

THANKSGIVING DAY 1965

An Editorial

"Dear the people coming home. Dear glad faces long away, Dear the merry cries, and dear All the glad and happy play, Dear the thanks, too, that we give For all of this, Thanksgiving Day."

This simple verse was written many years ago by Harriet Prescott Spofford.

It tells of the traditional Thanksgiving — the Thanksgiving our fore-fathers knew, and that Currier and Ives immortalized in engravings.

When the Pilgrims of Plymouth proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving after the crops were safely gathered, and invited their friends, the Indians, they adopted a tradition that went back thousands of years to the time of the ancient dwellers by the Egyptian Nile. Here the people gave thanks to the various Deities for their food at harvest time. With their elaborate rites, they hoped to win the favor of the Gods and avert famine in the hard months ahead when the Nile River might overflow.

Like ancient farmers, the Pilgrims, too, had sensed in the changing seasons, in the cycle of seed-to-plant-to-seed, the miracle of death and resurrection. Their wonder turned into a day for giving thanks.

Families nestled at the hearth for a day of festivities. It was, of course, a day of rest and feasting—rest from all of the strenuous chores that had to be done manually in addition to watching out for their own safety at the same time.

To them—it was more, much more — a day of prayer in which gratitude was offered for the good things of the past, and hope was held out for the future. A day of "Thanks"—of acknowledging the existence of a higher power than man, and of faith in the workings of a divine being.

How swiftly the years and seasons pass! That may be the tritest of truisms, but it is one that frequently enters the minds of all of us. And, probably, it is felt with the greatest weight each fall and winter, as the holiday season approaches.

Now another Thanksgiving is almost here. This, with the 4th of July, is the most thoroughly American of all our holidays. It celebrates the very beginning of this nation. And, when properly observed, it honors the courage, skills and dedication of long-gone men and women who faced and conquered dangers and difficulties of an unbelievable scope.

This is a year of plenty. Most dinner tables in this country will be piled high with the traditional Thanksgiving feast. There will be, inevitably, an emphasis on the material aspects of the day. Thanks will be offered up for the abundance that is known so generally throughout the land.

Thanks from the head or lips may be polite but it is the heartfelt thanks that rings true and warms the heart that receives it.

Moreover, gratitude is the test of character. Shakespeare tells us that the winter wind is not so unkind as man's ingratitude. The wind may chill the body, but ingratitude chills the soul.

Perhaps this Thanksgiving Day, great numbers of us will observe it in the spirit of our forefathers. If so it will truly be a day of thanks for the blessings of the past, broken with troubles as they may have been — a day in which we will find new courage to meet whatever is to come.

Then, above all, it will be a day in which we realize deeply another thing our fore-fathers knew — that, under God, each individual human being owes an everlasting debt of duty and responsibility to his family and his neighbors, and that no institution — and no government agency — can discharge it for him.

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50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 19, 1915

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Mrs. Sarah Kenyon, 62, died Saturday, November 13th. Funeral services were held Monday with burial in East Valley.

Miss Esther Orvis and John H. Dodge were united in marriage Wednesday, November 19th by Rev. W. H. Randall.

Miss Kathryn Gallagher has been engaged by the Andover Telephone Company to work full time in the Andover Exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas McCormick passed Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Johnson of Rexville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch and son, Charles Jr., were Sunday guests at the home of her brother, F. Lynch of Belmont.

Mrs. Frank Vance and son left Andover Friday for Dewey, Oklahoma.

George Stephens and Albert Trowbridge of Greenwood are passing a couple of weeks at the home of their nephew and brother, Lee Trowbridge.

Frank Kaufenbarth and Fred Frank were in Wellsville Friday to attend a meeting of the Fire Chiefs of Allegany County. The purpose of the meeting was to form an Allegany Volunteer Firemen's Association.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1925

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John Stanley Greene, 16, son of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Greene, died November 12th. Burial was in Little Genesee.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clarke and daughter, Lucille and son, Edward of Utica, spent Wednesday and Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brewster and family of West Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Livermore of Independence left Friday for Florida to visit her son, Charles and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nobles and Miss Clara Nobles went to Shinglehouse, Pa., Sunday where they have positions in the silk mill. John Patton has gone to Buffalo to pass the winter with his sister, Mrs. E. C. Henry.

Avery Mead went to Depew, Monday, where he is to be employed as a loom fixer by Albert Godde, Bedin, Inc.

Messrs. Lynn Trowbridge, Dr. H. Storer, B. B. Hann and A. L. Bloss were in Cuba Tuesday night in attendance at a County Masonic Meeting.

Miss Mayme Dean of Buffalo who has been seriously ill, is spending a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. T. Garvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barrett and son, Charles of Buffalo spent a few days this week at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Barrett.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 22, 1935

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Miss Muriel Ena...Church of Voorhees Hill and Christian W. Kruger of Wellsville were united in marriage Sunday, November 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Vickers are the parents of a son, Francis J. Jr., born Monday, November 18. Rev. R. E. Dronsfield was installed as pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Howland are the parents of a daughter, Charity Ann, born Tuesday, November 19th.

Miss Florence Williams is visiting Rev. and Mrs. John McIntosh and family at Kennedy.

Miss Ruth Slocum of Buffalo passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Slocum. Charles Monroe of Hartsville visited at the home of his father, Mr. and Mrs. John Monroe over the week-end.

Elbert Cable spent from Thursday until Sunday in New York City, where he attended the Notre Dame vs. Army Football Game. The trip was sponsored by the Hornell Evening Tribune.

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GREENWOOD NEWS

Graig Young, Reporter

Miss Sonja Strait, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Strait of West Jasper, became the bride of Roy Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bennett at a two o'clock ceremony Saturday, November 13, 1965, at the Greenwood Methodist Church. The Rev. Bradley Wood, Pastor of the West Jasper Wesleyan Methodist Church, performed the double ring ceremony before the altar decorated with white pom poms and mums and light tapers. Charles Test of Jasper, sang "O Promise Me," "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Wedding Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length gown of blue de soie, with Channelly lace bodice, styled with scalloped neckline and full skirt. She carried a cascade bouquet of white pom poms decorated with white ribbons.

Mrs. Linda McMinds of Jasper was Matron-of-Honor. Her gown was a floor length sheath with an emerald green velvet bodice, elbow length sleeves, scoop neckline and Nile green tulle skirt. She had a detachable waltz train with an emerald green Dior bow and carried yellow pom poms.

Bridesmaids were Miss Janet Wood of Pine City, a cousin of the bride and Miss Bonnie Kay Strait of West Jasper, sister of the bride. Their dresses were similar in style to the Matron-of-Honor, in cranberry red velvet bodice and shocking pink skirts. They carried bouquets of pink and white pom poms. Harlo McMinds of Jasper was best man. Ushers were John Leonard, Jr., of Troupsburg, brother-in-law of the bridegroom and Barry Quinn of Greenwood.

Cindy Lou Spicer of Rexville and Suzanne Marie Stanford of Canistota, nieces of the bride, were flower girls. They wore floor length gowns and headpieces styled similar to the bridesmaids. They carried baskets of pink, white and yellow pompoms.

A reception was held in the church hall for about 150 guests. Miss Alexis Brown of Greenwood cut the four tiered wedding cake made by an aunt of the bridegroom, Mrs. Sutfin of South Dansville. Miss Beverly Quinn of Greenwood poured punch and a friend of the bride poured coffee.

The bride is a graduate of Jasper Central School and Harper Method Beauty School in Rochester. She is employed as a beautician in Genesee. The bridegroom graduated from Greenwood Central School and recently completed apprenticeship as a Tool and Die Maker in Rochester. He is employed at the Rice Tool and Die Co., of Rochester. The couple will reside at 21 Center St., Genesee.

The bride was recently honored at a variety shower at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Leonard, Jr., of Troupsburg.

The Basketball Varsity and Jayvee Teams won games on the local floor Friday night with Whitesville Central. This was the opening game, non-league, and a good workout for the teams. Woodhull High School is not in D League this year, but will play Jayvee teams. Greenwood Jayvee goes to Woodhull December 14 and the return game at Greenwood is February 1.

About 75 students and parents attended the Spaghetti Dinner at the Central School Wednesday night to honor the soccer team. Mothers of the team prepared the dinner. Jeff Hubbard coaches Varsity Basketball and Sheldon A. erton is Jayvee coach.

Principal and Mrs. Robert Hoagland attended the New York State High School Principals convention at Syracuse last week.

Miss Patricia Hanbach, Senior at G.C.S. has been selected for her citizenship and loyalty for the 1966 D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award to be given by the Kanestota Valley Chapter. She was chosen for dependability, leadership, service and patriotism. Patricia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hanbach of West Union.

Scoutmaster Edward Mullen and Troop 62 were hosts Tuesday night at the Central School for the November Roundtable meeting of the Western District Steuben Council.

From the Music Department of G.C.S., Sandra Greene of the Senior Band and Karen Smith in the Junior Band participated in the All State Music Festival in Canistota, N.Y. for 1965. Sandra Greene, 1966 Senior, has been accepted to play clarinet in this year's conference. All State Band to be held at the Concord Hotel, Kiamasha, the first week in December. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ormsby of West Union are the parents of a daughter, born Sunday, November 14, 1965 at the St. James Mercy Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. William Waters of West Greenwood are the maternal grandparents.

The Birmingham-Burd American Legion and Auxiliary sponsored their Annual Turkey Party and Smorgasbord Dinner at the Post Home Saturday night.

Herman Guild entered the St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, Monday, November 15.

George Slyuter entered Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville, Thursday.

Francis Acker spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Hartsville with his sister, Mrs. Lloyd Allen helping with the chores while her husband attended a dairy meeting in Syracuse.

Ransom Guild left the last of October for his home at Pine Castle, Florida. He is taking residence there and has headed his home to his daughter, Mrs. Beatrice DeFazio who moved there this year. Mr. and Mrs. DeFazio left recently for their winter home in Florida. Mr. Guild deeded the brick house to his daughter, Mrs. Peggy Swackhammer of Hornell and property in Jasper to his son, Edwin Guild.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton White leave this week to spend the winter near Orlando, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carty of Belmont closed their home and came Friday to help close the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McDonough and take them to Florida for the winter at Orlando, near their son, Jack. They plan to spend Thanksgiving at Raleigh, North Carolina with their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Tropman.

Steuben County Route 17 Reconstruction

J. Burch McMorrin, State Superintendent of Public Works, has announced receipt of a low bid of \$2,460,602.50 from Dairymple Gravel & Contracting Co., Inc., of Elmira, for reconstruction of Route 17 from about one-half mile west of County Road 31 at East Woodhull easterly 6.28 miles to northeast of County Road 35 near South Addison, plus 1.42 miles of connecting roads. Two bids were received.

Route 17 will be reconstructed with a new 24-foot-wide asphalt concrete pavement, generally on new alignment, along or near the existing highway.

The project includes construction of three new bridges across Tuscarora Creek. They consist of a three-span structure, 168 feet long, a one-span structure, 157 feet long, and a closed box bridge, 23 feet long. Work will include rebuilding Borden Hill Road (County Road 100) 0.23 mile with a new 20-foot-wide asphalt concrete pavement.

Work is expected to begin shortly after a contract is officially executed.

For those who must relocate because the property they occupy is acquired for the project, assistance and advice will be available under the Department Relocation Assistance Program, through available contacts by representatives of the Department of Public Works.

Scheduled for completion by December 1, 1967, all work will be under the supervision of William J. Dennis, District Engineer in charge of the Department's District Office at Hornell.