



# News and Notes for Young People

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## — Editorial —

### THANKSGIVING

When we think of Thanksgiving, we usually associate it with the Pilgrim Fathers. These religious refugees set apart a day for giving thanks to God in 1621, when they were so dependent upon Him.

Actually, thanksgiving is not a new sort of thing. It was customary in Old Testament times to give thanks to God for remembering His people. In the book of Judges we read of the Children of Israel going into the field to gather their vineyards and holding a festival in the house of the Lord.

Moses, in Deuteronomy, mentions the feast of the Tabernacle. He says, "Thou shalt keep the feast of the tabernacle seven days, after thou hast gathered in from thy threshing floor and from thine winepress; and thou shalt rejoice in thy feast... because the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in the work of thine hands and thou shalt be together joyful?"

In our American tradition, Thanksgiving Day was first severely tried. There were only fifty-five out of one-hundred the winter of 1620, the little colony of refugees had been severely tried. There were only fifty-five out of one-hundred and one settlers who survived the severe winter. They suffered from hunger, cold and disease.

In the Spring of 1621 the settlers planted their seed. They waited anxiously for the seed to grow. Their life depended upon a good crop. Autumn came. The harvest was greater than they had ever seen in England or in Holland. Should they not praise God for this harvest? Or, did they take the harvest as something they deserved? You have answered correctly; they thanked God for His goodness.

After the harvest was in, the Governor sent men to all the settlers and suggested that they have a special day of rejoicing and thanksgiving together. This they did. Should we not give thanks to God for all the tokens of His providential bounty?

In our giving of thanks, let us not only remember the material blessings of life that we enjoy, but let us thank God for "His Unspeakable Gift". In trying to balance our expressions of thankfulness, let us remember the words of F. R. Aovergol:—

"Thanks, more thanks to Him ascend,  
Who died to win,  
Our life, and every trophy rend from sin;  
Till, when the thanks of earth shall end,  
The Thanks of heaven begin."

### NOTICE — DISTRICT RALLY

District No. 1 and 5 Young Peoples' Rally will be held at Hartland, N. B., October 16, 17, 18. Miss Sheila Graham will be guest speaker for this years Rally. Let's Pray that this may be one of our best Rallies yet.

Yours in Him,  
Genavieve Lloyd,  
(Secretary-Treasurer)

The King's Highway

## ANNOUNCING! SELF DENIAL FUND DRIVE

during the month of  
**OCTOBER**  
OUR OBJECTIVE — \$1000.00

Special Project to be  
announced early in 1960

Send all pledges to—  
Miss Genevieve Lloyd  
180 Regent Street,  
Fredericton, N. B.

### SPECIAL SELF-DENIAL FUND DRIVE

During the month of October the Y.P. Association is promoting a special drive for our Self-Denial Fund. The objective is \$1000. Early in 1960, we expect to announce one special project for which all self-denial money will be used this year. Approximately October 1st, local presidents will receive new pledge cards. These cards are to be filled in by each person pledging and forwarded to the self-denial treasurer by November 10. The amount of pledges for each society will be published in the Highway in November.

Each pastor and president is requested to promote self-denial pledges in their local societies.

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### POINTS TO PONDER

- (1) God has two dwellings—one in heaven, and the other in a meek and thankful heart:—Isaac Walton.
- (2) I will praise the name of God with song, and I will magnify Him with thanksgiving:—Ps. 69:30.
- (3) Thanksgiving is a good thing: thanks-living is better: P. Henry.

### NOTICE

We would like to devote a brief portion of our Young People's Page to news items about our Young People and the work of the various societies. It would be helpful if your Y.P. Society would appoint a News reporter and send us information about individuals of your society. News about educational achievements, promotions, appointments to important positions, etc. would be desired. Also, reports on your Y.P. meetings or particular programs which you have found helpful, would be interesting.