

The Pilgrims' First Thanksgiving Day

The grand old pilgrim father William Bradford, governor of the original New England colonies, belongs the honor of being the first to proclaim in America a general thanksgiving day which should be a festival as well as a day of thanksgiving. The month of November, 1623, had been a weary one to the bitterly tried pilgrims. Their months of toil and patient waiting for the ingathering of the harvest seemed about to end in the deepest disappointment. The earth was parched, the whole land cried out for rain, and the crops were being ruined for lack of moisture. It was under these depressing conditions that Pilgrim Father Bradford called together the little band of settlers and set apart a day to be devoted to fasting and prayer that the glassy skies might become cloud covered and the windows of heaven be opened to give life to the thirsting fields.



THE PILGRIMS' THANKSGIVING.

It did not look promising for a day of thanksgiving, and yet circumstances changed the day appointed for fasting and prayer to one of rejoicing, feasting and thankfulness. The pilgrims were in the very act of praying for rain when rain came. It came in such floods and it came so opportunely that the pilgrim fathers were convinced that Providence had smiled on the little band of forefathers.

William Bradford in his proclamation had called the day a feast of thanksgiving, and the best hunters in the colony had been scouring the adjacent woods for wild turkeys and

other game to supply the wants of the colonists and their guests. The kitchens of the pilgrims were crude and rough, but the good dames did their best, and the result was a repast satisfying and sumptuous enough for the most exacting. The menu consisted of roast turkey dressed with beechnuts, venison pasties such as the pilgrims knew so well how to make, savory meat stews with dumplings of barley flour, clam chowder served in enormous bowls with sea biscuits floating on the surface, roasts of all kinds, broiled fish, salads, cakes and plum porridge. Lastly, there was a bountiful supply of oysters, the contribution of Massachusetts and his ninety warriors to the first Thanksgiving bill of fare. The greatest dinner of the festival was given on Saturday, the last day of the celebration. History chronicles that it was one of the loveliest days of the Indian summer, and so mild was the weather that the good pilgrim dames were able to set their tables in the open air, and in the primitive forests in the wildest country, in a new and unexplored world, was celebrated the brightest and most joyous Thanksgiving on record.

Pickens Route 3.

On last Saturday night an enjoyable pound supper was given by Mr. and Mrs. Waddy Stewart, every one present enjoyed themselves very much. All left thanking Mr. and Mrs. Stewart for their kindness.

Everybody in this section is putting in good time gathering their crops and sowing grain.

Twelve Mile school will open Monday 25th with Prof. H. A. Towns as teacher.

Rev. W. C. Seaborn filled his first appointment at Mt. Grove Sunday, everybody is proud to have him for their pastor.

The county scrape is putting the roads in a good condition through this section.

A Farmer's Boy.

Bazaar.

A bazaar will be given by the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church in the C. E. Robinson store room (next door to Keowee Bank) next Friday evening, November 29, beginning about 6 o'clock. Fancy work of all kinds will be sold and oysters will be served in the various ways.

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EASLEY LOCAL NEWS LETTER

Prof. R. C. Burts, of Greenville, spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cheatham.

Mr. H. W. Wilkins, of Greenville, was the guest of Prof. and Mrs. W. W. Benson last week.

Miss Virgil Sellers, a student of the Greenville Female College visited her parents here last week.

Dr. and Mrs. C. N. Wyatt, Misses Ethel and Aileen Wyatt, Ella Hiott and Mr. Charles Wyatt spent last Sunday in Anderson.

The Ergatakin Club met at the home of Mrs. William Anderson last Friday afternoon.

After spending a few hours with needle work, a delicious sweet course was served.

Miss Lila Folger, of Central is the attractive guest of Miss Lyde Folger.

Mrs. James Carpenter visited relatives in the city last week.

The fifth annual meeting of the Philosophian Literary Society, was held in the school house auditorium last Friday night.

The program which is as follows, was splendidly carried out.

Music—Misses Jennie Robinson and Mary Wyatt.

Reading—Miss Eula Barton. Declamation—Frank Welborn.

Essay—Miss Ruth Thaxton. Extempore Speech—Mr. Frank Ellison.

Jokes—Mr. Billie Anderson. Debate: Resolved, That immigration is injurious to the United States.

Affirmative—Margaret Jameson, Lydie Thornton. Negative—Janet Bolt. Carl Perry.

As usual most interest centered in the debate which was among the best ever heard here. The judges who were Prof. R. C. Burts, Rev. C. D. Waller and Mr. H. W. Wilkins, decided in favor of the negative.

The ladies of the M. E. Church gave an oyster supper Saturday night for the benefit of the church.

Col. R. H. Smith of Greenville will deliver his famous lecture on "America from ocean to ocean," in the Auditorium Friday night, 29th inst. The

proceeds will go to the monument fund being raised by the U. D. C., to erect a monument to our confederate dead. If you miss Mr. Smith's lecture you will miss a treat.

Married by Rev. E. V. Babb at his residence Sunday morning Mr. Roy Smith and Miss Julian, both near Easley.

Mr. W. D. Spearman will move his family to Easley this week. Mr. W. D. Sittin has moved from Greenville back to Easley. We bid both a hearty welcome.

The Farmers and Merchants club, which was broken up a few weeks ago sold their furniture Saturday. Glad indeed are we to see the club go out of business.

Griffin News.

Health in this community is right good at present.

Miss Addie Leslie spent last Sunday afternoon with Miss May Freeman, of Pickens route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hendricks and family visited Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Hendricks last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Trotter were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Trotter last Sunday.

Misses Grace and Earrestine Hendricks from this community returned last Saturday from a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Hunt, of Dacusville.

Mrs. A. C. Smith, who has been suffering with rheumatism is much better at this writing.

Mr. S. P. Freeman, who has had his house started for some time, is now finishing it up on the inside with a nice plastering.

We are glad to know that the Sunday school at Griffin still has a good attendance. Mr. J. R. J. Anthony is a good superintendent and always insists on the people not going into winter quarters during the winter months.

On next Thursday the members of Griffin church will meet and hold Thanksgiving services. There will be several readings and recitations by the small children in connection with the regular services.

The farmers are taking advantage of the fine weather and much grain is being sown

Pleasant Grove News.

Mr. Editor: I will give you a few dots from this section, as I have been picking cotton all day and am very tired, I will not write much this time.

Mr. D. L. Barker went to Greenville yesterday on business. He went down on the Greenville & Knoxville train which is a big enterprise to this section.

Mr. Reigle of Greenville was through this section yesterday in his automobile looking after a big lot of timber that he has bought from Mr. Perry Bates. He is putting in a new saw mill plant and is going to ship his lumber and cross ties to foreign markets. He has a lot of good timber and says he will make a good sum.

Mrs. Reumma-Hagood who has been quite ill with pneumonia fever, is improving at this writing and we hope she will soon be up again.

Mr. William Hawkins an old Confederate soldier, who has been on the sick list for a long time is able to knock around the yard once more, he is 78 years old.

Mr. Drake McConnell has his saw mill on Mr. J. P. Anders place cutting some fine lumber and cross ties, as cross ties are about the order of the day now.

The singing at Pleasant Grove church Sunday evening was very good as some of those that attended say. Your writer did not have the pleasure of being present.

The new church that is being built at this place is going to be a nice one when completed. It is 36x50 feet long and will seat about 400 people it does not like very much being ready for dedication, Rev. J. E. Foster is the supply for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Anderson, visited their daughter Mrs. J. F. Rigdon last Sunday, they were from Oolenoy section.

The Pleasant Grove school will open next Monday Nov. 25, with Mr. Grover Keith teacher. We hope all of the patrons will take interest in the school and send their children.

Mr. J. R. Duncan who has been visiting relatives in Anderson county has returned home, he also has a cow that's very sick with hollow horn.

A Farmer.

Huff-Hunt.

Memorable in the lives of some was the event which took place in the little city of Liberty on the 20th inst., at 12:30 p. m., when Mr. Sam B. Huff led to the altar Miss Meda Lee, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hunt. To the beautiful strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march splendidly rendered by Mr. Willie Hunt, brother of the bride, they entered the parlor and stood before Rev. D. W. Hiott, who after a brief ceremony pronounced them husband and wife. Mr. Huff is the youngest son of the late Mr. P. D. Huff, of Greenville. He is a graduate of the Peiss Electrical school of Washington, D. C. He is now one of the most prominent young farmers in the St. Albans section of Greenville county. Mr. Huff belongs to one of the old and honored families of Greenville county, while Miss Hunt is one of the most charming and best of our many excellent young ladies of Liberty. She is a most excellent teacher and an accomplished young woman.

Those who were present were Miss Otis O'Dell, of Liberty, Mr. Chapman, of Liberty; Miss Corrie Huff, sister of the groom; Mr. Junius Garrison and Miss Mary Garrison, of Greenville.

A real old time sensible dinner was served and the bride and groom boarded the southbound train No. 11 for Atlanta, Ga., and other points. After a few weeks they will be at home to their friends at the splendid old country home of the groom near St. Albans in Greenville county. May the barque on which these young people have embarked, sail over smooth waters until at last when they anchor the craft may it be in the harbor of rest and peace.

Miles P. Singleton.

A dispatch from Westminster, dated November 20, says: Miles P. Singleton, a highly respected citizen of Oconee, died suddenly at his home on Tugaloo river, seven miles below Westminster, this morning at 5 o'clock. Heart failure was supposed to be the cause of his death. Mr. Singleton was in his 81st year. He had been married 58 years last Saturday. He is survived by his widow and

eight children. Mrs. Singleton was a Miss Higgins, of near Easley. The children are George and Thomas Singleton, of this county, Rev. H. L. Singleton, of the South Carolina Conference, Rev. J. F. Singleton, of Milledgeville, Ga. W. A. Singleton of the railway mail service, A. W. Singleton, of Easley, Mrs. J. T. Porter of near Westminster and Miss Sallie Singleton.

Mr. Singleton was a native of Pickens. Funeral services will be conducted at his late residence tomorrow afternoon. His body will be laid to rest in the cemetery of Nazareth M. E. church at 2 p. m., with Masonic honors.

A Great Building Falls

when its foundation is undermined, and if the foundation of health—good digestion—is attacked, quick collapse follows. On the first signs of indigestion, Dr. King's New Life Pills should be taken to tone the stomach and regulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Pleasant, easy, safe and only 25 cents at Pickens Drug Company.

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All lands, all stations and all rail
And the cry comes up along the
For what shall we give thanks today
Give thanks.

For peace and plenty, busy mills,
"The cattle on a thousand hills,"
For bursting barns, wherein is stored
The golden grain, a precious hoard;
Give thanks.

For orchards bearing rosy fruit,
For yielding pod and toothsome root
And all that God declared was good
In hill or dale or field or wood,
Give thanks.

For water bright and sweet and clear,
A million fountains far and near;
For gracious streamlets, lakes and hills
That flow from everlasting hills;
Give thanks.

For summer dews and timely frost,
The sun's bright beams, not one ray lost;
For willing hands to sow the seed
And reap the harvest, great indeed;
Give thanks.

For hearts and home, love's altar fires;
For loving children, thoughtful wives;
For tender mothers, gentle wives,
Who fill our hearts and bless our lives;
Give thanks.

For heaven's care life's journey through,
For health and strength to dare and do,
For ears to hear, for eyes to see
Earth's beautiful things on land and sea,
Give thanks.

—M. A. Kidder in New York Sun.
A protracted meeting will be
gin in the Presbyterian church
Liberty, on next Saturday
p. m., conducted by Rev. S. W.
DuBois, of Toccoa, Ga. Every
body is invited to attend these
services.

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