

Thanksgiving Season

Babson Gives Ten Reasons for Which to Be Thankful

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(Special Correspondent)

(Special Correspondence)—On our coming Thanksgiving day we have much for which to be thankful. I should like to comment specifically upon ten reasons:

1. First and foremost, we can celebrate this year for the same reason that occasioned the first Thanksgiving of the Pilgrim colony in 1623, namely, A FINE HARVEST. Crop yields this year surpass all previous records. There is plenty of wheat, corn and other farm products for us to feed ourselves and the needy everywhere.

2. Without HEALTH AND STRENGTH none of us can work or think efficiently. Combined with the right spiritual outlook, health is the greatest of all blessings. The past year has seen an improvement in both on the part of the American people.

3. Although the Thanksgiving season finds us in the midst of our greatest war, we should be thankful for the progress which has been made toward a successful peace. We are justified in believing the European war will be over in a few months and the hope that total peace may come before another Thanksgiving day.

4. Whether Republicans or Democrats, we should be thankful that we live in a country where a free ELECTION can be held. Here is tangible evidence of the continued existence of our country as a true democracy.

5. We should be thankful for the MORAL and PHYSICAL COURAGE that our men and women have shown both at home and at the front. Our fighting forces first believe that they are engaged in a great moral crusade; and, second, they have the courage to back up their beliefs.

6. Our people should be thankful for FULL EMPLOYMENT AND FAIR WAGES. No one need be without a job to day. As a result, old debts are being settled and, to the joy of the retailer, large sales are being rung up on cash registers.

7. We who believe in free enterprise should be thankful that values have kept up so well. Our rulers at Washington are showing more justice and less prejudice. They are beginning to realize that people should be encouraged to save as well as to spend.

8. We should be thankful FOR OUR NEWSPAPERS and the evidence their pages contain of our continued right of free speech; of the privilege that every American has to write his editor and, if worthy, get his letter published. More than the peoples of any other nation, we are being kept informed as to what is going on.

9. Our BUSINESS LEADERS are responsible for many of our blessings. They represent a part of our national life that has become almost commonplace. Too often their work is taken for granted. We should all be more grateful to them as well as to

their wage workers.

10. Last, but by no means least, we should be thankful FOR OUR CHURCHES. There is today, in accord with our more serious thinking, a deepening of interest in spiritual affairs. Church attendance is increasing and there is a greater desire for a larger participation in church work and personal meditation. It is heartening to many of us "old timers" to see people again reaching for the more important things in life.

Yes, we have much to be thankful for this year!

EXTEND SUPPORT FOR HOG PRICES

Washington, Nov. 17—(U.P.)—The war food administration, in a move designed to increase marketings of hogs and thus improve pork supplies, today extended its price support program to good and choice butcher hogs weighing between 240 and 270 pounds.

Under the revised program, the agency will assure producers \$12.50 per 100 pounds for all hogs weighing between 200 and 270 pounds.

Since October 1, WFA's program has covered only hogs in the 200-240 pound bracket. Before that time the price support program was pegged at \$13.75 for hogs weighing between 200 and 270 pounds.

WAGE HIKE OKED
Washington, Nov. 17—(U.P.)—The War Labor Board ruled today that employers may increase wage rates up to a minimum of 50 cents an hour without obtaining board approval. Previously, employers could raise wages only up to 40 cents without the board's permission.

Daily Weather Report

Forecasts
Medford and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness tonight; light rain Saturday; slightly warmer.
Oregon: Increasing cloudiness tonight; light rain west of Cascades Saturday; fog in valleys and not quite so cold.

Local Data
Temperature a year ago today:
Highest 58; lowest 40.
Total monthly precipitation 2.51 inches. Excess for the month 1.33 inches.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 4.83 inches. Excess for the season 1.03 inches.
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 44%; 4:30 today 93%.

Sunrise 8:05 a. m.; sunset 5:48 p. m.	
Past 24 hours:	High Low Prec.
Boston	45 38
Chicago	46 35
Denver	48 35
Evansville	41 33
Harlem	38 32
Los Angeles	70 41
Medford	47 38
New York	51 40
San Francisco	61 40
Phoenix	63 44
Portland	51 40
Reno	48 39
Roseburg	41 33
Salt Lake	49 35
San Antonio	56 38
Seattle	45 32
Spokane	38 22
Washington, D. C.	57 44
Yakima	44 33

(See Mail Tribune Want Ads)

MEMBERSHIP FOR MUSIC GROUP TO REACH NEW HIGH

There is every indication of a record-breaking membership this year for the Jackson County Civic Music association, judging by memberships received up to this noon, according to Seth Bullis, president of the association.

One of these indications, Bullis states, is the large number of new members who have already subscribed. He attributes much of this to the fact that many people were disappointed last year when they found that it was impossible to attend concerts unless they had secured their membership during the membership week. The same rule always applies to civic music procedure; no single admissions are sold to any concert nor is it possible to secure memberships after 9 p. m. Saturday night.

An unusually large number of ballots have been received, indicating a wide interest in the type of concerts available. Each member is entitled to vote for a minimum of five types of artists or attractions and it is this summary by which the committee is guided in making the final selection on Saturday night.

Headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce will be open until 9 p. m. tonight and from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m. tomorrow night. It is not necessary to wait for a personal invitation to become a member, Bullis states. Any adult or student may secure membership through payment of the adult membership fee of \$6, including tax and the student fee of \$3, including tax, at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters.

BRITISH SUFFER UNDER JAP LASH

London, Nov. 17—(U.P.)—War Minister Sir James Grigg told commons today that at least one of every five British prisoners, captured in Singapore and Java, died under horrible conditions in Siam's jungles while constructing railroads for the Japanese.

His statement was based on information furnished by prisoners who survived the sinking of a Japanese troop transport and subsequently reached Britain.

About 1300 British Empire prisoners were aboard the ship which left Singapore last September, Grigg said, but after the vessel sank the Japanese deliberately picked up only Japanese survivors, leaving the prisoners to their fate.

"I fear a great majority of them drowned," the war minister said.

WEATHER
Northern California—Clear today, tonight and Saturday, but morning fogs in the valleys and partly cloudy in extreme north portion. Slightly warmer this afternoon.

Japs Bury Plane, Save Face With Native Populace

Washington, Nov. 17—(U.P.)—The Japanese, in an attempt to maintain among Pacific natives the fiction that their fliers are invincible, went to the extreme on one occasion of burying a plane which had been shot down by an American, the navy disclosed today.

Navy Lt. Robert L. Donley of North Hollywood, Calif., a technical air intelligence officer, discovered the hidden wreckage of a Japanese dive-bomber which a navy pilot had shot down over a Pacific island.

"The wings and entire fuselage," Donley reported, "minus the rudder, vertical fin and engine, were buried by the Japs to 'save face' with the native population."

FILM SMOOTHIE WILL FILE SUIT AGAINST ACCUSER

Hollywood, Nov. 17—(U.P.)—George Raft, that film smoothie who also has a tough side on the screen, decided to show his real tough side today, and said he would file suit for slander against the New York Aircraft executive who accused him of using loaded dice in a crap game.

Martin Shurin, Jr., president of Hudson Aircraft company, accused Raft of cheating in a high stakes game last March 24, in a statement made to the New York district attorney.

"No penny pinching big shot's gonna make a sucker outta Raft," the sleek haired actor retorted.

"I'll sue and I'll turn every cent I collect over to charity," he said.

Shurin said Raft won \$18,500 off him in a game at the home of Leo (Lippy) Durocher, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who was out of town at the time.

Raft said he'd never played with loaded dice in his life.

MAHONEY RETURNING TO CAPITAL OFFICE

Portland, Ore., Nov. 17—(U.P.)—Willis Mahoney, Democratic candidate who lost out in his race against U. S. Senator Guy Gordon, said today he would leave for Washington, D. C., tomorrow to resume his association with Joseph B. Keenan, former U. S. attorney general, with whom he has had an associate law office for the past five years.

ANNOUNCING REOPENING OF HOLLY CAFE

Monday, Nov. 20
6:00 A. M. — 8:00 P. M.
31 N. Holly

BROTHERS HERE FROM OVERSEAS VISIT MARKADE

Two army sergeants, one with 31 months' service and other with 35 months, visited a recreation center for servicemen last

night for the first time and decided they should have started sooner. The men were First Sgt. Kenneth Black and his brother, Sgt. Bill Black, who arrived in Medford this week from the Southwest Pacific theater of operations.

The brothers arrived at the MarkKade last night to attend the Sadie Hawkins Day party and informed the director that this was the first time they had visited such a center. They both remained for the entire evening and reported a "wonderful time."

Sgt. Kenneth Black, who had served with the national guard before going into the service, and his brother are both married to Australian girls and Sgt. Bill Black and his wife have a 3-month-old child. Both wives plan to come to this country to live in the near future, the sergeants say.

The men are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Black of 412 South Ivy street.

LARRY MARSH INJURED; IN FRENCH HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Marsh, Route 1, Medford, have received a telegram from the War Department that their son, Pvt. Larry Marsh, who was wounded in Germany October 24, is recuperating in a hospital somewhere in France.

Pvt. Marsh, who was inducted June, 1943, is a graduate of Medford high school with the class of 1942 and attended Oregon State college.

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- ### GIFT SETS
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 - Yankee Clover and April Showers \$2.75 to \$5.75
 - Harriett Hubbard Ayer Pink Clover and Honeysuckle \$2.30
 - Halliwell's Three Colognes \$3.50
 - Varvas' Follow Me and Nonchalant Perfume & Cologne Sets \$1.00 to \$4.00

- Musical Powder Boxes \$6.98
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- Ash Trays 98c to \$3.98
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