

# Price Of Feast Is Up

The Thanksgiving dinner you cook tomorrow may well cost considerably more than last year's, but the increase has more to do with the mighty bird than with the rising cost of living.

A check of prices in area supermarkets just before Thanksgiving in 1970 and 1971 showed a jump from 21 cents a pound to 33 cents a pound for turkeys in most stores.

Other traditional items, such as cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin and pumpkin pies and prepared stuffing, were about the same price or a cent or two higher.

Potatoes both years varied considerably from year to year.

The higher cost of tom turkeys, a spokesman for one supermarket chain said, "means that we're not losing as much."

"For about four years," he added,

"the Detroit area has had the lowest price in the country on Thanksgiving turkeys."

"This year we're moving in line with the rest of the country."

There was no agreement among chains as to the 33 cents a pound figure. A spokesman said, "It's a matter of watching each other's ads," he explained.

Although the largest and most popular turkeys jumped in price, that didn't hold true for the more expensive brands of smaller turkeys.

"They are the same price as last year or slightly less," the spokesman said.

That type of butter-basted turkey ranged from 55 to 65 cents a pound in area stores both years.

The price freeze and subsequent

thaw didn't have a great effect on the cost of a Thanksgiving dinner.

One chain was selling Idaho potatoes for 10 cents for 89 cents a Thanksgiving special. The price had been 10 pounds for 99 cents just before the freeze.

Cranberry sauce, priced at 23 cents a can during the summer, ranged in price from 22 to 24 cents a can in stores this week. Last year it was advertised as low as 19 cents a can.

In general, the easing of price restraints on groceries has not made a great difference in the take-home cost of meat, the supermarket spokesman said.

Poultry is slightly lower this month than it was in August, he said. Pork is much lower and beef is higher.

"The overall average is about the same," he concluded.



MR. AND MRS. WILFRED LEWIS look over one of the many cards they received to mark their 65th wedding anniversary. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

## 65-Year-Old Marriage Still Is Going Strong

By BETTY MASSON

In 1906 Edith Leland of Detroit lost her citizenship, but she gained a husband. It was a good exchange. She quickly regained her American citizenship and has kept the husband, Wilfred Lewis, ever since.

The Lewises have lived in Plymouth for the past 23 years, and it was there that they quietly celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last Friday. Many cards, flowers and an anniversary cake were delivered to their home on North Mill to mark the occasion.

MRS. LEWIS lost her citizenship when she was married because her husband was a Canadian, born in London, Ontario. At that time, the wife took her husband's citizenship, so both had to go through the naturalization process to become U.S. citizens.

A machinist by trade, Lewis came to Detroit in 1903. He

worked for the Railway Express Agency for 35 years, from 1920 to 1955, when he retired.

In spite of being married so long, the Lewises have spent many of their wedding anniversaries apart. Lewis is an ardent hunter and fisherman, and their anniversary, falling on Nov. 19, comes in the middle of the deer season. He has hunted in both the Upper and Lower Peninsula for a period extending over 35 years. His favorite spot was his hunting cabin on Rapid River, near Escanaba, and he has many pictures to prove that his deer-hunting trips were frequently successful. He'll be 90 on Feb. 4 and is not able to hunt now, but does a little fishing on a nice day.

BEFORE BECOMING crippled with arthritis, Mrs. Lewis did a lot of needlework, embroidery work and crocheting.

The Lewises also have done a lot of traveling, a trip

through Canada to California being one of the high spots.

The Lewises are parents of two sons, Leland, who died in 1957, and Warren, who is also retired and lives in West Branch. They have two grandsons, Jerry Lewis, who lives in Connecticut, and Robert Lewis, whose home is in South Lyon, and one great-granddaughter and two great-grandsons. On hand to help them celebrate Friday was their oldest son's widow, Mrs. Hazel Gardiner of Plymouth.

### Tanya Is First

Mr. and Mrs. James N. Lockwood of Evergreen Street, Plymouth, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Tanya Sue, on Nov. 16 in St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Tanya's grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. C. Thornton of Ann Arbor and Mr. and Mrs. Needham Lockwood of Plymouth.



LIZ CARPENTER casts a press secretary's eye over a newspaper not published in Washington (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

## Up For Grabs

# Liz Looks To '72 Race

By MARGARET MILLER  
Women's Editor

The Democratic presidential nomination is very much up for grabs, in the opinion of a lady who has seen a lot of the ins and outs of that party.

Liz Carpenter, a White House press secretary during the Lyndon Johnson administration, drew the political picture as she saw it during a Livonia Town Hall appearance last week.

"George McGovern should be a cinch to capture both of McCarthy's votes," she quipped, "and Muskie is assuming his Lincolnian posture, only he's splitting hairs instead of rails."

"Humphrey is off and running off at the mouth. And as for Lindsay, well, some say he should have changed cities instead of parties."

MRS. CARPENTER, who served as press secretary for Lady Bird Johnson during the last Democratic administration, offered an informal once-over of the Washington scene in her talks in the Terrace Theater and later at a celebrity luncheon in the Mayflower Meetinghouse in Plymouth.

She also had comments on such assorted subjects as women's lib, dating in the White House, abortion, Eartha Kitt and Harry Truman.

"Washington has been described as a mixture of alcohol, protocol and Geritol," she said, "but my only regret is that I wasn't there at the founding — and every day afterward."

for the beginnings of Washington, neither do I plan to be around for its foreclosure. For though we have many problems, we have ourselves and we're still the best going nation on earth."

MRS. CARPENTER included among anecdotes about her days in the White House some reports on the weddings of Lynda and Luc.

"It was difficult to date at the White House," she said. "But when you stop to think that both the girls were in school when their father took office and both were mothers by the time he left, you have to figure that they managed."

After Luc's wedding, she said, the many complications had her ready to resign, "but the president was so appreciative that I stayed there through the next wedding."

The much-publicized White House tirade by singer Eartha Kitt, she said, "got a lot more attention than we would otherwise have had for the luncheon's purpose — persuading women to work to help their streets."

THE INCIDENT she related about former President Harry Truman concerned an occasion when he represented LBJ in Greece on the occasion of a king's funeral and Mrs. Carpenter also was in the official party.

"Mr. Truman refused to be interviewed by the Greek press at that time," she remembered. "His reason was that 'Some damn fool reporter would ask some damn fool question, and I'd give some damn fool answer.'"

make for myself," she added, "but I don't feel the government should have any part in spending people with small resources to abortionists who could do them great harm."

SINCE LEAVING the White House, Mrs. Carpenter said, she has been active in a new group called the National Women's Caucus.

"It's a group for women of all parties and no party and for all age groups," she said, "and we're urging greater participation by women in

politics and in many other areas."

"We're telling women don't just register and vote but file and run," she said.

She also commented that she is a "big advocate" of day care centers because "it's the way to get the welfare mother into a job with dignity," and that she believes that "some of the main boosters of women's lib are going to be the middle-aged fathers who foot the bill for expensive college educations for young women."

## m. m. memos

With Thanksgiving approaching on the gallop, I'm suddenly aware of all sorts of extra reasons for being thankful this year.

I'd better get them into print before I forget.

So I express gratitude for the fact that for the first time in several years we'll have the whole clan of relatives gathered at our house;

For the sudden wave of cooking enthusiasm among our girls that should make dinner preparations a matter of fun;

For the range and refrigerator and other appliances that have held together another year to help us with the feast;

For the remarkable lady who comes to our house to clean every week and will have it as spotless Thanksgiving Eve as she does every other Wednesday;

For the one store that will stay open on Thanksgiving so I can go out and buy the item I'm sure to forget;

And for those Pilgrims and Indians who had the foresight to start the whole thing in the first place.

Muchas gracias, merci beaucoup and thanks a lot!

—Margaret Miller

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