

Churchmen Say Omaha and America Have Much to Be Thankful For

Archbishop and Bishops Give Reasons for Rejoicing

Thanksgiving Proclamations Issued by Leading Divines Through The Bee Set Forth Reasons Why Nation Should Participate in Great American Holiday Founded by Our Forefathers.

Should we be more thankful this year than ever before despite the fact that the nation is plunged in war?

Decidedly so, according to the statements of three of Omaha's leading churchmen, Bishops Stuntz and Williams and Archbishop Harty, who have issued Thanksgiving day proclamations.

Observance of Thanksgiving day in Omaha will perhaps mean more this year than ever before. Thousands of soldiers located at Fort Omaha and Crook will absent themselves from the reservations and spend practically the entire day as guests of Omaha people, brought together through the efforts of The Bee.

Amusements of many descriptions have been planned by churches and public schools. An abundance of squash and pumpkins has brought joy to thousands of hungry youngsters, who count heavily on the dessert of a Thanksgiving day dinner. Cranberries are on the market in good quantity, and the reliable turkey has not been sacrificed to any extent to alleviate the meat shortage.

Many Omaha soldiers now in service in other cities, are making efforts to return for Thanksgiving. The hundred or so Omaha men who have been in training for commissions at Fort Snelling will have returned before Thursday.

By ARCHBISHOP J. J. HARTY Of the Catholic Diocese of Omaha. The approach of the day of public acknowledgment of Divine blessings

on human life awakens in the heart of man a realization of what many of these blessings consist.

This year of 1917 makes us recognize many special heavenly favors which it is an ennobling duty to proclaim. For we have every right to feel, at the outset, thankfulness for this year's bountiful harvests in our country, for the skill and industry of its noble farmer band that has brought the crops to fruition, and still more to be acknowledged—thankfulness for the source of such success—the perpetual working of God's beneficently established natural laws, giving the soil fecundity, to the grain the power to germinate, to the rain and to the sun the capacity to refresh and ripen it, and thankfulness for all such continuous miracles which evidence the perpetuity of the Divine presence on earth.

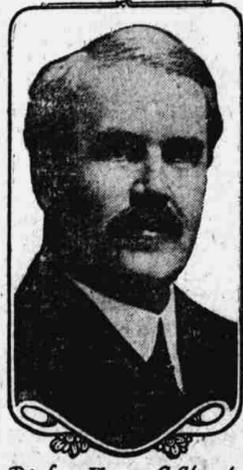
Causes for Rejoicing. Thankfulness for the privilege that it is our national prerogative today to provide sustenance for our suffering brethren overseas.

Thankfulness for the greater privilege of carrying the assertion of a high patriotic standard to world-wide acceptance.

Thankfulness for the grand response of our young men to their country's call for defense. Thankfulness for the brave evidence of our womanhood—wife, mother, sister, brooking every sacrifice and hardship, consecrated to assistive service and sympathy for our boys in camp and overseas.

Thankfulness for the immediate and piteous subscription to Liberty loans, Young Men's Christian association, Knights of Columbus, the Red Cross, and other kindred funds. Thankfulness for the spirit of a uni-

Leaders of Omaha Clergy Tell of Great Blessings in the Mists of World War



Bishop Homer C. Stuntz

fed cause which welds our ranks into a world-wide brotherhood.

Thankfulness that, through all the sorrow and horror of today's warfare, there superabounds, over all these, a keener belief in the things unseen, and a belief in forthcoming, heavenly-ordered peace.

Thankfulness for our sacred faith in Divine surveillance and for our inspired reliance on spiritual assistance in our present hour of momentous combat.

Thankfulness, more than for all else, for our ability to be thankful, for the godlike germ of gratitude implanted in the heart of man whereby his life is exalted and ennobled.

In this present day of our mighty responsibilities we shall show our valuation of all these Providential gifts by so acquitting ourselves of an honorable acknowledgment of them



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as to invite the continuance and increase of supernatural aid.

By BISHOP HOMER C. STUNTZ, Methodist Episcopal Church. In the midst of the crash and dust



Bishop A.L. Williams

of the world war we can yet clearly discern signs of such Divine goodness as to move all our hearts to the giving of thanks.

1. The great democracies of the whole world are fused into an oneness of spirit for the maintenance of human liberty as it does not seem probable that they would have been fused in a century of normal time. When thrones have fallen and the dark war cloud has passed away, this coming together of three-fourths of the human race will make possible a world tribunal, backed by a world police, and we shall be in the sight of "the parliament of man, the federation of the world."

Our Abundant Harvests. 2. Abundant harvests throughout

Omaha People Should Be More Thankful This Year

Despite the Fact That the United States is Plunged in War Many Blessings Have Been Showered Upon the Country; Lessons That Have Been Learned.

practically all of our vast national domain guarantee food supply adequate to meet our own needs and with enough surplus to keep our allies from want. God has answered the prayers of millions and has literally given us "our daily bread."

3. Our president and the secretaries of war and of the navy have written a new chapter in the annals of war! They are exerting all their influence in favor of guarding the troops of our new national army against the corrupting influence of drink and vice. In former wars in our own country and even yet in some European nations, these twin enemies of military efficiency and of national morality are openly encouraged. For governmental antagonism to these evils and for the cordial welcome extended to the Young Men's Christian association and to all other good influences at work among the soldiers, the American people should give thanks to Almighty God.

By ARTHUR L. WILLIAMS, Bishop of Nebraska.

We are standing on the threshold of Advent, the beginning of a new church year. In these critical closing days of 1917 the message to us and to the whole world is a trumpet call: "The night is far spent; the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light."

When this awful war will end no one knows. How it will end, this we do know, because righteousness must ultimately prevail. We must give and work to the utmost for war and the world's needs, but we must not forget also the duty of maintaining the church in the diocese, in the missionary field at home and abroad, in her blessed work among our soldiers and

sailors in training camps and on the seas, in her ministrations to the sick and dying in hospitals and on battle fields.

Urges Increased Sacrifices. I urge you to increase sacrifices, increased service and increased gifts for all worthy causes, for the homeless, starving peoples of Europe and of Armenia, remembering also as your first Christian duty the needs of your spiritual mother, the church, in the maintenance of her great work in the home land and in the diocese.

In accordance with the request of the recently appointed war commission of the church I call upon the clergy and laity of the diocese to observe the first Sunday in Advent as a day of special public intercession to God, for his guidance and blessing upon America and her cause; and further to observe the Friday preceding as a day of lowly penitence, as a real "day of fasting, on which the extraordinary acts and exercises of devotion" may find public expression, to the end that all our people may realize and confess that sin is national weakness and that sanctity is strength.

Join In Prayers. Let us join our prayers to the prayers of all loyal people in the land that God may vouchsafe to us as a nation the spirit of soberness, patience, charity, steadfastness and the strength that comes only from true godliness, and that He may crown our efforts and those of our allies with decisive victory.

I request that the offerings on Thanksgiving day be given to Armenian and Syrian relief, and I direct that the clergy read this pastoral to their people at the first public service following its receipt.

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL HELPS 'Y' WAR FUND

Women Knit Many Articles and Over Thousand Dollars Given to Association Work.

Instead of raising \$10 for the Young Men's Christian association war work fund, as was reported in one of the daily papers, the special committee of Kountze Memorial church raised \$1,025 for this work. The money has been turned in, and the records are clear to any newspaper that desires to read them right.

The published report that the Kountze Memorial had given \$10 caused a great deal of embarrassment among the membership of that church. For not only did the church committee do splendid work and raise \$1,025 among the membership, but the Helping Hand society of Kountze Memorial emptied its little treasury, which contained but \$20. This \$20 was apportioned as follows—\$10 to the Young Men's Christian association war work fund, \$5 toward the hostess house fund of the Young Men's Christian association war activities, and \$5 for the purchase of additional yarn for sweaters.

The \$1,025 raised by the committee soliciting among the Kountze Memorial membership does not represent nearly all the money given by the membership, because scores of the business men in the church made their subscription to down town committees at their offices before the special church committee could reach them. Friday afternoon the ladies of the Helping Hand society of Kountze Memorial church put into the mails the 58 complete outfits of sweaters, mittens, wristlets and other necessities which they have knitted for the 58 boys of Kountze Memorial church who are now in the various training camps and at the front.

The money with which the yarn for these things was purchased was all raised in the church, some \$300, and none of the yarn was furnished by the Red Cross. The women will continue their knitting work regularly.

Camp Funston Men to Have Big Feed on Turkey Day

Unable to find enough good things in Kansas for the drafted men of Nebraska at Camp Funston to eat on Thanksgiving day, Sergeant Roy Pierce, formerly of Omaha, has completed a buying trip for the government in this city. The menu for the soldiers on turkey day will be as follows:

Dinner—Oyster cocktail, mixed pickles, celery hearts, olives, figs and dates, roast young turkey, cranberry sauce, oyster dressing, candied yams, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, asparagus with vinaigrette sauce, old English plum pudding with Kansas brandy sauce, mince and pumpkin pies, toasted crackers, Roquefort cheese, cigars and cigarettes.

Supper—Lunch—Fruit salads, assorted cakes, ice cream, loganberry punch, candy and mixed nuts.

Herbert N. Mesropian Gets Commission at Fort Snelling

Herbert N. Mesropian, who got a commission as first lieutenant at Fort Snelling, is the only son of Dr. and Mrs. M. Mesropian, 202 Pratt street, Mesropian, before enlisting in the training camp, was a teacher in Benson. He is a graduate of Nebraska university, completing the course in 1916.

Community Thanksgiving Services Wednesday Night

The Protestant churches southeast of the Union Pacific railroad will unite in a Thanksgiving service Wednesday at 8 p. m. at the Castellar Presbyterian church. Rev. Hunter of Dietz Memorial church will preach.

Omaha Couple Furnishes Two Captains to U. S. Army



Leslie F. Johnson

To an Omaha couple, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Johnson, 1627 Locust street, falls the distinction of having two sons awarded captaincies in the United States army. Morris C. Johnson, 23 years old, is captain of the motor trains department at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill. Leslie F. Johnson, 22 years old, has just been graduated from Fort Snelling with the rank of captain.

"Are we proud of our boys? Well who would not be. I do not believe that there is another couple in Omaha, or even in Nebraska, can lay claim to such an honor," declared Mr. Johnson.

"It proves that the new army is nothing if not democratic. There were millionaires' sons training at Fort Snelling, but they were all forced to do their share, or were sent home. I am confident that this war will prove a boon to this country in many ways. It will, first of all, show us the absolute need of preparedness, and it will teach our American boys discipline. Uncle Sam is welcome to use my boys in this great crisis, and I am sure that they will acquit themselves with honor."

Both of the young officers are graduates of Central High school and both hold university degrees. Morris was graduated in 1916 as a mechanical engineer from the University of Illinois. Leslie was graduated from the agricultural college at Ames, Ia., in February of this year. A third son, Harry, is attending Illinois university and is a member of the reserve corps there. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are natives of Sweden, coming to this country in 1881. They came to Omaha in 1891.

Destruction of St. Cecilia's Causes Use of Cathedral

The destruction of the little frame church building at St. Cecilia's parish, Fortieth and Webster streets, Tuesday night necessitates the use of the new cathedral church sooner than contemplated. It was intended to be ready for permanent use at Christmas time, but the accident advances the time a month. Much work remains to be done on the inside. The floor tiling is yet to be laid and quantities of building material removed to make way for worshippers. The work of preparation has been carried on at top speed for four days and the interior will be in fair shape for regular services Sunday morning.

Low masses will be said at the usual hours of 7, 8, 9 and 10 o'clock. Beginning at 11 o'clock, a solemn high mass will be celebrated, at which Archbishop Harty will preside. Rev. James W. Stenson of St. Philomena's church will deliver the sermon.



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From Our Near Neighbors

Avoca. Avoca, Neb., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. S. J. Flesman entertained the Congressional League at Thursday.

Henry J. Abker was here from near Berlin Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bresselle and daughter, Mary, were visiting relatives at Ham-bury, Ia., last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cline of River Bluff, Ia., were visiting at the home of Carl Schroeder this week.

Bert Reed of Weeping Water was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Gus Mohr, Mrs. William Gollner and Miss Laura Witke were Nebraska City visitors Wednesday.

William Morley and wife, Mrs. W. A. Hollenberger and Rev. A. C. Smith and wife were Omaha visitors Friday.

Nicholas J. Trook was here from Syracuse Sunday for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Erdman and daughter, were here from Berlin Wednesday.

B. G. Wurl and J. E. McDaniel of Plattsmouth were business visitors here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Graham and Miss Gladys Hulton were Lincoln visitors the first part of the week.

Weeping Water high school girls defeated the Avoca girls' basket ball team Wednesday night by the score of 12 to 4.

Clarence Irons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Irons, left last week for Fort Morgan, Colo., where he has joined the aviation corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anderson of Minden, were here this week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Gaarhart.

Oliver Seckler was a state capitol visitor this week.

Mrs. William Maseman entertained the Woman's club Wednesday afternoon.

Attorney C. E. Tefft was here from Weeping Water the first of the week.

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Elkhorn. Mrs. C. W. Hickey and daughters, Roma and Bernice, visited Saturday at the Charles Witte home.

Mrs. John Grogerson entertained friends Sunday in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Colby went to Millard Sunday, to be present at the birthday party for her father, C. Bull.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Seefus and son, Dean, went to Scotia, Neb., Saturday to visit their son, Phillip.

Mrs. Milka entertained for her birthday Monday.

Dan Hansen, Carl Hieszen and Fred Doose autored to Wisner Saturday and visited over Sunday with relatives.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES. Permits to wed have been issued to the following:

Name and Residence. Age. Valle O'Connor, Omaha, 21. Selma Nelson, Butler, S. D., 20. Frank W. Bushman, Des Moines, Ia., 23. Alma Jones, Omaha, over 21. Joe F. Swetala, Omaha, 21. Tillie Karbowaki, Omaha, 23. Aiva S. Abel, Pullerton, Neb., 24. Barbara Agnew, Pullerton, Neb., 21. Tom Watts, Fremont, Neb., 20. Jennie Lynch, Louisiana, Mo., 40.

IN MEMORIAM

Edwin Sylvester Rood, after an illness of six weeks, died at Ford hospital, Saturday, November 17, at the age of 65. His body lay at rest in the chapel at St. Barnabas from Saturday evening to the time of the funeral, Tuesday afternoon. The funeral was conducted by Reverend Father Ross of Superior, Wisconsin, assisted by Reverend Father Holsapple of St. Barnabas. The honorary bearers were James C. Chadwick, E. M. Adresen, Halleck F. Rose, Thomas D. Crane, John F. Flack and E. A. Anderson. The active bearers were George H. Payne, D. W. Morrow, T. O. Finson, Emil Hahn, Lucien Stephens and Mads A. Hansen.

Interment was private at Forest Lawn cemetery, the beautiful burial service of the Episcopal church being read by the Reverend Fathers Ross and Holsapple. Mr. Rood is survived by his widow, Zena Gray Rood, a brother and three sisters.

Mr. Rood's ancestors were among the first English and Scotch colonists who settled in Vermont, and on both the paternal and maternal sides were Revolutionary officers, one of them being an aide on the staff of General Washington. His mother was a cousin of Charles Sumner. His father, Anson Rood, was born in Vermont and when a young man settled at Stevens Point, Wisconsin. During the Civil War he abandoned his extensive business enterprises to serve the cause of the Union as a Quartermaster, remaining in the army until the close of the war. He was active in the public and political life of Wisconsin and served in the Legislature of that state with Colonel Champion S. Chase, the father of Mr. Clement Chase, editor and publisher of The Omaha Excelsior.

Edwin Sylvester Rood was born at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and removed to Fremont County, Iowa, when he was about 16 to assist in handling the large landed interests of his father. Later his father located the town of Randolph in Iowa and there engaged in the banking business. The deceased was educated at Tabor College, Iowa, and after leaving college he was, until 1884, associated with the Lombard Investment Company in the farm loan business in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, maintaining an office and headquarters at Lincoln in this state. While so employed he studied law and was admitted to the Nebraska bar. He has maintained an office in Omaha continuously since 1884, living, with his family, the greater part of that time in the country, for many years at the beautiful "Hollyrod" which he built near Bennington, and later at "Cherrycroft" near Benson, removing from there to the Colonial upon its completion, which has since been their winter home, their summers having been spent in travel. During his residence of more than forty-five years in Nebraska he was active in furthering the development and growth of the state. Answering the call of the country, Mr. and Mrs. Rood motored to their picturesque stock ranch in the Black Hills in South Dakota last spring, where they remained until he was stricken with his fatal illness.

Mr. Rood with his wife had traveled extensively, both in Europe and in America. He was a generous patron of the fine arts and had collected many mementos of his travels.

Mr. Rood was a member of Trinity Cathedral. He led in founding the Episcopal Mission at Benson, to which he presented an altar. He was active in maintaining the Young Men's Christian Association and was a liberal contributor to the original building located where the Brandeis stores now stand, under leadership of the late P. C. Himebaugh, and continued his interest in and gifts to that institution up to the last week of his life. Mr. Rood was liberal and generous in his charities without ostentation. He was a progressive man with high ideals and sound business judgment, combined with a gentleness which reflected his true Christian character. He was happy in his domestic life and greatly loved by the members of his family and those whose privilege it was to know him intimately.

His life and character measured up to the best traditions of a distinguished ancestry. The community was made better by his beautiful and active life and he leaves behind him many tender memories.

Persistence is the cardinal virtue in advertising; no matter how good advertising may be in other respects, it must be run frequently and constantly to be really successful.

When buying advertised goods, say you read of them in THE BEE.

MILK MAY NOT GO HIGHER IN OMAHA

Experts Say Gate City Cannot Expect to Get Milk as Cheap as in City of Chicago.

A milk expert has estimated that Omaha consumes on an average 60,000 quarts of lactical fluid every 24 hours, which, at the prevailing price of 12½ cents per quart, is worth \$7,500.

On that basis a year's supply would be worth \$2,737,500 for nearly 22,000,000 quarts, which is approximately Omaha's water supply for one day.

"I do not think that milk will go to 15 cents in Omaha, but there would not be much in it to sell it at less than what we are now getting," remarked this milk dealer.

Chicago consumes 1,250,000 quarts of milk a day, which is sold for 12 cents per quart.

Omaha milk dealers explain that the cost of collection of milk from the country and the distribution in Omaha is more than in Chicago.

"And yet, do you realize," added this milk expert, "that even at the price we are charging here for milk, considering the food properties, milk is still much cheaper than many other forms of food?"

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

Russia Waits for a Strong Man; Reds Doomed, Asserts Tolstoy

(By Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—Reign of the Bolshevik revolutionists in Russia will be short, and saner counsel will prevail when a man strong enough to lead the former empire of the czar out of the present chaos appears, was the opinion expressed today by Count Ilya Tolstoy, second son of the late Count Leo Tolstoy.

"I have just returned from a tour of Russia, in which I spent much time in not only Petrograd and Moscow, but also in the outlying sections," said the count.

"The Maximalists will not remain in power long. They hold Petrograd, but Petrograd is not Russia. In Moscow the sentiment is against such tactics as they employed. Moscow represents the best thought in Russia. It is apparent that Kerensky was not strong enough to mould the destiny of this chaotic country. Russia waits for a strong man; who he is or where he will come from, no one can tell, but there will be no order come out of the chaos until the leader is found."

"It is impossible to say whether Russia will ever again become a factor in the war, but this is sure—the people, both in the country and in the cities, are weary of fighting. It is only a question of whether they prefer war or German domain."

Count Tolstoy was on his way to New York.