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'Thanks-giving' is Something You Do!

By the REV. MELVIN DIXON

(Ed. Note: This guest editorial by a member of the Ministerial Association is presented in the custom established of having a minister write an editorial at the time of some of our holidays.)

For several centuries Americans have celebrated this season intended as special observance for the expression of our gratitude to Almighty God for His bounteous mercies.

In all history, I doubt whether any nation has been so affluent, saturated with unprecedented mundane blessings. There has developed in our culture, however, a creeping amnesia; the sense and acknowledgement of our gratefulness diminishing in inverse ratio to that which we possess. We too easily have forgotten from Whom this all has come! You and I have nothing apart from the directive or permissive will of God. And especially during this Thanksgiving season, may our gratitude crystallize into something we do!

Giving Thanks is something more than a murmur of the lips or a vague feeling of satisfaction for the things that we have, but a purposeful direction of the heart; body, mind, and soul; the intellect, volition, and emotions, offering praise to the Lord for His goodness. Thanksgiving is something we do!

For instance: The moments of "grace" prior to the sumptuous dinner. (Every meal is a miniature Thanksgiving when preceded by our prayer). The overflow from the soul's depths for home and family, and tender relationships. If life is any other than this, it is not God's fault. His transforming power can enable us to live the "abundant life," for which we can be grateful, and thereby commit ourselves to the redemption through Jesus Christ our Lord. Good food in the midst of the world's want, shelter in the time of storm, adequate clothing for our bodies, the measure of health we enjoy, for life itself, for special Divine Providence in countless ways—words fail me to properly enumerate further blessings.

All of this calls for a response in rededication of our very souls to Him who has made our nation great, because Thanksgiving is really something we do!

Charles Stork, American educator and writer has accordingly expressed his gratitude:

God, You have been too good to me,
 You don't know what you've done.
 A clod's too small to drink in all
 The treasure of the sun.
 The pitcher fills the lifted cup
 And still the blessings pour
 They overbrim the shallow rim
 With cool refreshing store.
 You are too prodigal with joy,
 Too careless of its worth,
 To let the stream with crystal gleam
 Fall wasted on the earth.
 Let many thirsty lips draw near
 And quaff the greater part!
 There still will be too much for me
 To hold in one glad heart.

Have a joyful and grateful Thanksgiving!
 Melvin W. Dixon

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THIS IS the time of year that you can make good on that resolution to do your Christmas shopping early. When Thanksgiving is over, the transition to the Christmas season will come quickly, and it would be good to get the job done right away.

Heppner's Christmas Opening will be Saturday, and the selections of merchandise will be at their best. How nice it would be to get your shopping done and then relax and forget about it.

Again, we expect to see everyone have a lot of fun with the guessing contest, visiting with Mr. S. Claus, and so on, Heppner's the place to be Saturday and we hope all the home folks will get out and join the fun downtown, too.

PSYCHOLOGISTS all know about Pavlov's dog and the experiments in conditioned response. Somehow, when we think of the Chamber of Commerce luncheons, we are reminded of Pavlov and his dog.

Pavlov rang a bell every time he fed his dog in his conditioning experiments. Soon, because the dog associated the bell's ringing with food, everytime Pavlov rang a bell, the dog would come rushing up, expecting to be fed.

So it is with the C of C and the fire whistle. Every time it blows on Monday the C of C members rush to the Wagon Wheel to be fed.

Strangely enough, it didn't blow Monday for some reason, and the poorest attendance was on hand of any in the past several months, with only 19 out!

ONE WOULD have expected that politics could be forgotten when the general election was over. But another form of politics is now entering the news picture on the sports front—the University of Southern California's campaign to get its team into the Rose Bowl.

Oregon State U has the best record of coast teams, but as L. H. Gregory of the Oregonian said pessimistically Tuesday, it would be a fairly safe bet that USC will walk off with the marbles. Only a dismal showing against Notre Dame would keep them out, despite OSU's better record.

So any local fans who have dreams of making a New Year's trip south to see Dick Ruhl perform in the bowl better not buy their tickets too quickly.

The old Pacific coast conference broke up when the Oregon teams started making too good a showing and began whacking the California teams which couldn't stand to take a licking. Now that they have condescended to let the Oregon teams back in, it is starting all over again.

By hook or crook, Southern Cal will come up with a case that will make it rough on Oregon State.

It is a pretty sure thing that politics, more than sports logic, will make the decision. We un-

derstand that they don't consider Oregon State "spectacular enough" to play in the Rose Bowl.

The Beavers have one of the best defensive teams in the school's history, and we're



Coming Events

CHRISTMAS OPENING
 Saturday, November 28
 Santa arrives downtown Heppner, 1 p.m.
 Enter window guessing contests—over \$250 worth in prizes.

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 First session, "Remembering Names,"
 Tuesday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.
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IONE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
 Sunday, Dec. 6, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
 Willows Grange hall.
 Ham dinner, 12:30 to 2:00.

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 Wednesday, November 25, 7:30 p.m.
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proud to say that Ruhl is a big part of that defense. The Beavers have given up no more than two touchdowns to any team, yielding two each to Syracuse and Indiana, at the same time whacking them 31-13 and 24-14, and two to Stanford while losing 16 to 7. The Indians did add a field goal to their total.

All the rest of their opponents scored one touchdown each against OSU, including Colorado, Baylor, Washington, Idaho,

Washington State and Oregon. Southern Cal gave up three touchdowns to California, and two each to Oklahoma, Michigan State, Ohio State, Washington and UCLA. They gave up 10 to Stanford. They held Colorado scoreless and gave up 7 to Georgia. USC lost to Michigan State, 17-7; Ohio State, 17-0; Washington, 14-13; and they should lose to Notre Dame Saturday. A victory in the final would give them the Rose Bowl

for sure, even though OSU's record would still be better, but they also have it figured now so that if they even put up a "good showing" against Notre Dame, they will nudge OSU out of the picture.

So, if USC has its way, political might makes right. It's too bad that the two teams can't play for the right to enter the bowl.

BE EASY on that Thanksgiving turkey tomorrow.

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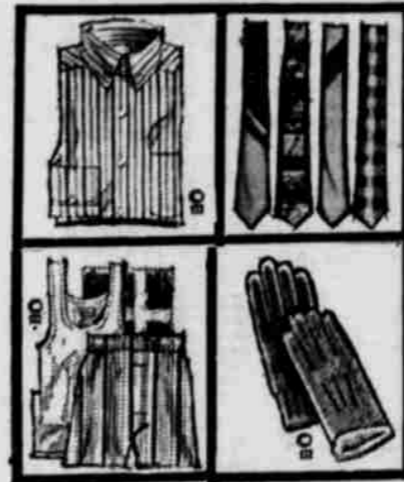
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