

# THE PILOT

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## THANKSGIVING DAY

Because Thanksgiving Day for many years has been on the last Thursday in November, when the President changed the date this year it did seem to upset old traditions and caused many to look up old records to see when Thanksgiving Day had been observed in other years.

The first Thanksgiving Day was kept by the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth in 1621. Once it was observed on July 30th and another time in February. Then for many years there was no general celebration of the day. George Washington proclaimed as a day of Thanksgiving May 7, 1778 and again in 1789 he appointed such a day after the adoption of the Constitution. At one time or another the day was celebrated in every calendar month before 1800; and "Believe it or Not" North Carolina celebrated two days in 1758 and again in 1783.

In the early part of the 19th Century Josepha Hale, editor of "Godey's Lady's Book" began working for a fixed and permanent Thanksgiving Day. She worked for 47 years on the idea without results, and in 1863 she wrote an editorial about it in her magazine. This editorial reached the desk of Abraham Lincoln and in 1864 he proclaimed Thanksgiving Day on the last Thursday in November and so each President has done the same ever since.

Our calendar, as we have it today, was worked out by Pope Gregory in 1582 and adopted by Britain in 1751. If this calendar is changed in the next few years to make the months more even in length, no doubt the date of Thanksgiving Day will be changed again. Astrologers say that the second Thursday is the proper day for it.

At the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 1785 the first Thursday was set apart to be observed by the Church as "a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the fruits of the earth and all other blessings of a merciful Providence." In 1789 the Church formally recognized the civil government's authority to appoint such a feast and the Prayer Books says, "The first Thursday in November (or, if any other day be appointed by the Civil Authority, then such a day) shall be observed as a Day of Thanksgiving," etc.

It is interesting to note that Texas and Colorado are celebrating both the 23rd and the 30th, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon, California and Utah are celebrating the 23rd, and Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, Alabama, Arkansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico will celebrate the 30th.

—Lula Cox.

## THE PILOT HAS A BIRTHDAY

The Pilot will be an ordinary village newspaper, not very pretentious, paying attention to its field, which is the country around Vass, and with the ambition to help in the stimulation of further development and progress in this community. . . . If the paper can help the people to greater community effort for community welfare and the people can help the paper to carry forward any

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325 AND SERVICES FOR THEM  
WOOD OF THE UMBRELLA TREE, USED BY AUSTRALIAN FARMERS FOR FENCE POSTS, SMELLS LIKE RASPBERRY JAM!  
THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD, THE NIZAM OF HYDRABAD, OF INDIA, WORTH \$1,400,000,000 EATS WITH HIS FINGERS!  
HE USES NEITHER KNIFE, FORK NOR SPOON—EATS FOR SOUP! — WITH ALL HIS WEALTH HE SEEPS IN A BED WITH NO SPRINGS!  
WAR SLOWS PROGRESS  
IN 1916 THERE WERE 7,033 PATENT APPLICATIONS IN THE U.S.A. THE YEAR BEFORE THE NUMBER TO DROP TO 5,115 IN 1918 WHEN PEACE CAME IN 1918, THE NUMBER TO 80,000.

good idea that some one presents, that will be one of the ambitions of the institution.

These excerpts are from Volume 1, No. 1 of The Pilot, dated Vass, N. C., Friday, November 26, 1920.

In short, this issue marks the end of 19 years of weekly publication. The Pilot starts Volume 20 next week.

We are grateful for the generous support accorded the paper during these years. And if we have been of some service in the growth and betterment of the Sandhills section, we are thankful.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses have been issued from the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore county to Arthur LeRoy Hendricks of Cameron and Pauline Elizabeth Stone of West End; George Maness of Carthage and Bonnie Fry of Carthage Route 4.

### Grains of Sand

Thanksgiving, like a lot of other things isn't what it used to be. No longer do people fill the sleigh with foot warmers and buffalo robes and load the family in for a dash to grandmother's for a bountiful feast, celebrating in serious mode the great annual harvest, and the mercies of a closing year.

Today we shout ourselves hoarse at a football game and aren't given to very much rejoicing in praise and prayer. The swift moving sleigh of grandmother's day has been stepped up to a still swifter twelve-cylinder automobile. The day of the Harvest festival is no longer the last Thursday in November. We now have two different weeks of celebration.

A pair left the Sandhills early in the week to attend a dinner with relatives in a northern state who gather together a week in advance for the holiday. They hope, to return

in time to get away the following week to join kinsfolk in an adjoining southern state for the repetition of the affair.

Whisking over more than one state for more than one Thanksgiving would have left grandmother in a complete state of bewilderment, as she, sainted soul, would have realized Thanksgiving isn't what it used to be.

Incidentally the Wall Street crowd dubbed the President's Thanksgiving day "Franksiving."

The Motor Vehicle Bureau mailed to North Carolinians Monday about 75,000 application cards for 1940 automobile license plates with around 325,000 more to follow. The 1940 tags will go on sale December 1st, giving the Department of Revenue an opportunity to hit the checkbook before Santa Claus puts a serious crimp in it.

From reports from Southern Pines students at their different colleges and universities it seems many talents and abilities have come to light as we hear of activities in many new fields.

Over at Salem, Sarah Barnum has been elected to the Student council, and Becky Neal at Greensboro has had a similar honor. Nancy Wrenn has not only been active in tennis at Duke University but was recently made Treasurer of the Freshman class. Catherine Hildman was cast for a prominent part in the Play-Likers of the Women's College at Greensboro. Dick DuRant was the artist who provided the picture for the Blue Devil's football magazine, and so the reports come in, highly satisfactory to parents, enthusiastic friends and former Southern Pines teachers.

This week Fayetteville staged a celebration commemorating the 200th year of settlement. As history was enacted, Gov. Samuel Johnston and Col. John Sevier lived again the revolutionary days when the Cape Fear counties were being formed.

For those who did not drive down in the rain the entertainment came into the house by radio. Listening to the dialogues we were encouraged to pick up the threads of colonial history, dropping back to these stirring days as only we could imagine it. We would have held our ground and made more headway in floundering around in 1740 if an occasional toot of a 1939 automobile horn or the hum of flying planes had been nosed out.

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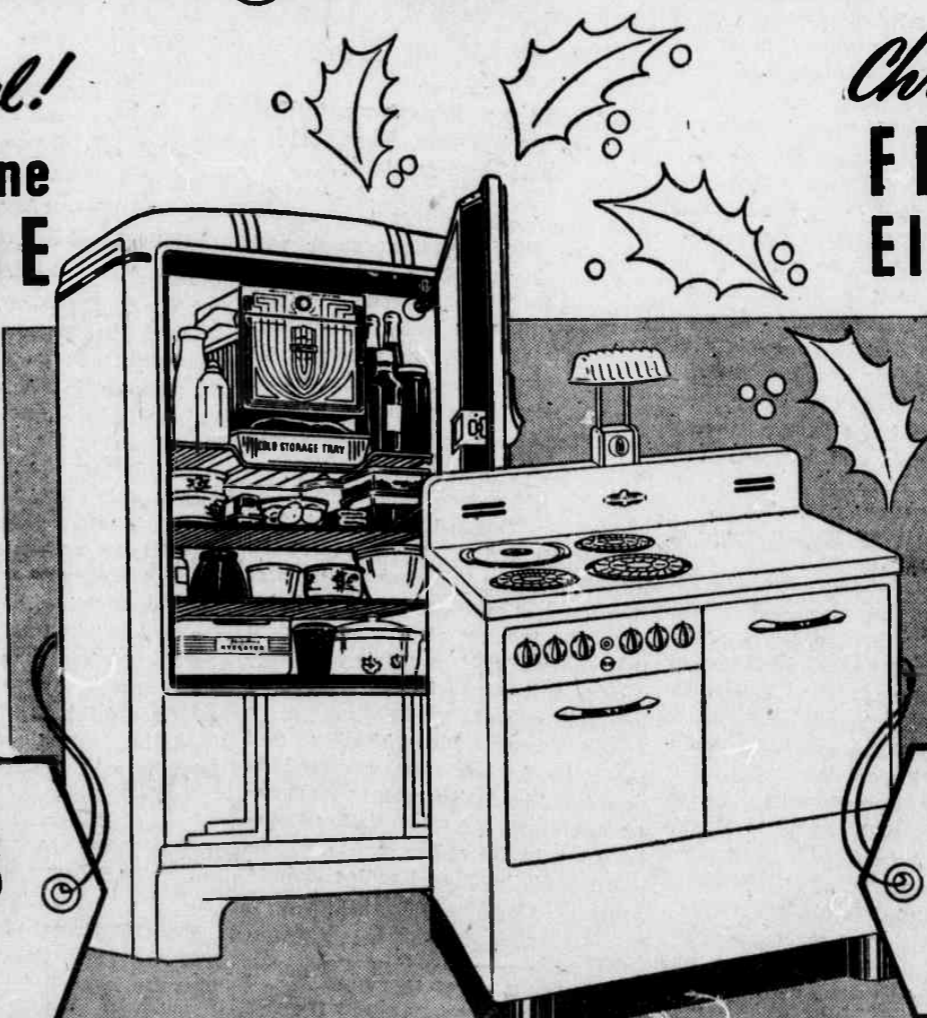
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