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Churches Are Ready for Thanksgiving Services

This Is the First of Your 2 Thanksgiving Week Issues

This special Tuesday edition contains many of The Birmingham Eccentric's regular features (see list at left) and is published to let your businessmen and stores get their Thanksgiving sales messages to you early this week. The remainder of The Eccentric's news and features will come to you in Friday's edition.

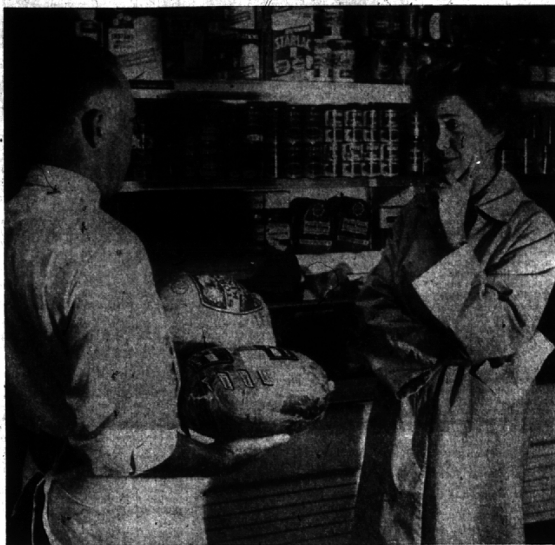
This and That

by
George R. Averill.

Thanksgiving

For things to eat, for things to wear,
For sheltered home, for all the care
That Thou hast shown my every need—
I'm thankful Lord, in word and deed.
For friends and loved ones I am glad
To thank Thee, Lord—for when I'm sad
They come to me with words of cheer,
And thus Thou liv'st with me each year.
Oh, Lord, I pray Thee make me worth
The loveliness of this good earth!
Oh, smile upon this greed-torn world
Until in every land's unfurled
The banner of a Love that's fit
To wear the robes of Holy Writ.
For sun and moon and stars above,
For love of Life and love of Love
I'm bending on my knee this day
In true humility to pray
My thankfulness, my gratitude,
For every Christ-Benediction.
And, as life tumbles on its way,
I hope that each Thanksgiving Day
Will make my song of thanks ring clear
On every day throughout each year.

—By G.R.A.



Both Are Good, But Which Is Better?

With a hungry family waiting to devastate her Thanksgiving dinner come day after tomorrow, the Birmingham housewife wants to be certain her culinary skill is displayed to the best. But should she choose a ham this year? Or perhaps a duck or goose? Or shall she stick to the traditional turkey? Mrs. Morgan D. Douglas, Jr., of Westwood Village tries to decide—ham or turkey. Displaying the choice is Sfere's butcher Floyd Osburn. Mrs. Douglas decided it'll be turkey for husband Doug, son Drex, 10, and daughter Mary Ellen, 13.

To Observe Holiday With Prayer, Song

Protestants and Catholics alike will attend churches of their choice for special Thanksgiving services tomorrow and Thursday.

The annual community Thanksgiving service, sponsored by the 21-member Birmingham Council of Churches, will be held at St. James Episcopal church Thursday at 10 a.m.

Rev. Ralph Stride, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Our Saviour, will give a sermon, "In Gratitude We Step Forth." The 30-member senior choir of St. James will sing at the service.

THE ANNUAL Union service for Southfield churches will be held at North Congregational church, Lahser at Northwestern, Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Rev. Paul Sutton, minister of the Southfield United Presbyterian church will officiate at the service, sponsored by the Southfield Ministers Association.

Rev. Richard C. Campbell, Rev. Robert B. Secrist, Rev. Herbert G. Myers, Rev. Harold B. Krieg, Rev. Philip Gentile and Rev. Emil Gaverluk will assist him.

Choirs from seven churches will sing two anthems at the service, "Thanks to Thee, O Lord," and "Praise to the Lord." Bernard Lashley, North Congregational church organist, will provide background music.

AT KIRK IN THE HILLS, Rev. Dr. Harold C. DeWitt, pastor, will preach on "The Attitude of Gratitude" at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

A SPECIAL SERVICE at First Church of Christ, Scientist, will begin at 9:30 a.m. A lesson sermon for the day entitled "Thanksgiving" will be given, plus selections from the King James version of the Bible and the Christian Science textbook.

LUTHERAN CHURCH of the Redeemer will have a service at 9 a.m. at which the senior children will sing the anthem "Triumph Thanksgiving" by Bachmanoff. The combined choir will join in "The Prayer of Thanksgiving," and soprano Sandra Johnson will sing Bach's "My Heart Ever Faithful." Rev. Theodore Wuggazer, pastor, will speak on the theme, "Enter into His Gates with Thanksgiving."

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOUR Lutheran church, North Adams at Whitmore, will hold a special evening service Wednesday at 7:30. Rev. Donald G. Zill, pastor, will give a sermon titled "Are We Really Thankful?"

MOST CATHOLIC CHURCHES in the area will have their regular morning masses, with Thanksgiving sermon themes.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, Lincoln at Edgewood, will have Dr. Tom Malone as a guest speaker at a 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day service. Dr. Malone is pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist church of Pontiac, and has been heard on the radio daily in this area for over 17 years.

The Junior church choral group, under the direction of Mrs. Frank Eddy, will present a program of seasonal hymns during the hour-long service.

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