

The Post asks: What do you like best about Thanksgiving?



CLAIRE EDMONDSON
Lehman, secretary

"Family. What would the food be without family?"



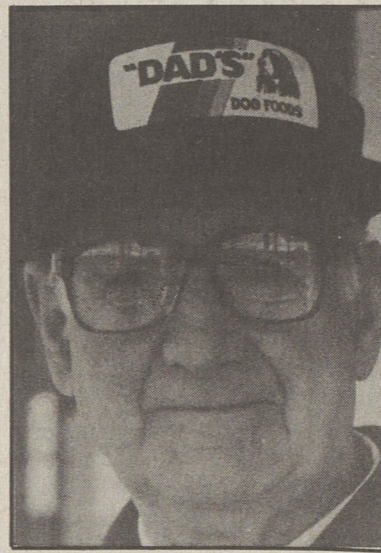
CHERYL MIRRO, 24
Pringle, Commonwealth employee

"Food, I guess, and family."



FRAN WILLIAMS
Shavertown

"Getting together with the family."



DON MEADE, 74
Trucksville, retired

"The family gathering."



ROMAYNE WILLIAMS, 70
Centermoreland

"I like the homecoming part. I'm just thankful my family can get together."



BETH WALSH, 24
Dallas, mother

"Getting together with the families."

Americans have been giving thanks for 367 years

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

It was 367 years ago, that the early American settlers observed their first Thanksgiving when Governor Bradford declared a special day for the settlers to give thanks for their safe arrival in America. Four years later, in the fall of 1623, after a plentiful harvest, Gov. William Bradford, declared a three-day holiday of feasting and thanks.

The settlers provided the food from their crops and the Indians brought wild turkeys and venison for the days of Thanksgiving and feasting. As the colonies were founded, there were no set Thanksgiving days, until the state of New York declared a set annual date. Virginia was the first southern state to observe Thanksgiving and President Abraham Lincoln later declared the last Thursday in November as the legal Thanksgiving holiday.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt set the fourth

Thursday in November as the national holiday in 1939 and later, Congress enacted a law that Thanksgiving would be observed the last Thursday in November—a day for feasting and giving thanks for blessings of the year past.

Throughout the Back Mountain, most residents appear to continue to observe Thanksgiving as a day of feasting and thanks. Many families spend the day together, some watching parades or football games on television with family members surrounding them. Others travel to other parts of the state or country to be with their families while some dine alone or with friends in a favorite restaurant.

Bob and Libby Cyphers of Ransom Road, Dallas, spend a quiet day at home with their son, and several friends, who dine alone throughout the year. Their daughter and her family usually have a quiet dinner at their own home, then visit her parents in the late afternoon.

Ed and Pauline Roth, their son, Jim and his wife, and Ed's sister spent the day enjoying a

break from a busy holiday season and, in the late afternoon, sit down to the traditional turkey dinner with all the "trimmings."

Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Elston entertain their family for dinner and take time out to reflect on their blessings of the past year. After an enjoyable family day, with dinner and watching football games, members of the family make plans to go Christmas shopping the next day.

The Boudreaux family gives thanks for their Washington and is unable to make it home with her husband and children this year, but the rest of the family will talk with her some time during the day. Friends also come for dinner. There were to be approximately 13 to 15 people from Delaware at the dinner table and others will stop to visit during the day, all getting together to offer thanks for another year of happiness.

Mrs. Jean Holcomb, whose mother died recently, will attend church Thanksgiving Eve after which she and her son will either enjoy a quiet dinner at home or go to her other son's home for dinner. When her mother was living,

bliss throughout the year and enjoy having their son, daughters and grandson at home for the day. Since both Ron and Melba Boudreaux's families are about 1600 miles away, their immediate family enjoys just being home together, since they all work different schedules. This year, the family looks forward to having Melba's sister and her family spending the day with them.

George and Mary Weale of Dallas anticipate a very happy Thanksgiving this year. They always give thanks for their many years together with their daughter Jan in their home in Dallas, but since Jan has been married they now spend the Thanksgiving holiday at the ski lodge at Elk Mountain built by George and his son-in-law. This year, the Weales said they have something more to be thankful for — their new grandson who is only a few weeks old.

The Weales, their daughter, Jan, their son-in-law, and his mother Marion Frantz, will spend Thanksgiving Day together, taking time out to reflect on their good fortunes of the past year.

Put your diets aside and join the family for this dinner

By CHARLOT M. DENMON

Thanksgiving is a big day in our family with all paths leading to the home of my sister for the traditional holiday feast, complete with turkey and all the mouth-watering favorites of young and old. Since no Thanksgiving dinner is complete without homemade pies, there are always plenty of old-fashioned favorites with slightly new looks.

This year the traditional holiday dinner will be served as usual but a few members of the family will be unable to attend so, for those few, a special Thanksgiving feast is planned for the following Sunday.

HERBED ONION BISQUE
1 lb. (3-4) lge. onions, trimmed
1 bch. green onions, trimmed
¼ c. butter or margarine
2 med. carrots, peeled, sliced
¾ c. chopped fresh parsley
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 t. dried marjoram leaves
2-in. strip lemon zest
½ t. gr. black pepper
1 10½-oz. can undiluted chicken broth

¼ c. flour
6 c. milk
½-1 t. salt to taste.

Slice onions and green onions; melt butter in heavy saucepan, add onions and cook about five minutes stirring, over medium heat until onions are soft. Reserve some of the carrots and parsley for garnish; add the rest to the onion mixture along with garlic, marjoram, lemon zest, black pepper and chicken broth. Cover and cook 10 minutes until vegetables are tender. Stir in flour, blending well. Put vegetables, little at a time into blender container or work bowl of food processor fitted with a steel blade. Process until pureed, return to saucepan. Add milk and salt to taste, heat to simmering, stirring. Do not boil. Serve immediately garnished with reserved carrots and parsley, or, if desired, croutons. Or, cover and refrigerate until

ready to serve. Reheat before serving but do not boil. Double recipe to serve eight.

MEDITERRANEAN SALAD
1 c. broken walnut meats
2 t. butter or margarine
8 c. broken romaine leaves
4 oz. Feta cheese, crumbled
4 c. seedless green or red grapes
Dressing

Place walnuts in saucepan, cover with water, bring to a boil and simmer for five minutes. Place nuts in a small skillet with the butter. Saute over low heat, stirring constantly, until nuts are lightly toasted. Cool. Place lettuce, cheese, grapes and walnuts in salad bowl, add dressing and toss well. Serve at once.

Dressing: In small glass jar, blend ½ c. oil, 3 T. lemon juice, 2 T. white wine vinegar, 1 t. sugar, ½ t. salt, and ½ t. gr. coriander.

HONEY GLAZED ROAST TURKEY
18-20 lb. turkey
Stuffing:
5 c. soft bread cubes
1 c. chopped green pepper

½ c. finely chopped onion
¾ c. chicken broth
1 t. dried sage
½ t. dried thyme
½ t. salt
Dash black pepper

1 T. grated orange peel
3 T. orange juice
1 T. honey

(See DIETS, page 10)

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