

Watch these vocational workers. They will soon be the "Tops".

Are you reading James Copple's column of high school news appearing weekly in the Stanly News and Press?

Everybody come out to see the Albemarle-Badin game today. It's the last of this season.

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THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, most of us think of it only as a holiday from school given over to feasting and the enjoyment of a football game. Few there are who stop to think that it is a time set aside for an expression of our thanks for all our blessings throughout the past year.

Thanksgiving Day was established by the Pilgrims at the end of the season of harvesting. Since these Pilgrims were farmers, the greatest things for which they could be thankful were barns loaded with grain, attics full of fruit, and larders filled with food. The harvest season provided all these blessings, and so a day was set aside upon which all could meet every year and give thanks to God for His gifts.

That custom has been observed until now, but we have forgotten the fundamental principle upon which all was at first centered. The majority of us now are not farmers, but we have more and richer blessings than the Pilgrims. All of us owe to God, the liberal Bestower of all our many gifts, our humble thanks. Would it not be appropriate then for us to pause in the midst of our festivities to offer a silent prayer of thanks? We would enjoy our holiday more because we would not feel like selfish graspers of undeserved blessings. The greatest and the least of us have more than we really deserve; so let us all remember to pay our most sincere homage to Him when next we celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

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COURTESY

"Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy", perhaps, is one of the best statements Emerson ever made. It is certainly very true.

The highest degree of courtesy should be found and applied in a well organized school; courtesy between the teachers and students, and above all, courtesy between boys and girls.

What is courtesy? Is it some cut and dried ceremony? Must a student be stiff and boring - or "sissy" to be courteous?

No, courtesy is merely the kindest way of putting your thoughts into words. It is being considerate of others. All pupils can practice politeness by not talking while the teacher is explaining something or while a classmate is reciting.

So great is the need for pupils of A. H. S. to polish their manners that there has been set aside a "Good Manners Week". Let us not confine our acts of courtesy to any set time, but make every day a time to exhibit our knowledge of good manners.

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