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Why Should Thanks Be Given?

VACATION! Two whole days! Yes, each year around the end of November schools are dismissed for two days while students and faculty members enjoy a restful vacation. Why? Because Thanksgiving has arrived once more.

You set yourselves at the table on that day with eyes appraising the heavy laden board before you. A plump turkey lies steaming on the platter which is surrounded by decorative foods too numerous to mention. Yes, this indeed is Thanksgiving.

What do you know about this joyous day beside the fact that the entire family is home once more and the air is filled with delicious odors and much merrymaking?

"Oh," you say, "everyone knows the story of the first Thanksgiving and how the poor Pilgrims gave thanks. We're just following the custom of our Pilgrim forefathers."

To a great part of the American public the true meaning of an "old-fashioned" Thanksgiving has been buried in the gaiety of celebrating and feasting.

On that day of praise so many years ago, the Pilgrims had much for which to be thankful. For though the year had been a long and trying one, those who survived knew that they had gained more than the experience of correct planting or living peacefully with the Indians. They had gained a priceless knowledge which was enlarged upon to bear great effect on our present day manners of life and freedom of government.

If you, the American people, had nothing more than the Four Freedoms to praise, you would have much more than any other nation in the world. You have such a great supply of tangible, as well as intangible, possessions that you are unable to recognize them as blessings for which to be thankful. Every American should remember that without this American way of life he or she would have very little to be grateful for.

We, the staff of the "Amplifier" sincerely hope that every student and faculty member will have a joyous Thanksgiving, always remembering the true meaning and significance of the day.

Old Advice for Modern World

A friend is one who dislikes the same people that you dislike.—Anonymous

The eyes believe themselves; the ears believe other people.—German proverb

Thou shouldst eat to live; not live to eat.—Cicero

Critics are the people who have failed in literature and art.—Disraeli

Common sense is very uncommon.—Horace Greeley

The Communist is a Socialist in a violent hurry.—G. W. Bough.

Beauty is the first present Nature gives to women, and the first it takes away.—Mere

Optimism: A cheerful frame of mind that enables a tea kettle to sing though in hot water up to its nose.—Anonymous

When our vices leave us, we flatter ourselves with the idea that we have left them.—La Rochefoucauld

The secret of being tiresome is in telling everything.—Voltaire

You think, therefore you are.—Descartes

He who falls in love with himself will have no rivals.—Franklin

THE BOY WHO REMEMBERS DATES SO EASILY



THE GIRL WHO CAN'T MAKE UP HER MIND



THE BOY WHO'S SURE HE KNOWS IT ALL ALREADY



Thespians Revive 'Roaring Twenties'

With the theme of "The Roaring 20's," the second annual "Fall Frolic" was sponsored by the Thespian Troupe 870 of West Linn under the able directorship of Alexander B. Hays. Miss Virginia Lubeck served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

The West Linn Band led by Louis Gilles played "Baby Mine" before the "Frolics" started.

The Chorus came dancing out to the tune of "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue." JoAnne Simmons and Sharon Stein sang a duet entitled "Telling It to the Daisies." Next Willina Adams danced and sang "Varsity Drag." The Ukelele Quintet played and sang "Yes, Sir, That's My Baby." Then the chorus gave their version of the "Charleston," a dance that was very popular in the '20's.

Miss Diana Murphy gave her interpretation of "Sorry, Wrong Number." This was one of Diana's dramatic parts; in the past she has delighted everyone as a comedienne.

The second act had a "Wild West" background. Bonna and Yvonne Fritchie, Sharon Stein, JoAnne Simmons, Don Duval, Don Atchison, Don Jones and John Danehy danced a square dance. Following that, Roy Shearer played "Red River Valley" on his musical saw. Jack Nelson played "My Sweetheart Polka" on his violin. Then Roy Shearer held the spotlight again, this time singing "Wagon Wheels." Pansy, the wonder horse, was introduced to the audience. The Fritchie Sisters sang "Babysitters Blues" and as an encore they sang "Swiss Yodeler's Song."

During the intermission Mrs. Mansfield and her guitar trio played "Blue Hawaiian."

As the second part began, Miss Carolyn Heisley sang a medley of three: "Waltzing in the Clouds," "Kiss in the Dark," and "Let's Take an Old-Fashioned Walk." Assisting her on the latter was Don Atchison. Ed Bradshaw accompanied. The Trumpet Trio—Scott Lehner, Leroy Lundy and Ray Abrahamson—played "Whispering." Next Mr. Hays did a soft-shoe dance while the Fritchie Sisters sang "Room Full of Roses." A Hula Chorus of 7 girls—Carolyn Heisley, JoAnne Simmons, Betty Ankersmit, Diana Murphy, Jackie Steuart, Peggy Lander and Doris Corderman—did the Hula-Hula in black light. Anne Lander did an acrobatic dance in black light. Following that, Carolyn Heisley sang "Bali Hai," and as a finale Billie Adams danced and sang "Diga Diga Doo."

Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:

Mr. Oppenlander tries so hard, but nobody will appreciate his very good movies. If there is a free movie, almost everybody will come. If the movies have a community sing with a comedy, we like the comedy; we laugh, whistle and clap when it is finished.

But when we have a community sing, many of us just groan, get up and walk out. By leaving early we might miss part of the movie besides disturbing the rest of the audience which is good enough to remain.

How many of us ever think of the way Mr. Oppenlander feels? I'll bet he feels bad because he tries so hard. He gets the movies we want as soon as he can get them so why don't all of us just stay and see the entire movie?

A fellow student,
Gordon Dickinson.

Dear Editor:

West Linn, as we all know, has quite a few activities in sports as well as clubs. As the letters are given out at the end of each season for a sport such as boys' football, basketball and track, fellow students look at the large letters with longing eyes and wish they had been the lucky ones.

I think that NO small letters should be given out! Those who do receive small letters treasure them as much as the larger ones; only I do not think it fair for those that work just as hard as the next person to receive only a small letter. Managers of the teams should receive large letters too!

Why don't they do entirely away with small letters and let those who have earned a letter in minor sports, as tennis and other sports, receive full credit or none at all!

A rumor has recently been brought up that swimming should be considered a minor sport, and therefore receive a small letter, and that to my idea is decidedly unfair.

Some student might be a winner or a champion, who has brought us back a trophy or pennant, yet still receive only a small letter to their credit. These small letters will only take a small space on a sweater which a person has to look twice to see.

Another point I wish someone would explain is this: the major teams takes in money for the athletic funds, but still schools put out more money for these than the minor teams.

Why should there be two dif-

Bernie Herrmann's Clothesline

Hi there, gals and guys! The following are words of wisdom we found pinned to our clothesline.

Twirp season gives the weaker sex a real break and with the Sadie Hawkins Day Dance coming off tonight these are some of the gals who have snagged their men. Irene Hawkins and Larry Taylor; Jean Hardestine and Merle Stewart; Diane Gaffey and Bill Laine; Marlene Pleinis and Ernie Rickard.

Jack Hanks didn't have to wait 'till twirp season to get his girl, or is it, girls? However, the one we're referring to is from Holy Child's in Portland and, take it from us, she's really cute.

Mr. Brown's third period Democracy class is certainly getting involved these days, isn't it, John? It seems that the senior class has decided that boys are less trustworthy than girls.

Look out, Betty Chubb, it is said you have a rival for Stan Blue's affections. Do you agree, Phyllis Weard? Some of the boys around school would like to acquire some of Stan's fatal charm for the freshman girls.

Found in the hall last week: A note containing a conversation between two girls with the main subject none other than the sophomore class president. Seems as though these soph. gals think he's pretty smooth, and how! People should be more careful about where they discard old notes because you never can tell who'll find them.

Attention, all cute girls! (he's particular) there is still time. Ken Palmer remains dateless for the turn-a-bout dance.

Although Sadie Hawkins Day has brought about a lot of new friendships at the same time some couples have dissolved — Judy Brear and Harold Adrian — Don Thompson and Marilyn Harr — Shirley Williams and Don Penney are some examples.

We hear that certain members of the girls' chorus are anxiously awaiting the day when the boys' and girls' choruses combine to start practice for the Christmas Cantata. Our guess is that there will be a lot more than singing going on.

Lester Loudon is to be envied these days. Not all boys in school have a secret admirer.

We happen to know that a certain girl has lately shown a preference for bass voices. Could it be that the bass we're thinking of is Roy Shearer?

Looks like someone who likes to cut hair hit some of our boys. What a gruesome sight!

Joan Garner is on the lookout for a guy. She's lonesome.

That bashful Artie Wheldon kid is surely making eyes at some girls in sixth period biology class, none other than our little Joanne Baker.

Looks like Marian Yeaple has her eyes on a senior lad. Could it be? But, no, that would be telling. Good luck, Marian.

We know it's Twirp Season, Roberta Rowly, but don't you know that Mr. Hyde is already married?

Some girls give up but not Peggy Lander. She will fight to the end to get her man. Keep trying, Peg. You are still young.

Who is that certain boy who asked Beth Church to go to a party? She surely is keeping it a secret.

Fred Myer won out after all, and Darlene Britton doesn't look a bit unhappy about it.

Doing your Christmas shopping early? Drop into Bernie Herrmann's for a varied array of gifts for everyone. And while you are dropping, don't forget the gossip box by the bulletin board next to Mr. Hyde's room.

Pd. Adv.

ferent sizes of letters? Are not sports, sports and just as important as the next? I am also sure there would be less confusion for those who are to receive this type of award.

Shirley Helms, GAA.