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It's Thanksgiving time and time to reflect...

It's Thanksgiving again, and a very good time to reflect on past Thanksgivings and how it became an official, nationwide holiday.

Sarah Josepha Booth Hale got the idea first. She ledgers governors and finally President Abraham Lincoln, until in 1963, Lincoln finally proclaimed the fourth Thursday in November as the nation's annual day of thanks.

Community thanks gives locally in Nicholas county, the Ministerial Association had its annual Community Thanksgiving service last night. The service is planned by the various church leaders as a means by which this community can come together to thank God collectively for our many blessings—one of our ways of participating in Mrs. Hale's national holiday. Pilgrims set style

In 1621, the Pilgrims set the style for future Thanksgivings with their famous celebration at Plymouth in the Colony of Massachusetts.

They fed themselves on wild turkeys, geese, ducks, wood pigeons, partridge, beachnut stuffing, home-brewed beer, wild fruit wild grapes, lobster, oysters, corffish, eels, venison, pumpkins, corn bread and succotash.

They had unexpected guests drop in for dinner: 90 Indians.

They carried on with fun and sport, such as target contests between colonists with firearms and Indians with bows and arrows, and Miles Standish saved the assembly by parading his 20-man regiment back and forth.

They celebrated for three days, beginning each morning with prayers.

Despite all the goings-on, nobody knows when the first Plymouth Thanksgiving occurred—though many historians say October. It was two years before they had another Thanksgiving.

Earlier Thanksgiving

The Massachusetts party was not the scene of the first solemn giving of thanks in the New World. Jamestown, Va., colonists observed the day of December 31, 1619, on the banks of the James River.

Thanksgiving or harvest home festivities became an informal outgrowth of the New England colonists. George Washington took to it as his troops joined Yankee celebrators during the Revolution. And as President, he proclaimed that a Thanksgiving day should be observed Thursday, Nov. 26, in 1789.

His proposal, however, sometimes was Thanksgiving, or, as with Thomas Jefferson, ignored it altogether.

But not Mrs. Hale, a widowed writer and author of "Mary Had a Little Lamb." She made it her personal cause.

During the Civil War she wrote Lincoln, entreating him to set aside

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Average up \$9 per hundred weight Tobacco market opens—farmers need rain

Seventy-five percent of farmers in Nicholas county and throughout the state have stripped only about 30% of their tobacco, according to Monte Conrad, Nicholas County Agriculture Extension Agent. There hasn't been any tobacco taken down in three weeks, he said, due to the lack of rain. Damp weather is needed by the farmers at this time in order to bring the tobacco to case.

Burley tobacco is stored in barns after it's harvested, and allowed to dry from the light green it was in the field to dark brown. But it needs help from the weatherman.

It must become moist enough to be separated from stalks and tied into "hands," as farmers put it. And moist weather is the only solution.

Ira Massie, a tobacco specialist with the University of Kentucky, says "volume is not on the market yet." And the situation is the same, he says, and in some instances worse, in other areas of the burley belt, which consists of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio and Missouri.

"Some markets have a little tobacco and some have just a little bit more, but none of them have a market," he said. "It will be a matter of waiting until the weather changes."

Ninety percent of what has been stripped was sold the first day of the market opened on Monday, or will be sold this week, Conrad surmised.

An average price of \$115.00 for one hundred pounds—exactly \$9 over last year's \$106.00 average—was paid for burley in Kentucky Monday. This price also topped the \$107.61 opening day average for the 1974-75 crop.

Burley officials said the average was the highest they could recall on an opening day.

Predictions are that Kentucky producers this year could have their first one-half billion crop.

The state average on opening day was \$3.77 over the U.S. Department of Agriculture's average support price of \$108.30 a hundredweight.

Despite a record price, emotions were running high as buyers limited their bids to \$115 and \$117 a hundredweight. Many burley producers were expecting "at least" \$120 a hundredweight this season.

High School gym to be scene of C of C Shop-at-Home auction

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce Shop-at-Home Auction will be held Saturday night, Nov. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Nicholas County High School gym.

This is the first year that the Chamber has attempted this auction. "If it is deemed successful by the merchants, it will probably be sponsored again next year," Lyle Anderson, Chamber president said. "We've discovered some things that need changing, but overall, it has worked smoothly," he stated.

One hundred and six prizes, including many cash donations will be auctioned by Earl Haman Saturday.

Carlisle merchants have been giving coupons to be used at the auction since June. The coupons represent the money the holder has spent at participating stores in Nicholas county.

Chamber directors will be required to check all coupons before the "sale" is final.

Approximately 65 Chamber members have donated the 106 prizes. The Chamber has around 78 merchants and professional persons as members.

Chamber directors are Anderson, Bob Paul, Mrs. Joan W. Conley, Don Elder, Joe Crouch, Doug Garrett, Mrs. Barbara Bowen, James Wells, David Wilson and Paul Ramsey.

Concessions will be sold during the evening.

Suggested rules offered for auction

1. Only Chamber of Commerce Shop-at-Home coupons may be bid for items at the auction. The value of each set of coupons is determined by the total or sum of the dollar amounts printed on the coupons.
2. Coupons should be totaled and bundled together with the total number of dollar amounts printed on the outside.
3. Only those coupons signed by members of the same household may be totaled together to make bids. A person may bid and purchase items by proxy or a chosen representative if they cannot be present that night.
4. The coupons have validity for this 1976 auction and have no other value or purpose.
5. All participants must remain seated in the bleachers while the auction is in progress. Everyone must behave in an orderly manner to insure that the auctioneer is heard and that the auction proceeds without interruption. Small children should stay with their parents at all times and off the gym floor.
6. The highest bidder will be allowed to purchase each item just as at any auction.
7. Any item which is not claimed shall be re-sold.
8. Every coupon total bid shall be checked by Chamber of Commerce volunteers before an item is sold. All decisions by the clerks shall be final and all sales shall be finalized as they are made.
9. This auction is being sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce as a free service to the local community. All items have been donated by local businesses and all Chamber members have donated their time and labor. The coupons have been distributed at no additional cost to merchants. Therefore the auction is being held for the amusement and enjoyment of local consumers and should be conducted in a spirit of harmony and cooperation.



New U. S. citizens

The five oldest children of Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius B. Koury became United States citizens on Nov. 1. The Certification of Naturalization were presented by Clerk of U.S. District Court of Eastern District of Kentucky, Davis T. McGarvey, to the children who were born in Memph, Lebanon. Pictured

Mail parcels by Dec. 3 is P.O. plea

Carlisle Assistant Postmaster, Eugene Soaps, announces that because of the unprecedented increase in mail volume generated by the 15-state United Parcel Service strike, you are urged to mail your domestic parcels by Friday, Dec. 3 and your seasonal greetings by Dec. 10 to assure delivery by Christmas day. Please remember to use ZIP Codes on your packages and cards.

County to extend road to Hughes property

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court, at their regular meeting, held Wednesday, Nov. 17, requested Nicholas County Attorney, Joseph H. Conley, to obtain

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Snow Queen candidates

These lovely "wind-blown" ladies are the Snow Queen candidates selected by the Christmas parade Dec. 7, and one will be crowned queen. State from left, Judy Doyle, Hester Hunter and Renee Allison. Standing, Lyle White, and Cindy McCloud—Duncan photo.

Bluegrass ADD public meet Dec. 1 involves Federal, State funds

Who makes the decision on how large amounts of Federal and State funds are spent? How are these decisions made? In the past, Federal and State bureaucrats have made the decision. According to Carlisle Mayor William Power, this process may be soon changing. On Wednesday night, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse, there will be an important public meeting to discuss how local citizens feel about local projects. The outcome of this meeting, and similar meetings held throughout central Kentucky, may help determine how federal and state funds are spent in the coming years.

The Bluegrass Area Development District, in conjunction with the City of Carlisle and Nicholas County Fiscal Court, will be holding this important public meeting. In the words of Mayor William Power, "The Bluegrass Area Development District (GBADD), of which Carlisle and Nicholas county are a part, is involved in two new and important projects—the Aratwilde Action Plan and the Regional Capital Improvement Program. These programs, which are sponsored by the Appalachian Regional Commission and Kentucky State Government, are opportunities for local areas like Nicholas county to give the people in Washington, D.C. an idea of what we consider to be important programs and projects. I would strongly urge all interested persons to attend this meeting."

City-county accidents reported

Oliver Frederick of Route 2 was taken to a local physician, complaining of back pain, examined and released last Thursday as the result of an auto mishap, according to Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff, J.W. Ecton who investigated the accident.

Ecton advised that Verne Perkins, also of Route 2, was driving an auto belonging to Grover H. Livingson and was in front of the Cliff Vico farm on the Moorefield road heading in the direction of Moorefield when Frederick pulled his auto out of his driveway directly into the path of the Perkins.

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