

If TV can do reruns, then so can the Turkey Bowl Committee. This material ran 10 years ago. Some of the pictures are "new".

# The Insider

The Turkey Bowl Committee

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1953—Grandma with her new oven which her children bought for her.

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Thanksgiving Day! And I guess I haven't a "grump" on. I feel that I have a good many things to be thankful for. I'll give a list of a few of them. To begin with:

- I'm thankful that I'm here on earth.
- I'm thankful that I have a good home.
- I'm thankful that I have a good mother and father.
- I'm thankful that I have such a dear little brother to scrap with.
- I'm thankful for my good health.
- I'm thankful that I'm not poor.
- I'm thankful that I live in Poland.
- I'm thankful for the good times I have. And –
- I'm thankful it wasn't Tues. night that Mother put her foot down!
- And as one of the primary kids said last Sunday, I'm thankful that I have buttons on my coat to keep me warm.

O, I have billions of things to be thankful for when I come to think of it. The trouble is we never stop to think of our blessings. I guess I'm pretty well supplied with them alright.

An excerpt from Ethel (McCoy) Nicolls' Diary when she was 15 years old.

1973—Poland



## Thanksgiving Memories

The Hide and Go seek games in the backyard, Football Football Football on TV, The Boys in the back bedroom, Calls to Otis on the phone, Food - more food and then desert, a houseful of relatives. **Bob Nicolls**

I know I always looked forward with great excitement and anticipation for the arrival of Martha and Judy. I just LOVED my Chicago cousins! **Beth Nicolls**

## Thanksgiving Memories from the Grandchildren of Carl & Ethel Nicolls—Continued

1971—Aunt Betty



Thanksgiving - food and deserts piled high on the buffet, we children delegated to the back room, sitting at a card table - I can't remember who else was sitting there (Bill? Pattye? Kathy?), but all three of us were quizzing Beth - "What's a cow say?" "What's a doggie say?" "What's a goat say?" etc. etc. As I recall, Beth's score on this "quiz" was 100%! **Carol Kauffman**

The card tables in the living room where all the kids sat, the pies lined up on the buffet, and mashed potatoes. I also remember watching the "Sound of Music" in the back room which always seemed to be on TV on Thanksgiving. But from my perspective of living in the house now, I can't figure out how all of us fit in! **Gayle Ridge**

Grandma greeting us at the door and giving Beboo and me a hug and a kiss no matter how late we came at night traveling from Chicago.

Waking Thanksgiving morning to the smell of coffee and cooked eggs. Grandma cooked eggs for Dad and he put catsup on them!... something he didn't do at home.

Opening the door to the attic and creeping up the steps with Judy, Beth and Patty to look through Grandma's trunk of dress up clothes. Brrrrr...it was



cold trying on the gowns, shoes, and shawls before coming down in our new, beautiful outfits.

Cramming in the back-room with all — and I mean all — the cousins to watch TV and laughing and laughing and laughing.

The clinging sound of the glass candy dishes from different parts of the house. They were not quiet dishes, especially when trying to sneak candy between meals.

The memories of Grandma's house bring to mind so many good

times and so many warm feelings. I feel so fortunate to have been a part of such a great family and to have had Grandma for my grandma. **Marty Bundy**

I just remember all of the different pies on the sideboard in the dining room and how everyone would pile into the den to watch football after we ate.

**Cheri Lewis**

[I remember] mostly just kids in the back TV room talking and being just regular kid goofy. **Bruce Nicolls**

