FOUR DAY WEEKEND

We would like to go home for Thanksgiving. It happens that we view this fine old American tradition with the warmest regard, and when it comes to fine old traditions we can usually either take them or leave them alone. Home for us, however, is just a few too many train-hours away for a one-day visit. Three days would be too little for the days of the holiday we have not sat at the family Thanksgiving table since the autumn of 1946, when all we knew about M.I.T. came from the usual popular opinions and some pictures we saw in the catalogue.

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Library Services

The experiment being undertaken by the Institute Library in opening the English and History Library and the Music Library for three hours on Sunday afternoons for a trial period of one month is a commendable step, and we hope that enough people show up between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the next four Sundays to make possible the permanent establishment of the practice. On the other hand, it is hardly worthwhile to open the two rooms for so brief a time as three hours, and we would like to see closing time extended until about eight or nine in the evening. This of course would entail an additional expense, but it could be handled easily by the income from the exorbitant new fines on overdue books.