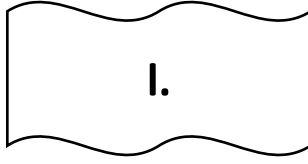


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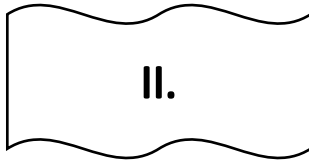


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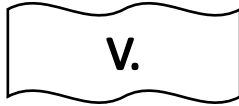
To my family for all the wonderful
Thanksgivings we enjoined
together!





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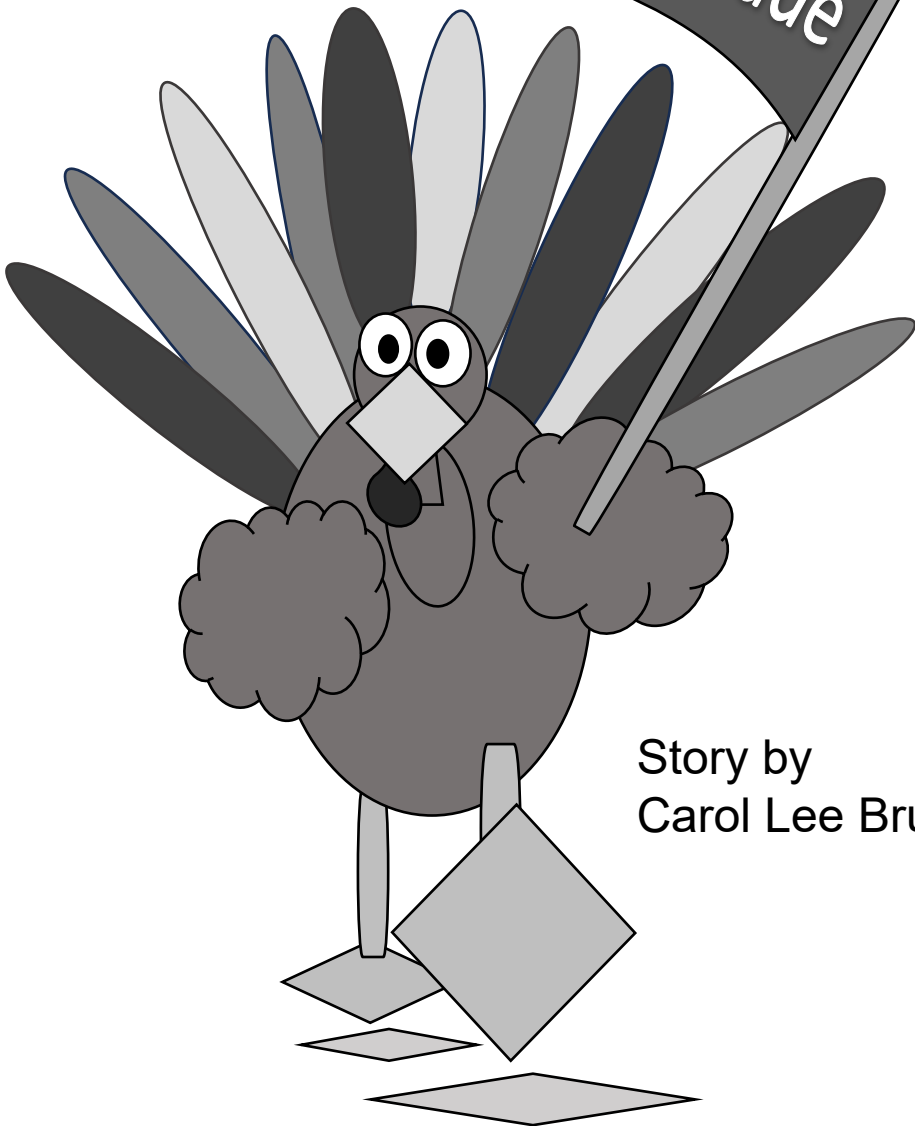
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“Dress up!”

yelled the young man wearing a red knotted handkerchief around his neck over the intercom of the store parking lot.



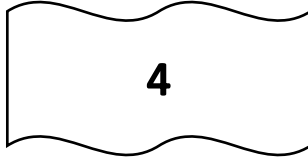
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“Dress up!”



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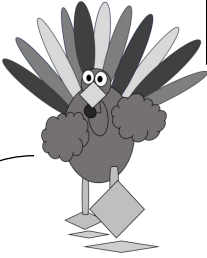
There was a pause.



The real live turkeys in chicken form are hanging around the corner of the side to the entrance.



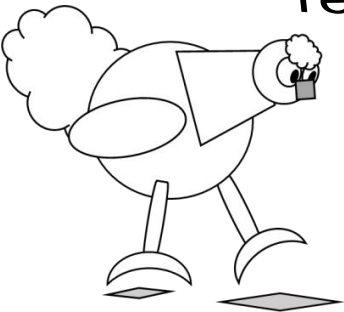
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“You’re supposed to dress as the turkey- *not* the chicken!”

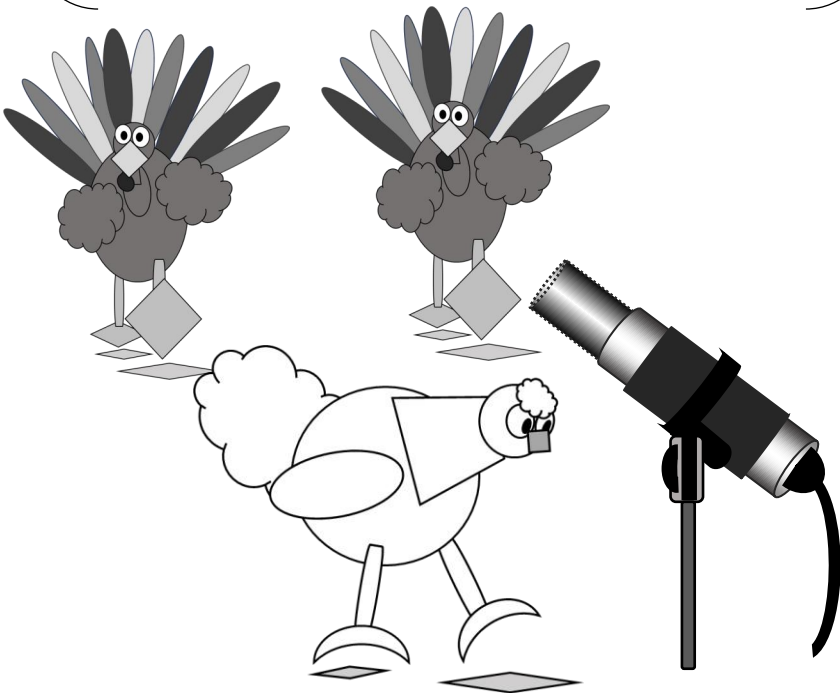
two yelled from behind the intercom.

The button was released on accident and....



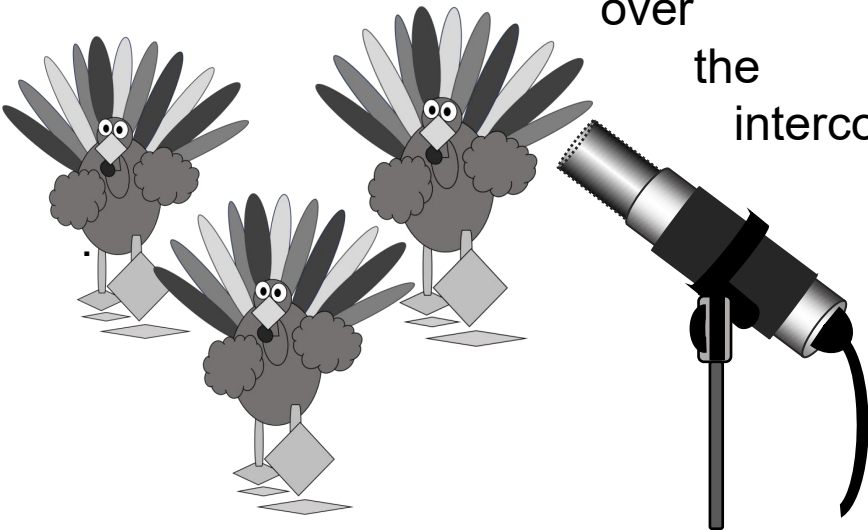
...*not* before the two yelled...

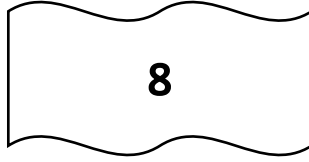
“Gobble!”
“Gobble!”



“Dress up!”

three adults *yelled* over
the
intercom.

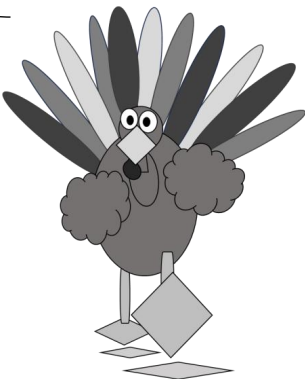




The **release** did not last long
when this announcement was
made,...



“All those that
ARE...I emphasize
ARE...wearing
turkey costumes
go over to the
gobble, gobble
stage.” “The end!”

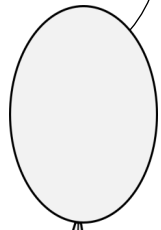
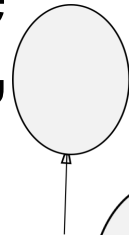
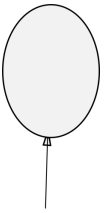


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The intercom was **released** again.

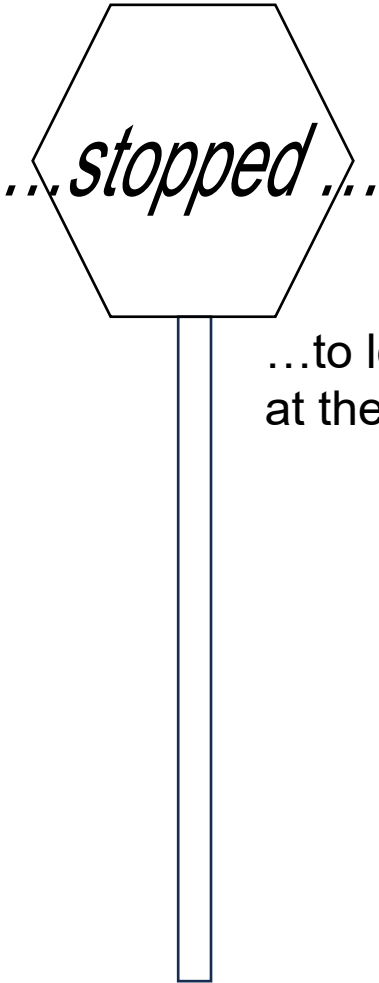


“If the wind does not blow...the balloons will not fly into the buildings,”



a younger voice made the announcement over the intercom that interrupted the crowd of volunteers chattering...

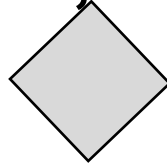




...to look up to see who was
at the intercom.



“I am missing
my beak!” ,...

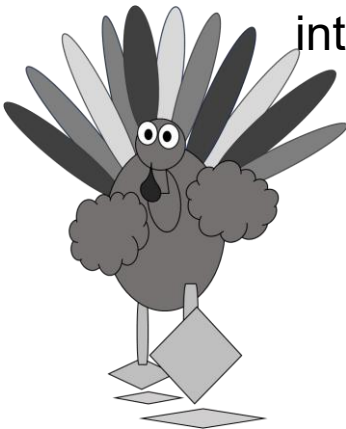


...a young person's voice **boomed**

over

the

intercom...



...“Wow!”
“That’s loud.”

The intercom was released again.



“Wind blow!”
“Wind blow!”

...the announcer on the intercom
sang in unison with...

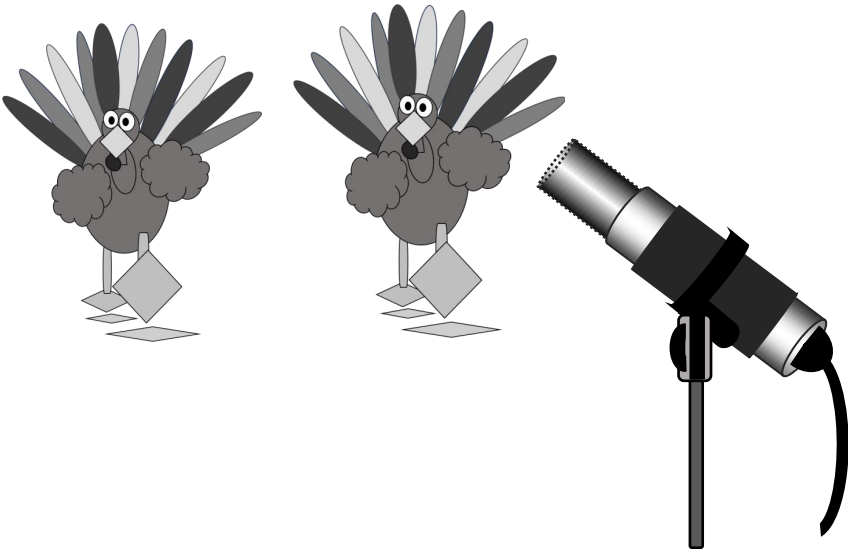


...two other volunteers that giggled...

...“Gobble!”

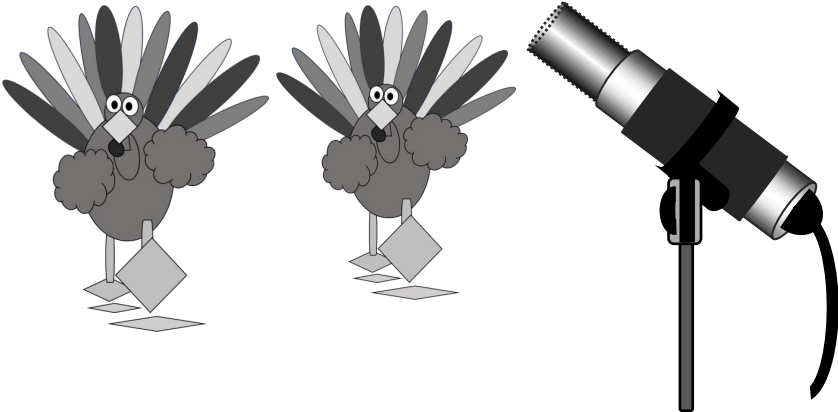
“Gobble!”

“Gobble!”



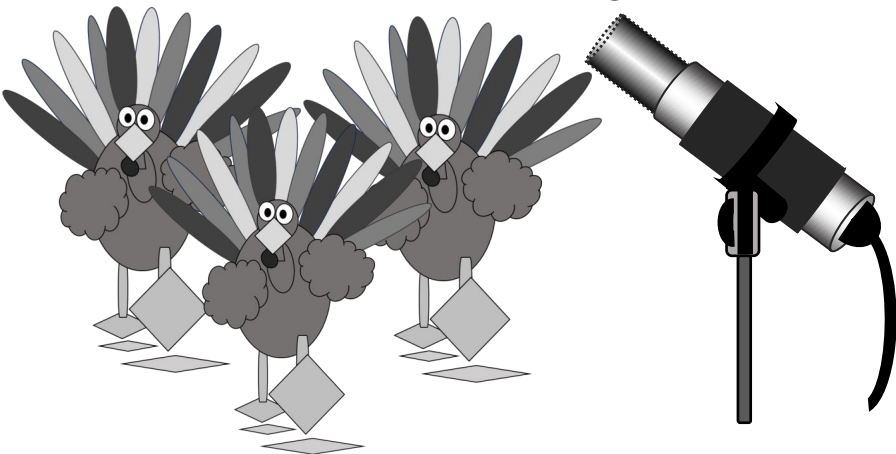
“With a prayer of
thanks!” ...

... they laughed.



“Turkey!” ...
“You turkey!...”
“Turkey!...”
“You turkey!..., ...”

...the volunteers sang in unison.



“All the pleasant
day present day
pilgrim volunteers
pardoning your
turkey swearing
off carnivore
activity...”

“Ummm...”

“Hold on..., “

...the intercom

squealed into the air.



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The intercom was pressed again...





“Those that are wearing the honorary costume...of a.... complete feathered outfit...with a gun holster ...” *“Please remove the gun holster.”*

“Thank you.” ...



The intercom clunked in the air then....

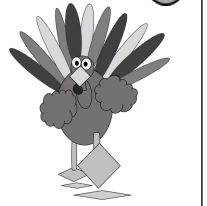
...was pressed again.

“Can I have your attention please.”

“**NO** *shooting*



the carnivores
or the *real*
turkeys.”



“Uh...ok.”



The intercom clunked
again
through
the
air.



The intercom was pressed again...

...“Let’s sing!” ...

“WAIT!”

“Announcement” ...



“**NO** *guns* or *weapons* of any kind are allowed at the Thanksgiving parade due to the misunderstanding of what hunting season is...”



“And **NO** *decoys*
are to be brought
with you and
thrown into the
crowd looking for
hunters!
NO to **NOT**
FUNNY!”

...the intercom clunked

out.

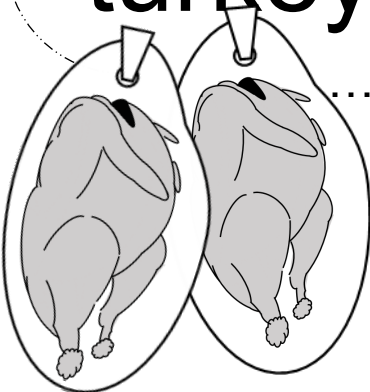


The intercom clunked on again...
...with a different voice...

...that...
...**boomed** through the air...

...“Thank you for
your patience...”

“Those that
brought dead
turkeys” ...



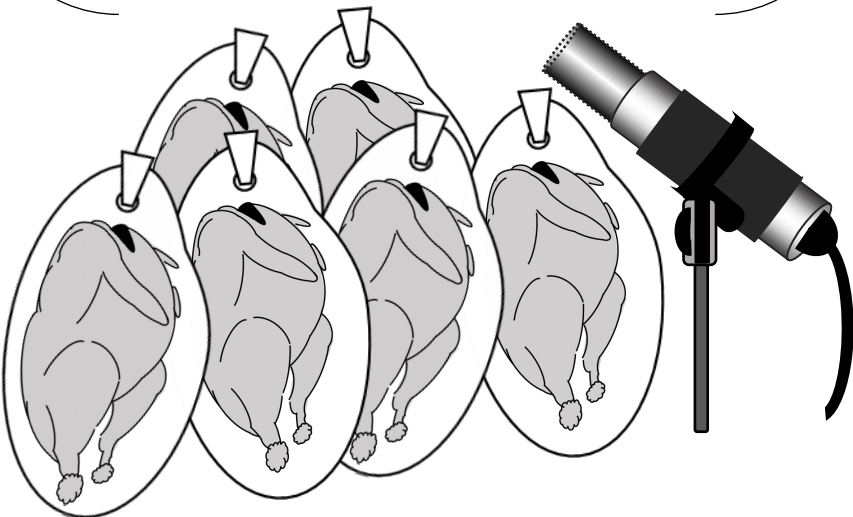
...the intercom
squealed



“Where do I...”
“They go again...”



...“Oh”...“Those
that bought and
brought frozen
turkeys for gift
giving through
the church”...



“Oooops...”

“Hold on...”

“Ok...”

“Please put them
in the kitchen just
inside the
entrance
door
beyond the
restroom...”



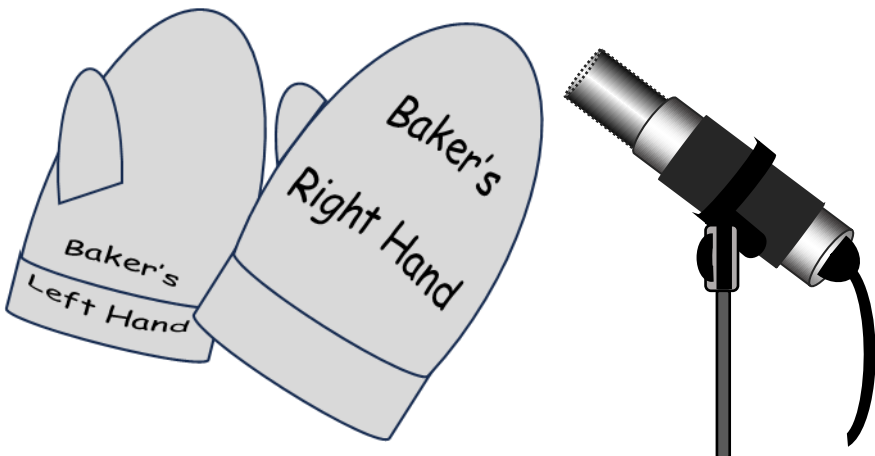
“Well past the
restroom to the
second hallway” ...
“That’s right...”



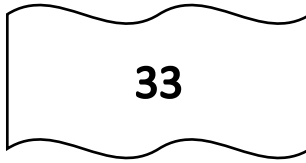
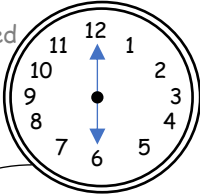
“Thanks” ...

“That’s right in the kitchen” ... “Auh..”

“Kitchen and hand it to the bakers” ...



Delivered
by
6:00
P.M.



Thanksgiving
FOOD Basket



Baked Turkey

“Turkeys will be delivered already cooked to the list of organizations later this afternoon after this morning’s parade for evening meals.” “Auh!”
“Thanks.”

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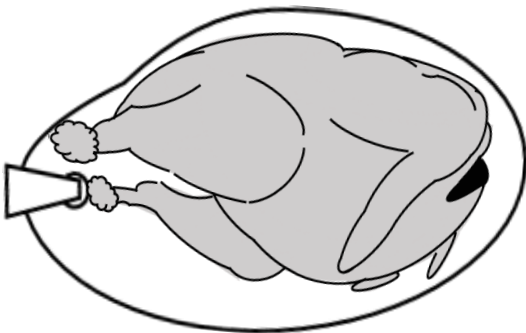
air.
the
through
again
The intercom *squealed*



“Those dressed
customary
turkey...report to
the small office
down the hall just
inside the
entrance
to the north
hallway...”



“Remember to put
your frozen turkey
in the kitchen
first....”



“NO!...”

“Not you all!”

“And thank you...”

“Oooops” ...

...the intercom
clunked
when
released.



“Thank you!” ...

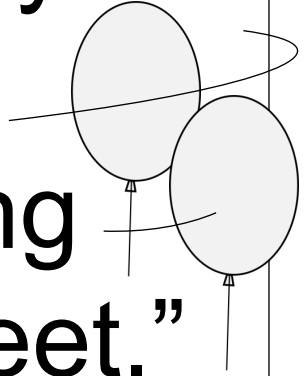
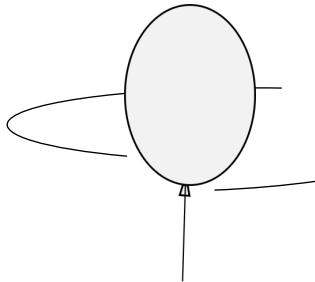
... **boomed** through the intercom
of a
passerby
that had nothing to do
reached
in and over
the table...
... *clicked*...



...the intercom then clicked it again...

“You got to have a good breeze you know for the balloons going down the street.”

“Gobble!” ...



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...the intercom clicked
and
the
passerby
walked
down
the
street.



“Gobble!”

“Gobble!”

“Gobble!”

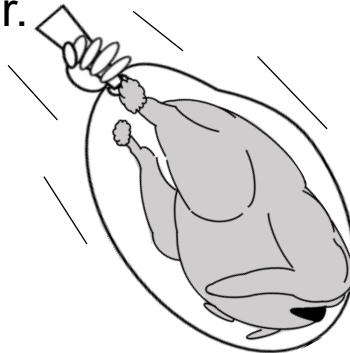
...the passerby...

...walked

...back...

...towards

the entrance of the building with a thawing dead turkey for oven ready preparation that he pulled from his car.



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The intercom...

...*squealed*...

...with ***no one*** pressing
the button down.



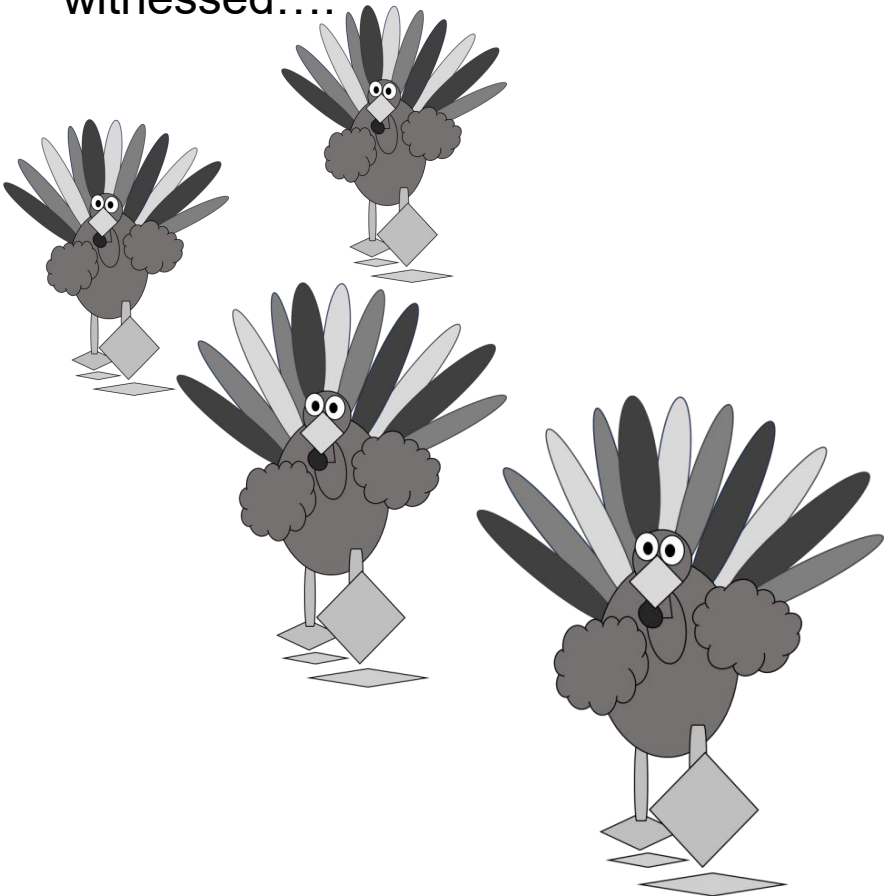
“Clunk!”

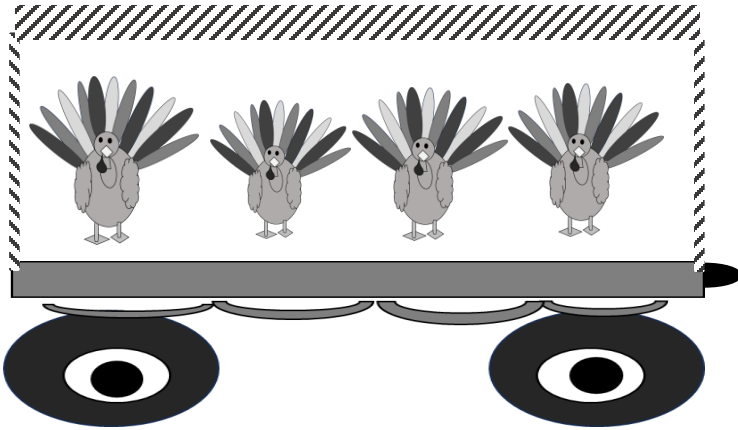
“Clank!”

“Clunk!”

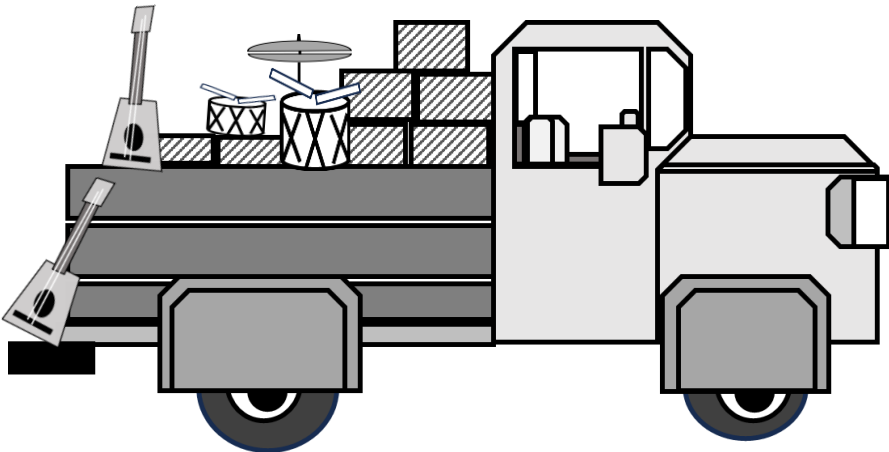
...happened.

The **noise** triggered several people dressed as the customary costume turkey dress raced around from inside the building out to the intercom, where they witnessed.....

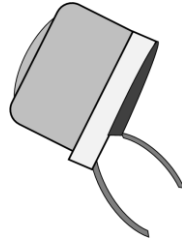
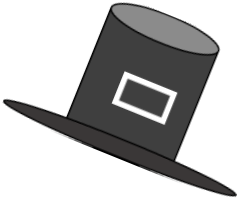




...the live turkeys that gobbled in the chicken wired simulated coup upon the back of a flat bed of a trailer that was attached to a hauling truck filled with haystacks and musical instruments-*the float*.



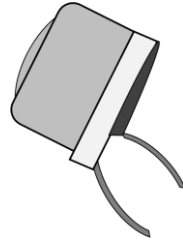
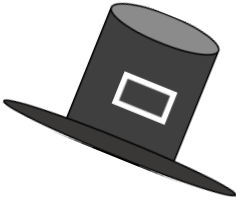
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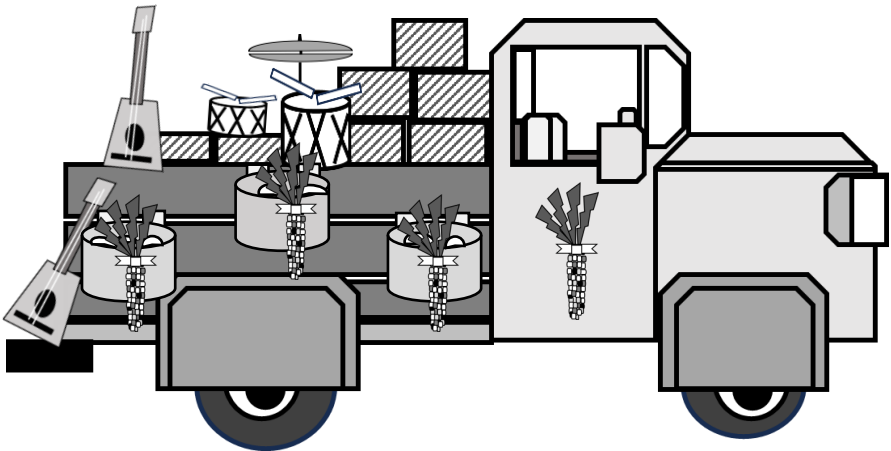
Four, dressed as pilgrims, wearing t-shirts with the visible phrase...



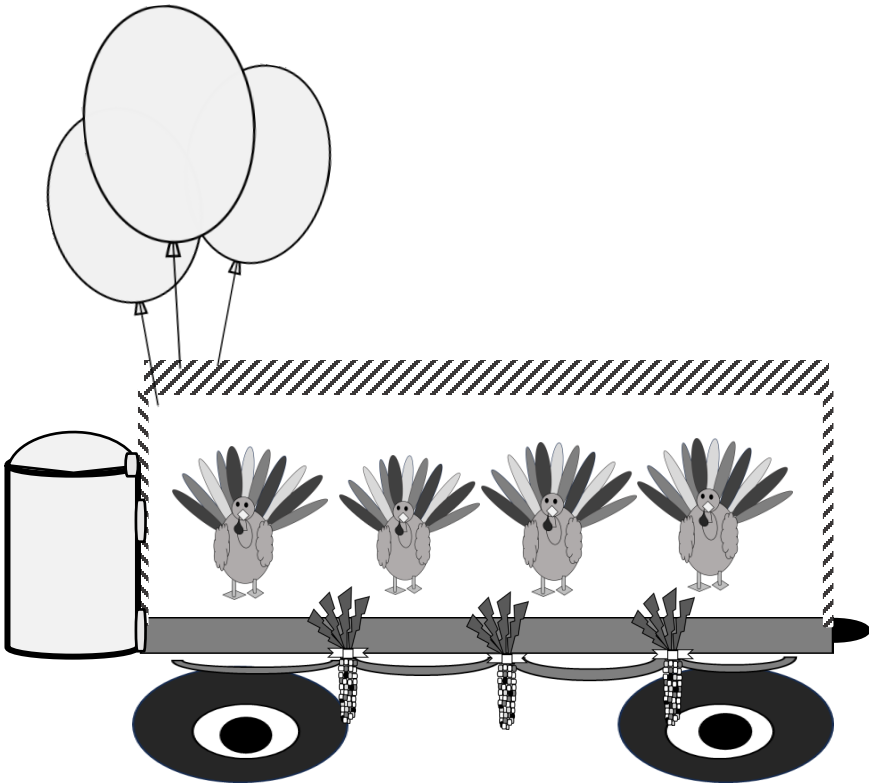
...fed the live turkeys;



.. they laughed while they filled baskets with vegetables on the sides of the truck with vibrant colorful Indian popcorn, ripe giant red tomatoes and various colors of bell peppers (red, yellow and green).



The popped popcorn was loaded in a giant plastic barrel that had a surprise every few minutes for the crowd.



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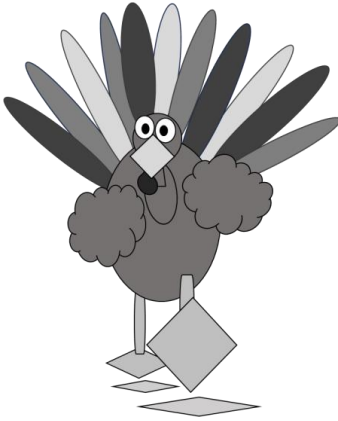
The intercom...

...*squealed*...

...again...when...



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...one of the turkey customary
costumed dressed participants
grabbed at the mic

and

accidently
pressed ...

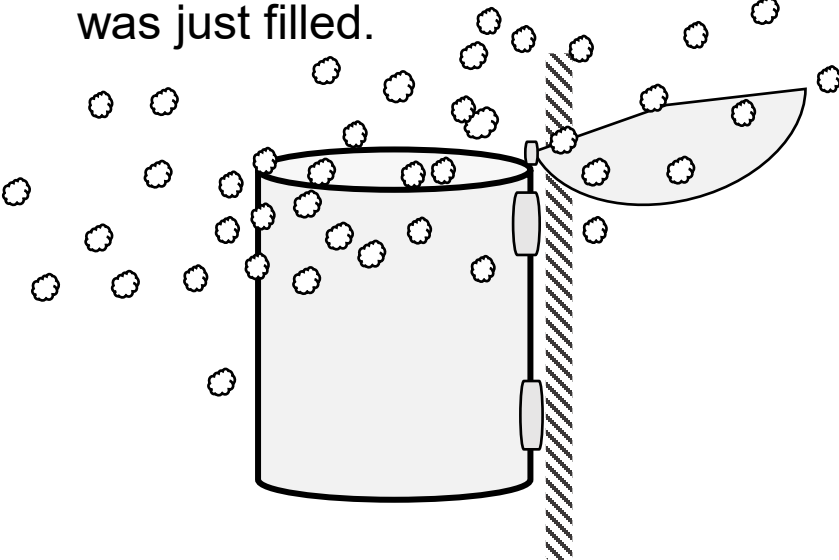


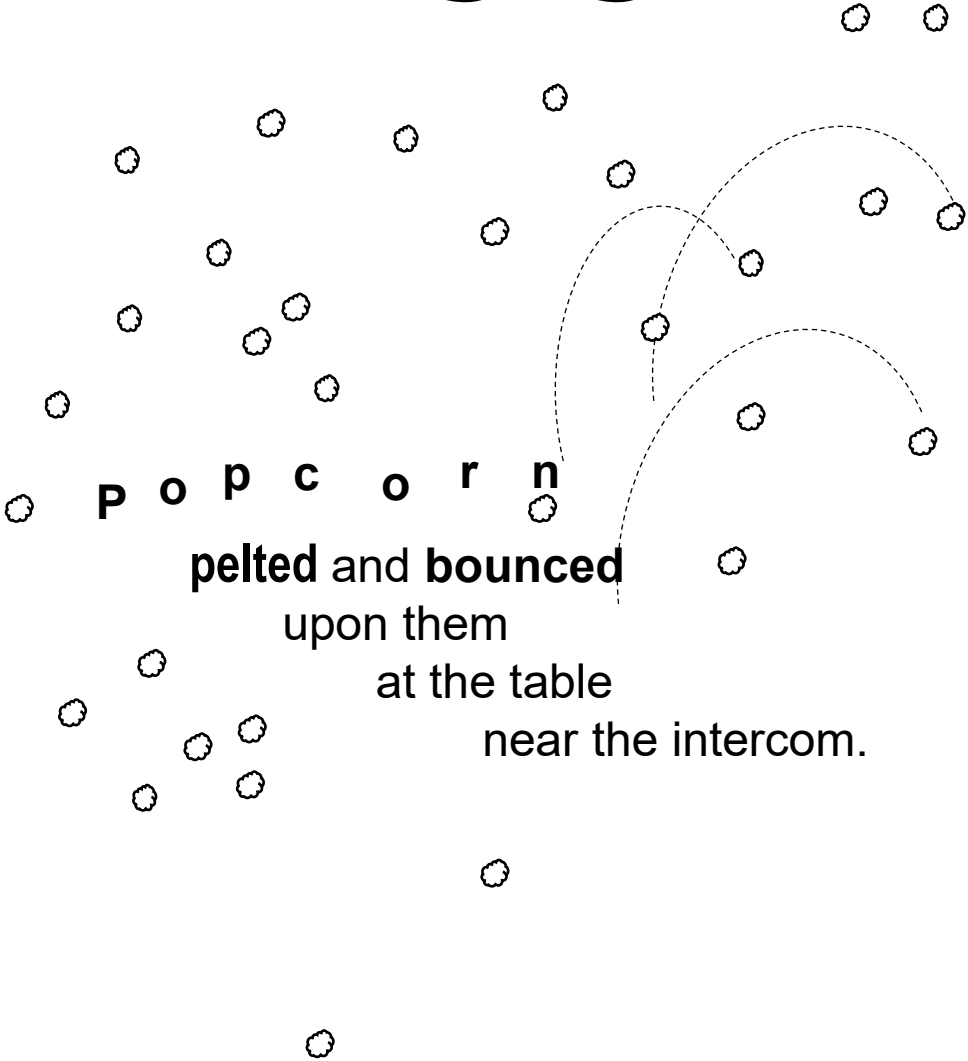
...a **button** on a hand **remote** ...

...that **launched** the **surprise** of

...p o p c o r n

from the float's plastic container that was just filled.





p o p c o r n

pelted and **bounced**

upon them

at the table

near the intercom.

At the table, the intercom button
was pressed by the one nearest to
the mic,

“Fed the people.”

“I mean feed the
people.” “Gobble!”

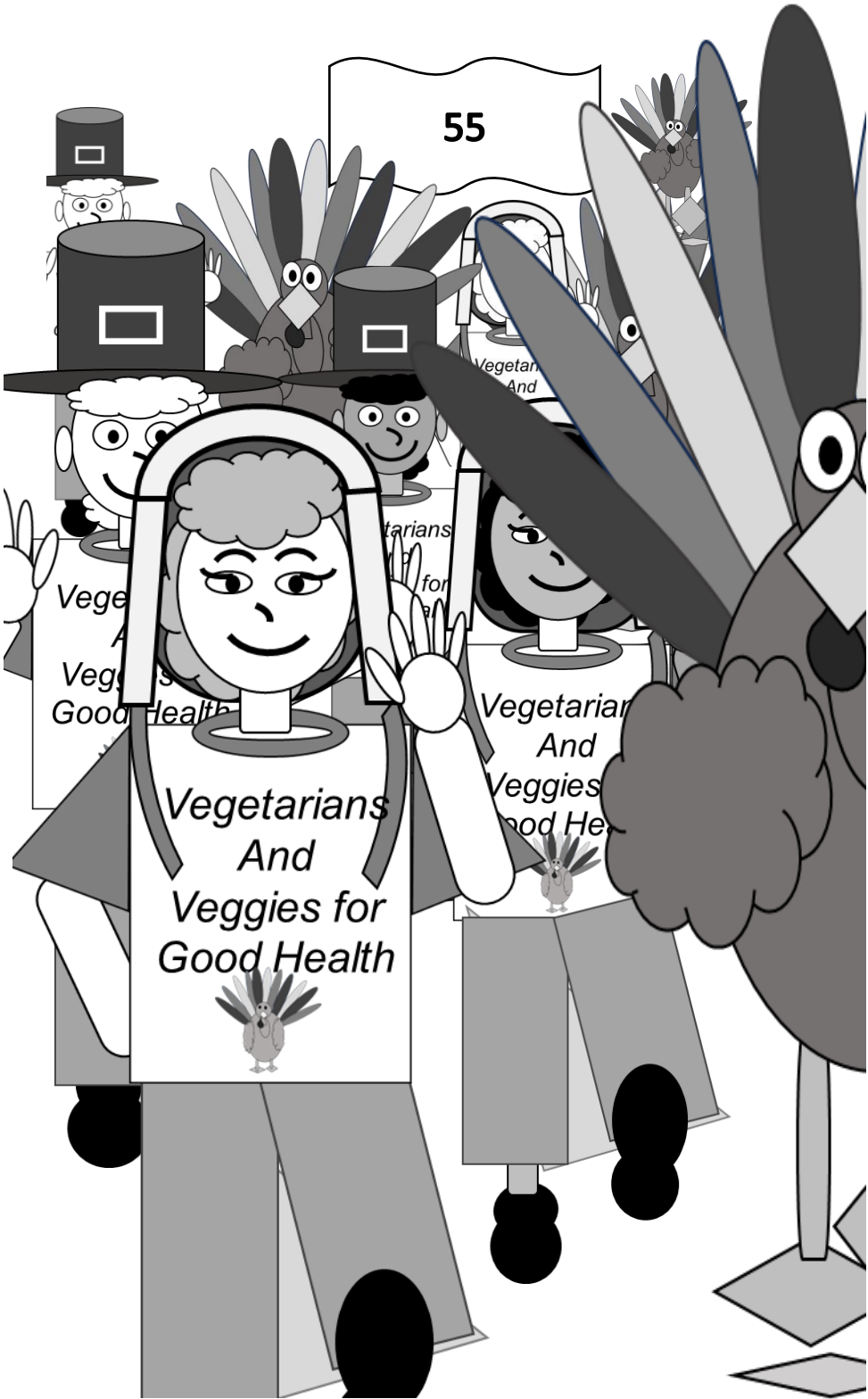
“Gobble!”

“Gobble!”



All fully dressed parade participants exited the building leaving the cooks in the kitchen.





The ready participant crowd gathered together right behind the table with the intercom;



a young participant smiled as he...



pressed at the intercom

then

released

the button

to a

held

down

position,...



“Ku-Thunk!” ...



It was the young participant, as the orchestra's conductor, to the crowd lifted his arms with the participant costumed crowd with all hands waved in unison the procession of the orchestra's conductor's musical magical swoop through the air in conjunction of the orchestrated vocal voiced in a ***beautiful echoed chant,***



“One...”



“Two...”

“Three...”

“Happy
Thanksgiving
Everybody!”

...



The pause.

The voice of one that took over the mic,

“Parade time!”
“Let’s go!” ...

The intercom button

was

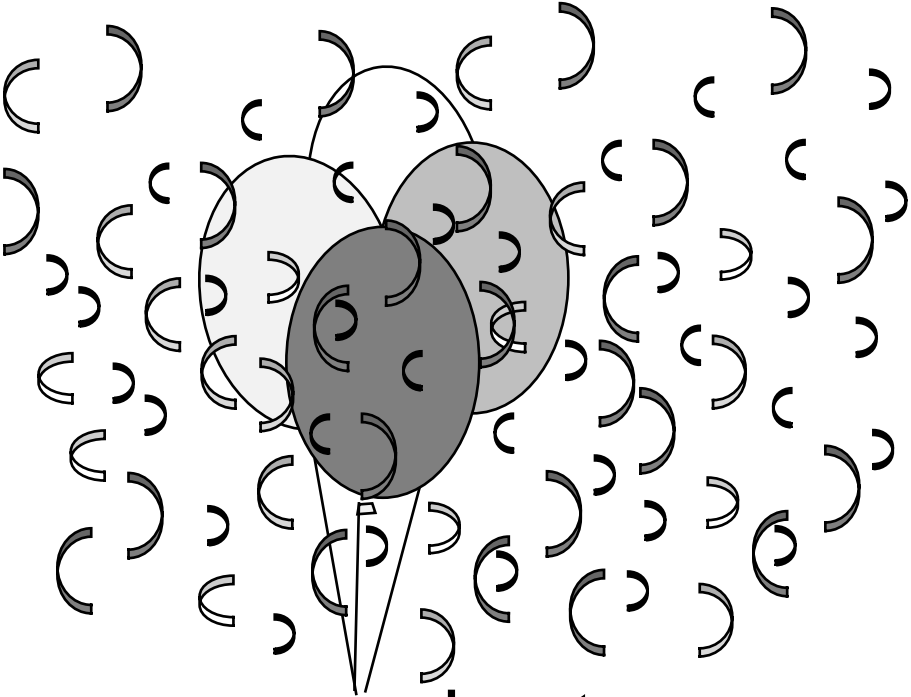
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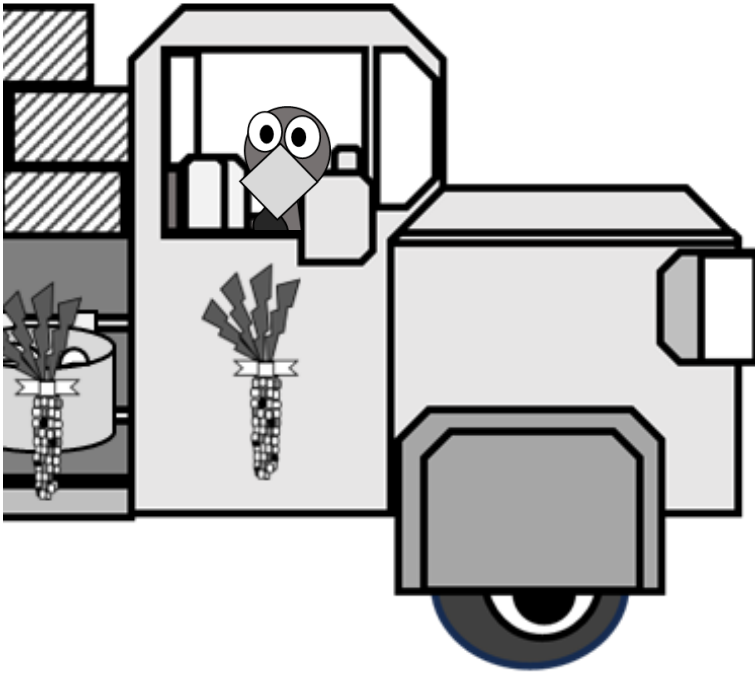
screech.





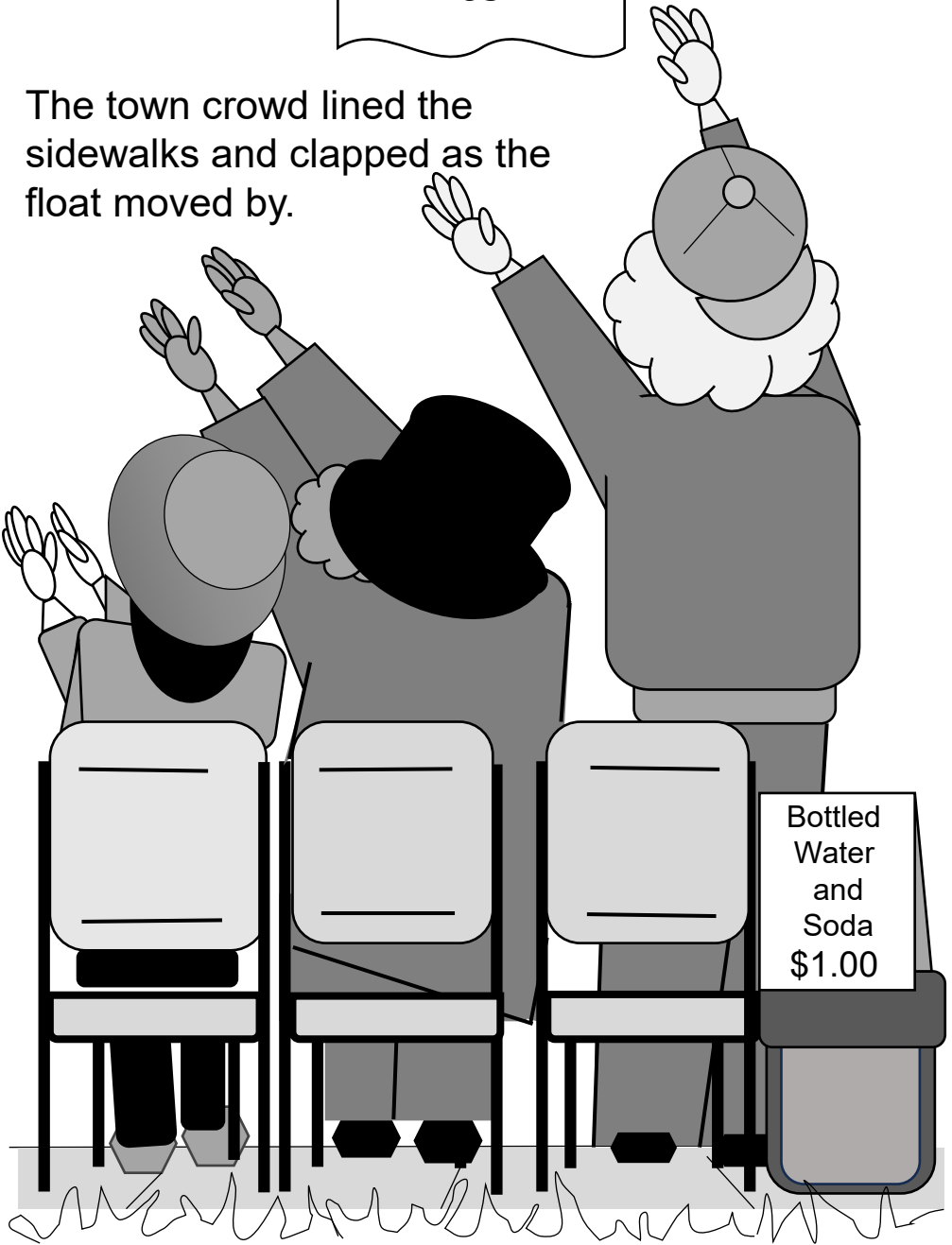
The parade started.

The truck started and the truck with float of the live turkeys entered onto the road in search of the nearby parade route.

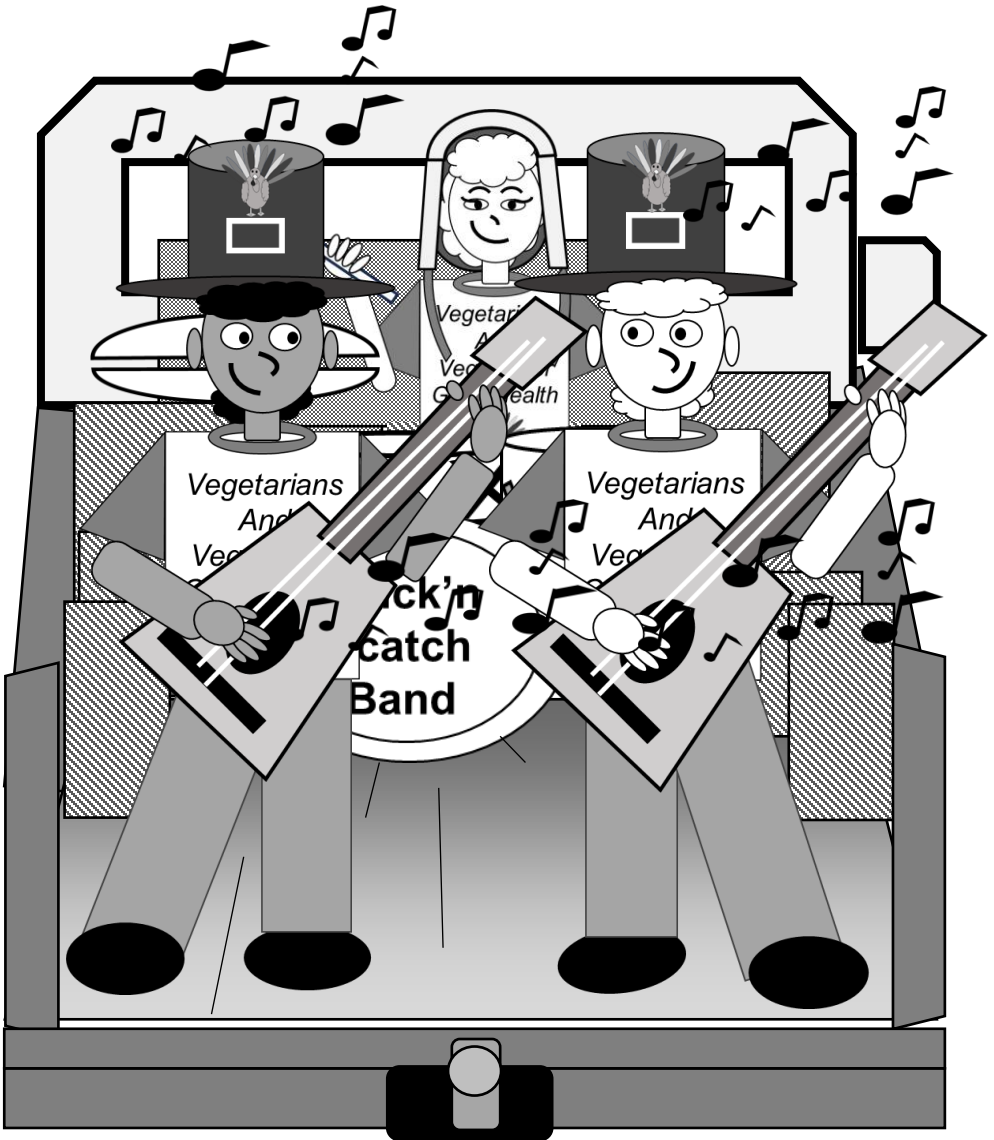


They turned right into the slow-moving parade.

The town crowd lined the sidewalks and clapped as the float moved by.



The pilgrim dressed participant band members warmed up their musical instruments.



Behind the float, the dressed costumed turkey dressed vegetarian and non-vegetarian participants practiced the dipped and bobbed of their heads in the pleaded sound of the fall assembly of live turkeys.



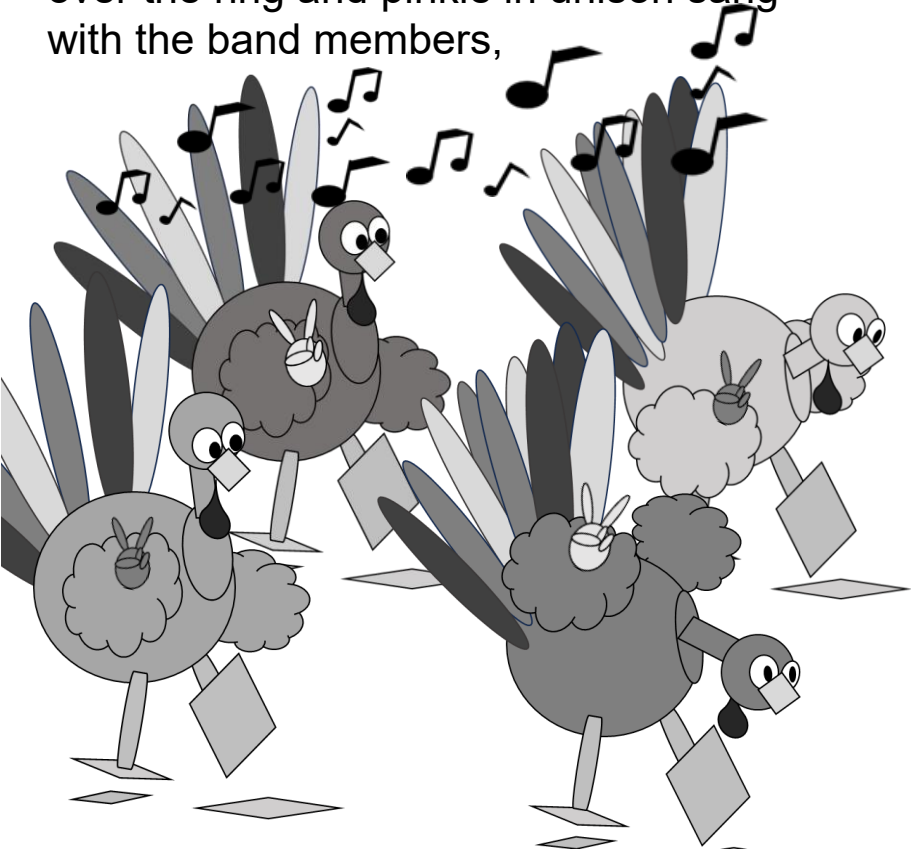
“Cluck!”

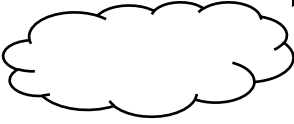
“And scratch, Man!”

...boomed of the voiced group of modern-day vegetarians and nonvegetarian clean hippies that were also costumed dressed as a turkey, danced the dipped and bobbed of their heads in the parade procession behind the float of live turkeys.

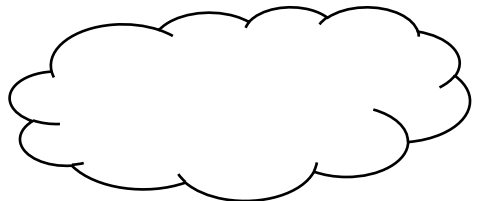


Those costumed turkey participants held up high into the air their right arm with hand positioned of the first two fingers index and middle 'V' with thumb crossed over the ring and pinkie in unison sang with the band members,

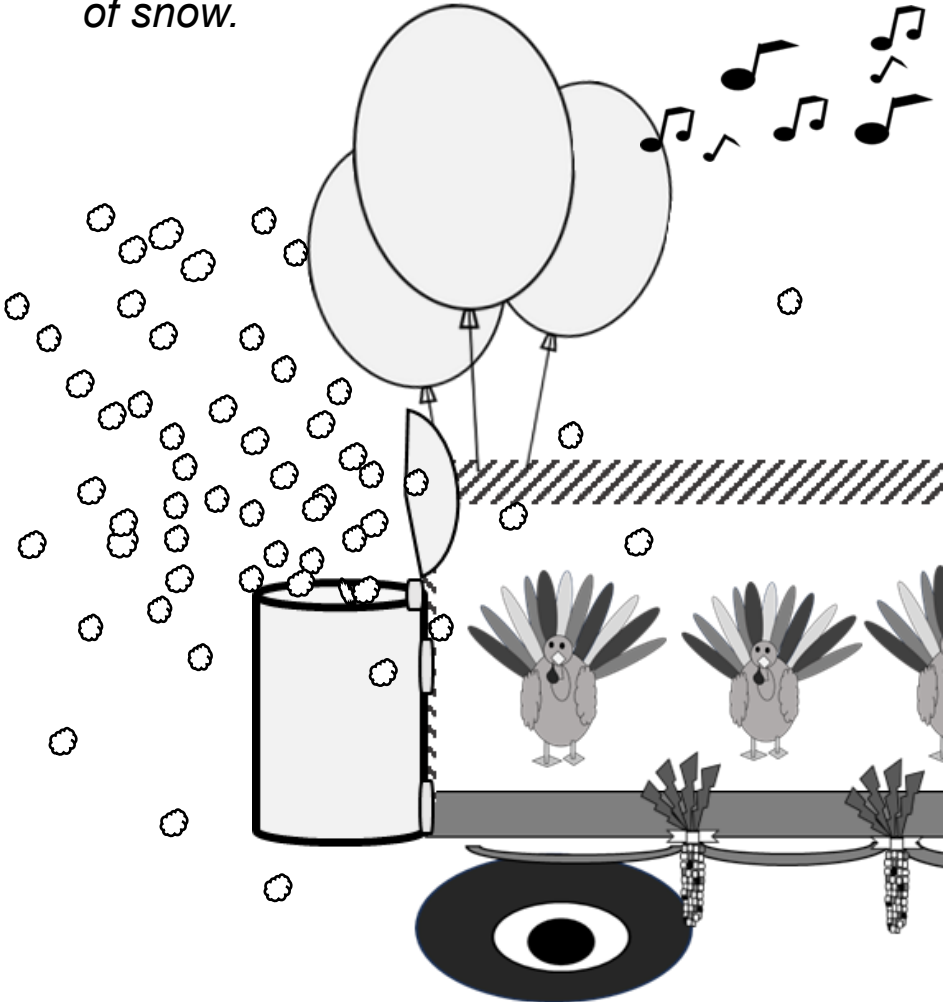




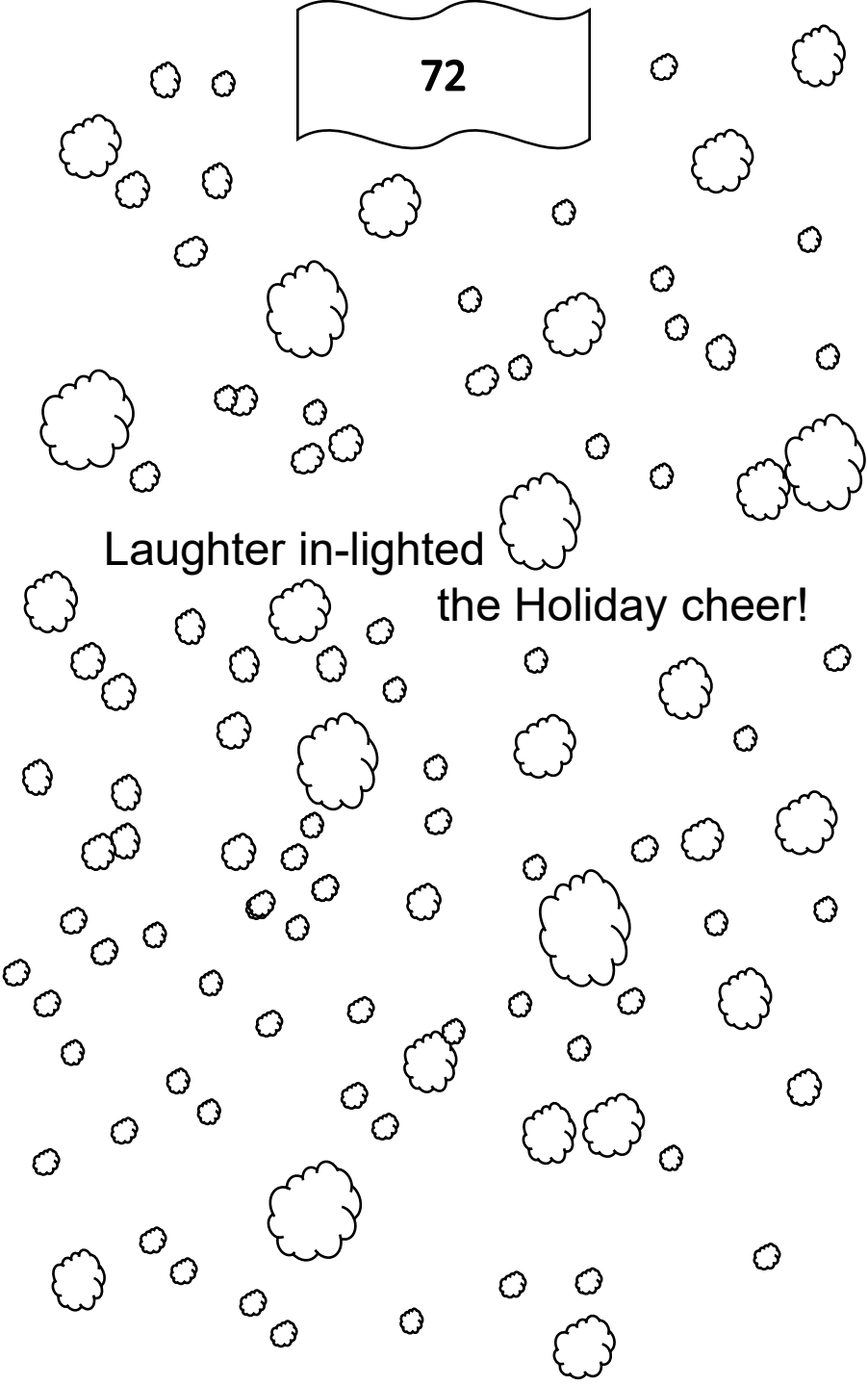
“Peace be with you!”



On que, the popcorn was released until plastic barrel was bare, more than once, in an early surprise into the crowd as the *early snow of Christmas without the cold of snow.*



Laughter in-lighted
the Holiday cheer!



“Cluck!”
“Cluck!”

.. they all chanted.



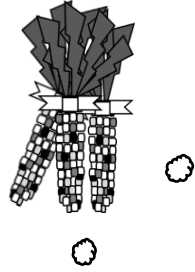
“Gobble!” “Gobble!”

...they boomed through the air.

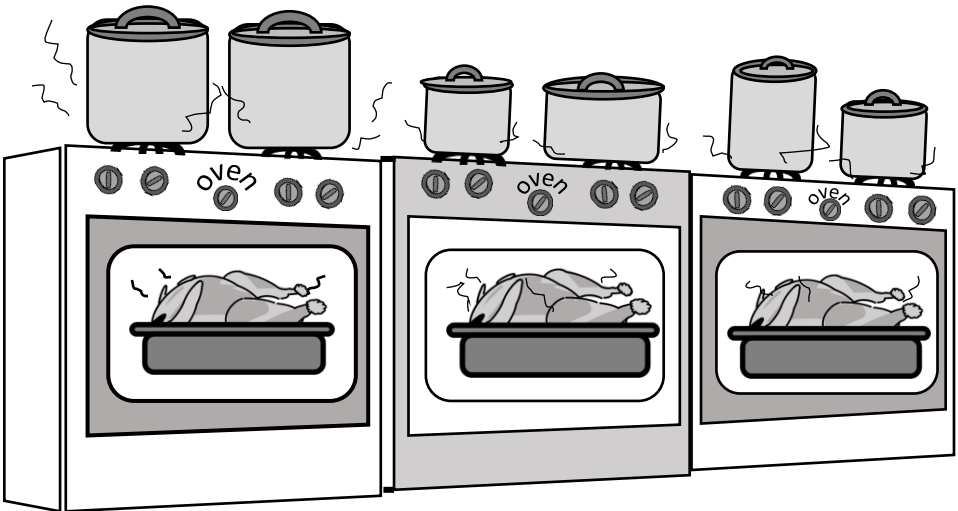
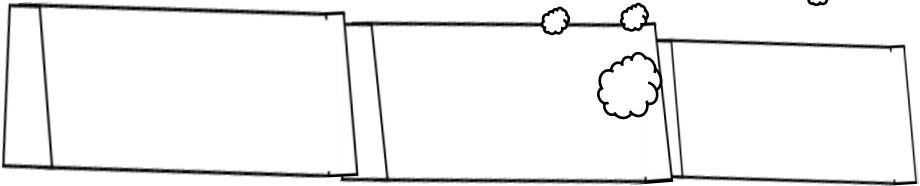


The balloons were released on an off into the air. The light breeze took some out of parade route straight out of reach.





The unfortunate group, costume dressed American Indians and no Indians costumed that year baked the donated turkeys. They retired their costumes to the pilgrims on the hunt of a surprise blast of popped popcorn while baskets were packed waited for completely baked turkeys to be pulled from ovens.



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Shortly after the end of the parade, the costume dressed turkey participants dressed pilgrims that included the vegetarians and nonvegetarians arrived back at the original location, where they took off from the parade that morning, picked up packed baskets and baked turkeys for the sharing of the holiday celebration to be delivered to the list of organizations.

**Thanksgiving
FOOD Basket**

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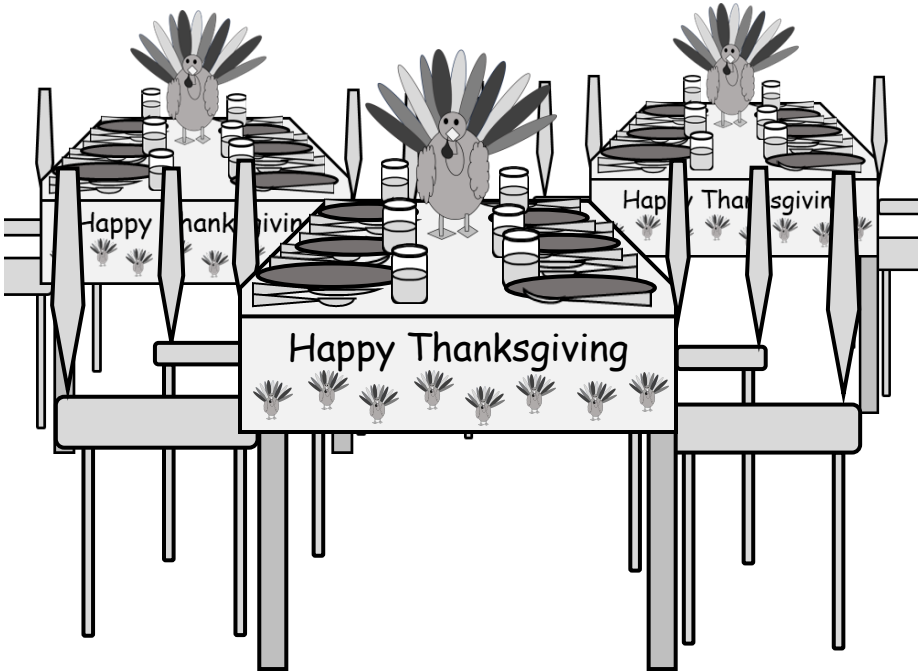


Baked Turkey

**Turkey
key**

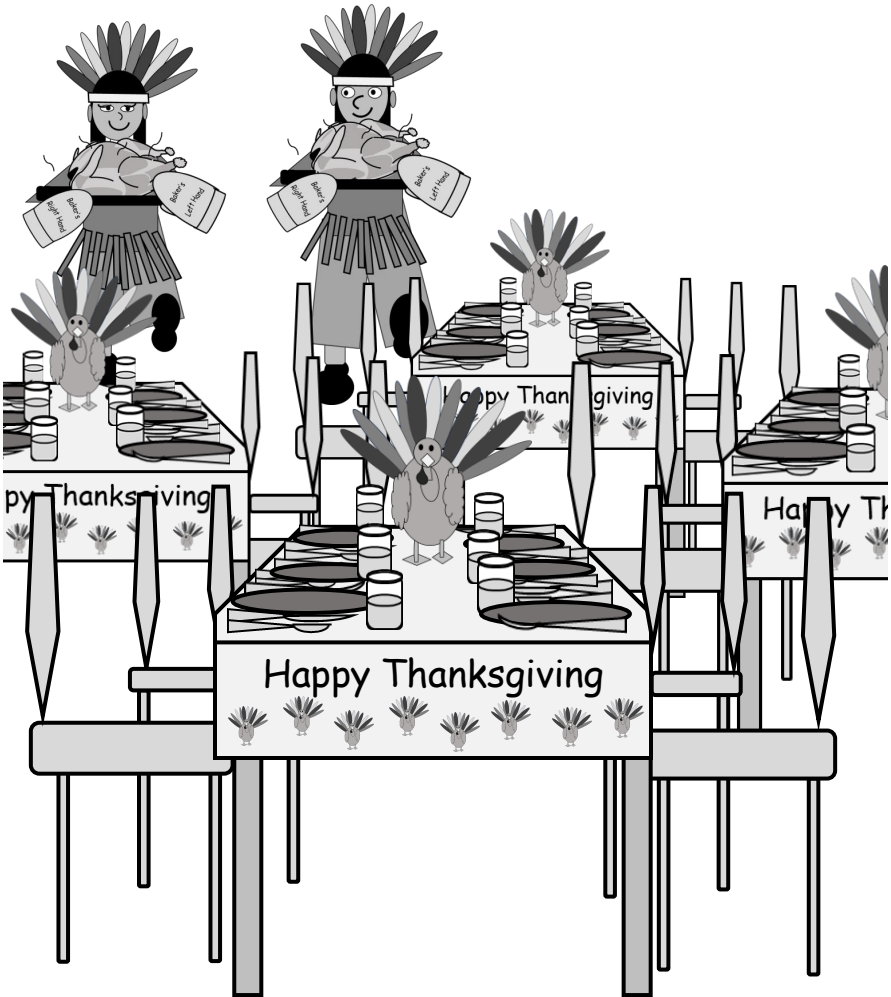
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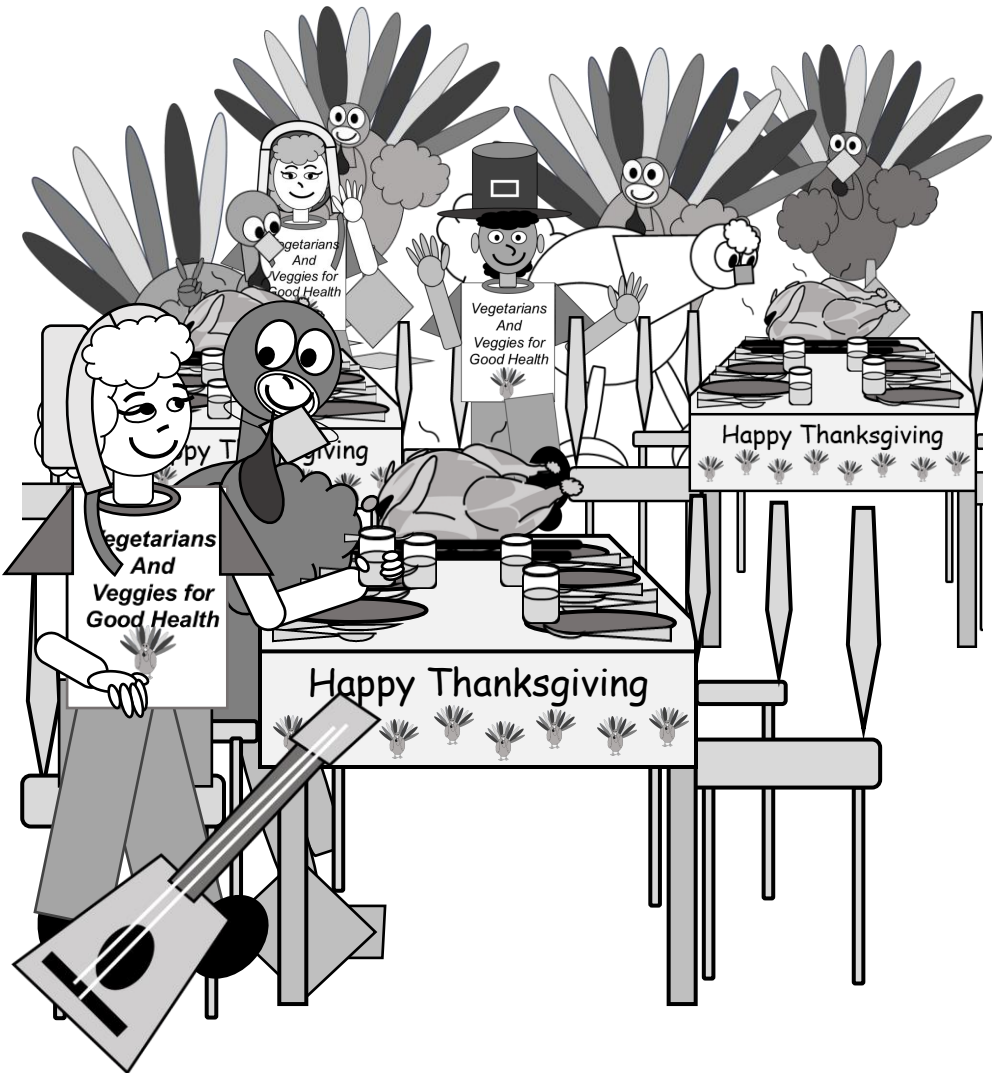
Upon completion of delivered meals that evening, the participants returned again to the location, before the parade that morning, found tables set for the holiday of Thanksgiving dinner.



The gathered meal participants included the vegetarian and nonvegetarian parade participants still costumed out as turkeys that included the group of hippies, extended family, band pilgrims and bakers that surprised them that evening wore the customary costume of the American Indians that baked all the donated turkeys and packed baskets for the organizations during the parade.

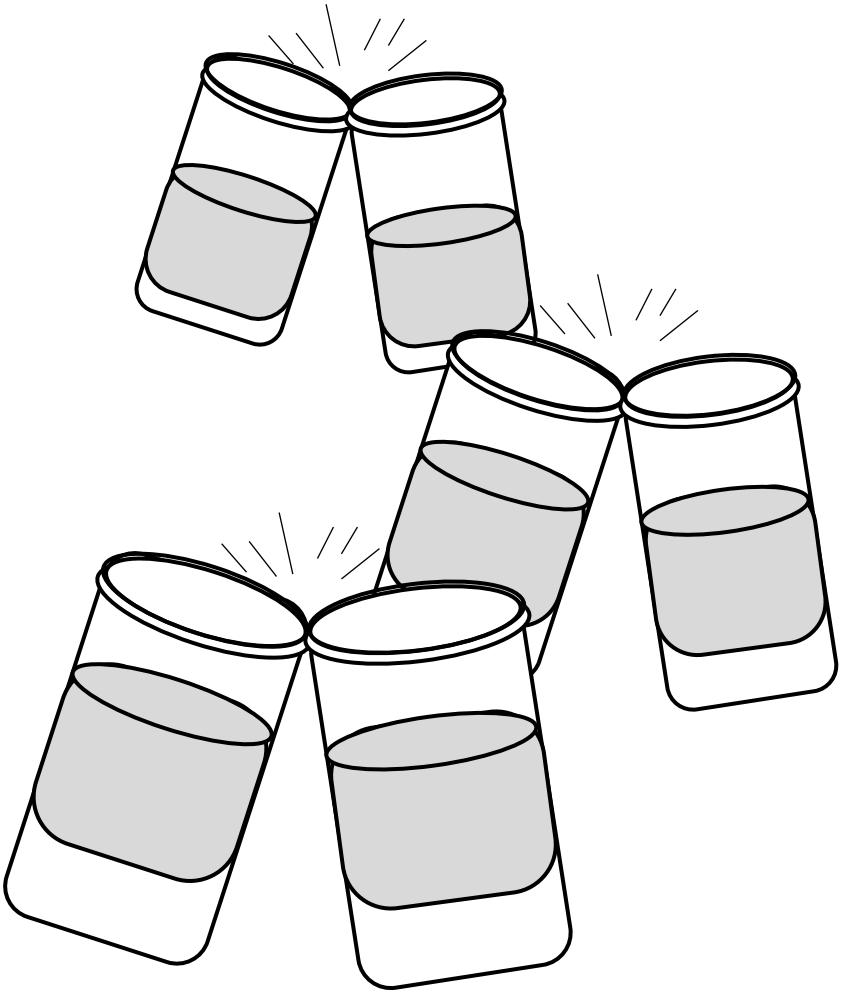








The clink of the glasses brought
about a small speech in unison of
all, ...



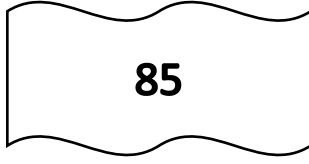


“Happy Thanksgiving!”
“The popcorn was released
on and off during the parade.”
“May the share of the feast of the meal
bring health of a long life for all!”



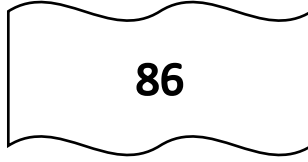


*And they ate filled with food and
happiness that year.*



The end.





Blessings to you at this time of
the year for a very, very,
Happy Thanksgiving!

A Thanksgiving holiday of excitement and fun! Read and join the imagination of getting ready and participating in a Thanksgiving parade, the gift giving of thanksgiving baskets, and a dinner with family and friends. A wonderful holiday to enjoy!