

Canon Pennock's Thanksgiving Views



CANON PENNOCK

By JAMES H. CURRIER

Thanksgiving time is drawing near and many folks reflect on how Thanksgiving used to be. There is little resemblance between the original Thanksgiving celebration and the modern version. Rev. Canon James Pennock, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, had a good point when he said, "Originally the American Thanksgiving was observed in a house of worship cooperatively by the community. Whatever glad time and food involved was secondary to the intent of Thanksgiving; which was giving thanks to God. It just isn't that way any more."

Father Pennock gave several reasons for the gradual change in the observance of Thanksgiving. He blamed the coming of the auto for taking people from the church and allowing them to travel elsewhere for Thanksgiving. "People consume most of their time traveling and are not able to attend church," he said.

Secondly, advertising agencies and newspapers put all of the emphasis on food during this time of year. "There is very little urging to attend church in these advertisements."

Third, "We are very far removed from the original agricultural economy of our forefathers. Today we are highly industrialized and most of us don't have the remotest notion of how thankful a man of the soil is when his crops are good," said Father Pennock.

No Famine-Hardship
"Also, not many of us know what it is to endure famine and hardship. The founding fathers underwent a long sea voyage with little to sustain them and nothing but unsettled wilderness to look forward to. It is little wonder they were thankful to survive that first year."

"The spirit of genuine thankfulness will probably not come to us until we too suffer a national famine," noted Father Pennock.

When asked if he had any ideas about how to bring people back to the church for Thanksgiving, Father Pennock noted "People would come to church if we were to have a Thanksgiving celebration and dinner in the church basement. Everyone just bring their dinner down to church."

On Nuclear Testing
Asked if he had any comments about nuclear bomb testing, Father Pennock stated, "I am not in the position to pass judgement on the governments as to if or not the testing is for our own good. That is for them to decide. I do hope that buy the grace of God a nuclear war can be avoided."

On Amendment Six
The discussion turned to Amendment Six as proposed for the New York State constitution. It was defeated at the polls but Father Pennock cited that the Episcopal Church was under attack for a supposed opposition to the amendment.

"We issued a bulletin to the effect that no group outside of the Episcopal Church could speak for it. It was popular opinion that the Episcopal Church of the State of New York was officially opposing the bill. This is untrue. There was no official standing on the bill what so ever," he said.

"I personally was in favor of the bill and for the following reasons," said Father Pennock.

"First, private education is desperately in need of some source of low interest borrowing. Secondly, I feel the argument that suggests those who want private education are entitled to it provided they pay for it, is not being



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Teachers will be present Tuesday evening to discuss with parents the general objectives of the program in the various grades. It will be possible for you to make an appointment for an individual conference.

A short program will be presented at 7:30 p. m. by the orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Ann Schorge, and by the Choraleers, under the direction of Mrs. Marie Van Ness. The Superintendent of Schools, A. A. Kingston, will be the speaker.

Parents will then be invited to visit the classrooms. Refreshments will be served at the close of the evening's proceedings.



Paul R. Smith Services Today

Norfolk — Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 1:30 p. m. for Paul R. Smith, 64, Norfolk, RFD 2. Services will be from the McLaughlin Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Shaw, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiating.

Smith died Sunday night shortly before midnight at his home on the Knapp Station Rd. He had been ill for a lengthy time.

Smith was born Nov. 11, 1897, in Indianapolis, Ind., the son of James and Rosa Brown Smith. In later life he was married to the former Della Garner and in July 1961 he came to Norfolk to live.

Smith was also a veteran of World War II when he served with 1946 Guard Squadron.

Survivors include: his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Carl M. Eurtio, Knapps Station; one step-son, Leo Fish Jr., Malone; one brother, Howard Smith, Indianapolis; one sister, Mrs. Hazel Hote, Indianapolis; also eight grandchildren.

Burial will be in Bixby Cemetery. The body is resting at McLaughlin Funeral Home, Norfolk, where friends may call.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 22
BUDGET HEARING—Board of Supervisors will meet to review record 1962 county budget, 2 p. m., Supervisors' Room, County Court House, Canton.

Thursday, Nov. 23
HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES—Union service with proceeds to Potsdam Rescue Squad, 10 a. m., Potsdam Methodist Church. Other services at respective worship centers.

Tuesday, Nov. 28
CARD PARTY—West Potsdam King's Daughters, at the hall.

Wednesday, Nov. 29
PANEL DEBATE—Faculty debate at Clarkson College, 7:30 p. m., Lewis House Lounge.

Thursday, Nov. 30
CARD PARTY—Marsh Womans Relief Corps No. 91 at Civic Center. Dessert at 1 p. m., card playing later (canasta, 500, bridge, pedrow).

very realistic."

He went on to say, "The tax bite for public education increases year by year while the number of dollars left for private education decreases year by year."

"Also, as for violating the separation of church and state principle, this is untrue. The federal constitution forbids the establishment of a church state."

Biography
Canon Pennock was born July 30, 1915 on a farm in East Schodack, Rensselaer County. As a young boy his family moved to the city of Rensselaer where he grew up and attended grammar school.

Father Pennock graduated from Christian Brothers Academy, Albany, in 1934 and from there went on to Bard College, then a part of Columbia University. He graduated with a BA in 1938.

He entered seminary at Burkly Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., and graduated from that institution in 1941 with the degree of bachelor of Sacred Theology.

He was ordained deacon in 1941 and Episcopal Priest on Dec. 19, 1941. His first parish was at Christ Church, Hudson, as assistant Priest.

In 1942 Father Pennock was married to the former Marion F. Murray of New Haven, Conn.

He left Christ Church to become rector of Holy Innocence Albany and St. Margaret's, Menands.

In 1947 he transferred to Trinity Church, Lansburg (Troy) and was there for nine years before coming to Potsdam as rector of Trinity Church in November, 1956.

Father Pennock has two children, daughters, Rosemary, 17, in central New York, and Kathleen, 15, a sophomore at Potsdam Central School.

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Rogers Praises Small Colleges

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Canton — The Hon. William P. Rogers, former Attorney-General of the United States, was guest speaker at the St. Lawrence University Visitation Program on Thursday.

Rogers spoke to a group of guests after a luncheon in Whitman Hall. Prior to the luncheon, guests had toured the campus of SLU and guided through and among the college landmarks.

Topic for Roger's speech was "The World Conflict, Our Legal System and the Small Liberal College."

He mentioned that today all Americans are engrossed in a very serious struggle between Democracy and Communism and that each citizen must do his part to achieve an ultimate goal of overcoming the Communists.

"It is not just our government that is involved in the struggle of Communism vs. Democracy, but every individual must take part in it," said Rogers.

"We as Americans do not feel deeply enough that each one of us is challenged for survival. We all know it but do we feel it? We are more like spectators than participants."

Rogers concluded his talk by giving praise to the small college such as St. Lawrence University. He stated that "a small college can develop strong character and integrity. You get an attachment for the things you believe in and for the university."

In his final statement Rogers said, "All Americans must strive to work for what we believe in during the days ahead."



WEEKEND IN VEGAS—Court at the Junior Prom of Clarkson College and the State University College, held last weekend: Linda Calzada, Clayton; Nancy Weber, Rochester; Cindy Thiese, Lowville; Vinny Capozzella, co-chairman of election committee, Utica; Dawn Taylor, Unandilla; and Lynn DeHollender, Schenectady.

Hearing Tomorrow On New Budget For County - Largest In History

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Canton — The St. Lawrence County Board of Supervisors will meet here at 2 p. m. tomorrow for a special public hearing at the Court House on the 1962 budget which would reach the highest figure in history—\$9,386,096.68, half a million dollars higher than the current budget.

Supervisors are expected to slash the budget down, especially under the welfare category. A sharp debate is expected between the Board, the Gibbs Consultants, and Welfare Commissioner Lee Finley.

Welfare costs continued to rise in the 1962 budget by about \$436,000 over this year to reach an unprecedented total of \$4,480,300. The county will receive state and federal aid to the extent of \$4,329,100, but even with the deduction of that outside aid and income from some recipients, the net cost of welfare to that county taxpayers, next year, will be \$1,388,000.

After deducting state and

HOME FOR WEEKEND
North Lawrence — Milton K. Frary, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frary, spent the weekend with his parents and brother Roger. Milton is a Freshman at Cornell University in Ithaca.

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EXCHANGE STUDENTS HONORED — A reception and dance were held for the foreign exchange students in the area at the Schine Inn Nov. 10. The event was sponsored by the Norwood-Norfolk Student Council. Front row, Marcela Camara, Bolivia, St. Joseph's Academy, and Ayse Iplikci, Turkey, Norwood-Norfolk Central High School. Second row, Mike Martin, Argentina, St. Lawrence Central School; Ignacio Reig, Spain, Gouverneur Central School, and Frithjof Rosenau, Germany, Potsdam Central School. The exchange student, Goichi Terachi, Osaka, Japan, had an important part in the play South Pacific being given in Massena High School that night and was unable to attend.

SANTA ARRIVES AT POTSDAM

FRI. NOV. 24th, 7:00 P.M.

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