

Special Memories Of Thanksgiving Linger With Orr And HARRISES

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Another Thanksgiving holiday has come and gone, but the fun and special way the day was spent will linger with many Charlotteans. The Post talked to several community people to find out what was different about this Thanksgiving compared to those celebrated in the past.

For Ms. Mae Orr, it was a trip to the home of Millie and Elmore Benjamin of Pensacola, FL. "It was the first Thanksgiving I spent away from family, but I thoroughly enjoyed myself," Ms. Orr revealed.

She and Mrs. Benjamin are elementary school chums. "Millie moved away when we were in the eighth grade," Ms. Orr explained. She pointed out they always kept close contact and Mrs. Benjamin has visited Ms. Orr in Charlotte a few times. "However, I had never gone to Pensacola to visit her. I was there Thanksgiving Day and we had a very nice dinner. However, the holiday was really just beginning for the two long-time friends. They left Pensacola the Friday after Thanksgiving and started for New Orleans to attend the Southern and Gram-

bling College football game. "I had never been in a crowd of over 80,000 black people and it was exciting," she exclaimed. Ms. Orr even had the opportunity to see presidential candidate Jesse Jackson who also attended the game. One who admires the game of the pigskin Ms. Orr and the Benjamins decided to stay in New Orleans long enough to see the New Orleans Saints beat the Minnesota Vikings 17-16. "It was the first time I attended a professional football game." One factor which made the Saints-

Vikings game a sure thriller was that former Charlottean David Wayner was on the winning side. While many Charlotteans ate turkey to the pitter patter of rain against their roofs, Ms. Orr was in Pensacola enjoying "blooming flowers and snow-white sand." She stated, "I had a fantastic time." And while it's always good to see family and friends, Mrs. Orr admitted she was not ready to return to the Queen City. The mother of one, Ms. Orr is a health instructor with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg

School System and is the owner of Omnia Gift Shop, 3201-D Beatties Ford Road. Eric and Sharon Harris also lived a Thanksgiving which they will never forget. It was the first Thanksgiving they spent as a married couple. Sitting in his office at North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Eric happily recalled the day. "It was very nice," he pointed out. "My wife, Sharon, fixed a delicious dinner." Though Eric has always enjoyed Thanksgiving dinners in the past, he mentioned this one was especially good. "It seems Sharon put something

special into every dish because it was our very first Thanksgiving since being married," Eric continued. Another reason Thanksgiving was special was because Eric's mother's funeral was the day before. "It

made me realize how thankful I should be to have my wife," Eric spoke. Spending the day with the Harris' were Loretta Manago, Gary Mumford, Peggy Sims and Bart Crawford. "We served on

our very best china which we received as a wedding gift," laughed Harris. For him nothing was better than consuming a lot of food and football and sharing the day with his wife and best friends.

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