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M. H. S. HOLDS HOMECOMING

YOUTH CENTER HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

Over four hundred students attended the open house of the Marion Y.M.C.A. Youth Center September 18. Al Spetrino's band supplied the music.

A temporary Student Center Board has been set up. Senior High members include: Jean Lawson, Harold Hayes, Wallace DeWoody, Don Washburn, Ferol Britton, Betty Rinderknecht, Nancy Hess, Bill Dougherty, Bob Bunting, Barbara Post, Ray Stark, and Pete Kellams. Janet James, Clair Clark, Caroline Keith, and Jerry Humpy represent the Junior High.

Senior High students may attend the center on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Memberships are available at \$2.00 a half year or 25¢ for each door admission.

STUDENTS GIVEN T.B. TESTS

Monday, October 5, the Linn County Tuberculosis Association gave T.B. patch tests to all ninth and twelfth graders who had written permission from their parents. Patches were removed Wednesday and results were revealed Friday. Students reacting to the test received free X-rays.

MARCHERS WIN A FIRST

The Marion High School Marching Band won a first at the State Marching Contest, Saturday, October 17. The contest was held at Mt. Pleasant.

This was the first time a Marion Band had entered this type of contest. The marching band consists of forty-eight pieces and is under the direction of Mr. Wright, band instructor. Joan Justice is the drum major-ette.

CLASSES ELECT OFFICERS

Class officers were elected recently and the results are as follows:

Joyce Novak is Senior class president; LaVonne Waterbury is vice-president; Janet Lorence is secretary-treasurer. Bob Fernow, Barbara Dunlap, and Don Washburn are president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Junior class. Sophomore class officers consist of Tom Keith as president, Ronnie Stillions as vice-president, and Judy Ebsen as secretary-treasurer. In the Freshman class, Steve Potter is president, Ron Franklin is vice-president, and Fred Weber, secretary-treasurer.

OCTOBER 23 IS THE DATE OF THE FESTIVITIES

Excitement fills the air as Homecoming draws near. The date for the big event is Friday, October 23.

The Homecoming Committees have been chosen. They are headed by members of the faculty and the student body. Chairmen include: Mrs. Hulin and Suzi Holmes, Assembly; Mrs. Thomas and Joan Justice, Queen; Mr. Wright and Mollie Keith, Half-time Activities; Mr. Risk and Mike Kepros, Decorations; Mr. Hulin and Pat Huffman, Admissions; Mrs. Vail and Lillie Fuller, Bonfire; Miss Petrusch, Publicity; and Mr. Nau, Social Activities.

Friday's festivities will begin in the afternoon with the Homecoming Assembly. At 7:30 p.m. the Tipton Tigers will invade the football field. Following the game a dance will be held at Armair where the queen will be crowned. The queen will be chosen by the students from three Senior girls. She will be attended by two girls from each class. Admission to the dance will be \$1.00 for couples and 60¢ for singles. Bob Quinn and his Quintette will provide the music.

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HAVE YOU NOTICED---

Have you noticed something new? We of the VOX staff hope you have.

We have tried to streamline our VOX so that it will be more journalistic in style and a better newspaper in all ways. We have added some new columns, and we expect to make an Alumni Corner a regular feature.

Our motto is "Speed, Efficiency, Smile", and our goal is to bring you the best coverage possible.

To help us achieve this goal we are entering three contests in which we will try to win some prizes and obtain some good advice. However, our first duty is to you, so here it is, Marion High--The 1953-1954 VOX. We hope you like it.

WIN INDIANS!

HOMECOMING BRINGS MEMORIES

HOMECOMING! It's been on our minds for weeks. Comments fly thick and fast. "Whatcha going to wear?"; "Oh, we've just got to win!"; "Gee, I hope he asks me."; "I can hardly wait."

Yes, it means a lot to us now, but what about four years from now? Just how are YOU going to react when you learn your alma mater is planning Homecoming? Will you shrug your shoulders and say, "So what?", or will your eyes get dreamy as you say, "Remember when-----"?

The answers to these questions depend on you, now. What are you doing to insure happy memories later on? Happy memories are nice to have, but you have to work for them. Why not make high school one of the best parts of your life? Look around your school. Make new friends, both students and teachers; be active in the clubs that interest you and vigorously support the teams and similar organizations. You may become a nervous wreck if you overdo it, though, so try to strike a happy medium. Then in later years when Homecoming rolls around it will bring happy memories.



SHARE A RIDE!

Have you wanted to go to a game and didn't have any way to get there? Many of us have.

At the G.A.A. meeting the cheerleaders brought up the idea of sharing rides.

Here is all you have to do. Get in touch with the cheerleaders if you want a ride to the game. The people who have extra space in their cars are to inform the cheerleaders of this and then the cheerleaders will in turn tell you of them.

In this way we should have more students at the games and have a greater cheering section.

A C T I V I T I E S

DRAMA CLUB SEES CUTTING

The Dramatics Club held its second business meeting October 1 in the Lincoln Auditorium. After the meeting a cutting from "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder was produced. The cast included John Ballard as George, Eileen Mullaley as Emily, and Steve Klopp as stage manager. The acting and staging were criticized. The club is sponsored by Miss Beckman.

EL CLUB ESPANOL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

El Club Espanol elected officers at a meeting held September 10 at 8:00 p.m. Tom Keith was chosen president; Joan Drenkhahn, vice-president; Sandra Fillenworth, secretary; George Hess, treasurer.

Initiation was held October 1 at 8:00 p.m. Miss Mentzer is the club's sponsor.

SCIENCE CLUB HOLDS FIRST 1953 MEETING

Science Club held its first meeting for 1953 on Tuesday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. The club officers were introduced as follows: president, Jerry Walker; vice-president, Joyce Kolda; secretary, Shirley Post; treasurer, Joyce Porter; sergeant-at-arms, Harvey Sollberger. The constitution was read, and regular attendance and group tours were discussed. Mr. Herbst and Mr. Risk are the sponsors.

F.F.A. HOLDS MEETING

An F.F.A. meeting was held Tuesday, September 15, at 7:20 p.m. The club's new officers are as follows: Harold Hutchins, president; Ronald Franklin, vice-president; Richard Rinderknecht, secretary; Kenneth Gillmore, treasurer; Harold Ransier, reporter; Dale Munier, sentinel; Lumir Dostal, parliamentarian.

The Marion judging team won fifth place at the Waterloo Dairy Cattle Congress. One hundred thirty-three teams were entered. Lumir Dostal had the top management score for the Marion team and won third place in individual management scores.

G.A.A. HAS INITIATION

A formal G.A.A. initiation was held September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. The rules, point system, and standards were explained to the new members. The candlelight ceremony was followed by a social hour.

Tuesday, October 6, a G.A.A. picnic was held at Thomas Park. It began with volleyball and ended with a fellowship hour.

This year's G.A.A. officers are: president, Jean Lawson; vice-president, Lillie Fuller; secretary, Shirley Post; treasurer, Jane Blessing; point chairman, Janet Lawrence; social chairman, Joan Justice. Mrs. Vail, is the G.A.A. sponsor.

BAND TRYOUTS ARE OCT. 24

On October 24, fourteen senior high band members will attend District All-State Band Auditions at Washington, Iowa.

Those who pass the audition will attend All-State Band at Des Moines which will be held for two days during Thanksgiving Vacation.

STAFF MEMBERS SELL VOX SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members of the VOX staff sold three hundred forty VOX subscriptions this year. Bill Dougherty sold the most with Betsey Wachal, second, and Mollie Keith, third. Other staff members selling were: Ann Young, Mary Lou Pazour, Charlese Birmingham, Jean Lawson, John Ballard, and Elaine McGee.

The VOX wishes to thank Karen Byam, Carolyne Stade, Bethine Culbert, John Kraner, Jan Holmes, Nancy Johnson, and Bob Wilson for their week's help in selling subscriptions. These people are all Freshmen.

ALPHA BETA GAMMA SELECT MYSTERY SISTERS

Names for Alpha Beta Gamma mystery sisters were drawn Tuesday noon, October 6, in room 309. Officers were also elected. They include: Carol Tilp, president; Roxy Scott, vice-president; Joyce Porter, secretary; Charlese Birmingham, treasurer.

WHO'S WHO AROUND M.H.S.

This month we are introducing Mollie Keith and Danny Kellams.

Mollie and Dan have a big job as co-editors of the Quill this year, but both seem to find time for many other activities.

Mollie belongs to Dramatics Club, Spanish Club, Science Club, and G.A.A. She sings in the choir at the Presbyterian Church and likes to read and sew in her spare time. Physics takes up lots of time too, but Mollie shouldn't worry; she's been an honor-roll student for years. She plans to go to college next fall and perhaps be a teacher.

Danny is well on his way to college too. He has been on the honor roll all three years of high school and last year became a member of Delta Sigma Delta, National Honor Society. He also belongs to Dramatics Club and Hi-Y. There isn't much time for a hobby with working on Saturday and football after school, but Danny likes poetry; he not only likes to read it, but writes some, too. He plans to major in either journalism or English at college.

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MARION CAFE



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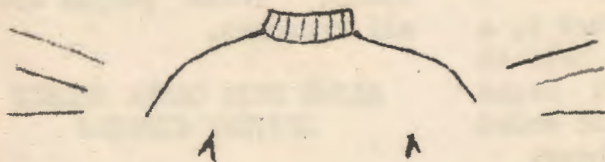
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WHAT'S APROPOS?

Since newcomers know little of the clothing Marion students wear at the dances, here are a few hints.

First, there is the Friday-night dance. Girl's apparel varies from skirts and sweaters to the ever-popular jeans. Boys wear their every-day rigs.

The Homecoming dance, gals, calls for your best dress or suit, and you gents should get flowers for the little lady.

The Big Ten Ball and Junior-Senior Prom fall into the same category as far as clothes are concerned. Girls will need formals for both and boys should wear suits. Incidentally, the Big Ten honors ten of Marion's outstanding students, and the Prom is limited to Seniors and Juniors and their dates.

Well, ladies, I've saved the best 'till last. At the Sadie Hawkins Dance you ask the boys. A prize is given for the best costume, or you may wear jeans.

NORTIMER SPEAKS

Dear Friends,

After spending a delightful summer in Bob Byse's corn field, I am now ready to move to my winter residence in the bustling district of 209 Hall Street. I shall make my home in the Biographical Dictionary this year. It broadens one so to know great people.

I hear that Joyce Porter has turned "hill-billy". It seems she can't keep her shoes on.

Dallas Fairley is interested in JoAnn Thoms.

Mr. Nau is collecting notes again. Maybe he's writing a book on "How to Write Notes in Ten Easy Lessons".

Hum—some girls can hardly wait 'til the Junior class rings arrive; a girl named Holmes in particular.

Say, Sandra Fillenworth is going to Homecoming with Henry Morrison. Some of the other couples that will be there are: Judy and Ed, Joan and Doug, Mary Lou and Fred, Donny and Sherry, Wally and Janet. Heaven knows how many are still waiting to be asked.

I listened to Drew Pearson this summer, so—I predict that: 1. The Junior class play will be a success. 2. Danny Kellams will turn into an Edgar Allen Poe II. 3. And that Karen Byam will take the first rocketship to the moon.

Your friend,
Nortimer the Mouse

FOUR TEACHERS JOIN
M.H.S. TEACHING STAFF

Marion High acquired four new teachers for the 1953-1954 school year.

Miss Kathryn Beckman, Mrs. Lorraine Vail, Mr. John Madden, and Mr. Joel Herbst all attended S.U.I. I.S.T.C. claims Mr. Herbst and Mr. Madden. Mr. Herbst also went to the University of Illinois.

B.A. degrees belong to Mrs. Vail and Miss Beckman; Mr. Madden holds a B.S.C. and a M.A.; and Mr. Herbst has a Bachelors and a Master of Education.

As an English major, Miss Beckman was active in various college activities. She is an English and drama instructor. In her leisure time she enjoys reading, theater, tennis, and music.

Mrs. Vail was born in Cedar Rapids. During summers she has done office work and has been a camp counselor. Her favorite pastime is swimming. Mrs. Vail teaches English and physical education.

Mr. Herbst is the new physics and Junior High science teacher. He joined the Air Force in World War II where he trained as a radar instructor and as an electronics officer for fighter aircraft.

Mr. Madden teaches English, law, and general business. He was born in Mason City where he attended high school and junior college. His leisure time is spent engaging in family activities.

Russ Seeks ('52), 1951 Marion football captain, is playing football at Coe. He earned his Freshman numerals in that sport. He is now a Sophomore and is engaged to Kay Nietert ('53).

George Domer ('52) has been farming on his father's land since graduation. He also has a Sunday job at Armstrong's parking lot.

Marge Secrest ('52) worked at the First National Bank for a year and is now enrolled at S.U.I. as a Freshman and a physical education major.

Arlene Kroening ('52), an S.U.I. Sophomore, is studying medicine. She joined Chi Omega sorority and is dating Dave Carey ('53).

Bill Thompson ('52), married Audrey Altenberg ('52) this spring. They are living on a farm near Marion.

Marilyn LeClere ('52) has been working as a phone operator since graduation. This August she married Jack Edmonds ('51).

Dick Boss ('52), has begun his Sophomore year at S.U.I. He is a member of the Asacia fraternity.

Carol Jordan ('52), attended Iowa State College at Ames a year. She is now working at St. Luke's Hospital and is dating Leo Corporan, M.H.S. Senior.

If you have a newsworthy item about a '52 or '53 Alumni, please notify the VOX.

S P O R T S

INSIDE STUFF

MARION	4	1	0
Monticello	4	1	0
Independence	3	2	0
Anamosa	3	2	0
Maquoketa	3	2	0
Manchester	1	3	1
Vinton	1	3	1
Tipton	0	5	0

LET'S GO, INDIANS!

With last Friday's victory, Marion seems very likely to at least tie for the conference title. Marion's last two conference games are against second-division Tipton and Vinton. The games should give the Indians little trouble, providing, the team develops no overconfidence and plays up to normal fashion. Of course, either of the teams may be terrifically "up" for these games. However, barring any unforeseen obstacles, Marion should finish the remainder of the season without defeat.

Meanwhile, Monticello must face Anamosa. Anamosa, last week, dimmed Independence's hope for a share of the crown by downing them 16-13. It is more than possible that the Blue Raiders could deal the Panthers the same fate. Monticello, quite conceivably, might suffer a tremendous letdown after such a heart-breaking defeat at the hands of Marion—at least, enough to permit Anamosa to sneak by them. In such a case—Marion winning its two contests—the Indians would be undisputed champions of the MaMac.

THE DAY OF A BIG GAME

According to a Senior back, the day of a big game, such as Homecoming, is just like any other day.

He feels more care-free than ever before. His stomach is not inhabited by butterflies and he doesn't even have that sunken feeling.

He's confident that nothing can go wrong even if, on this big day, he falls down the stairs, fails seven tests, and entirely forgets about the game until 7:10.

Yes, sir, this boy's ready to go, even if he does have to hobble around on crutches with at least half a dozen failure slips in his pocket!

WHAT DID YOU SAY YOUR TIME WAS?

We hear that Jerry Walker was in a pretty bad mood last Friday. Why? It seems that last Thursday at cross-country Jerry was timing his mile run. When he was through, he wanted to know what his time was. It just happened that the stop watch had decided to stop when Jerry was half-way done, and the timer didn't have the heart to tell him. So, Jerry ran the mile for nothing. Just ask any miler (outside of Jerry) if that isn't enough to drive you crazy.



ZIP

Marion - Delwein
Starting game. Four lettermen returning to Delwein's twelve. The feeling of the crowd is that of sympathy for the Indians. Haretore unknown Marion defense held the Huskies inside their ten yard line three times.

Marion - Independence
Not too much tension! Gabalka out! Whew, this Roberts can really go. He's not exactly a scrub, as some authorities stated. (Lettered two years at halfback and switched to fullback with Gabalka's injury.) He made us look pretty bad on some of those tackles. Made up for it in the following Monday at practice. Groan. That loss really hurt.

Marion - Manchester
Back in the win column. Offense really did click. We got a lot of razzing from the crowd for our defeat by Independence. Team more confident. Boy, what food afterwards.

Marion - Maquoketa
Those boys sorta figured they had it made. They were looking ahead too far, I guess. We looked pretty good on offense and defense.

Marion - Anamosa
These guys aren't so tough. We're beginning to look like a first half team. Coach was sure happy. Even Monday practice wasn't so bad. Look out Tipton!