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THANKS FOR THANKSGIVING

Charles V. Stanton

Let us thank God for Thanksgiving! That may seem an odd thought. But is it so strange after all?

Thanksgiving is an American custom. We Americans have many customs peculiar to our own country.

We have such customs as a World Series which sends us into a sort of delirium.

We have the custom of throwing pop bottles and seat cushions at referees who make decisions with which we disagree.

We have the custom of criticizing our government and the people who direct our government, and in so doing we have no fear of being lined up before a firing squad. Nor do we fear that our children, hearing our criticism, will rush to the police station to report us as subversive citizens. Nor will Junior, denied a tire for his hot rod, succeed in having us put out of the way, through a concocted story which wins for him the title of national hero.

We have the custom of taking government into our own hands, not by revolution or riot but by peaceful balloting. We have the custom of making a free-for-all circus out of our election campaigns, of going somewhat "barmy" during that period; of keying ourselves to a highly emotional pitch and accepting the result with equanimity.

We have the custom of greeting the cop on the corner with a "Hi Joe," knowing he is our friend and that his footsteps will not be heard at night on the stairway, as he comes to spirit us away and cause us to disappear from the presence and knowledge of frightened friends.

The Right To Travel

We have the custom of hopping into our automobiles and going where we please. We cross borders of friendly sovereign states with no passports, no customs inspections, no duty and no tariff. We need no police identification cards and are not required to register our presence with the police.

We have a custom of extravagance. We dispose of our automobiles while they have many miles of transportation left in them. We discard clothing rather than apply patches. We change furniture when it shows wear, when we tire of it, or when we want a change of decor. And, because of our waste we have a high level of production and a high standard of living.

We have a custom of benevolence in which we give freely through United Funds, Community Chests, and individual solicitations, to spread our charity to those less fortunate than ourselves. We maintain hospitals for crippled children. We support charitable institutions. We donate for the relief of the needy and underprivileged, and by these acts of concerted benevolence place arms of comfort around those who need our help.

We have a custom of recreation and of leisure. No laborer in the world gets as much in wages for so few hours of work. And because of this custom we have time and money with which to enjoy the blessings of God's creation.

The Right To Worship

We have a custom of free enterprise in which a man can start his own business and succeed or fail according to his ability. Through this custom of free enterprise, a man is free to choose his work and his environment. He can quit any job with which he is dissatisfied. He can move where he pleases. He has few limitations on his freedoms of choice.

We have a custom of going to church on Sunday. We can go to the church of our own faith, knowing there will be no restriction upon our congregation, nor upon the form of our worship. We can each worship according to the dictates of conscience, and, if true to our faith, enjoy the respect of our fellow men, even though they may differ with us in religious tenets.

Yes, here in America, we have many customs—customs peculiar to us as a people and a nation. The list is long. It is a list capable of compilation only in a free country and by a free people.

Our celebration of Thanksgiving Day is such a custom. In our celebration we give thanks to God for the many blessings that are ours.

One of our blessings is that we have freedom to celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

We should thank God for Thanksgiving.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Things a columnist would never know if he didn't open his morning mail:

That American women are using less perfume now than they did 8 years ago.

That, on the other hand, deodorant sales climbed 93 per cent between 1947 and 1953.

That acids in even the fairest skin are harmful to a pearl necklace. It should be sent to a jeweler once a year to be cleaned.

That during some fall and winter months as many as 15 million Americans may catch a cold in a single day.

That Metropolitan Opera tenor Kurt Baum, an amateur heavy-weight boxer during his days as a medical student in Prague, suffered a broken nose in a practice bout with Max Schmeling, Kurt claims, that the removal of a nasal bone as the result of the injury made his high notes more resonant.

That some 20 herbs are used in making a top-grade vermouth, including the flowers of wormwood, and such other fancy-named plants as sweet marjoram, angelica and blessed thistle.

That the National Dog Welfare Guild believes one way to keep your boy from running with a wolf-pack is to give him a wolf. That while women still buy 35 to 60 per cent of all men's wear, the percentage is dropping steadily. Papa is getting more interested in his clothing every year, insists on picking it out himself.

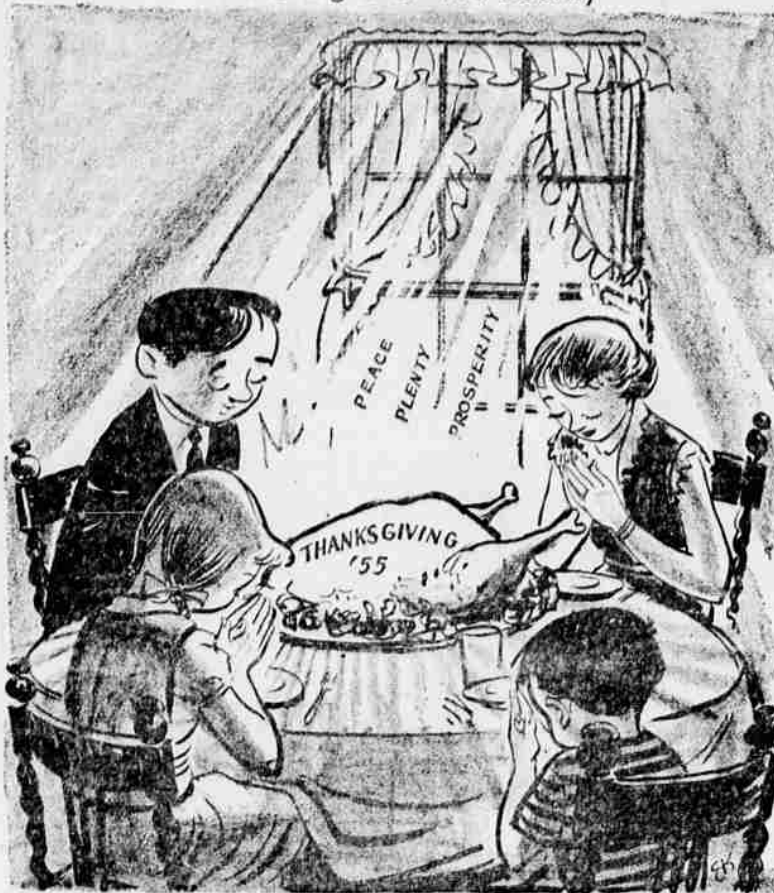
That despite modern safety and health measures a recent survey showed there are 34,000 blind persons in the United States, the highest number in our history.

That singer Ella Logan has been entertaining audiences since she was a lass of two in Scotland. That the human ear is faster than the human eye. Tests have shown the average person reacts more quickly to a signal he hears than one he sees.

That approximately 15 million Americans have some hearing impairment, and the leading cause of deafness is probably heredity.

That if you're a man 20 years old you have better than a two-out-of-three chance of living to be 65. But more than four out of five girls of 20 will hit the 65 mark. That every 8.8 minutes in America some merchant is threatened with a blackjack, a knife, a gun or some other type weapon. That some entertainers dip their hands in a bowl of ice cubes to halt nervous perspiration before starting a performance.

In the Light of His Bounty



Reader Opinions

Comparison Of Power Rates Made; Tax Payments Listed

ROSEBURG — I was somewhat disappointed that your paper this year failed to run the usual annual picture of local Copco officials reluctantly handing over their tax check to the Tax Collector, but your editorial of 11-16-55 under the banner of "Public Power Costs" more than made up for any pictorial shortage.

Name of Power Co.	Name of Store	KWH used	Cost	Cost KWH
Pacific Power and Light Co.	Springfield Pharmacy, Springfield, Ore.	5382	\$61.66	1.15c
Portland General Electric Co.	Thrifty Drug Oregon City, Ore.	2512	\$32.56	1.29c
Portland General Electric Co.	Perry Pharmacy Milwaukie, Ore.	4768	\$64.60	1.35c
Portland General Electric Co.	Delta Drug Co. Hillsboro, Ore.	9166	\$27.75	1.41c
Idaho Power Co.	Malheur Drug Vale, Ore.	4130	\$75.25	1.82c
COPCO	Roseburg Pharmacy, Roseburg, Ore.	1949	\$63.36	3.25c
COPCO	Hart's Drug Store Lakeview, Ore.	481	\$18.33	3.81c

Please note the range of KWH cost from a low of 1.15 in Springfield to a high of 3.81 in Lakeview, the latter city being one of those fortunate in having Copco handy to pay 12 per cent of the taxes. On a KWH basis, 1946 KWH cost \$27.75 in Hillsboro, while 1949 KWH cost \$63.36 here in Roseburg. On a dollar basis, the same \$63.36 buys 1949 KWH locally, but in Milwaukee \$63.36 will buy 1768 KWH of electrical energy. How much would 1768 KWH cost if consumed on S.E. Jackson?

To quote from your editorial — "If Copco paid no taxes in Douglas County an increase of 12 per cent would be in order for all other groaning taxpayers." If Copco's rates were comparable with the rate 54 in Springfield, Hillsboro or Milwaukie, 1 and many more small ventures all over Douglas County could stand — not a mere 12 per cent increase, but a 30 per cent increase in property taxes and be money ahead each and every month. Those KWH dollars, also known as prepaid Copco taxes, sure pile up fast.

Then you shed a tear or two for dear old Copco over their income tax bill in 1954 of \$2,200,000.00. All due no doubt to rugged individualism, no monopoly involved, and not a dime accruing from excessive power rates. The property and income taxes paid by Copco were collected well in advance of payment, payable from every business and household in their domain. As it was in the beginning, is now, and always will be: it is Mr. John Q. Public, low man on the totem pole, who finally accounts for all tax dollars levied in and collected in any subdivision, county, state or nation. To credit Mr. Big with a major tax "Payment," said tax being already extracted from Mr. Little, is a paper thin argument for private control over so vital a commodity as electrical energy. Any private monopoly be it in the power, newspaper or liquor business, is generally rather lucrative for the few in control at the expense of the many.

By now you have likely surmised that I think Copco has a highly favorable position here in Douglas County. In that you are 100 per cent correct, but if you or anyone else can give me a satisfactory explanation as to why a KWH of electricity costs 1.82c at 725 S.E. Blakely, while at 517 S.E. Jackson, 5 blocks away, same juice, same time, same little low voltage KWH costs 3.25c per unit, I will be a private power convert from this day forward.

P. V. Lorenzen
Roseburg, Ore.

Need For Civil Defense Stressed By Observer

ROSEBURG — An article appearing recently in The News-Review pointed out that this nation is vulnerable to attack by air. It cited tests in which planes, flying at low altitude, evaded the radar warning system and waiting intercept planes.

If this can happen when people are forewarned of an attack, I shudder to think of the devastation which would result from a surprise attack.

I am proud to be a member of the Ground Observer Corps and wish everyone felt the same.

We need more skywatchers. Surely everyone could find two hours or more each month to help with this highly important job.

I urge that you call your civil defense director, or the GOC supervisor, and volunteer.

F. B. Bess
Roseburg, Ore.

Qualifications Of Cain Asked

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department Tuesday asked the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) to re-examine the qualifications of Board Member Harry P. Cain in conduct a Seattle hearing involving the Washington Pension Union.

The department said it made the request because there had come to its attention certain statements which Cain, one-time Republican senator from Washington State, made six years ago about the Pension Union in relation to Communism.

The department recommended that the board review three statements, noting that Cain is now conducting one-man hearings in Seattle. In the proceedings, Atty. Gen. Brown said to force the Pension Union to register as a Communist-front organization.

Dr. Eisenhower Blocked Benson's Firing, Report

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Herald Tribune said Tuesday it was authoritatively reported that Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower "personally blocked demands by Republicans that President Eisenhower dismiss Ezra Taft Benson as secretary of agriculture."

A Washington dispatch to the newspaper reported that an intimate of the President said Dr. Eisenhower, a long-time friend of Benson, was the most significant single factor in the President's decision last month to continue his strong support for Benson.

The story recalled that Dr. Eisenhower, president of Pennsylvania State University and brother of the President, traveled with Benson in the President's plane "When the embattled secretary went to Fitzsimons Army Hospital Oct. 29 to discuss the explosive issue of declining farm prices."

The story also recalled that presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty said at the time of the conference that the President had not "even thought of" dismissing Benson.

Noting that Dr. Eisenhower is an expert agriculturist, the Herald Tribune story said in part:

"The report that Dr. Eisenhower is fully committed at this time to Mr. Benson and his farm program is an entirely natural reaction for the President to continue Mr. Benson in office despite the political fears of some other Republicans."

French Reported On Way To Put Down Uprising

RABAT, Morocco (AP)—French reinforcements were reported on their way Tuesday toward the border of the Spanish zone of Morocco, to put down a new wave of nationalist unrest.

French Resident General Andre Dubois told reporters Monday night that he had sent the commander in chief to the spot and that all necessary measures would be taken.

Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef issued a new appeal for calm. But in Casablanca, nationalists sent out a strike call in protest after prison guards killed at least three and wounded 15 political prisoners in suppressing a mutiny. Unofficial reports said there were as many as 5 dead.

The mutiny in the trouble area extends along the Spanish zone frontier, about 70 miles east of the Aknoul-Bouard-Tizi Ouzli triangle where a small nationalist rebellion broke out Oct. 1.

It was too early to tell if the incidents there foreshadow a new armed rebellion, or if they are only part of a movement of unrest against local leaders who had opposed the sultan before his return from exile.

Eisenhower's Grandson Used As Picture Model

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Dwight David Eisenhower II, grandson of the President, has been used as a model to illustrate a poster in connection with the nationwide observance of Safe Driving Day Dec. 1.

Copies of the drawing, distributed by the Ohio Highway Safety Department, were sent to 119 television stations throughout the country, said U. C. Felty, department head.

The poster shows young Dwight seated in a soap box "Auto." He is saying, "Grandpa says we should make EVERY day Safe Driving Day."

WANTS CERTIFICATES

WASHINGTON (AP)—Three railroad companies Tuesday asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to issue a total of \$12,825,000 of equipment trust certificates to finance purchases of new equipment.

The applications were filed by the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific for \$7,000,000; Missouri Pacific, for \$2,625,000; and Northern Pacific, for \$3,200,000.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Government business is expected to pick up around the White House when President Eisenhower comes back east. It has been a forlorn place with the boss away.

There have been few callers' hats on the big round Philippine mahogany table in the west wing executive office reception room. All hands, including the guards, have been relaxed. The usual flea-on-a-riddle activity has been missing.

It has been possible to get appointments promptly with top staff men.

All but a handful of the White House staff have been on the job here. Those with the President in Denver were: The Assistant to the President Sherman Adams, Press Secretary James C. Hagerty, Military Aide Col. Robert L. Schulz, Air Force Aid Lt. Col. William G. Draper, the President's personal secretary Ann Whitman and her assistant Helen Weaver.

Adams Really Commuted between Washington and Denver. It wasn't painless. He would hold staff conferences and sit in on the cabinet meetings here. Then he would fly back to Denver to collect another batch of problems.

He is expected to follow much the same routine while the President recuperates in Gettysburg, Augusta, or wherever he goes.

Mail Gen. Wilton B. Parsons, deputy assistant to the President in charge of congressional liaison, was last man to get away on vacation. He hasn't had all of it. Just after a week-end start, he was called out to Denver to go to work on the President's State of the Union message for next January.

Suitor Left Note Requesting Burial With Girl He Shot

SEATTLE (AP)—A request that he be buried in the same grave and coffin with Sally Shedd was written by Robert D. Clendenin before he shot and killed the pretty airline stewardess Monday night, Sheriff Tim McCullough said Tuesday.

McCullough said the request was in a letter written to Charles F. Shedd of San Francisco, the dead girl's father, found in Clendenin's effects after the shooting at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Clendenin, 26, son of a Salt Lake City attorney, fatally wounded Sally Shedd, 25, aboard a loaded United Airlines plane, then shot himself. He died in a hospital three hours later.

McCullough said the note gave details of his meeting with the stewardess, told of his falling in love with her and their subsequent breakup.

"I talked to her Friday," the note read, "and she told me it was all over and for me to forget it. For her, Mr. Shedd, I would give up my job or do anything. I'm going to get her or die trying."

I also wrote this because if something goes wrong and the two of us die together, that she and I (and I feel I can speak for her) would like to be buried in Coeur d'Alene (Idaho) in the same grave and coffin.

Miss Shedd's friends told McCullough they doubted she would have married Clendenin. They said she had "never been serious about him at all."

Crown Zellerbach Corp. Gives Merger Approval

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Stockholders of Crown Zellerbach Corp. Tuesday approved merger of the Gaylord Container Corp. of St. Louis into the San Francisco company, bringing together two of the largest manufacturers in the paper industry. The combined companies have had annual sales totaling close to 400 million dollars.

Meanwhile, Gaylord stockholders were voting at a special meeting in St. Louis and their approval was expected.

D. Zellerbach, president, emphasized that the present management and employees of Gaylord would continue to operate the Gaylord properties, which he said were valued at about 110 million.

The merger will be effected by an exchange of stock. "The Zellerbachs in the box and container business, principal product of Gaylord, and also make it a competitor in the eastern field. From its inception, Crown Zellerbach has made only a small proportion of its sales east of the Mississippi River."

Waste Atomic Heat Used For Warming Buildings

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP)—The General Electric Co. said Tuesday "tremendous quantities of waste heat generated by atomic reactors" are being used to heat buildings at the Hanford Atomic Works here.

The system cost \$614,000 and will mean an annual saving in fuel costs of \$39,000, GE said. General Electric is prime contractor to the Atomic Energy Commission at Hanford.

Scientists and engineers are transferring heat from water used to cool atomic reactors to air conditioners in various Hanford buildings.

"Several buildings are heated by the system, with about half going into a single structure housing a large reactor that produces plutonium," the company said in a statement.

Woman With Chickens Follows Church Weddings

ALICANTE, Spain (AP)—An energetic Spanish woman has found a way to keep her chickens fat despite an empty granary.

She goes from church to church with a crate of chickens. When she comes on a wedding — and the Spanish are a marrying lot — she lets out a chicken as the happy bride and groom emerge. For the rice, you know.

INSPECTS QUEMOY

TAIPEI, Formosa, (AP)—Adm. Felix B. Stump Tuesday inspected the Nationalist Chinese island of Quemooy, which his U.S. Pacific Fleet might be called upon to defend if the Chinese Reds attack. Stump flew from Taipei to Quemooy, which is within easy range of Communist guns.

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