

has ever occurred to her. But Patty's loyal to a fault and what she lacks in philosophical acumen she more than makes up for in dogged practicality.

Marcy graduated from The Citadel and is career military. Or was. She's retired from the army now, and supplements her pension by working as a Fed Ex courier.

Schroeder, a virtuoso pianist at six years of age, went on to several colleges of musicology and studied in Vienna for a while. He is now Conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra and on all accounts is the finest conductor at the Academy of Music since Eugene Ormandy.

Then there's Pig Pen, but I think I'll let him surprise you. For now I'll just say that he's been quite successful as a field representative for Proctor & Gamble.

Last, I will re-introduce you to Linus. He is central to the drama about to begin. Linus, in the days he inhabited the imagination of Charles Schultz, gave evidence of some pretty deep-seated security issues. With extensive therapy he managed to substitute a pipe for his thumb, but could never bring himself to part with his blanket. The compromise that came out of those sessions was the conversion of the blanket into a sweater (which he has managed to preserve impeccably). But even after an intellectual odyssey that took him through Harvard Divinity School, he never relaxed his fervent faith in *The Great Pumpkin*.

## II

### Apologetically Perplexed

"Pumpkin, Shmumpkin," muttered Dr. Brown as he pored once again over a tome of apologetics. This time it was Van Til's *Defense of the Faith*. Last night it was Gordon Clark's *A Christian View of Men & Things*. And the night before that it was, well . . . Robert Reymond's *The Justification of Knowledge*. But what difference did it make? Brown was a deeply conscientious presuppositionalist, but the presuppositionalism on his library shelves exhibited a chronically divided camp. Dared he think that this betokened a foundational incoherence of starting point? "No," he resolved (presupposed?), even though the 'no' lacked conviction.