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## The First Thanksgiving Day

In his recently published book, "Saints and Sinners" (Reginald & Hitchcock), George F. Willison has produced the best and most authentic and scholarly history of the Pilgrim Fathers and Plymouth Colony yet written and effectually disposed of romantic myths that have gained universal currency. The Pilgrims are not to be confused with the fanatical Puritans who settled farther north around Boston Bay. They were an adventurous hearty, joy-loving people who came in search of fame and fortune.

The Pilgrims were accompanied by the "Strangers" who were not especially religious and actuated by the same motives, and during most of the colony's history, outnumbered the Saints. On the Mayflower there were, men, women and children, 41 Saints, 40 Strangers, 5 hired hands and 18 bond servants; a total of 104. Those brought by subsequent vessels had more Strangers than Saints and dominated the colony.

Mr. Willison has allowed the Pilgrims to tell their own story and quotes freely from their letters and writings. The following account of the first Thanksgiving observance is based on Governor Bradford's long lost diary.

"Indian summer soon came in a blaze of glory, and it was time to bring in the crops. All in all, their first harvest was a disappointment. Their twenty acres of corn, thanks to Squanto, had done well enough. But the Pilgrims failed miserably with more familiar crops. Their six or seven acres of English wheat, barley, and peas came to nothing, and Bradford was certainly on safe ground in attributing this either to 'ye badness of ye seed, or lateness of ye season, or both, or some other defect.' Still, it was possible to make a substantial increase in the individual weekly food ration which for months had consisted merely of a peck of meal from the stores brought on the Mayflower. This was now doubled by adding a peck of maize a week, and the company decreed a holiday so that all night, after a more special manner, rejoice together."

"The Pilgrims had other things to be thankful for. They had made peace with the Indians and walked 'as peaceably and safely in the woods as in the highways in England.' A start had been made in the beaver trade. There had been no sickness for months. Eleven houses now lined the street—seven private dwellings and four buildings for common use. There had been no recurrence of mutiny and disharmony. Faced with common danger, Saints and Strangers had drawn closer together, sinking doctrinal differences for a time. Nothing had disturbed the peace but a duel, the first and last fought in the colony, with Stephen Hopkins' spirited young servants, Edward Dotey and Edward Leister, as principals.

"As the day of the harvest festival approached, four men were sent out to shoot waterfowl, returning with enough to supply the company for a week. Massachusetts was invited to attend and shortly arrived—with ninety ravenously brave! The strain on the larder was somewhat eased when some of these went out and bagged five deer. Captain Standish staged a military review, there were games of skill and chance, and for three days the Pilgrims and their guests gorged themselves on venison, roast goose, clams and other shellfish, succulent eels, white bread, corn bread, leeks and watercress and other 'salut herbes,' with wild plums and dried berries as dessert—all washed down with wine, made of the wild grape, both white and red, which the Pilgrims praised as 'very sweete & strong.' At this first Thanksgiving feast in New England the company may have enjoyed, though there is no mention of it in the record, some of the long-legged 'Turkies' whose speed of foot in the woods constantly amazed the Pilgrims. And there were cranberries by the bushel in neighboring bogs. It is very doubtful, however, if the Pilgrims had yet contrived a use for them. Nor was the table graced with a later and even more felicitous invention—pumpkin pie.

"The celebration was a great success, warmly satisfying to body and soul alike, and the Pilgrims held another the next year, repeating it more or less regularly for generations. In time it became traditional throughout New England to enjoy the harvest feast with Pilgrim trimmings, a tradition carried to other parts of the country as restless Yankees moved westward. But it remained a regional or local holiday until 1863 when President Lincoln, in the midst of the Civil War, proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving, setting aside the last Thursday in November for the purpose, disregarding the centuries-old Pilgrim custom of holding it somewhat earlier, usually in October as on this first occasion."

## Hirohito's Stock Booms

Inconceivable as it may seem, the prestige of the Japanese emperor and the imperial institution have been strengthened by the defeat of Japan and the return of peace, in the opinion of American correspondents and other observers in the land of the Rising Sun. In the eyes of the rank and file of the Japs, Hirohito is somewhat of a hero. Whatever else he may have done before or during the war, he is now the man who finally brought peace to the islands.

What peace means to the Japs cannot be realized by those who have not lived in the vanquished nation. Bled of its manpower, stripped of every vital material and starved for years and then subjected to the most intense bombing any nation has ever undergone, the Japanese were praying for peace. For years their morale was sustained by appeals to their patriotism and by pleas of wartime necessities. They were repressed and regimented by men in uniform, by the army, navy and the secret police.

Even now life for the average Japanese is far from rosy. But conditions are better than they were prior to the surrender. The young men are no longer being herded into uniform and sent abroad to foreign battle fields. The hated classes, militarists and bureaucrats, who formerly dominated the lives of the people are now hunted fugitives.

Peace has given to the ordinary Japanese a sense of freedom and individual security that he never possessed before. He looks into the future with hope, and for that hope he thanks the emperor. Were a plebiscite on the form of government preferred by the average Jap to be held now the result would be overwhelmingly in favor of continuing Hirohito in power, the observers say.

## Humorist and Actor Dies in New York

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—Robert C. Benchley, 56, author, editor, actor and humorist, died early today of a cerebral hemorrhage at the Harkness Pavilion of the Columbia Presbyterian medical center.

Recently he had spent much of his time in Hollywood and returned only a month ago from the coast where he made a number of motion pictures. He had been doing radio shows while here and was taken ill at his Scarsdale, N.Y., home a little more than a week ago and went to the hospital.

## Tacoma Aluminum Plant Will Close

East Alton, Ill., Nov. 21 (AP)—President John M. Olin of Olin Industries, Inc., announced the Olin aluminum plant at Tacoma, Wash., will be closed down immediately.

He explained that his company which had operated the plant for the government since September, 1942, could not accept an offer to purchase or lease it because "the future of the commercial aluminum industry is too uncertain at this time to justify us to assume the enormous risks involved."

## Hotel Men Must Expect Congestion

Portland, Nov. 21 (AP)—The president of the Hotel Greeters of America—Ambassador extraordinary of cheer and hospitality—was gloomy today.

Here on a national tour of hotels, Arthur F. Landstreet, Memphis, Tenn., said war-time travel would be exceeded by peacetime travelers already "going for a change of scenery."

That would be fine for hotelmen—except conditions will not allow hotel expansion for several years, he reported.



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## Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

There's supposed to be enough turkey in the country, according to the statisticians of the agriculture department, to furnish every man, woman and child in the country with five pounds apiece. But we'd like to have 'em show us a neck just once that weighs five pounds—anyway, dressed.

We haven't heard of many new automobiles being bought as yet at the new OPA prices but we've seen a lot of folks who'd like to buy automobiles at any kind of prices.

There have been a lot of changes among the generals, what with General Eisenhower becoming chief of staff, General McNary succeeding him in Europe, et cetera. And then there's the latest developments in re good old General Motors—the last named General seeming to be on a tough spot. Apparently General Motors should resign in favor of General Patton and get some cars made.

Looks like Bill Klepper, who dictates the destinies of the Salem Senators, pulled a fast one when he named a comparatively unknown semi-pro ball player to be manager of said Senators the coming summer. By this adroit move in naming somebody who nobody knows any-

thing about he has started all the boys talking and this probably will keep up until spring starts the grass growing at Waters park. Had he named somebody like Babe Ruth or Ty Cobb, who everybody knows everything about there'd be nothing to wrangle over. So maybe the lad Tony Patch is just the one to get the needed publicity ahead of the gun and give a real build up to the local situation. But, at that, he'd better be good when the time comes.

A man who experts in volcanoes comes out with the soothing assurances that there's nothing to worry about because smoke rings have been seen to ascend from Crater Lake. Now it's Hedda Swart's turn to come out with some similar satisfying assurances about Table Rock, what with things looking mighty cold-like for over Thanksgiving.

The crowd around the local liquor store at times is only exceeded by the ones which congregate around the local candy store at its periodic openings. However, there are not many of the same gang that patronize the two places so they don't get crossed up on their dates very much.

A lot of folk seem to be getting fed up on examples of the law's delays as practiced in the War criminal trials in Germany and the Far East. There's no good reason why any of those birds should enjoy another Christmas.

## Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

### Army Pays Him More

Norfolk, Va.—Theodore R. Lineback quit his \$45-a-week mechanic's job and enlisted as a private in the army—because he needed more money.

His army base pay will be \$50 per month. But don't forget those allowances for dependants. Because that's where 44-year-old Pvt. Lineback hits the jackpot—he has ten of them.

There's wife Edith and four sons and five daughters, ranging from 18-months-old Ralph to 15-year-old William. Add family allowances to base pay, plus \$10 per month due Lineback in longevity pay for 12 years' army service after World War I, and it totals \$278 per month.

### Hometown Boy

Buffalo, N. Y.—John A. Barker, 70, New York Central engineer who will retire Dec. 1 after 56 years of railroading, estimated he has traveled more than 1,000,000 miles without getting out of the city.

"From '95 to '97 and again in 1901 I went firing—fired 'em all between here and Syracuse," Barker recalls. "In 1902 I became an engineer and I've been at it ever since right here in Buffalo on a yard puller. Never cared to get out on the main line."

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## Award Presented By Adair Officers

Camp Adair, Ore., Nov. 21 (AP)—Camp Adair officers Tuesday announced that Chris D. Delaney, Bend, Ore., had been presented the Silver Star decoration which was awarded posthumously to his son, Tech. Sgt. Emmett C. Delaney.

The presentation was Sunday, with only relatives and friends of the family attending the private ceremony at Camp Adair. First Lt. Joseph J. Kingsbury, an officer on the staff of Col. Lewis S. Norman, commanding officer, presided.

The father previously received the Bronze Star decoration awarded his son.

## Frank Banks Named Engineer for Basin

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—Frank A. Banks, a veteran in the development of western water resources, today was named supervising engineer of the million-acre Columbia basin irrigation project.

Interior Secretary Ickes also announced appointment of Robert J. Newell as regional director for the reclamation bureau in the Pacific northwest, with headquarters at Boise, Idaho. Newell, who has served as assistant and associate director since the region was established in 1943, succeeds Banks as regional director.

Banks was supervising engineer for construction of Grand Coulee dam.

## May Open Tourney To Foreign Clubs

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—A Denver be thrown open to foreign clubs that the National A. A. U. basketball tournament at eight teams will be among the 21 amendments that delegates to the annual AAU convention will consider at Richmond, Va., December 7, 8 and 9, it was announced today.

Present rules bar foreign quintets from participating in the title tourney.

## Ruling on Lawyers

Out-of-state lawyers can be admitted to the Oregon bar only if they have practiced law during three of the five years preceding the application for admittance, the state supreme court said today.

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## MacKenzie's Column

By DeWitt Mackenzie

The other day there died in Tennessee a man named Luke Lea. One of the high points of his very active life (he was soldier, publisher, senator) was an attempt to kidnap the kaiser.

Colonel Lea and a handful of picked followers essayed the capture of the German emperor in Holland shortly after the end of World War one because all the allied bluster about trying war criminals, and the shouts of "hang the kaiser," proved to have been the thumping of an empty tub. Lea and his colleagues decided to take the matter into their own hands.

The colonel was living ahead of his time. Today—a generation later—the Nuernberg trials are under way, and a score of nazi leaders are facing judgment for the part they played in Hitler's assault on humanity. The other day, Josef Kramer, the "beast of Belzec," and 29 others were convicted by the British at Nuernberg for the horrors of the Belzen and Oswiecim concentration camps. And Japan's war lords are being brought to book.

Trials Considered Right  
These trials, as I see it, mark a world movement in the right direction. It's difficult for you and me, as we think of loved ones lost in this cruel war, to see good coming out of such a conflict. But it is indeed a hopeful sign that the world should rise up and declare itself against the crime of war.

Justice Robert H. Jackson, chief prosecutor for the United States at Nuernberg, declared in his opening address before the tribunal: "The real complaining party at your bar is civilization."

Justice will be served. The American prosecutor stated that he would try to convict the nazis with the written records which they have kept rather than by testimony of their foes.

"There is no count of the indictment that cannot be proved by books and records," he said.

## American Leaguers Stay With Trains

Chicago, Nov. 21 (AP)—American league baseball clubs will not join the sporting world's general movement toward airplane transportation next season, but instead will stick to railroad travel, President Will Harridge announced today.

Denying reports that a majority of big league baseball teams would travel by air in 1946, Harridge said, "Clubs in our league have assured me they will continue to use the railroads for transportation of their ball clubs."

Falls City—Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Henthorne went to Portland Saturday afternoon to meet their son, Henry, who has just returned from overseas duty.

## State Takes Jurisdiction Over Nearly 2,000,000 Acres

The state now has complete jurisdiction over fire prevention and fighting activity in an area including nearly 2,000,000 acres of timbered, cutover and burned-over land as a result of fire control jurisdiction in 281,000

acres of Polk and Benton county forest land taken over by the state forestry department from the Polk county fire patrol association, effective December 1, according to legal papers signed in Portland Tuesday by Nels S. Rogers, state forester, and fire control officers.

The state will take over all duties, assets and liabilities of the association, including \$50,000 in claims which it found itself unable to pay after the Black Rock fire last summer.

In taking over the two districts the state must assume a total debt of nearly \$250,000, Rogers states. Both private agencies spent large sums combating fires during the 1945 summer and found themselves financially unable to continue.

## White Sox Start Building Program

Chicago, Nov. 21 (AP)—Chicago's White Sox, who last season started out in front of the American league and wound up in sixth place, apparently are starting a rebuilding program.

The Sox already have sent two of their 1945 players back to the minors—outfielder Johnny Dickshot and infielder Bill Nagel.

Now Vice President Harry Grabner hints they are dicker for Cleveland's Jeff Heath, a holdout in the early months of the past season because of admitted dissatisfaction as an Indian player. He wanted to be traded last year and probably the White Sox will get him during the minor league meeting at Columbus, O., Dec. 5, 6 and 7.

Dickshot, who was sent to Hollywood batted .303 in 1945. Nagel, used sparingly at first base, went sent back to Milwaukee, where he played third base in 1944.

## Chilean Defeats John Haynes

Los Angeles, Nov. 21 (AP)—Arturo Godoy, Chilean heavy-weight, had a couple of rough rounds and suffered a bruised eye but managed to win a 10-round decision last night in a fast-moving fight with Johnny Haynes, Los Angeles.

For most of the way the South American's experience stood him in good stead. Haynes threatened a knockout in the ninth when he crowned Godoy on the ropes and slugged strenuously. But Arturo recovered, turned the tables, and finished the round slugging Haynes on the ropes while the Los Angeles fighter made little effort to defend himself.

There were no knockdowns. Godoy weighed 200, Haynes 208.

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- 7:00—World-wide News
- 7:15—Smile Time
- 7:30—News with Woodie Slater
- 8:00—Haven of Rest
- 8:30—Sing Away Your Troubles
- 9:00—News with William Lang
- 9:15—Songs by Morton Downey
- 9:30—Pastor's Call
- 9:55—Dick & Jeannie
- 12:00 noon—Mid-Day Hymns
- 10:15—Luncheon with Lopez
- 10:30—Paula Stone & Phil Brito
- 10:45—Bing Sings
- 11:00—Cedric Foster
- 11:15—Wiles Organalties
- 11:30—Queen for a Day
- 12:00 noon—Mid-Day News
- 12:05 p.m.—Top Trades
- 12:15—Keith Brown News
- 12:30—Harry Scott Serenade
- 12:35—Remember
- 12:45—This Is Music
- 1:00—News on the Tour
- 1:15—Lum 'n Abner
- 1:30—Kiwanis Queen Program
- 2:00—News on the Hour
- 2:15—January's Calendar of Tomorrow
- 2:30—You're Worth Your Weight
- 3:00—News on the Hour
- 3:30—Dr. Semler News
- 3:45—Elsa Maxwell Party Line



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- 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
- 4:15—Rex Miller
- 4:30—Erskine Johnson
- 5:00—World-wide News
- 5:15—Superman
- 5:30—Captain Midnight
- 5:45—Adventures of Tom Mix
- 6:00—Gabriel Heatter
- 6:30—Treasure Hour of Song
- 7:00—Bishop's News Commentary
- 7:05—Stevens' Victory Loan Diary
- 7:15—News with Wes McWain
- 7:30—Calling Silverton
- 8:00—Bulldog Drummond
- 8:30—Rogue's Gallery
- 9:00—Alka Seltzer News
- 9:15—James Crowley
- 9:30—Inside of Sports
- 9:45—Capital Journal News
- 10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
- 10:25—General Petroleum Sportcast
- 10:30—Dr. Semler News
- 11:00—Open House
- 11:30—Bobby Ramos' Orchestra
- 11:45—Final Newscast

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