



Mr. Turkey is captivated by three of Gardner-Webb's cutest Freshmen. Left of turkey is Miss Vonne Gwatney of Gastonia; on top, Miss Faye Branch of Valdese; and to the right, Miss Sarah Hardin of Belmont.

## OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

By JOHN S. FARRAR

The approach of Thanksgiving Day brings to our minds that 334 years ago, after the Plymouth settlers had spent a winter and summer in the New World, Governor William Bradford proclaimed a three-day feasting and sporting holiday. Thanksgiving Day in this nation has had many ups and downs, but since 1863 our land has observed a national Thanksgiving Day. The emphasis upon the proper celebration has varied from time to time, including reunion of families, feasting with friends around a bountiful table, turkey shoots, sporting events, harvest celebrations and religious services.

In what spirit and to what end should Thanksgiving be commemorated in our time? One of the gravest responsibilities facing each of us is to be conscious of the many ways in which favor and privilege are constantly our common lot. It is easy for us to accept advantage and bounty as though these were due us.

We acknowledge that the harvest is in and the nation's pantry is full. In the human heart there cannot be ingratitude, for both muscle and machine have joined to cooperate with God's good season and the earth has borne her fruit. The freedom we have dictates the response of praise and honor to the Almighty Father. Apart from His Providence all human efforts would be worthless. Thankful people cause joy to dwell in the heart of God and the unquestioned spirit for our commemoration of Thanksgiving 1955 is precisely gratitude and honor unto Him. As a united people with limitless resources of land and tools it is our responsibility to serve as the cupbearer of the world or for that part of the world that has empty cupboards.

The end of our Thanksgiving gratitude is to present anew the whole life to God. Thanksgiving inevitably culminates in consecration. Some people come to this season with a festive air and when all is over there has been only a celebration. A benevolent God demands obedience from His children. The life which is "given" to God will be enabled the whole year 'round to lift the song of praise and Thanksgiving. The devoted life can

## State Training Union Secretary Addresses Students

Mr. James P. Morgan, State Training Union Secretary, spoke in chapel November 9. He discussed getting the most out of life by giving of yourself in service. He also said that giving should be accompanied by kindness, friendliness, and enthusiasm. He concluded by saying that your business in life is "your life".

find ways and means of easing tensions and bringing the power of Christ to bear upon all the world.

Yours is the privilege of seeing what good things God has shared and of making known to Him your awareness of such. May we with the writer of the Psalm say: "With my whole heart I will praise Thee."

## B. S. U. FALL CONVENTION

By JIMMY SIDES

On Friday, November 4, twenty-three students and four faculty members left for the First Baptist Church in Greensboro for the B. S. U. Fall Convention. Choir members had to leave before lunch, but the remaining students left about 1:30 Friday afternoon.

The four faculty members were Miss Davis, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Dorothy Hamrick, and Miss Copeland. Miss Davis and Mrs. Hamrick are the B. S. U. faculty advisors. All four of these ladies helped alleviate the transportation problem by taking their cars. Thank you very much.

After we arrived at the church, we were rather stiff and tired because of the long trip. However, we found that our tiredness had just begun, because the registration line was very long and moving very slowly. After an hour in line we secured our home assignments and were ready to go meet our hostesses.

While waiting in the registration line we met many of our former schoolmates and several friends we had during previous conventions. Many former "Gardner-Webbians" were there including Horace Broom, Leonia Lamm, Janet Walker, Barbara Wall, and Ector Hamrick. Meeting these people made us feel waiting a great deal more enjoyable.

Two of our students stayed with the pastor of the church, Dr. Bowen. Two of the students have been bragging about their stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bland. They had a private room with its own bath, large antique bed with a twin-control electric blanket, full closet, and a dresser with a marble top. The Blands picked them up after every session, took them home for their meals. They made us feel like we were at home, and we seemed just like a part of the family. Dr. Bowen said one of the boys, The Blands are symbolic of a majority of the hostesses.

Miss Welthy Fisher spoke Friday evening about foreign missions, especially those fields in the Far East. She emphasized the need of us in this world by saying that the world is looking to the youth of today for the carrying of God's word and Christ to all the world. She told about her work in the Far East which showed the need of missions and consecrated missionaries for that field.

Rev. Doug Aldridge gave a short devotion before each session. There were five sessions in all. He centered his theme around looking at the world through a telescope. The job we must do, through the same telescope. That telescope was most probably the love of God.

The Saturday address was delivered by Dr. J. P. Allen, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Charlottesville, Va. His address was entitled "My Life - Redeemed." It would be useless to try to say in a few short sentences what he said in fifty minutes. Every statement he made brought out a new idea. He drove home the points that God is Love; God cannot help loving us because it is His nature to love; when we are regenerated through Christ, He must have our life in total; redemption changes and is not a "wash" but an "is", present into past; we must get together with Christ by living day by day and year by year with Him; Christ gets in our lives through our experiences; emotion is the drive stuff of life; therefore, put just as much emotion in redemption as there is in you, or in other words, just be yourself in relation to emotion; you get most out of life by living together; and if you need emotion use it; and Jesus would have died for any individual if you had been the only one on earth.

## THE AFTER YEARS

The after years bring peaceful dreams of quiet lakes. An whispering pines and honeysuckle scented paths. A searching glance into the sky to see a mail plane in its lofty flight glide past—No danger there—

We think no more—nor wish to think of a death's hand that crept along a silent trench. And snatched our nation's breath away. No frantic cry of "Medic" wakes us in our restful sleep.

The after years bring hopes renewed of stopping Hell's troops. And giving way and inviting grace to spread. The marble stillness of moonlight's quiet hour. On land and sea, on village, church and home.

—Harold Long.

## "MAN TO MAN"

Q. What is God's will for the investment of your life? God's call to foreign mission service comes to many young people. His call may come to you.

A. Why should you give up the advantages of home to go to a far away place? There are millions of people over the world who have never heard the gospel. While the harvest is great the laborers are few. If you are called to go on the mission field, it is the only way the world will bring joy to you. The primary purpose for going to the mission field is to share the "good news" of Jesus Christ with those who do not know it.

What could you do on the mission field? There is a need on the mission field for doctors, general field workers, teachers, nurses, homemakers, and agriculturists, as well as for preachers.

## HOW DOES CHEATING AFFECT YOU?

Have you ever taken time to analyze your character? Is your life as it is and what is done to your character?

Here are some of the derogatory characteristics of cheating. It is unwholesome; it kills self-respect and destroys character. Cheating is deception; it cultivates intentional dishonesty. Cheating is lying. Cheating makes of a person a counterfeit. Cheating is compromise; it is stooping to disgrace. Cheating is lying; falsely asserts an unpossessed knowledge. Cheating is theft; it gets valuable things, without the price thereof.

Cheating is sin; it is a willful violation of the will of God. Now take the points with which you are cheating. Cheating is lying. Compare these and find out if cheating is actually worth the worry of being discovered and knowing that you are a cheat by building yourself up to something you are not.

## WHY LIVE?

Did you ever think WHY you want to live? What do you plan to accomplish in this life? We asked that question of a number of different people and here are some of the answers.

1. FOR MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. Then if he had no children or grandchildren he would not live. BUT some folks don't have any children or grandchildren.
2. TO MAKE SOME MONEY. Then those who do not make much money would not live. BUT some folks have been very little money.
3. TO SEE GOD'S BEAUTY. To enjoy God's love. To live for God's love beyond this life. BUT some folks don't have that outlook. WHY should they want to live?
4. TO SERVE MY FELLOW MAN AND GOD. BUT some folks would not use ALL their power to help. Should they WANT to live?

What has this to do with KNOWLEDGE? You can tell what folks are by what they want to live. What is YOUR purpose in living? What are YOU getting out of life that is really worth while? What would you hope to have when you die when you are through with THIS life? Do you consider yourself a success? Do you think you are really thought about life? There is YOUR KNOWLEDGE. All the actions of your life will be guided by what you give an answer to this question. Just WHY do you want to live?