

# GRADUATION



CLASS of '49



May 13, 1949

VOX

Marion High School

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# V O X

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Marion, Iowa

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## More Firsts For Marion

### At Perry

The small groups and solos that received first ratings at Iowa City on April 29 and 30 went to Perry for state contest on May 7.

First ratings in the vocal department went to the madrigal group (Hastings, Richmann, Cary, Nielson, Blazek, Hess, Snell, Michel, Domer, and Ford); boys' quartet (Snell, Michel, Domer, Ford); and baritone solo (Lynn Ford).

In instrumental music first went to flute solo (Carole Hamilton); baritone euphonium solo (Margie Lala); trombone quartet (Michel, Fisher, Post, Lala); trumpet quartet (Cary, Bailey, Snell, Ford); trumpet solo (John Snell); and alto clarinet solo (Floyd Domer). Second ratings were received in student conducting, trombone solo, and mixed clarinet quartet.

Marion has had excellent representation at all music contests this year.

## Marion Host To Career Day

### Eight Schools Attend

Approximately 550 senior students and faculty members from the eight WAMAC Conference schools attended Career Day at Marion on Tuesday, May 3. This event, the first of its kind in the conference, was planned for the purpose of briefing the students in the fields and professions they may wish to enter.

At the general assembly Supt. Harry J. Eastman of Vinton, chairman of the day, introduced each of the faculty members and the main speaker, Dr. Ray Bryan, director of vocational education and placement of Iowa State College. Dr. Bryan's theme was "Heads You Win, Tails You Lose."

The faculty members were experts from Iowa State Teachers College, Iowa State College, University of Iowa, Cedar Rapids

Business College and various other organizations.

Several of the fields covered in the classes were teaching, stenography, farming, advertising and journalism, cosmetology, and the F. B. I.

## John Snell Wins Scholarship

Each year National Honor Society Scholarships worth \$300 each are awarded to ten students who receive a percentile rank of 99.94 on a General Aptitude Test which was taken this year by a total of 5,915 students. John Snell was one of the ten. The students who took this test were all selected members of the National Honor Society representing 1,492 schools throughout the nation.

Of these 5,915 students 243 were fi-

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### Marion Wins 14 Firsts

At the music contest held in Iowa City April 29 and 30, Marion walked off with fourteen first ratings. Groups and solos receiving firsts were band, mixed chorus, boys' glee club, boys' quartet, madrigal, trumpet quartet, trombone quartet, mixed clarinet quartet, J. Snell-trumpet-cornet, C. Hamilton-flute, G. Michel-trombone, F. Domer-alto clarinet, M. Lala-baritone euphonium and L. Ford-baritone voice.

## A Decision For A Life Time

By John Snell

It's almost over for the seniors. There remain just a few days of school, the gay whirl of senior week, the Prom, Commencement, and it will be finished.

The enjoyment of these last few days is half of graduating. The other half consists of the making of plans and decisions which every senior finds necessary. Many of the '49ers have made plans to attend colleges or universities next fall to prepare themselves for professional or other fields requiring college education. There are some who have decided to enter business careers without further education. Several boys have decided that their plans can best be furthered by enlistment in the armed forces. A few girls have the ring'n' everything for a matrimonial plunge following graduation.

Regardless of the plans which a senior may have laid, there is one fundamental decision which is necessary if he expects to be successful. It may make little difference whether or not he goes on to college. A decision to enter military service can neither make nor break a fellow's future. But the prime requisite to success is that a graduate decide that he wants his life to be worthwhile, to really count for something. A firm resolve now to aim for the top is the best insurance of success in whatever field of endeavor a graduate may have chosen.

If each '49er will decide now that in all his future attempts he will always give his best efforts and be satisfied with nothing less than complete success, the members of the M.H.S. class of 1949 will bring honor to themselves and to their school.

Goodness, armed with power, is corrupted; and pure love without power is destroyed.



## Glee Club Presents Show

The Girls' Glee Club of Marion High School completed their work this year with a Songs and Styles, 1798-1949, Concert. Following a style review by all members of the club, the chorus and audience sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

The glee club members were divided into three age groups--1850-1864; 1912-1917; and the present. Marlene Moffatt, Mary Walters, Betty Nielson, Mary Ann Ross, and Christine Miersen sang solos; the sextet sang "In The Shade of the Old Apple Tree," and Edna Vikdal played three vibraharp selections. Sue Cary and Donna Bailey played a piano duet, "Valse Blue."

While the numbers were being sung by the glee club, different scenes were pictured on the stage by other members of the group to show off the styles of the period. Lyle Fisher assisted by describing the dresses in the style review.

## Big 10 Announced At Dance

The Big Ten Ball, honoring the ten outstanding students of Marion High School, was held in the high school gymnasium April 22. The highlight of the dance was the presentation of the "Big 10" who are Donna Bailey, Dorothy Levasseur, Virginia Culbert, Jean Carlson, Betty Norris, John Snell, Lloyd Olmstead, Kenny Otting, seniors; and Sam Baez and Barrie Gable, juniors.

One of the features of the evening was a floor show with Marlene Moffatt and Betty Neilson singing "Cruising Down the River," Edna Vikdal playing a vibraharp selection, "Canadian Capers," and Lloyd Olmstead reciting "Big Foot Joe."

Del Taylor's band provided the music for the dance.



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**"The Best  
of Luck  
To The  
Class of  
'49'ers."**

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## Prom Dance to be at Armar

The Junior-Senior Prom this year will be held May 20 with a banquet in the gymnasium followed by a formal dance at the Armar Ballroom. The banquet will be exclusively for juniors and seniors, but the dance will be for juniors and seniors and their dates.

Decorations for the dinner and dance will be in pastel colors. The music for the dance will be provided by Al Spetrino's Swingtet, and a floorshow will be presented by the junior class.

## Mt. Vernon Students Enjoy Exchange Assembly

Godfrey Ratliff and his talent scouts, members of the Student Council, presented the exchange assembly at Mount Vernon High School on April 28. The audience was very appreciative, for they laughed at all the funny parts and applauded loudly after every number. Mary Lou Nielson suggested the talent scout idea, giving an opportunity for the Student Council to participate in the program and making a unified production.

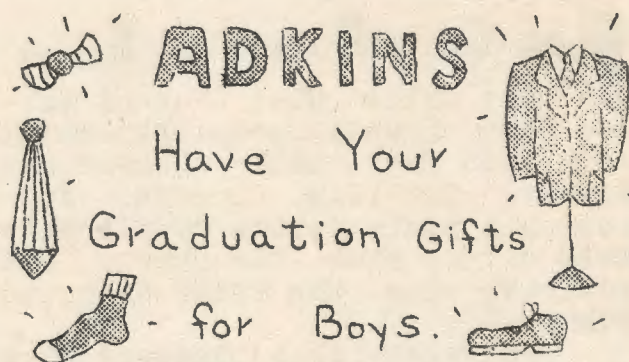


I'm only  
a bird in  
a gilded  
cage...

## Seniors To Visit Prison

Plans have been completed for the scheduled senior trip on Monday, May 23. Leaving Marion by bus at 6:30 A. M., the seniors will go to Fort Madison, Keokuk, and Mt. Pleasant.

They will follow conducted tours through the state prison and the Shaeffer Pen Company at Fort Madison. In Keokuk they will tour the hydroelectric plant at the dam and enjoy a noon picnic in the park. At Mt. Pleasant they plan to go through the hospital for the insane and eat their evening meal at a park before returning to Marion.



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Graduation Gifts  
for Boys.




## PRASTKA




JEWELERS

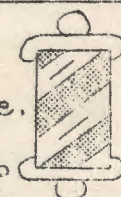
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Congratulations  
~ Seniors ~



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## To Be Missed

We will all miss the couples walking down the hall hand in hand, especially Edna and Lloyd.

Miss Mentzer will miss the senior gum chewers and she hopes there won't be underclass replacements.

The Levasseur limousine will be missed when it's time to come to school at noon.

Miss Wallace's right-hand helpers will certainly be missed in the office.

Roger Hutchinson's reserved laugh will no longer be heard down the halls.

Mr. Swartzendruber will miss Lynn's baritone voice.

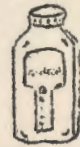
The exchanging of cards by the seniors in the hall.

Miss Petrusch will miss Wilfred Wilkinson's mumbling monotone when the typewriter makes mistakes.

Missing: Sixty-six seniors the last week of school.



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of 1949 a  
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Best of Luck, Seniors.  
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Congratulations, Seniors  
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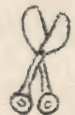
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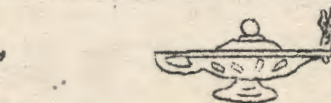


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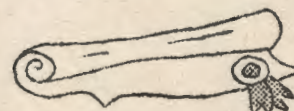


Congratulations, '49'ers.

**Gira's Super Market**



Congratulations  
On Your Coming  
Graduation.





## Commercial Club Has Formal Dinner

The annual formal dinner of the Senior Commercial Club was held on May 2 at the K.V. Cafe. Miss Leona Levasseur, the toast-mistress, gave a welcoming address, and a varied program was given by the members of the club. The guest speaker, Miss Lovetta Irwin, personnel director at Killian's, spoke on "How to Apply for a Position."

## Smith Is New P.T.A. President

New P.T.A. officers were elected at the meeting April 28. Merrill Smith is president; W. R. Reed, vice-president; Mrs. Henry Kriegermeier, secretary and Mrs. Harley Reynolds, treasurer.

These new officers will be installed at a picnic supper to be held this month.

## Junior High Enjoys Spring Frolic

On April 29 the Junior High held their Spring Frolic in the band room from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. The evening was spent dancing and playing games. Ida Rose Schlotterback, Sylvia Seeks, Shirley Stimson, Charles Cox, Dan Kellams, and Jerry Brown were in charge of the entertainment.

No legacy is so rich as honesty.

## Senior Play Again Tonight

"Ghost Wanted", a modern mystery in three acts, was presented by the senior class Thursday night and will be given again tonight.

Ginger and Gale, two modern misses, advertised in the newspaper for a ghost to haunt their grandmother's island. A couple of handsome lads named Hugo and Jeff came in answer to their plea for assistance. To find out the reason for this strange advertisement see the play tonight.

Miss Lois Terrill directs the '49ers in their last fling at high school dramatic activities.

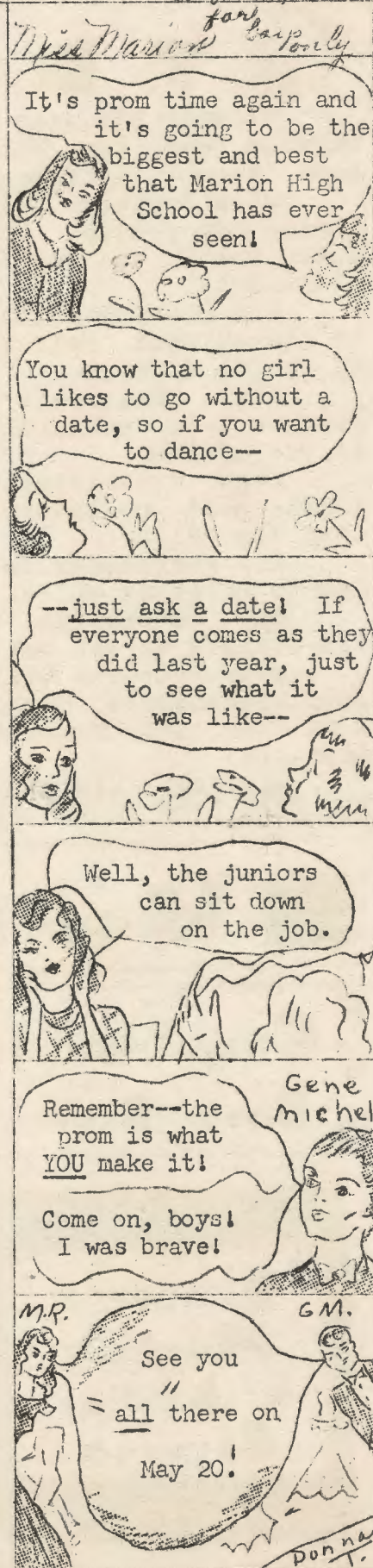
## May Picnic For Science Club

Zeta Mu Epsilon members will conclude the years' social activities with a picnic on May 15. All the members who plan to attend will meet at 2:00 P.M. and travel by car to the Palisades.



## Schedule For Last Week

May  
13--Senior Class Play  
20--Junior-Senior Prom  
22--Baccalaureate  
23--Class Trip  
24--Class Night  
25--Alumni Banquet  
26--Commencement  
27--Last Day of School





## Marion Takes Third In Vinton Relays

The Marion Indians placed third in the annual Vinton Relays held on April 26. Charles City and Oelwein captured first and second honors.

In the field events Dick Krog placed first in pole vaulting; Jerry Jeffrey third in the discus, Dave Rathje fourth in the shot put, and Bob Williams and Kenny Otting third and fourth respectively in the football throw.

In the track events Gable received a fifth in the low hurdles, Bob Williams a fourth in the high hurdles, and Jack Edmunds a third in the mile run.

In the relays the mile team placed fourth, the two mile team second, the medley quartet first, and the shuttle relayers second.

## Tipton Tops Marion

Anxious to revenge a defeat suffered at Marion a few weeks ago, a Tipton team toppled Marion and Monticello, 95-82-54, in a triangular meet here Friday night, April 29.

Dick Krog's win in the pole vault, Jerry Jeffrey's in the discus, and John Jellison's in the 880 run were the only firsts awarded to Marion. Seconds and thirds put Marion in second place.

## Marion Wins WaMaC Trophy

Marion won their second straight WaMaC track championship at the conference meet here, May 10. The scores were: Marion, 93; Tipton, 81½; Monticello, 62; Vinton, 35½; Anamosa, 33; Maquoketa, 32; Manchester, 17; and Independence, 4.

First honors went to Jerry Jeffrey in the discus, Bob Williams in the football throw, the two mile relay team, Jack Edmunds in the mile run, and the medley relay team. Seconds and thirds boosted the Marion score to first.

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nalists attaining the percentile rank of 99.94. Then from all these 243 students, ten were chosen to receive the scholarship.

The funds for this scholarship are provided by the Josten Company, at Owatonna, Minnesota, as a service to talented youth, and is administered by The Scholarship Board of the National Association of Secondary-School Principals which is composed of nationally known administrators.

John, who graduates this spring at the head of his class, plans to use his scholarship to attend the University of Iowa next September.

## District Track Meet Held At Marion

Roosevelt High of Cedar Rapids and University High of Iowa City topped all other schools in their respective Class A and Class B fields in the Marion District Track and Field Meet held May 6, 1949.

Don Burgmeier of Loras broke the only two records in the meet by hurling the discus 134 feet, two inches, thus bettering his old mark by three feet, and tossing the football for 290 points. He also won the shot put at 45 feet, four inches.

Don Swartzendruber of Wellman, although not up to his usual form, netted a trio of victories that helped his school take fourth place in the Class B division.

Roosevelt had a hard time beating out Loras for the Class A title, as the final scores indicate, the Rough Riders having 60 1/6 points to 59 by Loras. U. High, on the other hand, had a comparatively easy time and whipped its nearest competitor by 40 points.

The two top teams or men in each division will compete in the state meet at Ames. Ken Otting, who scored 280 points in the football throw, will represent our Indians at that meet.



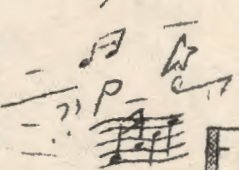
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# Senior Class Poll

## GIRLS

Cutest.....Polly Peyton  
 Best dressed....Dorothy Levasseur  
 Prettiest blonde.....Marty Gogg  
 Prettiest brunette...Polly Peyton  
 .....Virginia Culbert  
 Most fun.....Donna Bailey  
 Best figure.....Virginia Culbert  
 Prettiest hair.....Polly Peyton  
 Best student.....Jean Carlson  
 Most interesting.Virginia Culbert  
 Prettiest eyes...Virginia Culbert  
 Hardest worker.....Jean Carlson  
 Most friendly and kind.....  
 .....Polly Peyton

## BOYS

Cutest.....Jack Ratliff  
 Best dressed.....Lynn Ford  
 Most handsome.....LeRoy Stenerson  
 Best in sports.....Lloyd Olmstead  
 .....Kenny Otting  
 Most fun.....Roger Hutchinson  
 Best physique.....Larry Yauslin  
 Nicest hair.....LeRoy Stenerson  
 Best student.....John Snell  
 Best manners.....Lynn Ford  
 Most interesting.....Kenny Otting  
 .....John Snell  
 Hardest worker.....John Snell  
 Most friendly and kind.....  
 .....Lloyd Olmstead

# Junior Class Poll

## GIRLS

Cutest.....Pat Armstrong  
 Best dressed.....Sue Cary  
 Prettiest blonde..Carole Hamilton  
 Prettiest brunette..Pat Armstrong  
 Most fun.....Agnes Mullaley  
 Best figure.....Nancy Klopp  
 Prettiest hair....Carole Hamilton  
 Best student.....Sue Cary  
 .....Mary Ann Ross  
 Most interesting....Norma LeClere  
 Prettiest eyes.....Bette Larson  
 Hardest worker....Carole Hamilton  
 Most friendly and kind...Sue Cary

## BOYS

Cutest.....Sammy Baez  
 Best dressed.....Barrie Gable  
 Most handsome.....Patrick Howe  
 Best in sports.....Barrie Gable  
 Most fun.....Dick Johnson  
 .....Bill Liebe  
 Best physique.....David Rathje  
 Nicest hair.....Jim Bailey  
 Best student.....Patrick Howe  
 Best manners.....Patrick Howe  
 .....Sammy Baez  
 Most interesting.....Sammy Baez  
 Hardest worker.....Sammy Baez  
 .....Patrick Howe  
 Most friendly and kind.....  
 .....Patrick Howe

# "REMINISCING"

## Seniors

Who is Mr. Louis, Diane?

Definition for LOVE--Lloyd  
 Olmstead Vikdal Edna.

Where did Kenny and Jerry  
 pick up those monstrosities they  
 call hats?

Has everyone seen the huge  
 ring Jeanne McGowan has been wear-  
 ing lately? Who is he, Jeanne?

It sure seems good to see  
 Shirley Stimson--whoops--Shirley  
 Clark back in school.

Bob B. why don't you give  
 Norma H. a break?

Did you see Polly's diamond?

## -When-

## Juniors

Who is this P. K. J. Betty  
 Norris admires?

Betty Nielson still carries  
 the torch for "Mac".

LeRoy has found someone to  
 talk to between classes and after  
 school.

Leo Hutchins is still carry-  
 ing the torch for Georgia Hutton.

D. Horrick sure has a case  
 on one of the Jeffrey boys.

Sandra Blazek and Larry Yaus-  
 lin always hold hands when walk-  
 ing to and from school--ain't love  
 grand?



# Sophomore Class Poll

## GIRLS

Cutest.....Helen Richmann  
 .....Marge Lala  
 Best dressed.....Marge Lala  
 Prettiest blonde.....Carol Luck  
 .....Bette Whitman  
 Prettiest brunette.....Marge Lala  
 Most fun.....Leota Hay  
 Best figure.....Marge Lala  
 .....Margaret Wallace  
 Prettiest hair.....Helen Richmann  
 .....Marge Lala  
 Best student.....Arlene Stroope  
 Most interesting...Helen Reichert  
 .....Helen Richmann  
 Prettiest eyes.....Helen Richmann  
 Hardest worker.....Arlene Stroope  
 Most friendly and kind..Leota Hay

## BOYS

Cutest.....George Gipp  
 Best dressed.....Edwin Carlson  
 Most handsome.....Edwin Carlson  
 Best in sports.....Bob Williams  
 Most fun.....Bob Williams  
 Best physique.....Bob Williams  
 Nicest hair.....Kenny Hanson  
 .....Tom Jones  
 Best student.....Edwin Carlson  
 Best manners.....Edwin Carlson  
 Most interesting.....Bob Williams  
 Hardest worker.....Edwin Carlson  
 Most friendly and kind.....  
 .....Edwin Carlson

# Freshman Class Poll

## GIRLS

Cutest.....Gert Armstrong  
 Best dressed.....Marilyn LeClere  
 .....Sharon Wilson  
 Prettiest blonde.Betty Ann DeJong  
 Prettiest brunette...Joan Andrews  
 Most fun.....Margie Secrest  
 Best figure.....Gert Armstrong  
 Prettiest hair.....Gert Armstrong  
 Best student.....Sharon Wilson  
 Most interesting.Patti Ensminger  
 Prettiest eyes.....Gert Armstrong  
 Hardest worker.....Sharon Wilson  
 Most friendly and kind.....  
 .....Margaret Evans

## BOYS

Cutest.....Arlen Howe  
 Best dressed.....Billy Lundquist  
 Most handsome.....Ernie Cates  
 Best in sports.....Russell Seeks  
 Most fun.....Robert Zier  
 Best physique.....Russell Seeks  
 .....Glen Hurt  
 Nicest hair.....Dick Bristol  
 Best student.....Billy Lundquist  
 Best manners.....David McCally  
 Most interesting.....Ernie Cates  
 Hardest worker...Billy Lundquist  
 .....Richard Boss  
 Most friendly and kind.....  
 .....Ernie Cates

## "REMINISCING"

### Sophomores

Don't Ted and Marlene M.  
 make a cute little couple?

Who does Marty G. have her  
 eye on this week?

Is it Helen H. and D. Rathje?

John Snell and Sue Cary.  
 Hubba!

Onalee Paul's thoughts seem  
 to be turning to M.H.S. instead  
 of Iowa City.

Why does M. Welper look at  
 J. Cooper with such longing looks  
 in English class?

### ← When →

### Freshmen

K. Hastings and B. J. Mills  
 seem to be getting along all  
 right.

Did you see Gene Michel and  
 Jean Carlson at the game and  
 dance? My! My!

Culbert and Richmann--Ain't  
 love grand??

Virginia McVey and John Evans  
 are quite a steady couple.

Wanted:--Something to make  
 me grow big and strong. Alfred  
 Busenbark.