



A Devil of a Thanksgiving

DEVIL INCARNATE. HUBS OF HELL. OH YOU KID,

I have a helluva big gripe against you. A fine devil you make. Of all the low down, lazy, inefficient, good for nothing devils you're the worst. You're on the job about as much as Stepin Fetchit. Why there's practically no sinning going on at all. I certainly have little to be grateful to you, my patron saint, for this Thanksgiving.

It's a helluva note when you—the abomination of the ages—become practically a symbol not alone of sweetness and light, but actually of virtue itself. Yep, you've slipped that badly. Even your former arch foes now consider you an ally. Only yesterday an administrative higher up, when asked for a Thanksgiving message, requested, "Tell them to go home and study like the devil." There you are. Now you can understand why I have so little to give thanks for.

And listen, your reputation up here has gone up and up until you're almost the uplift boy in person. Shades of Hades! I, who used to take great pride in being considered in league with you, now blush sorrowfully for you. Your name is worse than naught in these here parts. To confine someone to the eternal fires of hell these days is as good as a compliment. The confinee smiles happily and murmurs gratefully that his friends will all be there. The river Styx is fast becoming regarded as a playground for the socially elite.

Where Satan Feels to Tread. And another thing—you aren't the pusher you used to be. I can remember, in the days of my youth, when you, Satan, the evil one, used to get behind souls wavering on the threshold of wrong doing and shove 'em on in, allegedly against their will. And your activity used to constitute the most valid alibi for misdeeds. Now, anyone can tell you, the younger generation tears over thresholds that even you used to pull your punches on.

Of course, in all fairness, it must be admitted that your near demise as a fearful institution on the face of the earth is not entirely your fault. Men are partially to blame. When some of the big wigs found out, as they did pretty early, that the picture they painted of you scared the hell out of the milling multitudes and made good people of them, the big wigs ran off a lot of carbon copies.

These near duplicates were of lesser stature than the original—a deliciously terrifying portrait of you, if you'll remember—but they were reasonably good likenesses. And so, because of the respect we feared you like all hell, the big wigs had only to flash one of these facsimile affairs at their flock, and there was a stampede back to the straight and narrow.

Hell Now Home Sweet Home. But the big wags, being human after all, carried this mass production of devils too far. It got so that they culled the old devil threat out of the bag at the mention of a lady's limb or a swing of schnaps. And the good folks not only got tired of going into reverse just because of this little myth that deprived them of a lot of fun, but also began to decide that hell wouldn't be so bad a place after all.

If one went there on such minor provocations as the big wags claimed, why not go there willingly? So pretty soon, after the people caught on to all the hisses they had been missing out on, they came to seek the way of the devil. And now look what a mess things are in. Nothing is "ainful" any more.

I've tried and tried, old boy, to find something in this deplorable state of affairs to wash my turkey down with. I've searched, ruminated, rummaged for a single saving flame, a single shred of despicability that is left to you, but, bitter and disillusioned, I find nary a thing to pin my faith in you to.

The devil, in short, has gone all to hell.

A Despairing Colleague.

WEATHER.

Partly cloudy and somewhat warmer says the weather man today. Fair and colder Thursday will be probable.

Death of Drunken Marksmen Proves Fatal to Picturesque Thanksgiving Shoots, Raffles

By Barbara Meyer

"The Thanksgiving turkey shoot is dying out now that prohibition is coming in," said the old sportsman with a note of regret in his voice. "They shoot too many turkeys nowadays to make it pay."

In some small towns of the middle west, however, the Thanksgiving eve turkey shoot and turkey raffle remain annual events, carrying into a modern age something of the picturesque of the frontier life. In these communities there are lovers of the old ways who cling to the old holiday spirits, which still draw crowds of hopeful village marksmen and delighted audiences of small boys.

Cruelty Outmoded.

The turkey shoot of the today, however lacks some of the features of the New England match pictured

MORTAR BOARDS SET DEC. 10 DATE OF ANNUAL DANCE

Women's Honorary Group to Give Leap Year Party After Ball.

The traditional leap year party sponsored by members of Mortar Board, woman's honorary society, will be held on the night of Friday, Dec. 10, it was announced last night. The dance is the only event of the university social season in which the coeds stand treat.

Traditionally coeds call for their dates in cars, trucks, or other vehicles, send them corsages, supply the cigarettes, check the coats, and pay all the bills. Sometimes a steak dinner is included in the evening's entertainment. During the evening men on the campus have a chance to even the score for purses and compacts and other paraphernalia they may have had to carry at the Military Ball, by making their dates tote shaving kits and traveling cases.

Tickets \$1.25.

As in the past, Tassels and Mortar Boards will handle sale of tickets at \$1.25 a couple. Plans for the orchestra have not been completed.

Committees in charge of arrangements are: Jane Walcott and Genevieve Bennett, orchestra; Jane Barbour and Eloise Benjamin, publicity; Martha Morrow and Betty Cherry, tickets; and Donna Hlatik and Jean Marvin, invitations and guests. General arrangements will be in charge of Winifred Nelson, Marie Koutouze and Rosalie Motl.

Kirkpatrick to Attend Convention in Chicago



HOWARD KIRKPATRICK.
Howard Kirkpatrick, director of the school of music, will leave Thursday evening for Chicago to attend the Regents meeting of Pi Kappa Lambda on Nov. 26 and 27. Pi Kappa Lambda, the national honorary scholarship society in music, holds its meetings annually.

THREE MEN PLEDGED INTO PERSHING RIFLES

Captain Kermit Hansen Announces Training Unit Staff.

O. J. Anderson, Houghton Furr, and Vernan Vrana are the new pledges of Pershing Rifles, honorary military organization, Captain Kermit Hansen announced yesterday. Making up the training unit which is designed for freshman desiring membership in the organization will be Robert Batey, Jack Hartsock, Florian Jawroski, Byron Mason, John Rogers, Wisdom Stewart, and Gordon Worley.

W. L. Tolstead Returns to Survey Department

W. L. Tolstead of the Biological Survey of the conservation and survey division, has returned to the university. He has spent the summer doing investigation work in Cherry county.

PROFESSORS GO TO CHICAGO

Drs. Hayes, Beesley, Moran to Attend Soil Meeting.

Dr. Frank E. Hayes, T. E. Beesley, W. J. Moran, and W. S. Gilliam of the soil conservation survey department will attend the meetings of the American Soil Science Association which is to be held in Chicago Nov. 29 to Dec. 3.

Orchesis Group Gives Demonstration Drills in Wednesday Meeting

Orchesis members met Wednesday evening at 7:30 at Grant Memorial for the last time before Thanksgiving. Members of the Orchesis class gave drills for the girls who are trying out. Tryouts will be held the second Wednesday after Thanksgiving, giving the girls one more practice before final tryouts.

Joe and Josephine Give Thanks



Pilgrim Fathers Entertain Indians at First Thanksgiving in America

History Authors Disagree on Time, Place, Ritual of First Day.

By Fred Harms.

With Indians as guests of honor, about tables loaded with game and fish, wild fruits, corn-bread and vegetables from their new gardens, the Pilgrim fathers celebrated their first American harvest festival in October, 1621, the first autumn of the exiles in their new home.

Such is the description commonly accepted as the origin of America's chief gastronomic holiday. Few Americans know, however, that William Bradford's feast was not the first Thanksgiving observance in this country, nor do they know anything of the history of the observance of the day from colonial times to the present.

The first Thanksgiving held in North America was conducted by an English minister named Wolf-fall May 27, 1578, on the shores of Newfoundland. He had accompanied Frobisher's expedition to a new world. The ship's log tells of his sermon "exhorting all to be especially thankful to God for His strange and miraculous deliverance." This was the first Christian sermon preached and the first celebration of holy communion in North America.

PROCLAMATIONS MAKE THANKSGIVING LEGAL

Legally there can be no national holiday on Thanksgiving, since the Constitution makes no provision for the observance of national holidays of any sort. The president's Thanksgiving proclamation is valid only for the District of Columbia and the territories. States observe the day because of proclamations of the governors.

Thanksgiving is the only religious festival celebrated in the United States by virtue of the authority of the civil government.

However, Mrs. Alice Morse Earle writing in her "Customs and Fashions in Old New England" declares that the first New England Thanksgiving inaugurated by Governor Bradford was not a day of religious observance, but a day set apart for recreation. She proves that the Puritans and Pilgrims were not always sour, morose, and gloomy men by quoting an account of the Thanksgiving feasting, games and sports written on Dec. 11, 1621 by Edward Winslow to a friend in England. She says further that "there is no record of any special religious services during this week of feasting."

Interesting sidelight on Mr. Earle's account of that first Thanksgiving feast is her description of the preparation of the food. There were but four overworked, sad, homesick women, one servant and two boys who did the cooking.

CLAYTON ANNOUNCES STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Cornhusker Editor Names Norden, Gish to Head Military Section.

Final appointments to the Cornhusker editorial staff were announced yesterday by Bill Clayton, Cornhusker editor. Carl Norden, jr., has been appointed military editor, with William Gish as assistant military editor in charge of the artillery department. These appointments were withheld until this time because only a small number of applications were made for the positions and because the requirements for the positions were not known.

Arrangements have already been made for the individual pictures of all field officers. These pictures will be taken soon. All other military students will have their pictures taken in groups. It is planned to have these pictures taken as soon as possible.

Vacation Plans Vary as Classes Dismiss Today

UNIVERSITY PLANS FOUR ADDITIONAL MONTHLY CONVOS

Prof. Harry Kurz Negotiates With World Famous Commentators.

Harry Kurz, chairman of the university convocation program, announces that negotiations are under way with a large number of prominent speakers to appear at the university during this year. At least four more speakers are wanted, one each for the months of December, January, February and March. Although he is holding correspondence with a large number of speakers, Kurz says that none have been scheduled as yet. Those who may appear at the university during the month of December include Abraham Epstein, Mary Sandall, Smedley D. Butler, Whiting Williams, Mrs. Branson DeCou, Henry Neumann, and Wilfrid L. Husband. These speakers are all generally considered as outstanding speakers on world affairs.

Speakers under consideration for the January convocation are Max Lerner, Harry Elmer Barnes, Mordecai Johnson, Dorothy Fulheim, Gerhart Seger, Upton Close, Sherwood Eddy, Jerome Davis, Kirtley F. Mather, and Hubert C. Herring. These persons are all noted for their informative discussions of world affairs.

February Prospects.

Among those lecturers appearing in the midwest during February are Anna Louise Strong of Russia, V. F. Calverton, Sir Herbert Ames, Jerome Davis, Wilfrid L. Husband, Gerhart Seger, Mordecai Johnson, and Hubert Herring, all of whom are well informed on international affairs.

Listed as possible convocation speakers for March are Gaetano Salvemini of Italy, Ernest R. Broves, Dorothy Fulheim, Mrs. Branson DeCou, Martin K. Bovey, Henry Neumann, and Rollo Walter Brown. Of these all but Mr. Bovey are generally considered as outstanding speakers on world affairs. Mr. Bovey gives illustrated lectures on fishing and hunting in the wilds of Canada.

Besides these speakers, other noted lecturers appear in the midwest during the year and may speak at the university: Hal Totten, widely known sports announcer and the first man to broadcast a play-by-play account of a baseball game will be in this territory this winter. Congress-

Dean Thompson Reminds of Six Weeks Quizzes Beginning Monday.

University classes will be closed from noon today, Nov. 24, for Thanksgiving vacation and will recommence at 8 a. m. on Monday, Nov. 29, according to a notice sent to the faculty by Dean T. J. Thompson.

"The first week after vacation will be devoted to six weeks tests, with reports due on Dec. 4. Thanksgiving vacation will be a good time to catch up on your studies and do a little plugging along academic lines," urged Dean Thompson.

Studying, however, seems to be farthest from the minds of prospective vacationers, and the general consensus of student opinion is that vacations were made for catching up on sleep. A number of loyal Cornhuskers will follow the team to Manhattan to see the last varsity game of the season, while trips and turkey dinners lure other vacationers homeward.

GERMAN DEPARTMENT BRINGS 'DAS MADCHEN IRENE' HERE DEC. 4

First Picture of Series Coming to Varsity Theater.

"Das Madchen Irene" the first of a series of three German films which the German department is bringing to Lincoln this year, will be shown in the Varsity theater at 8 and 10:45 a. m. Dec. 4. Tickets for the production are 25 cents for a single show or 50 cents for the three shows, and may be obtained from students in the department or from faculty members.

Altho, as in past years, the movies are shown primarily for the benefit of students in the department, any persons interested in seeing German acting are given a cordial invitation to attend. Those who are unable to purchase tickets from students may get them at the boxoffice of the theater on the morning of the performance.

Critics Laud Picture.

"Das Madchen Irene" has won applause from some of the foremost American cinema critics. In reviewing the New York showing of the picture, the N. Y. Herald Tribune says: "Expert photography, fine acting, and first rate direction are a successful and distinguished triumvirate, which strengthen this thoughtful and sympathetic study of a neurotic girl in her teens."

"Realizing the importance of making the audience feel the struggle that racks Irene's mind as she rebels against accepting a new father after her mother had remained true to her husband's memory for 12 years, the camera man has employed all the tricky shots that won the German film industry acclaim in the pre-Hitler days. Instead of making the girl depend too much on her acting ability in those difficult sequences when she is fighting her obsession, double exposures are used, which explain in a series of rapid flash-backs the stormy processes of her reasoning."

Both Comedy and Tragedy.

"This film is by no means confined to morbidity. Until it reaches the halfway mark there is a good deal of fun and not a bit of unpleasantness. Irene and her young sister, Babs, team up as about the scrappiest pair seen in many a day. It is when their mother returns from a trip, bringing with her Sir John Corbett, an accepted actor, that the mood of the film changes from one of gaiety to the order of a fearful suspense. Irene finally snaps out of it, but before she does, Sir John almost gets shot by the young lady, and she attempts to drown herself."

Thanksgiving Proclamation Renews Annual Observance

Records of Presidential Messages Give Clues to History.

"I, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of November, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, a day of national thanksgiving. These words, issued from the white house on the ninth of November, carry on the custom of a national Thanksgiving first started by George Washington and renewed to make it an annual event by Abraham Lincoln.

In 1789 the first Thanksgiving proclamation was issued through the lips of the first president, setting aside the last Thursday in November as a day of national gratitude for the favors that the newly formed nation had received.

At First November 26.

Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted... to the service of that glorious Being... author of the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may all unite in rendering... humble thanks for his kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the favorable interposition of his providence in... the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed." With these words, George Washington set an example followed occasionally at the discretion of presidents until the time of Abraham Lincoln, at which time the annual Thanksgiving day observance was begun.

The history of the United States might well be outlined by the substance of the presidents' proclamations. After each war or economic trouble comes the message in the president's thanksgiving proclamation that since these grave dangers have passed, the nation should pause to give thanks to God for its deliverance. Following the war of 1812 President Madison issued the second national thanksgiving proclamation. The most famous of Lincoln's proclamations was issued in the midst of the civil strife.

"In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign states to invite

HONORARY MILITARY UNIT INITIATES NINE

Scabbard, Blade Induct Nine Advance Drill Students Tuesday Evening.

Scabbard and Blade, national honorary military officers' organization, initiated nine students in senior advanced drill at the Ag college student activities building last night.

Henry F. Meyer, captain of the local unit, directed the ceremony and was in charge of arrangements for it. He announced after the induction that the initiates had been selected by the society as having shown outstanding ability in the field of military science.

The nine initiated last night are as follows:

Robert Beaver, Vankton, S. D.
John A. Bafford, Omaha.
Herbert Brian, Columbus.
William G. Clayton, Grand Island.
William C. Gish, Beatrice.
Jay L. King, Jr., Lincoln.
James D. Little, Lincoln.
Gus Peters, Lincoln.
Bishop M. Toms, Central City.

Meat Shot on Ye Lord's Day Unfit, but Tasted Good

In a newspaper published in Connecticut in colonial times it is to be found an account of the feast spread before the governor and her Majesty's commissioners Thanksgiving day, 1713, from which it appears that, before the company fell to, the announcement was made that the venison had come from a deer which had been shot "on ye Lord's day." Thereupon the entire company refused to eat, and it was decided that the Indian who had shot the deer should receive thirty-nine stripes and should restore to the purchaser the price paid for the meat.

Then, having inflicted a "just and righteous sentence on ye sinful br-thern" the company (with the exception of one member whose conscience was not satisfied) fell upon the venison and devoured it.

Kemper Replaces Bryan as Weather Observer

Kenneth W. Kemper of Franklin, Neb., former university student, has been appointed junior observer at the weather bureau in the physical laboratory building.

Mr. Kemper replaces W. J. Bryan who has been transferred to the municipal airport.

Feast of Demeter, Ingathering, Harvest Home Made up Pedigree of Thanksgiving Day Celebration

By Fern Steuteville.

Our Pilgrim fathers are hailed as the founders of Thanksgiving day in America but originally cannot be credited to them for the idea, for annals disclose that the ancients, Romans, Greeks, and Egyptian alike, celebrated an autumnal day as an occasion for revelry and thanksgiving, and before them the barbarians heralded the gathering of the harvests with festivals.

All the stately and elaborate rites and thanksgiving festivities of nations are but magnified and embellished copies of homely rites and uncouth observances derived from the harvest festivals of the pagans.

Greeks Pay Demeter.

The Greek rustic each fall paid homage to Demeter, the goddess

The same spirits prevailed at the of corn and bounty. Romans fasted, then feasted in honor of Ceres, their goddess of agriculture. The Jews in Palestine observed the Pentecost, the Druids celebrated Nov. 1 as their day of thanksgiving, the Japanese and Chinese both made offerings to their gods for their generosity at the end of the year, and the Egyptians honored Osiris, the inventor of husbandry, at their fall feast days.

From the heathens, according to a Grecian historian, came the custom followed in Greece and Rome of the master and his servants feasting together at harvest time. Equality was the order of the day and slave and ruler ate the same meat and drank the same wine.

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