

Prayers of Thanks Theme 'Deliverance' And Preservation 'The American Way'

1621. One year previous, the Pilgrims, physically weary but inwardly content and hopeful, had first heard the waves at Plymouth tumble up onto the yellow sand, had felt the waters caress their aching feet, then had listened as each spent wave slid back into the ocean with sighs that seemed echoes of their own of relief. One year ago they had attacked the near-sterile New England soil and squeezed from it enough for a plentiful harvest.

1621, and after their first year in America, the Pilgrims gathered up the fruits of their harvest and in a public festival gave thanks to God for his benevolence. This was the first Thanksgiving, and observance soon became general around New England. After the revolution the custom gradually extended to embrace the middle states and later the west. To the south it crept more slowly. Since 1863 its observance has been annually recommended by the President.

IN 1621 the Pilgrims had much to be thankful for, and more significant, their blessings were held in vivid relief when backed against the shadows of their previous existence. The effects of their tormented life in England were still etched clearly in their minds. Just a year ago they had bolted from under the

heel of religious intolerance. After a year in America, they had reason to eye the future hopefully. They could exercise, unhindered, those freedoms which, to them, constituted a new and glorious experience.

Then America began to develop. Progress seemed limitless. In the throes of this development the freedoms that were guarded zealously and jealously by the Pilgrims were coming to be taken for granted by Americans—along with every element in the country's material progress. America was elevated to a world power. The country seemed unassailable, secure.

TODAY, however, those freedoms are being waved before the public. They are being threatened, severely threatened, from without. Young men are being recruited for possible shedding of blood in their defense. Today we don't feel too secure. We are girding for war.

This year Thanksgiving takes on an added significance. For the first time since 1621 those freedoms so cherished by the Pilgrims are being clasped with determination to the collective hearts of America. This year we'll celebrate with grim foreboding. Our prayers of thanks will be cloyed with pleas for deliverance from this danger and for the preservation of all that is America... "The American Way."—J.K.

Writer Predicts

It's Hari-Kari for Japan

By WILLIAM HAIGHT

The concensus of multiple observers seems to be that the suave, sophisticated Saburo Kurusu, envoy extraordinary for Japan, will fail in his mission of negotiation with the United States.

The demands of the Japanese government could not be met by any self-respecting government. Japan could not withdraw from her commitments and remain a world power, or for that matter retain the type of government she now has.

For some time the Japanese government has been conducting a terrific campaign amongst the Japanese people against Great Britain, and the United States. Today they are saying their incident in China has been in reality a war with the United States and Great Britain.

ABC Strangle Hold

All over the Nippon land huge billboards are picturing a map of Japan completely surrounded by a rope. The rope is labeled the ABC encirclement powers, and inside is a sharpened spear, ready to cut the rope. By pictures, by word, and by the dramatic flight of Kurusu the Japanese government is preparing the people for war with the United States and Great Britain.

As we fail to understand their respected individual hari-kari process so the average American may fail to understand why they would perform hari-kari on a national scale.

Our position seems somewhat more tenable. President Roosevelt has committed this nation to the task of eliminating Hitler and the type of government Hitler symbolizes.

A Carbon Copy

Basically the Japanese government is the same in purpose and intent. The totalitarian contempt and cruelty to minorities is as much a part of the Japanese expansive program as it has been a part of Germany's plan.

The rape of Nanking will go down in military history as one of the outstanding pages in human bestiality. The ruthless elimination of Chinese has been going on for Japan says four years.

Most of the undesirable qualities evidenced in the European totalitarian powers may be found in the Japanese governmental organization. Our president has committed this nation to the destruction of that type of government. We could not continue waging an undeclared war against Germany and then appease the same forces in the Pacific.

We will fight. We will destroy the Japanese military machine. Japan might well note the general apathy of the public towards a war with Japan is no sign of the strength and determination of our more than ready navy.

Trade Last...

By MARY WOLF

To an Old Love

I'm glad that I'm invited
To watch as you are wed.
Of course, I am delighted,
And I'm glad it's he instead.
—Skiff.

Michigan State College—Phi Delta Theta men are looking for a real estate agent, and they don't want to sell or buy a house. For some unknown entrepreneur of land and houses mistakenly listed the telephone number or address of the Phi Delt house under a house for sale ad the other day with the description "House for sale—\$2,000—\$75 a month." Prospective buyers kept the fraternity men busy all day answer the telephone. The standard sales patter Phi Delt men dished out was "It has two bedrooms and sleeps 42 persons," which stopped

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'bit' parts

By ROY METZLER

Movie of the week: "It started With Eve" starring Deanna Durbin and Charles Laughton. Every Deanna Durbin picture has been a hit and this one proves to be no exception. Deanna has outgrown her "little girl" parts and emerges with a role that provides greater acting abilities. The story is cleverly woven around the old inheritance plot with a few more twists. Laughton is very good, in fact the picture all the way through is excellent.

Technique of the week: The entire film, "Destiny" will be shot with a wide-angle lens. This is the first time that it has ever been tried. The reason for the large lens on the camera is that "Destiny" is a horror picture and it picks up 40 per cent more background than other lenses. The background with massive interiors, fog and other effects is important to the mood of the yarn and only the wide-angle lens can capture enough of it.

New business of the week: Walt Disney is not content with just making animated cartoons. He plans to open his studio commissary to the public. The plan was tried out last week when he opened the restaurant to nearby Lockheed employees. Disney hopes to put the place on a paying basis with this new policy.

Radio news of the week: The music of Fred Waring has not been very soothing to Amos 'n' Andy for the past few radio surveys. The crew that is tooting its horns for Chesterfield in the NBC red spot opposite the burnt cork comics five times a week has been Waring on the nerves of the opposition to the extent that the double A's went out and for the first time in their long careers decided to muscle a little publicity space via press agent hand-outs.

Artist of the week: Salvador Dali, the most famous of the surrealists whose fantastic paintings have stirred more controversies in art circles than any in years, has been hired to prepare and execute a "nightmare sequence" for the film "Moon Tide."

Dali will present on the screen his conception of what goes on through a man's mind when he has reached the first stages of inebriation. Mark Hellinger, famed columnist, will produce the picture.

Re-issue of the week: "The Gold Rush," starring Charlie Chaplin, was one of the first films

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Progress Without Subsidy...

IN spite of the fact that they receive no actual financial grant from student funds, the campus organizations of the YMCA and YWCA have become two of Oregon's most outstanding student activities.

Their attempt for University recognition as an accredited student activity is one that has ended in failure, but the resulting refusal of funds by the educational activities board was not based on a lack of enthusiasm for the work being done by both sections of the "Y." It was rather a decision based on treatment of "basically religious" organizations in other schools and colleges in the west.

The story of the Y presidents' request for aid is a long one. It was last spring, just after the new executive committee came into existence, that these two leaders asked for official recognition as ASUO activities, to be placed on a par with WAA, service honoraries, and other similar activity groups. Their request was granted, but no money allotted.

THIS fall they asked the educational activities board, which on this campus controls ASUO funds, for active support. Previous to this request, they were (and are) provided buildings for headquarters, lights, water, heat, repairs, janitors, and insurance.

A detailed survey of the treatment of these two groups on other western campuses showed a unanimous agreement that colleges and universities do not subsidize YWCA and YMCA work as a regular student activity.

It was logical that the activities board, never particularly free with funds, should declare itself unable to fulfill the request for backing beyond that of a place to live.

IT goes without saying, however, that the campus work of the YWCA and the YMCA is a valuable contribution to the campus, both in its provision for activities and its development of the religious aspect.

The YWCA claims nearly 500 campus women, and provides a well-organized system of activity sponsorship. The YMCA, although a comparatively smaller group, serves as a center for unaffiliated men as well as carrying on its usual functions. Together they provide a cultural and educational element in student life that could not be replaced. And it is especially commendable because they manage such an extensive program almost entirely "on their own." So few student activities are left to their own government today, that the YWCA and the YMCA are in reality strongholds of the idea that individual effort is still the essence of real progress.

White Lies

By WHITELY

What a week... the water has finally drained out of the Sigma Chi basement, and Butch Thompson doesn't have to pour gallon after gallon of petrol to try and keep his pledges from freezing to death. The Kappa Sigs brought out the crying towel when their basebent flooded, and they couldn't have their "Love Tunnel" at their house dance... 'Tis just as well... Everyone last week was scared to death about their house dance for fear the high authorities of this campae would misinterpret the slightest shinnannigans.

Big Theta blowoff last week. Janice Gifford took Fiji Bob Berman's pin. They're both studying medicine, and will probably wind up at Johns Hopkins together. AOPi's Barbara Rampe joined the exclusive "pin of the week" club the Phi Sigs inaugurated when Jerry Thompson hung his brass. What I can't figger out is what happened to the Deltas... no score for this week.

Seen lots these wintry days huddling to keep warm... Kappa Sig's Norm F. Foster and DG's "de gal wid de eyes" Marge Turner. Alpha Phi's Jane Baker and Rod Taylor, Phidelt pledge. Can't figger out all the swains that Gaynor Thompson has... My edding machine broke, but the Gammaphi house is swamped these days. Oh yeah... Betty Kincaid is out on the loose again and F. Pat Sutton has Stan Skillicorn's Sigmanoo joolry... Maybe pin planting is against campus regulations for them now, and will be housed in the Lane county jail for this awful deed. The Betas really had a tea party in the place of their usual whingding fall house dance. Jim Newquist, Koch and the rest of the boys who tried to get back via Springfield darned near drowned before they got home. Everyone who went to Seymour's up the river had to come back by way of Harrisburg and didn't show up for their dances till after 11.

Everyone's going to Seattle for the Washington game. Some of

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