THE MOUNTAIN TRAIL



FEATURES



MRS. JEAN PROPST

This is the beginning of Mrs. Propst's second year as high school language teacher. She teaches first, third, and forth year English, first and second year Spanish, as well as being in charge of the school library and helping with numerous activities.

Mrs. Propst was born in Benton, Tenn. and decided to be a teacher when in the third grade.

She has a B. A. Degree from Carson-Newman College. While in college, she was a member of the Hypatian Literary Society; Sigma Beta Pi, an honorary Spanish society; and Modern Portia, an honorary English society. She also worked in the college library. She received her Master's Degree in Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The first year Mrs. Propst taught was in 1948. She taught for two years, attended Southwestern the next three years, worked in the library one year, and has taught school the last six years. She taught English and Spanish in Tennessee and Texas. She also taught physical education two years.

Since she joined the church at the age of nine, she has been very active in church work.

Gladys Schroeder Jessie Harbison

## AN OLD FASHIONED THANKSGIVING

This is the season of Thanksgiving, so let us turn back the pages of time and see how our grandmothers and grandfathers spent Thanksgiving.

"It was a day of Thanksgiving all over our land, as all gathered in the churches to return thanks and offer prayers of gratitude.

"After the church services, the whole family would return home to the 'big house' for the big event, Thanksgiving dinner. It was a day of family gathering when all of the children, the grandchildren, the uncles, and the aunts, and the cousins would come together for one big dinner.

"Grandmother and the servants had spent days in preparing the dinner. She had bought the big gobbler for \$1.00 from the farmer who came to town with a wagon load of turkeys and all kinds of vegetables. When dinner was ready, every one went into the dining room where the big table was covered with a snowy damask cloth, and grandmother's pure white chins A second table was set in another room for the children.

"The grown folks lingered around the table, but the children were eager to go outdoors for their games. When the servants had cleared the table, all gathered around the big fire and cracked nuts and told tales of other Thanksgiving days. And then they would gather around the piano to sing the songs and hymns they loved. The children, tired of playing, came in to recibe the poems they had learned in school. If there was no snow for a sleigh ride, they brought to a close a very happy Thanksgiving Day."

The State : an Old Fashioned Thanksgiving, by Mrs. E.R. MacKethan

Georgetta Penland

WE THANK THEE ...

Thursday is Thanksgiving...What does it really mean? Thanksgiving for what? What does it signify?

For some, no doubt, Thanksgiving is nothing more than a holiday, a time of heavy eating, looking at football on T. V., going to movies--just a holiday, after which indigestion may be pronounced.

For others, Thanksgiving is a particulary American day. We are reminded of the Pilgrims--their funny shaped