Thanksgiving didn't begin with Pilgrims

By LOUIS CASSELS

Ask any red-blooded American boy how Thanksgiving originated and he'll tell you right off that it was invented by the Pilgrims of Massachusetts Bay Colony back in 1620 A.D.

There is just one thing wrong with this cherished bit of American folklore. It isn't true.

The Pilgrims borrowed both the idea and the name of Thanksgiving Day from the Church of England. Its canons provided for annual celebration of a Day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for all of his bounty and especially for a safely-gathered harvest.

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THE ENGLISH HOLIDAY was celebrated on Sept. 29, and was commonly known as "Michaelmas" because it was designated on the church calendar as "The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels."

It was a major religious holiday, second only to Easter, in the 17th century England from which the Pilgrims migrated to America.

Tradition decreed that Michaelmas dinners be built around roast goose. The Pilgrims had roast goose, along with a few wild turkeys they shot while goose-hunting.

Although Michaelmas was clearly the immediate inspiration of the Pilgrim Thanksgiving, the ultimate origin of the holiday can be traced much further back into history.

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IN THE Middle Ages, the Feast of St. Martin of Tours was a major holiday in Western Europe. It was celebrate on Nov. 11. People went to mass, participated in parades and games, and wound up with a festive dinner of ... you guessed it, roast goose. Because St. Martin's Daye came after harvests were in, it was regarded as a Day of Thanksgiving.

But the real "First Thanksgiving" was celebratede long Western Europe was civilized ...in fact, long before the Christian Church came into being.

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IN THE Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy there is a detailed description of instructions which Moses gave to the children of Israel for a holiday to be celebrated exactly seven weeks after they began harvesting their first crop i nthe Promised Land. That was appromately 3,200 years ago.

The purpose of the holiday, Moses said, was to "Rejoice in all the good which the Lord your God has given to you and your household."

Theoretically, at least, that's still the idea behind Thanksgiving Day.

GUILFORD F.I.R.S.T BAPTIST CHURCH — Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Howard County church were held recently at the new site on Oakland Mills Rd. near Route 32. Guilford's pastor, the Rev. Arbie D. Webb (center) Wielded the shovel. Left to right: Theodore Moore, Guilford deacon; Hubert Mason, chr., Trustee Board; Rev. Webb; the Rev. John Dean, Community Baptist Church, Waterloo and the Rev. Eli Hardin; Baltimore.

Clarence Stith, 57, was Shiloh Baptist leader

Clarence Stith, 57, 1324 N. Bentalou St., Revere Copper and Brass employee, died Monday at home, following a short illness.

Funeral services will be held Saturday noon at New Shiloh Baptist Church. The Rev. Marcus Wood will officiate.

Burial will be in Carver Memorial Park.

Mr. Stith was a member of the Men's Usher Board, the Evening Star Gospel Singers and The Art Fellows of New Shiloh Church.

HE WAS a native of Prince George County, Va. and was the son of the late Rev. George Stith, who pastored a church in Prince George County, and Mrs. Daisy Stith.

Mr. Stith is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alberta Stith; a of Fort Stewart, Ga.; and a son, Clarence Stith Jr., of Petersburg, Va.

Three foster children, Dodaughter, Mrs. Daisy Buck, reese Ramsey, 5; George Ramsey, 5 and James Ramsey 14; two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Gibson, Dabney, Penn.; Mrs. Dora Lee Terry, Petersburg; and a brother, Walter Stith, Philadelphia; and seven grandchildren also survive.

Lawrence Avent, 75, Mutual Benefit agent

An 11 - year senior agent for the Mutual Benefit Society of Baltimore, Lawrence Avent, 75, 1220 E. Preston St., died Tuesday, after a long illness.

First services will be held tonight (Friday) at 8 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church, where he was a member of the sick committee.

Final services and burial will be Saturday in his native home, Nash County, N.C.

Guilford First Baptist breaks ground for church

Guilford First Baptist Church recently moved closer to a realization of a dream of a new church with ground-breaking ceremonies at the new site on Oakland Mills Road near Route 32 before a large group of members, friends and special guests.

The group assembled at the present church and marched from there to the new site. The march was lead by the Rev. Arbie D. D. Webb, pastor of Guilford, followed by the Rev. Paul Smith of Baltimore, who was master of ceremonies, the Rev. John Dean, Community Colesville, the Rev. Mrs. Mary Hall of Baltimore, the Rev. Leonard Moore and the Rev. Charles Taylor, Guilford First Baptist Church.

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AFTER arriving at the new site the Rev. Smith conducted the ground-breaking services. Rev. Dean gave the invocation and the scripture was read by Rev. Moore.

Ground was broken for the new church by the Rev. Arbie Webb, pastor, with all of the deacons nearby.

Commissioner David Force was present and made encouraging remarks. Mr. Force was companied by Mrs. David Force and the children.

Remarks were given by Lewis T. Kelly, deputy grand master of the Masons.

Joseph McLilly, 78, was Southern Baptist trustee

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Southern Baptist Church for Joseph McLilly, 78, 1243 N. Bond St.

Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. McLilly was one of the oldest members on the Trustee Board at Southern Baptist.

Before he was a gardener and worked for several industrial firms.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie McLilly; a son, James McLilly, Baltimore and seven grandchildren.

COMING EVENTS

DEC. 1

"Henry Ford's Mirror of America" and "Pioneer Village at Black Creek," films at main Pratt Library, Wheeler Auditorium, 2 p.m.

DEC. 2

"The British Elections and Their Aftermath," lecture by P. W. Filby, assistant director, The Peabody Institute Library. 12:30 p.m. at main Pratt Library, Central Hall.

DEC. 3

Roscoe Monroe, space lecturer for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and former Baltimore teacher, will speak at 3:15 p.m., in the Morgan State College Murphy Auditorium.

DEC. 4

Reflections on the "Warren Commission Report" by Thomas G. Buchanan, author of "Who Killed Kennedy?" at 601 W. 40th St., 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Open Forum of Maryland.

C. C. Scott

Charlie C. Scott, 44, 543 New Pittsburgh Ave., died Saturday at Fort Howard Hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Morton and Dyett Funeral Home.

Burial was in Baltimore National Cemetery.

Mr. Scott, son of the late Alex and Jennie Scott, was a veteran of World War II.

A native of Clover, Va., he was a member of Bethel Grove Baptist Church there.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Martha Scott, Baltimore; Mrs. Elizabeth Freeman and Mrs. Lillian Manning, both of New York City.

Three brothers, William, Walter and Alex Scott, all of Baltimore, also survive.

Leon Smith

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Morton and Dyett Funeral Home for Leon Smith, 21, 5603 Groveland

Burial was in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mr. Smith was taken to night after being found in an alwy.

He was a member of St. Peter Claver Church and was a native of Baltimore. He was the son of Alberta who survive.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Smith is survived by his months old.

Two sisters, Mrs. Barbara Saunders, Great Neck, N.Y. and Mrs. Charlotte O. Todd, Ohio, also survive.

Mrs. Lena R. Lee

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Kelson Funeral Home for Mrs. Lena R. Lee, 75, 2414 Pennsylvania Ave.

Burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Mrs. Lee died Friday at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

A native of Richmond County, Va., she was a member of Mubby Church there. She was the daughter of Anna and Humpty Veney and widow of Richard Lee.

Mrs. Lee is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Eular Logan, Mrs. Elva Gibson and Mrs. Cora Randall, all of Baltimore.

There are also 25 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

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8:00 A.M.—Early Morning Worship. Sermon by the pastor.

9:15 A.M.—Sunday School

10:30 A.M.— Open Heart Service

11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship — Sermon by the pastor

1:00 P.M.—Tea sponsored by the Sunday School Choir.

6:00 P.M.—B.T.U.

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"TEACH ME O LORD"—Attwood

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Mrs. Rachel S. Adams, Assistant Superintendent

10:50 A.M.—Moments of Guided Meditation

11:00 A.M.—Worship Service
Anthems: "Eternal God" — Bortniansky
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Prime Minister Harold Wilson's Laabor Party endorsed the act.

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Special courses will be available for teachers who wish to complete work for their degrees or qualify for salary increments and certification or keep up with the latest methods of instruction in their fields.

In addition to the regular Coppin faculty, the Evening School will have a corps of visiting professors who will introduce new courses.

Dr. D. P. Wedburg of The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, will give a course entitled "Instructional Technology".

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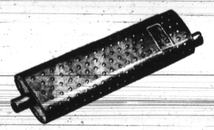

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By MELVINA EDWARDS

The marriage of Miss Shirley Elizabeth Harvey, daughter of Mrs. Minnie Harvey, to John E. Gaither, took place Saturday at 3 p.m.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. William Edwards at the parsonage in Sunderland.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Charles Havey, who also acted as best man.

The bride wore white lace and white accessories, with silver pumps.

The maid o fhonor was Mrs. Charles Harvey. She wore pink.

A RECEPTION was held at Moses Hall (Lily of the Valley) at Bristol, Md.

Those who attended the reception were: Mr. and Mrs. William Smith Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Plummer Johnson, James Harris, Miss Florence Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Collins, Ms. Deloris Pumphry, Mrs. Louise Martin.

Mrs. Ruth Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harvey; Mr. and Mrs. Avon Reid; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Randall; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Freeland;

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Spriggs, Miss Ellen Ruth Freeland; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Contee; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hall; Mrs. Melvina Edwards and others.

Miss Lillian Wilson is a sub for the AFRO.

Birthday greetings to William Smith Sr., of Dunkirk. William Smith Sr., of Dunkirk. He is the father of eight daughters and five sons.

Job outlook in D.C. improves

WASHINGTON (NPA) — Job and promotion opportunities for nonwhites in the D.C. city government were reported Thursday as showing "substantial improvement."

The D.C. Human Relations Council said "an increasing number of District officials are displaying tact, patience and sensitivity" in handling problems stemming from complaints of discrimination.

Mrs. Ruth Bates Harris, director of research and education for the council, reported that 56 complaints involving city employers were handled by the unit from January through October. Twenty-six complaints were said to have been either settled, to abolish all "racial exclusiveness" or segregation.

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Memorial services set for Dr. Bessie Barrow

A memorial service for Dr. Bessie Barrow, former president of the United Baptist Women of Maryland, will be held at Fountain Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29.

At that time the Bessie Barrow Memorial Foundation will be formerly established.

Mrs. Josephine Norwood, secretary of the United Baptist Women of Maryland and president of the Women's Missionary Union of the State, is chairman.

Mrs. Frank Downing is president of the United Baptist Women of Maryland. The committee also includes Mrs. Irene Paige, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the United Baptist Missionary Convention.

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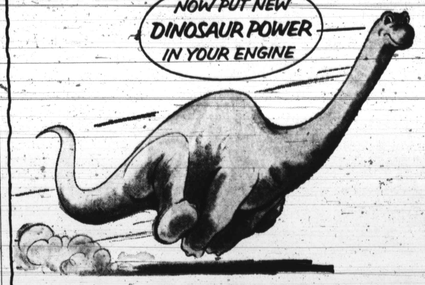

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