

Financial Aid to Your Church Appropriate for Thanksgiving

Can God Be Thankful That We're Americans?

By LEWIS G. WELLS
Millions of Americans will express their thanks to God this Thanksgiving day for His blessings. Families will gather round the banquet tables, say grace and devour great helpings of turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie and other traditional holiday foods. As it should, Thanksgiving will be a day of joy and family reunion for Americans. But will it be the same time as a day on which God could be thankful for Americans?

Certainly the gratitude these men, women and children express to God will be from the heart and will be appreciated by Him. They will mean every word they pray. They will be just as sincere as if they were in church on Sunday. But I wonder if it might not be appropriate at Thanksgiving time to do more than pray. Might not it be a fine thing for each of us to ask ourselves: "God having been so good to me, I wonder if I am doing enough for God?"

Many of those who ask such a question, will find that the answer is "no", if they have courage to face the facts. Consider, for example, that at least 12 major Protestant denominations receive average annual contributions which amount to less than one dollar a week per member. Furthermore, I find it interesting to note that Americans spend twice as much money for candy as they contribute to religion, four times as much for tobacco, five times as much for entertainment, and seven times as much for alcoholic beverages! This is true in spite of the fact that Americans without a doubt are the most generous people in the world.

The fact is that most churchgoers, although generous by nature, are taken care of. They don't realize this because they have not analyzed their giving habits, and few have been taught the great inspirational value which comes with spiritual giving as contrasted to token giving. Unconsciously and almost instinctively people give to the church as if they were buying something and basing the price on physical values received.

Our failure to lend adequate financial support to our churches certainly is not as God intended. It is not His Will that our houses of worship are in constant need; that our ministers of the gospel are woefully underpaid. And it is not His Will that so many of us fail to give to the church in a manner which will stimulate our spiritual interest. Christ told us on the Sermon on the Mount that "Where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also."

And Jesus, in His final command and injunction to his followers said: "Freely ye have received, therefore, freely give." Telling a rich man how to get to heaven, the Lord said: "Sell all that thou hast, and come, follow me!" St. Paul also spoke on the subject of charitable and cheerful giving. He warned the Corinthians: "And if I distribute all my goods to feed the poor and if I deliver my body to be burned, yet do not have charity, it profits me nothing."

UTAHVILLE

Miss Charlotte Hollen Weds Pvt. Lemoine Kruis

At a candlelight ceremony at The Pentecostal Church at Hollentown, Miss Charlotte Hollen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hollen of Hollentown, became the bride of Pvt. Lemoine Kruis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kruis, former Utahville residents, now of Van Ormer, on Nov. 18 at 7 p. m.

Rev. Wyant officiated at the ceremony before a setting of white carnations and fern and candelabra. Traditional wedding music was furnished with Mrs. Wyant as pianist and Miss Marion Hollen, sister of the bride, sang "To My Bride." Rev. Walsh prayed as the couple knelt at the altar.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of nylon net over white slipper satin with a jacket effect bodice closing with tiny buttons, a round collar, long sleeves pointed at the wrists and full skirt flowing into a cathedral length train. Her illusion veil was held by a headpiece of seed pearls. She carried a white Bible overlaid with five gardenias and a ribbon cascade.

Mrs. Lorraine Dillon, sister of the bridegroom, was the matron of honor, wearing a full length pale pink taffeta gown. Her headpiece was a matching band of flowers and she carried gardenias with pink satin streamers.

The bridesmaid, Miss Dorothy Hollen, wore a full length pale green taffeta gown with matching headpiece of flowers and carried gardenias with green satin streamers.

Pvt. Patrick Kruis of Coalport served as best man and ushers were Carl Kruis, cousin of the bridegroom, and Michael Hollen, brother of the bride.

A reception was held at the home of the bride. Pvt. Kruis is serving with the U. S. Army since Sept. 4 and is stationed at Fort Jackson.

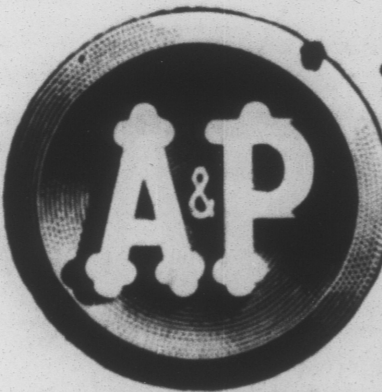
Disabled Veterans Thankful, Says Milt Stoltz, Local Head

There are no more thankful citizens alive today than disabled war veterans, who never again will take their freedom for granted, Milt J. Stoltz, Commander of the local chapter, Disabled American War Veterans, said, in a Thanksgiving message.

"They remember too poignantly the moments when the very breath of life was in jeopardy; when food and family and shelter all were 'treasures beyond reach,' he said. America's disabled veterans, the DAV Commander said, are thankful that America's freedom is still safe and their physical and mental sacrifices have not been in vain.

"Disabled veterans," he said, "are especially thankful there are organizations and individuals who have faith in the disabled and have fought for, and still fight to protect, every assistance the disabled veteran has earned and deserves because of his unstinting, self-sacrificing to his country."

"Because individually all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to our disabled veterans, so large a debt we could never hope to repay it personally, everyone of us can be thankful to the veterans organizations that have assumed responsibility for the war handicapped by championing their cause."



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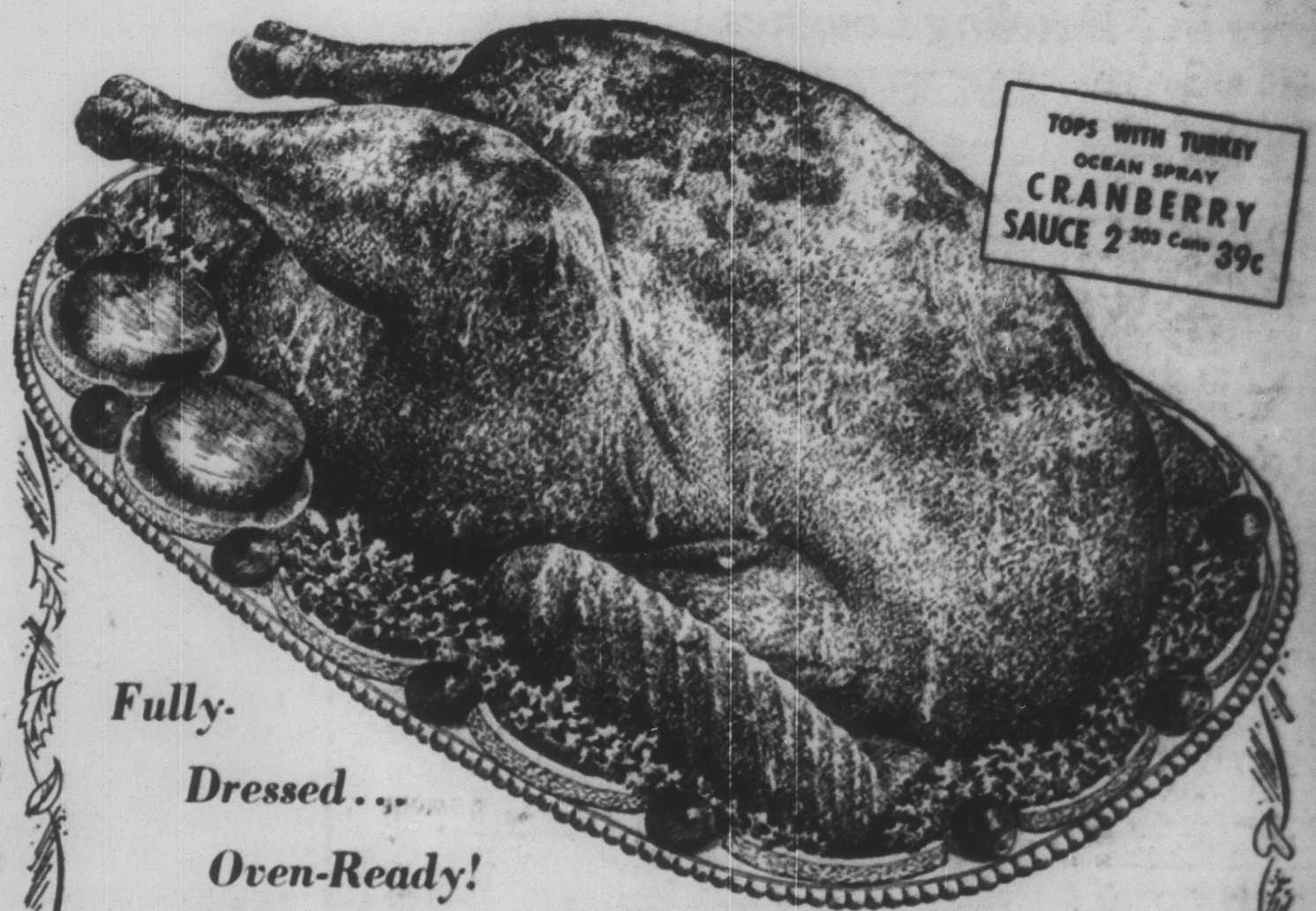
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