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CONCERTS ARE GIVEN

STUDENT EARNS TRIP

Betty Rinderknecht earned a trip to Chicago, November 29 to December 3, to attend the National 4-H Club Congress. She received this honor as a result of her accomplishments in a gardening project.

Betty has been a 4-H member for six years and has had a gardening project five years. She has completed numerous projects in clothing, home furnishings, and other phases of the food and nutrition area.

SOCK-AND-CAP HOP HELD

A sock-and-cap hop, sponsored by student council, was held December 11 after the Marion-Independence game. Carol Airy and Bruce Boling won gifts for the most unusual hats.

E-CLUB PLANS CONSTITUTION

E-Club met November 16 to discuss plans for setting up a Constitution. Betsey Wachal and Joyce Kolda are co-chairmen of the committee. Bob Ryse and Harvey Solberger are completing work on the "Hall of Fame" which will include all winning solo and ensemble group pictures. Volleyball was played after the meeting.

TRYOUTS HELD FOR BENEFIT

Quill Benefit Show tryouts were held Tuesday, December 1 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Lincoln Auditorium.

The Benefit Show will be given Tuesday and Wednesday, February 2 and 3.

COUNCIL PLANS PLANS

A Student Council meeting was held Thursday, November 19. Plans were made for making a School Handbook to aid Freshmen in getting acquainted with high school activities. Jerry Walker will be the editor, assisted by Carol Tulp, Betty Rinderknecht, Bethine Culbert, and Tom Keith.

Other projects included moving the trophies to the new trophy case, checking lockers for neatness, and deciding the games and dances to be sponsored by the clubs or classes.

RATHJE CHOSEN MOST ELIGIBLE BACHELOR

Norm Rathje was crowned "Most Eligible Bachelor" at the Sadie Hawkins Dance November 14. Gary Eschman, Dallas Fairley, and Verdean Stade received prizes for the best corsages.

CONCERT DATES ARE DECEMBER 7, 8, AND 17

Under the direction of Mrs. Hulin, the vocal department gave its annual Christmas program December 7 and 8 in the Lincoln Auditorium. Featured soloists included: Charles Birmingham, Sherry Hopple, Jean Lawson, Steve Klopp, Ray Dochterman, John Vikdal, Jerry Walker, Jo Ann Timms, Marilyn Keller, and Patty Vosshell. Mixed chorus, boys' glee club, and first and second girls' glee clubs also participated. The program included: "Hallelujah Chorus", "T'was the Night Before Christmas", "Lullabye on Christmas Eve", and the popular song, "Twelve Days of Christmas".

On December 17 the band presented a winter concert in the boys' gym. The concert, under the direction of Mr. Wright, featured the following players: Jerry Brown, tuba, in "Tubby the Tuba"; Shirley Post, Judy Gipp, Joyce Kolda, trombones, in "Trombrero"; and Jerry Walker, Buddy Nelson, Jim Roberts, Jerry Bullis, Donna Petrusch, drums, in "Drastic Drumming". Other selections included: "Come Sweet Death", "The Messiah", "Jingle Bells", and several marches.

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YOU CAN HELP

All too often the Christmas season tends to become a season of short tempers, touchy nerves, and tired feet. However, you can do something to change this back to a season of "Peace on earth; good will toward men." How? Just by using everyday courtesy. Some people think that teenagers are rude and devoid of courtesy. We know that isn't true. Sometimes we just forget that we should offer our seat on the crowded bus to someone older or laden with bundles. We forget that we shouldn't let the door slam in someone else's face. But--we can't afford to forget. We want people to like us, and we are old enough to remember that courtesy pays. Why not remember not to forget courtesy? You'll be surprised how good it will make you feel, and what a lift you'll give the other fellow.

YOUR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Christmas is in our hearts now, bringing with it the customs of receiving gifts under decorated trees and kissing under the mistletoe. But let's not forget Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ, and we should have thoughts of Him uppermost in our hearts and minds.

Let's not forget the star, which led the three Wise Men to their new King, whom they showered with gifts.

Have you ever heard of the Christmas spirit? Of course you have. It may be a different story when you are asked whether or not you have ever applied it to helping someone who is in great need. Most of all, let's not forget these famous words which have lived for ages: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." People have the Christmas spirit because they remember those words about good will. Why don't you remember them and apply them not only at Christmas, but all through the year?

There is another famous expression, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Sounds familiar, doesn't it? Why don't YOU take a little time out from your holiday fun to make things a little happier for the less fortunate, and to make Christmas for someone who might otherwise miss out on its joys?



LET'S HAVE NONE OF THAT!

Boeing doesn't change the ref's decision. Perhaps he is blind and you could do a better job. Remember though, things look different on the playing floor. Then, too, a referee can't change his decision very often; it isn't ethical. Since boeing gives your school a bad name, your team won't appreciate your catcalls. Why not convert your energy into cheering for the squad, and at the same time set an example for the adult fans. Let's be good sports and earn M.H.S. a good name. Let's all stop boeing.

ACTIVITIES

THE PEN

F.F.A. FORMS BASKETBALL TEAMS

The Future Farmers of America have formed two basketball teams, one consisting of Freshmen and Sophomores, the other of the Juniors and Seniors.

The first game was held in the Marion gymnasium with Central City. The first team won 47-15, and the Freshmen-Sophomore team won 27-13.

The club has written to other F.F.A. clubs inviting them to play against them.

SPANISH CLUB HAS XMAS PARTY

El Club Espanol met in room 206 at 7 p.m. on December 10. Two talks, "Christmas in Mexico" by Roberta Mills, and "Tropical Christmas" by Eloise Allen were given. Spanish songs were sung and the pinatas broken. There were refreshments for all before the meeting ended.

CAPTAINS ARE CHOSEN FOR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT.

Mrs. Vail and the G. A. A. board chose ten volleyball captains for the volleyball tournaments. They include Sylvia Seeks, Sharon Ozburn, Louise Stickney, Carole Bunney, Carol Meythaler, Peggy Ozburn, Nancy Hess, Sandra Montgomery, Patty Ozburn, and JoEllen Becker. The results of these tournaments are not known yet.

HI-Y GOES SWIMMING

The Hi-Y members went swimming Thursday night, December 3, 1953, at the Y.M.C.A.

The Hi-Y boys have been selling basketball pencils. They have sold 250. The club is sponsored by Mr. Schmidt.

PEP CLUB CHOOSES NAME

On November 23 the Pep Club chose "The Tomahawks" as its name. The winning selection was submitted by the cheerleaders. "The Tomahawks" also decided to buy red and gold beanies to wear to the games.

ALPHA BETA GAMMA ENJOYS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Alpha Beta Gamma enjoyed a Christmas Party at the home of Carol Tilp on Monday, December 14. The officers, assisted by Joyce Kolda, Judy Gipp, Jean Lawson, and JoAnn Labarge planned the dinner.

Exchanging Christmas gifts, singing carols, and playing games provided the evening's entertainment.

DRAMA CLUB DISCUSSES PLAY FOR CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

The Dramatics Club held a business meeting November 24 in room 310. Discussion revolved around a one act play, "Song of Glory" by Anne Martens, to be given at the annual Christmas Assembly. Miss Beckman sponsors the club.

Hi! (That's a folksy way to begin.)

First let's give some credit to the VOX's columnists. ANN YOUNG writes "Mortimer's Squeaks", and MOLLIE KEITH is in charge of the Alumni news. BILL DOUGHERTY writes "Inside Stuff", and JOHN BALLARD edits the nameless sports column. Who writes this? Ah, no, you don't. I know when I'm well off.

We understand that some of our teachers have hidden talents. Mr. Herbst can really play a sax.

Now that Christmas is here, perhaps more people will realize that religion is the only thing that can help this weary old world.

You can tell a Senior by the groans and moans over the proofs of graduation pictures.

Don't you think it would be nice if Marion had an American flag in the new gym?

Speaking of poetry, which we weren't, here's a poem from someone who must suffer from a "crush". I'm dedicating this to all the girls who are under the spell of Marion's "Most Eligible Bachelor".

Oh, that profile!

It just sends me

And it somehow

Weakness lends me.

Oh, that smile!

How it thrills me.

When I see it

Naught can still me.

Oh, that guy!

Oh, poor, poor, me.

I 'most swoon

When him I see.

I'd better quit while I can. 'Bye all.

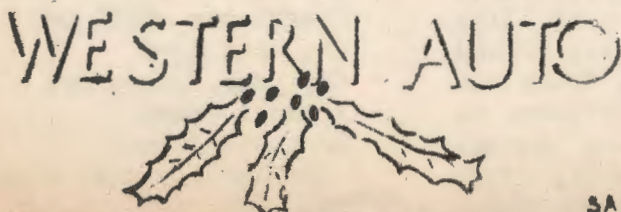
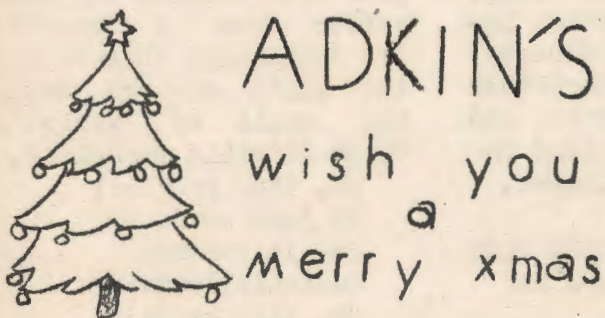
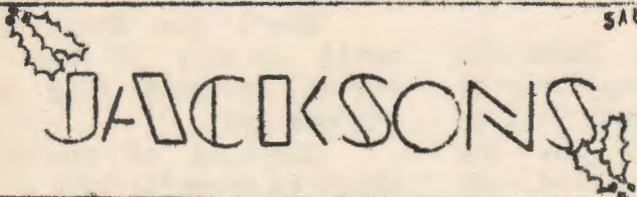
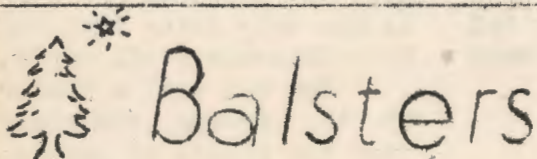
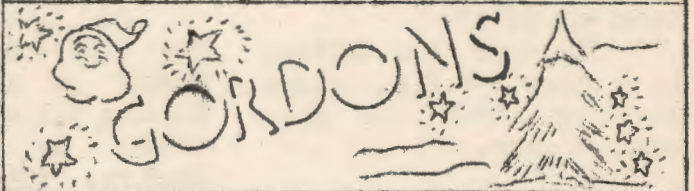
HOW THE CLASSES FEEL ABOUT CHRISTMAS

A typical Freshman is full of Christmas spirit. This could be interpreted as either love for his fellow-man, or because school won't resume for two weeks.

The Sophomore, on the other hand, looks forward to Christmas because it is his opportunity to spread "Peace on Earth; Good Will Toward Men."

The Junior, with all the added expense of new class rings, frequently goes down the hall kicking his best friends in the shins so they will declare him an enemy and he won't have to buy them presents!

The Senior starts to wonder how the school year has gone so fast. He thinks that maybe if he is particularly nice to teachers, they will extend vacation three extra months!



WHO'S WHO AROUND M.H.S.

This month we introduce the Econ. Penny Queen, Joyce Kolda, and M.H.S.'s "Most Eligible Bachelor", Norm Rathje.

Joyce's activities include: G.A.A., Alpha Beta Gamma, VOX staff, Quill planning board, glee club, mixed chorus, working in the office, and student conducting. She is president of Pep club, vice-president of Science club, secretary of E-club, and second lieutenant in the band. She also belongs to Horizon club, and is president of the Junior American Legion Auxiliary. However, Joyce finds time to go "steady". She wants to attend I.S.T.C. and then teach.

Norm is perhaps best known as a football player although he is also active in basketball, baseball, and track. He was named on the Des Moines Register and IDAP's honor rolls for All-State football this fall. Norm likes to watch games in his spare time, and Otto Graham of the Cleveland Indians is his favorite football player. Norm sings in the choir at the Lutheran Church. He is also a member of Lettermen's club. Norm would like to go to the University of Iowa, and then perhaps be a coach or play pro football.

ALUMNI CORNER



*Mortimer's
Squeaks*

MY WISH TO YOU

May the echo of the
Christmas bells
Ring in your hearts these
days.

Recalling all the joys
you've known
Along your merry ways,

And may these pleasant
memories

And all your new dreams,
too,
Combine to make a future
Filled with happiness for
you.

To those sincere bright
wishes

That will surely come your
way

Please add another friend-
ly one

That simply wants to say--

MERRY CHRISTMAS M. H. S.!

SENIORS RECEIVE PROFIT

The Senior Savings
Syndicate, Inc., made a
profit of \$186.82 on the
Econ. Carnival. This has
been turned over to the
Senior class fund.

In the variety show
at the Carnival were: The
Racketeers (Jerry Brown
and associates), Sylvia
Seeks and Marleen Hansen,
Diane Stickney, John Vik-
dal, and Carole Meythaler.

Penny Queen Joyce
Kolda was crowned by Har-
old Hayes, secretary of
the Senior Savings Syнди-
cate. Her attendants were
Jane Blessing and Nancy
Siders. The queen was de-
termined by the amount of
money contributed to her.

Ruth Horner ('52) is
working at Collins in Ce-
dar Rapids. She was cho-
sen to represent Collins
as Duchess at the Indus-
trial Ball.

Bill Lundquist ('52)
is taking his Sophomore
year at S.U.I. where he is
majoring in engineering.
He joined Phi Kappa Sigma
fraternity.

Don Hay ('52), a
Sophomore at I.S.T.C., is
planning on teaching In-
dustrial Arts and/or Phy-
sics after his graduation.

Another I.S.T.C.
Sophomore is Dave McCalley.
He pledged a fraternity
and is singing in the a
cappella choir.

Audrey and Bill
Thompson ('52) are the
proud parents of a baby
boy born this November.

Betty DeJong ('52), a
Sophomore at Dubuque Uni-
versity, was president of
her Freshman class and is
a member of Delta Phi Sig-
ma sorority. She is tak-
ing pre-nursing.

WHAT A BOY WANTS--

Gather 'round, la-
dies. Here are some spe-
cial tips on buying a
Christmas present for your
guy. First, one "don't"--
no ties, or handkerchiefs.
Good ideas include: sports
shirt, scarf, cuff links
and tie clasp set, watch
fob, leather gloves, book
on favorite subject, swea-
ter or vest, a good pair
of socks, records (his fa-
vorite type of music), a
billfold, or a subscrip-
tion to a magazine.

Dear Friends,

JoAnn Lassen has just
acquired a Springville
class ring. Doesn't she
like ours?

Karen Knapp and Fred
Webber certainly enjoy
each others' company.

My prediction about
Ted B. came true. Just
ask Nancy.

Have you seen the
huge ring B. Culbert is
sporting these days?

Jean Lawson's theme
these days is, "It's so
warm in here I must take
off my ring."

This school year
found John and Jane still
buddies.

Have you ever seen
such long pony tails as
those on Sandra F. and
Eloise A?

Current steady eddies:
Carolyn and Garth, Hilda
and Larry, Mollie and
Ernie, Dick and Nancy,
Joyce and Harold.

What freshman has
everyone seen Bill Farmer
with lately?

I predict--1. Norm
Rathje has a girl friend
some place. 2. That the
Senior chorus line will be
great. 3. That Janice
Schultz will grow an inch
this year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS,
Mortimer, the Mouse

SENIORS PICK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, November 21,
the Seniors chose their
commencement announcements
and name cards.

The class recently
voted to go to Chicago for
their class trip.

THE SOUNDING BOARD

S P O R T S

It appears that the Indians have many fair weather friends who hesitate to follow them at the first sign of weakness. Victory must be the only interest of most partisans who won't pay to see the Indians beaten.

In their first two games Marion met two good teams, Springville having had six weeks of practice and Grinnell sporting a 6' 6" giant. Apparently these losses gave Marion fans visions of a losing season--so much so that only a faithful few were on hand to watch inferior Mt. Vernon dump Marion in the final 20 seconds of play.

On the following Friday, Marion met Wilson of Cedar Rapids. Normally, enthusiasm for games with C. R. schools runs high. In this case that was not so. The Coe fieldhouse was far from filled. Perhaps Marionites weren't willing to attend a game where a long-denied Wilson victory might bring jibes and razzes. We certainly don't want persons with easily injured egos to attend our games.

Poor attendance might be justified for a team that hasn't won in the last ten years, but Marion has had good teams during the last few years. It should be obvious that a team needs more support when experiencing a losing streak than when having won its last twenty games. We wonder what attendance will be like now that the Indians have started on a winning season.

BASKETBALL BLUES

Seeing one of the basketball stars looking very blue, you amble up and ask him, "What's wrong? Didn't basketball practice go well last night?"

He quickly takes advantage of your sympathetic nature and backs you into a corner. "You're not kidding," he says. "I couldn't hit a thing last night. I only made 14 points in our 8 minute scrimmage, and only 9 out of 10 free throws. Boy! Was I awful."

You silently agree with him on that point and wonder how you can get away, when along comes a pretty girl. As his head turns, you quietly slip away in the opposite direction, making a resolution to keep away from all star basketball players.

A COACH'S DREAM
(for Coach Hipple)

A coach's fond dream
Of a basketball lad,
May seem to some others
To be very bad.

He won't look at girls,
He won't smoke or drink,
And basketball's all that
He'll eat, live and think.

He'll get to bed early
Without a complaint,
Eat right and live right
But won't be a saint.

Then out on the floor,
He will help to play
A very good game
In a true sportsman's way.

INSIDE STUFF

Sighs of relief are heard among Marion rooters! After a decisive loss to a very good Springville five and the 1-point edging by Mt. Vernon, things are beginning to look better. Although the floorplay in the Wilson game was ragged on both sides, the game and the following practices have begun to mold the Indians into a team. This was shown when Marion beat Monti, which was rated as a top-notch contender in the Wamac conference this year.

The Indians, who have six returning lettermen, can win their seventh consecutive conference trophy this year. Leading scorers have been pivotman Verdean Stade and forwards Wally DeWoody and Tom Domer. There have been several experimental shifts in practice and mid-season should find the Indians much improved.

WAMAC STANDINGS

As of Monday, December 14, these are the standings in the Wamac Conference. The Little Indians are also leading.

	WON	LOST
Marion	2	0
Vinton	2	0
Independence	1	1
Manchester	1	1
Maquoketa	1	1
Monticello	1	1
Anamosa	0	2
Tipton	0	2