

Poel's Corner
 Conducted by
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THANKS
 When winter's finished sifting
 snowflakes into Spring
 feathered friends with harp
 and flute and zither bring
 chorus of thanksgiving for food
 and strength of wing.
 Faithless man awaits the age-
 ing of the year,
 When all the fruits of field and
 forest are mature,

more sure.
 Yet, even then, his harp may oft
 have broken strings,
 And oft his thanks ascend on
 crippled wings.
 When given only for material
 things
 James Peele Parker,
 Creative Writing Club.
 Mr. Parker's Thanksgiving poem
 is one that makes us think—not
 just an outpouring of thanks for
 "material things," many, the usual
 type. "For loving care and all
 that makes this world so fair," I
 thought as I glanced out of my
 window to thank God for the
 witch-hazel that had just burst into
 full bloom—the only tree that
 blooms in the fall! "All things
 were made by Him (Christ)"—
 John 1:3.

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May we thank Him not only for
 our material blessings, but also for
 the spiritual, that He who "was
 in the beginning with God" may
 "dwell in us richly in all wisdom."
 Then our harps will not "have
 broken strings" nor will our
 "thanks ascend on crippled wings."
 Anne Kendrick Sharp,
 Chr., Poet's Corner for the
 Creative Writing Club.

60 PRESENT FOR McCALL BIRTHDAY DINNER

A birthday dinner was given in
 honor of Mrs. F. V. McCall at her
 home on Sunday, Nov. 21. 60
 guests were present. Children and
 friends attending were: Dorris
 McCall and Shelia Jean, R. V.
 McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Stepp,
 and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin
 McCall, Joyce, Ted and Terry, Mrs.
 W. T. Rhodes, Levon, Mildred
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 Mrs. Otto Burleson, Phyllis, Wayne,
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 and Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Mor-
 row, Charles, Sidney, Pinkney,
 Sammie, Ronnie and Terry, Mrs.
 Jessie Shore and Margaret, Mr.
 and Mrs. Jimmy Pressley, Danny,
 Harry and Larry, Mr. and Mrs.
 John Parker, J. W., Bobby, Em-
 aline, Nancy, Janice and Dezarah,
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Randall and
 Nancy, Shirley Byrd, June Run-
 ion, Allene Burgess, Miss Tina
 Carraway, F. V. McCall and the
 honoree. Mrs. McCall received
 many lovely gifts.

—North Carolina farmers har-
 vested 300 acres of beets this year,
 seven per cent increase over last
 year.

—The cash farm income of North
 Carolina farmers dropped six per
 cent in 1953.

Chapel Bells

THANKSGIVING 1954

Many think that Thanksgiving started from the Pilgrim Fathers in 1621 when Governor William Bradford at Plymouth proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving. But Deuteronomy 16:13—"Thou shalt observe the feast of Tabernacle seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and wine." The Pilgrim Fathers were following the observance of the Jewish nation and her custom of offering gratitude and praise to God.

Through the early history of this, our country, there were many who fought the idea. For more than two hundred years Thanksgiving day was confined largely in the Eastern states. And it was not until George Washington, the first President of the United States, proclaimed November 26, 1789, as the first National Day of Thanksgiving that the idea began to grow and take hold of the hearts of the people of America.

If someone were to ask you today what Thanksgiving means to you, could you give them a quick and truthful answer? To many, there will be different meanings. To most it is a day of gratitude—Thanksgiving. There is one who has summed up the meaning in just a few words. Dr. William Peter King states: "First, it is a debt of gratitude to men. Gratitude is due all men who minister to us in our complex and interrelated relationships. In the realm of spiritual values we are indebted to men from all nations, creeds, and faiths. We are indebted to the men of the past for the priceless heritage they have passed on to us. We have entered into a heritage made sacred by the sacrifice and suffering of saintly spirits through the centuries.

"Second, we are indebted to the gratitude of God toward us. Our primary debt of gratitude is to God for the joys of life and for the measure of happiness that has come to us. People are prone to take as a matter of fact the pleasant things of life, but take up the quarrel with God when adversity comes. We are to be grateful in our sorrows as well as in joys. Gratitude in suffering springs out of the spiritual discernment that good results follow in the perfection of character. An old poem from the 11th century expresses the boundless mercy God has for us. Listen:

Could we with ink, the ocean fill,
 Were every blade of grass a quill,
 Were the world of parchment made,
 And every man a scribe by trade,
 To write the love of God above
 Would drain that ocean dry,
 Nor would the scroll
 Contain the whole
 Though stretched from sky to sky."

Yes, this is a day when all should have hearts and minds filled with deep gratitude. There will always be those who are the purveyors of doom and destruction but the assurance of victory rests on the fact that God is still a God of love. He constructed the world in such a way that nothing will really work but moral conduct.

"Fierce though the fight,
 Long though the angel hide
 We know that truth and right
 Have the universe on their side."

BE GRATEFUL THIS SEASON OF THANKSGIVING TO GOD, THE GIVER OF EVERY PERFECT GIFT.

By Chaplain James E. Rogers

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GI loan activities continued at a high level during September, Veterans Administration reported.

VA said appraisal requests for 89,493 proposed or existing homes and 57,175 GI home loan applications were received during the month.

The number of GI home loan applications received during September was a 3.9 percent decrease from the August total of 59,490 but was still the eighth highest month in GI loan history.

Of the 89,493 homes for which VA received appraisal requests, 51,265 were proposed homes and 38,228 were existing homes. The total was a 7.4 percent decrease from the August total of 96,621 but 153 percent over September 1953.

VA said that although the September totals in appraisal and loan applications were off slightly as compared with August, they were up on a work-day basis. There were two less work-days during the September reporting period (August 26-September 25).

A survey of VA-guaranteed loans closed during August, 1954, shows that 28.2 percent were made without a down payment compared with 15 percent of the loans closed last February.

The survey also disclosed that lenders are writing more loans with longer repayment periods. The number of loans being made for 25 years or more has increased from 55 percent in February, 1954, to 66.7 percent in August.

Q—I have a permanent GI insurance policy which lapsed several months ago. To reinstate, I understand I will have to pay all back premiums. Will I also be required to pay interest on the premiums?

A—Yes. You will be required to pay interest at the stipulated rate for your type of policy.

Q—As a member of the Reserves, I receive pay for attending weekly meetings and going on active duty for two weeks each year. Will this pay be deducted from the monthly allowance I receive as a student in college under the Korean GI Bill?

A—No. Reserve pay will not be deducted from your GI allowance. Neither will any other outside earnings you may receive. Under the law, the monthly allowance for school-going veterans remains the same, regardless of outside income of any kind.

—Modern automobile horns can startle. The State Motor Vehicles Department urges you to save the horns for emergencies. Don't startle someone into an accident.

—In 1902 T. H. Shelvin was arrested in Minneapolis for speeding in excess of 10 miles per hour. He was fined ten dollars.

W.N.C. HAIRDRESSERS PLAN FOR CONVENTION

The Western North Carolina Hairdressers association met Nov. 15 in the George Vanderbilt hotel to make plans for the state convention which is to be in Asheville in February. The next meeting will be Monday, Dec. 13 at 7:30

p. m. in the George Vanderbilt hotel.

Membership remains open and all beauticians are cordially invited to attend the next meeting.

—Drive twice as fast and you'll hit four times as hard. Speed is a deadly factor in auto collisions. Be smart—Slow Down and Live.

Sanatorium Will Receive 30 Gifts From Circle 1

Mrs. H. R. Miller was hostess to circle 1 of the Methodist church on Tuesday morning, Nov. 16 at 10 o'clock. Refreshments were served as the guests arrived and a period of fellowship was enjoyed before the meeting began. The chairman, Mrs. Miller, was in charge of the business meeting. The group decided to give 30 gifts for use at the W. N. C. san. for Christmas. The gifts should be wrapped and taken to the home of Mrs. J. P. Ashley as soon as possible.

Each member will bring a hand made gift to exchange at the December meeting when the Christmas party will be held. Mrs. Ashley will be hostess in December. Mrs. Mary Aleshire gave the devotionals using "Thanksgiving" as her theme. Mrs. Herbert Daugherty gave a chapter of the study book. Both speakers presented very inspirational messages.

Those present for the meeting were: Mrs. Mary E. Aleshire, Miss Caroline Hall, Mrs. Charles Fortune, Jr., Mrs. Kelly Benge, Mrs. M. J. Wyrick, Mrs. Herbert Daugherty, Miss Ruby Hall, Mrs. J. P. Ashley, Mrs. J. W. Bergthold, Mrs. Miller and Nancy, Chuckie Fortune, and three new members, Mrs. R. W. Walters, Mrs. W. N. Brown, and Mrs. Lewis Hayman.

MRS. E. N. CRUMPLER IS CIRCLE HOSTESS

Mrs. E. N. Crumpler was hostess to Circle 2 of the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 16, at her home on Montreat road.

Mrs. Glenn Bryan reviewed and discussed the sixth chapter "Wives and Mothers," taken from the study book, "The Master Calletth For Thee." Members voted to cooperate with the Western North Carolina Sanatorium in their Christmas program for the patients. Mrs. H. A. Kerlee, chairman, presided during the business meeting.

A social hour followed and refreshments served by the hostesses to Mrs. Henry T. Ware, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Robert Walters, Mrs. M. C. Dickens, Mrs. R. D. Rogers, Mrs. L. C. Jumper, Mrs. Frank Buckner, Mrs. J. T. Simpson, Mrs. Kerlee, and one small visitor, Leigh Brittain.

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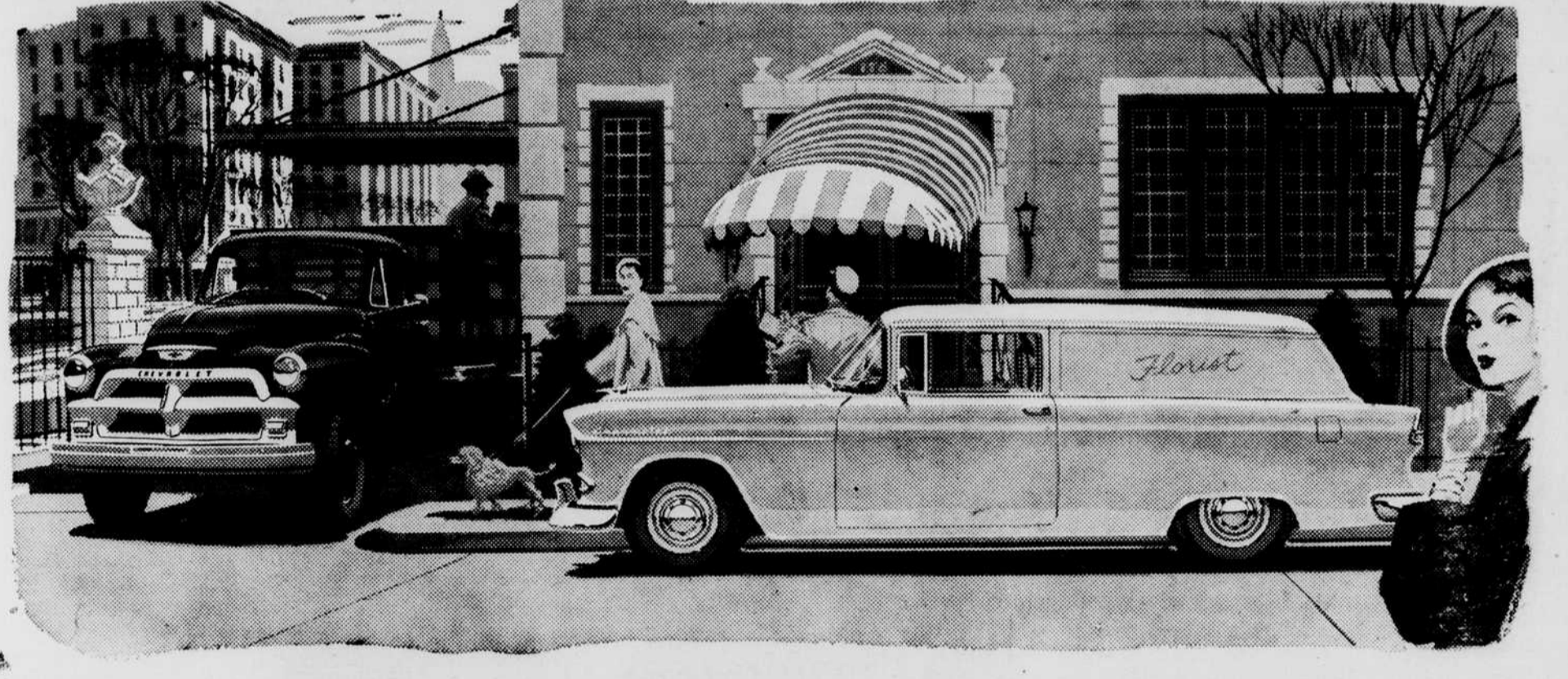


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