### OUR NATIONAL HOLIDAY

There are holidays and holi days. Chri ir as and New Years ar e cosme mitan-are the property of no particular people, but yet are joyously observed by may an American holiday. origiin conception and growing m a small beginning until it reached the dignity of a naal event. Its first celebraion was by the Plymouth colopay in 1621-those sturdy pioneers whose piety was as pronounced as their pluck, who honered themselves by honoring their Deity. The custom soon became more general, spreading all over the New England States. After the revolution it gradually extended to the middle states and later into the west, growing more slowly in the south. In 1868 the patriotic Lincoln forever established it in the list of holidays by proclaiming a day of Thanksgiving. His action being prompt ly followed by the individual proclamations of the governors of the states, who named the same day. Since then, by common consent the first announcement of the day is found in the President's Proclamation and the day so named is also named by the

It is believed by many people that Thanks giving was invented to give the turkey a distinction and a prestige and to give us a medium through which to offer gratitude while experiencing perennial thrills of pleasure. The selection of the turkey for the star part was happy, because every one likes turkey, be it hot, cold or canned. Unlike veal, canned beef or fish balls, the turkey is a concrete symphony that causes every soul to ripple in song. Old and young alike are victims of its peerless quality. The young eat it with their first teeth, the middle aged eat it with their second teeth, the third masticate it with their third or store teeth, and it is even more foothsome to the toothless. The cranberry's chief distinction is that which it enjoys in being the tail end of the Thanks-giving ticket.

The first Thanks-giving having occurred in 1621, it seems strange that the furkey did not then and there become the national bird. he terkey may not equal the gle as a Fourth of July minstrel, but as a biped calculated to gild the fleeting moments of the Thanks-giving feast, he so far outsoars the eagle that to com are them seriously would be like casting exalic acid upon the ex.

TIURCH AND SCHOOL ON LITTLE RIVER, PASQUO-TANK COUNTY

(Continued from Page Two) self, preached and made a number of converts to the Quaker doctrine. This religious body grew Hyacinths, Narcissus, Tulips and in numbers and influence; and other flowering bulbs for growing according to Colonial Records at in water, pots and out door plant a monthly meeting held at Caleb ing to bloom, in winter and Bundy's in March 1703 it is a spring, make home bright and greed by Friends that a meeting cheerful by growing flowered house be built at Pasquotank with as much speed as possible. Later, between 1703 and 1706 this plan was carried out and on the banks of Symons Creek, an arm of Little River, between the land poultry. Just received a two ancient settlements of Nix- car of choice Pea Green Alfalfa onton and Newbegun Creek, the Hay. first Quaker meeting house and (with the exception of the old church in Chowan) the first house of wership in the state, was built rough and crude, was this house of God. Simple and plain, the large majority of the men and women gathered there. to worship in their quite undemonstrative way, the Power who had led them to this land of free dom. But the word preached to the silent listeners in that rude building inspired within them those principles upon which the foundation of the best citizenship of our state was laid. The church of New England

though long neglected of her chil dren in this distant colony, had by this time begun to waken to her duty towards the sheep of her fold in Carolina. Some where about 1700 a missionary society sent a clergyman to the settlement, and in 1708 the Rev. James Adams writes to her majesty, secretary in London, that the citizens of Pasquotank have agreed to build a church and two chapels. As to the location of these edifices, history remains silent. But that the church had been sowing good seed in this fertile soil is shown

by the account given by the Rev. that county.

According to the letter written Meeting House. by Mr. Adams to Her majesty's secretary, there had come into the county with the settlers from the West Indies, a learned publie spirited layman, named Chas. of the people, had established by 1705 a school house onSymons heek for the children of the settlers near by. Being a loyal on of the church of Englanhe insisted upon reading the morning and evening services of the church daily in his school. and he rearried his young char; es to join in the prayers and make the proper responses. So aithful and efficient a teacher id he prove that even the Qual ers who had suffered many things from the church of England "s well as from their dissenting rethren, were glad to send their hildren to his school.

The Colonial Records contain many references to the wide and benificent influence excited by Mr. Griffin, while acting in his two-fold capacity of teacher and lay reader in Pasquotank.

Governor Glover in a letter to the Bishop London in 1708 writes 'In Pasquotank, an orderly congregation has been kept together by the industry of a young gen tleman whom the parish have em ployed to read the services of the church of England. This gentleman being a man of unblemished life, by his decent behavior in that office and by apt disdiscourses from house to house, not only kept those he found. but gained many to the Church."

Again and again in the pages of the Colonial Record, Vol., I., are the praises of Charles Griffin sung though sad to say in the lat ter days of his life he seems to have fallen from grace and to have become involved in some scandal the particulars of which are not given.

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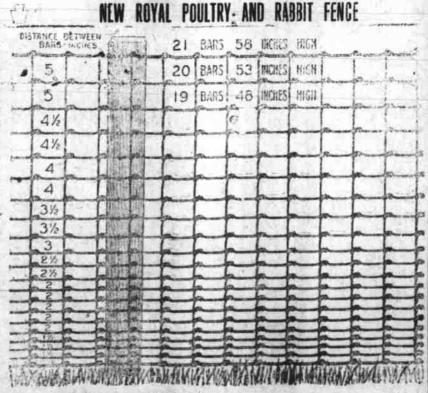
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