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1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

2. MUSIC: THEME

3. ANNOUNCER: The idea of Thanksgiving is probably as old as the worship of  
4. spirit itself and yet, it wasn't until 1863 that our first  
5. national Thanksgiving proclamation was issued. Then, as now,  
6. war was upon our country. And, interestingly enough, what  
7. President Abraham Lincoln said then, seems equally true and  
8. fitting today, 79 years later. These are his words: "Needful  
9. diversions of wealth and strength from the fields of peaceful  
10. industry to the national defense have not arrested the plow, the  
11. shuttle, or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our  
12. settlements; and the mines, as well as of iron and coal as of all  
13. precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than here-to-  
14. fore. Population has steadily increased notwithstanding the  
15. waste that has been made in the camp, the siege, and the  
16. battlefield; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of  
17. augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance  
18. of years with large increase of freedom...No human counsel  
19. hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great  
20. things. They are the gracious gifts of the most high God, who  
21. while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless  
22. remembered mercy"....Thus spoke Abraham Lincoln nearly 80 years  
23. ago on the eve of the first national Thanksgiving Day...

24. (MORE)

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

1776

The first of these was the Declaration of Independence, which was adopted on July 4, 1776. This document declared the thirteen colonies to be free and independent states, absolved of all allegiance to the British Crown. The second was the Constitution, which was adopted on September 17, 1787. This document established the framework of the federal government, including the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. The third was the Bill of Rights, which was adopted on September 12, 1791. This document guaranteed the first ten amendments to the Constitution, protecting individual liberties and limiting the power of the government.

These three documents are the foundation of the United States government. They define the rights and responsibilities of citizens and the structure of the government. Without these documents, the United States would not be the country we know today.

1. ANNOUNCER CONTD: And now to the Pine Cone Ranger Station and our  
2. friends Ranger Jim Robbins, and his wife, Bess, Assistant Ranger  
3. Jerry Quick and Jerry's sweetheart, the local schoolma'am, Mary  
4. Halloway. It seems that everybody feels pretty good about  
5. Thanksgiving...everybody except Jim, that is. Jim feels he has  
6. just cause for complaint. Well, here they are.

7. JIM: (FADING IN) Doggone it, Bess. This is the first time I can  
8. remember that we're not goin' to have Thanksgiving dinner at  
9. home.

10. BESS: Now, Jim...

11. JIM: You might have prepared me for the sad news at least...But no,  
12. you wait until the morning of Thanksgiving Day to tell me...

13. JERRY: It's a surprise, don't you see, Jim?

14. MARY: (WHISPERS) Jerry, you fool...

15. JIM: Huh?

16. BESS: (HASTILY) What Jerry means, Jim, is that we thought you'd enjoy  
17. eating out this once, and we decided not to tell you 'till the  
18. last minute.

19. JIM: But all that shopping you've been doing this week? I figured  
20. all the time it was turkey and the fixin's you were buying.

21. BESS: (LAUGHING) No, Jim. I was shopping for Christmas, early. I  
22. everybody should do this year.

23. JERRY: (CHUCKLING) Yeah, Jim. That was no turkey in that big package.  
24. I bet it was your new suit of heavy underwear...

25. JERRY, BESS AND MARY LAUGH

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1. JIM: (SARCASTICALLY) Very funny. Very funny.
2. JERRY: Aw, Jim, It's not such a tragedy, having to eat out. I got an  
3. idea you'll enjoy it more than you...
4. MARY: (HASTILY) And think of all the work it will save Mrs. Robbins.
5. JIM: Well, I'll have to agree there's somethin' to that.
6. BESS: Oh, I don't mind cooking. It's just that..well..I thought it  
7. would be nice to go out today.
8. JERRY: Sure, we'll get to see a lot of the folks in town and...
9. MARY: (HASTILY) Excuse me, Jerry. Will you get my sweater? I'm a  
10. bit chilly.
11. JERRY: Huh? Oh, sure, sure. (GOING OFF) It's in the hall, isn't it?
12. JIM: What did Jerry mean about seein' a lot of folks in town, Bees?
13. BESS: Oh, I imagine Jerry meant that people will be out walking, and  
14. enjoying the weather. It's such a lovely day. That's always  
15. on a holiday, to see and talk with people. And to count our  
16. blessings together.
17. MARY: I think all of us have many reasons to be thankful this year.
18. JERRY: (COMING ON) You're right, about that Mary. Here, want your  
19. sweater?
20. MARY: Thank you, Jerry.
21. JERRY: Look at the way things are perking up for the Allies. America  
22. can be thankful for that, all right!
23. JIM: Yeah. But like Churchill said, we gotta remember this is just  
24. the end of the beginning and not necessarily the beginning of  
25. end.

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 description of the country, its position, and its  
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 the various districts, and the manner in which they  
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1. BESS: I think I'm most thankful today because we're all still together  
2. here, the four of us; in good health and serving our country  
3. to the best of our particular abilities.

4. JIM: Amen to that, Bess. And now, Mary, what are you most thankful  
5. for today?

6. MARY: Well, Mr. Robbins, I...I'm most thankful I believe because of  
7. the well-being that's evident this year in our little community  
8. of Winding Creek.

9. JERRY: What are you driving at, Mary?

10. MARY: Well, you see...Even though we find ourselves in the middle of  
11. a cruel and terrible war, the people of Winding Creek face this  
12. winter with confidence and faith. In spite of necessary  
13. rationing and other inconveniences, nobody will go hungry in  
14. Winding Creek, nobody will lack warm clothing, nobody will  
15. lack work.

16. BESS: That's a splendid thought, Mary. And, when everything's said  
17. and done I shouldn't wonder but that it's about the same in most  
18. American communities. We can indeed be thankful for that, we  
19. Americans.

20. JIM: I'll go along with you on that, Bess. I just hope folks all over  
21. this country will take time today to do what we're doing. I just  
22. hope folks will count their real blessings today instead of  
23. counting their fancied grievances. Nine times outa ten we've got  
24. a lot more to be grateful for than we have to complain about.

25. JERRY: Gosh, but isn't that the truth, though.

I have had a very interesting conversation with you today. I have been thinking about you a great deal lately and how much I have enjoyed our time together. I hope you are well and happy.

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1. JIM: You were talking about Winding Creek, Mary. I wonder if the  
2. folks here realize that the strength of our little town comes  
3. from the forest all around them.

4. JERRY: You would think of that, Jim

5. JIM: Yes. I wonder if the folks here realize...if they appreciate  
6. the fact that it's this forest that's mostly responsible, in one  
7. way or another, for the things you mentioned, Mary? For food,  
8. and clothing through work in the forest; for warmth because of the  
9. wood from the forest?

10. MARY: I'm sure they must realize that, Mr. Robbins.

11. BESS: Of course they do, Jim.

12. JERRY: Good old modest Jim as always. He talks about the forest, he  
13. does, but not one word about the fact that it takes a well-managed  
14. forest to dish out all those things and keep on providing them  
15. year after year.

16. JIM: Well, it's my job to manage the Pine Cone district the best way  
17. I can, Jerry. But it takes the forest itself to dish out as  
18. you put it, the necessary things of life.

19. BESS: Oh dear! Look at the time. We ought to get started to town.  
20. You don't really mind, do you, Jim? Next Thanksgiving, I promise  
21. we'll eat at home. But today, well, today will have to be an  
22. exception.

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1. JIM: It's all right, Bess. Good gravy, after the way I spouted off  
2. about countin' our blessings instead of our grievances, you don't  
3. think I'm gonna kick about eating out, do you? (CHUCKLING) It  
4. might be kinda fun at that...But I'll bet you one thing, Jerry.  
5. I'll bet you a turkey leg we don't get to see many folks  
6. downtown away from their homes today.

7. JERRY: Mister, I'll take that bet...and...

8. MARY: Jerry!

9. JERRY: Holy smokes, what did I say wrong now?

10. JIM: Let him alone, Mary. C'mon, Bess, let's set the pace for these  
11. youngsters. We want to get to town before the turkey runs out.

12. ALL LAUGH OUT

13. PAUSE

14. FADE IN FOOTSTEPS, SUSTAIN

15. JIM: Hey! Where we going? This aint the way to Ma Grady's eating  
16. place. There's nothing down this way but the Community center.

17. JERRY: M-m-m. Smell this crisp air, will yuh? Nothing like a brisk  
18. walk to get up an appetite.

19. JIM: You can walk all you want to, Jerry. Me, I'm hungry as a bear  
20. right now. Tell me, Bess, what's the idea of coming down here.

21. BESS: Oh...we just thought it would be nice to come this way. That's  
22. all, Jim.

23. JIM: Okay. Okay! (CHUCKLES) Jerry, how's it going to feel not to be  
24. able to nibble on a turkey leg this Thanksgiving? We haven't  
25. met a soul..or do I have to remind you? This oughta teach you  
not to bet with an old expert on human behavior.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work done during the year. It is followed by a detailed account of the various projects and the results achieved.

The second part of the report deals with the financial statement of the organization. It shows the income and expenditure for the year and the balance sheet at the end of the year. It also includes a statement of the assets and liabilities of the organization.

The third part of the report deals with the administrative and general matters. It includes a list of the members of the organization and a statement of the work done by the various committees and sub-committees. It also includes a statement of the work done by the staff of the organization.

The fourth part of the report deals with the future prospects of the organization. It includes a statement of the work planned for the next year and a statement of the resources required for the execution of the plan. It also includes a statement of the views of the members of the organization on the future of the organization.

The fifth part of the report deals with the conclusions and recommendations. It includes a statement of the conclusions drawn from the report and a statement of the recommendations made for the improvement of the organization. It also includes a statement of the views of the members of the organization on the conclusions and recommendations.

1. JERRY: (LAUGHS) Oh Yeah?

2. JIM: What you laughing about?

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1. MARY: (HASTILY) Look. Here's the community center. Let's go in and  
2. see if they've finished that little library room they were  
3. working on, shall we?

4. BESS: I think that's a splendid idea.

5. JIM: All right, but when do we...

6. JERRY: Come on, I'll get the door. (KNOB TURNS, DOOR CREAKS OPEN)  
7. In with you, Jim.

8. CHORUS OF VOICES: "There's Jim"... "Hyah Jim"... "Hurray for Jim Robbins"  
9. (SING) For he's a jolly good fellow, for he's a jolly good  
10. fellow, for he's a jolly good fellow, as nobody can deny!

11. CROWD CHEERS, SUSTAIN CROWD NOISE

12. JIM: Hey! What's going on here? Why, there's Andy Goodman and Frank  
13. Thompson and Al Perkins and Matt Woody... Looks like the whole  
14. daggoned town's here. Women and children and all.

15. ANDY: (OFF) Howdy, Jim. Glad you could make it. Come in. Come in.  
16. Don't stand there in the door. It took us all morning to heat  
17. this place.

18. JERRY: Sure, go on, Jim. I'll close the door.

19. DOOR SLAMS SHUT

20. MARY: Look at those tables will you? And all the turkey and  
21. vegetables and steaming bowls of stuffing and gravies...and  
22. hot rolls and...

23. JERRY: What about those pumpkin pies? Boy, is this something, Jim,  
24. or is it?  
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(1) The first part of the document is a letter from the  
 author to the editor of the journal. The letter is dated  
 1950 and is addressed to the editor of the journal.  
 The letter is written in a very formal and polite  
 style. The author expresses his appreciation for the  
 editor's consideration of his manuscript and for the  
 editor's kind and helpful comments. The author also  
 expresses his hope that the journal will continue to  
 be a valuable and interesting read for its readers.  
 The letter concludes with a request for the editor's  
 consideration of the author's manuscript for  
 publication in the journal. The author also expresses  
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 The letter is signed by the author and dated 1950.

1. JIM: Bess, you knew about this and everybody else knew too, didn't  
2. they? Everybody except me. What's the big idea, anyway? And  
3. everybody standing around grinning at me..

4. BESS: Mr. Goodman is in charge, Jim. All we had to do was to get you  
5. here on time and we did that. Now you better ask Mr. Goodman  
6. to explain.

7. JIM: Andy, what in blazes is this? I sure think it's fine seeing  
8. all these folks here at the Community Center and those tables  
9. full of good things to eat, but what's it all about?

10. ANDY: This is Thanksgiving Day, ain't it, Jim?

11. JIM: Yeah, sure but...

12. ANDY: Well, folks in a lot of communities all over the country are  
13. getting together this way. It's an expression of good  
14. neighborliness and an occasion for giving thanks for the  
15. year's blessings. It's a kind of new idea - a Thanksgiving  
16. Harvest observance that got its start down in Mississippi  
17. earlier this fall...We decided to do the same thing here in  
18.inding Creek.

19. JIM: I see.

20. ANDY: (CALLS) Quiet, folks. Quiet a minute.

21. CROWD NOISE SUBSIDES

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I'm not sure how long it's been since we  
 last saw each other. I hope you're  
 doing well. I've been thinking about  
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1. ANDY:

2. Folks, Jim here wants to know what this is all about, so I'm  
3. gonna try to tell him...Well, all over the country folks're  
4. grateful for a good season's crops - for a bountiful harvest.  
5. Here in Winding Creek we're grateful for a bountiful harvest  
6. too, even though it's a different kind of harvest... You see,  
7. Jim, we're still a little old lumbering town whatever anyone  
8. else may say. We know it and what's more we appreciate what  
9. our forest has done for us, for every man, woman, and child  
10. in this room...

11. BESS:

Isn't that wonderful, Jim?

12. JIM:

(HUSKILY) Yeah, it sure is, Bees.

13. ANDY:

14. It's the forest that built our town, and the forest is keeping  
15. it going...the Pine Cone National Forest, Jim. Our men have  
16. had work, most of our homes are built out of the wood from  
17. the forest, our kids have been helped along to good educations.  
18. because of the forest. And take those boys of ours, may God  
19. keep them, those boys from Winding Creek who are sitting down  
20. to Thanksgiving dinner over seas today...why they got their  
21. health and strength and good character out of our forest and  
22. nobody can say different. We owe a lot to the forest, Jim.  
23. Even more this year than ever, we figure...

24. JIM:

25. That's fine, Andy. Mighty fine. And so today, you're giving  
26. thanks for the forest, huh?

The first thing I noticed when I stepped  
 out of the car was the smell of pine  
 needles and the sound of birds in the  
 trees. It was a beautiful surprise.  
 The air was fresh and clean, and the  
 view was absolutely stunning. I had  
 never seen anything like this before.  
 The forest was so peaceful and quiet.  
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1. ANDY: (SLOWLY WITH EMPHASIS) Yes, Jim. We're giving thanks for the  
2. forest and to you for the way you've handled this Pine Cone  
3. National Forest for us all these years. (CROWD APPLAUDS) I  
4. don't reckon I need to say much more than that. It might...  
5. well...it might kinda embarrass both of us...Well, we've been  
6. waiting for you to get here, and now...

7. MARY: (SOTTO) Look at Mr. Robbins, Jerry. He has teras in his eyes.

8. JERRY: (SOTTO) Yeah..it's a fine tribute, all right, You know, I  
9. don't believe I'm gonna insist on collecting that bet now,  
10. Mary. He can keep his turkey leg, after this.

11. MARY: (LIGHTER) You silly.

12. ANDY: We want you to give the blessing, Jim.

13. SOUND OF SHUFFLING, CROWD MURMUR SUBSIDES

14. JIM: (CLEARS THROAT) On this day of Thanksgiving, Lord, we are  
15. grateful to you for so many things...for these splendid men,  
16. women and children so happily gathered together here, for this  
17. plentiful food, for the forest of living trees that has made  
18. (FADE) this wonderful day possible...

19. MUSIC IN UNDER LAST LINE OF ABOVE

20. MUSIC UP FOR FINALE

21. ANNOUNCER: And now, from Uncle Sam's forest Rangers to all of you: A  
22. Happy Thanksgiving! This program has been a network  
23. presentation with the cooperation of the Forest Service, United  
24. States Department of Agriculture.

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