

WOODS WILL

The echoes of the proclamation to change Thanksgiving from its traditional date still reverberate in the minds of some with the result that there is a little confusion as to when the day should be observed. However there is none of this confusion in our recollections of the celebrations we each of us enjoyed upon whatever day, after we have spent Thanksgiving. Of all the fine times that are so fresh in our memory, it seems to me, the Thanksgiving Feast given the children at the WOOD school lunch room stands foremost.

The light burned late and the fire was kept hot in Frank Reads store Wednesday night preceding Thanksgiving as Major Gupton and Bunn Shearin labored to make a new table for the lunch room. It was especially needed for the feast that was being prepared, but it will now be possible for Mrs. Leonard to seat all of the children at one time at luncheon. This will be a big lift for her and an advantage to the children. Each achievement, every bit of help, whether it be big or small, of this sort is the true expression of WOOD'S WILL to make the Community a better and better place.

Songs and laughter could be heard coming from Bud Gupton's house Wednesday night week when the BYPU held their Bingo party. There were eats, songs and games and as much work as was possible was spent on the quilt they are making which will be raffled off at the next PTA meeting.

It seems to me that singing is the outbursting of the fullness of our hearts, whether it be joy or sorrow. It is the language of our kinship in our endeavors. It is the expression of our joy in achievement, our gratitude for the

benignity of the Almighty, and our sorrow in bereavement. Let us sing more.

It was chilly Sunday afternoon when the WOOD Scout Troop met so the boys gathered up wood for a fire. It was necessary to borrow an axe and as Martin Gupton's house was the nearest place some of the boys received permission to use his. Martin has been laid up with a broken leg, but since it has been put in a cast he is able to get around pretty well. He spent a part of Sunday afternoon laying on the bed in the front room watching the Scout troop hold a meeting.

The meeting of the troop opened with the scouts giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Most of the period was taken up by progress tests to determine how far advanced the boys were. The remaining tests that need more work were scheduled for practice at the patrol meetings to be held this week. Progress tests will be held next Sunday at the next meeting. The scouts are planning to pick names for their patrols at their next meeting. The eighth registration will be turned in this week and with its receipt the application for a troop charter will be sent to Commissioner Webb who will in turn send it to National Scout Headquarters. When the Charter is accepted and returned the WOOD COMMUNITY SCOUT TROOP will have a number allotted and will hereafter be identified by that number.

The boys are working on their tests so that when the charter is returned their badges will be presented. Plans for the presentation have not been made as yet, but they will be completed in time for the presentation. It is hoped that the occasion will be another BIG first for WOOD.

Morris Gupton was taken to the Hospital after what seemed to be an attack of appendicitis. However it turned out that it was not quite that serious and at the last report Morris was getting along better.

Harris Baker, Linwood Gupton's young son was reported sick we trust not seriously. Also on the sick list we find the name of Mrs. B. M. Gupton. Were it possible for everyone in the community to add their name to an expression of hope that all of these sick folks effect a speedy recovery their names would all be here and it would be a long list.

Torbert and Alice Sturges were

able to visit their folks last week and Snooks and Ruby Thomas and son visited their folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Read entertained a house full Sunday when they were visited by the Fitzhugh and the Jack Reads, The Robertsons and the Davises.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Allyn from Western Springs Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Allyn from Falls Church, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Van Fleet visited yours truly and Susie the past week. The Allyn's and the Van Fleets who own farms in our community are looking forward to moving here in the future. They are the vanguard of, we hope, a long procession of folks who will make their future home in the WOOD Community, the best and the biggest little place in the world.

Perhaps it was the season, or perhaps it is just because our vocal chords are getting more exercise, but for either reason the singing at Sunday school was especially good. It was Preaching Sunday and Rev. Turner was on hand to attend Sunday school. As he led us in prayer he said something that I think was particularly expressive of the spirit of all of us. He said, "We join in a special prayer for those who are absent in the armed forces and grant that the Lord may have his protecting arm about them until they may return to their homes". This is a very real and yearning desire in the hearts of everyone of us, and everyone else too, who has a father, son or brother or sister serving in the war.

Rev. Turner chose a timely subject for the sermon, "Thanksgiving". Our preacher has a nice way of turning a point and it is a pleasure to hear him. His thought was that we were not giving thanks because we had a fine feast, nor were we giving thanks because the hunting season was

opened, but rather our thanks were to the Almighty for having sent his Son, Jesus Christ to the earth to show us how to be Christians and to demonstrate for our everlasting remembrance the un-failing power and ever present strength of God's will on earth. We may, with confidence work towards a lasting peace on earth by following these teachings in our daily life.

One of the members who has been trying to get back into the "Going-to-Church" on Sunday habit couldn't come last time, but he sent word that he was unable to attend. That is a fine step forward because it shows that folks are thinking about attending, and as in this case, thinking about it enough to go to the trouble of sending regrets that he could not be there. There are still many more who will start, I hope soon. They are still being con-founded by excuses for not attending. As soon as they stop trying to make excuses and start thinking about reasons to attend

the house will truly be full. The desire to attend and the fulfillment of that desire by attending is the priceless gift that each of us can give to our community. This personal support of the church is the foundation on solid rock from which will grow a better WOOD.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Charles Raymond Powell was entertained Saturday evening at his home on Bowens Street, Franklinton, in celebration of his eighth birthday. Games and contests were enjoyed throughout the evening. The prize went to James Oliver Threlkeld. A delicious refreshment course was served to the following guests: Be-low Powell, Barbara Powell, James Oliver Threlkeld, Ted Harris, David Morton, J. S. Murray, Bub Goodwin, Lawrence Vaughan, Dalton Bailey, John T. Godfrey, Frances Godfrey, Albert Weaver, Jansie Maye, Eunice Maye, Jeral Mae Woodlief, Margaret Vaugh-an.

SAVE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

High School boys and girls who have been working in business or industrial jobs during the summer were urged today by Mr. John H. Ingle, manager of the Raleigh office of the Social Security Board, to take care of their social security account number cards.

"Students will need their cards again when they take other jobs during holidays, during next vacation, and throughout life," Mr. Ingle said. "The card is the key to an insurance policy with Uncle Sam, and one number should be used by every worker throughout life. Wage credits, on which future benefits will be based, are posted to each worker's individual ledger sheet under both his name and number since many people may have the same name but no two can have the same social security number. More than one number may cause some loss of the wage credits."

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