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THANKSGIVING — 1951

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 at 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. While religious services are still held in the churches, Thanksgiving today has also become a day for sports.

The first New England Thanksgiving Day was in the autumn of 1621. The Indians and the colonists feasted together on turkey and deer.

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 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.

Mrs. Sarah J. Hale probably deserves as much credit as any other single person for establishing Thanksgiving Day as a national religious festival, celebrated on the same day throughout the country.

As editor of the Ladies Magazine in Boston, she began her crusade in 1827. The Ladies Magazine was consolidated with Godey's Lady's Book. As editor of Godey's, which had a circulation of 150,000—the largest of any periodical of its kind in the country—she wrote editorial after editorial was the subject. Her last editorial was printed in September 1863; President Lincoln's proclamation came less than a month later.

In some of the cities of this nation, the children celebrate Thanksgiving Day by dressing in the clothes of their parents, covering their faces with masks and parading the streets, blowing tin horns and ringing bells. Some of them ask for contributions of fruit, vegetables, candy or money to help celebrate the day. This custom is probably a survival of the old Scotch Wassail custom of New Year's Day, which has been transferred to Thanksgiving. The poor in Scotland on New Year's Day go down the streets with a bowl, asking for contributions to help them fill it, so they might drink good health to one another.

In the Nineteenth Century, it was often customary for clergymen to preach political sermons on Thanksgiving Day. President Thomas Jefferson was not very popular with the preachers in Massachusetts but the Governor of that state was a supporter of his. Since it was the custom to read the Governor's proclamation before beginning the political sermon on Thanksgiving Day, Governor Elbridge Gerry, of Massachusetts, issued a proclamation that took about two hours to read. By the time the preachers had read the long proclamation, most of the congregation had gone home to their dinners and, consequently, the political speeches against Jefferson were wasted on empty pews.

In 1939, 1940 and 1941, the observance of Thanksgiving Day was

divided. But, on December 26, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt approved a joint resolution, establishing the fourth Thursday in November of each year to be known as Thanksgiving Day. Actually, however, there are no national holidays in the United States. Each state has jurisdiction over the holidays it will observe. The fourth Thursday in November is celebrated as Thanksgiving Day in all forty-eight states, the District of Columbia, the Canal Zone, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Today, we have a great deal more to be thankful for than the New England colonists had in 1621. We have more for which to be thankful now than we had when the first national Thanksgiving proclamation was issued in 1863, when this country was engaged in the most devastating war in its history.

It seems quite proper that the people of America should reverently and gratefully acknowledge as with one heart the blessings of happiness, strength and wealth that we, as a nation, have enjoyed. Certainly, we should commend to the loving care of the Almighty, those who have become widows, orphans and sufferers as a result of Communist aggression in Korea.

TV AND POLITICS

Only five years after the commercial beginning of television, one out of three American families now owns a television set. This record has been achieved despite a government freeze on new station permits since October, 1948.

Radio did not grow as fast as television has. As a matter of fact, it took seven years before one family out of every three had a radio set.

Recently, Rudy Halley demonstrated that TV can be a politico's best friend. Less than a year ago, the public had never heard of Halley. Yet today, at only thirty-eight, he has whipped everything in organized politics for the second most important job in New York City, President of the City Council. Halley was special assistant to Senator Estes Kefauver and conducted much of the cross-examination of the crooks who appeared before the Crime Commission last year.

With a TV set in every third house, television should not be underestimated as a political weapon. Candidates will have to have TV personalities.

ONE WAY TO DO IT

While official statistics prove otherwise, men have always taken a great deal of delight in referring to the bad driving habits of womenfolk, as a whole.

One man in North Dakota, we read, in planning his new home, decided to include a two-car garage. In order to assure the safe ingress and egress of his wife's car, over the door of one garage will be painted, in large letters, "His" and over the door of the other—"Hers."

NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to express thanks to all who made visits and telephone calls, and sent gifts, flowers and cards to me during my recent illness. —Mrs. C. H. Mzingo

WISE AND OTHERWISE

It takes hard work to make easy living.—Hubbard (Ore.) Enterprise.

A minority party is one that thinks up ideas that the other one can steal to keep itself in power.—Austin American.

A pickpocket is a man who generally lives alone but occasionally goes out in a crowd for a change.—Golden Gate, U. S. Naval Air Station, Oakland, Calif.

Glasses have an amazing effect on vision—especially after they have been filled and emptied several times.—The Zephyr, U. S. Naval Station, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Homes cooking in New York would be speeded up 50 years by the use of zippers on canned goods.—New York Evening Post.

America is building bigger and faster cars and is also constructing new and more modern hospitals.—Davenport (Iowa) Democrat.

Our politicians are perfectly familiar with all the questions of the day. The difficulty is that they don't know the answers.—Dublin Opinion.

If you can remember the time when a man's importance was judged by the size of his key ring you're older than you'll want to admit.—Dothan (Ala.) Eagle.

Tampa University professor says Pasadena, Calif., is the best American city and Los Angeles is the best metropolitan community. We'll bet his students at Tampa will miss him, too.—The Arkansas Gazette.

Congressmen again, debate universal military training after a commission urges it start at once. The idea of sending all 18-year-olds off to an army camp is gaining ground with parents who realize the educational value of having the TV set all to themselves.—Fletcher Knebel in the Minneapolis Star.

Hard work may not kill anybody, but, occasionally, it sure wears one down.

Never bother about trying to appear smart; put your energy into being smart.

Culture, when you boil it down, is the art of being unselfish some of your time.

Any wife can make a man of her husband if he will only listen to what she says.

Just because a man is a good sport doesn't necessarily mean that he is a good man.

The more an individual is certain he knows, the less you may be sure he really knows.

The farmers are being called upon to grow big crops again this year for the world to use but nobody has a plan to prevent the big crops from making prices tumble.

Most of the problems of the nation would be solved overnight if the more fortunate were really interested in the welfare and improvement of the less fortunate.

With money plentiful, it is a good time to advise people not to buy too rapidly or pay too much; it is much easier to assume a debt than it is to pay it off.

ATTEND CAROLINA NOTES DAME GAME

Among the many Farmville folks who attended the Carolina-Notre Dame game in Chapel Hill, Saturday, were Mr. and Mrs. R. D. House, Sr., with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Edwards of Hookerton, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hollins and week end guest, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Drake of Boykin, Va., Bill Monk, Harold and R. D. House, Jr., Charles Quinicy, Robert Teal, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Byers, Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, Miss Faye Mowborn, Jack Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Ewell, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Monk, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lewis, Dr. and Mrs. John Mowborn, Lath Morris, W. R. Burke, Billy Burke, Jim Hockaday, Georgia Tall Hockaday, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Darden, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll D. Orlaby, Mr. and Mrs. Allen M. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. David Harris of Wilson, W. S. Royster, Henry Johnson and Robert Lee Smith.

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FOUNTAIN NEWS

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