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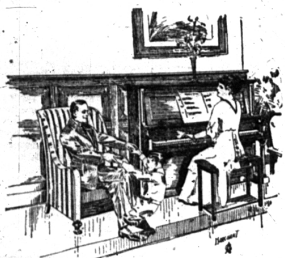
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### TROY

John Hadden and son have purchased 10 boys and 2 cows.  
Mrs. Grace Leonard entertained the Embroidery Club Friday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hadden were Pontiac shoppers Saturday last.  
Friday night Miss A. Parker attended the U. P. social at Birmingham.  
Agnes Parker was a week end guest at her sisters home in Detroit.

Monthly business meeting was held Tuesday night at Sidney Reynolds home. Louis Button and wife and girl friend were over Sabbath guests at C. Button's.

Allen Lakin, Frank Leonard and several others with guns and dogs went to Disco to hunt.

Henry Fisher of Detroit spent Sunday with his brother-in-law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bellver.  
Thanksgiving guests at L. J. Bellver were Mr. Galloway, Miss R. Niles, A. J. Burrows and H. C. Martella.

The last of Mr. Galloway's household goods arrived Saturday. Troy begins to seem like home to him and wife.

The Red Cross workers had a busy afternoon the 22nd at Mrs. Oliver Phillips. Work day, today (Friday), at Mrs. Kate Leonard's.

In the near future a social for the benefit of the Red Cross fund will be held at Oliver Phillips home. Ladies bring your knitting, Gents play cards, light refreshments. Silver offering taken. Everybody welcome.

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The regular services for Sunday, December 2, are as follows: Public worship at 10:30 with sermon, "The Mission of the Church," Bible School at 12. Mr. C. E. Edwards is the Superintendent. Epworth League at 6:30. Mr. Francis Campbell is president. Public worship at 7:30. Subject for the sermon, "The Man who Repented." Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:45.  
Next Sunday December 2, is Go to Church-Sunday for Birmingham churches. A cordial welcome to all comers. Fifty-five men attended the Men's class banquet last Monday evening. A good time and a splendid address by Rev. R. H. Bready.

The pastor will devote a few minutes at the opening of the evening service to a survey of the progress of the war for the past week. The blackboard will be used and the different fighting fronts pointed out, with mention of advances made and success gained. There is a real call for information of this kind and this church is glad to serve in this way in the interests of a true patriotism. A warm invitation is extended to fall especially to families whose men have responded to the call of the colors.

The choir present pleasant evening, and partook of a dainty banquet, at 4:45 church, on Tuesday evening last. This selected group of our church workers is doing a fine service in our public worship. Mrs. Thad Leland is the leader.

The official board will meet Monday evening, at 7:45 at the church, Monday December 3.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining unclaimed for at Birmingham, Michigan Postoffice on November 27.

Bell, Mrs. Nelson  
Darden, Miss Daisy  
Pikins, Miss Gertrude  
Creir, Mrs. Ruth  
Garwin, B. H.  
Perry, Mr. W. J.  
Phelan, Wm.

COBB, Mrs. H. J.  
Johnson, Wm. A.  
Johnson, A. H.  
Vreeland, Mrs. Grace (2)  
Williams, Miss Helen  
Name, signed Ida.  
Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."  
GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

More than 500 Red Cross workers of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan will meet in Detroit, Monday and Tuesday, December 3 and 4, for a conference on plans for war relief work and to receive the messages from national headquarters which will be brought by Henry P. Davidson, chairman of the war relief council, and Harvey D. Gibson, General Manager of the American National Red Cross. The Detroit meetings will be held in the Roof Garden of the Hotel Teller, with morning and afternoon general sessions each day and bureau meetings in the evening.

Queued Right.  
Willis—To a great June of character. Take that fellow over there, for instance. He looks like a man who won't stop for anything. "Giltie"—That's right; he's a motorman. Town Topics.

## The Meaning of Thanksgiving Day

by Mary Graham Bonner

TWO turkeys in the barnyard were gobbling, and if we had been able to understand their language this is what we would have heard them saying several days before the last of November:

"My father was at one of the merriest of scenes last year," said Mr. Gobbler. "He was kept for our own joy by the farmer's wife dressed him up so well, cooked him until he was brown and tender, and then she served him up as the principal part of the meal. To be sure, she had many other goodies, such as soup, stewed corn, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, squash, pumpkin pie and apple cider, but he was the main thing! He was the center of attraction, and when he was brought in on the platter, piping hot, the rosy-faced children screamed with delight and said:

"Oh, isn't he a beauty!" The two boys ate as much as they could, so did the two little girls with the blue eyes and the soft brown hair. And so did the mother and daddy. But even then my father had not entirely vanished, and with one accord they said that they never had such a Thanksgiving dinner."

The turkeys, as well as the other creatures in the barnyard, had gathered around to listen. "You are so proud of being eaten," said the pigs and ducks. "And how can you enjoy being proud—your joy is so soon over? Why do you want to be fed so much when it only means that soon you can have no more to eat, because a hungry family has eaten you?"

"But, because you don't understand turkeys," said handsome Miss Turkey. "We consider it such a splendid honor to be eaten on such a noble day. We are not eaten any time at all, like some creatures I know of."

The other barnyard animals hung their heads. They knew of whom she spoke, and they were suddenly much quieter, clucking, quacking, grunting and squealing in low voices.

Mr. Gobbler, cousin of Mr. Gobbler, had begun to speak. "Your father was very fortunate in being the one saved for the farmer's family. And a great treat he was. But listen to my tale of a greater treat." They all drew nearer. "Gobbler, gobbler, gobbler," repeating his own name and by the call of Turkey, said, "my father served as a far better purpose."

"The farmer knew of a family in the city, far from here, where there are no barnyards and where there are streets and houses everywhere, instead of hayfields and meadows and woods. The daddy of the family had once been a school friend of the farmer's, and he had gone to the city to live, and he had had a very hard time. He, too, had four children, but their faces were

pale and sixty-five set aside for Thanksgiving—and for turkey!"

"While you creatures in the barnyard got so many of the goodies left from the Thanksgiving table, so did old Dan, the dog, get the bones from my father—such bones as he had never before tasted. Even Dan knew the meaning of the day!"

"We were both right," said Mr. Gobbler. "My father's children were thankful because they knew they never had to long for food. They always had enough. They never needed to long for fresh air and a place for playing. And they did not wish for something they did not have. So were the family to whom your father went thankful. They were happy they had each other and they were delighted to share your father and to have such a meal and treat. For them, too, there was Thanksgiving turkey. And they talked of better days ahead."

"Yes," said Mr. Gobbler proudly, "Thanksgiving day is well named—a holiday of giving thanks because we are eaten. Our fathers were eaten in both those homes—the poor and the rich and in both made happiness equally great. And so will we make happiness in a very few days."

But back of Thanksgiving day, back of the idea that eating a turkey is the great and important event of the day, there is something else.

In 1621 the Plymouth colony in New England set aside one day of thankfulness—thankfulness for what they had; not for what they thought they should have. They had known hard days of self-denial and struggle. Yet they were thankful for in a new land they saw great things ahead, and it was our duty to see that their hopes were not in vain.

Thanksgiving day—the day to give thanks. But are we to be thankful on one day only, and then return to three hundred and sixty-four days of grumbling and of regret for what we don't possess? No! Let us have one day as simply the first day of many, many others in which we are thankful for



Even Dan Knew the Meaning of the Day.

all we have. Not only for Mr. Turkey, who growing to be an expensive luxury these days, but for those many things upon which all the hard times in the world will have no effect. Those things which riches can never buy—the old, old gifts of health and laughter, with the stars smiling upon us and the great warm sun beaming right and the great warm sun beaming right upon us by day—trying so hard to reach our hearts to keep them warm and sunny on all the days of the year beginning with Thanksgiving day.



Origin of Thanksgiving.

In colonial days it was customary to spend days of fasting or feasting, of prayer or thanksgiving, when public events seemed to warrant this recognition.

In 1780 Washington ordered a day of thanksgiving for the adoption of the federal constitution. Subsequently various days in November were recommended by presidents and governors until 1863 the regular observance of a national Thanksgiving day was instituted through a proclamation of President Lincoln.

The president's proclamation does not make it a national holiday. It applies legally only to the District of Columbia and the territories. It is the governors' proclamations that fix the states. The day is observed in all states, but in some it is not a statutory holiday.

Thursday was originally selected by the Puritans probably because, being near the middle of the week, it gave opportunity for the scattered members of the family to come together and to return without desecrating the Sabbath by travel.

November was selected as the month when the fall harvests were all gathered in. Other countries have Thanksgiving days for special occasions, such as success in battle or the deliverance of the people from a national calamity, but the fixed annual Thanksgiving day is a custom belonging to America alone.

Coming Universal Thanksgiving.

This war will be a flood without promise if only the selfishness of the balance of power survives. But what a universal thanksgiving will that be when, after the flood of blood, the bow of promise of a new day is seen in which the nations of the world shall know that peace and honor lie in the spirit which recognizes that when one member suffers all the members suffer with it, when one member is honored all the members rejoice with it!

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