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CHRISTMAS DANCE TONIGHT

ECONOMICS CLASSES HOLD CARNIVAL

"Hurry, hurry, hurry! Come right up to the greatest little carnival at Marion High!"

A carnival atmosphere invaded the Economics classes last week, as the "Jiffy Money Makers", Inc. presented their carnival. Sondra Burnett acted as president of the "Jiffy Money Makers", Inc. with Nadine Manson as secretary. Twenty-five cent shares of stock were sold as a basis for capital. The various clubs in school each planned a booth and some new and exciting projects were carried out to capture the interest of everyone who came.

A fun house, basketball throw, various "test your skill" games, a cake walk, food concessions, a Variety Show, dance and movies comprised the evening's entertainment. And everybody finally found out just what "Suicide Basketball" was!

The carnival, under Mr. Nau's direction, was held Saturday night, December 13, from 7:15 to 11. The clubs received 90 percent of their net profits, giving the Senior class, who sponsored the carnival, 10 percent.

WINTER CONCERT GIVEN

A large crowd attended the Winter Band Concert and Bazaar given on December 8 at 7:45 P.M. in the Lincoln Building. The Bazaar was sponsored by the Band Boosters.

The first part of the program consisted of several selections by the Junior Band directed by Shirley Post and Joyce Kolda.

This was followed by a larger program given by the Senior Band. Soloists were featured in several selections. The soloists included: Edward Lala, Robert Byse, Richard Nelson, and Shirley Post. Cadenzas were given by Harvey Sollberger, Joyce Whitmore and Marilyn Rech. The French horn section was featured in one selection.

COMING EVENTS

January

2.....Mt. Vernon game here
6.....Tipton game here
9.....Anamosa game there
13....Manchester game here
16....Monticello game there
17.....WaMaC Band Festival
.....at Tipton
20....Franklin game at Coe
23..Independence game here
.....Student Council Dance
27.....Maquoketa game here

SANTA CLAUS WILL VISIT DANCE TONIGHT

Zeta Mu Epsilon is sponsoring the annual Christmas dance to be held tonight in the gym. Various committees have been at work planning the dance so it should be a gala affair.

Entertainment planned is a duet by Marlene Hansen and Sylvia Seeks, a soprano solo by Janet Gordon, a medley of popular songs by Larry Morningstar, a recitation by Jeannine Murray, and a vocal solo by Lila Hansen. There will also be group singing of Christmas Carols led by the Madrigal group which includes: Janet Gordon, Marilyn Keller, Jeanne Emmons, Joan Petrusch, Joan Justice, Sharron Ozburn, Phil DeWees, Jim Lang, Dave Carey, and Charles Cox.

Santa Claus has promised to come down from his home 'way up North and distribute gifts to certain members of Marion High.

Then there will be the traditional decorative scheme of mistletoe. Remember, the prices are 25¢ for couples and 35¢ for singles, so let's economize, boys, and ask a girl.

See you all at the dance tonight!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

When we think of Christmas today, we think of gifts, parties, and Santa Claus. But when the custom of Christmas first started, it was a more solemn affair.

The story of Christmas first began back in the 4th century when the Bishop of Rome arbitrarily declared the 25th day of December as the birth date of Christ, and it has been commemorated on this day ever since.

Certain customs and traditions have followed this day down through the ages. Kissing beneath the mistletoe was derived from the custom of enemies embracing whenever they met where this plant was hung. Mistletoe was considered an emblem of peace and good fortune.

Exchanging gifts was made popular by the Romans. They made statuettes in the likeness of a divinity and candles which stood as symbols of the sun's returning power.

Saint Nicholas was brought to the new world by early Dutch settlers. Originally he was believed to be a bishop of Asia Minor, who rode a white horse.

Hanging up stockings comes from the custom of European children filling their shoes with food for St. Nicholas' horse and putting them by the fireplace.

Feasting started in Tudor England with dinner getting underway around noon and lasting for eight or nine hours.

The custom of the Yule log was to light it on Christmas Eve and keep its ashes throughout the coming year to protect the house from fire and lightning and to have the power of healing wounds and making fields and animals fertile.

Christmas carols got their start in the early church. Nativity plays were given which told the story of Christ's birth, and songs of joy were sung.

These are just a few Christmas customs, but whatever you do on Christmas, you should take time out to go to church and give thanks for what you have. You should take time out to enjoy this day and be sure to give, not just receive; for there's no greater joy in the world than the joy of giving.

HAPPY VACATION

ACTIVITIES

G. A. A. SPONSORS DANCE

The annual Sadie Hawkins' dance was held in the gymnasium after the Monticello game on Friday, December 5. Since this was the first dance in the new gym and it was the gals who did the asking, the dance was a great success.

A program was presented which included instrumental entertainment by Phil DeWees, Charles Cox, Jim Lang, Robert French, Jerry Brown, and Carola Meythaler, and an accordion solo by Nancy Siders.

Gary Eschman was given first prize for his corsage of a large mouse in a mouse trap. The feature of the evening was the crowning of the most eligible bachelor, Bob Justice, by Mary Ruth Culbert. Everyone had a grand time.

ALPHA BETA GAMMA ENJOYS CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas tree and a lighted fireplace completed the setting for the Alpha Beta Gamma Christmas party which was held Monday evening, December 15, in the home of Patty Howe.

Miss Petrusch gave a talk about her trip to New York last summer.

Gifts were exchanged by Secret Sisters and games were played.

Holiday refreshments were served.

HI-Y TRIO ATTEND MODEL LEGISLATURE

The bi-ennial Hi-Y Model Legislature was held December 5-7, in the House and Senate Chambers at the State Capitol in Des Moines.

Marion presented a bill requiring compulsory vehicle inspection. The bill did not appear in the bill book and therefore was not passed. A similar bill presented by Perry wasn't passed because it never left the committee.

Representing Marion were Bruce Boling in the House of Representatives and Harry Potter in the Senate. David Carey held an honorable position as a reading clerk in the House of Representatives.

One of the highlights of the Model Legislature was the Governor's Banquet held Friday night.

IF I WERE SANTA

I think if I were Santa Claus

The first thing I would do,
Would be to do a patch-up
job

And make the world like
new.

And then, with matters
straightened out

And me completely through,
I'd box a "Merry Christmas"
up

And send it off to you!!!!

Jeannine

MERRY CHRISTMAS

DRAMATICS CLUB TO GIVE ASSEMBLY

This afternoon, the last period before Christmas vacation and also the last period of the year 1952, a Christmas assembly is going to be given. This year it will be a little different in that it will be a play. The Dramatics Club is putting on a short skit called "Geraldine and the White Robe" by Jon Conde. It is a Christmas comedy about a spoiled young girl who is not satisfied with her Christmas gifts and how her guardian angel helps to bring about a change in this girl's feelings. This play will be directed by Miss Murphy. The remaining time will be spent singing Christmas carols.

SCIENCE CLUB MEETS

After a short business meeting of the Science Club Tuesday night, December 9, Professor Holmes of Coe College spoke on "The Earth's Interior". Questions from the students were asked after the interesting and enjoyable talk.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE

Say good-bye to Old 1952 in the gym New Year's Eve. Hats, noise makers and serpentine for everyone. Dance to the Six Rizzles and a Spark and records from 8:30 to 12:30. See you all there!

SANTA WRITES A LETTER

Everyone knows that around Christmastime Santa Claus knows everything about everybody. This year Santa sent to Marion High's Vox Staff, via his most faithful reindeer, Rudolph, a report on the happenings at Marion High.

45 Iceburg Row
North Pole
December 19, 1952

Dear Students,

It seems Tommy Hutton wants a certain junior-high girl promoted to the freshman class.

I think it's nice that Elaine and Shirley got what they wanted so badly. But why didn't they wait until Christmas to get the rings?

These freshman girls are really taking advantage of the last month of our current leap year. But boys like Bill D. certainly don't mind being caught when it's a girl like Diane D.

I think it would be nice if I got Larry and Hilda gloves for Christmas so they won't have to depend on each other to keep their hands warm.

Mrs. Santa Claus is working day and night to get an extra large stocking knitted for Charlese Birmingham. It seems that what Charlese wants for Christmas won't fit in one of her small stockings.

The Junior Class play practice seemed to have a deeper attraction for Jean L. than just an outlet for her dramatic ability.

Beverly L. seems to be interested in the senior class. I wonder if Bob J. has anything to do with it?

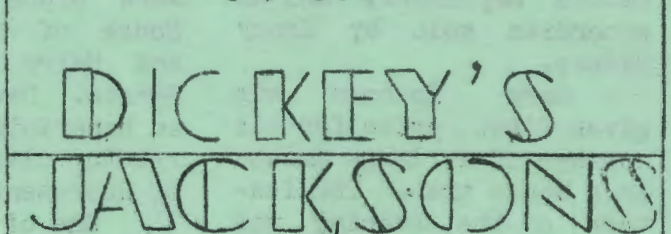
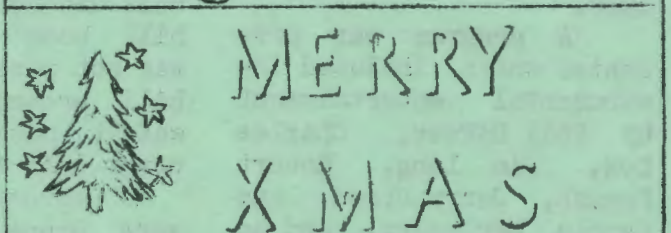
John B. has been referring to himself as the "beast". Maybe he needs a "beauty" in the form of Jane B.

I hear Rogene is learning how to drive. Seems she has trouble keeping her eyes on the road and off her teacher.

I want to wish all of you at Marion High a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Santa Claus

MERRY CHRISTMAS



ON THE BURNER

Christmas vacation at last!!! Sixteen glorious days of no school. Of course, being such studious people, I'm sure all of you will take your books home--and use them for doorstops, or something. From what I hear behind closed doors, our teachers are just as glad as we are to have a vacation. Can you imagine it?

Has everyone noticed--

The new junior class rings? (How could you miss them? The juniors go around waving their hands in everyone's face.)

The new cheerleading outfits. WOW! Need I say more?

The mistletoe floating around school. (We certainly do have some impulsive boys. Wait 'til the dance to-night fellas!)

The puzzled expressions on the faces of a few. (Christmas shopping sure is a problem--especially when you get to the part involving money.)

The poor Vox writers running around trying to get their assignments in on time. (That's me--and I have to turn this one in now.)

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS . . .

Jerry Peck----"my name changed from 'Gerald' to 'Gregory'." (Ah! Stardom!)

Sue Holmes----"an 'A' in Miss Murphy's class."

Leo Corporon----"more hair!"

Harry Oakley----"lessons on how to shoot down a duck." (Having trouble, Harry?)

Madeline Benesh----"a Batcheler." (Bob will do.)

Kenny Harford----"a Toni."

Sheila Murray----"a mink coat." (Is that all?)

Jim Stobaugh----"a hopped-up Chevie and a girl friend."

Ted Burkhart----"the geometry answer book."

Carol Meythaler----"what's behind a certain string bass." (Come out, come out--wherever you are!!)

SEE YOU AT THE DANCE TONIGHT



MERRY XMAS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

at
WESTERN AUTO



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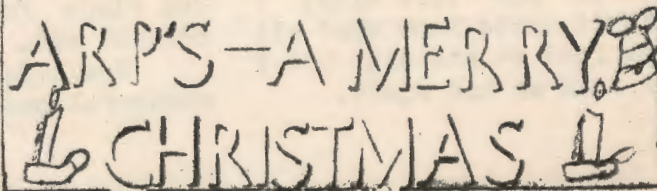
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merry christmas



MERRY XMAS

GORDON'S



VAGABONDS

MY EUROPEAN TRIP by Mrs. Goodyear

(Continued from
November Issue)

Our third day we were entertained by Crosse and Blackwell, one of the oldest food manufacturing concerns in England. Earlier in the morning we took a bus trip around London and saw many interesting sights. We especially enjoyed seeing the crown jewels which are housed in the Tower of London. The most outstanding piece, as far as I was concerned, was the huge diamond in the head of the King's sceptre. The crowns and orbs were gorgeous with their diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires and some were trimmed in ermine. The crown that Elizabeth will wear next year at the coronation was not there. It was having some cleaning and other work done on it. You just had a hard time realizing the tremendous value of those jewels as you stood there gazing at them. That to me, was one of the outstanding sights in London. To get back to our tour now; we had lunch at the Hotel Savoy which is supposed to be equivalent to our Waldorf Astoria in New York City. I didn't quite know what all the food we ate was, but I am told we had squab.

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"JOTTINGS FROM MY DIARY" by Margaret Reinsch

(Continued from
November Issue)

Copenhagen, Denmark-- a "believe it or not"-- women, smoking large cigars. Saw castle Shakespeare made famous in Hamlet. Grand million dollar Lutheran Church--seats 60,000 people. Hotels filled--stayed in home--clean courteous people. Loved Permanent Exhibition (artists and artistans can bring their handwork here to sell).

Stockholm, Sweden-- Hospitals, with underground railways (preparedness!!). Almost every meal served smorgasbord. Lovely modern apartments by memorial money given to charity rather than for flowers. Land of Swedish pastry (Um!!), Swedish glass, Swedish silver, and lovable Swedish Nessin (Santa Claus reproductions).

In Norway--Mountains, fiords, and beautiful sunsets. Stayed with friends at hotel--in mountains. Again meals--smorgasbord. Many ski sweaters (Yes, Jimmy, here's where we bought your "horseblanket"!) Oslo, Bergen, both full of old viking museums. Interesting Husflea-dex Place for exhibit of peasant art.

Beautiful country, wonderful people.

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HAWAII BOUND by David Carey

(Continued from
November Issue)

Later on in the voyage the passengers got to take interesting tours through the bridge and galley. Incidentally, the galley employs some thirty-four chief cooks and their assistants.

I was quite lucky in being allowed to visit the engine rooms. Three other people and myself took this tour with the chief-engineer. The Lurline was built in 1938 for \$8,000,000. It was recently refitted for \$18,000,000! Its two engines run on 14,000 h.p. each! The forty-two foot propellor shafts were twenty-eight inches in diameter. The four generators could power a city of 30,000.

The last night out, five Hawaiian fellows got their ukes out and I, my guitar, and we went up on deck to have some fun. People started gathering, and before long almost everybody was outside singing. Everybody is really friendly on a boat, and we had a good time until rain forced us to our cabins. Tomorrow was the big day!

I was up at 4:30 in the morning to see the towering cliffs of Molokai pass along our left side.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING GUIDE

About this time of year the nerve-racking problem of what to get him or her for Christmas arises. Here are a few suggestions that might help you a little. Probably they won't, but I tried.

What to get him--try to put yourself in his shoes (this may be difficult if he wears a size 12). Does he have any hobbies? Is he a golf fiend or a camera bug? Then he would probably appreciate some equipment along this line. Does he need anything? Do his gloves look like they've seen better days? Is his billfold a little moth-eaten? Here is a list of possibilities-----sweater, dress gloves, a good scarf, belt, billfold, identification bracelet, cuff links, pen and pencil set, sport shirt. Anything but a tie.

Now for her--what does she like? Have you ever gone window-shopping with her when she stopped to admire something? Has she ever dropped a gentle hint on your deaf ear? You probably couldn't remember anyhow, so here is a list of suggestions--perfume, compact, hose, sweater, gloves to match her coat, neck scarves, jewelry, belts, blouse. There are countless things to get her, for even if she has one, she can always use another.

Happy hunting.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

TWELVE SENIORS ATTEND
McKINLEY C.A.A. PLAYDAY

McKinley was host to six schools at a C. A. A. playday Saturday, December 6. Schools attending were Dubuque, Franklin, Marion, McKinley, Mount Vernon, and Wilson.

Each school was represented by 12 girls. At 9:50 a.m. the different teams began to play. Each team was composed of two girls from each school. Playing in three gyms, all teams were able to play at one time. Each team played two games of volleyball and one game of aerial darts.

At noon a lunch consisting of hot dogs, beans, ice cream, and apples was served. The group then sang songs, and each C. A. A. president gave a report on her group's activities.

Representing Marion at the playday were Madeline Boneish, Sally Berlin, Joan Brauer, Mary Ruth Culbert, Ruth Drips, Morlene Knight, Nadine Manson, Margaret McCann, Barbara Paul, Lorene Stenerson, Frieda Warrick, and Joyce Whitmore.

CHINESE SPEAKER
PRESENTS ASSEMBLY

An assembly presenting Mo-Yong Park was given on Wednesday, December 3.

Mr. Park discussed the world's most serious problem--the conflict in Asia.

Mr. Park recently returned from a visit to the Far East and Orient which took place during the summer of 1952.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Around Christmas time when folks are so jolly,
And everything's covered with tinsel and holly,
I decide that it's time I'd best buy my gifts,
So I put on my coat and plow through the drifts.
On the corner the carolers are singing
And in the distance church bells are ringing.
I finally push my way through the mob
And start my shopping, "Boy--what a job!"
First name on my list is my Great Uncle Jerry.
Next, all my aunts and my first cousin Mary.
At last I reach the end of the list,
Then I read it again in case there's someone I've missed.
By now my fingers are numb with cold
And my arms are weary from the presents I hold.
I slowly drag myself to my house.
I sneak in the door as quiet as a mouse,
For I don't want my family to see
The presents I'm hiding under the tree.
It's getting late, so I go to bed
While thoughts of Christmas dance in my head.
Tomorrow relatives will stream through the door.
There'll be paper and ribbon all over the floor.
My heart is filled with Christmas cheer,
But oh, I'm glad it comes just once a year!

Elaine McGee

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

SPORTS

INDIANS DROP OPENER

Springville squeezed past Marion in a sudden death thriller, 44-42, on the Orioles' hardwood.

The two teams battled on even terms all the way. Midway in the third period Marion moved into a 28-19 edge, but Springville whittled the margin to a 36-35 advantage at the end of the quarter. The Indians outscored the Orioles in the final canto, sending the game into a two-minute overtime. With the count still knotted at the end of the first extra period, the contest went into sudden death. Then came Tiesley's game winning basket.

Springville made it a clean sweep, downing the Fresh-Soph team, 33-22.

INDIANS ROLL OVER MT. VERNON

Marion's Indians gained their first victory of the basketball season by running over Mt. Vernon 63-41, on the loser's home floor.

The first quarter saw Marion leading 15-7, and they kept right on going to a 16-13 halftime edge. Mt. Vernon gained a few points in the third period but the final canto saw the Indians win going away, 63-41.

The Little Indians made it two for the night by dumping the Mt. Vernon Sophs 47-26. Faylor led all scoring with 15 points

INDIANS DOWN RAMBLERS

A scrappy Marion squad overcame a six point third quarter deficit to top Wilson of Cedar Rapids, 41-36 at the Cox Fieldhouse. The Indians played without the aid of Coach Hipple, who remained at home nursing a bad cold.

The Ramblers moved into an 18-15 half-time lead, and late in the third period they widened the margin to a 31-25 count. The Indians, however, in the final quarter, narrowed the gap to one point and forged ahead for the victory.

The Little Indians dropped their second game of the season, 53-40, to a much taller Wilson Soph squad.

MARION WEIS IN WAMAC, 66-42

Marion made it three in a row by winning their first conference game against Monticello, 66-42 in the Indian's gym.

Fast-breaking up and down the floor, the Indians ran up 9-6 first quarter and 29-16 halftime leads.

The third quarter margin was 46-28, and the final quarter ended with the Indians winning 66-42.

The Little Indians weren't quite so lucky as Monticello's little Panthers. Led by Barnts, who canned 18 points, they rolled over the Papooses, 48-40.

MARION SCALP INDEES

Marion earned its second WAMAC victory by dumping a cold Independence five 54-28, on the Mustang's court.

The Indians jumped into an early lead which they held the duration of the game. At half-time Marion held a comfortable 28-14 margin, and cinched the contest in the third by holding the Indees to one basket.

Bob Christensen led the Indians with 15, while Cabalka was high for Independence with 8.

The Little Indians downed the Independence Freshmen-Sophomores 38-33 for their first win in the conference. Cox was high for Marion with 8.

INDIANS DUMP MAQUOKETA

Marion made it four in a row by handing the Maquoketa Cardinals a 73-39 loss, Tuesday night in the Marion gym.

The Indians started strong, coming back from a 2-0 deficit to run up 12-9 first quarter and 33-19 halftime leads.

The third canto was no different as the Indians increased their lead to a 53-30 margin and with reserves playing most of the fourth period, the tribe went on to win, 73 to 39.

The Marion Fresh-Soph squad won the opener, 51-29, with Faylor dunking 16 points.