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"It's For You . . . . "

by Stan Thompson

THANKSGIVING IS 350 YEARS OLD

Just 3½ centuries ago, a little band of Pilgrims sank carving knives into roasted wild turkeys at history's first Thanksgiving dinner.

For the alien settlers, who had come ashore from the Mayflower only the year before, that 13th day of December in 1621 was a time for expressing gratitude to a protective Providence and declaring victory over hostile elements.

The feast was also a thank-you to Chief Massasoit and his Wampangoag Indians, who had taught the Europeans the tricks of survival: how to stalk deer . . . how to catch wily fish . . . how to plant Indian corn — a grain unknown to the newcomers from the Old World.

Thus, at the beginning, Thanksgiving was marked by a joining of hands across the sea. The concept was broadened by George Washington when, in proclaiming Oct. 26 as Thanksgiving Day in 1789, he prayed for prosperity for "all mankind."

This year, Americans are helping to answer their first president's prayer through a program keyed specifically to Thanksgiving. It's Catholic Relief Services' Thanksgiving clothing campaign for the world's needy — a vast mercy project reaching into more than 70 poverty — ridden countries.

Time has changed some of the Thanksgiving traditions. In early New York, children marked the day by parading through the streets in their parents' old clothes. Today, Americans have found a better Thanksgiving—season use for surplus clothing: contributing them to Catholic Relief Services' November campaign.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Faith Lutheran Church will hold its annual meeting at the Eastside Cafe in Ontario on Sunday, November 21. The meeting will begin with a dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a program and business meeting. The business meeting will consider the proposed budget for 1972 and election of several new members of the Church Council. Musical selections will be featured during the evening by Pastor and Mrs. Lewis. The Lewis' will also present a program designed to help the members get to know them a little better, inasmuch as the Lewis' are so new in Nyssa and at Faith Lutheran Church. All confirmed members of the church are urged to attend this annual outing of good food, good fellowship, and importand congregational business.

The Sunday schedule for Faith Lutheran Church is Sunday School at 9:45 and worship at 11 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

The United Methodist Church of Nyssa calendar for the coming week is:

Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Church at study. Classes for everyone. 11 a.m. Church worship. Job's Daughters Bethel #33 will be guests; 2:30 p.m. UMYF will attend the Treasure Valley UMYF at Fruitland.

Monday, 6:45 p.m., the Webelos Den will meet.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Cub Scout Pack 450 will meet at the church. Harvey Wilmot, Cubmaster.

Wednesday, 8 p.m., The Community Thanksgiving Service at the First Church of the Nazarene.

Bilingual Services To Continue

Bi-lingual (Spanish and English) Bible Services are continuing at the Nyssa Library Meeting Room on Saturdays, at 8:00 p.m. The meetings are just an hour in length, and consist of hymns, prayer and practical messages from the Bible emphasising the importance of Christ's teaching for today. Minister Jim Field, who has labored in Mexico, and Hugh Hughes are conducting the services. The public is invited.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

First Christian Church, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11:00 a.m.

CYF - For all Jr and Sr. High Youths, Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Choir practice, Wednesday at 7 p.m.

OUT OF THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

Miss Marilyn Hickman of Nyssa was among 26 Oregon 4-H Club members who, together with an honored 4-H leader, will attend the 40th annual 4-H Club congress Nov. 26 to 30 in Chicago. Miss Hickman received her award in foods and nutrition.

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A potluck dinner was given Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cleaver in observance of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Day of Adrian.

Those attending in addition to the honored guests and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cleaver were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Day of Lake Owyhee, Lloyd Wilson of Sutherlin, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cleaver, Mr. and Mrs. Mort Wixon, Billy Day of Oakland and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richie.

20 YEARS AGO

A letter from the state sanitary authority urging the City of Nyssa to place its sewage disposal plant back in operation was read at the regular weekly meeting of the city council Tuesday night.

As a result, the city is ordering the necessary repair parts, but the plant will probably not be placed in operation until spring, because of anticipated delay in receiving the repair parts.

The cost of the project is roughly estimated at $2,000. The city will build a chlorine contact chamber, a screen and grit chamber and a drying bed for digested sludge.

The attitude of the city council has been that Nyssa should not have to go to the expense of re-activating the sewage plant when other towns along the Snake River do not have sewage disposal plants. The contention of the state is that unless it forces Nyssa to operate its plant it cannot properly ask Ontario and Vale to install disposal plants.

30 YEARS AGO

Senator Charles McNary of Oregon reported this week that he had notified officials of Nyssa that the agriculture department was planning to set up a light labor construction camp here to replace a mobile migratory labor camp, but officials said they had not heard of the proposal officially.

The new camp, if established, will contain 150 tent houses, sanitary facilities and a clinic. If it is not sufficient to meet the labor situation in Malheur County a mobile camp will be established.

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The beet harvest in the Nyssa factory district is expected to be completed next week, according to R.G. Larson Sr., district manager of the Amalgamated Sugar Company, who stated that $713,291.45 was paid to farmers of the district November 15 and that $333,-918.25 will be paid to the farmers November 25, so that the total initial payment is expected to reach $1,112,500. The payments were made at the rate of $5 a ton.

The initial payment is based on an estimate of the sugar content of the beets and the net price the company will secure for sugar produced from the beets.

Appearances indicate that the crop in this district will average very close to 16 1/2 tons per acre, the highest average in this district since the factory was built in 1938.

In addition to the high yield per acre, indications now are that the sugar content will be in excess of 16 1/2 per cent.

40 YEARS AGO

"Dad" and Eddie Powell and W.F. McLing went on a wild goose hunt in the upper reaches of the Owyhee River Monday, and returned with two huge goslings. They saw three large flocks of geese that were flying extremely high. Numerous Mallards were sighted all along the river.

It was "Dad" Powell's third opening day hunt of the year as he never misses one. "Dad" is almost 75 but steady on the trigger.

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Wet snowfall and damp cold assures us that winter is here. However, Nyssa had clear days the forepart of the week when Caldwell country was blanketed with six inches of snow.

Wouldn't it be great if this is the wettest winter of a decade?

50 YEARS AGO

Wednesday night while the camp-tender at John Reece's sheep camp, on the Felton place north of town, was absent for a short time on an errand at Bee Snow's, his tent left its moorings and disappeared without a trace. An overcoat went with it. As soon as the tender discovered the loss, he notified Mr. Reece, who at once routed out Constable Dick Holmes and they took Mr. Reece's car and a flashlight and spent the night on the scent of the vandals; but without result as they were unable to unearth either the thief or his strange booty.

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A party of trappers, equipped with a camping outfit were passing down the Snake River this week and chanced to stop on "dead man's" island, which is just below Mr. Wade's island, where they seem to be resting for awhile.

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Mr. Echus may be considered among the lucky ones, having sold his hay for four dollars per ton to be baled out by Mr. Watson.

60 YEARS AGO

Ducks are ripe tomorrow. Clean up your guns and go get 'em. There are plenty of them this season, enough for everybody, but don't be a hog, simply because shooting is good. When you have shot enough to eat, and a few for a friend who can't go quit and come home. There will be another day and more birds. Read your license, and don't go beyond the limit set by the law, or some fellow may tell on you, and that makes ducks cost too much.

FIRST WARD RELIEF SOCIETY

The First Ward Relief Society will hold their weekly meeting November 24 at 10 a.m. The Cultural Refinement lesson will be presented by Becky Bates entitled "Thy People Shall be My People, and Thy God My God."

The objective: "To strengthen the bonds of family loyalty, particularly between generations."

There will be a baby sitter - all are welcome.

Journal Classifieds Bring Results!

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The young people of the First Missionary Baptist Church, sponsored a food shower Friday November 5, for the new pastor Elder Dearl Smith and his wife.

Everyone is invited to attend services, meet the new Elder and his wife and hear the old time gospel preached.

SECOND WARD RELIEF SOCIETY

The Nyssa Second Ward will meet Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. The Cultural Refinement lesson will be given by Cleo Williams. "Thy People Shall Be My People, and Thy God My God." The objective, to strengthen the bonds of family loyalty, particularly between generations.

SEVENTH DAY CHRISTIANS

7th Day Christians is located at 7th and Emison Avenue.

Sabbath Lesson, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible Study and prayer Service at 56 Main, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Everyone Welcome.

APOSTOLIC FAITH

Apolistic Church of the Faith in Christ Jesus services will be held in the evenings Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7 p.m. Sunday School services are held from 10 a.m. until noon. All are welcome, announced Pastor Mike Valverde, Jr. The Church is located at 612 North 9th.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank all my many friends who sent flowers, gifts, cards, words of cheer and visited me while I was in the Caldwell and Nyssa hospitals during this last illness I had.

You good people never ceased to amaze me as it has seemed the whole Nyssa community took my illness to heart and the response was great and continuous. It helped, immeasurably, to know you were all pulling for my recovery from hepatitis.

I know many prayers were said for me and I thoroughly believe that those prayers were answered and that it's through His Grace and Will that I'm able to say "I'm home" and able to thank each and every one of you for helping. God Bless you.

The visiting door is wide open at our home on Clark Blvd.

Most happy and sincerely,
Mrs. Willis (Eris) Bertram

Elder and Mrs. Dearl Smith

New pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church, Nyssa is Elder Dearl Smith and wife Flo.

Elder Smith has been engaged in pastoral and mission work for 12 years and has spent the past seven years at St. Helens, Oregon. He was pastor of Missionary Baptist Church at Coquille, with a 15 month interval on the mission field between pastorates.

As a result of mission work in the Albany, Oregon area, the Bethel Baptist Church of Corvallis was organize. He also led in erecting the new church building in Coquille and an extensive upgrading and rebuilding of the church plant and parsonage in St. Helens.

The Smiths have two children, a son Gerald and family of St. Helens, A daughter, Joanne and family, wife of Elder Ed Keady, who is State Missionary for Oregon. He recently led in the organization of the new church in Albany.

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ADULT FICTION

"And All The Stars A Stage" - James Blish -- In this volume, the sun is burning up within nine years twenty-five billion people will be left behind as a few attempt to enter space in order to live.

"The World Inside" - Robert Silverberg -- This novel deals with Utopia, total obedience is the word, and then there were those who desired some individual quality to their lives.

"Chocloate Days, Popsicle Weeks" - Edward Hannibal -- This is the story of Fitzie, member in dubious standing of the silent generation.

"Mandala" - Pearl S. Buck -- This novel is a rare story about India. It is a story of a modern princely family of the New India, but exploring the mysticism that pervades everyday life there.

"The Drifters" - James A. Michener -- The scene of the Drifters is vast, its characters and actions now. Six of its eight major characters are young--twenty-one or under--and share (in 1969) the title role.

"Assignment: Suspense" - Helen MacInnes -- A three-novel omnibus by this famous author.

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