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Introduction

We thought it would interesting to look back 100 years and see what the Echo had to say back then. It was hoped that the editor would have a lot to say about Thanksgiving, but that was not the case. Nevertheless, we have put together a booklet that you might find insightful. The last couple of pages gives us a record of all the combined Thanksgiving dinners in Prophetstown that day.

TO HAVE SERVICE

The congregations of the Congregational and Methodist churches will hold a union Thanksgiving service at the Methodist church Sunday at 7 p. m. A large crowd is expected and special music will be given by the Methodist choir and men's chorus. Rev. A. E. Beaumont of the Congregational church will speak.

HOSTESS TO CLUB

Mrs. Emery Lanphere entertained the members of the Friday 500 club at her home Friday afternoon. Mrs. Pierce Moore won the first prize and Mrs. B. M. Frary, the consolation. Following the game a two-course dinner was served by the hostess.

ENTERTAINED CLUB

The members of the Friday club were entertained at the home of Mrs. H. C. Hull Friday afternoon. The afternoon was spent playing bridge after which refreshments were served. Those present from out of town were Mrs. Millie Schwab of Chicago and Miss Laura Clark of Clinton.

Back then we had many different clubs in Prophetstown and they all held their own Christmas parties.

PREPARING FOR DINNER

John Lewis is busy getting everything in readiness for the 150 guests whom he will entertain at Fraternal hall Friday at his annual possum and coon dinner.

CLASS HAD PARTY

Mrs. Roy Olmstead's class of the Methodist Sunday school had a party and business meeting at the church on Thanksgiving night. Misses Helen Digby and Mildred Crossel were on the entertainment committee. In the absence of Mrs. Olmstead Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Foard were in attendance. After the business meeting the evening was spent with games. Refreshments were served.

Thanksgiving

This is one holiday of the year that never can become hackneyed in its observance, for it makes appeal both to heart and conscience.

The very dawning of the day brings fresh to mind the spirit of humility—that this is the hour set aside to thank our Creator for the mercies of the year that has passed. Coming to us as the gift of New England, this simple thing has developed in the people of the land an appreciation of wider significance.

Well may we be thankful that God in His Mercy has held us in the paths of peace; surely we may rejoice in thanks that prosperity has continued to bless the people, that wisdom has continued with them so to conduct their internal government that the nation has grown in dignity and strength for service; but, underlying all of these material advances we should be thankful every day for that amazing natural order under which we live and have our being, that unalterable law which makes impossible permanent evil as a result of our own shortcomings. Therein is found the apotheosis of divine love.

Let us not miss the substance in our admiration of the shadow. The horrors of bloody strife may scourge the world in temporary agony, but the ennobling of those souls who pass toward west, and of those who stay to mourn, brings to the world a wider understanding of our manhood and of our womanly sacrifices that set a new and higher eternal standard for our march into the great adventure. Out of evil cometh good.

That is the law—that is the basis for our real thanksgiving. Sometimes our poor mentalities feel the law is slow to function, but in all the history of the world it has never failed us. It is as the rising and the setting of the sun; it is the basis of our every achievement, the inexorable rule that lifts us upwards, to the higher ideal, the law that makes our ears attuned to the call for kinder human conduct.

UNION SERVICE WAS HELD SUNDAY NIGHT

Rev. A. E. Beaumont Preached at Thanksgiving Service Held at M. E. Church

Union Thanksgiving services held Sunday evening at the Methodist church by the congregations of the Methodist and Congregational churches were attended by about 250 people. Music was furnished for occasion by the Methodist church choir and the men's chorus.

Mr. Beaumont defended the modern young people and modern times in his sermon which he based on the passage from James which reads, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of Lights with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow or turning."

"The giving of thanks and the overflow of gratitude to the Giver of all Good ought to be uppermost in our hearts on Thanksgiving day, because no nation on earth has been more abundantly blessed than our nation has," Mr. Beaumont said.

"Good Old Days a Myth"

Then he pictured for his audience the Pilgrim fathers as they came to the shores of this country 300 years ago. He told of their sufferings and hardships. Then he brought out that in spite of the fact that the sensational newspapers of today have pictured our children as worse than those of any other generation we will really find on investigation that in ancient Babylon 2000 years ago the older men were saying, "Alas, times are not what they were."

All thru the growth of the church, in Germany, Switzerland, and England, prominent leaders of their day bewailed the fact that the world was so wicked. This was also true, he said, thru the early growth of the United States.

Locarno Pact Encouraging

"In spite of all I can say against these bad and wicked days in which we live, I am sure you will agree with me that these bad days are infinitely better than the good old days of yesterday and of the centuries past," said Mr. Beaumont.

Then he gave an eulogy of the Locarno peace conference, saying how thankful we should be that at last World Peace is assured.

He closed with another comparison of the present day with its luxuries to the days of the Pilgrims and their hardships. He told of our wealth and prosperity as a nation and ended with a plea to God that all other nations might have the same measure of prosperity and so that "all nations will be able to join with us on our Thanksgiving day and 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.'"

LETTERS TO SANTA

Just a month from today is Christmas, and following our usual custom, The Echo will print again this year all letters to Santa Claus which are sent in by our boys and girls. Get busy now, children, and write your letters to Santa Claus, then mail or bring them to this office and we'll print them so that Santa will be sure to see them. Don't wait until just before Christmas when he's so busy, but get them in next week while he has plenty of time to read them.

HAVE GONE TO CALIFORNIA

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Mosher left Monday for San Diego, Cal., where they are to spend the winter.

His office was in a building that sat where the cook out is held.

LOOKS LIKE A BIG THANKSGIVING

By A. B. CHAPIN



DANCES

Thursday, March 26
PRIVATE DANCE
at DREAMLAND

Friday, March 27
PUBLIC DANCE
at KASBEER

Saturday, March 28
MOOSE DANCE
at STERLING

MUSIC BY
Sommers and His Gloom Chasers

Walt and his dance band played for dances all over our area. This is from March 1925.

HAD LARGE CROWD

An enormous crowd was present last Wednesday night at the carnival dance given by the American Legion Auxiliary at Dreamland hall. About \$100 was cleared on the affair. Sommers' Gloom Chasers furnished the music.



Dreamland Hall became what we knew as the Town Theater which burned in January 1968.

The Gloom Chasers were organized by Walt Sommers, who is standing in the center.

Studebaker Standard Six Sedan
(Four Doors—Ample Power—Wool Trimmed)
\$1395—freight and war tax extra
Under Studebaker's fair and liberal Budget Payment Plan, this Sedan may be purchased out of monthly income for an initial payment of only

\$537 Down

("No-Yearly-Models")

\$537 in 1925 would be worth
\$12,700 today.

AT THE CHURCHES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On the eve of Armistice day, the Sunday school held the first supper and social for the season. The arrangements were under the direction of Mrs. Hurlburt's class, and a fine picnic supper was served to all the Sunday school.

After the supper each Sunday school class took part in the proceedings. Two of Mrs. Beaumont's class were dressed in the costumes of George Washington and Martha Washington, and the class sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Mrs. Anna Oetzel's young women's class sang a very appropriate song. Miss Lucy Beardsley's class was represented by Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Barber, who each gave a special selection. The best stunt of the evening was put on by Miss Allen's class of young women, and their art of camouflage was carried on to perfection.

Rev. Mr. Beaumont spoke of his experience with the camps during the war, and some of the things England suffered from during the war, and also of the joys of the first Armistice day. This delightful social was brought to a close by Lawrence Kiner's class challenging Mr. Poulter's class to a game of basket ball.

Howard Burdsall was in charge of it, and Mr. Poulter's class won the game, but the smaller boys made them work very hard for it.

At the Sunday services the choir sang an anthem, both morning and evening. At the morning service they sang "The Good Shepherd," and in this service our musical director, Mrs. C. E. Simon, sang very effectively "Still, Still with Thee." Her solo was very much appreciated.

The Ladies Aid society will meet Wednesday, Nov. 18, with Mrs. A. L. Swederus. Mid-week service Thursday at 7 p. m. The choir practice will be held Thursday at 8 p. m. under the direction of Mrs. Simon, and all singers are specially urged to be there.

Union Thanksgiving service at the Methodist church Sunday at 7 p. m.

Rev. A. E. Beaumont, Pastor

METHODIST CHURCH

The church night program will be held Thursday from 7 to 8 p. m.

The Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. Digby Friday afternoon of this week.

The choir will practice Friday at 7:30 p. m. and the men's chorus will practice on the same evening at 8.

Sunday Services

10 a. m. Sunday school.

11 a. m. Preaching service. The sermon subject will be, "Paths of Righteousness."

7 p. m. At this hour the Congregational people will come to the Methodist church for the annual Thanksgiving service. Rev. A. E. Beaumont, pastor of the Congregational church will bring us the Thanksgiving message. The uniting of the two congregations for this service is a very beautiful custom, and we extend an invitation to the people of the community to join with us in this service of thanksgiving.

Rev. J. A. Foard, Pastor

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Services at 7:30 p. m.

Confirmation class Saturday at 2 p. m.

The Ladies Aid will meet next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Gust Ackeborg at 2:30 p. m.

Don't forget that the Ladies Aid will hold their annual sale on Thanksgiving evening.

Rev. Theodore Nordale, Pastor

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Masses the first and third Sundays of the month at 8:30 a. m. On the second and fourth Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Services held in G. A. R. Hall.

Sunday morning at 10:45. Subject Soul and Body.

Yes, there was a Christian Science group in Prophetstown. They met in the Grand Army of the Republic Hall, which is where the American Legion meets today.

GRADE ENROLLMENT HAS INCREASED

Superintendent to Attend State Conference—Other School News of Interest

By A. E. TRUAX

The receipts of the play Monday night were \$98.25 which is very gratifying to the coach and to the Sophomore class that put on the play. The money will be first applied to paying the debt of \$25 owing the Congregational church for use of the gymnasium last year and the balance, after paying expenses, will go to the Sophomore class. The latter will probably clear about \$25 which they intend to "salt down" for next year's prom.

This is Education week and the nation is observing the week in several ways. This week every patron of the school should make an effort to visit the school.

Superintendent Truax leaves Thursday morning with the superintendents from Erie and Lyndon for the High School conference to be held at Urbana beginning Thursday night and running thru Saturday forenoon. This is a state meeting where all teachers engaged in high school work meet and plan for better schools the next year. School boards generally send at least one delegate to represent the school.

When we opened school last September our grade enrollment was 27 less than it was a year ago. However, one by one, new pupils have enrolled so that we now have 170 which is only two less than a year ago. We have not been so fortunate in high school, however. We started with only 95 and have lost Hazel Springer, Lloyd Sandrock, and Bessie Devenney. We are in hopes that the latter two will return to us in time.

Mr. Belt lettered the high school drum last Friday.

Mrs. Urlick visited high school classes Friday.

Dr. L. A. Stone of Chicago who speaks to the Woman's club Thursday will be the speaker at the high school assembly the same day. The school is getting some excellent speakers this year, and the assembly periods are proving very enjoyable features.

Too much credit cannot be given for the excellent music work Mr. Olmstead is putting thru this year. Visitors during his periods remark about the tone quality and the readiness in response from the children.

The Junior class reporter failed to get his notes written in time for this issue.

In 1925 our population as about 1,200. It is about 1,900 today.



HAT SALE

SATURDAY ONLY

If you've been putting off buying that hat you need, next Saturday will be the time to get it, for on that day only we will offer a number of hats at a special Pre-Thanksgiving price of only

\$3.00

SUZANNE'S SHOPPE

SANTA SAYS



Lets Shop Early-Folks!

ONLY

**FOUR MORE WEEKS
UNTIL CHRISTMAS**

This is the time to select your engraved Christmas greeting cards. Our line is complete, and there are more than 125 different styles.

They come in packages of 25 and range in price from 4 to 23 cents per card. In addition to the design and sentiment, space is provided for the name of the sender to be engraved, printed, or written in.

Orders placed now can be given better attention than later on when the rush comes, and we shall be glad to hold until you are ready for them any cards ordered now.

Ask to see the metallic-finished cards, this season's novelty.

The ECHO

CHRISTMAS SEALS TO BE MAILED OUT

**Money Received From Sale of Them
Will Be Used in Combating
Tuberculosis**

The annual sale of Christmas seals by the Whiteside County Tuberculosis society will be carried on by mail again this year as has been the custom in this community for the last two years. The seals will be sent out from a central headquarters in Sterling this year as they were last.

Each town in the county has a committee which represents the county society in the community. This committee has made out a list of names, following closely the list that was sent out last year and revising that list, which will be used in sending out the seals from Sterling.

Mrs. Frank Bowman, Jr., of Sterling will be in direct charge of the campaign this year. Headquarters of the sale will be at the Chamber of Commerce at Sterling. While the work of Miss Ruth Kirk and Miss Florence Emmons, county nurses, is not directly supported by the proceeds of the seal sale campaign, it is directly benefited thereby. The proceeds go toward the work of stamping out tuberculosis.

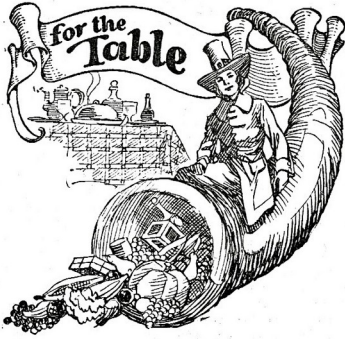
Among many of the benefits provided by the seal sale are the regular tuberculosis clinics with a state physician in charge.

Approximately 4500 letters containing seals will be sent out over the county this year. Last year was the first year that the campaign was carried out by mail except in certain communities of which Prophetstown was one. It was so successful last year that those who are at the head of the organization hope this year will be still more of a success because people are growing to know more of the organization and its work as time goes on.

Christmas seals are adhesive labels that are similar in appearance to postage stamps that are sold then affixed to mail during the Christmas season to raise funds and awareness for charitable programs. Christmas seals have become particularly associated with

lung diseases such as tuberculosis, and with
child welfare in general

From Wikipedia



Thanksgiving Delicacies

Of course you know as well as we do that a fine turkey doesn't always make a fine Thanksgiving dinner. While it plays a very important part, it wouldn't be particularly appetizing without the trimmings.

You want the dinner to be a big success, and you'll want everything to be just right, so phone your order for cranberries, mincemeat, lettuce, olives, celery, pickles, nuts, and raisins to us tonight and we'll deliver them to you early Thursday morning.

KINER BROS.

Phone 256

This store sat where the hardware store is now. It burned in the fire of 1928.



Let's All Be Thankful

—THAT MEN'S CLOTHES AREN'T AS HIGH-PRICED AS THEY WERE A FEW YEARS AGO. YOU CAN NOW BUY

The CROFTON



A
**GOOD
OVERCOAT**
for
\$30

You'll find what you want in bracken browns and the new blues and grays. They're all fine overcoats and wonderful buys at this price.

O. E. CLARK

Thede was in the building that later became Gentz Buick.
It burned in 2013.



**Christmas
is Coming**

It is now time for Christmas shopping. Call and see our line of toys, dolls, doll buggies, books, games, fancy china, stationery, and candies.

PAXSON SISTERS

This store sat where the post office parking lot is now. It was a wood-frame building that was demolished.

The Eighth Wonder of the World

Attend the Big Walking Cake Demonstration

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18, 8 P. M.

Ten Ladies Will Stand on the Great Majestic Walking Cake

Come Out and See the Fun



A MAJESTIC WALKING CAKE

Like Truth Crushed To Earth, Will Rise Again

This wonderful cake will be baked in a Majestic Air-Tight Oven. About 8 o'clock tonight 10 ladies will stand on a plank 12 feet long, placed on the cake and crush it flat. It will rise to its natural height about 5 minutes afterwards, then be cut and served to all present.

This is a fine layer cake, 8x18x18 inches. Jelly between each layer. The principal reason for the lightness of the cake is the fact that it is baked in a Majestic Air-Tight Oven.

ALL MAJESTIC OVENS ARE AIR-TIGHT. MAJESTIC RANGES ARE EQUIPPED TO BURN COAL OR WOOD.

Can You Find the Coins in the Cake?

There will be four coins in the cake tonight—One dime, one nickel, and two pennies.

To the persons receiving the cake containing the coins we will give as follows:—

For the dime—Beautiful Polished Copper Teakettle.

For the nickel—Beautiful Polished Copper Percolator.

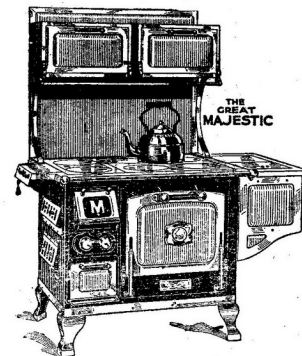
For the oldest penny—Beautiful Polished Copper Stew Pan and Lid.

For the newest Penny—Beautiful Polished Copper Teapot.

FREE

Remember the factory will give you, absolutely free, your choice of that Beautiful Copper Ware, or the Majestic Enameled Set with your order given for a Majestic Range during the demonstration this week only.

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The Implement Company
Prophetstown, Illinois

Quality Groceries

CANNED FOODS WEEK

*Stock Your Pantry---Here's Your Chance!
Real Bargains Which Save You Money!*

Listen! Here's Our Offer!

Buy SIX cans of any one kind of goods and we give you ONE CAN FREE. This includes catsup, preserves, olives, jellies, etc., as well as fruits and vegetables. REMEMBER, this sale ends on Saturday, Nov. 21. Here are a few of our prices.

PINEAPPLE at 20, 25, 30, and 35 cents per can
PEACHES, at 28, 30, 35, 40, and 50 cents a can
APRICOTS at 28, 45, and 55 cents per can
PEARS at 25 and 50 cents per can
RED CHERRIES at 40 cents a can
STRAWBERRIES at 45 cents a can
BLACK RASPBERRIES at 35 and 40 cents
RED RASPBERRIES at 35 cents a can
CATSUP, large bottles, at 23, 25, and 35 cents a bottle
SPINACH 20 and 30 cents per can
CORN at 15, 18, 20, 22, and 25 cents per can
PEAS for 13, 15, 18, 20, 25, and 35 cents per can
WAX BEANS at 20 and 25 cents a can
GREEN STRING BEANS for 20 and 25 cents per can
PORK AND BEANS at 10, 13, and 25 cents per can
POP CORN (Tom Thumb) 3 lbs. for 25 cents
COCOA, bulk, per lb. 10 cents
HONEY, per cake, 22 cents
DILL PICKLES, 2 for 5 cents or 25 cents per dozen
PRUNES, 10, 15, and 20, cents per lb.
DRIED PEACHES, 25 cents per lb.
DRIED APRICOTS, 40 cents per lb.
BULK MINCE MEAT, 25 and 35 cents per lb.
BULK DATES, 15 cents per lb.
GRAPE FRUIT, 10 cents each
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, 5-lb. sack for 35 cents
APPLES, Baldwins, good ones, per bbl. \$7.00

We Give S. & H. Green Trading Stamps
or a 3% trade discount ticket
on all Cash Purchases

LOWRY'S

Check out these prices. Keep in mind that the average yearly income in 1925 for a typical working person was only about \$3,000.00

THIS IS BETTER YET

Ransom Egert writes that Robert Egert picked 224 bushels of corn in 10 hours and 15 minutes on the Joe Fosdick farm south of Atkinson, with the corn running about 60 bushels to the acre. And here's one made by a 15-year-old boy that some men would have a hard time equalling. Edward Wirth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wirth, picked 148 bushels last Thursday.

NOT SO BAD

Everett Oetzel, picking corn for Roy Fisk Saturday, made a record which he thinks will stand for a time.

He picked 14,545 pounds, or figuring 75 pounds to the bushel to allow for the moisture, 193 bushels and 70 pounds.

Mr. Fisk says it was picked clean. Can any one beat this?

Corn was picked by hand back then. My dad, Vern South, picked hundreds of bushels in southeastern Nebraska. It was hard work during which one worked up quite a sweat. He told me that one time he worked all day picking corn, then went to town to buy something, took his wallet out of the front pocket of his bib overalls and had to wring the water out of it. I asked why he did such a job. He told me he could make more money doing that than anything else.

TOURING CAR
\$290

Touring	\$290
Runabout	260
Coupe	520
Tudor Sedan	580
Fordor Sedan	660

Closed cars in color.
Demountable rims
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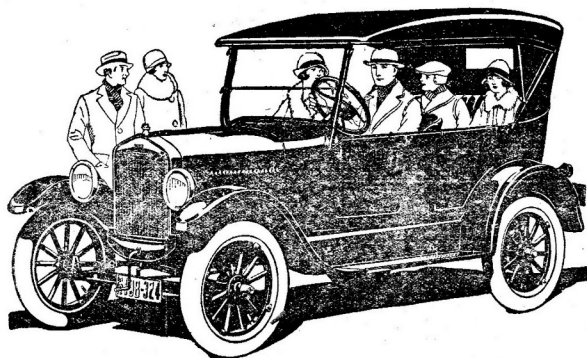
Every ounce of material used in building Ford cars must measure up to Ford standards of quality--reinforced by Ford standards of workmanship and inspection.

That is why Ford cars give such long and satisfactory service.

The Touring Car with added beauty and finer riding comforts, is representative of the unusual value available in Ford cars.

Ask the nearest Authorized Ford Dealer to show you this car.

Ford Motor Company
Detroit, Mich.



The Ford dealer was located where Subway is now.
\$290 in 1925 would be worth \$5,369 in 2025.

THE BEST IN CANDY
at a
REASONABLE PRICE

FOSS'
CHIMNEY CORNER
CHOCOLATES
ONLY 70 CENTS
for a pound box

Jack Trahd

We do not know where this business was located. But given my love of chocolate I would have been a frequent customer in 1925, had I been here.

Thanksgiving Dinners Were Numerous Last Thursday

Many From Away Were Here for the Occasion—Number of Family Dinners Were Held

Thanksgiving affords the opportunity for many families to reunite and for friends to have a happy day together. This year was no exception to the rule and many Prophetstown families had gatherings. Among these were the accounts of those which follow, and there were probably others which The Echo failed to hear about.

S. G. Baldwin celebrated his 82nd birthday anniversary on Thanksgiving day, and to celebrate this double event Mrs. E. G. Mathis entertained at a Thanksgiving-birthday dinner at her home. Those who were present included Mrs. Mame Mathis and her daughter, Miss Dorothy, and son, Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hilger entertained Mr. and Mrs. August Berge and their son, Carl, and Henry and Alfred Berge at dinner.

At the Clate Seeley home the guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Waite and their family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner and their daughter, Miss Almina, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robb and their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Fisk of Lyndon, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wait and their daughter, Miss Hazel, Arthur Himmelman, and Aaron Offerle had dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Arnett.

The Fred Wirth home at Rickel was also the scene of a family dinner. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Egert, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Farrell and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grose of Gene-seo, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sommers and their son, Mrs. Bernard Egert, Jr., and her family, and Arthur Egert.

Mr. and Mrs. George Olmstead had their children and their families as their guests. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Olmstead and their family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Matthews and their family, and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Olmstead and their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Dudley and Mr. and Mrs. John Drummet dined at the F. P. Dudley home.

At the C. C. James home the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ballard.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loomis and their children of Rock Island and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allen and their two daughters of Tampico had dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cleaveland.

Mrs. Millie Gould and Nate Reynolds went to Sterling where they had dinner at the C. E. Seeley home. Mrs. Amanda Reynolds was also there as she has been there visiting for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hotchkiss and their son, Glenn, and Idabelle Olmstead were guests at the home of Mrs. Lavinna Townley in Sterling.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Swanson and Miss Ethel Nelson of Chicago were dinner guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Nelson.

Mrs. Edith Matthews entertained her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Matthews of Dixon.

At the T. H. Taber home Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Schryver and their daughter, Helen, Mrs. Nels Taber, and Miss Emma Taber were the guests.

Miss Lucy and Walter Luchman and Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Buncher of Rock Island came Wednesday night and spent Thursday at the Fred Luchman home.

At the George Aylsworth home a large family dinner was held. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark and their son, Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Backer and their family and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Allen and their daughter of Rock Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Will Backer and their family of Morrison, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Backer and their family of Erie.

David Hotchkiss entertained his daughter, Mrs. Cora Underhill, and Miss Gustia Brydia.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin and their son and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Clementz drove to Polo to spend the day with relatives.

At the A. H. Seyller home the guests were T. F. and A. E. Barradell, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Brown and their daughter, Miss Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Epperson and their family of Amboy and Mrs. Albert Barradell, and Miss Emma Barradell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartley of Mineral, and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Morrill and their daughter, Miss Irma, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Clark.

At the Louis Roth home, Mr. and Mrs. George Seyller and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Lowry and their daughter, Miss Bernadine, were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rollo had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. George Howlett of Tampico, Mr. and Mrs. Buel Brewer and their daughter, Cordelia, and Mr. and Mrs. Clair Peterson and their son.

Mrs. Emma Byler of Sterling and Mrs. Ida Baldwin were guests at the M. H. Baldwin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marvel entertained at their home, and their guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Cooley of Tampico, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Marvel, Mrs. Ella Rawson, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Lane, and Miss Hattie Marvel.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Greene and their family drove to Oregon to have dinner at the home of Mrs. Greene's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Johnson, Arthur Johnson, Mrs. Anna Oetzel, and Lester Burdsall.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lancaster and their daughter, Miss Dora, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Eakle of Coleta had dinner at the Alfred Allen home.

Mr. and Mrs. David Digby and their daughter, Miss Helen, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McNamara were guests at the Perry Lancaster home in Erie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Sibley and their daughter, Marian, and Miss Irene Arnett had dinner at the Berget Berge home in Sterling.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kempster and their son, Perry Ward, of Peoria, Mr. and Mrs. George Brydia, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Crook, and Oliver Kempster of Sterling were guests at the P. W. Kempster home.

At the Ham Warner home the following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Toppert and their son, Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Toppert and their family, Mr. and Mrs. Casper Sandrock of Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Toppert, Jr., and their family and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Toppert, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. John Firman entertained at dinner at their home and those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. William Doyle and their family of Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Keefe and their children, Gerald and Catherine, and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Keefe and their daughter, Mary Eleanor, of Deer Grove.

An annual dinner that is always

An annual dinner that is always of interest was the dinner held at the J. H. Upton home on Thanksgiving day. Sixty pounds of turkey were cooked for the 55 guests present. Three turkeys had been killed for the occasion and they weighed 100 pounds but it was thought it would not be necessary to cook all three.

After dinner the guests spent the afternoon playing progressive euchre. F. N. Brewer, 89, the oldest member of the family present, started playing at the head table and he stayed there throughout the afternoon as nobody was able to beat him.

Seems to me that people were quite a lot more social back then.