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Editorial



EDITORIAL

In about two weeks Christmas, bringing with it gaily wrapped packages, lighted trees, holly wreaths, and vacation, will be here. This will be the first peacetime Christmas in several years--a holiday much different from the one four years ago. Then the war had just begun--our boys were being called into service--many were killed, and families were separated on Christmas Eve. The holiday was celebrated but it wasn't the same without Bill, or Tom, or Dick. No, it wasn't a "Merry Christmas" for most of the 130 million Americans.

Now many of the boys will be "home for Christmas." Once again they will help trim the tree, open presents, attend church services, and eat "Mom's Christmas dinner." But they will remember those other Christmas Eves spent in a muddy foxhole, or on a ship, or flying a plane, and they'll offer up a prayer of gratitude that they reached home.

Yes, the Yuletide Season has come again, Christmas cards are being sent to Aunt Mary and Uncle Joe--trees are being looked over--the stores are filled with shoppers--presents are hidden in the closet so Sis won't find them--Mom is planning the family dinner, with dressing and cranberries, and Mike is wondering whether to give his best girl candy, perfume, or flowers!

Regardless of what Mike gets his girl, I'm sure now that peace has come once again to the world, this will be the best Christmas yet.

So, to all of you, a Very Merry Christmas from the "Vox."

The Vox staff wishes to thank all the students who participated in writing Christmas editorials and poetry. A lot of work was handed in. We also wish to thank the English teachers for their cooperation. ME

ODD'S'N ENDS

"I sure would like to be a Dairy Maid in a candy factory."

"What would you do in a candy factory?"

"Milk chocolates."



Mr. Vernon: There are direct taxes and indirect taxes. Harold give me an example of indirect taxation.

H. Horner: The dog tax.

Mr. Vernon: How is that?

Horner: The dog doesn't have to pay the tax.

Teacher: Do you know any more clever jokes like that, Johnny?

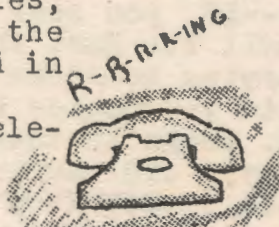
Johnny: Why yes, I know a lot more.

Teacher: Then stay after school!



Polderboer: Charles, what happens when the body is submerged in water?

C. Fulton: The telephone rings.



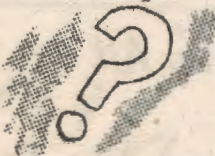
Mother: When Wilbur brings his report card home why do you always sign it with an x?

Father: I don't want the teacher to think anyone who could read or write could have a son like that!

Mrs. Deeds: Val, name two pronouns.

V. Blazek: Who, me?

Mrs. Deeds: Correct!



Cooney: In two years you will be quite a wit.

McCann: How's that?

Cooney: Because you're a half-wit now.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS

Throughout the Christian world today, people of all faiths observe the Christmas season. This is especially true of children.

The exchange of gifts, a custom that dates from medieval days, is universal.

In America and England, children look for Santa Claus to come in a sleigh drawn by reindeer, and climb down the chimneys to fill their stockings which are hung at the fireplace.

In Italy the children look to the Urn of Fate for their gifts. In Norway the presents are found hidden throughout the home.

In France presents are supposed to be brought by Bonhomme Noel (Father Christmas) and put in wooden shoes placed at the fireside, the same place the Dutch St. Nicholas puts the gifts.

In some Baltic countries the Christ Child is said to bring remembrances.

Beginning in Germany in the sixteenth century the Christmas tree, frost-covered and adorned with lights, and topped by a golden star, has played an important part at Christmas throughout the Christian world.

Christmas means more to us than just its history alone. Christmas is a joyful, happy, holiday in which we celebrate the birthday of the Christ Child.

It is a day of joyful recognition to the world and its inhabitants.

Every Christmas, people crowd the streets of many towns and cities, hurrying and clammering about, all of them in search for some articles to give one another on that special day in December.

Yes, Christmas is truly a happy and a glorious day for children as well as for grownups.

Bob Boettcher

A CHRISTMAS POEM

You don't need a fireplace, warm
and aglow,
You don't have to live in a cli-
mate of snow,
You don't need your stockings
hung up by a cord,
To celebrate Christmas, the day
of the Lord.

You don't need a tree decked with
tinsel and stars,
You needn't give presents like
diamonds and cars,
You don't have to sing with the
rest of the hoard,
To celebrate Christmas, the day
of the Lord.

You must have a generous feeling
within,
And also an innate abhorrence of
sin,
A desire to think and to act by
the word,
When you celebrate Christmas, the
day of the Lord.

It isn't the gift but the spirit
that's dear,
You must hold to this thought
through the rest of the year,
Till the last from His cup full
of kindness has poured,
Let each day of the year be the
day of the Lord.


John Snell

OVER A COKE

Joanne and Dick never give up,
do they----John E. called a girl
in Florida the other night---Bev
has us all confused. Is it Joe
or Roy----Sure seemed good to see
Mr. Salisbury at school the 26th-
---Just between you and me, isn't
Jack Anderson kinda cute---What's
this about Beryl Collier liking a
Sophomore----Girls, wait 'til you
hear! Don Carlson isn't as much
of an "angel" as he looks---What
ever happened to B. Christensen's
boy friend "Bill"----Anajean sure
enjoyed the West Branch game!
Wonder why----What's this about
Virginia Roberts having an un-
known admirer----A little bird
tells us that Harold Horner likes
red-heads. Guess he's been hold-
ing out on us----B. Lala's feud
with Ed is still plenty hot---all
the girls wish they had long hair
like Red Fairley's----Don't you
like those bows in D. Koeppen's
hair----All the boys envy Rudy
and his fur coat these cold days-
---If you hear moans in study
hall its just the Physic students
trying to solve those problems---
Did you notice how "sweet" Louie
M. looks in that blue sweater!---
Say, did Mullaey ever get her
pea jacket from that sailor-----
L. Russell and Marianne Luck sure
look cute together-----D. Biddick
is still looking the field over.JC

Seasons Greetings


Marion ^{from} Get Your Xmas
Dairy Ice cream early

Seasons  Greetings

We
Hope Santa Sees You All
DICKEY'S

Merry Christmas
^{from} FOITLES

To All **MERRY XMAS** We Wish
^{from} Bolsters Co.

Best Wishes 
LOV CAFE

Gifts for the Teachers

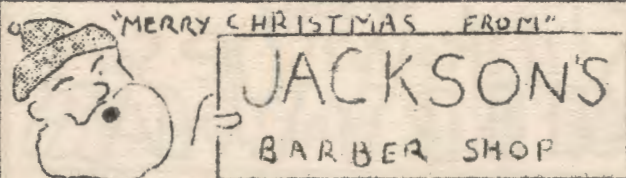


WHAT THE TEACHERS WANT

Miss Blaine-----A private taxi
 Miss Frankenfield--Better traveling conditions
 Mr. Polderboar---To be left alone
 Miss Wilcox-----A new car
 Mr. Smith-----An electric train
 Mr. Hulin-----Fishing tackle box
 Mrs. Hulin-----A new car
 Mrs. Deeds---Electric iron and a raincoat
 Miss Mentzer-----A new radio
 Miss Roberts---Four new tires!!!!
 Miss Frederick--A camera would be nice
 Mrs. Goodyear--A phonograph-radio would do
 Coach-----To win the rest of the basketball games
 Miss Petrusch-A box of pencils to loan to forgetful returners!
 Mr. Swartzendruber-----Album of classical music to ease the Mathematical mind!
 Mr. Vernon---A new Lincoln school building (whew!)
 Mrs. Vesley-----A wonderful band!

CAN YOU IMAGINE

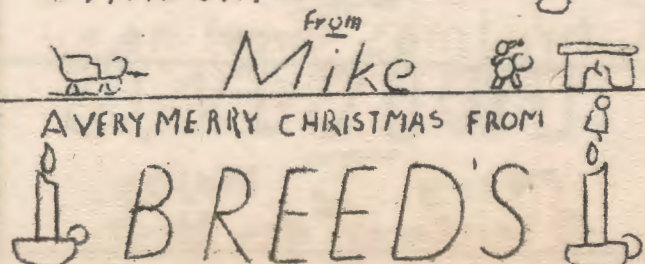
Avis Emmons-----without bangs?
 Harold Horner-----going steady?
 Bob Kerns-----without a camera?
 Calvin R.-----without an opinoin?
 Jack Scott-----without Joan?
 Willard Haak--getting low grades?
 Beryl Bock without her "sopnisti-cation?"
 Louie Mottinger----studying hard?
 Carol Fairley-----with derk hair?
 Darlene Port-----without a fellow?
 Bev. Lutz-----without a smile?
 B. Armstrong--with straight hair?
 JC



Bailey's wish



Christmas Greeting



CHRISTMAS WISHES

Joan Gibson: A radio. (We know what she really wants!)

Harry Fox: Betty Grable. (Hubba hubba!)

Bev. Lutz: A sailor. (Just anyone!)

Joyce Emmons: A certain "Him." (Is he good looking, Joyce?)

Dick McCalley: A rabbit's foot for the basketball games.

Diane Biddick: A snowsuit to go with those boots!

Williard Haak: Anything to keep the girls away!

Anajean Forbes: Somebody to advise me about "Love!"

Darlene Meggars: She has Kerns so she's satisfied.

Rudy S: He has his fur coat-isn't that enough?

Seniors: They just want to graduate!

Joyce Fosdick: A red convertible.

Remember When

Mr. Salisbury used to lead cheers in assembly--Marion won the WaMaC Conference--Bill Faylor ran the kissing booth--All the girls worshiped Tom Benedict--Bob Coon played "Boogie Woogie"--Bill Reed talked in assembly--Mrs. Hannon taught U.S. History--Gibson was dating Ralph--The Box Social was held--Eastman and Thomas were a dating couple--Jean Quinn went with Bill Page--Roy Houser was interested in Anajean--"Ever Since Eve" caused quite a commotion--Louie M. had a full set of teeth--When we had "Pete Beet"---Crew was crazy about Leidigh.

WHERE THE TEACHERS
WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS VACATION

Miss Blaine: Cedar Rapids and Iowa City.

Mr. Polderboer: New York--at the Metropolitan, he sez?!!

Miss Frankenfield: Mason City and Charles City.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulin: Marion and Iowa City.

Miss Mentzer: Marion and Iowa City.

Mr. Vernon: Marion.

Miss Petrusch: Marion.

Miss Roberts: Monticello and Waverly.

Mr. Smith: Nebraska.

Mr. Swartzenruber: Marion.

Mrs. Bees: Waterloo and Decorah.

Mrs. Goodyear: Marion.

Mr. Hipple: Marion.

Miss Wilcox: She's not sure.

Mrs. Vesley: Missouri.

Miss Fredericks: Lisbon.

GOSSIP

Who is Joyce Bintz caught staring at these days?

Shirley L.-----Dave H. Hmm! Doesn't Jean Carlson and Gene Mitchel make a cute couple?

Who is Barabra A. admirer??? Be careful Rita B, you must not forget Don:

Nickeson wrote Santa for---? Has Bev. Nearow finally made up her mind?

MARION
cleaners and launderers
Christmas^{wish} Greetings

EDISON'S
Merry^{wish all} and Happy
Christmas^{and} New Year

To You
Klink wishes a
MERRY XMAS

COAST TO COAST
STORES
TOYS • GIFTS

ACTIVITIES

QUILL STAFF 1945-1946

The Quill staff has been selected and in this issue and following ones, the names and committees will be given. Helen Frazier was chosen Editor; Bill Travis and Russell Benedict, business editor. In charge of advertising are Ed Wainwright and Don Marek; organization, John Eastman and Bob Burns. In the layout department are Muriel Reichert, Margery Wallace, Nadine Luedeman, Odette Stanley, Joyce Bintz and Bob Pflughaupt.

We hope everyone working on the Quill will do his best and make this Quill the best M. H. S. ever had! JQ

BAND

Anyone interested in playing a bassoon, oboe, French Horn, or any other type of instrument see Mrs. Vesley.

Come on Kids! Help us have a contest band. EP

G.A.A.

The G.A.A. volleyball tournament was won by the Senior team. They defeated the Juniors 48 to 20.

All girls interested in basketball come out to practices as teams will soon be chosen. BP

BE A SPORT, ATTEND ALL THE GAMES!

DRAMATIC CLUB

A meeting of the Dramatic Club was held in Miss Blaine's room, December third, to discuss plans for the Christmas Assembly to be held December 21.

Plans were made to enter a one-act play in the state contest. The play has not yet been selected.

It was also decided there will be no three act play given by the Dramatic Club this year. JM

ASSEMBLY

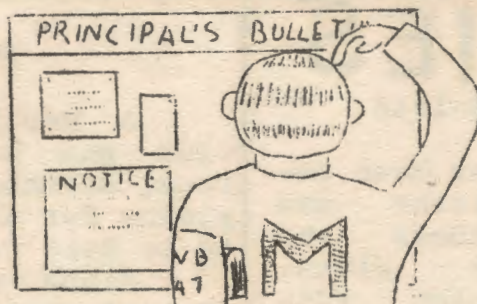
At the assembly on December 7, a short movie was shown on Canada, our friendly neighbor. Following this, Marion students were guests at the wedding of Mr. Mount Vernon (Norma Fay) to Miss Marion (Martin Gaare.) The cheer leaders took over and taught us two new yells, ending the assembly by singing the school song. JQ

VOX DANCE

A dance was sponsored by the Vox last Friday after the Mount Vernon-Marion Game. The music, was furnished by Harry James, Tommy Dorsey, and others--strictly "off-the-record." The floor, show featured "You Came Along", sung by Jo Peck, accompanied by Mrs. Hulin: "Robbin Hood" and "Twilight Time", piano solos by Don Deacon, and a couple of dance numbers by C. Davis and D. Bid-dick. MR

toys
WESTERN gifts
Auto
wish you
Merry Xmas

YUM! YUM!
HAVE YOU SEEN
THOSE RED CARDIGAN
SWEATERS
NOW ON DISPLAY AT
ADKINS AND FEIGH



"Do you wish to lock your locker?" That is one of the first questions asked of a student as he registers in the fall. He is given the opportunity to protect his belongings by the best and safest means possible.

A few complaints come to the office. "Something has been stolen from my locker." Then the question is, "Did you have your locker locked?" In every case that has come to the office this year, the answer to that question has been "no".

You people in high school should know that you can not leave something valuable unguarded. If you do not, then you learn the hard way; namely, having something stolen from you. You are given the opportunity to protect yourself, with the thought that students in high school will take advantage of and not be careless of this opportunity.

Just last week, out of curiosity, I walked down one hall and counted the number of locks on the doors, and the number of locks locked on the doors. There were 93 locks, and 73 of those were left unlocked.

The student must learn to assume responsibility. You have plenty of time between classes to unlock the locker, and then snap it shut again before you leave. Why should we place rigid rules on all of the school, when the simple answer is for you to think and take a fraction of time to safeguard yourself?

Christmas vacation is just around the corner. What are you going to do and how are you going to spend your time?

I know some people are going to say, "I'm going to work"; others, "I'm going visiting"; others, "I'm going to rest"; and others, "I'm going to forget school every minute of the time I'm on vacation". Those are common statements.

Let me remind some of you that this would be a wonderful opportunity to catch up on some of your school work. Did you know that semester tests will begin in just seven days after the vacation, and that the semester ends in twelve days after the vacation?

Have a good time during vacation, yes! But some of you who are low in your work, who are failing in your work, who are incomplete in your work, who are delinquent in your work,--remember, here is an opportunity to get things shipshape for the final part of this semester.

CS

SPORTS

Basketball Schedule

November 30	West Branch....	There
December 7	Mount Vernon....	Here
December 11	Anamosa.....	There*
December 14	Independence..	There*
December 21	Vinton.....	There*
January 4	Springville....	Here
January 8	Tipton.....	There*
January 11	Vinton.....	Here*
January 18	Anamosa.....	Here*
January 22	West Branch....	Here
January 25	Springville....	There
February 1	Manchester....	There*
February 5	Mount Vernon...	There
February 8	Tipton.....	Here*
February 15	Maquoketa.....	There*
February 22	Monticello....	There*

WEST BRANCH 20 MARION FIGHTS!!

The Marion Quintet's trip to West Branch Friday night was most unsuccessful. The Indians opened the 45-46 season by dropping both the varsity and the reserve games to the West Branch Bears. However the Varsity game was by far the better of the two.

The Bears opened the game fast and led 10-3 at Halftime. But after the intermission the visitors came back to turn the tables and score ten while the Bears scored only three. This made the score 13.

Then the home team poured in 3 fast baskets and free throws, while Marion made one last tally to end the game 20-15.

Gable and Mottinger each made 4 points while Wainwright made 2 and McCalley was high point man with five.

For West Branch Peterson was high with nine points to his credit.

The Reserve game was a poor one, losing by a score of 23-7. Bob Page was high point man for Marion with 3 points. Both, the Reserve team and the Freshmen-Sophomore team, played in this game. The Freshmen and Sophomore squad, played better ball and

scored six of the seven Marion points. DH

MARION VS. MT. VERNON

At the beginning of the first quarter it looked quite uncertain as to who would be the victor. But soon Mt. Vernon got the lead and kept it the entire game.

The game had a total of 41 fouls but neither team was accurate on free throws.

Fisher and Edwards did most of the shooting for Mt. Vernon in the first half. Mottinger made one basket and with six free throws made the score 16-8 at halftime.

In the third quarter two Mt. Vernon players left by way of the foul route.

At the beginning of the final quarter McCalley fouled out. Slater was high point man with 11 of the 22 points for Marion. Caraway was high point man for the visitors. RF

ANAMOSA

Marion's hard fighting cagers dropped a tough one to a lanky Anamosa five Tuesday night. This game marked the opening of the Wa Mac Conference schedule.

Gable scored the first two points for Marion. Then the Raiders scored with the first quarter ending 10-5, and the half ending 14-9.

The second half opened with Mottinger pouring in a fast two points to begin the most exciting quarter of play. Midway in the quarter Mac Slater tied the game on a free throw, 17-17. Marion's hopes were high but began to fade as Anamosa came back to end the quarter 21-18.

During the last quarter the Raiders piled up 14 points to Marion's 8 and closed the ball game in an Indian defeat 35-26. The second string dropped the opener 27-12. JFE

for a Merry Christmas

WHY BUY VICTORY BONDS?

During the early days of the war, our fighting dollars landed on the coast of North Africa and helped force the Germans to surrender. About the same time these same dollars landed with the Marines on Guadalcanal. The R.A.F. bombed Germany by night. Iwo Jima and Okinawa became familiar names in the headlines. FLASH! D-Day! Our dollars invaded Normandy. The U.S. Navy knocks at Japan's backdoor. FLASH! The German army surrenders. Victory in Europe! Japan bombed by atomic energy! FLASH! Japan surrenders! The fighting is over!! Victory is ours! Peace returns!

Yes, the war is over, but the emergency is not. Our Army and Navy are still on the job of safe guarding our hard-won peace. Our sick and wounded men still need expert care to bring them back to health and enable them to return to normal life. The battle against inflation is yet to be won.

What can we, the students of M.H.S. do about it? We can save our money rather than spending it for scarce articles, and above all help put our community over the top in the sales of Victory Bonds.

Maurice Dahn

Give Victory Bonds

