

Thanksgiving



Every family, the world over, looks forward to Thanksgiving Day, which next to Christmas, is perhaps the most observed of any holiday in the year. Partly in memory of the pilgrims who set aside one day for giving thanks to God, and partly as a traditional custom, do we observe the day.

So on November 26, 1936, the Northwest School celebrated with a traditional turkey dinner in the school dining hall. This dinner was followed by a special student program which was held in the auditorium. Forty-five roasted turkeys (count 'em in the picture) graced the tables and as many hosts were called upon to perform their skill in the art of carving. During the forenoon, students decorated the individual tables which were judged by a committee composed of Mrs. T. M. McCall, Miss Grace Mary Warne, and Mr. D. C. Streeter. First prize for these decorations was awarded to the table at which Oliver Haugen and Helen Kellerman presided as host and hostess. The group led by Glenn Mellesmoen and Phyllis Johnson, received second prize. The following received honorable mention: Axel Rynning and Bernice Carlson, and Noel Oistad and Leona Kellerman.

Superintendent A. A. Dowell presided over the

student program which began at three o'clock P. M. The program included the reading of the proclamation by James Weckwerth, the "Meaning of Thanksgiving Day" by Dorothy Evans, selections by the school orchestra under the direction of Miss Marian Nelson; a vocal solo "Deep River" arranged by Burleigh, by Harold Nabben; a violin duet "A Perfect Day" by Lynn Lokken, and Robert Nelson, a piano solo "The Rising Sun" by Torjussen, played by Ruth Lerud, and selections by the Girls Glee Club and Mixed Chorus under the direction of Miss Katherine Hennig. The closing number on the program was the comedy in one act "My Cousin From Sweden" by Katherine Kavanaugh. This was presented under the direction of Miss Dorothy M. Smith, dramatics coach. Members of the cast included: Grace Olson, Patricia Durbahn, Marie Blakely, Orda Slettvedt, Alta Torkelson, Betty McVeety, and Ivy McVeety. The stage managers were Axel Rynning and Alfred Olson.

Although we are allowed but a one-day holiday for Thanksgiving, the Thanksgiving dinners and the special programs here on the campus make this particular holiday a happy event and a pleasant memory.