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The Season of Thanksgiving...

Being away from your family and living here on the Bethany campus may have been very difficult for a great deal of our residents but, Bethany and her faculty/staff always worked to make you feel at home and a member of the family.

Holidays were generally a big deal; as you have seen in previous newsletters and according to Betsy Adams, Thanksgiving during the years her family resided on the campus, was one of the more quietly celebrated holidays. Many would gain long weekend passes in order to go off campus, those who stayed celebrated the season and day with food, friends, and a break from their daily rigors.

One of the traditions that took place here on the Bethany campus in the Fall was "chestnutting" where the Bethany children would get all bundled up head to the other side of the mountain on a hay wagon drawn by four horses while the rest of the family hiked on foot across the mountain.



"Everybody was allowed absolute freedom to find as many chestnuts as they could. Until eleven-thirty most of the boys had their large bags filled with big brown chestnuts. Then came the call for dinner. It was a thrilling site to see over a hundred children come from many directions and seat themselves in a large circle in that beautiful mountain clearing. They sang and prayed before the food was served. After dinner they were free to wander wherever they desired. At about three o'clock they started the long trek home." (Vandevere, p. 48)

"Thanksgiving was usually a quiet but happy family day. All the children were granted release from duty after the

morning chores of bedmaking and general cleaning were completed. Long walks or games were engaged in during the morning. The Thanksgiving dinner was a real treat. The children had a good idea what the special feature of the meal would be, because the previous day they saw some thirty chickens "hanging high" to be plucked by the older boys. It is a matter of interest that the cooks never had any leftovers from this feast. The evening meal was another treat. A Philadelphia friend sent an annual shipment of oysters for the Bethany family. In the afternoon everyone gathered in the chapel for a Thanksgiving Service." (Vandevere pp. 48-49)

Children's Messages Fall 1945

Our First Frost – Shirley Fessler

On October the fourth we got our first frost. When we got up in the morning, we saw that the fields were all covered with it. First of all, we thought it was snow. After a while when we went downstairs, we felt it, and we then knew it was frost. That gives a signal that winter is on its way.

The Turkey's Home – James Dengler

On Monday night we got a new turkey. They put him into the barn overnight. On Tuesday they put him into the chicken yard. They have a new pen for it now. It seems to like its new home.

Picture Sent in By Bethany Alumni This Month...



Reverend Adams and Debbie Augustine
At her Christening
September 5, 1965

Thankful for our Veterans

Here at Bethany we are not only thankful for being a true sanctuary to so many youth, we are also thankful for those Bethany residents who went on to serve in the branches of the military to protect our ability to remain the Land of the Free. Veterans Day was observed on November 11th.

Dedicated to those who served and continue to make the choice to serve today:

Spanish American War – 1898-1902

Fred Galbrath
Amos Antrim

World War 1 – 1917-1918

ARMY –

Harry Keller	- Ned Keller
Ray Brown	- David Kuntz
Charles Kistler	- Wm. Zimmerman
William Saltzman	- Charles Ruby
Raymond Wissler	- George Trumbore
Mervin Hanna	- Guy Z. Stover
Russell Clark	- Ralph Hartman
John Kuntz	- Edward Zulick
William Shank	- Paul Steinkomph
Paul Donecker	- Rev. Charles Peters
Samuel Campbell	- Henry L. Brunner
Roy Sherman	- Joseph Knopp

NAVY –

Henry Kehres	- Early Eicherly
Robert Behler	- Ralph Snyder

Frank Latshaw

RED CROSS NURSES –

Addie Saltman	- Katie Hausman
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Birdie Crousch

World War II – 1941-1945

Floyd Baker	- Robert Baker
William Baker	- Harold Bartholomew
Harry Bayletts	- Norman Bayletts
William Beltz	- Robert Berger
John Bergenstock	- David Miller
Paul Bryan	- Albert Burkman
Stewart Cole	- Robert Duncan
Edward Erie	- Emmert D. Meyers
Jack Millward	- Walter Miller
Edward Mull *	- William Nankwell
George Nicholas	- Stanley Ott
Walter Ott	- Earl Peters
Robert Peters	- Keith Phillips

Nelson Phillips	- Richard Rehrig
Charles Roth	- Franklin Fulmer
Jack Fulmer	- Lawson Gable
Martin Gable	- Albert Galen
Russel Galen	- Luther F. Germanton
Elwood Germanton	- Charles George
Francis Giles	- Kenneth Giles
Charles Gnau	- Elmer Guers
William Guers	- Dale Haffley
Benjamin Harner	- Wilford Hampton
Robert Heim	- Wayne Henninger
John Hunter	- Stanley Kerschner
William Kreitzer	- David Kuntz
Edward McAlvage	- Paul Mengel
Malcolm Mertz	- Arthur Rhoads
Paul Rhoads	- Walter Rohrer
David Romberger	- Charles Ruby
Waldon Jack Sauers	- William Sauers
Harry Stahler	- Charles Strockbine
Robert Stull	- George Thomas
Carl Wagner	- Donald Wagner
Robert Wagner	- Earl Warmkessel
Elwood Warmkessel	- Harold Warr
Paul Weirbach	- Mark Wenrich
LeRoy Wentzel	- Frank Whiting
Victor Wrightstone	- Dale Leber
Joeseph Christ	- Lillian Steckle
Elwood Snyder	- William Strickler
Floyd Humphrey	- John Jones
Wilmer Kulp	- Alton Kessinger
John David Miller	- Gerald Miller
Jack McDonnell	- Lester Rupert
William Stees	- Gerald Stees
Carlton Weisbach	- Kenneth Young
Charles Stricklin	- Willard Boehm
Carl Berger	- George Dundore
Lee Fields	- Sam Gensemer

Vietnam War – 1964-1975

Lee Jacobs	- Stuart A. Young
Edwin Hartranft	- Martin Hartranft
Fredie Delong	- Walter Glassmoyer
Richard Thomas Oudinot	- Jim Christman
Charlotte T. Bakerofskie	

Persian Gulf & Afghan/Iraq – 1990 to Present

Judith Stitely	- Robert Landry
Chuck Hall	- Mark S. Groff
Ericka Glenn	- Jon P. Roeder

Jose Davilla

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