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THE VAMPIRE BAT

This year's Senior Class play is a mystery, "The Vampire Bat." The action of the play takes place on Black Island in a lonely, creepy house. From one side of the island you view the mainland, but from the other you gaze upon the state penitentiary.

The owner of Black Island has recently died, and left his estate to his nephew. However, before he can assume full ownership of the island, he must live there one year. Some people try to discourage him, and some try to encourage him. There are conspiracies, escaped convicts, vampires, and many other interesting and entertaining features in this play.

The members of the cast are: Pat Howe as the Heir; Pat Baughman, his fiancée; Sue Cary, her aunt; Barrie Gable, their lawyer; George Murdoch, Pat Howe's friend; Mary Lou Nielsen, George's girl friend; Billy Fisher, the Negro servant; Mary Ann Ross, the housekeeper; Margaret Nesetril; Pat Howe's cousin; Richard Franklin, the prison guard; Don Stamy, the escaped convict; and Carol Stimson, a mysterious woman.

BIG TEN BALL

BANQUET FOR B.B. CHAMPS

The Marion Chamber of Commerce entertained the Marion High School basketball team at a banquet held at the Indian Creek Country Club April 13, 1950.

A full course dinner including shrimp cocktail, cabbage salad, steak, mashed potatoes, and ice cream and cake was served.

Ralph Young, toastmaster, introduced the following after-dinner speakers: Jack Ogden of the Cedar Rapids Gazette, Bob Brooks of KCRG, and Lyle T. Quinn, executive secretary of the Iowa High School Athletic Association. Coaches Hipple and McLeod introduced their squad members.

HEARING TESTS

Thursday and Friday an expert on speech and hearing defects was here to test the Freshmen for hearing defects. This service was given free of charge.

The State Department of Public Instruction can be thanked for taking such a keen interest in the students.

Friday night the gym had taken on a new look. In one corner stood a maypole, crepe paper in soft pastels hung from the ceiling, and the lights were dim. It was the night of the "Big 10" Ball.

The custom was started in 1947, honoring five boys and five girls chosen for their outstanding character, personality, leadership, and dependability.

First there was a preliminary ballot early in the week in which each student nominated five boys and five girls whom they thought had the necessary qualifications, and then from the twelve highest in each group, the "Big 10" are chosen by another vote, in which each student again votes for five boys and five girls.

The dance was formal, and for weeks before, you could hear these two questions. "Who are you going to the 'Big 10' with?" and "What are you going to wear?"

Since Barrie Gable and Sam Baez were chosen last year, they were honorary members this year.

The students chosen were: Dick Johnson, Sue Cary, Dick Krog, Mary Ann Ross, Jim Bailey, Sandra Blazek, Dave Rathje, Pat Armstrong, Jack King, and Janet McCune.

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WAMAC CAREER DAY



For the second year in a row Marion will be the site of the WaMac Conference Career Day. Seniors from the eight conference schools will meet here Tuesday, May 2, to listen to professors and teachers of twenty different fields from nearby universities and colleges discuss vocational opportunities. Each student enrolling will have his choice of four subjects.

The day begins with a General Assembly at 9:30 a.m. at which Dr. Ray Bryan from Iowa State College will speak. After morning lectures lunch will be served at the high school to the visiting seniors. The afternoon classes will close at 2:50 p.m.

The following subjects will be discussed: Advertising--Journalism, Air Force Opportunities, Airline Service, Automotive Field, Bookkeeping and Accounting, Civil Service Opportunities, Clothes Design, Farming, F.B.I., Forestry, Housewife, Industrial Trades, Interior Decoration, Music, Navy Opportunities, Nursing, Photography, Social Work, Stenography--Secretarial, and Teaching.

EDITORIAL

Although the leaves have not as yet sprouted on the trees and the tulips and daffodils are still hiding in their buds, spring is very evident around us. The twittering of robins and other birds just returned from a long migration greets us as we awake each morning.

These are the days when the school day seems to lengthen and we all long to be out in the bright sunshine instead of sitting in school. This feeling attacks all of us each year and is very commonly known as spring fever.

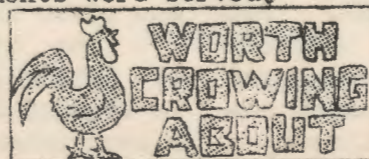
In order to prevent this bug from biting us and causing a decline in our grades, we must buckle down and study harder and pay strict attention in class, even though a white fleecy cloud floating in the blue may cause our minds to wander to such thoughts as fishing or picnicing.

After all, only five weeks of school remain and nothing should prevent us from making a good showing to finish out the year. I don't mean that we should miss all of the fun of spring, for it takes just that to give us an incentive to study.

Therefore, let's make these last few weeks ones that we can be proud of when we look back upon the school year.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Delta Sigma Delta, the Marion chapter of National Honor Society, held its annual meeting April 3. Newly elected senior members are Dixie Rathman, Sam Baez, Bob Wheeler, Pat Armstrong, Teresa Gritzner, Sandra Blazek and Don Stamy. Edward Merritt, Arline Stroope, Edwin Carlson, and Edwin Blinks were the initiates from the Junior class. The old members, Mary Ann Ross, Sue Cary, Barrie Gable, and Carole Hamilton presented the new members to parents and friends in a formal initiation after which refreshments were served.



ATTENTION, ALL SENIORS!



Do you drink a quart of milk a day? Are you getting at least eight hours sleep every night? No? Then you had better change your ways. We are soon going to start that period of our life known as Senior Activities and we all want to be in our prime!

Don't be worried about the Juniors who talk to themselves or have that blank, faraway expression on their faces. We acted the same way last year and now it's their turn to give an extra-special Prom and Banquet for the departing Seniors. The Banquet will be held in the gym and the dance at the Armar Ballroom, on May fifth.

Ten to one the Seniors who sit in study hall absorbed in a little dog-eared book, or wander through the halls mumbling to themselves, are members of the Senior Play cast. This year they will present a real thriller, "The Vampire Bat," on May ninth and eleventh.

"I saw the cutest dress down at Craemer's." "I just can't wait to wear my new shoes." "My formal is just adorable!" "Dad said I could use the car." "How's that for a flashy tie?" All these comments concern that last special week that starts on a more solemn note with Baccalaureate Services on Sunday night, May 21.

The next day, May 22, the class will journey to the Mississippi, where we will take a trip on an excursion boat on the river.

We can eat, dance, talk, or just sit in the sun. Sounds like loads of fun.

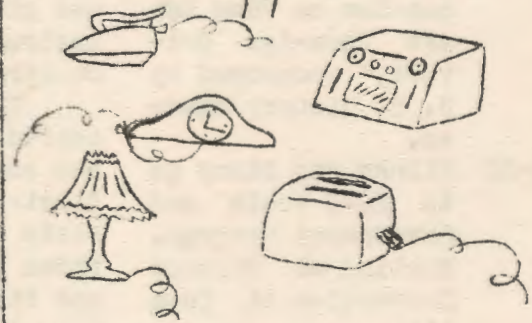
Everybody wants to get into the act the night of May 23. Class Night promises to be lots of fun, with the reading of the will, prophecy, etc.

All this leads up to the big night, Commencement. You are handed your diploma and are now that form of higher animal known as "alumni."

How does it feel? Gee, don't ask me. I'm just on my way to get another glass of milk. Ask me May 27th.

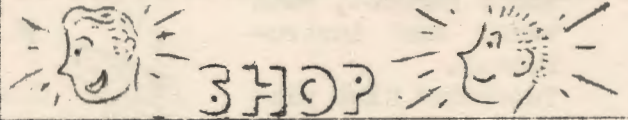
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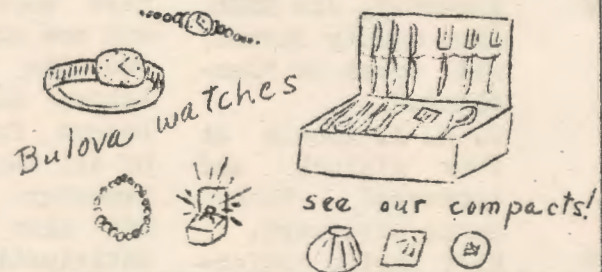


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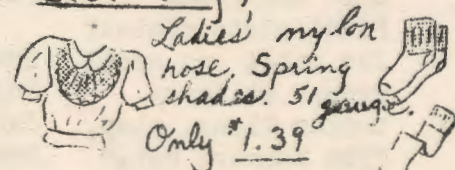


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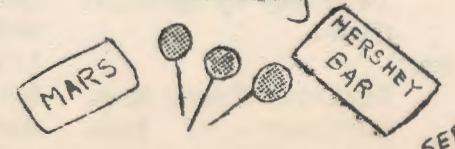
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COMING EVENTS

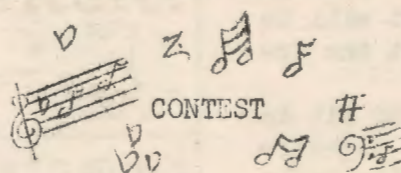
- April
21 Assembly, panel discussion on "How Safe are Teen-Age Drivers," sponsored by U. S. History classes.
- 21-22 Blinks and Stamy go to Hi-Y Youth and Government Program. Meeting at Science Convention at Iowa City.
- 23 Annual spring concert by Coe Band at eight o'clock with free reserved section.
- 25 Music Banquet, both vocal and instrumental.
- 26 Teachers' Club picnic.
- 27 Hi-Y and Science Club meetings.
- 28 Assembly, Jim Smith, Linn County Sheriff, will speak on "Gambling."
G. A. A. picnic at four o'clock and sponsored "Hobo" dance afterward.
- 29 Hi-Y spring conference at Iowa City.
- May
1 Alpha Beta Gamma Banquet at K-V.
2 Career Day.
5 Assembly. Film, "Student Flier."
Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom.
6 Final state contest for solos and small groups at Perry.
9 Senior Class play, "The Vampire Bat."
11 Senior Class play.
12 Assembly by Science Club.
12 or 13 District Track Meet.
13 Northeastern Iowa Band Festival.

PRECONTEST MUSIC CONCERT

A splendid concert was given by the vocal and instrumental departments on April 11.

The concert was presented by the small groups and solos which received firsts at the preliminary state music contest, the three large vocal groups, and the band.

A wide variety of music provided a very entertaining evening. It is to be regretted that there wasn't a capacity house to hear this fine concert.



The music departments have worked hard all year and now are beginning to see the rewards of their labor. Music contest is looked forward to eagerly by all those students who remember "last year's", and also by those who are anticipating the fun for the first time.

At the preliminary contest for small groups and solos at Anamosa April 1, the following groups and soloists received first ratings and thus earned a trip to Charles City April 22.

Solos: Bill Hintz, Edwin Carlson, Marge Morningstar, Karen Vikdal, Joyce Whitmore, and Arnie Benedict (2).

Small groups: Boys' quartet, mixed quartet, madrigal group, woodwind trio, clarinet quartet, trombone quartet, brass quartet, brass chamber, and brass quintet.

At the large group contest April 15, Marion made a clean sweep with all four large groups, girls' glee club, boys' glee club, mixed chorus, and band, receiving first ratings. They also go to Charles City.

The small groups and soloists that survive the Charles City competition will travel to Perry May 6, for the state contest.



Miss Gretchen Roy, from the TB Welfare Bureau in Cedar Rapids, was the guest speaker at the April 5 meeting of Alpha Beta Gamma. Miss Roy gave a very interesting talk on applying for jobs, working on the job, and opportunities of Civil Service. Miss Roy had been working in Washington, D. C., for several years and thus had quite a reservoir of material to hold our attention. Sophomore and junior secretarial students were guests at the meeting.

The annual spring picnic was held April 20 at Virginia Emmons' home. Miss Kelly, the guest speaker, talked about secretarial experiences in foreign countries. Games completed the evening.

May 1 is the date of the club's annual formal dinner at the K. V. Cafe. Committees are busy making preparations. Miss Anderson, personnel director at Killian's, will be guest speaker.

SWAMI SPEAKS

Russ S. and Kay N. make a pretty cute couple, don't they?

Spring sure is wonderful, isn't it, Sally? Especially when Billy S. is in your history class.

Howard H., are you planning on entering a photography contest, or do you take pictures of the girls in study hall just for the fun of it?

Who lives in Martelle, Beverly A.?

Question: Why does Christine M. have the highway worn out between Marion and Cedar Rapids?

Answer: Don lives in Cedar Rapids.

What holds Chuck K.'s interest in Alburnett?

For sale: A broken heart. For further information, see Dwayne Ness.

Who does Don Roby know in Boone?

What is so interesting about Gilbert C.'s panel truck?

Anyone going to Council Bluffs be sure to stop and give Sharon Wilson a lift there.

Didn't all the girls look cute last Friday with their hair all pinned and wrapped up?

We sure hope M.H.S. isn't flooded by the tears Joyce F. sheds when Lynn J. graduates.

B. J. Stark is a confirmed woman-hater. Guess he hasn't noticed all the cute Little girls in M.H.S.

Why, Bruce P., you Casanova! What's this about you and Marlene H.?

The freshman class holds an attraction for Betty P.---E. Remington.

Wanted: One girl, blonde or otherwise. Must be cute and have a nice personality. "Cactus."

When Jane Fry and Ed Merritt get all dressed up, her little red coat looks so nice with his big gray one.

Roger D. is just too busy with flying saucers to worry about girls.

What's this about Marilyn writing a contract for her and Jackie?

There must be some other reason besides your dads being good friends, Arline and Kenny.

It seems Mary T. is sweet on a certain sandy-haired Bob from Cedar Rapids.

GIBSON'S MEAT MARKET



Radkin's Men's Store



SAFE



SEB.

BEWARE! DANGEROUS DISEASE

Beware! There is a dangerous disease spreading around MHS. It is very contagious, and in order to prevent any more cases than are already present, some information about it is given below.

The first symptoms are a glazed look in the eyes, and the change from the fairly rapid pace of a healthy person to the languid, shuffling gait of the victim of the disease. It will also be observed that the patient generally answers "hmmmmmm" to all questions. Absent-mindedness generally accompanies the disease, although it is not necessarily a symptom because some persons are that way all year long.

The disease itself is not fatal, but victims of this disease will occasionally step unaware into an open manhole, or into the path of the student going to the cafeteria, and thus the disease is indirectly the cause of injury.

Everyone is susceptible, even teachers, although they generally do not get it so severely.

The only remedy is to avoid all overwork, such as straining the brain by studying too hard.

In case you are interested in putting up a quarantine sign to warn passers-by, you could make one like this: **WARNING! SPRING FEVER on PREMISES. Enter at your own risk.**

SPANISH CLUB

Roll call was answered by naming an object made of wood (in Spanish, of course) at a regular meeting of the Spanish Club April 20. Marilyn Rech read the Latin American news reports, which are customary at every meeting. A movie, "Argentine Pampas," was shown and a game was played.

MARION RELAYS CANCELLED

The Marion relays, one of the largest high school events in the state, will not be held this year. Conflicting dates with music contest and bad weather conditions caused this event to be dropped from the schedule, as was the case last year.

The Marion relays hit its peak in 1948 when over 30 high schools entered the various events.

INQUIRING REPORTER

Who is your favorite movie star and why?

Donna Tyner: Jimmy Stewart, but I don't like him as much since he's married. Bob Wheeler: I don't play favorites.

Mary Walter: Montgomery Clift. I like the way he talks. He's cute too.

Don Stamy: Joan Davis. She's so funny!

Nancy Klopp: Burt Lancaster, but not because of his acting.

Bob Quinn: Shelley Winters. Why? Guess.

Helen Reichert: Humphrey Bogart, because he's so mean!

Don Christensen: June Allyson. She's the wholesome type.

Arline Stroope: John Wayne, because he's so rugged.

Mrs. Marion

any resemblance to anyone in M.H.S. is purely accidental

Oh Barrie, have you gotten your new prom suit yet? I've been looking all over and can't find a thing!

How do you think a red hankie in my pocket would look - But it would be just awful if my boutonniere was tinted -

yes, jack, it would be dreadful - Have you heard George Klingler has the most darling new cuff links and tie pin?

Here comes Leo in his new suit - Don't you think the Calaveras things for him?

Ruthie and Jim have suits like mine and I'm just sick about it too.

The End!

Donna Tyner