

THANKSGIVING DAY 1966

An Editorial

"Dear the people coming home.
Dear glad faces long away,
Dear the merry cries, and dear —
All the glad and happy play
Dear the thanks, too, that we give
For all of this, Thanksgiving Day."

This simple verse was written many years ago by Harriet Prescott Spofford.

It tells of the traditional Thanksgiving — the Thanksgiving our fore-fathers knew, and that Currier and Ives immortalized in engravings.

When the Pilgrims of Plymouth proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving after the crops were safely gathered, and invited their friends, the Indians, they adopted a tradition that went back thousands of years to the time of the ancient dwellers by the Egyptian Nile. Here the people gave thanks to the various Deities for their food at harvest time. With their elaborate rites, they hoped to win the favor of the Gods and avert famine in the hard months ahead when the Nile River might overflow.

Like ancient farmers, the Pilgrims, too, had sensed in the changing seasons, in the cycle of seed-to-plant-to-seed, the miracle of death and resurrection. Their wonder turned into a day for giving thanks.

Families nestled at the hearth for a day of festivities. It was, of course, a day of rest and feasting — rest from all of the strenuous chores that had to be done manually in addition to watching out for their own safety at the same time.

To them — it — was more, much more — a day of prayer in which gratitude was offered for the good things of the past, and hope was held out for the future. A day of "Thanks — of acknowledging the existence of a higher power than man, and of faith in the workings of a divine being.

How swiftly the years and seasons pass! That may be the tritest of truisms, but it is one that frequently enters the minds of all of us. And, probably it is felt with the greatest weight each fall and winter, as the holiday season approaches.

Now another Thanksgiving is almost here. This, with the 4th of July, is the most thoroughly American of all our holidays. It celebrates the very beginning of this nation. And, when properly observed, it honors the courage, skills and dedication of long-gone men and women who faced and conquered dangers and difficulties of an unbelievable scope.

This is a year of plenty. Most dinner tables in this country will be piled high with the traditional Thanksgiving feast. There will be, inevitably, an emphasis on the material aspects of the day. Thanks will be offered up for the abundance that is known so generally throughout the land.

Thanks from the head or lips may be polite but it is the heartfelt thanks that rings true and warms the heart that receives it.

Moreover, gratitude is the test of character. Shakespeare tells us that the winter wind is not so unkind as man's ingratitude. The wind may chill the body, but ingratitude chills the soul.

Perhaps this Thanksgiving Day, great numbers of us will observe it in the spirit of our forefathers. If so it will truly be a day of thanks for the blessings of the past, broken with troubles as they may have been — a day in which we will find new courage to meet whatever is to come.

Then, above all, it will be a day in which we realize deeply another thing our fore-fathers knew — that under God, each individual human being owes an everlasting debt of duty and responsibility to his family and his neighbors, and that no institution — and no government agency — can discharge it from him.



50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 24, 1916

J. H. Backus, Publisher
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Geary of Voorhees Hill are moving to Elm Valley where they expect to make their home.

Mrs. Lottie Hann has returned from a week's visit in Rochester and vicinity in company with the Staff of Grand Lodge Officers of Rebekah State Assembly.

Mrs. John Lever has returned home after several weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graves of Ashville, N. Y.

Frank Densmore received painful burns about the face and hands when gas in a well ignited Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Warfield left Andover Saturday for their new home in West Line, Pa.

Mrs. E. G. Probasco is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Addie Coleman and other Andover relatives.

Miss Florence Baker left today for a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. William Perkins of Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Forness and children left Tuesday for a week's visit with relatives in Salamanca and Angelica.

Mrs. L. C. Sterner left Wednesday for Avoca and Wayland where she will spend the Thanksgiving vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Clarke, Carl Clarke and Miss Alice Clark went to Little Genesee, Pa., Monday to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Emily Wells.

O. E. Vars returned Friday from a ten day business trip to Boston and Providence, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kenney and Mrs. D. M. Driscoll of Wellsville have been visiting Mr and Mrs. O. E. Vars this week.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 12, 1926

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
D. K. Porter returned to Buffalo Monday after passing the week with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Richardson.

Mrs. H. G. Storer and babe are passing the week guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lind at Kane, Pa.

Mrs. Emily Cole was in DuBois, Pa., last week to attend the funeral of Hiram L. Corwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Whitford of Watonsontown, Pa., were guests of her mother Mrs. Maud Clarke of Independence Friday.

Miss Luella Grantier of Wellsville was a week-end guest of Mrs. Charles Clarke of Independence.

Miss Doris Baker of Independence attended the Teachers' Conference at Rochester, Thursday and Friday.

District Deputy Grand Master A. D. Fuller, R. D. Mingus and W. S. Calhoun were guests of Maple Grove Lodge F. & A. M. at Short Track, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ellen Casey was called to Oil City, Pa., Thursday by the illness of her sister.

Mrs. Ella M. Stearns of Port Allegany, Pa., was visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Porter and Mrs. A. C. Frisbey were Buffalo visitors several days last week. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Graves of Perryburg.

Mr. and Mrs. William White and son, Billy and Miss Elizabeth Pardon of Buffalo were week-end guests at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Barrett.

Mrs. Frank and John Walsh of New Richmond, Wis., and Owen Walsh of St. Paul, Minn., are spending some time visiting at the home of Richard McAndrew and other relatives in the area.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 13, 1936

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
Lawrence Hann, Clare Jackson, Wilmer Cronk and Robert Jackson enjoyed a hunting excursion to Trumansburg Saturday, returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Clarke left Saturday by train for their winter

GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

Robert Hoagland, Principal of Greenwood Central School, has announced that the school has been given a gift of land from the estate of Silas Kellogg. The land is the forested hillside from the properties of George Williamson to the old Tyler farm and from Bennetts Creek east to the top of the hill. The area will be known as the Silas Kellogg Park and will be owned and administered by the Greenwood Central School. The deeds and title to the property of about ten acres were presented to the Board of Education at the November 14 meeting. The school has an active vocational agriculture department and this will provide typical wood lot area for the study of conservation forest improvement practices. It can be used for nature study and field trips for the Elementary and Science departments. It is anticipated that the area will be developed with suitable trails for hiking, nature study and related activities. The Boy Scout Troop #2 has developed part of the area for camping, building a swinging bridge over the creek, and they will be encouraged to continue to use this park area. This was the dream of Mrs. Louise Kellogg Cobb, who wished to preserve the trees as a beautiful entrance to Greenwood on Route 17.

Robert Fields of Corning and a member of Painted Post Masonic Lodge No. 38, made his Official Visit as District Deputy to Greenwood Sentinel Lodge No. 151 at the regular meeting in the Lodge Rooms Wednesday night. Master Stanley Cole presided at the meeting. There was a good attendance with about 20 guests. Refreshments were served.

Town Clerk Marjorie York has been busy writing hunting licenses. She reports nearly \$1,000 sales for October. Some wild hunting areas changed by local hunters including Robert Cheesman and James Wallace. Week-ends have been busy at the Greenwood Hotel with guest hunters from Rochester and Buffalo areas. Monday, November 21st began the Deer Season.

Eleven women met at the Methodist Church Hall Thursday afternoon for the November WSCS meeting. Grace Young President conducted a brief business session. The dinner served for the Annual Agway Meeting November 3rd

home in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Chandler Bassett of Albany visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett from Thursday until Sunday.

Ford Green and family of Richburg spent Sunday with his mother Mrs. O. A. Green of Davis Hill who accompanied him home for a visit.

James Cook Moore, died Monday November 9th at the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. K. Tuttle on Dyke Street.

Mrs. Margaret Cable of Rochambeau Avenue is moving to Kenmore this week, where her sons, Francis and Elbert have employment and her daughter and family reside.

Miss Helen Vickers and Laurence Padden were united in marriage Monday, November 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence King have moved from Buffalo into the house of her late father, G. B. Proper.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Woods and daughter of Hammondspoint spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nye of Independence.

John Dodge has purchased the Emmett Robinson farm on Davis Hill and has moved his family there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Trowbridge of Syracuse visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Trowbridge from Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Swarts of Rochester is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kemp

Charles J. Powers of New York City is visiting his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver I. Kemp and other Andover relatives and friends.

Mrs. Emily Swain of Canaseroga is passing some time with her mother, Mrs. M. A. Orvis.

netted the society \$133. The ladies will serve a noon dinner Dec. 6th for the District Dairymen's League Meeting. It was voted to give \$5 to Eleanor Acker to help with Christmas Candy in her Kentucky Mission. Names of Missionaries were taken to send greetings. Jeanne Cornell assisted by Geraldine Lamphier gave a dialogue on the Christian and Space. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Al C Stanley Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murray, Sr. arrived home Sunday, November 20th from Kirksville, Mo., Missile Base for a week at his home.

Mat Thompson has returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burd after spending six months at his home at Ellensburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Clark and sons have moved to their new home, the former Perk Waters house. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cady have worked about six months remodeling the house.

Mrs. Margaret Murray, Language teacher at the Woodhull High School is Coaching the Senior Play that is scheduled to be presented December 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hillman of Ransomville came Thursday to spend two weeks at her home on Church Hill during hunting season.

Lynn Redmond, a student at Alleghany College at Meadville, Pa. spent the week-end of November 13th with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Redmond. He brought his car home for the winter.

Guy Donaldson of West Greenwood returned to his home from Bethesda Hospital where he was a surgical patient for three weeks.

Mrs. Joanne Downey returned home from the Bethesda Hospital Tuesday where she was a patient for three weeks for a Gall Bladder operation.

Terry Smith was Baptized by immersion at the Rocks on Route 17 Sunday, November 13. He was confirmed as a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Sunday, November 20th at a special service at 2 p. m.

Miss Anna Marie Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murray, Sr., arrived home Monday from Nazareth College, Rochester for the rest of the week for Thanksgiving vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kilbourne of Olean were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller of Canisteo called on Mrs. Blanche Goodno Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Muchler of Hornell were in Town on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson and Starla were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Nearpass and family at Morton.

We are proving that man can live in outer space and at the bottom of the sea. Meanwhile, in the area between, it's getting tougher and tougher — Republican-Courier, Findlay, Ohio.

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