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Why Not?

O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.—Proverbs 8:5.

ABOUT THANKSGIVING DAY.

Last week in our Mt. Zion letter, Miss Ola Harmon in speaking of the Pilgrims said: "They had the spirit of Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving, however, was not merely a feast—there were prayers and sermons and songs and praise."

Our Thanksgiving should be one of religious festivities, because the example was set for us by the Pilgrims, therefore it is an inherited mode of expressing the ideals that we secured from our colonial ancestors.

Nearly all of the colonists were farmers or in some way close to the soil. They were Christians, full of religion and they came to America to establish homes where they could obey their religious and political freedom.

It was natural at a time of the year when the products of their farms were in abundance that they should fittingly celebrate the rewards of an adopted life. They had freedom; they had homes; they had plentiful crops for the winter season and they could worship God as they chose. A time set apart for thanksgiving was peculiarly fitting, and just so does it come into the life, manner and habits of those who are similar to the colonist.

In the rural sections in the fall of the year it is easy to link thoughts of God, home and the bounty of nature with thoughts of praise and thanksgiving. In the towns and larger cities it is not such an easy task, and folks generally are not so strong in this particular as the country.

Many in the towns, with merely a minor salary and perhaps an overseer's favor between them and want, cannot understand the farmer's impulse to thank God that his crib and smoke house are full, and that his family gathers around him in an unbroken circle, gives him the great desire to render thanks to his Creator.

Not many dwellers in a town know what it is to get a Thanksgiving dinner without weighing the cost. It is very difficult for them to set aside a day of Thanksgiving for home and high rent.

Yet, we would be so much poorer without Thanksgiving—the festival of farm life and of reverence for the Giver of all things.

Prohibition agents are getting smart. They are carrying clothes wringers with them now. A woollen blanket they wrung out in Kansas produced two pints of liquor. Beat that.

Some Pittsboro women complain of being cold all the time. They should wear heavier hats. See.

If a lady with no clothing on what ever was to ride down Hillsboro street in broad daylight some Pittsboro men would only remark that she was riding a darn good horse.

Oh, you men!! Here's your chance. Over in Europe 20,000,000 women are hunting husbands. And here's one in America 22 years old, who has just fallen heir to a million and a half dollars and wants a husband.

NEWS FROM MOUNT ZION.

Moncure, Rt. 2, Dec. 3.—Mr. and Clyde Griffin spent Thanksgiving day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomas, of Durham.

Masters Claiborne and Marion Harmon, of Raleigh, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their grand mother, Mrs. J. C. Harmon. Those boys have great times hunting and shooting with their rifles in the country.

Rev. J. J. Boone preached a forceful and inspiring sermon at Mt. Zion last Sunday. We are delighted to have him back with us another year.

Mr. Boone encouraged us by saying that the members of Mt. Zion church paid five or six dollars over the assessment of the preachers' salary, and one dollar and twenty five cents more than the amount of the Conference collections. We are not boastful, but thankful that we have members who work well together, and always want our pastor to be paid in full.

Our Thanksgiving offering to the orphanage was very gratifying, which ran something more than eleven dollars.

Miss Claytie Harper spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with her parents.

Mrs. J. W. Griffin spent last Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. G. G. Dorsett, at Sanford.

BIRTHDAY OF MRS. JOHNSON.

Contributed. Last Thursday the children of Mrs. W. G. Johnson gave her a surprise birthday dinner, the 28th being her 66th birthday.

All the children and grand children were present except her son, J. E. Johnson, of Sanford. Her brother and sister and a few other relatives were unable to attend on account of

sickness, and the weather being so unfavorable.

The secret was kept from her until dinner was announced and she was ushered in the dining room where the table was loaded with good things to eat. Her face was beaming with joy and satisfaction at knowing that her children still remembered her birthday and the look on her face showed that she was very grateful.

One of the most attractive features of the table was a large pumpkin which was scooped out on four sides and filled with different kinds of fruit. A place was cut in the top for the flowers. This was placed in the center of the table on a bed of autumn leaves. Everyone present seemed to have the spirit of Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Johnson received several nice presents.

PRaise for MR. PILAND.

News Items of Interest From Neighbors at Truth.

Truth, Dec. 3.—The books have arrived at last and now the school work seems to be progressing nicely. The working spirit of the pupils is fairly good and we are looking forward to a successful year's work. The basketball court is in good shape now and much interest and enthusiasm is being displayed.

Miss Orlan Mull, our primary teacher, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents at Wake Forest.

Mr. Arvil Ausley, accompanied by Mr. Dan Byrd, spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Ausley. Arvil is one of Buckhorn's promising young men and his friends are glad to know that he is getting on so well with his school work at Lowes Grove school.

Mr. Ray Cotton, of Hamlet, spent Thursday and Friday here with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Cotton.

Misses Ila and Norma O'Connell delightedly entertained a number of their friends Saturday evening. The young people spent a most pleasant evening.

Quite a number of people in the community were very much disappointed Sunday morning when they reached the church to learn that Mr. Piland was not to meet his appointment. The announcement that he would not be there was made some time ago, but it seems it was not generally known. The people are delighted over Mr. Piland's return to the charge another year. We are sure that we could not have a better man or a better pastor than he, and too is one of the best preachers we have ever had.

There will be a box party at the Truth school next Saturday evening, December 8th, for the purpose of raising money to meet the two or more Chautauqua pledges that the school is trying to take care of. We hope there will be a large crowd here, and that everyone will have a nice jolly time and be eager to help out in this worthy undertaking, for we do want the Chautauqua another year.

MRS. ELKINS DIED THURSDAY.

Local and Personal News Notes From Our Friends at Bear Creek.

Bear Creek, Rt. 2, Dec. 4.—Rev. G. C. Phillips, after serving as postmaster at Bear Creek since May 1, 1914, retired December 1st, to accept a call to a group of churches near New London, in Stanley county.

Mrs. W. H. Murray is very sick with bronchial pneumonia. Her many friends will wish for her speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. B. Elkins have gone to South Carolina to visit Mrs. Elkins' relatives.

J. V. Beaver, of Greensboro, spent Thanksgiving with his parents. Master Paul Williamson, of Sanford spent the latter part of the week in the home of T. B. Beal.

S. F. Doster, of Madison, spent the week end with home folks.

Eugene Straghan is visiting near Mebane and will return via Greensboro.

Rev. H. L. Witten preached at Meronies Sunday morning. He made a most favorable impression on his hearers.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Snipes, of Durham, spent the week end with his father.

I. C. Coggin, of Greensboro, spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Coggin.

Mesdames G. N. Smith, D. W. Smith and Georgia Blair visited in Durham last week.

W. M. Moody has moved from the J. D. Johnson place to the H. H. Stout farm; George Bryant has moved from the Harris Hart place to the place of the late Gaston Loyd.

T. H. Johnson, of Maxton, visited his mother last week on Route 2.

J. C. Gunter went to Greensboro Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Affiah Elkins, wife of the late J. A. Elkins, died at the home of her son, Paul L. Elkins, Thursday morning, November 29th, after an illness of one week. Mrs. Elkins had been in feeble health for sometime, but her condition became alarming about a week ago. Mrs. Elkins will be sadly missed, for she was one of the best women it has been our pleasure to know. Of truth, a good woman has gone to her reward—heaven is richer and earth poorer by her going. "Her children will rise up and call her blessed."

She is survived by one brother, G. N. Smith, Bear Creek, Rt. 2, two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Burns, Cummock, Rt. 1, and Mrs. John Gunter. Also by five children: Messrs P. L. Elkins, and W. J. B. Elkins, of Bear Creek, Rt. 2, H. J. Elkins, of Greensboro, and Mesdames C. W. Holt, of Kernersville, and C. E. Geringer, of Browns Summit. Mrs. Elkins was preceded to the grave by her husband only a short while, he having died September 5, 1923.

The funeral services were held at Goldston M. E. church Friday, the 30th. Her pastor, Rev. H. L. Witten, conducted the service. She had been

a member of Meronies Methodist church for many years.

May the bereaved look to the great Comforter who said: "My grace is sufficient for thee," realizing that they have one more tie in heaven and one less on earth. May each and every one live that "Some Sweet Day" they may be all reunited never to be broken again.

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NEWS FROM OAKLAND SECTION.

Pittsboro, Rt. 3, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Atlas Woody, of Kittrell, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Burns.

Miss Myrtle Perry and Mr. Jamie Perry, of Raleigh, spent Sunday in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Perry.

Mr. Bruce Burns spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. Walter Thomas.

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Clegg are spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Clegg, Sr. Mr. C. E. Bland and family, of Pittsboro, spent last Thursday in the home of Mr. W. M. Burns.

Mr. Frank Burns attended the football game in Chapel Hill last Thursday.

EXPERT HERE

SEELEY, FAMOUS IN THIS SPECIALTY, CALLED TO DURHAM.

F. H. Seeley, of Chicago and Philadelphia, the noted truss expert, will personally be at the Melbourne Hotel, and will remain in Durham Saturday only, December 15th. Mr. Seeley says: "The Spermatic Shield will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, but contracts the opening in 10 days on the average case. Being a vast advancement over all former methods—exemplifying instantaneous effects immediately appreciable and withstanding any strain or position no matter the size or location. Large or difficult cases, or incisional ruptures (following operations) specially solicited. This instrument received the only award in England and in Spain, producing results without surgery, injections, medical treatments or prescriptions. Warning—All cases should be cautioned against the use of any elastic or web truss with understraps as same rest where the lump is and not where the opening is, producing complications necessitating surgical operations. Mr. Seeley has documents from the United States Government, Washington, D. C., for inspection. He will be glad to demonstrate without charge or fit them if desired. Business demands prevent stopping at any other place in this section."

P. S.—Every statement in this notice has been verified before the Federal and State courts.—F. H. Seeley. Home Office 117, N. Dearborn St., Chicago. Dec. 13-p.

CLEAN-UP SALE

Beginning December 8th

AND

Closing December 29th, 1923

I WILL PUT ON MY ANNUAL DECEMER SALE, TO CLOSE OUT ODD LOTS AND REMNANTS OF ALL CLASSES OF MERCHANDISE THAT ACCUMULATED DURING THE YEAR.

I AM GOING TO OFFER SOME SPECIAL BARGAINS IN SHOES, CLOTHING AND DRY GOODS. IN FACT IN ALMOST EVERYTHING I CARRY:

A few men's Suits, former price \$38.00 now \$18.00; some \$13.50 suits now \$10; some \$10. suits now \$7.98.

Big lot Men's and Boys' Cotton sweaters 93 cents. Ask to see my line of men's and boys' leggins from 49c. to \$3.75.

Some special prices on bed quilts and blankets.

One lot of chambray at 10 cents a yard; lot of dress plaids 32 inch wide, was 50c. now 25 cents—a big buy; some 32 inch Pomona cloth, 30c. value, now 25c—a real bargain.

Some Army goods and Pawn Broker's Goods left, I will make special prices on these to close.

Don't fail to look at my line of bed room slippers—they are real cheap and my line of rubber Shoes is complete. The famous Red Ball Brand, none better and my prices are right.

I have some nice overcoats that I am going to sell very low; take a look at them.

Don't fail to see my line of Floor Coverings; it is complete—9 x 12 rugs from \$5.00 to \$25.00; good matting at 35 cents a yard, and our 72 inch Congoleum at \$1.00 per yard; 9 x 12 Congoleum Art Squares \$15.00. Also my line of furniture is good; also cook stoves and the prices are right.

Don't buy your nuts, fruits, raisins, candy, etc., until you see my line. My prices on these can't be beat in Chatham county.

A Ten Dollar Gold Piece Given Away

I HAVE A JAR OF BEANS AND EVERY ONE TRADING ANY AMOUNT FROM 10 CENTS UP WILL BE ALLOWED ONE GUESS ONLY AT THE NUMBER OF BEANS IN THE JAR AND THE ONE GUESSING NEAREST THE NUMBER WILL GET THE TEN DOLLAR GOLD PIECE ABSOLUTELY FREE.

SO EVERYBODY COME AND BUY THESE BARGAINS. I AM GOING TO OFFER, AND TRY YOUR LUCK AT THE BEANS. DON'T FORGET THE DATES—

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, TO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 1923.

C. B. FITTS,

Bear Creek, N. C.

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