

Thanksgiving, Turkey Synonymous in State As Feast Draws Near

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FOUR CORNERS—To the American way of life Thanksgiving and turkey are synonymous. The first Thanksgiving was three centuries ago in December, 1621, when Governor Bradford, then Governor of Massachusetts colony proclaimed a three day holiday of prayer and rejoicing to celebrate the first plentiful harvest after the Mayflower's arrival at Plymouth. The wild turkey of that region, together with other wild game "bagged" by the Pilgrim hunters furnished the meat course for that first Thanksgiving feast.

Some where along the centuries naturalists gave the common wild American turkey the aristocratic sounding name of "Meleagris Gallopavo." This species of turkey was abundant in all parts of the United States, Canada, and as far south as Mexico.

The Spanish conquerors of Mexico in the sixteenth century found a domesticated turkey there and sent some to the West Indies and Spain. Charles the ninth of France at his wedding banquet was the first king to dine on turkey thereby setting a precedent that the turkey was food for kings and presidents.

About 1525 they were introduced into England and from there they were brought back to America by English colonists. Hence, our domesticated turkey traveled from its native habitat in Mexico to the British Isles via Europe and back to America. Science distinguishes only two species, the ocellated turkey of Yucatan and our wild turkey.

The governor of Massachusetts proclaimed the first Thanksgiving day but tradition has kept it alive. On this truly American holiday relatives and friends gather for prayer and feasting.

The American Indian and the wild turkey are closely connected all through the pioneer history of the United States. Head dresses and other of their paraphernalia were decorated with the wing and tail feathers of the prized bird while the meat was much desired.

To the adventurous and daring pioneers who were ever conscious of the call of the west, the wild turkey, together with other wild game, often furnished an otherwise meatless meal and sometimes it was the complete meal.

Today the wild turkey is extinct in many states, his elation "robbed" in the early dawn lost to civilization and superseded by the domesticated turkey. The turkey industry ranks eleventh in Oregon with an estimated cash income to the growers of \$10,000,000. In 1949 there were an estimated 1,770,000 turkeys raised in Oregon and as of August 24, 1950, the number of birds total around 1,628,000.

Turkey steaks, the twentieth century edition of the wild turkey rolled in clay and roasted feathers, et cetera, by the early pioneers and Indians of the sixteenth century. No roasted bird ever tasted like the culinary "winkle" of preparing turkey steaks. To the gourmet they are an epicurean delight; to the hungry they are a mouth watering delicacy and to the tired and hurried housewives they are an answer to prayer for time saving.

No longer is the turkey saved just for Thanksgiving but with modern refrigeration and the flocks of turkeys from a few hundred to many thousands they are marketed and available all through the year. Once considered food only for kings and potentates, it is now within reach of the housewife doing her daily shopping or in a can shipped to the battle front to bring a touch of home to our incomparable fighting GIs.

THE VALLEY NEWS COLUMNS

From The Oregon Statesman's Valley Correspondents



MEHAMA—Some of the 100 persons who jammed the Mehama Woman's clubhouse recently for the Ladies Aid society's bazaar and dinner are shown partaking of the ham dinner served. Others in the background are fishing in the fishpond and playing the various games offered during the event. Funds derived will go to maintain the community church. (Statesman-Robert Veness photo).

Valley Briefs

WEST STAYTON—Residents of the community have been invited to attend the Thanksgiving day program to be given by West Stayton school students Wednesday, November 22, at 1:30 p. m.

KEIZER—Keizer's Garden club will meet Tuesday, November 21, at 8 p. m. in the fire hall for a business session and program. E. Ward, Salem flower grower, will speak on fuchsias.

DALLAS—Al Paget, African missionary home on furlough, will be guest speaker at the Dallas Christian church Sunday, December 3, during the morning service. Mrs. Ross J. Griffith, wife of the president of Northwest Christian college, will be women's day speaker December 10.

DALLAS—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hayter will observe their 62nd wedding anniversary Tuesday, November 21, Hayter, ill for several weeks recently, returned home from the hospital last week.

GATES—Mrs. Joseph Joaquin, who underwent surgery in Salem Memorial hospital Tuesday, is reported improving satisfactorily.

SWEGLE—All parents are urged to attend a meeting of the Swegle Parent-Teachers association at the school Tuesday, November 21. The executive committee will meet at 7 p. m., and a health program will be presented at 8 p. m. Several important issues will be decided during the business meeting.

Plans were also made for the collection of articles to be used by four displaced persons expected to arrive soon. These are being sponsored by the WMF with the endorsement of the church body.

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4-H Clubs Organized At Sunnyside School

SUNNYSIDE—Four 4-H groups have been organized at Sunnyside school this fall.

Mrs. May Brown, Sunnyside teacher, is leader of the health group. Richard Grim is president and Barbara Graham secretary. The woodworking club is led by Clarence Poole with William Reed as president and Jimmy Thornton secretary.

Silverton WMF Plans Project

SILVERTON—At the Thursday meeting of the Women's Missionary Federation of Immanuel church, chief order of business was the appointment of committee with Mrs. John Overlund in charge. The nominating committee was the only one whose membership was elected.

A committee to write letters to shut-ins and to service men will be composed of Mrs. Ed Zitzwitz; Mrs. Elser Aarhus, Mrs. E. Saaberg and Mrs. M. N. Koelln; greeting committee at church functions, Mrs. H. B. Jorgenson, Mrs. Ed Overlund, Mrs. B. E. Gaffey, Mrs. Harold Stern and Miss Hannah Olson; nominating committee, Mrs. H. B. Jorgenson, Mrs. Stanley Swanson, Mrs. R. Poverud, Mrs. Harold Stern, Mrs. Marvin Fahl and Mrs. Conrad Johnson.

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Mothers Group Makes Plans At East Salem

EAST SALEM—Washington school Mothers club met at the school Thursday. In the absence of all officers Mrs. Warren Clark presided at the business meeting, and Mrs. Halbert Kemper acted as secretary.

Appointments made were Mrs. Garrit Van Hess, chairman of the committee assisting with school clinics; Mrs. Irvin Larson will serve as chairman of the room mothers and Mrs. Lewis Johnson will be a new leader of a blue bird group.

There were two subjects for general discussion: one the efforts to be made to have a side walk placed along Lansing avenue from Sunnyview to the school house and one of the social activities the club will sponsor.

Project chairman, Mrs. I. G. Lerron presented for consideration the purchasing of a public address system for the school, which would be a two-year project.

For the program Dr. A. Weston Nielela, special education director of the Salem schools spoke on the tests given children to determine their progress in their school lessons.

Thanksgiving Services Planned at Lebanon

LEBANON—Union Thanksgiving day church services will be conducted at 10 a. m. Thanksgiving in the First Baptist church.

The Rev. Henry I. Brown, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene and president of the Lebanon ministerial association, will deliver the morning address.

The one hour service is being sponsored by the Protestant churches affiliated with the ministerial association.

Lebanon Paper Mill Believed Near Solution to Pollution Of River; Pilot Plant Ready

LEBANON—The paper mills of Oregon and Washington are "on the spot" since they must stop dumping sulphite waste materials into rivers and streams by May 1, 1952, Herb Wymore, manager of the Crown Zellerbach corporation revealed this week.

Since all 31 northwest paper mills use a sulphite pulping process, the order issued by the sanitation authorities of both states would shut down the industry completely for substantial portions of the year.

However, he said, Crown Zellerbach is conducting experiments with a full sized pilot plant in Lebanon which they hope will eliminate the necessity of dumping such waste into the streams. Million Dollar Industry.

Wymore stressed the importance of paper to the northwest's economy saying 25,000 employees draw \$70,000,000 in wages annually in addition to \$40,000,000 worth of logs and \$210,000,000 of raw materials purchased by the industry.

In order for Oregon and Washington to keep this industry some new process must be devised and placed into operation within a year and a half.

Crown Zellerbach thinks it has found the answer by using an ammonia and sulfur base for their cooking rather than bisulphite of calcium. Calcium compounds can neither be burned nor dissolved, said Wymore, and thus be just sluffed off. The Lebanon plant pours nearly a million gallons of waste material into the Santiam river each day, he stated.

Ammonium compounds however are soluble, may be evaporated or burned. In fact, continued Wymore, the pilot plant under construction at Lebanon will burn much of the waste after concentrating it by evaporation to produce steam which is so essential to the papermaking process. Also much of the sulfur may be reclaimed and re-used.

Pilot Plant Ready
The pilot plant which Crown Zellerbach officials hope to have in full operation in six weeks is not a small model but full sized industrial equipment. Only one-tenth of the present waste liquor will be treated in the pilot study, and if detailed and thorough tests indicate the process will work, more equipment will be added to treat the entire output.

Wymore stated that the word "pollution" is frowned upon in paper circles since the waste dumped into the rivers is as sterile as a physician's scalpel and in itself perfectly harmless. However the chemicals have a great affinity for oxygen, and if the concentration is too great there is no oxygen left for fish. And fish play a large part in attracting tourists, Oregon's third largest industry. Wymore feels that the people of Oregon are entirely justified in forcing the paper mills to help clean up Oregon's streams.

Producing pulp with an ammonium base is nothing new, continued Wymore, and has been in the textbooks for some time. Two mills in the United States and one in Sweden use variations of the process. Nevertheless, he concluded, worldwide attention is being focused on Lebanon which might point the way to better, cheaper and more healthful paper manufacturing.

Draft Leaves Dallas with MD Shortage

DALLAS—Dr. J. M. Campbell, Dallas physician, left Monday for Bremerton, Wash., to report for active duty with the navy, leaving Dallas with only five physicians.

Campbell is the third Dallas doctor to report for military duty during the past year. Dr. Don White and Dr. C. E. Gibbs left earlier this year.

Dr. Campbell came to Dallas about 18 months ago after serving with the navy during and after World War II. He plans to resume practice in Dallas when he is discharged from the service.

Farm Classes Will Commence

ALBANY—November 21 has been set as the date for the first meeting in the series of adult classes of farm management, and will be held in the Santiam Central Farmers Union hall near Cottonwoods, starting at 8 p. m.

At this first meeting in the series, which has been organized at the request of the Farmers Union and the Grange, a movie on soil conservation will be shown. All farmers and their wives, as well as any others who are interested, are invited to attend these meetings.

E. H. Foreman, Albany high school instructor, states the meetings are being sponsored by the Albany high school in cooperation with the Union and Grange.

SCOUTS REACTIVATED
SILVERTON—Explorer post 88, Boy Scouts, has been reactivated with John Schwabe as advisor and Lowell Brown as committee chairman. A meeting for organization was held Monday night at the Methodist church.

North Marion Has Program

HUBBARD—Future Homemakers of America at North Marion union high school completed a full week activities in observance of FHA week with a "Teacher's Tea," Friday afternoon.

On Monday the girls listened to a speaker on "Careers in Home Economics;" Tuesday was Hobby Day, Wednesday was photography day and a demonstration by representatives of the Singer company on use of sewing machine attachments; Thursday, Mrs. Deicher, state FHA representative, talked on activities of the organization and planning their program for the year; Thursday evening the North Marion FHA entertained the Canby FHA with a no-host banquet.



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