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QUILL STAFF SELECTED

The plans for the 1952 Quill have gotten underway, with Arlene Kroening and Ruth Roberts as co-editors of the year-book.

The departments working under Arlene and Ruth are: lay out, Lorraine Franklin; subscriptions, Mary Ann Kepros; advertisement, George Doner; sports, Dick Bristol; photography, Bob Liebe; Benefit Board, Roberta Schnell; will, Marcia Prentress; prophecy, Harry Pinch; calendar, Marilyn LeClere; history, Marilyn Druger; song, Betty Ann De Jong.

These people will be assisted by the rest of the senior class members. Quill subscriptions are on sale now.

COMING EVENTS

December

14.....Vinton Game Here
18....Manchester Game Here
20.....Hi-Y
.....Science Club
21.....Christmas Dance
28....Mt. Vernon Game Here
January
8....Monticello Game There
10.....Spanish Club
11.....Anamosa Game Here

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DELIGHTS AUDIENCE

A capacity crowd was on hand to enjoy the Christmas program presented by the vocal department of Marion High, December 7.

The program was opened by a lighted procession by the Second Girls' Glee Club.

"Silent Night", "Hallelujah Chorus", "Lullaby on Christmas Eve", "While Shepherds Watched", and other selections were favorites for all those who attended.

Solos were sung by Janet Gordon, Betty Ann De Jong, and David McCalley. A trio consisting of Larry Morningstar, Jim Lang, and Ernie Cates sang "Away In A Manger" with the Mixed Chorus providing the background.

The Boys' Glee Club and the First Girls' Glee Club composed the echo chorus, which was used in the singing of "Silent Night".

The formation of the Mixed Chorus in the shape of Christmas trees added greatly to the beauty of the program.

LEFFINGWELL LOOPS 21

Marion's Indians, after a nip-and-tuck battle for three quarters, ran away from Wilson's Ramblers in the fourth to win, 51-37, at a packed Coe fieldhouse.

The Indians, although much shorter than Wilson, got their

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Novotny	8 both of the
Lundquist	5 boards; and
Hayes	3 their con-
Peck	3 stant scor-

ing proved to be too much for the Cedar Rapid's five. The Ramblers outscored the Indians in only one quarter—the second. The halftime score gave Wilson a 21-19 lead, and a 27-26 third quarter margin; but the Indians were not being denied, and came back with 25 points in the final canto to ruin the Wilson quintet, 51-37.

The Little Indians made it three in a row for this season by scraping past the Wilson Sophomores, 38-35, in a thrilling opener. Sargent led the Ramblers with 12, while Scott had 16 for Marion.

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25.....Robert Fox
26.....Marilyn Druger
27.....Luella Patschke
30.....Sharon Wilkinson, Judy Wyatt

THE PEACE THAT BINDS MEN'S HEARTS

As Christmas arrives, with all its surprises and gay moments, we stop seriously for a moment to hear the voices of the angels, who announced the Christ Child's birth. Their song of "Peace on earth, good will to men" has come to mean little in our world with its wars and constant international arguments. We, as young people, often think that our hopes and prayers for peace are futile; that we can do nothing to bring peace to all men on earth. We feel insignificant and small when it comes to creating good will with our fellow men, miles across an ocean.

There is one thing that high school students can do. That is, to create an interest and understanding for people in all parts of the globe. The Yuletide season is an excellent time to begin to know people who live thousands and thousands of miles from us. We might start by learning a little about Christmas customs in other lands. By learning about the unusual ways foreign young people celebrate this joyous season, we will begin to feel more neighborly and friendly towards them.

Most of us know nothing about Christmas customs in other lands. For instance, did you know that in the Netherlands, France and Spain, children set out wooden shoes on the door step, instead of hanging up stockings? Or do you know the Greek legend about their Christmas monster, Karkantzari, who is really the equivalent to our good old St. Nick? Very few of us know about Grandpa Koleda, the Bulgarian Santa Claus.

This is just one way in which we can learn to appreciate those who help make us this wide world. We can continually be learning more by reading, listening, and writing. This understanding of other young people in far off lands will equip us for the world of tomorrow, when it is our job to bring "Peace on earth, good will to men."



ACTIVITIES

DRAMATICS CLUB MAKES PLANS FOR PLAY

The regular meeting of the Dramatics Club was called to order by the club president, Roberta Schnell.

A bill was passed regarding the attendance at meetings.

It was disclosed that the name of the Dramatics Club Play will be announced before Christmas. This play will be held on February 28th and 29th.

The Dramatics Club is interested in, and may start, a program of building scenery.

LETTERMEN'S CLUB MEETS

The Lettermen's Club, at their **first** meeting, elected the following officers: Hugh Leffingwell, president; Ralph Stimson, vice president; Russell Seeks, secretary.

Plans for initiation have been made and new members voted on.

SPANISH CLUB PLANS DANCE

El Club Espanol met November 29. Plans for a "South of the Border" dance to be held next spring were discussed. December 13 was set as the date for the annual Christmas party. The meeting was closed with the singing of Christmas carols in Spanish.

STUDENTS WITNESS MUSICAL ASSEMBLY

A musical assembly was presented by De Costa and Ferrari to the student body, November 20. Ferrari played a number of instruments including the oboe, trumpet, saxophone, piccolo, and flute. De Costa accompanied him on the accordin. Many types of songs were played: polkas, waltzes, popular songs, fight songs of different football teams in the nation, and parts of the New World Symphony. The performers were well received.

JUNIORS TO SPONSOR DANCE

The Junior Class will sponsor a dance on Saturday, December 15, in honor of the team which sold the most tickets to the Junior Class play. Bob Jones is the chairman of this team, which will be given free admission to the dance.

The team which sold the least amount of tickets will be put on the clean-up committee. The chairman of this team is Jeanne Emmons.

We hope to see a large crowd at the dance.

HI-Y PICKS REPRESENTATIVES

Hi-Y chose James Hutchins and Bill Thompson as representatives to the Hi-Y district meeting.

BAND PRESENTS CONCERT

A variety of musical selections were presented at the Band's pre-Christmas concert, which was held December 10, at 7:45 in the band room in the Lincoln Building.

The Junior Band, directed by Joyce Kolda and Shirley Post, the Rural School Band and the Senior Band participated. A trumpet trio by Edward Lala, Bob Byse, and David Hamilton was featured.

STUDENT VS FACULTY IN VOLLEYBALL

An enthusiastic audience witnessed a volleyball game November 29, between the students and the faculty. The final score read 21-10 with the faculty achieving the victory.

ALPHA BETA GAMMA HOLDS YMAS PARTY

On December 13, the Alpha Beta Gamma enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Arlene Kroening, with Betty Ann De Jong as co-hostess. Miss Barbara Fitzgerald of Armstrong's of Cedar Rapids, gave a talk on Advertising in Department stores. A gift exchange was held and games were played. Refreshments were served following the social meeting.

SANTA'S GRAB BAG

Congratulations are in order to Mrs. Hulin and the glee clubs and chorus for the fine Christmas program they presented last Friday. It put us all in a holiday mood.

Try to attend as many games as you can, now that the basketball season is in full swing. It's true what Coach says: "The glory of a win and the disappointment of a loss is just as much ours' as the teams'."

The Drivers Training class sure enjoyed the slippery roads. One sweet young thing was heard saying: "I just love swinging from lane to lane on a four lane highway!"

Don't you sometimes wonder how tall the stacks of tardy slips are since the noon bells have been changed?

In the near future, we'll all see underclassmen on their knees in the hall requesting pictures of "most honorable" seniors. Oh, well, I guess we've all got it to go through!

"School Daze" is back in the Marion Sentinel. Three brave souls, namely: Molly Keith, Ann Young, and Joanie Justice are the new writers. Good luck, gals.

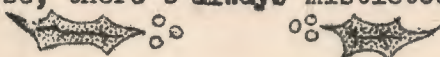
A lot of work goes into the "Activities" page in the VOX. More of you should read it. You might read of something you missed!

It's especially fun to watch the girls in Biology classes lovingly christen their "victims" with names like "Homer", "George", "Charles", etc.,-- and then proceed to dissect them! (Mixed emotions, wouldn't you say?)

The Quill Benefit Show will be presented sometime in the near future. It will only be as good as we make it, so let's make it the best ever. With all these child prodigies, we can't miss!

Hi-Y added color to many a Marionite lapel with their basketball pins.

Don't miss the Christmas Dance next Friday. There'll be good music and mistletoe, dancing and . . . mistletoe, Santa Claus and . . . mistletoe. Then of course, there's always mistletoe.



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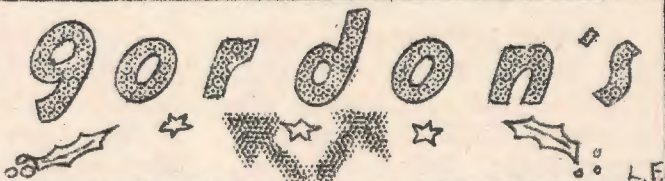
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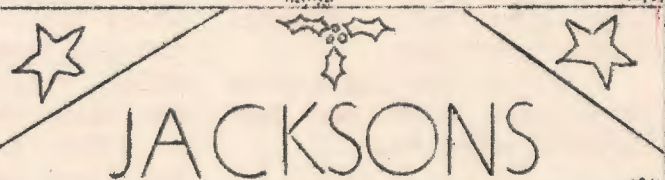
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L.F.

ST. NICK'S INFORMATION DESK

As one of Santa's many helpers, it was my duty to find out what you wanted for Christmas. With the Christmas season drawing near, I caught the Southern Express out of the Northlands to one of the more temperate regions. There I gathered a quick poll, finding the following very interesting:

M. LeClere---Jack back in school.

J. Gipp---I've got what I want.

Mr. McLeod---A portable sander.
(Rough fellow!)

J. Gordon---A driver's license and a car.

M. Culbert---Colonel?????

S. Pinch---A basketball.

M. Evans---A teddy bear to keep her company.

L. Morningstar---Four classes of history each day.

B. De Jong---A certain person promoted to the senior class.

Hurriedly, on the same express, I continued southward. Many miles farther I met two people seemingly lost in the snow drifts. (I have my doubts.) I couldn't pass up an opportunity like this, so I asked them what they wanted for Christmas. David McCalley wants her and Jean Lawson wants him. That will be an easy order for Santa to fill. Continuing on to Lower Slobbovia, I ran into six very charming maidens and five---shall we say---wolves?

J. Porter---Not particular. (How tall?????)

J. Carlson---A trip to California.

P. Smith---A boy 5' 1".

S. Holmes---She won't tell.

J. Blessing---A B.B. gun. (She's after big game.)

R. Bader---To become an astronomer.

B. Hotle---A telescope. (For star gazing?????)

H. Hayes---A woman. (Don't be choosy!)

W. DeWoody---A short route home.

G. Brown---A brunette. Six foot, two.

With all Santa's other jobs, I hope he doesn't forget me. I want a warmer job next Christmas.



SPORTS

INDIANS NIP RAIDERS

Marion stalled off a fourth quarter rally by the Blue Raiders of Anamosa to earn their first WaMaC victory and tuck win number 4 under their belts, Tuesday, December 14, before a packed gym at Anamosa. The final score read Marion 40, Anamosa 37.

The Indians grabbed an early lead, 12-7 at the end of the

Scoring first quarter, but Leffingwell 15, but Seekers 13 the Raiders Peck 5 came back Novotny 4 to trail by Lundquist 2 only two Hayes 1 points, 18-16, at the intermission. As the second half opened, Marion found a spark and quickly increased the margin to seven points, 25-18; but again the Raiders fought back and cut the count to 30-26 at the end of the third canto. With the final hectic period underway, Anamosa pulled to within one point of the Indians three times. However, three timely baskets by Russ Seekers allowed Marion to maintain their advantage and triumph, 40-37.

Mr. McLeod's Freshman-Sophomores gained victory number 1 on the conference schedule by tripping up the Little Raiders, 36-17. Everett Scott led the Little Indians with 9 points.

INDIANS MASSACRE THE PIRATES

Marion opened its 1951-52 basketball season with an impressive 93-20 victory over Alburnett, Tuesday, November 19, on the Alburnett hardcourt.

A field goal and a free throw gave the Pirates an

Scoring early lead, Leffingwell 28 but Marion Novotny 18 came roaring back, Peck 12 ing back, Seekers 9 never to be Christensen 8 headed, and Oakley 7 led at the Lang 7 end of the Lundquist 2 quarter, 14 Hayes 2 -7. The

Indians unleashed a tremendous attack in the second period, pouring 32 points through the hoop for a commanding 46-13 halftime lead. Continuing their blistering pace in the third quarter, the Indians built the score to a 66-17 margin. The final score was 93-20.

The Little Indians made it a clean sweep by dumping Alburnett's Frosh-Soph team 31-15. Everett Scott led the Little Indians with 10 points.

MARION RIPS MT. VERNON

Marion traveled to Mt. Vernon, Tuesday night, November 27, emerging victoriously 53-32.

Both teams displayed raggedness and roughness, which apparently hadn't

worn off from the recent football season.

Marion rolled up an early first period lead of

20-7. From Scoring there the Leffingwell 23 Marion In- Seekers 10 dians came Peck 8 to an easy Novotny 8 victory. Christensen 4 Hop-A-

Long Hugh, playing only 3 quarters, managed to snag 23 points to lead the Indians. Kamberling and D. Moore, each tallying 13 points, led the host squad.

Bob Fox with 8 paced the Little Indians in the reserve game. The final score was 30-15.

MARION OUT-SINGS ORIOLES

Marion handed the Springville Orioles their first defeat of the season at Springville, Tuesday night, December 11, with a 57-42 win. The win enabled the Indians to keep their victory string intact.

Both teams played rough and ragged throughout the

Scoring game, however, Leffingwell 29 Marion still Christensen 13 ion still Novotny 9 managed to Seekers 5 build a Hayes 1 good lead

early in the game and stave off any flurries exhibited by the spirited Orioles.

Marion took charge of the game late in the 4th quarter, winning 57-42.

OUR FOREIGN FRIENDS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Here Christmas is observed in the churches with candlelight services, by the secret visits of Santa Claus and brightly lighted Christmas trees. Carolers make house to house rounds, singing the favorite Yuletide carols. But in other lands Christmas is celebrated in many different ways.

The day before Christmas in olden Russia was a fast day and no food was tasted until the evening star appeared. Then fasting ended and carolers sang. In modern Russia little is left of this tradition, and gifts are given on New Year's Day.

Yugoslavia has the entire family assemble bearing lighted candles, while the head of the household prays. There is always a Christmas cake with a silver coin hidden in it. This coin is to bring good luck to the one who succeeds in getting it. Candles are placed in all the windows to guide the departed spirits who are said to wander forth on the birthnight of Jesus.

The children set out their wooden shoes instead of hanging up their stocking in the Netherlands, France, and Spain. Some fill them with straw and then go to church. When they return the reindeer have eaten the straw, and Saint Nicholas has placed gifts instead.

In many lands a candle is left burning all through the night before Christmas to guide the Christ-child, because it is believed the baby Christ comes back each Christmas to help the needy.

In England, carols are sung early Christmas morning, and the Yule log is lighted and kept burning throughout the Christmas season. Christmas day is Home Day with the traditional plum pudding and gay festivities.

Swedish children put straw around the Christmas tree to represent the stable where Christ was born; then they feed the straw to the animals and put out a sheaf of wheat for the birds. Torches are carried, accompanied by musicians, and gifts are given to the worthy poor.

THE CURIOUS CHRISTMAS ELVES

Who inspired Sondra B. behind the curtains during the Junior Class Play? Could you answer that, Charles?

Why don't you grow up, Ronnie L.? There are lots of girls waiting.

There seem to be some more diamonds in school. Pretty, pretty! As for other rings-----Dave and Larry have their own back. Wonder why?

What is the matter with you young ladies? Dan Kellams is certainly one of the cutest eligible bachelors. Or aren't you willing, Danny?

That was a fascinating dream you had, Oakley. Simply desirable!

What is happening to our blushing shy, Mary Ann K.? She's quite interested in a boy from Chicago.

Is one of Marge Secrest's old flames reviving? What happened to Jack?

Jim Lang is awfully interested in a freshman girl. No wonder he doesn't get his work done in 7th hour study hall.

Norman Nielson has competition, doesn't he, Sally? Just a lil' old Model A.

Roberta Schnell's new record is entitled "Bill". Does that hold any significance?

I hear that Bob Jones would like to go with Jeannine Murray, but there is a certain 210 pounds in his way.

E. Peick has started something. She's off boys, but is working steadily on her hope chest. There must be some method in her madness.

Did you ever get a bulletin board, Shirlee, to put Hughie's pictures on?

With Christmas just around the corner, I'll have to quit my ramblings and get my shopping done. Merry Christmas!



MISTAKEN ?? ?? IDENTITIES PRESENTING

Do you ever wish you had a twin sister or brother? Do you think it would be fun to confuse people? There are four sets of twins in Marion High, who can answer just those questions.

Janet and Joan Caylor, freshman, can say they were born in different years, for Janet was born New Year's Eve and Joan was born one hour and fifteen minutes later on New Year's Day. They won prizes from the Cedar Rapids merchants, as do all the first children born on January 1. Several years ago, they were featured in Life magazine with other boys and girls who were "firsts".

Tommy Duffy, freshman, is one-half hour older than Frankie; and Barbara Petrak, senior, is one-half hour older than Beverly. Like most of us, both the Duffys' and Petraks' parents sometimes get mixed up. The Duffys' used to substitute for each other when they were golf caddies; but the Petraks' have never gotten away with substituting. Each is pretty nearly the same when it comes to likes and dislikes.

People suggested that the Huersters' use Kate and Duplicate or Pete and Repeat for names when Jerry and Geraldine were born. Geraldine is one-half hour older, but Jerry was first in nearly everything they did. They are both juniors.

Everyone will probably agree that there are many amusing incidents and interesting things happening to twins, and these boys and girls will confirm it.

G. A. A. GIRLS INVITED TO PLAY DAY

Thirty Marion GAA girls have been invited to the Mt. Vernon Play Day, on January 19, where basketball and volleyball will be featured.

The Sophomore girls defeated the Seniors, in an exciting volleyball game, 47 to 33 on December 7.

MR. RISK

Mr. Risk, science teacher, was born in Troy Mills, Iowa. He attended Franklin High School in Cedar Rapids and graduated from Oelwein High School. After receiving his degree from Coe College, he did some graduate work at the University of Iowa. Last year Mr. Risk taught at Grant Township Consolidated School in Ledyard, Iowa. Photography rates as his main hobby. Mr. Risk is married and has two sons; Jeffrey, two years, and Allen, eight months.

MR. PETERSON

Mr. Peterson, English teacher and Dramatic Club sponsor, was born in Valley, Nebraska. He graduated from Coe College where he was an assistant in the Dramatic Department and stage manager of the Coe Theater. Prior to coming to Marion, Mr. Peterson served in the Navy for two years and taught in Janesville, Iowa. Now he and his wife are residing in Cedar Rapids.

CHRISTMAS BIRTHDAYS

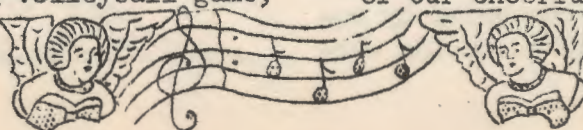
Irma Ross

I wish someone would pass a law
To benefit each one like me
Who often finds his birthday gift
Hanging on the Christmas tree.

"We had so much to buy," they say,
"This is what we chose for you,
Hope you like it even though
We give you one, instead of two."

I wish someone would pass a law
Prohibiting our being born,
Anytime within six weeks
Of our cheerful Christmas morn.

MERRY



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