

The Giving of Thanks

We hear a lot about the separation of church and state. Thanksgiving, however, is a happy and not a controversial occasion for church and state to unite. It is the institutional impinging of state and church upon each other that provides the unhappy features in this area of life, but religious faith has been an ingredient of life, social and political as well as churchly, in this country and most countries. This is a nation "under God"; our coins bear the legend "In God we trust". So, following the precedent of the pilgrims in 1621 to have a day of thanksgiving to God for the harvest that saved the lives of strangers upon this distant shore, the Continental Congress and presidents of these United States have proclaimed a day for repairing to the churches for the purpose of giving thanks to God for the bounty of the earth. Most men are willing to acknowledge, with the *Jubilate*, that "it is God that hath made us and not we ourselves"; nor did we make the earth or the sea or the life of the things that in them is, on which our life depends. Much of early religion was acknowledgment of this great fact; and the Jews celebrated three important feast days in connection with harvest: Passover, first-fruits; Pentecost, grain harvest; Tabernacles, vintage harvest.

Thanksgiving has ancient roots in the heart of man's life.

Does it have root in our personal hearts this thanksgiving season and in our daily lives? This is important, for the most graceful virtue and the most selflessly outgoing is gratitude. Grace means gratis, free. God's grace is His freely given love. Gratitude is our freely responding faith and devotion. "We love Him because He first loved us." Our motivation is not to serve God to make Him love us; but to love and serve God because we are thankful for His bounty and grace, especially in sending His son to be the Saviour of the world. So, while the nation has one Thanksgiving day a year, with services of worship and family feasts, the Church calls us constantly to a grateful response to God's goodness, especially in the Holy Communion as a sacramental meal of thanksgiving, in which we say:

"It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God." (Prayer Book, p 76)

Many thanks to Dr. Guerry for an inspiring editorial, and a Happy Thanksgiving to one and all from the '60-'61 BELLES Staff.

Can You Imagine?

Doing away with campuses?
Mus beating the Sigmas?
Miss Jones wearing a Republican hat?
Everyone at breakfast?
Miss Lloyd swimming?
People saying, "I can believe it!"?
A St. Mary's Senior at Germans?
No Thanksgiving vacation?
Eight days in a week?
Patsy Frank on time?
St. Mary's without the research triangle?
Miss Morrison complete with madres, circle pin, and Weejuns?
The latest saying in the infirmary, "Gimme all your jewels."?
The Cold Cuts at the KA House?

MUs Win at Speedball

The speedball tournament started off with a "bang"! The games have now been played. The Sigma team won the first game by the score of 6 to 2. However, this defeat rallied the Mu team, and they came back to beat the Sigma's in the second game by the score of 7 to 2. The final games proved to be full of "clashing" competition. The Mu team won the rest of the games claiming 25 points towards the plaque to be given to the winning team at the end of the school year.



Life of an Invalid

The life of a temporary invalid is different, boring, and troublesome, especially when the invalid is an ardent extrovert.

The life is different because the "crip" is required only to go to classes—on crutches, that is! "You dog, you don't have to go to chapel, assembly, gym, or breakfast!" No, the "crip" does not have to attend chapel, assembly, gym, or breakfast. But what else can she do—run, jump, walk, or even dance? Good luck! She can gain weight sitting around keeping that leg of hers propped up. No problem there!

Life is boring. There's not much of an opportunity to take a break and go to the Little Store or the "Tod." The break would last at least two hours—two hours of valuable time. So she remains bored by studying, staring, and thinking. Boredom is broken by those occasional naps. She manages to slip in a few "z's" every afternoon.

Life is troublesome. The "crip" appreciates the sympathy of others, but the "crip" finds that it is troublesome to have to answer "water on the knee" a thousand times a day.

Here is the schedule to classes:

1. Asking someone to carry her books—that poor dear.
2. Coordinating crutches and body—you need plenty of coordination.
3. Opening elevator door—like opening a vault door.
4. Opening gate to elevator—not too much trouble except for the weight of the elevator door that sets you flying into the elevator.
5. Closing gate door—elevator door obviously closes by itself.
6. Pushing button to desired floor—easy!
7. Waiting years for arrival—elevator is plenty slow!
8. Opening gate door—after elevator has stopped.
9. Opening elevator door—you need every capable ounce of energy.
10. Flying into hall before elevator door crushes you to mere tidbits.
11. Proceeding to class—a task in itself.

The life of a temporary invalid is extremely troublesome. So sit back, relax, and just think how lucky you are to be able to make those requirements: You've got two useful legs!

Flickereenos

Nov. 16-23	Desire in the Dust
Nov. 23-	GI Blues
Nov. 2	Tarzan the Magnificent (for two weeks)
Nov. 20-21	Ice Palace
Nov. 13	Butterfield 8 (for three weeks)

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Little Theater Celebrates Anniversary

This year the Raleigh Little Theater is celebrating its silver anniversary. As a birthday present to the community five outstanding plays are going to be given. Among these are "Paint your Wagon," a Broadway musical by Lerner and Lowe, "Look Homeward Angel," from the book by North Carolina's Thomas Wolfe, "The Gazebo," a comedy, Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid," and "Ondine," a former Broadway play.

Student Season tickets cost \$6.00 and may be obtained from Pamela Wright in 112 Penick.