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Thursday: Thanksgiving holiday.

Friday, 7 p. m.: Literary Societies.

Saturday, 7.30 p. m.: Social.

Sunday, 11 a. m.: Religious exercises.

Monday, 7 p. m.: Chorus practice.

Tuesday, 8 p. m.: Glee Club practice; 7 p. m., Senior class meeting.

Wednesday, 7 p. m.: Sophomore class meeting; 7 p. m., Literary Club.

Owing to the Thanksgiving vacation there will be no issue of this publication next week.

THANKSGIVING!

Once more the time has come for Thanksgiving for the blessings of the year. Never before in the history of the world has the day of Thanksgiving been so appropriate. Never have we had more things to be thankful for. It would be a poor person indeed who would not enter into the spirit of the festive day this year.

Often, heretofore, the day has not been given proper consideration. To most of us it meant a holiday, nothing more or less. We never stopped to take stock of the things for which we might be truly thankful. But this year all is changed! To the most careless person here, it is obvious that blessings have been showered upon us. We do not need to stop and think about the things for which we can truly enter into the spirit of the coming day—they are in evidence on every side.

We are at peace this Thanksgiving! The war dogs have been chained! The death struggle has ceased! This alone is enough to make every true American's heart rejoice exceedingly.

Aside from the peace which seems now the greatest thing in the world to us all, these days, we have a host of other things for which we can be truly thankful. There is life itself which is a gift from the all-kind Providence and for which we often forget to be grateful. Then we

should be grateful that we are living in the present time with all its great opportunities for serving our fellowmen. We should be grateful for our homes, our loved ones, our college opportunities; our teachers, and for our fellow students.

The President has fittingly expressed the true spirit of Thanksgiving in his proclamation for this year, and it is every student's duty to enter heartily into this spirit and make this year's Thanksgiving a real one in spirit as well as in word! Be grateful for blessings, each and all! See how much better you will feel when the day spent thus is over! The other Thanksgivings will fade into insignificance if we remember this one as the day of true gratitude for abundant blessings!

In line with our policy of occasionally publishing letters from Guilfordians in the service we are glad to give the following extract from a letter written by Clyde Smith from Chatauroux, France. After describing his landing he says:

"We had to take up our abode in a barracks that would not have been so bad if it had had a floor and cover. But having neither it proved to be pretty disagreeable. The second night after we arrived, for bunks we had a few boards nailed together and laid across sticks of wood to hold them off the ground. The first night we only had our two blankets, but speaking for myself, I must say that I rested pretty well.

Next day they gave us a whole lot of hemp rope to unravel and put in our mattresses. Now this was a treat and I think quite a number of the boys said their prayers before retiring. Now along about 11 or 12 o'clock it began to rain, and rain it did. I believe I said before that there was no roof on the building. That statement was a little wrong, for there was supposed to be a cover, but it was composed mostly of holes. After I awoke it took me some time to solve the situation. My first impression was that the ship had been torpedoed and we were soon to be at the bottom of the briny blue ocean. Had this been the case I think I would have been in just about as good humor as I was.

"When we first landed we could have eaten a bunch of wild onion tops. Not that we did not get enough to eat while on ship, but it was the same thing over and over and we were starving for a change. I saw one fellow pay one of his comrades 50c. for one-half a lemon. The whole regiment lined up in the Y. M. C. A. and waited our turn to be served a cup of hot chocolate. It was mighty good but we earned it by having to stand in line so long. This standing in line is one of the hardest tasks in the army if not the hardest. So from this you can see that army life is not so bad after all.

Now and then a Frenchman would appear on the scene with a sack of apples that we would not feed the hogs at home, a bunch of candied figs and sometimes a little chocolate candy. They were afraid to offer this for sale unless they were protected from the crowd by an M. P. fence or something of the kind. One place I have in mind where a high wire fence that separated the camp grounds from a small village, was a favorite place with these peddlers. We could get to the fence and no

farther so we would line up and down the fence and thrust our arms through the woven wire and wave the francs at this very popular or unpopular fellow. The boys were all calling on him to wait for them and I expect if he could have understood what they were saying to him he would not have had such a pleasant look on his face. I think all the English he or they knew was 'one minute.' Sometimes it was a long minute.

After staying for a few days we left by rail for this place. These trains over here are a joke. The box cars look like toys by the side of those in the States. The capacity of most of them is 8 horses or 40 men. The benches run lengthwise with the car. We traveled in this manner all night and next day until 3 o'clock p. m. After getting off the cars and marching about 3 miles we were at our destination."

It is to be regretted that lack of space prevents the publication of this interesting letter.

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