

100 Years Of Thanksgiving

This November 28 when Americans sit down to their traditional turkey and trimmings, few realize that it was because of one woman's relentless crusade that Thanksgiving became a national holiday. For 17 years, Sarah Hale, editor of Godey's Lady's Book, campaigned to unify the states in common observance of a day of thanks. Despite national contempt in the 19th century for feminine meddling in public affairs, not once did this hoop-skirted little woman abandon her crusade! From 1846 to 1863 she pleaded with three Presidents (Fillmore, Pierce, and Buchanan) and wrote countless editorials in her magazine, fighting for her cause.

By 1849 several states were celebrating Thanksgiving separately, but it was not until 1852 that Mrs. Hale succeeded in joining 29 states in observing the last Thursday in November as a unified day of thanks. Then, in 1863, her appeal to another great American ended in victory. Through a proclamation by Abraham Lincoln, the last Thursday in November was named as a day of national Thanksgiving.

Our Queer English Language

We'll begin with box; the plural is boxes,

But the plural of ox is oxen, not oxes.

One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,

Yet the plural of mouse is not ever meese.

You may find a lone mouse, or a whole nest of mice,

But the plural of house is still never hice.

If the plural of man is always men
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be pen?

If I speak of a foot and you show me two feet,

And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth, and a whole set are teeth

Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

If a singular this is a plural these
Should the plural of kiss ever be keese?

We speak of a brother and also of brethren,

And though we say mother we never say methren.

Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,

But imagine the feminine she, shis and shim.

Alice Hess Beveridge

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ami, Florida. Our district was nicely represented in the state meeting held in Statesville, N.C. by our president, Mrs. Melissa Leiton and a large delegation from several areas.

Three cheers for the Flower and Art Club of Rich Square, N.C. which sponsored a week-end sightseeing trip to New York by way of Trailway Buses. Forty ladies enjoyed visiting interesting places in Washington, D.C. and New York.

Northeastern District would like to say a big "Thank You" to Mrs. Alice Collins for her faithful, conscientious and accurate fulfillment of the office of financial secretary. We are sorry that she has relinquished this office and she will always be on our "Orchid List".

In Memorium



Mrs. Edna Harris Mitchell, Elizabeth City, N.C.

First President of our Northeastern District and Instructor at State Teacher's College, Elizabeth City, N.C. She was among other things, a member of the Executive Board, Scholarship Committee and Program Committee of Our State Convention. We shall also remember her as a loyal, faithful and contributing member.

"Away from our presence but always with us in our fondest memories."

If you or your club have lost contact with our district work, start over and return to the fold. Should you need information or help, the Contact committee is available. Just write either Mrs. L. E. Euers on 723 S. Road Street Elizabeth City, N.C. or Mrs. B.L. Satchell Bx 844 Wilson, N.C. or Mrs. V.T. Bishop, Bx 37 Rich Square, N.C.

Don't forget Club Leaders: "If you don't send it, we can't print it." We'd like to "Tell the World" what you are doing.

Books For Club Presidents

THE CREATIVE WOMAN, By Dorothy Goldberg, is a book addressed to every woman who still longs to take part in the world's work. With candor and sympathy, she discusses the demands on every woman's time, love and loyalties and how she can meet them. The secret is to create, rather than destroy, harmony in the home, and a happier climate outside the home by volunteering one's services to the community.

THE ART OF GROUP CONVERSATION, by Rachel DuBois and MewSoong Li, presents thoroughly tested ways to break through hidden barriers to effective group cooperation. This practical guide shows how to apply the art of true group conversation in any group setting; how to avoid pitfalls and keep the group moving toward its aims.

Some Suggestions For Scrap Books

1. Check for mistakes in spelling, typing, etc. before entering materials in books.

2. Keep unnecessary materials as cards, acknowledgements, etc. to a minimum. Use a second book for these — to keep as mementoes.

3. Use cellophane coverings for pages.

4. Use dustless chalk for color.

5. Label pictures.

6. Use rubberized paste in place of Scotch tape.

7. Brilliant construction paper for pages.

8. Use Geometric Designs behind pictures.

9. Soiled materials, programs, clippings, pictures, — detract from appearance.

10. Index or tale of contents is needed.

The Salt Of The Earth

WHO ARE THEY? They are those who find their duty and do it. They are those who believe they are ordained to make life better for their neighbors and to relieve the burdens of their favored brethren.

WHO ARE THEY? They are the businessmen, the inventors, the production men, the farmers, the trainmen, the clerks, the "silent army" . . . the unrecognized, un-

Excerpts From Pres. Message Annual Meeting In Statesville

Welcome to all club ladies at this the 54th annual session of the N. C. Federation. Most hearty appreciation is expressed to the club ladies and their friends of Statesville for their wonderful hospitality to all who have attended the meeting and for the support given during the past three terms of office.

The Theme of the meeting, "The Challenge for Change" is only a reminder of our 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and our obligation to help make strides in improving conditions among our people. I am concerned about "Lifting as we climb" to the fullest capacity. We need to serve as Public relations individuals between individuals in need for welfare workers, getting medical attention, food and fuel dealers, etc. Though "Divine Love meets needs" we must do our share to help.

Your president has represented the Federation at the Governor's Conference on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime at the University of North Carolina and appeared on the panel at one of the meetings. You were also represented at the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs at Washington, D. C. Meetings of the Executive Board at Durham and Fayetteville were attended also one of the program committee at Rocky Mount. The Northeastern and Southeastern meetings at Windsor and Fayetteville respectively were also attended.

Club musts include:

1. Hold regular meetings though time may vary

2. Make meetings meaningful rather than meet and eat

3. Plan all occasions far enough ahead for smooth operation

4. Stress most important information from Federation in meetings

5. Promote more youth clubs

6. Plan a hobby show or art exhibit

7. Make a scrap book for your club

8. Sing the Federation song at each club meeting

honored . . . but the jewels of the American way of life.

WHO ARE THEY? They are those who accept the responsibilities of leadership in times of peril. They are the worthy successors of the heroes of Valley Forge, Gettysburg and Iwo Jima.