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QUILL PLANS BENEFIT SHOW

BAND ATTENDS WAMAC CLINIC

Saturday, January 9, the Marion band traveled to Maquoketa to attend the sixth annual WamAC Band Clinic.

Rehearsals for the "mass" and "picked" bands were held in the morning and afternoon. Shirley Post, Bob Byse, Ed Lala, Ann Young, Sylvia Seeks, Betsey Wachal, and Mary Lou Pazour were the "picked band" members chosen by Marion. "Mass band" was composed of members of the eight WamAC bands.

Mr. Frank Piersol, director of bands at I.S.C., and Mr. R. Cedric Anderson of Roosevelt in Cedar Rapids, guest conductors, held woodwind and brass clinics during the early afternoon.

A concert at 7:00 by the "mass band" followed by the "picked band" concluded the day's activities.

COMING ASSEMBLIES

January
29--Ensemble club assembly

February
5---"Living in a Metropolis," (movie)
12--Junior class assembly
19--Musical play, (second girls glee club)
26--Senior class assembly

ALPHA BETA GAMMA WILL HAVE GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Lester Benz, journalism specialist from S.U.I., will be a guest of Alpha Beta Gamma during eighth period this afternoon. Mr. Benz has worked in various fields of journalism, and has been editor of the Osage, Iowa newspaper. As an S.U.I. journalism instructor, Mr. Benz often visits different Iowa high school newspaper staffs and offers constructive criticism.

YOUTH CENTER PLANS SWEETHEART BALL

The Marion Youth Center Student Board, which met January 13 at the Center, is planning a Sweetheart Ball to be held in the high school gym, February 6. Decorations will be carried out in the Valentine theme. A king and queen will be crowned to reign at the dance.

The ice skating rink is being sponsored this year by the Youth Center. Dick Bristol is the supervisor, assisted by Youth Center directors, Dave Rosenberg and Paul Bizzis.

The Board is planning a clean-up of the Center and also to write a teenage column each week in the weekly paper.

BENEFIT SHOW WILL BE GIVEN FEBRUARY 2 AND 3

The Marion High School Senior class of 1954 will present the annual Quill Benefit Show in the Marion Theatre February 2 and 3. There will be a matinee for children February 2.

The general manager, Steve Klopp, and his assistant, Sue Holmes, with the help of the faculty sponsors, Mrs. Deeds and Miss Frankenfield, began making arrangements for the show last month.

The general theme includes a TV show with a soap-opera plot (complete with villain).

Some of the participants include: Tom Marchant, Caroline Keith, Gary Robinson, Carole Meythaler, Diane Darragh, Sylvia Seeks, Nancy Siders, JoAnn Timms, Marleen Hansen, Harold Hayes, Madrigal, Mixed Quartet, Boys' Quartet, and Jerry Walker will be Master of Ceremonies.

Mr. Gilbert Rathman, who makes it possible for the Seniors to produce the show, announces the movie to be shown this year is "Mother Wore Tights", a technicolor production starring Betty Grable and Dan Dailey.

The price will be 60¢.

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THE MARCH OF DIMES

Once again the drive of "The March of Dimes" is on this month.

Last year thousands of children and adults died, and many others were crippled by the dread disease--polio. It is our duty to see that this disease is wiped out. We can do this by giving all we can so that iron lungs and other equipment can be purchased to help polio victims get well. Also the money we give goes toward polio research to help rid our land of this disease.

Last summer many children were inoculated with a vaccine called gamma globulin. Now money is needed to secure more of this vaccine to inoculate other children to prevent them from getting polio.

There are many containers around the school and in other public buildings where you can put your contributions for this great cause. The goal which Linn County is working toward is \$30,000. Let's all see if this goal can be met. Give now!

WE'RE ASKING YOU

O.K., kids, what did you do with it? Is it home wrapped in moth balls, or did you lose it in your locker? You must have put it somewhere, for your SCHOOL SPIRIT isn't in view. School spirit is something to be proud of, for it is loyalty, a very desirable trait to own.

By supporting your athletic teams; by yelling when you should and not booing or hissing; by showing respect for your teachers at all times; and by attending all the meetings of school clubs you belong to, you show that you have school spirit.

Are you proud of Marion, or do you say, "That old dump"? You should be proud. Marion High has acquired a fine record in the fields of education, music, and sports. If you wish something to be changed, tell the Student Council. They will welcome constructive criticism and may be able to do something about it.

Develop your school spirit now. If you show that you are proud of M.H.S., it will be something to be proud of.



ACTIVITIES



THE PEN

E-CLUB SPONSORS BACKWARDS DANCE

On January 15, after the Marion and Monticello game, the E-club sponsored a backwards dance. In addition to buying a ticket, each student had to wear some article of clothing backwards. Entertainment was provided by a floor show featuring Jerry Brown and Ed Lala, who pantomimed to music. Gary Robison won a prize for the "most backwards" person.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS CLUB GOES TO WATERLOO

On January 31, the Industrial Arts club took a trip to Waterloo to see the John Deere factory. First they saw the main part of the factory. Then they observed the construction of a tractor from the start to the finish.

On the same day they looked over the Iowa State campus at Ames. They made the trip in the Marion school bus.

E-CLUB HOLDS BUSINESS MEETING

E-club met Monday, January 18, to discuss the new constitution being drawn. Pictures were put in the Hall of Fame and the members were informed that the club has to put on an assembly this month. The treasurer reported on the money made at the dance held Friday, January 15.

HI-Y PLAYS VOLLEYBALL

On Thursday night, January 7, 1954, the Hi-Y played volleyball. Teams were divided into Juniors and Seniors. The Seniors beat the Juniors.

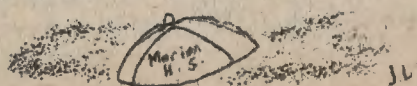
The club is sponsored by Mr. Schmidt.

F.F.A. HOLDS MEETING

F.F.A. met Tuesday, January 5, 1954. Bill Hotle made a motion, which was seconded and passed, to have two contests, sub-district and district, in public speaking, extemporaneous speaking, parliamentary procedure, creed speaking, and Chapter program. They sold ten bushels of corn, left over from the corn show, for \$1.45 a bushel to Lumir Dostal. They played basketball after the meeting.

NEW CHEER INTRODUCED TO PEP CLUB

On December 16, a new cheer was introduced to the Pep club by the first string cheerleaders. The cheer, "Hey, Hey" by name, was then introduced to the members of the student body at the assembly, Friday, December 18, by the cheerleaders and the Pep club. The members of the club have also received their new beanies which are red and gold with the words "Marion H. S." inscribed on them.



Hello, again. How many New Year's resolutions have YOU broken so far?

It seems that several Seniors are already getting misty-eyed over graduation. A hankie manufacturer could make oodles of money around Senior Row.

By the way, "The Pen" refers to a writing instrument--not an institution, and certainly not M.H.S.!

Why do stuffed animals hold such an appeal for some people?

Wonder whatever happened to the A.B.A.R. Society (All Boys Are Rats) and the Woman Haters' Club.

A very new and special school event is scheduled for April. The Band Council is keeping it strictly a secret until then.

Some folks wish that both the Big Ten and the Prom wouldn't be held at Armur this year. They feel the gym has a friendlier atmosphere and that it's easier for the dateless dozens to get there.

The band Seniors took their own food to clinic the other week, and all ate together that noon. They report it was lots of fun.

The small groups and soloists in the vocal and band departments have started practicing for contest time.

Time's a-fleeting, so 'til our next greeting, GOODBYE.

P.S. Don't forget the Quill Benefit Show.

WHO'S WHO AROUND M.H.S.

This month we shall tell you about Betsey Wachal, Vox editor, and Bruce Boling, business manager of the 1954 Quill.

Betsey is an honor roll student, captain of the band, belongs to E-club, is in two instrumental groups, and will play a bass clarinet solo at contest. She also likes sports. Besides being a Marion sports fan, she plays on the Methodist Church basketball team and is in G.A.A. She teaches a Sunday School class and is assistant organist at the Lutheran Church. Betsey would like to become a Lutheran parochial school teacher and also write books.

Bruce Boling is very busy with school activities: Spanish club, Dramatics club, secretary of Hi-Y, and Forensics. He was selected for the National Honor Society last year. In June, Bruce will become Master Councilor of the Marion Demolay group. He likes books, classical music, lively bands, exciting basketball games, and the study of languages. Bruce plans to be a priest in the protestant Episcopal Church after studying at S.U.I. and Nashota House, a seminary in Wisconsin.

COME TO JACKSONS



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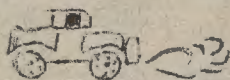


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WHAT'S THIS YEAR COMING TO?

HAROLD HAYES resolves to break any resolutions about going with girls.

FRIEDA NESETRIL and PEGGY OZBURN resolve to go on a diet. Could this be the result of working at the K.V.?

BILL PECK resolves not to go steady. Never, Bill!?!?

GEORGE BREYER resolves to keep going steady. Any connection?

FEROL BRITTON resolves to quit eating everyone else's food at hot lunch.

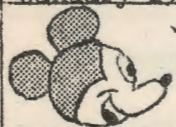
JERRY BROWN resolves not to let his class ring wander any more. Think of those poor underprivileged girls!

JOANN LASSEN resolves to keep being a good-will ambassador to Springville.

BOB THOMPSON resolves to go out for basketball (after he grows two feet).

JANE BLESSING resolves to keep her hands taped. Shame on you, Jane!

PAT VOSHELLE resolves to let her hair grow. (?)!



*Mortimer's
Squeaks*

ALUMNI CORNER

Dear Friends,

Shirley Sills and Lloyd Jordan exchanged rings over Christmas vacation.

Darell Failor has a new Indian Maid after him under the name of Rosalie Siemer.

Diane D. and Bruce P. are going steady again.

Beverly James has her eye on a Junior named Todd.

Carol Bunney has a crush on a classmate, but I'm 'sposed to keep it a secret.

Judy, Shirley L., and Joan still have their eyes on the class of '53.

"Gorgeous" George Brewer has found himself a girl in the form of Jo Ellen Becker.

Does anyone know of a girl tall enough for John Kraner?

Lillie and Billy are back together again.

Lyla Dye is hopefully looking for someone in the Junior class who is her type.

Just whom is Sue Holmes going with?

I predict that:
1. Lumir Dostal will never lose thirty-five pounds.
2. Gary Eschman will eventually type thirty words a minute.
3. Mr. Hippel will discover some new track stars while on hall duty on second floor.

Happy Valentine's Day,

Mortimer, the Mouse

CLASSES AND THEIR PROJECTS

The Junior class has been working on an assembly to be given February 12. The class officers chose a committee of fifteen to write the script, prepare props and organize the program.

The Senior class attended the concession stand for the basketball games on December 29, and January 1, 8, and 15. Senior picture-taking is being completed. Planning for the Senior assembly and the Senior class trip has been started.

CAN YOU TELL ME

1. What knee "The Thinker" is leaning on?

2. What the man in the center of the picture "The Spirit of '76" is doing?

3. Which way the "Mona Lisa" faces?

4. What is the title of the picture in Mr. Schmidt's room?

5. What color the walls are in the physics room?

6. If a baby zebra is born black with white stripes or white with black stripes?

7. If there is a picture in Mrs. Deeds' room?

8. If Mr. Nau's hair is parted on the left or right?

9. What color the ceiling is in the auditorium?

10. How many sky lights are in the gym?

Jerry Peck ('53), a Freshman at S.U.I., is majoring in physical education. He is the steady date of Joanie Justice.

Sondra Burnett ('53) and Charles Cox ('53) were married last December. Charlie, who attended Coe, is employed by the R.E.A.

Karen Vikdal ('53) is presently working at Collins. She plans to go to Luther College next year.

Bob Justice ('53) is a Freshman at the University of Kansas. He is taking pre-med courses.

Jeannine Murray ('53) is working in a Collins office. She is still dating her high school steady Bob Jones ('53).

Joe Green ('53) attended Coe for a semester this year and is now working for Collins.

Bob Christensen ('53) is a Freshman at the University of Dubuque and is majoring in business. He is the steady date of Judy Gipp.

VOCAL NOTES

The Vocal Music Department is rehearsing now for the second annual Wamac Conference Clinic to be held March 6 at Tipton.

On February 19, the second girls' glee club will present a musical for the high school assembly program.

Practice for solo and small groups for contest started January 11. Mrs. Marian Hulin directs the Vocal Department.

S P O R T S

INSIDE STUFF

THE SOUNDING BOARD

What's that from across the way--chanting at a funeral procession? No, just the Marion cheering section giving out with one of their snappy new yells. Perhaps you think this is an exaggeration--we don't. From our spot on the bench during every game, we have reached the conclusion that Marion has the lousiest cheering section in the conference. Marion school spirit appears to have gone "to pot".

We felt this was very graphically shown in the recent Monticello game. Marion, the home team, was soundly outyelled by an enthusiastic Monti following. Since the close game provided plenty of excitement, we wondered why the student body displayed only a passive interest.

In searching for an explanation we were impressed with these ideas. First, the students have grown tired of winning. They must think, "We have had outstanding teams for so long it's getting monotonous. We win--so what? It's nothing new." Secondly, there has been an over-emphasis on athletics. Students have been exposed so long to the glories of sports that they have tired of the whole deal. Thirdly, and as a combination of the above, they just don't care. They are willing to yell at an assembly if it means they get to leave the auditorium

first; they are willing to attend games if there are promises of a good chat with the gang or a dance afterwards. As for the game, they ask, "Why, who are we playing?"

We were speaking with several on the varsity squad, and they mentioned how good it felt to be greeted with the puny ovation they have been receiving on their entrances on the playing floor.

It's an unfortunate situation. Marion was always noted for its fine school spirit. Right now, we doubt if the Marion cheering section could generate enough steam to warm a flea on a cold day in December. We pity the flea.

As a rule, we don't like to comment on the officiating job of the referees, but we did think the Franklin game was very poorly done.

Tom Domer is currently leading the Indians in the scoring race. The sharp-shooting forward has amassed a total of 78 field goals and 51 free-throws, giving him 205 points for the year or an average of 14.6 points per game. Sophomore Darell Failor has the best shooting percentage, having made 28 of 42 shots for a 67% average. In the free-throw race for the all important "pot", Domer holds a slight lead over Wally DeWoody.

Our column this issue is devoted to a group which gets very little publicity for the caliber of play they exhibit. We are speaking, naturally, of Coach Lynn Brown's undefeated Sophomore team.

This year's team is rather unusual in that seven members were on the traveling squad last year as Freshmen. At guards are Larry Brooks and Jerry Cox, and at center is Freshman Steve Smith. Darell Failor, regular Sophomore center, has been dressing for varsity games, but the 6' 2" Smith has filled the spot well. Manning the forward positions are Ron Altenberg and Tom Hutton. Cox and Altenberg have been the high scorers so far this year, but balanced scoring has been featured in many games.

"Bench strength has won many games", coaches will tell you, and the Little Indians are strong here, too. Top reserves are: forwards, Bob Wilson and Gary Hartgrave; center, Terry McEnany; and guards, Ed Reed and Ron Achey. Achey and Wilson are Freshmen.

Marion has been the top team in the conference for six years, and prospects are good for another Sophomore title.

The high school was greatly saddened at the news of the sudden illness of Hugh Leffingwell, one of Marion's outstanding athletes. "We're pulling for you, Hugh."