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MARION WINS SECTIONAL!

YOUTH CENTER SPONSORS SWEETHEART BALL

Lillie Fuller and Billy James were crowned king and queen of the Sweetheart Ball, Saturday night, February 6. They were chosen from a group of candidates who were Janet Lorence, Lynn Scott, Nancy Hinton, Judy Ebsen, Hilda Schneider, Nancy Hess, Bethine Culbert, Jo Ellen Becker, Wally De-Woody, Jeri Smith, Bill Peck, Larry Brooks, Darrell Failor, Fred Weber and Steve Smith. Dave Rosenberg, Youth Center director, presented the king and queen.

The program consisted of a fire-baton twirling exhibition by assistant youth director, Paul Bizzas, record pantomimes by Edward Lala and Jerry Brown, and a vocal duet by Marleen Hansen and Sylvia Seeks.

Refreshments were served to 250 students, parents, and friends.

Norman Murfield's orchestra provided the music.

COMING EVENTS

February
26-----WaMaC Play Festival
March
5-----Big Ten Ball
6-----WaMaC Vocal Clinic
19-----Special Assembly

COMMITTEES ARE CHOSEN FOR THE BIG TEN

Committees for the annual Big Ten Ball have been chosen. They are Publicity: Nancy Hess, Jean Lawson, Elaine McGee, Jo Ellen Becker, and Karen Severson; Tickets: Lillie Fuller, Joyce Lacock, Diane Stickney, Janet Lorence, Kay Nielsen, Janice Harms, and Rosalie Siemer; Ballot: Mrs. Vail, Mrs. Muir, Miss Beckman, and Miss Carlson; Certificates: Shirley Post and Joyce Kolda; Invitations and Programs: Jane Blessing, Ann Young, Donna Petrusch, and JoAnn Lassen.

DRAMATICS CLUB PRESENTS PLAY

Dramatics club will present "Why I Am A Bachelor" February 20, at Independence. It is a lecture on why the hero is a bachelor, and it will present four living sketches on this theme.

Members of the cast include: John Ballard, Mollie Keith, Danny Kellams, Lillie Fuller, Mary Lou Pazour, and Donna Hall.

Bob Story, Terry Halstead, Jane Blessing, and Judy Walsh are helping out on stage and property crew.

SECTIONAL HELD AT MARION, FEBRUARY 8-13

Marion and Palo advanced to district play via wins in the sectional tournament at Marion. Marion, after dumping St. Pat's of Cedar Rapids 61-48 in first-round action, turned back unbeaten Springville in a 56-49 thriller. Palo staged a minor upset in defeating Shellsburg 56-44 in the final round of B action.

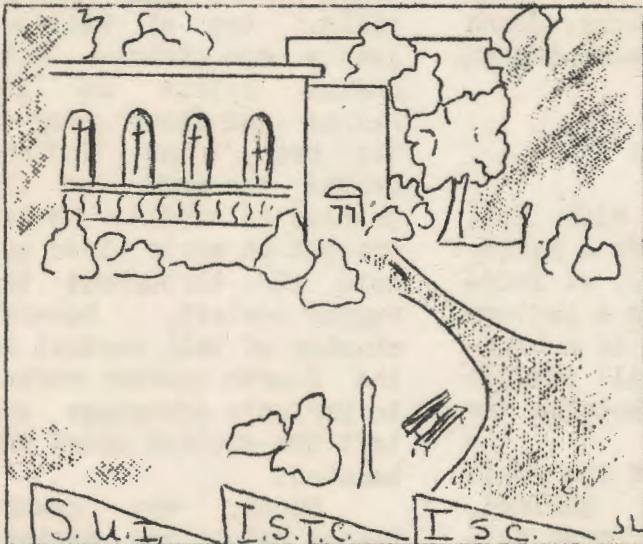
Some fourteen hundred fans crowded into the gym to witness the battle between Marion and Springville, two of Eastern-Iowa's top teams. With Marion spirit at its height and floor play at its best, the Indians proved too much for the Orioles to handle. Marion grabbed an early lead and held it throughout the rugged contest. Several minutes of ball control in the fourth quarter worked to Marion's advantage and left the excited crowd exhausted.

Pavek, who spearheaded Palo's win against Shellsburg, was the tourney's leading scorer with a total of 67 points.

Alburnett and St. Wenc. of Cedar Rapids staged the tourney's closest game--a 58-54 overtime battle won by St. Wenc.

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BOUQUETS FOR THE BENEFIT

Bouquets to all those who worked so hard on the Quill Benefit Show. The boys' ballet, dancing Quills, Flapperettes and other features will be long remembered. Congratulations for a fine show.

IT'S TIME TO DECIDE

This is a time of decision for many M.H.S. Seniors--to go or not to go to college. College is a pretty expensive proposition, and you must decide whether the benefits you receive will be worth the investment.

What will college give to you? The most important answer is training for an occupation. There are many professions in which a college degree is required, and more and more often you must have a diploma to advance far in other businesses. Along with occupational training college offers you an opportunity to meet many new people and expand your interests. There are innumerable facilities open to students, and you have but to choose among them.

The arguments against going to college would be mainly the expense and the number of years required. Scholarships, part-time jobs, and loans all help students meet expenses. It has been proved that oftentimes your increased earning power more than makes up for the years spent acquiring it. If you have the ability and the desire to go, don't hesitate. Go to college. You will never be sorry.

ATTENTION GIRLS

Are you one of those girls who comes to school with her hair in pin curls, a pair of jeans, and a sloppy shirt to finish the outfit?

The Student Council held a meeting Wednesday, February 3, where they decided that something should be done about this situation. This cannot rest entirely upon the shoulders of the Student Council. They must have co-operation from the students as well. Let's not be lazy; put your hair up the night before; leave your jeans and shirt for around home and picnics. You'll be surprised what letting your hair down and putting on a skirt and blouse will do for you and the school. You'll feel more like a lady, and the school will look less like a dormitory.

Let's ALL help to make our school the neatest of them all.

ACTIVITIES



THE PEN

GEOLOGIST TALKS TO SCIENCE CLUB

Leonard Weiss, a geologist and assistant professor at Coe College, entertained Science club Thursday, January 28, with a talk on geology. Colored slides of glaciers were shown and careers for men and women in geology were discussed.

Science club met February 18 to hear a talk by Glen Sanderson, state game biologist. He quoted statistics on this year's deer season and gave some ideas on improving it for next year.

HI-Y ENTERTAINS AT THE SWEETHEART BALL

The Hi-Y provided the entertainment for the Sweetheart Ball which was held Saturday night, February 6, 1954. The dance was put on by the Marion Youth Center. Mr. Schmidt is the club sponsor.

PLAY IS SUMMARIZED BY DRAMA CLUB

A meeting of the Dramatics club of Marion High met in Mr. Madden's room on the evening of January 14, 1954.

Mr. Madden summarized the play that will be taken to the WaMaC play festival. It is entitled "Why I Am A Bachelor".

A radio play entitled "The Faithful Heart" was presented at the meeting. A discussion was held afterwards.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS CLUB PLANS TO MAKE SHUFFLEBOARD

The Industrial Arts club met January 25 and voted to make a shuffleboard for the Marion Youth Center.

G.A.A. CHOOSES MEMBERS FOR PLAY DAY AT MCKINLEY

Thursday, January 28, the G.A.A. Board chose nine Junior and Senior girls to go to McKinley High School for play day, February 13. The girls chosen were: Betsey Wachal, Janet Lorence, Sylvia Seeks, Louise Stickney, Kathy Trimble, Carole Bunney, Beverly Stoeffler, Perky Tanner, and Peggy Ozburn.

Captains for basketball were chosen also. Senior captains are: Sylvia Seeks and Janet Lorence; Juniors: Eileen Mullaley and Pat Klopp; Sophomores: Sandy Lacock and Judy Ebsen; Freshmen: Carolyn Stade, Nancy Johnson, and Bethine Culbert.

PEP CLUB DISCUSSES SCHOOL SPIRIT

On February 10, 1954, the members of the Pep club met to discuss the school spirit of M.H.S. It was decided that everyone should stand up when the cheerleaders give the cheers.

The Freshmen boys' cheering section attended this meeting. They gave pointers to the Pep club members about cheering.

Here it is February again. The Quill Benefit, Sweetheart Ball, and the Sectional tournament have provided a lot of excitement for such a short month. And this is only the beginning!

It just wouldn't seem like the Quill Benefit if you didn't get pushed, jabbed and squashed while waiting for the doors to open.

"O wad some Pow'r
the giftie gie
us
To see oursels
as ithers see
us!"

Some of the couples of M.H.S. should take the hint!

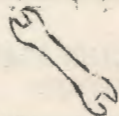
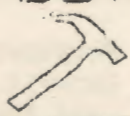
Herkimer reminds us that with God nothing is impossible. That's a very comforting thought to remember.

Just a reminder: There are people (who aren't eighth graders or Freshmen) who have been yelling lustily at the games and backing the team for several years. As long as the team tries to do its best they feel:

I N D I A N S
Marion Indians
They're the best.
Are we for them?
YES, oh YES!
Yea, INDIANS.

It seems that band council has come up with something designed to keep band rehearsals quiet. Those who chatter incessantly have to play a solo in front of everyone on Friday morning. Does it work? I'll Say!

BETTER BUYS AT BURD'S



ADDIKON'S SOCKS



SHOES



SWEATERS

SENIOR AND JUNIOR NICKNAMES

Norman Rathje.....	Blue Eyes
Roberta Wilson.....	Bobbie
Verdean Stade.....	Spade
Everett Scott.....	Harper
Shinley Post.....	Emily
Dan Kellams.....	Slue Foot
Bruce Boling.....	Brain
Jeri Smith.....	Dad
Evelyn Nash.....	Evie
Eileen Mullaley.....	Bubbles
Dorothy Fisher.....	Dottie
Judy Meroshek.....	Mama Gee
Terry Halstead.....	Terrance
Diane Darragh.....	Legs
Carole Bunney.....	Bugs
Dennis Jones.....	Bones
(or the Menace)	

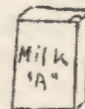
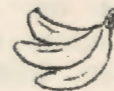
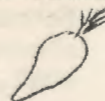
WHO'S WHO AROUND M.H.S.

This month we present Joyce Novak, Senior class president, and John Ballard, Sports Editor for the VOX.

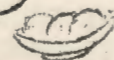
Joyce lives on a farm north of Marion. She attends Prairie Chapel Church where she teaches a Sunday School class and is a member of the youth group. She belongs to G.A.A., glee club and Alpha Beta Gamma. Joyce, an honor roll student, likes to sew in her spare time. She collects miniature dogs as a hobby and likes all sports whether watching or participating. Her chief dislike is her middle name. Joyce has had three years of office training and plans to become a secretary.

John is president of both Hi-Y and Dramatics club, chief statistician in the athletic department, and a member of Honor Society and Spanish club. He is in boys' glee club, mixed chorus, madrigal, boys' quartet, and is president of chorus council. He is also an accompanist. John sings in the Presbyterian Church choir and is a member of their youth group. On Saturdays he works as a check-out for the Me-Too store. There isn't much time for a hobby, but John's interest in music has started him on a record collection. After graduation he is going to college where he hopes to major in math and minor in music.

DICKEY'S



ICIRA'S



STORM'S

5¢ AND 10¢

STORE

ALUMNI CORNER



*Mortimer's
Squeaks*

TELEVISION TUNERS

The drawbacks of having a television set are of an average number. Usually they take the form of a person such as Front-row Freddie. This likeable young chap is not satisfied with sitting on the sofa with the rest of the family. Oh, no; hour after hour, all the family sees is a blob--yep, Freddie's head.

Then there's Station-Changer Sara, also a likeable person except in the middle of a "whodunit". She gets the notion that Grand Opera would be more appropriate. So up she jumps without an apology--from "The Web" to "Madame Butterfly."

Or take Volume-Adjuster Vinnie. She generally sits either very close to the set or on the outskirts of the group. With this arrangement either "it's too soft" or "too loud."

So, if you haven't a television set, don't feel too bad. Look at it this way. You can eat! You can sleep! You can study! You're a happy human being!

BENEFIT SHOW NETS \$600 FOR SCHOOL YEARBOOK

The total amount received on the Quill Benefit show was \$789.05. After expenses, which totalled \$191.00, were deducted, the total equaled \$598.05. Mr. Rathman gave \$2.00 to make the profit \$600.05.

Harry Oakley ('53) is a Freshman engineer at Ames. He belongs to Pershing Rifles, an honorary R.O.T.C. club. His steady date is Ann Young.

Kay Neitert ('53) and Russ Seeks ('52) were married in December.

Darrell Stimson ('53) is in basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He is engaged to Sherry Hopple.

Shorty Novotny ('53) married Pat French of Cedar Rapids this summer. Shorty is working at Witter Food Company in Cedar Rapids.

BAND NOTES

On February 9, the brass quintet, brass quartet, mixed clarinet quartet, and clarinet trio played for the Marion Lions Club. Betsey Wachal played a bass clarinet solo. Playing at clubs is good experience for those groups and soloists who will be going to contest in March.

The band has been sight-reading and working on numbers for the spring concert, which will be held around March 1st.

Mr. Wright recently began a class in student directing. This is open to those people in senior high who are interested in directing. Student directors are used for the junior and cadet bands and for pep band. They may also participate in a student directing contest in March.

Dear Friends,

Have you ever wanted to write your own column? I'm going to give you a chance. I'll give you the names, and you fill in the blanks.

Why don't _____ and _____ find themselves girls?

_____ has turned out to be a perfect assistant for _____.

Have you noticed _____ and _____'s pink sweaters?

_____ seems to have a fondness for a Freshman named _____.

You always see _____ and _____ at all the social functions.

_____ has dates from all three classes.

_____ and _____ seem to enjoy each other's company.

_____ seems to like college men.

What _____ underclassman does _____ like?

_____ is the only person _____ smiles for.

These are the people: Sandra Lacock, Harold Hayes, Sharron Ozburn, Jo Ann Timms, Betty Rinderknecht, Carl Adkins, Mary Lou Bristol, Jeri Smith, Billy Peck, Beth Michel, Marilyn Longerbeam, Harold Ransier, Gary Eschman, Bob Fernow, Nancy Hess, Patty Voshell, Fred Wills.

My predictions; 1. The Seniors in first year typing will have a nervous breakdown. 2. The physics room will never be warm.

Mortimer Mouse

S P O R T S

AFTER THE GAME

Listen!!! What is that joyous tune? Why, it's the happy chant of victorious Marion Indians returning in the school bus from an adventure on one of several hostile hardcourts in the WaMaC loop. The team's merry singing is a regular occurrence when they return from surrounding towns after battling opposing cage squads.

But before the merry-making begins, the cagers happily dig into milk, sandwiches, and apples supplied by the school and prepared by the cooks, to whom the boys express their heartfelt thanks. Of course, there are added treats (cookies, cupcakes, ice cream bars) supplied by the mothers of the squad members. In other words, a barrage of food is passed from one end of the bus to the other.

The Senior chorus, after the lights in the bus have been put out, then starts the music which marks another digit in the win column of Marion's fighting Indians.

WAMAC STANDINGS

Independence	11	1	.917
Marion	10	2	.833
Monticello	10	3	.769
Manchester	6	6	.500
Vinton	6	6	.500
Maquoketa	2	10	.167
Tipton	2	10	.167
Anamosa	2	11	.154

A FIRST FOR MARION

Last Friday was the first time in a Senior's memory that the fans ever mobbed the players and that our coach was carried off the playing floor. It showed how much enthusiasm M.H.S. has finally acquired.

KEITH COMMENTS

Well, that sounded much better to our ears. We're speaking, of course, of the recent improvement in cheering at games. A good example of this was at the Maquoketa game. Even in the second half when Marion started to run away with the ballgame, the students yelled as loudly as they had in the exciting first half.

But what happened to the rest of the students? We noticed that there were comparatively few present. If more would come to the games there would be an even better cheering section. We owe some of the cheering to a group of underclassmen, namely Freshmen and eighth graders, who probably yelled louder than all the rest put together. You might have noticed what the score was in the Maquoketa game. Quite a margin, wasn't it? This could be partly due to the fact that what crowd there was was really giving the team its full support.

After this let's have everyone at the games and really show these out-of-town schools how to cheer!

TOURNAMENT TIME IS HERE AGAIN

State tournament time is with us again. This is the "do or die" time of year for the cage teams in Iowa.

State tournaments, of a sort, started in 1912. From 1919 to 1923 several colleges held invitational tournaments for the teams in their area. These were the only tournaments in the state at that time. After this, there were several years with round-robin type tournaments. In 1927 the tournaments, as we know them, began.

Here is the way the "sweet 16" (the sixteen teams in the State Finals at Iowa City) are decided. (Until the final teams play, schools compete with those only in their class.) Sectionals: 674 "B" teams, 204 "A" teams, 40 "AA" teams; Districts: 96 "B" teams, 80 "A" teams, 40 "AA" teams; Sub-state: 24 "B" teams, 20 "A" teams, 20 "AA" teams; State: 6 "B" teams, 5 "A" teams, 5 "AA" teams. This should show how tough it is to be in the top sixteen.

FRESH--SOPH STANDINGS

Marion	12	0	1.000
Monticello	9	4	.692
Vinton	8	4	.667
Tipton	7	5	.583
Independence	5	7	.417
Manchester	5	7	.417
Maquoketa	3	9	.250
Anamosa	0	13	.000