

Uncle Ab From Abington — November 24, 1976

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November's just about gone. Already first snow has come --not much, granted, but first snow anyway. Stores have Christmas stuff up and the town has its dekerations up, but so fer they ain't lit them up yet. Seems like its earlier ever year.

But Thanksgiving has yet to come and that day is the official end of the farmer's year. The harvest is in the barn or the elevator; field work's done except for mebbe a little plowin' and the slow season is upon us. Winter work usually involves cuttin' wood, cleanin' and repairin' machinery, carin' fer the stock and sittin' around the parlor stove enjoyin' the warmth.

Thanksgivin' is a time of year that is important to all but to th' farmer who lives by the sweat of his brow it signifies the reward of the entire year, the time to give thanks for the crops, for the land, the family, livestock, and the fact he is tillin' the good earth and reapin' just what he sows. There are some who think Thanksgivin' is jest a day to take off from work, and do nothin' but watch football games. But the farmer does give thanks for th' year's toil and rewards. To him the day has special significance.

At Thanksgivin', take time, neighbor, to look over yer well-stocked pantry, cellar, barns, and bins and see what the fruits of yer labor have brought you and yer family. Take stock of what you have and realize that it takes the participation of the Good Lord above to make all these things possible. Remember the seeds you planted last spring and see what the planting has brought in the form of food and crops. You may have planted, tilled, and harvested but God above provided the soil, the rain, the miracle of growth and made it possible for you to have what you have. Give thanks for this bountiful harvest and have satisfaction in knowing you won't go hungry this winter.

And altho winter's worst is jest around the corner, it won't be long before the seed catalogs come in the mail and it will be time for plannin' and plantin' again. Give thanks for that too.