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EXCEPT FOR THE GROANING BOARD, THIS THANKSGIVING WAS A FLOP!

Yesterday was Thanksgiving again in America, but it was not the festive day of other years. As people of the western hemisphere, it is true we have much more for which to be thankful than others in the world but who knows whether our peace of the moment is nothing but a fool's paradise?

Only by closing our eyes to the ugly behavior of mankind, and only by closing our ears to humanity's cries for mercy can we indulge in the traditional spirit of thankfulness. We would be hypocritical if we gorged our bellies and justified the holiday on the basis of appreciation.

We should be appreciative, but for what? Humanity's finer traits are pretty much submerged by the greed, the godless tyranny of men. Perhaps we should be thankful that things are not worse, but could they be, much?

Yes, we still have our liberty, our peace, our tranquil countrysides here in America. But the time to be thankful for what we have will be when we have insured its permanence and helped start mankind on the road to sanity. Until then our noble sentiments had better be beaten into swords and our spirits fraternized with munitions. Ugly weapons are these, but properly used can build again that more beautiful world which we normally give thanks for.

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AS THE LOSING CANDIDATE, WILLKIE MAY HAVE GREATER OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!

Now that flag-waving and meaningless pledges to national unity have subsided, perhaps Americans again can start thinking and talking sensibly. It would be a novelty.

Defeated Candidate Wendell Willkie, in his recent post-election radio address, sounded what might be a constructive keynote when he urged a vigilant, vigorous minority to carry on the "crusade" which he launched. On the face of them, his remarks were consistent with citizenship and good sportsmanship. Whether his words were merely stage trappings or the sincere beliefs of a great American remains to be seen. For the present, however, The Miner prefers to take Willkie at his word.

However, bending over backwards to soothe the wounds of the defeated can be carried to a harmful extreme. Under the democratic system of government, we elect our leaders every four years to form our policies, guide our destinies. And that leadership cannot be effective if it must carry the dead weight of needless bickering, partisan obstruction and unrelenting opposition.

During recent months and years the American people have witnessed the debacle of selfish wrangling, political stupidities and despite the third term tradition have repudiated the isolationists, the new deal scuttlers and the schemers for special privilege. We should be done with them and although they constitute a large part of the minority they deserve no further audience.

America wants Roosevelt and his policies, the gains of the new deal; it does not prefer the policies of the losing party.

A loyal and patriotic opposition will be a healthy check on democracy, but that opposition to be of service must first of all guard against itself. The record of the isolationists stands as a shameful example of what stubborn minorities can do and America can afford no further extravagance in this direction if it is to meet and solve the realities which confront it.

Wendell Willkie has great opportunity for important service to his country and it is to be hoped—and expected—that he is big enough to make the most of it.

Let's Be Thankful!

Thanks for the memories we've built through the years;
Thanks for the sunshine that shone through our tears;
Thanks for the friendships far better than gold;
The joy of our loved ones to have and to hold;
Thanks for the prosperous years we have seen,
Thanks for the lessons in years that were lean.
Thanks that we realize each year more and more—
Indeed we have much to be thankful for.



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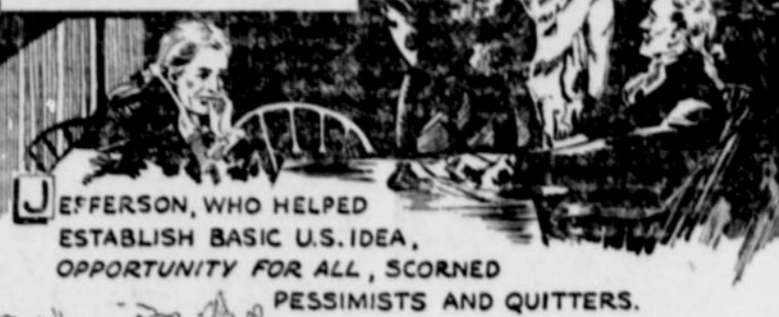
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AMERICA STILL HAS FOR ITS SONS AND DAUGHTERS EVER NEW FRONTIERS

NEWS FROM

Lincoln School

By SCHOOL STUDENTS

The pupils of the school went to the College of Education to see a ventriloquist. He made Lanny, the sailor, and Oscar, another puppet, talk. He put Oscar into a suitcase and tried to put him to sleep, but Oscar didn't want to. The boys and girls enjoyed his very interesting entertainment.

Last Friday the boys and girls in the sixth grade went to Miss Stockard's room to see a picture show of animals in the zoo. It proved to be very interesting.

Monday, Nov. 18, the sixth grade teacher put up many attractive and interesting pictures which tell the story of Thanksgiving. The class plans to have a party Wednesday. The refreshments will be apples and popcorn. They will pop their own corn and bring apples.

Nov. 19, room six challenged room seven in football. There was some hard playing between the two teams and each boy played his part the best that he could. The boys in room six won 7 to 0. Elmer Landing of room eight was a fair referee.

On Tuesday, Nov. 19, the five B's in room six had a musical program led by Miss Landen. On the program there were trumpet solos, violin numbers, clarinet trio, a harmonica and a piano solo. The pupils all sang songs they had learned this term and several of the Stephen Foster songs from the new song books.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, the girls of room six challenged the girls of room five in baseball. The final score was 13 to 3 in favor of room six. It was a very good game. Dorothy Kiser was a fair umpire.

Room three was entertained by room two at a Thanksgiving party. The children heard a Thanksgiving story and read some other stories. Cup cakes, crackers and cheese were served for refreshments.

Juanita Howell has returned to school after several days absence because of a cold.

Norma Lee Davis is absent from the second grade with a cold.

On Monday, Nov. 18, Miss Stephens read the story of a Congo boy named Kintoi, by Elizabeth Enright. The children liked the story very much so they decided to make a shadow show of it in the art class. A committee of boys made a large woden frame for the shadow show. Many of the other children are making scenery and paper puppets for the show.

Anna Louise Wayburant came over to Lincoln school on Monday, Nov. 19. She has been in Washington school. Last year she attended school at Keno, Ore. The children at Lincoln school like her very much and hope that she will stay with them a long time.

(Held over from last week)

On Nov. 8 Dr. Taylor talked in Miss Bork's room to the upper grades. He talked about French customs. The French customs are

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small cannon shell, a flag, pins and identification tags. These things were brought by Betty Jo Black, Mona Rae Taylor, Barbara Shere, Barbara Lee Dotson and Carla Sears.

Tuesday, Nov. 12, Miss Mason came from the public library to show the fifth and sixth grades some new books. She told them a story about a baby elephant and some other animals which they enjoyed very much.

Philip La Douceur, Carter Hibbs and Ned Stearns have finished a science cabinet for the fourth grade. They painted the cabinet green to match their library furniture. The boys drew their plans for the cabinet in Mr. Wilda's art class.

Thursday, Nov. 7, Mr. Messenger visited the sixth grade science class and showed them some bacteria under his microscope. All the children saw the germs. They learned that bacteria are so small that they can't be seen without a microscope.

The children of room seven went to the Varsity theatre to see the picture "Kit Carson." They had been studying about this man in their history class.

On Nov. 12, Miss Mason of the public library came to Lincoln school to tell a story about the elephant's child that was full of curiosity. He wanted to know what the crocodile had for dinner so went to the river and asked him. The crocodile said, "Come here, little one," and caught the elephant's child by the nose. He pulled until it was very long and that is why all elephants have long trunks.

On Nov. 12, the boys of room six challenged the boys of room seven to a game of football. The final score was 0-0. Curtis Vail of room seven intercepted a pass and made a 20-yard gain, but room six held them there. Mr. Coffin refereed the game.

• Mrs. Harriett Bates was a business caller in Medford Tuesday.
• Hugh Spruell from Camp Clatsop spent a couple of days here last week with his parents.

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