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Among the festivals celebrated by the Puget Islanders are Norwegian Independence Day, May 17; St. John's Feast, June 24; and the anniversary of the landing of Leif Ericson in America early in October 1,000 A. D. Scandinavian delicacies such as lutefisk, pastejar, goat cheese, and sugar-sprinkled Kaffebrød, are included in generous smorgasbords (a kind of buffet lunch). Most of the festivities are livened with schottische and other folk dances, often executed to the raucous tone of the hardengerfiddle, an instrument with a resined wheel, motivated by a hand crank, which rasps against catgut strings producing melodies similar to a hurdy-gurdy. Several days of feasting mark the Christmas season. Jul Otta is a special candlelight service on Christmas Day. (page 412)

With hardly a break in the wheat fields the highway crosses Thorn Creek and continues toward the Snake River. Within the experience of the present generation of farmers a major transition has taken place in the methods of cultivating, seeding, and harvesting. Headers, binders, and threshing machines which puffed and snorted as they expelled the chaff from blowers into golden pyramids, marked a definite technological advance. Large crews continued to be necessary, however, and unless a cook wagon accompanied the threshing outfit, the farmer's wife, with the aid of extra

help, still had to prepare during harvest time enormous quantities of meat and gravy, home-baked bread, potatoes, peas, and corn on the cob, apple pie, and coffee for the hungry harvest hands. Then came the horse-drawn combine, which made its way along the slopes to the sound of cracking whips. Today, on the larger ranches, the one-operation, tractor-drawn thresher cuts its wide swath around the field, threshing as it goes, and pouring the grain into sacks, which are automatically discharged on the ground in piles of five or more. A few men perform the work that formerly required the strenuous labor of a crew of a score or more, and the migratory harvesters, once known as "bundle stiffs," now seek other employment. (page 423)