governor Bradford decreed there should be a season of feasting and thanksgiving. Several generations later this fall festival became national in its observance.

However, the custom of celebrating the success of the harvest threads back through early history into ancient times. When England was peopled by the Saxons, Harvest Home was an annual festival; the Romans paid homage to Ceres, the goddess of corn and harvest; the Greeks of an earlier age celebrated a feast called Thesmophoria, offering thanks to Demeter for the bounty of the harvests.

"The Hebrew's Feast of the Tabernacles is of still earlier origin. It was instituted by Moses with one of the oldest thanksgiving proclamations of which we have any record.

"Thou shalt celebrate also the solemnity of the tabernacles, when thou hast gathered in the fruits of the barn floor and of the wine press," commanded Moses. "And thou shalt make merry in thy festival time. . . Seven days shalt thou celebrate feasts to the Lord thy God in the place where the Lord shall choose; and the Lord thy God will bless thee in all thy fruits and in every work of thy hand, and thou shalt be in joy.

"In both the commanding of general thanksgiving for the bounty of the harvest and in declaring a feast of several days the executive order of Moses antedated that of Governor Bradford by more than 3100 years. And who knows but what Moses got his idea from some earlier potentate.

"Regardless of its origin, colonial or ancient, the fall festival of thanksgiving for the bounty of the harvest is one of the most beautiful that has come down to us through tradition and history.

"Instead of a week, we now celebrate but one day—we couldn't stand more. However, we still cling to two features of Thanksgiving as instituted by good old Governor Bradford—roast turkey and lively music. Our celebrations are "pepped" up with jazz; his was jazzed up with indian war chants and dances."

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The millionaire who dresses as well as his clerk is more or less eccentric.

A fortune awaits the inventor of a lifeboat that will float on a sea of trouble.

Said an Irish physician of a patient, "If he lives till morning he may pull through; but if he doesn't, there is no hope for him."

A dentist says that a woman looses her teeth sooner than a man. Probably she wears them out with her tongue.

32 Years Ago
—IN—
Washington County

Items gathered from issue of **The Roanoke Beacon** published Friday, November 22, 1895

Mr. George Rives, of Philadelphia, was here this week.

Mr. Jas. I. Bateman, of Creswell, was in our town this week.

Mr. H. L. Freeman lectured in Bount's Hall at Roper recently.

Messrs. T. J. Lewis and Paul W. Brinkley have entered business as merchandise brokers.

Miss Vonnie Leggett left Sunday for Parmele to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. A. Barden has been visiting relatives and friends in Greenville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hornthia returned Wednesday from a visit to friends and relatives in Norfolk.

Miss Mattie Bennett who has been here for some time as the guest of her sister, Miss Myrtle, left Sunday morning for home in Williamston.

Cards are announcing the marriage of Rev. William Calhoun Merritt to Miss Mary L. Woodley in the M. E. Church at Roper on Thursday evening, December 5.

Misses Vickie Everett and Maggie Whitfield, who had been visiting their cousin, Mr. W. T. Spruill, at Roper, passed through our town on Wednesday enroute for their home in Robersonville.

On Wednesday evening a party of invited friends assembled at the hospitable home of Mr. W. T. Spruill, near Roper, the occasion being a dance given by Mr. Spruill in honor of Misses Maggie Whitfield and Vickie Everett, of Robersonville, two of the most bewitching young ladies of that section.

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