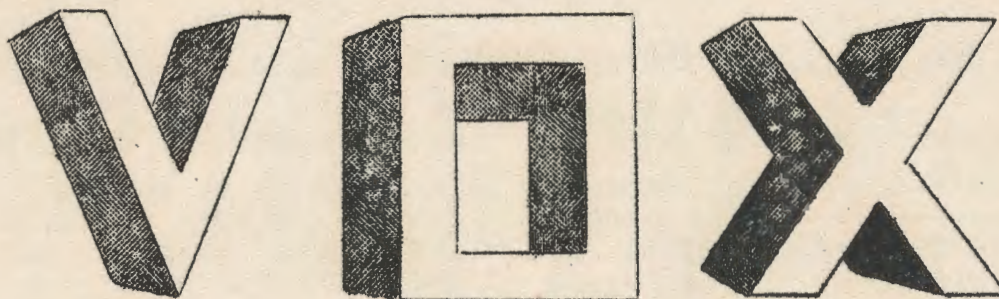


# Merry Christmas







## Marion Sweeps Past Blue Raiders

The Marion Indians opened their WaMaC conference schedule Tuesday, December 7, by trouncing Anamosa 47-25.

The Blue Raiders, although inexperienced, gained some recognition by holding Lanky Lloyd Olmstead to nine points. There seemed to be a lid on the basket all evening for the tall center who was able to hit on only two shots. But he made up for this with his superb defensive and offensive rebounding.

The Indians led all the way, but not until the fourth period was the game really put on ice. The first period ended 13-7 with fairly even scoring. At half-time the lead was widened to 22-14 with the Indians still on top.

The third period was all Marion's with the Raiders hitting only two field goals while the Indians racked up 14 points. Many substitutions

marked the fourth period and the game ended 47-25.

Barrie Gable led all scoring with 13 points, while George Bearasley of Anamosa tallied 11 for the losers.

The Anamosa Freshman-Sophomores tripped up the Little Indians 27-24. Bob Williams was high for Marion with 10 tallies. EC

## Junior Class Play

"Best Foot Forward", the fun-packed comedy of life in a boys' prep school, was presented by the Junior class December 9 and 10 in the Lincoln Auditorium. The capable casting and the directing were handled by Miss Lois Terrill. The plot revolved around the college prom where one young man ended up with two dates--his steady girl and a very beautiful movie actress. Although complications were numerous, the end was a happy one, as anyone who attended will report. Congratulations for a swell production, Juniors!

DL

## Marion Places Six on WaMaC Team

Four Marion athletes have been named to berths on the first team of the 1948 All-WaMaC Conference football squad. Two Indian gridgers received positions on the second team. The squad was chosen by ballot of conference members at the WaMaC Basketball Jamboree which was held in Anamosa on Tuesday, November 23.

The Marion players honored by the conference include Captain Ken Otting, half-back; Jerry Jeffrey, guard; Larry Yauslin, tackle; and Dave Rathje, utility back, on the first team; Jerry Kelso, tackle; and George Murdoch, center, on the second team.

These choices indicate the respect held by the conference schools for Marion's 1948 grid machine. The conference champion Tipton Tigers placed five men on the first team but failed

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**Good Sportsmanship**

When anyone mentions sports-  
 manship, we immediately think of  
 all the different sports--foot-  
 ball, baseball, basketball, etc.

Although our basketball sea-  
 son has started out very well,  
 there are always a few people who  
 think they must "boo" the refer-  
 ees and the other team. The ref-  
 erees would not be out there on  
 the floor if they did not know  
 what they were doing.

Let's all remember this and  
 show our respect for the referees  
 and the losing team. We want our  
 school to be known for its good  
 sportsmanship as well as its good  
 team. JC

**The Tragedy of Christmas, 1948**

The blast thundered down the  
 narrow street rocking walls,  
 shattering windows, and choking  
 the air with a deadly hail of  
 jagged brick and searing metal.  
 The woman lay behind the rude  
 sand-bag shelter for a short mo-  
 ment after the reverberations had  
 died away and then struggled re-  
 solutely to her feet, her badly  
 frightened but unharmed baby boy  
 in her arms. After calming her  
 babe as best she could she re-  
 sumed her lonely trek through the  
 rubble to her home, forcing her  
 weary steps lest nightfall should  
 find her alone on the streets.  
 The day had been a tedious, dis-  
 appointing round of pushing and  
 jostling with hundreds of other  
 hungry people who had gathered in  
 the square to haggle over the all  
 too inadequate foodstuffs and  
 meager clothing being offered for  
 sale by the black market and,  
 perhaps, stealing a loaf of black  
 bread or a pair of sandals that  
 she might not return to her home  
 empty-handed. If, indeed, her  
 home had not by now been taken  
 from her as had so recently been  
 taken her husband and eldest son.

Such is Christmas Eve, 1948,  
 in Jerusalem. Such episodes will  
 be pitifully common in that area  
 this year on the anniversary of  
 the birth, in that same land, of  
 another baby boy to another Jew-  
 ish mother nearly 2000 years ago.  
 Now, after 20 centuries of "pro-  
 gress" in the relations of man to  
 man and man to God, the homeland  
 of the Prince of Peace is one of  
 the world's bloody battlegrounds.

We may find these thoughts  
 repugnant to the sense of cheer  
 and gaiety which most of us  
 rightly feel at Christmas time,  
 but let us not forget that the  
 people of Palestine have no  
 choice but to face this problem.  
 The people of China and Greece

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## A Post Office Parody

Time: Near Christmas

Place: Santa's workshop

Main Characters: Santa's helpers

As the scene opens, we see Santa's two helpers, Marlys and Effie, slaving over a stack of letters from all over the world--even Lower Slobbovia! Listen, you can hear them talking.

MARLYS: Whew! What a big list we received from Marion High.

EFFIE: Yes, it will take some figuring to find all the things that they asked for.

MARLYS: We'll never be able to get this one. Listen--all the Marion teachers want more attentive pupils after X-mas vacation.

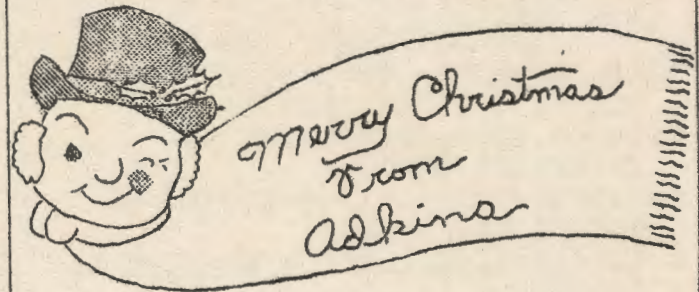
EFFIE: Larry Y. would give his eye teeth for a car so he could see Jerry more often.----John Snell wants a Republican president. Doesn't he know it's too late?---Roger H. wants a certain P. W. and he doesn't mean Prisoner of War!---Ellen H. says she doesn't want a thing--she's got hers, and does it sparkle!

MARLYS: Marty G. would like a ticket on the next plane for Alaska.---Donna T. wants a white horse, a suit of armor, and Dick Jeffrey???--Kenny O. would like to get "her" on A Slow Boat to China.

EFFIE: Jim J. wants some more of Twyla's notes---he says they make interesting reading.---Here's one from the second string cheerleaders--they want something new to wear when they cheer!---W. W. W. wants an inflated pillow so he can have something to rest his head on in 7th hour study hall.---George wants to learn how to play the trombone so he and Roberta will have something in common.

MARLYS: Look! Here is a special delivery letter from

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Joyous Christmas!



~ Danish Maid Bakery ~



## A Star Shines Out On ~ Bethlehem Town ~

'Tis midnight, the village is  
asleep for the night,  
But one star shines out on  
Bethlehem town;  
It shines on the stable carved  
out of the hill,  
A shining jewel for a new King's  
crown.

It shines on the Child asleep in  
the manger;  
It shines on the sweet-faced  
mother in blue;  
It shines on the gentle husband  
Watching Christ Child and mother,  
too.

The rough shepherds kneel rev-  
erently  
Beside the Child in the straw-  
filled stall;  
And with them kneel three kings  
of the East,  
Shepherds and kings paying  
reverence all.

The angels laud the birth of Him.  
Who comes to lead His flock  
aright;  
The lowly stable so gloriously  
shines  
With golden rays of heavenly  
light.

In the rest of the village the  
travelers lodge  
Unaware; they're wrapped in  
sleep;  
They came to sign for Caesar's  
taxation,  
But now they lie in slumber deep.

A star shines out on Bethlehem  
town,  
The birthplace of a King,  
Where kings kneel down in a  
simple stable  
And the angels rejoice and sing.  
HIR



Dickey's Woods  
Wish

You  
Joy at Christmas



Christmas Wishes  
from  
Breed's Barber Shop

Season's Greetings  
Balster Furniture Co.

M & A Lunch  
Wish  
You A  
Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year

Greetings To All!  
L.E. Storm Stores





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are in no better a position, for their countries are also torn with internal dissension, rioting, and open warfare.

It seems strange that mankind, which cries out for a way to end the horror, injustice, and sin of war, has so completely overlooked the teachings of the Man whose birth we soon celebrate. These clearly stated ideas, "Love thine enemy, bless them which persecute you, and love thy neighbor as thyself," if diligently practiced, would, by eliminating the very core of the problem, bring a secure peace to the world as a matter of natural consequence.

With my wish of a Merry Christmas to you all goes a hope that each of us may stop a moment in the midst of his celebrating to resolve to put Christ's teachings into practice in his life as never before, that his friends and associates may see and be influenced to accept this doctrine for their own. In this way each of us can, in a small but mighty way, be instrumental in the eventual eradication of war and the substitution of a better, Christ-like way of life. JS

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David O'Kelly and Betty Porter. They would each like a pair of mittens so it wouldn't be necessary to hold hands to keep them warm!---Veda Mae and Mary Lou N. both asked for the same thing. Do you think one would settle for just the station wagon?

EFFIE: Bobby Peck wants a pair of built-up shoes so he can be taller than Norma.---Jean Carlson and Diane Hess would like something to do in their spare time.

EFFIE AND MARLYS: Well kids don't make like a Nosy Rosie and peek in your presents, there're only eight more days to wait.



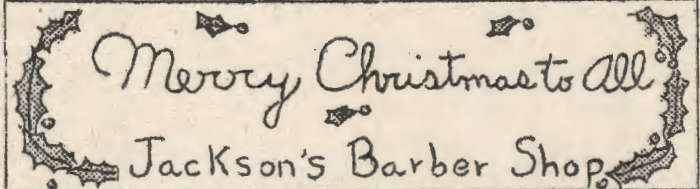
"Best Wishes at  
Christmastime"

~ Western Auto ~

Greetings  
on  
Christmas



Marion  
Cleaners



Holiday

Greetings



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# Spirit of Giving

"In as much as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me" inspires all our hearts to take part in the true meaning of Christmas giving.

The colored lights, glistening windows filled with toys from Wonder-land, and the gaudy array of gifts oft-times makes us forget the simplicity of a babe in the manger who came to show us that the joy that you give others is the joy that will come back to you. In our hurried preparation for this festive holiday we find ourselves making ready for X-mas and forgetting that it is CHRIST-mas that we celebrate.

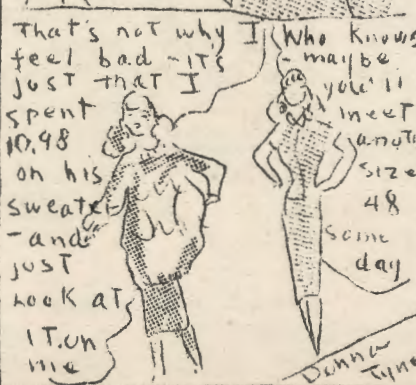
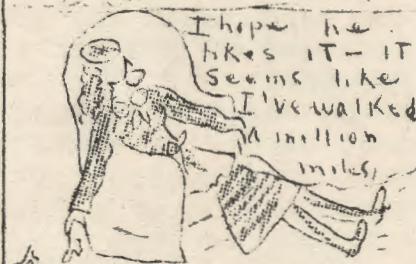
There are many ways that we can express our kindness at Christmas, such as contributing to Father Flanagan's Boys' Town, buying Christmas seals, giving Christmas baskets to the needy, and remembering those in nursing homes and childrens' homes; and, after sharing, there is real pleasure around your own family tree on Christmas morning when you discover Santa has left the very thing you asked for. DLH



- Jan. 1 Beverly Benfer  
Russell Seeks  
2 Bette Larson  
4 Dale Filloon  
6 Pat Howe  
John Norris  
9 Dolores McGowan  
Dorothy McGowan  
11 B. J. Stark  
12 Alton Sproston  
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Josephine Minar  
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Marjorie Secrest  
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26 Jack Ellis  
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28 Jean Carlson  
29 Rex Story  
30 Don Balster HH

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## Cross Country

Marion's hard-working cross-country team this year was made up of Jack Edmunds, Allan Mally, Donald Dean, Harold Hollingsworth, Richard Hotz, Bob Peck, Floyd Long, Richard Novotny, Willis Schnell, and Larry Burrows.

In the state team mile, Mally, Edmunds, and Dean took 5th, 8th and 10th places respectively to score second as a team.

Later in a tri-meet mile and one-half run with Tipton and U. High of Iowa City, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th places were taken by Mally, Edmunds, Hollingsworth, Dean, and Hotz in that order.

The climax was the capture of the state two-mile meet at Iowa City by Marion's squad. Mally's second place with Edmunds at 3rd and Dean at 5th scored ten points for Marion. Nevada placed second with 19. In team events the lowest score wins. These boys deserve much credit for the deter-

mination and courage which it took to win.

GM



## Mt. Vernon Game

Led by last year's scoring ace, Lloyd Olmstead, who tallied 25 points, the Marion Indians downed their first foe of the season by a 17 point margin.

Marion drew first blood and lead at the quarter, 15-12.

The determined Mount Vernon club came right back and twice in the second quarter tied the Marion outfit but allowed a 19-17 lead at the half.

During the third period both teams began pouring them in, Mount Vernon tying the score but never taking the lead. Finally Marion came through to lead 34-27 at the third quarter.

Mount Vernon was unable to threaten again. Final score: 51-34. GM

## Wilson Game

Sparked by the sharp shooting of Lloyd Olmstead, Marion outplayed a taller Wilson team on Friday, November 3, defeating them 56 to 43. It was a close game all the way until the last few minutes when Wilson tired. Olmstead paced the Indians with 20 points, while King and Gable got 11 and 10 respectively. El Svoboda paced Wilson with 13. It was the second win in two starts for the Marion cagers.

The freshman-sophomore tilt cost the Marion squad their second defeat in two starts--33-21. Lef-fingwell led the scorers with 16 points. VT





**A Tale of Christmas Eve****By A Christmas Stocking**

It was way past midnight, and the Christmas Stocking began to get angry. "To be taken out of a nice comfortable drawer on a winter night, and to be strung up on a bed-post like a common thing! Why, it's inhuman!"

A little girl lay fast asleep in the bed. Her clothes lay neatly folded on a chair, the stockings which she had worn during the day hung dreaming over the back of the chair, and underneath were her little shoes, both of them snoring.

"I miss my mate," said the Stocking glancing at the pair sleeping on the back of the chair. "It's downright monstrous to take one stocking from a drawer and leave its mate behind! If I worked for a one-legged child or a mermaid it would be a different matter. Oh, my poor heel and toe, it is so very cold!"

Just as he finished speaking there was a noise in the chimney, and, looking in the direction of the fireplace, the Stocking was amazed to see a very old, white-bearded gentleman in a bright red cloak, descending the chimney. The room became warm and cheerful. The Stocking, which was too wonder-struck to

speak, thought that he had never seen such a quaint old man in all his life.

Santa Claus--and you've all guessed it was he--advanced to the bed and let the big bag which he carried on his shoulder slide to the floor.

"Ha," he said, in a very cheerful voice, "how she has grown! When I was here last year I could have put her in my waistcoat pocket." Then he turned to the Stocking, and said: "Well, Master Woollyribs, how do you find yourself tonight?"

"Rather lonely," answered the Stocking. "I miss my mate terribly, and it's cold."

Santa chuckled, "Oh, I'll warm you quickly enough!", and diving into his sack, he pulled out all kinds of toys and crammed them into the stocking.

"Hey! You will split me if you're not careful! I'm a stocking. What do you take me for, the toy department at Yonker's?"

Santa Claus laughed, "You must be new to this game."

"I was only born this winter, and I've been worn only three times," answered the Stocking, "so I guess you might say I'm not exactly experienced."

In the morning, very early, the little girl awoke and emptied the Stocking of all the toys. Then she

folded the Stocking (as all good girls would do) and placed it back in the drawer.

"Well," said its mate, "where have you been all night?"

"My dear," replied the Stocking, "I have never worked so hard before in all my life. But permit me to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

"What nonsense is this?" asked his mate, and she dropped off to sleep again. BEN

## ~ Junior High ~ Honor Roll

Honor pupils for the second six weeks period at Marion Junior High School, announced at an assembly Wednesday are: the eighth grade, David Carey, Mary Ruth Culbert, Cecelia Kost, Jim Lang, Barbara Paul, Joan Petrusch, Harry Potter, Margaret Reinsch, Don Rose, Shirlee Pinch, Sondra Burnett, David Walsh, Janet Gordon, Mary Lyons, Nadine Manson, Donna Northrup and Marilyn Rech; seventh grade, John Ballard, Charlese Birmingham, Robert Byse, Wallace De Woody, Alice Engel, Penny Ensminger, Molly Keith, Phyllis Carlsson, Dan Kellams, Mary Kopetsky, Sharon Ozburn, Shirley Post, Betsey Wachal, Helen Christienson, Carol Tilp, Marilyn Tritle, Jerry Walker and Ann Young.



## Student Council

The Student Council Constitution Committee has completed the drafting of a constitution for the proposed student governmental group, according to the Committee report which was given during an assembly on December 10. It was announced that an assembly will be devoted to discussion and explanation of the document in the near future. Copies of the projected constitution may be obtained in the principal's office. JS

## Dramatics Club

At the Dramatics Club meeting December 2, the members decided to award silver drama club pins to those of the group who earn 400 or more points for the year. Points may be earned in many ways such as costuming, make-up, and seeing or reading a play. DL

## Assembly

Friday, December 3, Mr. Howard Cleaves gave an interesting and educational lecture on how to photograph wild birds and animals. After the lecture he showed a colored film on birds that he had taken in the East. EV



## Commercial Club

The Alpha Beta Gamma will hold their Christmas dinner December 20 at the home of Helen Hammond. The following officers will assist Miss Hammond: Marlene Moffatt, Leona Levasseur, Josephine Minar, and Marlys Welper.

The girls will have a gift exchange with their "secret sisters," and a grab bag gift. Games will be played and a short program will be given. HH

## Zeta Mu Epsilon

The Marion Chapter of the Junior Academy of Science, Zeta Mu Epsilon, held its regular meeting Wednesday, December 8, in the biology room.

After a business meeting those present toured the Marion Sentinel offices. Mr. Young explained to the group the processes of publishing a newspaper. Each club member present received a small lead block with his name on it. DL

## Hi-Y

Jerry Jeffrey reported the details of the Hi-Y Conference at Ottumwa when the local high school Hi-Y group met Monday evening, December 6.

Mr. Leonard Wickenburg of the Cedar Rapids Y.M.C.A. was the group's guest for the evening. DL

## Movies

The Commercial students enjoyed a movie, entitled "Take A Letter, Please", which was shown on Wednesday, December 15. It is the first of a series of movies which will be shown throughout the year. ben

*Merry Christmas  
To all  
from  
The Vow Staff*

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to receive mention on the second string.

The Basketball Jamboree gave WaMaC fans a chance to see all eight conference teams in action. Each of the four teams of the Western division of the conference played one quarter with one of the teams of the Eastern division. The Westerners triumphed with a total score of 34 to their opponents' 26.

The team results follow. In each case the Western team is listed first: Independence 11, Anamosa 4; Manchester 5, Maquoketa 8; Marion 7, Monticello 7; Vinton 11, Tipton 7.

In the reserve games the West edged the East, 29-27. JS





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