

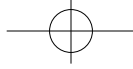
THANKSGIVING

As I stand here gazing out Grandma's window, I don't see a ray of sunshine anywhere. It's bleak and dreary outside, no one around anywhere. It seems it always gets like that when it's not sunny out. I can hear the sharp whistle of the wind; dark clouds have filled the sky. But there's one thing this miserable day can't do. The winds can howl and the clouds can fill the sky, but it can't take away the smells of Grandma's cooking and the scent of her hot apple pies. Over in the corner Grandpa is asleep in his easy chair, his chin's resting on his chest. He has a smile on his face; I know he smells Grandma's delicious cooking, too. Frisky, their cat just jumped up into his lap. I thought for sure that it would wake him from his nap. His lips only vibrated more, and he never missed a snore.

Finally, Frisky jumped down off his lap, went and lay down by the door. Out in the kitchen, Grandma just went over to check the oven. She opened the oven to check on the big turkey she has in baking. The flavor almost knocks me off my feet. Man! The aroma of that turkey is something else, along with those apple pies. I glance out the window again. White flashes began to fill the sky, followed by long rolls of thunder, which in turn, is followed by heavy rain drops that beat down on the window panes. The lightning flashes quicker, the thunder gets louder, and the rain by now is coming down in torrents.

"Sounds like it's getting awfully bad out," Grandma says, put-





WEDDING FROM HEAVEN

Once upon a time, a girl met this boy, and they fell in love. It seemed their love for each other was sent from God above. They were so in love with each other it seemed like it was staged. After only three months, they became engaged. Their eyes sparkled as they hugged and kissed. And when they looked into each other's eyes, the whole heavens opened up with magical bliss. Their arms were always around each other wherever they went, and you just knew these two were heaven sent.

Three months after their engagement they were wed, and their wedding was a sight to behold. The bride and groom both sparkled like gold. The cute little flower girl looked like an angel in her little yellow dress, she stood out among the rest. It seemed like she was sent from the bigger angels from above, sent to wish the bride and groom much love. She moved about with such wonder and grace, I know she cast a wonderful magic spell all over the place. Over by the bride and groom, and in his white suit, black shoes and bright yellow tie, stood the best man. You would have thought he was from the holy land. The bridesmaid in her blue silk dress just went swishing by. She looked so beautiful with her long black hair flowing, and she had such a twinkle in her eye. Then there was the preacher with his dark suit and golden tie. He had snow-white shoes on his feet. It all looked like something from out of the heavens, it was so breathtaking and neat.

