

Fourth Thursday For Thanksgiving Started in 1782

Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.) — The official fourth Thursday of the month observance of Thanksgiving is older than most history books report, a history expert said today.

Herbert J. Stoeckel disputed the claim that George Washington, with his 1789 proclamation, gave America its first chance officially to celebrate the holiday on the fourth Thursday.

Honor To John Hanson
Stoeckel gave the honor to John Hanson, whom he called the "first President" of the United States.

Stoeckel is co-author of a book which sought to prove that Hanson, not Washington, was the father of our country. The book based the claim on the fact that Hanson was elected President of the U. S., although under its old constitution, the articles of confederation.

Hanson, seven years before Washington's proclamation, set the fourth Thursday of November as an official day of Thanksgiving. There was no official proclamation between the ones made by Hanson and Washington, the Hartford writer said.

Hit-and-Miss Affair
Although it got an early start as an official holiday, according to Stoeckel, Thanksgiving was a hit-and-miss affair, as far as proclamations go, until Lincoln's time.

Then, in 1863, Andrew Johnson forgot all about Thanksgiving in time for an official proclamation setting it on the fourth Thursday. He got around to it a week later and it was celebrated officially on Dec. 7, 1863.

It wasn't until 1941 that Congress, mindful of forgetful presidents, stipulated that the holiday be observed for all time on the fourth Thursday in November.

Future Growth of West Seen Fantastic

New York — (U.P.) — Future growth of the West may be even more fantastic than the phenomenal buildup that has occurred since 1940, according to Iron Age, national metalworking weekly.

In an extensive study of the past, present and future expansion of 11 western states, to be published Nov. 23, Iron Age reported people and industry are pouring into the West at a startling rate, changing the whole complexion of the United States. "The West holds out promise of fulfillment of many basic human needs," Tom Campbell, editor, stated.

Talk by Russia of Peaceful Co-Existence Not Taken for Granted

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower said today he has no tendency to take for granted the Russian talk of peaceful co-existence.

Mr. Eisenhower made the remark in response to a news conference question about fears expressed by Senator Republican Leader William F. Knowland that Russia is prompting "peaceful co-existence" as a Trojan horse to lull the free world into a false sense of security.

The President made it plain that he had no public quarrel with Knowland who has asked for a full dress review of the administration's foreign and defense policies.

Mr. Eisenhower said he strives to get legislative consultation.

Klamath Murder Plea Due Monday

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg yesterday gave James Quinton Anderson, 31, Beatty, until next Monday to enter his plea to charges of first degree murder and assault with intent to kill.

Anderson appeared in Klamath county Circuit court for arraignment in connection with the shotgun slaying of Richard David Miller, 25, Beatty, last month, and the rifle attack upon Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Menasco, Grants Pass, on the Klamath Indian reservation early in October.

Florin M. "Curly" Coon is also expected to answer to a second-degree murder charge next Monday in connection with a fatal beating administered his wife, Lily, 51, in a Klamath Falls hotel Oct. 11.

District Attorney Frank Alderson filed for a change in judge following Coon's arraignment, eliminating Judge Vandenberg from the case. Coon's attorneys filed a demurrer to the indictment on the grounds of insufficient evidence to prove a crime in accordance with Oregon law.

Law, Journalism Talks At Vocational Meetings

Recent guest speakers at the weekly vocational conference held at Medford High school were James V. McGowan, of the legal firm of Van Dyke and Dellenback, and Jack Jackson, of The Mail Tribune.

Each spoke to groups of students interested in the professions of law and journalism.

and consent on matters of that nature, explains his side and lets anyone else express their own views.

In a general discussion of the policy of peaceful co-existence, Mr. Eisenhower said he firmly disagrees with anyone who believes the United States is in a better position for peace by being weak.

Mr. Eisenhower said co-existence has a relatively simple meaning and the term peaceful has many connotations. He said if there is any suspicion of an attempt to lull people into a false feeling of security, it is something that must be watched very closely.

Nothing for Granted

He said he wanted to offer assurances that there is no tendency on the part of himself or Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to take anything for granted.

The President said we must be strong. He cautioned particularly that we should not again try to find peace in the world by disarming ourselves or being weak.

Knowland's criticism of the administration's foreign and defense policies appeared to have strengthened rather than weakened his grip on the Senate GOP leadership.

Knowland has strengthened his position with GOP critics of the administration by his show of independence. There is a sizable body of Senate opinion which holds that the administration floor leader in the Senate is not a White House agent but the spokesman for the Senate in dealing with the White House.

Hearing on Youngdahl Accusation Postponed

Washington — (U.P.) — A Senate Judiciary subcommittee today postponed public hearings on the Justice Department's action in accusing Federal Judge Luther W. Youngdahl of bias in the Owen Lattimore perjury case.

Chairman William Langer (R-N.D.), announced the postponement just as the hearing was scheduled to begin. He said he did so because one of the three subcommittee members, Sen. Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.), was absent.

Wiley is attending an Inter-American economic conference at Rio De Janeiro. Langer said the hearing will be rescheduled after Wiley returns about Dec. 1.



Iowa Governor's Body Lies in State Before Big Desk

Des Moines, Ia. — (U.P.) — The body of Gov. William S. Beardsley lay in state today before the big glass-topped desk in the statehouse office where he served nearly six years.

Work at the Capital was suspended until Friday morning in respect for his memory.

Visitors filed into the heavily carpeted chief executive's office to view the body. A brief religious service was scheduled today.

Funeral Wednesday

Simple funeral services were planned Wednesday afternoon in the little brick Methodist church in New Virginia where Beardsley had a drug store and a farm. The family declined a state funeral.

Burial will be made in the family plot in the cemetery near his farm.

It had not been determined whether Mrs. Beardsley, injured in the highway collision near here Sunday night which killed her husband, would be able to attend the funeral. The Beardsleys' four children arrived here Monday and visited Mrs. Beardsley, listed in good condition at Iowa Lutheran Hospital.

Apparently Killed Outright
Beardsley, 53, apparently was killed outright when his car came over a hill and slammed into the rear of a panel truck which had slowed on Iowa 60 just north of here. The Beardsleys were returning from a trip to Ames 30 miles north of here to see their son, Dan, when the accident happened. Ironically, they missed seeing him because he was at a movie.

Communicable Disease Cases Total 26 in Week
Communicable disease cases reported to the county health department last week totaled 26, according to the department's weekly report.

Cases reported included five of influenza, one of pneumonia; six of chickenpox; one of mumps; one of mononucleosis; three of scarlet fever; three of measles; two of strep throat and four of Vincent's angina.

A recent survey found Americans guessing that a teaspoon of sugar contained anywhere from 50 to 600 calories. Actually there are only 18 calories per spoonful.

COLLECTION — Cuyahoga County Coroner Samuel R. Gerber holds some articles which his office collected in and around the Dr. Samuel Sheppard home. Dr. Gerber produced them in Cleveland court at Defense Counsel William Corrigan's request in trial of Dr. Sam who is accused of murdering his wife, Marilyn.

Noted Lecturer Denied Right To Texas Speech

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Dr. Harry Overstreet, noted lecturer, and author, was denied the right to speak in Dallas, Tex., because of alleged Communist affiliation, the San Francisco Chronicle learned today.

Author of the "Mature Mind" and other psychological works, Overstreet had been scheduled to speak before the Dallas Mental Health museum last Friday, but was abruptly notified his talk was cancelled.

Overstreet's wife, Bonaro, told the Chronicle her husband was told unofficially that if he forgot the incident there would be no publicity.

But the author returned to Dallas and called a special meeting last night to defend his loyalty, she said.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

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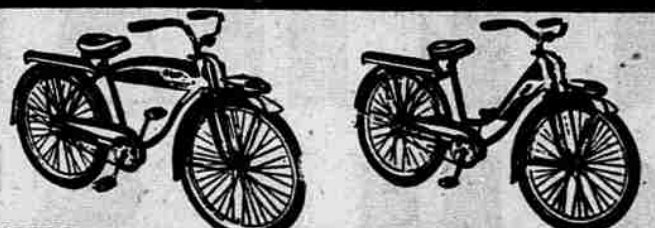
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