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THE DAY FOR THANKSGIVING

Today isn't really "turkey day," nor is it the day when the football season is supposed to end and does in many localities. It is America's third most important religious festival day, next to Christmas and Easter, for in its inception this is a day of thanksgiving to the Almighty for our blessings.

Many peoples have held Thanksgivings throughout the centuries, usually in the autumn after the harvests were gathered in. Ours originated with the Pilgrims at Plymouth in 1621 when the people wished to thank God. Not for prosperity as we know it now, but for still being alive after a very hard first year in the new world, and for harvests sufficient to keep them alive till the following year.

Each year since, Thanksgiving has been observed, not always the same day, but always in the same spirit, at least by those with a spiritual attitude toward their blessings. The great day comes again. Let us count a few of our many blessings and see what they are.

Perhaps the greatest national blessing in our country this Thanksgiving is that the war in Korea is over. American youths are no longer being killed and tortured by our Communist foes. This is certainly the greatest blessing of all in several million homes with sons in the service or subject to call. It may prove a temporary blessing but we have much to be thankful for while it lasts.

We have a very great material blessing in the continuance of a high level of prosperity. Despite some complaints because the boom does not get boomer and boomer it appears that this will be the biggest business year in the history of a country that has seen one big one after another for many years past. We have much to be thankful for in a material way, compared with former generations of Americans who were probably a good deal more thankful for a great deal less.

We should be thankful that we are still an island of freedom in a world where the areas of freedom are still shrinking. This is a blessing which is better appreciated after it is lost, but ought to be supremely appreciated here and now. And appreciated in a way to inspire us to help others keep from losing theirs.

There are so many other things, health, educational opportunity, a kindly government which we can control, bright hopes for the future which so much of mankind seems to have lost.

CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING

The monthly report of the Federal Reserve Board bulletin gives the nation real grounds for Thanksgiving this year. It shows that United States free enterprise economy will produce a record breaking \$368 billion worth of goods and services this calendar year. This is about \$2300 for every man, woman and child in the country, a new level of good living, both in terms of dollar value and production, about 5 per cent over the previous record set last year.

Describing 1953 as a "year of substantial achievement," the board said business generally is at a "high level" although "the pace of economic activity has slackened somewhat" since midyear.

President Eisenhower's chief economic adviser, Dr. Gabriel Hauge, said "the nation has weathered a 'psychological recession' and is now in a period of healthy 'economic adjustment.'"

Farm income was about the only downward line in the board's chart of economic conditions. The income of farm proprietors has "declined markedly" and is back at the postwar level of 1949—about \$16.25 billion.

Dr. Hauge said the rise in the cost of living should "be slowing down to a stop within a matter of a few months," and that the month-to-month changes ahead ought to be "very very small."

Supporting him was Ewan Clague, long-time commissioner of the labor department's bureau of labor statistics, who said prices are now "practically stable" and "the period of inflation appears to be ended."

Since midyear, the reserve board said, businessmen have slowed the growth of their inventories, which resulted in fewer new orders and has been the chief factor in the slight economic downturn, about 1 per cent, since the spring high. But it has been a good year in employment, industrial activity, factory expansion, high personal living standards and overall price stability.

The board admits that during the last half of the year "some demands have eased and some declines have occurred in production and employment," but despite this slackening "the gross national product" has been a record breaker.—G. P.

THE NEW DEPARTMENT STORE

The Capital Journal was able yesterday to announce the letting of the contract for the new Lipman, Wolfe department store, which it develops will be much larger than earlier reports had indicated.

Four floor levels, 80,000 square feet of floor space with adjacent parking facilities, a total investment in building, site, fixtures and merchandise stock of some three million dollars, add up to an immense venture in Salem's economic future.

This should give Salem several shots in the arm. First it is expert judgment that the good business conditions of the past 13 years will continue, a judgment that the central business district will still be a good place to have a store, a big boost for our 1953 building construction permits, a source of lucrative employment for scores of workers over a period of seven months, a source of new business for materials suppliers.

And later the means of attracting more people to shop in Salem, which should help all of us who live here, as well as the customers from outside our immediate environs.

Rhee Confers With Top U. S. Officers

Tokyo (AP)—The navy disclosed today that South Korean President Syngman Rhee conferred with four top-ranking U.S. generals and admirals yesterday aboard the battleship Wisconsin at Inchon, Ko-

The subject of the conference was not reported. Rhee met with the retiring Seventh fleet commander, Vice Adm. J. J. "Jocko" Clark and his successor, Vice Adm. A. M. Friede; the U.S. Eighth army commander, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, and Lt. Gen. S. E. Anderson, U.S. Fifth Air Force commander.

THE SAME APPLIES IN THE ATOM AGE



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Ike's Thanksgiving Turkey From Nebraska This Year

By DREW PEARSON

Washington — Presidential turkeys throughout the years have been strictly nonpartisan, and usually nonseasonal. Through accident more than design, the President of the United States usually gets his turkeys from widely separated geographical areas. . . . Eisenhower's first Thanksgiving turkey as president comes from near Lincoln, Neb., a 39-pound, broad-breasted, bronze tom donated by Roscoe Hill, head of the National Turkey Federation. . . . Truman usually got his gobblers from Wilton E. Hall, Anderson, S. C., publisher. . . . President Roosevelt's birds came from a fancier in Rhode Island, who liked to demonstrate that of the six standard varieties of domesticated turkeys — bronze, Narragansett, buff, slate, white and black — the bronze and Narragansett are the largest. . . . President Taft got his turkeys from Tazewell county, Va., from where Queen Victoria always received turkeys every year during her reign. . . . Vice President Barkley claimed that the Kentucky birds raised by the late John W. Perry near Frankfort, Ky., were the best. . . . Woodrow Wilson got his turkeys from Senator Ollie James of Kentucky, who insisted that blue-grass-fed turkeys were better than any others. . . . Eisenhower will be the second President to spend his Thanksgiving in Georgia. FDR usually carved his turkey at Warm Springs, Ga., where five birds were necessary to satisfy the appetites of all the polio-stricken youngsters. The late President himself carved the first turkey, surrounded by twelve boys and girls who drew lots to see who would sit next to him.

Today, with the lame-duck session of congress eliminated and the regular session opening in January, Eisenhower is not quite so hurried, though even so his advisers are already worried about what will happen when congress, plus a lot of irate democrats, come back to town. FDR's Old Brain Truster

The redoubtable Colonel McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, not content with being one of the chief supporters of Senator McCarthy, has also undertaken to police the University of Chicago. Specifically, a monitor from the Chicago Tribune showed up in a class given by Professor Rexford Guy Tugwell, former top member of the Roosevelt brain trust, and sat patiently through a series of lectures. Furthermore he managed to stay awake.

Tugwell came to Washington from Columbia University as one of the little group who wrote FDR's speeches, became Undersecretary of Agriculture, later Governor of Puerto Rico. Since then he has been a top member of the University of Chicago and has lectured for Chicago institute for planning. His classes are large and he can't keep track of every student, so didn't pay much attention to the out-of-place student from the Chicago Tribune. At the end of the semester, however, the auditor came up to him in some disgust.

"I don't know what the hell you've been talking about," he remarked. "but I don't think it's communism or socialism." A Tribune editor, asked about the incident, confessed: "I had to send that man out on the direct order of Colonel McCormick." Note—The Newspaper Guild, which has been trying to organize the Tribune, argued facili-

ously that reporters were required to undergo "cruel and unusual punishment beyond the line of duty" in listening to the Tugwell lectures. "Yes," countered another reporter, "but that's not as bad as having to listen to Colonel McCormick." Letter Carriers March

This week, when the U.S.A. is giving thanks for its blessings, the National Association of Letter Carriers will stage a unique contribution to less fortunate neighbors. At that time the letter carriers will "walk" to raise money for muscular dystrophy, that dread disease which strikes only at children.

Under the national chairmanship of Postmaster General Summerfield, head of the muscular dystrophy drive, the mailmen will collect funds to help find a cure for this mysterious disease. Though the Chicago Tribune has raised some criticism of their efforts, the letter carriers will not march on the taxpayers' time, but on their own time. They are doing this not as part of their job, but in the tradition of good Americans grateful for their own health and anxious to help the health of others.

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BETTER READ THE SIGN
 Tampa, Fla. (AP)—Burglars did a lot of work for nothing because they apparently didn't believe in signs. Police said the burglars forced open a store safe despite a note on it saying the safe could be opened simply by turning the handle. The note also said the safe was empty. It was.

"BIGGEST PICKLE"
 Chicago (AP)—Singer Julius La Rosa, who lost his television job with Arthur Godfrey and then became a headliner, won an award from the National Pickle Packers Association—a hand-carved wooden pickle for the "man who got into and out of the biggest pickle in 1953."

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 Sacramento (AP)—A jury awarded Mrs. Anne Clark \$13,000 damages for being served an unordered pot of coffee. Mrs. Clark said she was served fried potatoes instead of hominy grits she ordered, and when she protested the waitress served the coffee—"Right on top of my head, the whole pot."

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'No Week' Week

Coos Bay Times

One doesn't have to work long around a newspaper office to learn that a week is not just a week—or almost never so. Most weeks are several weeks as a result of a sewing practice by various groups of designating just about every week on the calendar as this week or that week, National Apple Week, National Potato Chip Week, National Be Kind of Unprivileged Wood Tick Week—all without regard to what an entirely different set of organizations may have in mind for the selfsame week or weeks.

Confusing, isn't it? There's just no telling what answer you'll get if you should ask "What week is this?" And that's not all, for there are numerous special days and months, too.

Now we learn that the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, no less, has come to the rescue and is prepared, for a slight consideration, to supply a booklet which will wise you up as to business promotion events (that's where most of the extra weeks come from), legal holidays and religious observances. We're going to have one of those booklets. We're looking forward to finding out whether "National Leave Us Alone Week" is a formalized version of Greta Garbo's "Ay want to be alone" of years past, or whether "National Laugh Week" coincides with the time we have to plunge up to Uncle Sam's internal revenue boys.

It's quite possible that we might find there are a few weeks that haven't been discovered — perhaps created would be the better term. If we find it hasn't been done already, we may campaign for a "Mind Your Own Business Week."

Now that's only a sample of what is likely to develop if something isn't done about this week business. Who knows but what there may have to be a "Weekless Week" just to give everyone a rest.

How Punish Crime?

(Hood River News)

Some of the gruesome treatment recommended by local people for the murderers of the Greenleaf boy has been shocking to hear.

Some people in this civilized age not only believe in "an eye for an eye" but approve of torture methods for criminals.

Of course, these sadistic types are at the opposite end of the pole from those who believe no criminal should be deprived of his life. No matter how bloody and cruel the crime, these persons oppose capital punishment. These people usually have the erroneous idea that the most vile crimes are punished by life imprisonment. Life terms may be given but few are served out under the lenient parole provisions of this day and age.

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POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Hal Imagines: What If Old Miles Standish Came Back?

By HAL BOYLE

Hometown, U. S. A. (AP)—Let us suppose that Miles Standish, military leader of the Pilgrim fathers, miraculously returns to life to spend Thanksgiving in a modern American city.

The doughty captain, dressed in Pilgrim garb, rubs his eyes, looks around and demands: "Where are all the Indians?"

His odd raiment draws no attention whatsoever, as everybody figures he is advertising a restaurant and just forgot to put on his sandwich boards.

Miles steps into the street. A passing car knocks him

Salem 38 Years Ago

November 26, 1915

Carel Mapu, a four-masted, full-rigged Chilean ship had gone ashore at Schooner Cove on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Her entire crew of 25 had perished in the wreck. Carel Mapu had been the British ship Kinross when she was launched at Liverpool in 1877. (Carel Mapu was likely the last of the dozens of square-riggers lost on the northwest coast since 1840.)

Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner, had been pleased to find a crowd of 1000 persons waiting at the depot when his train rolled into Salt Lake City. He never supposed he had so many admirers. Presently he was disenchanted when he discovered that the crowd had gathered to pay last farewell respects to Joe Hillstrom, lately executed I.W.O., whose body was being transported by rail.

At Bishop's, men's Hart, Schaffner & Marx suits were obtainable for \$20, \$25 and \$30.

Upper floor of the new Roth grocery building on Liberty street had been almost entirely completed for YWCA occupancy.

Another of the cherry red street cars had arrived from Beaverton shops and had been slated for service on Salem's Commercial street line.

Miss A. McCulloch, optometrist, had an advertisement saying that she could correct or overcome "Presbyopia, that subtle symptom of middle age," with her correctly focused glasses.

Sixty carloads of evaporated prunes had been shipped east this season by Drager Fruit company. Two carloads consigned to Glasgow and Liverpool had not been shipped because transportation was lacking.

H. D. Cross, Pacific coast representative of the Boy Scouts, had advised his wards to lock up Kipling's "Barrack Room Ballads" and to hide Jack London's "Sea Wolf" because they carry a flavor of adventure that inspires youth with an idea to leave home and his studies.

Praise for Dewey

(Salt Lake Tribune)

Governor Thomas E. Dewey has won his fight to get rid of his acting lieutenant governor who, he thought, had compromised the New York state administration by visiting a convicted extortionist in prison. Arthur H. Wicks, the lieutenant governor, finally resigned after a long wrangle, but only after claiming that his record had been "completely vindicated" by a caucus of GOP state senators.

However, the fact remains that Dewey got what he wanted — the removal of any possible taint on his administration or his party. Dewey deserves credit for his stand.

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