Thanksgiving Then and Now (Narration)

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When I was a child Thanksgiving was special.

The day after Halloween Momma would cook the Jack O Lantern and make pies. No one can cook pumpkin pie like Mama. After Momma made the filling for the pie she would let me take one of my play pie pans, line it with pie crust and fill it with filling and bake it along side hers in the big oven. She always had plenty to freeze for that miraculous day call Thanksgiving.

On Thanksgiving Eve I would fill up on nuts and oranges. No one went hungry during this holiday. Daddy would always bring home lots of fruit, nuts, and candy. Somehow he always managed to save enough money to splurge.

As we all anxiously waited for the turkey and stuffing to be served, we watched the Thanksgiving Day Parade on T.V.

Soon we would gather around the table and say what we were thankful for. I remember being nervous and my older brothers stealing all of my words before it was my turn.

Today Thanksgiving has its own special magic. Things are not that different now that I am grown.
I still fix the same traditional foods I ate as a little girl. I was never formally taught from a recipe but somehow I know how to cook them. And I must have a slice of that canned jellied cranberry sauce (the only dessert I could eat with my dinner).

I still enjoy watching the Thanksgiving Day Parade although the faces around the T.V. has changed.

If I ever wonder if I need to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, I just sit back and enjoy the memories.
SLIDE REFERENCES

Slide 1. TITLE: Birds. Turkey (gobbler)

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Lee, Russell, 1903- photographer.

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Slide 3. TITLE: Pumpkin pies and Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. Timothy Levy Crouch, a Rogerine Quaker living in Ledyard, Connecticut

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**Slide 4. TITLE:** Portrait of America. No. 36. Rural electrification in the U.S. The **electric** range or stove in this American farm kitchen eliminates the need of building fires, carrying fuel and emptying ashes, thus allowing the housewife at least ten more hours per month for other tasks. Food for farm workers is cooked faster and better on an **electric** range, improving the health and efficiency of the family. If the range has an automatic timer, food can be placed in the **oven** long before it needs to start cooking; at the proper minute the heat will turn itself on and the cooking proceed at the proper length of time, then turn itself off again, all without attention

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**Slide 5. TITLE:** Mexican **pecan** sheller cracking nuts, non-union plant. San Antonio, Texas

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**Slide 6. TITLE:** Packing **oranges** at a co-op **orange** packing plant, Redlands, Calif. Santa Fe R.R. trip

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**Slide 7. TITLE:** Buffalo, **New York. Parade** held to raise money for the cruiser Buffalo

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Slide 8. Washington, D.C. Dr. Mordica Johnson, president of Howard University saying grace before Thanksgiving dinner.

Parks, Gordon, 1912- photographer.

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Slide 9: TITLE: Thanksgiving, 1942. Turkey, pumpkin pie, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes--nothing is too good for Uncle Sam's fighting nephews when they come home to Silver Spring, Maryland. The four Coast Guardsmen, eyes riveted on the juicy turkey, watch their father, Wayman Fincham, as he carves. Seated next to him is Mrs. Fincham and next to her is the wife of Fincham's eldest son, who is fighting overseas. Another daughter-in-law is seated between the two Coast Guardsmen at the right. The sixth and youngest of the Finchams is a Coast Guardsman in training

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Slide 10. TITLE: Schrafft's, Eastchester. Detail of buffet

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Slide 11. TITLE: Electric Institute of Washington. Electric cooking utensils and displays I

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Slide 12. TITLE: Preparation for point rationing. A shopper and her son carefully weigh posted price and point values in purchasing canned foods under war ration book two

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Slide 13. TITLE: New York City views, parade

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Slide 14. TITLE: The Youth’s Companion, Thanksgiving number

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