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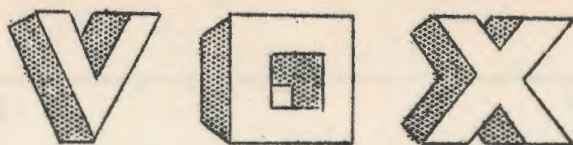
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edwin blinks wins honor

Members of the Science Talent Search committee of the Iowa Academy of Science announced the names of the nine highest-ranking Iowa secondary high school seniors in the fifth Science Talent Search.

Among those names was Edwin Blinks, one of our own high school seniors. This places him on the Iowa Science Talent Search honor roll.

He entered the National Science Talent Search conducted by the Science Clubs of America for the Westinghouse science scholarships. Edwin submitted a report of his science project, a detailed report of weather observations over a period of time. His many hours of hard work on this interesting project proved fruitful.

Edwin and the eight other Iowa winners were invited to visit the factory of the Clinton Foods, Inc., at Clinton, and attend meetings of the Junior Academy of Science at Waverly on April 20 and 21 as guests of Clinton Foods, Inc. Nine cash scholarships, one award of \$500, three awards of \$200, and five awards of \$50, are paid when the student enters college.

BIG TEN BALL IS TONIGHT

students win at maquoketa contest

Despite the April showers which prevailed on April 6, two bus loads of Marion band and vocal students traveled to contest at Maquoketa. The small groups and solos took part in this contest. Besides the Wamac schools, Davenport and Dewitt also brought contestants.

The vocal soloists who received first ratings were: Edwin Carlson, David McCalley, Bill Hintz, Ernie Cates, Norma Harris, and Elva Peick. The Girls' Trio was the only vocal group to receive a first.

The first ratings in band solos went to Marjorie Lala, Nancy Miller, Jerry Brown, and Shirley Post. The band groups which received first were: Brass Quartet, Brass Quintet, Clarinet Trio and Woodwind Chamber.

These solos and groups which won at Maquoketa will attend State Contest at Grinnell on April 27 and 28.

festive dance to be held in the gym

Suspense reigns supreme as Marion High students await the 1951 Big Ten Ball to be held this evening. Question of the day is who will be the "Big Ten," as this formal dance features the selection of ten outstanding students.

Each year five boys and five girls are elected by the Student Body for their outstanding character, personality and dependability. Their identity will be announced during the intermission of the dance.

Originating in 1947, this colorful dance, which is sponsored by the Girls' Athletic Association, has become an annual affair. Walls of yellow and lavender crepe paper will represent the cool fresh sweetness of April Showers, the chosen theme. Guests will dance to the music of Al Spetrino's orchestra.

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SPRING IS HERE

"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land." Song of Solomon 2: 11-12.

Yes, the winter is past. Just look at the verdure of the grass, feel the sweet freshness of a gentle spring rain, or hear the happy warble of birds in early morn.

A more careful observer would see tiny dandelions beginning to bud, and violets not yet in bloom peeping from under a blanket of last fall's leaves. One who walks along a brook, creek or swamp could easily find pussywillows. Trees are beginning to bud, and iris to shoot green sheaths through moist brown earth.

Spring is not confined to plant life; one can also see it in the animals. Squirrels scamper playfully from limb to limb, and tree to tree. Frogs leave their winter shelter at the bottom of the pond and join in a croaking chorus. Ants begin their perpetual work of scurrying to and fro building homes and getting something to eat.

This year, remembering its long delay, let's appreciate spring and enjoy nature to its fullest extent.

The cloak of early spring has spread itself above and about the walls of M. H. S. With its floral displays of countless garlands of vernal flowers and its green backdrop of tender shoots of grass, spring provides a much brighter touch to the drudgery of everyday life. All around us the countryside takes on a new life with its budding trees and young flowers and plants.

What a variety of activities spring offers us: hiking on a bright warm day; fishing in a rushing brook; picnicking in the park. These and many other pastimes this season furnishes, really add to the fun of outdoor life.

While all of this is going on around us school must go on. Education is also a prime factor of our lives. We must not let our grades slip because of the thought of how much more fun we could have out-of-doors. Jobs are few and far between for those who don't take their education seriously enough to endeavor to get good grades.

Above all don't let this old "spring fever bug" bite you so hard that you get any ideas of deciding not to go to school for just one day. Education is hard to make up. You only get one chance in your life of attaining high standards of knowledge. Use this opportunity while you can, and then put your education to work. What do you say we leave the picnics and hiking until Saturday and Sunday, and during the week concentrate on our school books?

Don't put off doing something today just because it's spring and you don't feel like studying. Chances are that tomorrow will be just as nice a day, and your thoughts may be just as far away. For a job not finished is a job not yet done; and a job not yet done is sometimes not done at all.

Remember, there are less than six weeks of school remaining. For many of us it will be our last six weeks of high school. For others it signifies only the end of another term. Which ever it may be for you, let's not stumble on the home stretch. A strong finish to a good year is something later of which to be proud.

ACTIVITIES

VOCAL GROUPS HOLD RECITAL

Wednesday, March 28, the vocal department held its elimination with Mrs. Reese judging the solos and small groups. These groups went to contest at Maquoketa, April 6 and 7. Bill Lundquist, Bob Quinn, Dave McCalley, Pete Kassler, Jerry Churchill, Ed Carlson, Lyle Fisher, Ernie Cates, and Bill Hintz; Norma Harris, Betty Ann De Jong, Sally Byam, Elva Jean Peick, Marilyn Le Clere, Joyce Whitmore and Janet Gordon were chosen from a field of 20 solo contestants.

Thirty-seven girls, forty-four boys and a Mixed Chorus of 48 will go to Monticello, May 5.

DRAMATIC CLUB TAKES ONE ACT PLAY TO IOWA CITY

"The Hopeless Passion of Mr. Bunyon" was the play chosen by Miss Doty, Drama Director, which was presented at the Iowa University Play Festival on April 4.

Members of the cast consisted of three: Mr. Bunyon, portrayed by Bob Jeffrey; Mr. Muffin, by Bill Moffatt and Miss Slegret, by Maureen Kenney.

The schools which participated are classed much the same as athletics, the classes being determined by the school's enrollment. Marion is a class B school.

Marjorie Secrest and Lyle Fisher acted as a production crew.

SENIORS TO PRESENT CLASS PLAY

"Family Circle," a three act play dramatized by Anne Coulter Martens, from the book by Cornelia Otis Skinner, has been chosen for the senior class play. The plot centers around a controversy between Cornelia and her father. She wants to become an actress but he insists on a college education. The play will be given May 4th and 5th.

The cast includes: Cornelia Otis Skinner, M. Morningstar; Maud Skinner, her mother, Helen Reichert; Otis Skinner, her father, Lyle Fisher; Mab, her best friend, Sally Byam; Enid, her rival, June Decious; Charlie, her heart interest, Ed Carlson; Amy, a sweet young thing, Charlene Wells; Grace, a forgetful miss, Norma Harris; college boys, William, Bob Jeffrey; Henry, Pete Kassler; Gordon, Jerry Churchill; Abby, the maid, Marlene Horning.

The play will be directed by Miss Margaret Doty. Bill Moffatt is assistant stage manager.

BAND

The band held its pre-contest eliminations Thursday, March 20, at four o'clock in the band room. Mr. Anderson of Roosevelt High School in Cedar Rapids was the judge.

Twenty soloists and various small groups took part in this program.

SENIORS ATTEND HAMLET

A number of Mrs. Deeds' English students were excused from their afternoon classes on March 20 to attend the movie "Hamlet." A thorough study of the play "Hamlet" was made during the first semester of senior English. This movie at the Paramount theatre gave the seniors a good opportunity to review this Shakespeare work.

Many of Miss Doty's and Miss Whiting's English students also attended the movie during its run in Cedar Rapids.

ALPHA BETA GAMMA PLAN SPECIAL MEETING

On April 16 Alpha Beta Gamma members will have a meeting at the home of Caroline Tallman.

A guest speaker, Miss Barbara Fitzgerald, affiliated with the Advertising Department at Armstrong's in Cedar Rapids, will talk to the group about advertising display in department stores.

Games will be played, and refreshments will be served.

COMING EVENTS IN APRIL

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State Solo and Ensemble Contest.....	27-28

AND THE LITTLE BIRD SAYS

George Palmer seems to be playing the field again.

Jerry Churchill must find the freshman class quite attractive--especially a certain freshman with initials P. S.

In the spring Judy Tuttle's thoughts are on that certain junior.

Is Steve Klopp the answer to Joyce Lacock's prayers?

Isn't Ray Evans irresistible with his new butch haircut?

Why does Jean Crowley get a dreamy look every time someone mentions the name "Junior"?

Why doesn't some Marion girl latch onto Jim Kepros?

Doesn't Lyle Fisher look distinguished with black hair?

Bunny, why the sudden interest in horses?

Why does Jeanne Emmons take such an interest in vocal groups?

Sally Byam really had a good time at Monticello. Just ask her why.

Wanted: One bottle dark brown hair dye. Please leave in locker 440.

Ernie Cates and Mollie Keith certainly believe in the Good Neighbor Policy.

Who accompanies Kenny Lint noons when he drives around school?

What is the newest triangle in the senior class? Not geometry, either!

Could Dorothy McGowan enjoy buying groceries so much because Jan works at the Me Too?

What attraction does Franklin hold for Dwayne Ness and Marvin Novotny?

Jack Larson seems to be the apple of Ida Rose's eye.

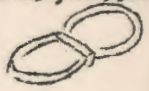
Why does Billy Simmons go roller skating so often?

Lettermen's pins have the oddest habit of straying onto girls' sweaters, haven't they, fellas?

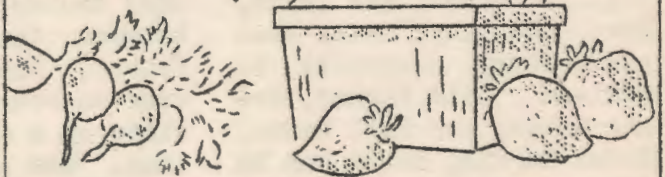
Arline Stroope, Kathy Doe, and Leota Hay enjoy government class and especially the lively discussions.

We needn't remind the junior and senior boys of the new junior girl.

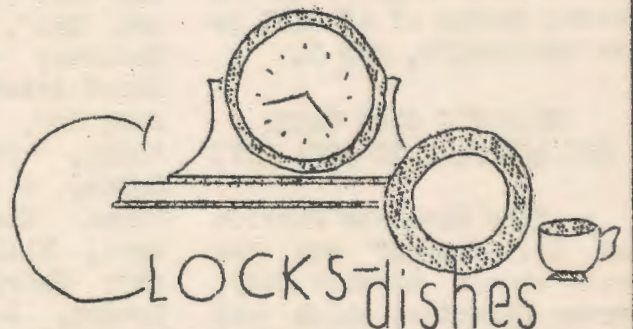
The physics class enjoyed celebrating Sally Byam's and Helen Reichert's birthdays.

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best in
meat

SHAKESPEARE'S SAYINGS

Could Shakespeare have
been thinking of:

When he wrote:

The Petrak Twins....."I know not
which is which"
School days....."One is too
many"
Jerry Peck....."A ladies man"
Marion's WamaC op-
ponents....."Yonder they
lie"
Taxpayers....."Beware the
Ides of March"
Mary Ruth Culbert....."Mischief-thou
art afoot"
Next year's team....."Will come on
refreshed, new
added, and en-
couraged."
Bob Christensen....."I am no ora-
tor"
Semester Exams....."I did hear a
groan"

ROLLER SKATES

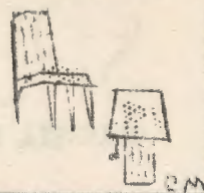
I had a pair at the age of three;
Fell down and bruised and skinned my
knee.
Went home crying as fast as I could;
Mother comforted me as she should,
And told me how she fell on skates.
So, when you fall and skin your knee,
Jump right up and think of me.
Of my advice and my skinned knee
And the trouble I had at the age of
three.

ouch!

Lillie Fuller



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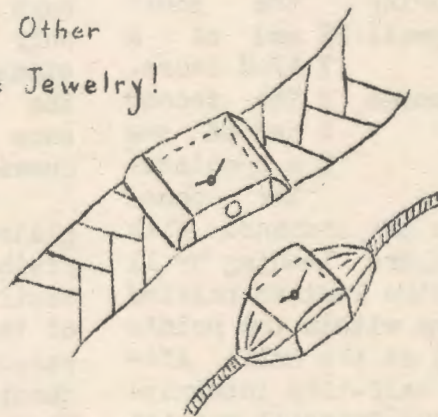
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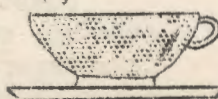


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MARION
CAFE



SPORTS

GRINNELL NIPS MARION

A combination of a tall center named Ritter and a basketball tells why a nippy Grinnell team ousted the Marion Indians from further tournament play in the final game of the sub-state tournaments at Iowa City Saturday, March 17.

The Grinnell five took an early lead and kept it for a large part during the rest of the game. As the first period ended, the Indians found them-

scoring the short Leffingwell 25 end of a Roby 7 17-8 score. Christensen 7 The second Seeks 6 period saw Hayes 2 a spectacular come-

back by the Indians. With the Tigers leading by 11 points the Indians rallied and came within two points (26-28) at the half. After the half-time intermission, the Grinnell quintet surged ahead to widen the lead to seven points (43-36) at the end of the third period. The Indian defense, however, was unable to hold down Ritter and his continuous baskets boosted the Grinnell score to 55-47 at the final horn.



GOVERNMENT CLASS GOES TO COURT

After discussing court procedures in class the seventh hour government class, and some football boys who hadn't had an opportunity to go to court before, recently climaxed this unit of work by visiting a trial at the courthouse in Cedar Rapids. The trial was of special interest because Dwayne Ness, a member of this class, was the plaintiff.

During the first minutes of the trial there was complete silence in the courtroom, while the plaintiff examined some X-rays of Dwayne's leg. The only sound was the occasional clearing of throats; the only motion, that of some of the jury members chewing their gum.

Attorney for the plaintiff then called the plaintiff to the stand to testify and the remainder of the afternoon until the recess was devoted to the questioning of Dwayne Ness. Many of the students who had not realized how much time a trial takes were amazed when they realized most of the afternoon had elapsed and the defendant hadn't started to give his testimony.

WAMAC HOLDS BANQUET

The WaMac Conference members held their annual basketball banquet at Monticello April 2, 1951.

Guest speaker for the evening was Leonard Rafensberger, head football coach at the University of

Iowa. He praised the WaMac Conference for the unusual co-operation and friendliness of its member schools. He also congratulated the Marion basketball teams on their fine season records.

A formal presentation of the conference trophies won by both the Marion varsity and freshman-sophomore teams was made. Co-captains Don Roby and Don Christensen accepted the trophy for the varsity, while Jerry Peck accepted for the freshman-sophomore team.

ON THE BURNER

All the conniving, scheming, and trading that went on when the upper-classmen bought meal tickets for Career Day! There must be an easier way to do it.

Who will be in the Big Ten? Hard to say with all those lovely seniors to choose from.

Some of the juniors are wondering if all the work they are doing for the Prom is worth-while. Weeks of slaving for just one night of fun-----and years of memories.

If you noticed some of the Biology students going around with gasping breath and green-tinted face, it's just because they've been cutting up a cat-----eyeballs, brains, and-----'scuse me!

Twenty-eight people came to the dance last week. What's the matter, girls? It was ladies' choice.

See ya at the dance tonight!!!!