

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

Thanksgiving has arrived, and so quickly it will be Christmas. Although Congress ruled against President Roosevelt's attempt to have Thanksgiving set ahead one week, I agreed with him that there should be more time between the holidays. In Canada the government in 1957 changed that nation's annual Thanksgiving celebration from the last Monday in October to the second Monday, which really gives Canadians a good spacing of the two holidays.

I have just read two historic accounts of the first years the Pilgrims spent in New England and have learned a few interesting facts about their relationship with two special Indians and about early Thanksgivings. One article written by Emilie Tavel Livezey of the "Christian Science Monitor News Service" tells "It is not well known that in selecting Plymouth for their new home, they chose the one site in all New England where, because of a cruel plague that had wiped out the Patuxet, there were no Indians to claim or fight for the land.

"A Patuxet, named Squanto, who had been sold into slavery in Spain, had made his way back to Plymouth shortly before the Pilgrims arrived on November 21, 1620. In March, 1621, the colony was startled by the arrival of an Indian who strode boldly into the settlement, raised a hand, and said to the newcomers "Welcome." He was a "sagamore," or lord, of a tribe in Maine. His name was Samoset, and he had picked up a few words from English fishermen along his coast.

"With the help of these two Indians, the Pilgrims signed a treaty of peace with the great Massasoit, who had the fealty of numerous smaller tribes in the region. The plantation's governor, William Bradford, stated, "Squanto continued with us and was our interpreter. He was a special instrument of God for our good, beyond expectation. He showed us how to plant corn, where to take fish, and how to procure other commodities. He showed us how to use the spawning alewives that swarmed up Town Brook in April as fertilizer. He never left the colony until he died."

The second article I read gave the history of Thanksgiving observances in America. It said that the first Thanksgiving observance took place on Dec. 4, 1619, when 39 English settlers arrived at Berkeley Plantation on the James River near what is now Charles City, Virginia. That group's charter required that the day of their arrival be observed yearly as a day of thanksgiving to God. The article continues, telling that "Government proclaimed days of thanksgiving were not unknown to the Pilgrims. The concept of a November day of Thanksgiving combined with a fall harvest feast, however, first took place long after 1621.

"Since it was the Pilgrims' custom to thank God at every turn, they doubtless did so at a small harvest festival in 1621, but they did not declare it an official thanksgiving. No harvest celebration was recorded in 1622, when the crop was very lean. On July 30, 1623, Governor Bradford proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving and fasting for deliverance from a drought which had threatened the harvest.

"The first national Thanksgiving Day in the U.S. was on Nov. 26, 1789, proclaimed by President Washington in gratitude for the establishment of the Constitution. America's second official national Thanksgiving Day came during the Civil War. Ever since then all chief executives have been following President Lincoln with their yearly proclamations."

My research about Thanksgiving was stimulated last Sunday when each person attending the congregational dinner at the Methodist Church found a small envelope containing five grains of corn at his place at the tables. On the top of the envelope was typed the following explanation:

"It is customary among some of the old New England families at Thanksgiving to place five grains of corn at each plate as a reminder of those stern days when the corn supply of the Pilgrims was so depleted that only five grains of corn were rationed to each individual at a time. The Pilgrims wanted their children to remember the sacrifice which made possible the settlement—they did not want their descendants to ever forget."

The typed statement concludes with the suggestion "Why not place these five grains beside your plate Thanksgiving Day as a reminder of the sacrifice in the 1620s and as a symbol of gratitude today and as a renewer of strength for days to come?"

All those who attended the Degree of Honor dinner last Saturday night so enjoyed camera artist Del Piper's lovely pictures after their feasting. Delbert makes every Morrowite proud and thankful to live in a county that contains such lovely plant and animal life.

Thanksgiving service at Irrigon Assembly

There will be a community Thanksgiving service at the Irrigon Assembly of God, at 7 p.m. on Thursday with the other churches of the community participating.

Pastor George Richardson of the Baptist church will be the speaker. Other churches have been asked to have special music. Pastor Roy

EMT refresher course slated

A refresher course for persons with the Emergency Medical Training-I card will start Monday night, Dec. 1, at 7 at Blue Mountain Community College Hermiston center. The class is for renewal and recertification of EMT-I card

and is open to anyone who is a current holder of the EMT-I card or has one that lapsed within the last 24 months. Steve Frazier will instruct the class at the Hermiston Center Radelco Building location. Cost of the course is \$22.

Topics covered in the class include cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, shock and other miscellaneous information. For more information contact Margaret Davis, BMCC Hermiston area coordinator, at 567-1800.

Parks closed

Don Briggs of the Morrow County Public Works Dept. has announced that Cutsforth and Anson Wright parks have been closed for the winter.

Briggs said the closures will remain effective until around May 1.

Christmas show set for Salem

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A large exhibit of Christmas decorations will be held in the new Jackman-Long Building on the state fairgrounds on Dec. 5, 6, 7. There will be musical entertainment by some of Salem's fine choral and instrumental groups during the three-day show.

This event was originally begun by the garden clubs of Salem and was featured in "Sunset Magazine" several years ago. In connection with the displays there will be around 100 booths selling hand-made gifts made from natural items.

Anyone interested in going to Salem to attend this annual event should contact Delta Huber at 989-8107 or Julia Hill at 676-9174 very soon. If enough people indicate an interest in going before Dec. 1, arrangements will be made for bus travel. It is thought that the trip will involve traveling to Salem one day and returning the next day.

Knits-n-bits start projects

The Knits-n-Bits 4-H club held its second meeting of the year on Nov. 19, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Debbie Hyatt's house. Knits-n-Bits is the club's new name.

Punch and cookies were provided by Debbie. At this meeting, club members started 4-H projects.

Tareena Nash was the only member absent.

The next meeting will be Dec. 3, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., at Debbie Hyatt's house.

Hospital Notes

Patients discharged from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner over the past week were:

Clara Morgan, Heppner, admitted Nov. 19, discharged Nov. 22.

Daniel Hitch, Lebanon, admitted Nov. 19, discharged Nov. 19; and Hubert Wilson, Heppner, admitted Nov. 22, discharged Nov. 23.

Patients still receiving care at the hospital as of Nov. 25 were:

Carmel Lennon, Heppner, admitted Nov. 24;

James Launer, Heppner, admitted Nov. 25; Sandra Rill, Heppner, admitted Nov. 25.

Senior groups make lone, Pendleton

by Justine Weatherford

During November two Senior Citizen bus outings proved very successful events. On Thursday, Nov. 13, 16 seniors from the lone area went to Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger, Mr. and Mrs.

William Bergstrom, Loretta Hubbard, Edith Nicholson, Ida Coleman, Geneva Palmer, Norma Rea, Myrtle Imel, Laura Holtz, Anna Ball, Ruby Roberts, Beulah Sherer, Mae

Ekstrom and Art Rowell enjoyed the outing. Truman Messenger drove the bus for the group.

Monday afternoon, Nov. 24, 15 seniors from Heppner, Lexington and Ione made a bus trip to Irrigon where they attended the county advisory

board meeting and dined with the Irrigon-Boardman seniors at their Thanksgiving dinner. Paul W. Jones drove the bus. Those making the trip from

Heppner were Mr. and Mrs. George Hinton, John Canady, Martha King, Freda Majeske, Theta Lowe, Verna Howel, Mary Nikander, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and Justine Weatherford; from Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger; from Ione, Doris Gollyhorn and Loretta Hubbard.

Seventh-day Adventists begin drive

Heppner streets will soon be resounding with Christmas songs, as Seventh-day Adventist carolers begin seeking donations for disaster and relief funds.

The carolers will begin Dec. 3 and will continue through Christmas.

The fund-raising drive is part of the Seventh-day Adventist Ingathering Crusade.

Sam Millers become new grandparents

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller became grandparents on Nov. 7, when their daughter, Sara, and her husband, Joe Micham, became parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Sara. The little girl weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces. She is now at home with her parents at 989 N.E. Hood St., Hillsboro, 97123.

Sam and Pauline Miller are residents of Dallas, but they are remembered by many here as he was the U.S. Forest Service District Ranger, and she taught special classes at Heppner elementary and played the organ at the United Methodist Church.

59 tables reserved for Artifactory

Fifty-nine tables have already been reserved for the AAUW Artifactory, which is to be held at the Morrow Co. Fairgrounds, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Some of the items for sale will be: wooden toys, tape paintings, Christmas gifts and decorations, macrame, bead

ed jewelry, silk flower arrangements, sterling silver jewelry, quilting (rolled paper designs), wheat weaving, dried flowers, appliques, portrait drawing, baked goods, homemade aprons, and used books.

The Neighborhood Center is planning to sell various hand-

crafts they've been making since early October. AAUW will also be holding a Book Fair at the Artifactory with individual copies on display. Those interested will be able to order from the displayed items.

Pie, coffee and punch will also be sold for hungry and thirsty shoppers.

CHRISTMAS OPENING

SPECIALS FROM MORROW COUNTY GRAIN GROWERS

GIVE THE CHRISTMAS FAVORITE!

TOYS




Some 30% Off

FREE Grain Drill W/ Purchase Of Any Tractor

METAL CANDY TINS
2⁶⁵ Reg. 6⁰⁰

FARBERWARE FOOD PROCESSOR
Reg. 139⁰⁰
Now 119⁹⁵

OSTER KITCHEN CENTER
Reg. 179⁰⁰
Now 139⁹⁵

OSTERIZER BLENDER
Now 26⁹⁵ Reg. 37⁰⁰

HAMILTON BEACH FOOD PROCESSOR
Reg. 89⁰⁰ **Now 64⁹⁵**

FARBER ROTISSERIE
Reg. 69⁰⁰
Now 49⁹⁵

FARBERWARE CONVECTION TURBO-OVEN
W/FREE EXTRA RACK
169⁹⁵

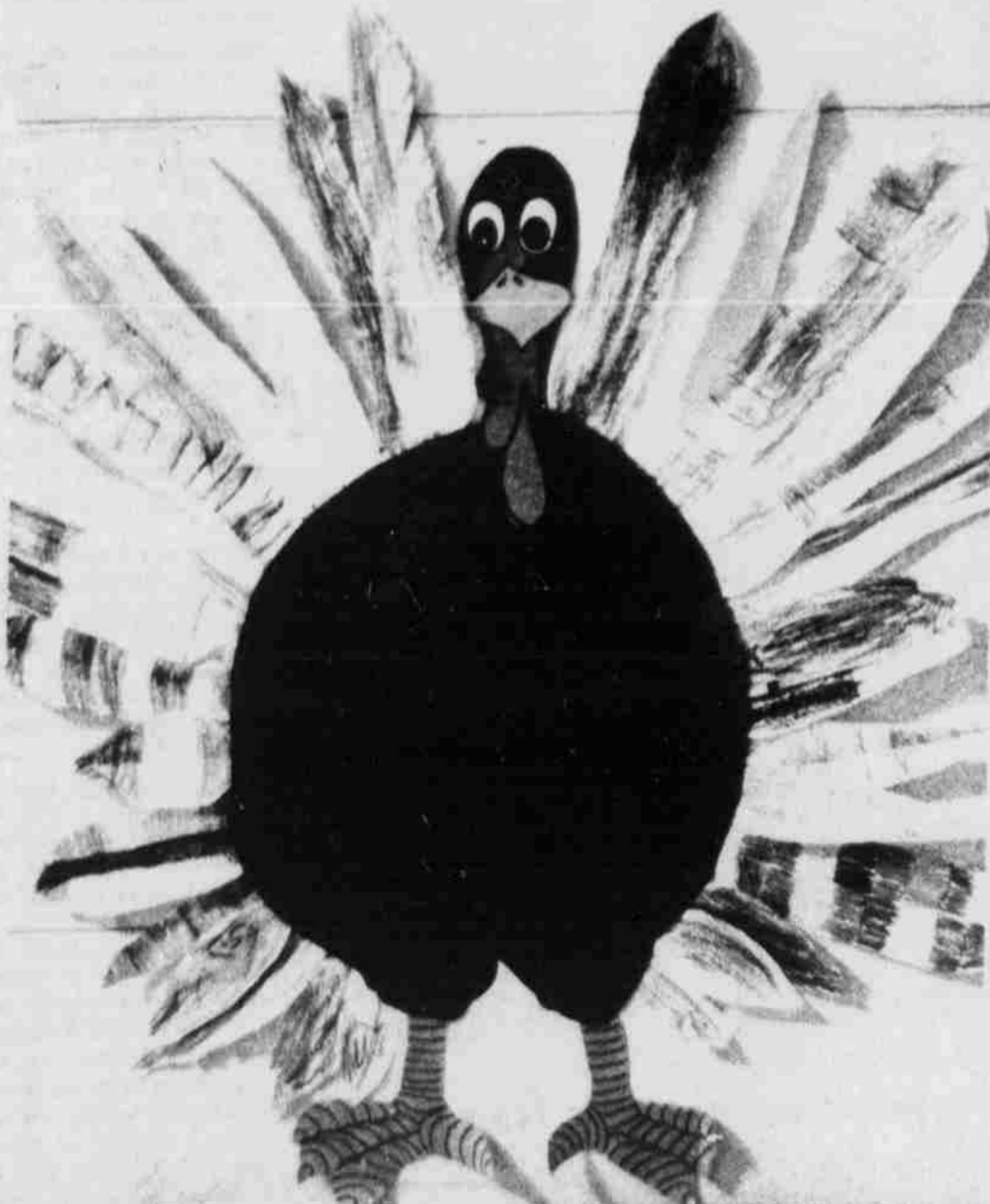


Happy Holiday Gifting




Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc.

Lexington 989-8221



This turkey looks prepared, even cheerful in the face of another Thanksgiving. The bird is the handiwork of a student at Heppner Elementary school.