

Editorially Speaking

Thanksgiving Means a Vacation . . . Vacation Shows Us Off

Both Thanksgiving and "Franksgiving" provide a lot of room for editorial thought. Editorial writers can get in a bunch of idealistic and patriotic lies on why we are thankful. They will write for the reading public how we can be thankful we are not at war yet. They can write how we can be thankful for all the good things of our nation and its people, and how for the time being we can forget those things bad and wrong.

Much could be written of our own community. We can be thankful our ex-professors are doing so nicely at other institutions, our library has not yet collapsed, and thousands of students are all serious-minded. We are grateful for our high-salaried professors who all possess conscientious ideals for educating their students, for our efficient student government, and active honorary organizations.

But students, themselves, are seriously thankful for Thanksgiving for one reason—a vacation, a time for rest and relaxation. A vacation means going home for about four-fifths of the student body. Going home raises some serious considerations. We, therefore, change to the first person and put it in this way: Students:

It won't be long until the boys back home that loiter in front of the beer parlor, in the old barber shop, or at the corner drug will be talking about you. And you know, there's something to what they'll be saying. Things back home won't be running quite as fast as this institution for higher learning runs, and in nine chances out of ten, you're going to be as conspicuous as the New York sliker. Just because you're a member of the educated generation is no reason for an "I'm just home from college" or "this is what we do at college" attitude. Nothing, you must remember, can do more to stimulate distrust of university and college education than the actions and attitudes of students.

You go from a community fostering scholarly spirit to one of the common, everyday man. Both are necessary; neither is more important. If you have the feeling you're lowering yourselves to talk to Jake, the town's retired drunkard, or Hank, the one-chair barber, you had better stay in Lincoln. You won't talk about Spinoza, or Plato, or Einstein. You won't discuss Gresham's law of economics, or the history of Rome, or Mendel's 3 to 1 ratio. In fact, you might as well forget that you ever sat in a classroom when you talk to the folks back home. The fact that you sat in the football stadium when Nebraska took Minnesota, or on the coliseum boards when the Huskers met Kansas will, no doubt, have some significance. But the moment you go high-brow and classical on the boys back home, look out! Just talk sense.

The action of any man is a reflection on his institution. Remember that. If faith in colleges and universities is to be retained by the folks back home, drop any snoopish attitude you may have before you take the roads and rails from Lincoln.

Remember, the boys back in the beer parlor, barber shop, or corner drug will be watching you. They'll be expecting the same John and Jane Doe that left their town last September.

Scrap Irony Chris Peterson

PASSING THOUGHTS OF ONE BOTHERED WITH INSOMNIA:

Society people make as much fuss about getting married as Hollywood people make about getting divorced. - - He's one of those fellows who break their arm patting themselves on the back. - - In automobiles, one and one make love. - - Time marches on forever, and after three hours of drill yesterday, I'm beginning to think the R. O. T. C. does too. - - I'll be damned said the little stream when the fat man fell across it. - - The grass is never greener over the fence unless your neighbor uses a lawn sprinkler. - - Snuff is stuff that when you don't feel well, you're not up to it. - - There is no man so bad that a woman can't make him worse. - - Too many of us are shin deep in work. - - Evidently, the fellow who lives the longest wins the chess game. - - Were the dark ages so called because there were so many knights? - - Sympathy is like a blind man's bluff. - - you know, feeling for the other fellow. - - A senator is a front half man and a back half man. - - Suggested motto for a hitchhiker: "I'll get there thumb way." - - A left handed compliment is not another name for an engagement ring. - - A person must be somewhere else than where he is when he is beside himself. - - If raining cats and dogs is so bad what about hailing taxis? - - Might a bachelor be defined as a fellow who doesn't know where his next kiss is coming from. - - Just because a secretary uses the touch system doesn't mean that she can typewrite.

Student Pulse

Dear Disgusted:

I am just guessing, but I believe your letter in Tuesday's Rag was written without full knowledge of the facts. Do you know the procedure followed in obtaining Red Nichols to play for the military ball? Nine of the outstanding booking agencies of New York, Chicago, and Kansas City were written asking what bands were available. All the answers stated that bands are very scarce in December and that only "such and such" was available.

After answers were received from all and after two long distance telephone calls to Chicago it was found that Red Nichols was the only band of any note that was available at all within the amount of money allotted by the Military Ball Fund for music. Everything possible was done to get the best band for the money allotted. All strings were pulled, and Red Nichols the result. Can you suggest any better procedure for use in the future?

Of course there is the matter of time, you may say. Our answer is that all steps were taken long before the Military Ball committees were announced. The letters were written over two months before the ball, and the band was hired six weeks in advance.

Mr. Disgusted, have you heard Red on the radio lately? He now has a well organized fourteen piece band that is really good. You mention Clyde McCoy. Any number of students today told me today they thought Red Nichols band was much better than that of McCoy. It isn't the old band he used to have, but a new well organized outfit. After all isn't it just a matter of opinion? You are entitled to yours, and I hope you have a good time at King's the night of the Military Ball. Chairman, Music Committee.

To the Editor:

Really, sir, that musico-misanthrope who shipped in his beef about Red Nichols being the Ball maestro for this year had better twist his beaten-up ear to the radio. Has he heard the aforementioned Nichols in the past three or four months playing out of eastern dance spots? Does he realize that the present Nichols band is composed of more than the original "five pennies"? And does he take the trouble to find out that new Nichols recordings like Poor Butterfly are hitting sales peaks? Fact is, the present Nichols band in nucleus practiced here in a Lincoln hotel little over a year ago, and persons who heard them say watch out for the torrid trompett walling to the four winds. Further fact is that Nichols' troop is definitely selected by swingrears as one of the solidier clubs now in session.

Bob Hemphill.

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Ag home ec faculty holds annual dinner

Group honors founder of household science; Marjorie Tye speaks

More than 250 home economics students and faculty members gathered Friday evening at the student activities building on ag campus to honor Ellen H. Richards, founder of the science of modern home economics, at their annual dinner.

Lois Hammond, president of the Home Economics association, presided. Miss Marjorie Tye, 1938 graduate and now teaching home economics in Lincoln high, pointed out that home economics is an important undertaking. She said that students have the special job of learning the fundamentals of home economics, that the teacher's job was to impart her knowledge to her pupils, and that both together had the task of furthering home economics.

Peggy Sherburn offered a tribute to Ellen H. Richards as the founder of home economics. She emphasized that Mrs. Richards visualized how women could help those less fortunate and make the world a better place to live in. Miss Sherburn pointed out that Mrs. Richards had shown how women of today could make contributions to the world.

Joy Pestal opened the program with a vocal solo after Miss Esther Ostlund, Y. W. C. A. secretary, offered the invocation.

Special guests of the home economics students were Miss Helen Hosp, dean of women; Miss Margaret Fedde, head of the home economics department, and Miss Ostlund.

A service for the International Fellowship fund closed the program. The home economics girls present made contributions to this worldwide project which provides facilities for girls from foreign countries to come to America to study home economics.

Decorations for the dinner were in orange, brown and green. Orange candles in log holders lighted each table. Turkeys made of pine cones were favors, and at the head table two great horns of plenty overflowing with fruits and vegetables gave a holiday appearance. Ople Hedlund was in general charge of arrangements for the banquet, the largest ever held to honor Mrs. Richards.

Louise Pound to speak at AAUP convention

Dr. Louise Pound of the department of English, national vice president of the American Association of University Women, will speak at a dinner meeting of the American Association of University Professors December 27 at New Orleans on "The A. A. U. P. and the A. A. U. W." She has been invited to appear on two of the programs of the annual conference of the School of Letters of the University of Iowa December 1 and 2. Her topics are "American English Today" and "The Future of Poetry."

Jiggers! It's communistic!

Canadian Mosaic, by John M. Gibbon and Marxism, An Autopsy, by Henry B. Parkes are two outstanding books recently purchased by the library staff. Other books to be enjoyed with your Thanksgiving turkey are:

- Life and Times of William Howard Taft, by Henry F. Pringle. Two vols.
Rise of Integral Nationalism in France, by William C. Buthman.
Culture Historical Method of Ethnology, by Wilhelm Schmidt.
Canadian Mosaic, by John M. Gibbon.
World Economy in Transition, by Eugene Staley.
Science and social change, compiled by James E. Thornton.
Invisible Tariff, by Percy W. Bidwell.
Marxism, An Autopsy, by Henry B. Parkes.
My Life, by Havelock Ellis.
Twenty Best Plays, edited by John Cassner.
American Teacher, by W. S. Eisbree.
Pioneering with products and People, by McCormick & Co., inc.
Seven Pillars, by Wencesalao Fernandez-Florez.
Dawn of European Civilization, by V. C. Childe. 2nd editon.
Justly Dear: Charles and Mary Lamb, by Mrs. Elsie P. Thornton-Cook.
Accuracy of the Bible, by A. S. Yahuda.
Jewish Caravan, great stories of 25 centuries, edited by Leo W. Schwarz.

NU Ph.D publishes study in psych journal

Dr. Erland Nelson, who took his doctor of philosophy degree under Dr. D. A. Worchester, chairman of the department of educational psychology and measurements, has a study of "Social Attitudes and Measurement of Attitudes" published in a recent number of the Journal of General Psychology. The study was made while Nelson was doing graduate work here.

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