

Thanksgiving Day Finds Salem Bound for Church, Dinner Table



IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles A. Sprague

The people of the United States celebrate Thanksgiving day in a time of unrivaled prosperity. The farms and orchards have yielded bountifully over the land. Mines and forests have been generous in their outpouring of resources for man's use. Factories have operated full blast, people and goods have been transported in great numbers; stores and markets have disposed of vast quantities of goods for the people's consumption.

In spite of this evidence of physical well-being which contrasts sharply with the poverty of other nations the American people seem dissatisfied.

For one thing they are afraid: afraid of war, perhaps more afraid of depression; afraid that the abundance may be curtailed, their standard of living lowered. They have taken prosperity as an American right, to be legislated if not earned. They assent to the delusion of inflation as a device to win a larger share of national production. Fears control the happiness which Americans ought to feel in these times - fears and a reaching for larger holdings.

Today we ought to be humble as well as grateful. That we enjoy so many material comforts may be by the beneficence of God, though it is hard to see that he would be partial to Americans and withhold from others of His children.

And we can reduce our obsessions of fear if we cultivate a more mature philosophy, one that bases happiness not on the mere abundance of our possessions but on the treasures of rich experience in family life, in friendships, in useful occupation, in health-giving recreation, in trying to live in right relations with God and man. These are not measured by the size of a paycheck or of profits in a business. They are shock-absorbers against adversity. They yield rich satisfactions to the end of one's days.

Nature has been kind to us in America as its liberal annual production proves. Man's real enemy is man; and often his chief foes are those within the household of his own mind. "Know thyself" said Thales, one of the seven wise men of ancient Greece; and profit by such knowledge.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"What am I thankful for? Are you kidding?"

Today many Willamette valley folk will be bowing in prayer for the miracle of America, as will their fellow countrymen over the land. Some will be in mighty and beautiful cathedrals, others in the quiet of their homes before a festive table. Others will troop to small country or village churches such as the classic Oak Grove church shown above - its doors open to all who believe in and give thanks to God. The Oak Grove church, located in the Oak Grove community about 10 miles northwest of Salem in Polk county, is one of the early pioneer churches of this region. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

School Vacation, Office Closures Mark Holiday

At home in a valley that abundantly provides the turkey and many of the other fixings for the Thanksgiving table, Salem residents and their guests will celebrate that annual American event today.

Expression of gratitude for blessings of food, freedom will comprise a prominent portion of the observance as families and friends gather.

Today is an official holiday, with no governmental offices open except the fire and police departments. Schools have closed until next Monday. Mail service will include only holiday pickups.

British Offer Compromise Palestine Plan

By Francis W. Carpenter
PARIS, Nov. 24 (AP) - Britain said tonight she had revised her Palestine proposals in an effort to meet American objections.

The text of Britain's new proposals was not available immediately. However, a spokesman said Britain had accepted a U. S. recommendation that Jews and Arabs be allowed to work out a mutually acceptable settlement on boundaries.

Britain originally proposed that the United Nations assembly approve the Bernadotte plan which recommended that Israel give the Negev desert to the Arabs in return for western Galilee.

The revised resolution seemed to rule out any arbitrary changes in the boundaries of Israel by the present assembly session.

The British insisted, however, that a proposed conciliation commission be told to fix the boundaries "on the specific conclusions" of Count Folke Bernadotte, slain U. N. mediator.

The United States offered amendments yesterday in the assembly's 98-member political committee providing that the Jews and Arabs work out the boundaries on the basis of both the U. N. partition plan of Nov. 29, 1947, and the Bernadotte recommendations.

The U. S. has taken the position that the territory given Israel under the partition plan should not be reduced without Israel's consent. Israel has said she will not give up the Negev.

The British spokesman said the revisions were worked out in consultation with American officials. An American spokesman declined to comment.

Norblad's majority was exceeded only by that of a New York district which cast twice as many votes as the first Oregon district.

The final compilation also showed that Norblad was one of three republicans in the country who increased his lead over that of the 1946 republican landslide election.

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Line Cut Darkens Polk Area

WEST SALEM, Nov. 24 - A broken Bonneville power line draped a black-out curtain over West Salem for 4 1/2 hours Wednesday night, hindering business operations in the face of the Thanksgiving eve rush and prompting cold snacks instead of hot suppers in several homes.

Officials at the Bonneville power station, two miles west of here, said the break occurred in their line just outside the station. Monmouth, also affected by the failure, was blacked out for a short period and had reduced voltage during the rest of the evening.

Except for flickers of a few moments' duration the electricity was off from 5:12 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. when repairs to the line were completed.

West Salem, drawing the bulk of its power from Bonneville through the Salem Electric cooperative, was darkened at the peak of the evening rush hour. Hardest hit by the failure were the food markets, where pre-Thanksgiving sales were slowed by the failure. Traffic lights were also off causing some confusion to home-from-work drivers.

Relief Promised
Relief from long stoppages in the future was promised by R. E. Nordyke, manager of Salem Electric, Wednesday night, with the announcement that the company would begin construction of an interconnecting line between Salem and the Bonneville substation at the Cherry avenue fertilizer plant. The line would give the company an auxiliary source of power in case of failures, he said.

Nordyke said the company was notified Wednesday that the franchise initiative measure approved by the voters November 2 had officially become law. He said construction of the two miles of interconnecting line would be completed within a few weeks.

Petition Asks School District Ruled Legal

A petition was filed in Marion county circuit court Wednesday asking the court to validate the organization election of union high school district 6 in north Marion county and also the election of the board of directors of the new union district. The petition was filed by John P. McCrone, William Fobert, Boyd Brown, I. O. Williamson and C. A. Blake, the newly-elected board of directors.

The union high district was formed by an election last May 27. The district consists of Donald, Hubbard, White, Broadacres and those portions of Aurora and Butteville school districts which are in Marion county.

Upon petition of the petitioners Judge E. M. Page signed an order requiring opponents of the union organization to appear within 10 days after the filing of hearing notices. These notices are to be filed early next month.

Following the May election petition seeking dissolution of the union high district were filed. A proposal to dissolve the union was defeated in an election September 16. Since then other dissolution petitions were postponed indefinitely by action of the Marion county district boundary board in October.

TUNING A DEAF EAR
CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Nov. 24 (AP) - A Corpus Christi woman won an uncontested divorce today because, she said, her husband shut off his hearing aid to keep from hearing her side of family spats.

New Method of Flax Weaving May Open Outlet for Product

CORVALLIS, Nov. 24 - A possible new major outlet for Oregon-grown flax is seen here in the work of Joan Patterson, associate professor of clothing and textiles at Oregon State college, who has developed a method of weaving flax yarns into heavy fabrics for draperies and upholstery materials.

The results of her work thus far are so impressive that Dr. D. D. Hill, chairman of the Oregon Flax and Linen board, has called a meeting of that body for December 7, when the board and other representatives of the Oregon flax industry will study the work that she has done and consider its possible future.

Miss Patterson undertook an intensive study of linen weaving while on sabbatical leave last year at Cranbrook Academy of Arts at Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Many obstacles had to be overcome as there are no established processes for making such materials from linen.

900 Passengers Plan 'Sit-In' Strike On Already Strikebound Sea Liner

Russians Tell World, U.S. 'Peasants' Have Little for Which to Be Thankful

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (AP) - Moscow told the rest of the world on the eve of Thanksgiving that Americans have little for which to be thankful.

Radio broadcasts recorded today by government monitors pictured life in the United States as pretty grim - especially for the American "peasants."

These were identified as about one and one-half millions farmers who were said to be seeking jobs because "rich usurpers" have gradually seized lands of small owners.

Because of inflation, the great mass of Americans do not make enough to live on, Moscow asserted. It cited these "official" figures:

The minimum of existence for a family of four was already \$3,500 a year in 1947. But 29,000,000 American families earned only \$2,000 a year. "Meanwhile the minimum of existence has increased further and the worker's situation therefore has worsened," said the Soviet radio.

These figures contrast with a U. S. federal reserve board survey which showed that only 13,020,000 American families had an income of less than \$2,000 a year in 1947. The board said that of the 42,000,000 American families, 69 per cent of 28,980,000 had incomes of more than \$2,000 last year.

Moscow's description of the plight of the American "peasants" was detailed in a Turkish-language broadcast to the Middle East. Germany received a report on "the growing inflation in capitalist countries and the strengthening of Soviet currency."

Moscow has been hammering hard on farm life in the United States because of what it terms the "myth" spread by the state department's "voice of America" that farmers are prosperous.

Counting refrigerators does not give a true picture," said one broadcast to North America. This quoted an American economist as reporting 82 per cent of American farm homes have been "condemned."

ARMY TAKES OVER CONTROL OF VENEZUELA
CARACAS, Venezuela, Nov. 24 (AP) - Lt. Col. Carlos Delgado Chalbaud tonight was named president of a military junta that will rule Venezuela provisionally, an official announcement said.

The announcement came several hours after the army overthrew the government of President Romulo Gallegos without firing a shot and reported it was in general control of the nation. The junta will govern the nation until a new government is established, the announcement said.

The army revolt occurred at noon when troops took over all public buildings.

Perez announced the army carried out the coup because of the "incapacity" of Gallegos' administration, made up of members of the democratic action party and because "extremist" labor elements were threatening a general strike to support the president.

U. S. Ambassador Walter Donnelly said reports to him from various sections of the country indicated U. S. citizens and American property were safe.

(Private reports from Maracaibo in western Venezuela, the center of the oil industry where American capital has a stake of about \$2,000,000,000, said oil workers had called a general strike throughout the state of Zulia, the region around Lake Maracaibo. The Creole Oil company (Standard of New Jersey) shut down, these reports said. There are about 8,000 Americans working in Venezuela.)

SEATTLE TO SEE FIRST TELECAST
SEATTLE, Nov. 24 (AP) - Seattleites with television sets will put them to work tomorrow for the first time.

The city's first telecast will be made by station KRSC-TV at 1:45 p.m.

The subject will be the second annual Thanksgiving day football game, with West Seattle city champions meeting Wenatchee for the mythical state championship.

The program announced by the station for the regular broadcast which will follow include local sports and other events and network shows.

Besides teletranscriptions, shows from the outside will include those from the Dumont television network.

Truman, Marshall Hold China Policy Discussion

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (AP) - Secretary of State Marshall disclosed today that President Truman and he are still trying to decide what the United States can properly do to assist China in its present crisis.

Marshall told a crowded news conference that the American government is well aware that the situation in China - caused by the southward sweep of Chinese communist armies - is critical. But, choosing his words slowly and deliberately, he said that it presents a difficult problem which has to be very carefully considered.

The problem, as he defined it, is to determine what this government properly can do to be of real assistance in the present crisis. One factor in this government's consideration, he disclosed, is the involvement of the United States in China.

He did not spell out what he meant by this but other officials said privately that in giving aid to China's anti-communist forces the United States must make certain that it is not assuming an almost unbridled role in carrying on an indefinite "hot war" against the communist forces.

McKAY RETURNS FROM VACATION
With a little sunburn and a lot of enthusiasm over his California vacation, Governor-elect Douglas McKay returned to Salem Wednesday and prepared to catch up on state news since his successful campaign for the governorship.

With Mrs. McKay he had stayed at Palm Springs in the Mojave desert, visited relatives and friends in southern California and went riding on the vast Hearst ranch at San Simeon.

McKay said Oregon looked good to him on his return despite the snow he encountered driving in the Klamath Falls area which contrasted with the desert sunshine and 85-degree temperatures. The snow delayed his scheduled return a day and made it impossible for McKay to take advantage of an invitation to fly to Hawaii on the first scheduled flight of Pan American airways from Portland to Honolulu.

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Oregon-Hawaii Flights Start

(Picture in section 2, page 6.)
PORTLAND, Nov. 24 (AP) - A Pan-American clipper, the "Southern Cross," flew westward tonight on the first scheduled commercial run linking the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii.

The big plane took off from Portland-Columbia airport at 10:15 p.m. (PST) with 19 passengers and a crew of seven aboard. It is due in Honolulu at 9:30 a.m. (Hawaii time) tomorrow. The clipper flew here from Seattle-Tacoma airport, co-terminal on the mainland with Portland.

Aboard were chamber of commerce and trade group leaders from Seattle and Portland and a party of newspapermen.

Cargo included Washington and Oregon fruit and products for distribution to island leaders expected to greet the plane. The clipper is due back in Portland Sunday noon.

Truman Asks Soviet to Join Food Board

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (AP) - President Truman invited Russia today to join the United Nations food and agriculture organization.

"I think that if we could discuss with the Russians our mutual interest in agriculture, it would not be so difficult to discuss our differences in some other fields," he said.

Mr. Truman extended the invitation in an address to the fourth annual meeting of the FAO here. He said he hoped that every country, old and new, would become members of the international food group. He made specific mention of Argentina, in addition to the Soviet Union.

"Hunger has no nationality," he said. "Abundance should have none, either."

A principal aim of the FAO is to find ways of getting more food to millions who have never had enough.

The president said it is "most heartening" that several eastern European nations belong to FAO, and he said he hopes this will continue to be true.

oust English Classes
PEIPING, Thursday, Nov. 25 (AP) - Chinese newspapers said today communist occupation forces had forbidden the teaching of English in Mukden schools and colleges, and ordered courses in Russian instead.

Business Pauses
The Oregon Statesman business office will be closed all day Thanksgiving. Classified advertising, however, will be accepted via phone from 3 to 5 this afternoon. There will be no interruption in publication.

Hope Wanes for 37 on Vessel
NEW YORK, Nov. 24 (AP) - The stormy north Atlantic apparently has claimed the British freighter Hopedar and its crew of 37.

The coast guard said today it has abandoned hope for the 5,267-ton vessel, believed to have foundered on the night of Nov. 14 while battling a severe Atlantic gale 600 miles east of New York.

The ship was believed to have turned over and sunk rapidly, precluding an SOS, after being damaged.

An intensive two-day plane and ship search of the area failed to reveal any sign of the ship or its survivors.

Capt. W. R. Richards, chief of staff of the coast guard eastern area, said:

"While an aerial search is still being carried on we feel that there is little possibility that any survivors are left alive."

Captain Tells 1,500 to Leave Liner Elizabeth
SOUTHAMPTON, England, Nov. 24 (AP) - Passengers aboard the strike-bound luxury liner Queen Elizabeth today were ordered to get off by Friday but approximately 900 said no and voted for a "sit-in" strike.

Capt. C. M. Ford, the ship's commander, told the passengers the strike could not be tolerated and that water and lights would be cut off.

Cabin and tourist class passengers voted for the sit-in strike at separate meetings and expressed hope the 600 first class passengers would join them.

The Cunard White Star line, owners of the ship, had given notice this afternoon to all 1,500 passengers that they must disembark by Friday.

No Settlement in Sight
The line said there seemed to be no immediate prospect of settlement of the American longshoremen's strike, which has prevented the ship from sailing.

The passengers came aboard last Friday in expectation they would sail the next day.

The notice from the line today was the signal for the protest meetings.

Spokesmen for the striking passengers stressed that many were in "precarious" financial condition.

Cable Sent to U.S.
The U.S. consul at Southampton told the American passengers he had sent a cable to the American state department asking whether financial aid is possible for those who need it.

The passengers have been getting their meals free aboard the ship for the past five days. The cost of their tickets included food - and the eating aboard the luxury vessel has been the very best.

The captain said the decision to disembark the passengers was necessary because the long stay in port with a full load of passengers was creating "an impossible sanitary condition."

James Cooke Wins Valley Oratory Title
James Cooke, Salem high school senior and The Statesman's staff correspondent, won the mid-Willamette valley title Wednesday afternoon in the "I Speak for Democracy" contest, sponsored by Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Second place winner was Alyce Koch, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Koch, Salem route 6, and third went to James Lancaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Lancaster, 240 1/2 S. Commercial st. Both are Sacred Heart academy students.

Cooke's talk, which judges praised for its originality, will be recorded for entry in the state contest at Klamath Falls on December 4. The youth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Cooke, Mill City, formerly of Salem.

The six finalists' talks were broadcast over KOCQ Wednesday afternoon. Gene Majecki is Jaycee chairman for the contest.

Cooke's prize was a radio-record player combination and a record album, and the other winners received radios.

Weather
Max. Min. Precip.
Salem 51 42 .00
Portland 52 43 .00
San Francisco 58 44 .00
Chicago 44 30 .00
New York 55 43 . trace
Willamette river 33 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy today and tonight with light rain beginning about mid-day. Little change in temperature. High today near 48. Low tonight near 25.
SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to Nov. 23)
This Year 16.72 Last Year 11.52 Average 9.26

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