

The Ol' Hoosier Farmer — November 16, 1977

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Thanksgivin' Day is jest aroun' th' corner. This day marks th' end o' th' farmer's year--a day t' give thanks t' th' Good Lord above fer his help an' guidance in bringin' another crop year to a close. Farmers all over th' country will be sittin' down with their famlies an' give a humble Thank Ye, Lord, fer another good year. Crops in general has been good an' even if the market ain't th' best, th' farmer figgers he has done th' best he could an' is grateful fer what he has.

Th' Good wife has her turkey ordered an' is makin' plans fer th' annual dinner. Th' outside work is done. Th' roses are covered, th' freezers an' root cellars are full, an' there will be food enough to git thru another hard winter. Th' wood pile is ample fer a while yet an' th' seeds are gathered fer next year's plantin'. Fruit trees are mulched, a new berry patch is planted, an' th' house plants are lendin' a touch o' summer greenery t' th' place. It gives a feller a feelin' o' satisfaction to reach another Thanksgivin' time once agin.

An' so at this Thanksgivin' time we wants to look back an' give thanks fer all that is good and perhaps fer that that is not so good since it calls attention to our errin' ways an' makes us appreciate th' good more. We're thankful fer th' Good Wife who makes our house a home, feeds an' cares fer us an' makes th' place beautiful with her presence and skills with flowers an' other wifely talents. We is thankful fer our children who we hopes will carry on where we leaves off an' improve on it. We're thankful fer Indianny which is about th' best place t' live an' work, an' fer th' soil an' weather here which makes it possible to grow good crops an' livestock.

We're thankful fer Centerville, a typical small Midwest town which has its good an' bad points but which we feels th' good outweighs th' bad. We're greatful fer its historical heritage, its good people an' small town atmosphere. We hopes it will remain a small town fer a long while, at least as long as we are here.

We're thankful fer Lou an' Marge, an' Hazel who shares their land with us an' gives th' opportunity to share in return. This gives a feelin' of workin' fer th' common good of all concerned an' that makes it more fun.

We is thankful fer th' past, an' bein' able to look back an' see th' rich heritage left by our fore fathers. We sees a lot they did right an' we can use this to our satisfaction. We sees what they did wrong an' we can improve on it an' better ourselves. Th' presence o' them who went first before us is all aroun' us, from th' historical buildin's, th' rich farms an' th' tombstones in th' graveyard, to Granddads ol' 1930 cabinet radio that plays as well as th' modern stuff we has today.

We're thankful fer th' church an' th' Good Lord who watches over all us pore bein's here on earth an' who gives us strength an' th' ability to do His work. We're thankful fer th' fact we lives in a country where He is welcome an' we can attempt to do His will.

We hopes you all has a fine Thanksgivin'. Jest remember to take a few minutes before cuttin' th' Turkey to offer yer own thanks.