

# A THANKSGIVING ISSUE



Gettin' together to smile an' re-  
 joice,  
 An' eatin' an' laughin' with  
 folks of your choice;  
 An' kissin' the girls an' declar-  
 in' that they  
 Are growin' more beautiful day  
 after day;  
 Chattin' an' braggin' a bit with  
 the men,  
 Buildin' the old family circle  
 again;  
 Livin' the wholesome an' old-  
 fashioned cheer,  
 Just for awhile at the end of the  
 year.

Greetings fly fast as we crowd  
 through the door  
 And under the old roof we gather  
 once more  
 Just as we did when the young-  
 sters were small;  
 Mother's a little bit grayer,  
 that's all.  
 Father's a little bit older, but  
 still  
 Ready to romp an' laugh with a  
 will.  
 Here we are back at the table  
 again,  
 Tellin' our stories as women and  
 men.

Bowed are our heads for a moment  
 in prayer;  
 Oh, but we're grateful and glad  
 to be here.  
 Home from the east land an' home  
 from the west,  
 Home with the folks that are  
 dearest an' best.  
 Out of the sham of the cities  
 afar  
 We've come for a time to be just  
 what we are.  
 Here we can talk of ourselves an'  
 be frank,  
 Forgettin' position an' station  
 an' rank.

Give me the end of the year an'  
 its fun  
 When most of the plannin' an'  
 toilin' is done;  
 Bring all the wandered home to  
 the nest,  
 Let me sit down with the ones I  
 love best,  
 Hear the old voices still ringin'  
 with song,  
 See the old faces unblemished by  
 wrong,  
 See the old table with all of its  
 chairs  
 An' I'll put soul in my Thanks-  
 givin' prayers.

— by Edgar A. Guest



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## ARMISTICE DAY

### ARMISTICE DAY IN MADRID

Dawn is breaking. The glare of exploding shells is fading. I can't see much of the sky from this stinking cellar, but I know it won't be long now. I am glad. Last night it almost got me---these men thrown in here, wounded men dying or wanting to die, men starving or mad with thirst. I gave the last of my whisky to a man shot through the stomach and with both legs crushed. Poor devil, he died thanking me.

Since Pedro and I were shot down yesterday and brought here, I have been doing a lot of thinking. I don't wonder what we're fighting for. We're fighting because some man, crazy with greed for power has infected other egotists with the germ that nothing can kill---not war itself. What I wonder at is the stupidity of men who will throw away their lives, and the lives of their families for something intangible and unstable.

Of course they give it a nice name, "saving the world for democracy" or some other vague camouflage. Even if there is no other way, it is not worth it. Nothing is worth the cost of war!

Already I can hear planes overhead--bombers carrying their cargo of death or worse than death. The firing squad is at work. I can hear the shots not far off. Occasionally there is a cry, but most of them are glad to be ground to bits in their damn-

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## The Farmer's Elevator

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able war machine. What is the padre saying? Something about Armistice Day and peace. Peace? Yesterday I killed a man; in a minute I will die. Perhaps I shall find peace in heaven if there is a heaven and if not--I pray God there is peace in hell!

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## JUNIOR PLAY

"No Women Wanted" was presented last night by the enterprising class of 1940. The way Bob Carey got around on his crutches was simply too marvelous. Splendid work was done by the whole cast, working, as they did, under the handicap of a new arrangement of the play which had to be made on account of Carey's leg. Norma Biddick, as the Spanish dancer, turned in a very neat job of characterization. Norma's blonde calmness is quite different from the fiery Spanish temperament of the character she played. What troubles we had darkening her dishwater tresses, the public will never know. A

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Dean, a sweet little girl of eleven is played by Catherine Peckosh; but the best of all is the portrayal of John Alden, a modern romeo, played by our handsome schoolmate, Lawrence Kesting. With the talk of turkey and stuffing going on, it will be a very tasty assembly.

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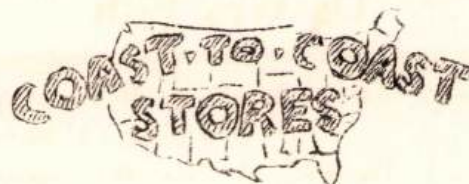
word of praise is due the crews. The set was well done, and showed much work on the part of Harold Miller and Bob Osborne.

After the play about thirty members of the cast and crews and the director enjoyed a party at Hallwood's. Tch! Tch! on a school night, too. Congratulations, Miss Russell, on a successful production.

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QUILL PROGRESS

According to Editor-in-chief Swift, "The Quill is coming along as well as can be expected." Two or three meetings of the Quill Staff have been held to establish the various duties of everyone and to talk over certain features of the Quill-to-be. At a recent meeting an engraver and a printer talked to the staff of the pros and cons of more pictures, types of pictures, how to condense material, covers, and cost. One result is that pictures will probably hold the spotlight this year, and snapshots will be converted into a calendar or at least incorporated with the previous form. All snaps, especially those of school events or of interest to everyone, will be greatly appreciated by the snapshot editors.

Speaking of pictures, the senior class, with considerable smirking, twisting and turning, and looking at the birdie, have made their fatal decision, and although it is rumored that Mr. Montieur had to get a new camera after he finished with Marion, the senior class will appear next spring in what promises to be a bigger and better Quill than ever.

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Barbara Sloss is going to practice her groans and grunts.

Art Dodd is going to trap some furs to make a coat for J. Derflinger to keep her warm.

Bill Creglow is going hunting, but not for the same reason as Art Dodd.

June "Poe" Milner is going to catch up on lost practicing.

"Butch" Golden is goin' ta eat a lot of turkey and see if he can grow a little more.

Eleanor Miller is going to have more time for dates.

Marilyn Fontaine is going to study some more on "How to Grow Up."

Ruth Hanscom is going to try

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new ways of doing up her hair without letting it fall down all the time.

Bill Austin is going to do more window peeking.

Benjamin Nollsch is going to try to make a date for the Junior-Senior Banquet for 1941.

Elinore and Lawrence Kesting are going to visit relatives in Winterset.

Margery Lary is going to visit in Iowa City.

Enafae Ellison is going to visit ma and pa and all the kids in Bedford.

THE TEACHERS

Mr. Miller--to Baldwin, Kansas

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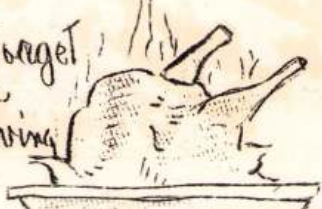
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At Ames sometime in April or May, the thirty-four chapters of the academy will meet, exhibit movies and lectures, visit industrial plants, and enjoy a banquet and a party. At the P. T. A. hobby show next spring the members of the local chapter will exhibit their projects which will be judged. The winner will be awarded a free trip to Ames.

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## END OF FOOTBALL SEASON

The Marion football team is the undisputed Tri-Valley Champion, this year by virtue of the 26-0 drubbing the local gridders handed Manchester Homecoming night, Oct. 28. It is the first time in three years that Marion has had the cup at home.

Armistice Day marked the end of a grand and glorious football season. M. H. S. has had lots of teams, but never any like this year's--scrappier, tougher than Minnesota and perfect teamwork.

However, the trouncing at Mt. Vernon wasn't much fun when we stop to think that it was the last game of the season, and also the final one for several seniors. Not only will the team miss the fiery Cap. Davin at the center of our "Seven Rocks of Gibraltar," but also the referees will have to find someone else to tell them what's what. What will we do without "Lover" Chesley, "General" Bleakley, "Wild Bill" Sejkora and no "Do or Die" Davis in there to make faces at the enemy; no Carpenter out there at end to catch the punts blocked by Mike Oxley, no "Jitterbug" Alby to keep up the chatter, no "Statue of Liberty" Thompson, no "Crutch" DeWees, no Cob Covington no "Hard Boiled" Ferreter and no more heroic pinch hitting by Kesting, Pope and Fernow.

Feminine hearts will have to flutter along without them and "oh" and "ah" at Bob Davin, Marsh and Carey, Thomas, Scott, Bebee, Knapp, Cocoa and of course some new freshmen. Although the coach may not find it so easy to fill in the gaps, he will always remember the 1938 season with pride and won't we all?

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Dear Editor:

Last week members of the "M" club, and Peanuts Price got together. This was the first meeting of the year. They elected new officers. The president will be Earl Davin; vice president, Albert Schenken; secretary, Harold Thompson; and last but far from least the man who takes care of the change, the treasurer, Jim Chesley. (We all trust him.)

The boys are trying to plan a way to pay some of these, broken hand and sprained knee bills. They have decided to have a dance or carnival.

Yours forever,

No. 2 of the 7 stones of granite.

## DECLAMATORY CONTEST

The annual home declamatory contest was held in the Lincoln Auditorium on November 18, with J. Dale Welsh of Coe College acting as critic judge.

The program included selections by Melvin Arp, Charles Birmingham, and Kent Finger in the oratorical division, dramatic readings from Helen Biddick, Virginia Jackson, and Jeanne Lanning and the humorous offerings of Marilyn Fontaine, Mildred Kindig, Faye Parks, and Mary Starry. Kathryn McElwain played two piano solos.

Decisions were awarded to Kent Finger, who read "The Way of Life," Jeanne Lanning's "Mississippi Magic," and Faye Park's "The Yanks are Coming."

The next contest, which will include representatives from Springville and Lisbon as well as the winners in the home contest, is to be held in Marion soon.

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## VOX DANCE

"Sixty seconds in a minute; sixty minutes in an hour" that is what the students and teachers found out at the Vox dance which was held November 21, in the high school gym. The Lambeth Walk seemed to be a favorite with those who already knew it and with those who were just learning it. It seems that Dorothy Ford, Maxine Brooks, Bernice Clapp, and Frank London found it hard to stand up on the polished floor. We danced to a number of famous orchestras which were brought to us by the machine. Refreshments were served throughout the evening. As the last dance piece started unreeling, a sigh was heard from the students because Mr. Pantry had turned off the bright lights. This was the first Vox dance and was a grand success, judging by the large number of students who attended and who seemed to thoroughly enjoy the music. We hope we have another one soon.

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## !!!!FIRE-DRILL!!!!

Do you remember the first fire drill we had? That time we managed to leave the building in a minute and a half, but the second time it was tried--oh my--it was 2 minutes and 20 seconds. It seems a pity that students can't remember some simple rules for a few weeks especially when it is for their own benefit!