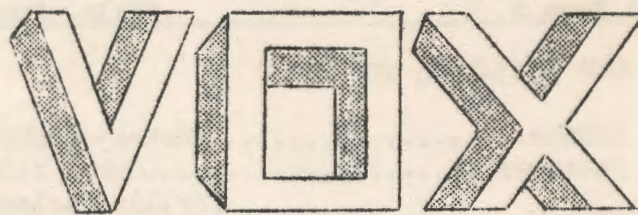


Marion Seniors Take Part In Court Activities

The entire Senior class journeyed to the Cedar Rapids courthouse April 29. Among things viewed was a mock trial with a teen-age jury. The Seniors left at 9:30 a.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m.



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SENIORS PRESENT "ANGEL STREET"

MARION WINS 26 FIRSTS AT PRELIMINARY CONTEST

Marion vocal and band students attended preliminary contest Saturday, April 3, at Anamosa.

Seven vocal first ratings included: boys' quartet, mixed quartet, madrigal, double quartet, John Vikdal, Judy Welper, and Bill Dougherty.

John Mollenhauer received a I rating on his piano solo.

First ratings in band totaled eighteen and included: brass quartet I and II, French horn quartet, drum ensemble, trumpet quartet, B^b clarinet trio, trombone quartet, B^b clarinet quartet, trumpet trio, flute trio, woodwind chamber, brass chamber II, brass quintet, Carol Goodrow, Shirley Post, Buddy Nelson, Bob Byse, and Mary Lou Pazour.

G.A.A. OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1954-1955

The following people are the new officers for G.A.A. the coming year: president, Priscilla Tanner; vice-president, Peggy Ozburn; secretary, Nancy Siders; treasurer, Doris Eckhart; point chairman, Frieda Nesetril; and social chairman, Belva Lenz.

BAND AND VOCAL DEPARTMENTS PRESENT CONTEST CONCERT

The vocal and band departments under the direction of Mrs. Hulin and Mr. Wright presented a concert Thursday, April 29.

The band selection was the Symphony in F Minor by Tschaiakowsky. The mixed chorus, boys' glee club, and girls' glee club each sang three numbers.

Vocal small groups which sang included madrigal and boys' double quartet.

Those participating from the band were B^b clarinet quartet and brass quartet.

Soloists were Judy Welper, vocal; John Mollenhauer, piano; and Shirley Post, trombone.

ALPHA BETA GAMMA TO HOLD BANQUET MAY 3

Alpha Beta Gamma commercial club will hold its annual banquet on Monday, May 3, at the K-V Cafe. The twenty members with their sponsor, Miss Petrusch, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Miss Mildred Hoadley of the United Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be guest speaker. Entertainment will be provided by members of Alpha Beta Gamma.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY TO BE PRESENTED MAY 13 AND 14

The Senior class will present a Victorian thriller, "Angel Street," May 13 and 14 at the Lincoln auditorium.

"Angel Street," a three act play by Patrick Hamilton, tells the story of the Mannings who reside on Angel Street. Mr. Manningham (Dan Kellams) appears to be kind, but is torturing his wife (Mollie Keith) to insanity. She is nearly convinced that she is out of her mind when a police inspector (Jerry Walker) visits her. He proves his suspicion that her husband is guilty of murdering his first wife fifteen years ago. Rough, the inspector, then convinces her that her husband plans to dispose of her. They uncover necessary evidence against Mr. Manningham.

Elaine McGee and Sue Holmes play the Manningham maids.

Committee heads are: student director, John Ballard; stage managers, Lumir Dostal and Garth Baker; tickets, Bruce Boling; prompter, Jean Lawson; costumes, Ann Young; publicity, Steve Klopp; properties, Phyllis Carlson; and make-up, Joyce Porter.

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TO ACHIEVE HAPPINESS

Happiness isn't just something that pops out of space. If you wait for it to come to you, then I'm afraid you won't achieve it. Happiness is what you make it.

The big successes don't make you the happiest, either. To have plenty of money can cause unhappiness as well as joy. Look for the small things in life. Help your neighbor; be friendly to all you meet. Don't speak badly of others, for you have faults, also. If you have a cheery, friendly, smile and hello, they will get you much farther than a frowning, droopy "hello".

Keep uppermost in your mind, the fact that you can and like to do something for someone else. It will bring happiness to you and also to others.

IT'S SPRING

It's spring again, and that calls for exclamation points galore! Suddenly the birds are singing, the grass is green, and trees are budding. The flowers strain against their prisons until at last, they break through and show their little pointed heads. The happy old sun smiles benevolently or takes a nap as black-faced clouds dump their reservoirs on humanity. It's spring again, and the tired old earth stretches its cramped limbs and is born again.

We, too, should experience a re-birth--one of mind and habits. We should sort out the ideas we've stored during the winter and discard the ones that are out-dated or useless. We should decide to break our bad habits and form good ones. Why hang on to tired, old-fashioned ideas and out-moded traditions? Keep with the season, and trade them in for new and better models.

Springtime is not a time to be in a rut. Therefore, cultivate new and different interests or expand your old interests. Learn to play tennis or sew a dress. Get to know your classmates better. Don't let spring fever get you. Do things! Then you, too, will be able to shed your winter dress and take on the bright, refreshing personality of spring.





THE PEN

ACTIVITIES

Hi, people!

Sure signs of spring: the mud, the yo-yos, the glazed expression in everyone's eyes, the music floating in the halls from band and vocal departments, the Seniors' harried expressions, the rain, the print skirts and artificial flowers, and the track meets.

Speaking of track meets, just where is the student body at these glorious affairs? The track boys need and deserve your support. If you don't enjoy track, you can always sit and talk to your friends.

Welcome to Marion High, John and Peter Raich. From Austria to America must be quite a switch, but we hope that you will feel right at home.

Here are some things we would like to see in Marion High: more friendliness and true interest towards fellowstudents from everyone, more respect toward teachers, an American flag in the gym, more boys asking girls to dance at the school dances, more money in the Senior class treasury, more students at band and vocal concerts, more recognition for hard workers like Sue Holmes and Steve Klopp (Quill Benefit Show) and those who are always willing to help.

'Though the above list may be long, we still think Marion High is a pretty nice place.

'Bye now.

ALPHA BETA GAMMA ATTENDS OFFICE MACHINE EXHIBIT

The Alpha Beta Gamma club attended the exhibit on office machines at Coe College, Thursday evening, April 22, 1954. The exhibit was sponsored by the business education department of Coe College.

Some of the machines shown were: the electrical mimeograph machines, calculators, electric and standard typewriters, and hectograph machines. The girls were shown how to run the various machines and collected much literature on the machines. Movies were also shown.

G.A.A. HELPS SEND GIRLS TO G.A.A. CAMP

G.A.A. club members recently decided to pay half of the expenses of two Marion girls attending the G.A.A. camp this summer. The girls, who will pay the rest of the expenses, will be chosen from the 1954-1955 G.A.A. board members.

The club reports that points have been totaled to determine who will receive the numerals, letters, and state pins.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS CLUB TO TAKE CAMPING TRIP

The Industrial Arts club has made plans for a camping trip to Backbone State Park. They plan to leave Friday, April 30, and come back Sunday, May 2.

F.F.A. PLANTS OATS TEST PLOT

The Marion F.F.A. Chapter is cooperating with the Iowa State Extension Service in planting an oats test plot on the F.F.A. farm. Fifteen different varieties are being used in an effort to determine the best adopted varieties for this area. They have also seeded ten different kinds of grasses and legumes on these test plots.

LADIES' CHOICE DANCE HELD AT THE YOUTH CENTER

The Youth Center was the site of a ladies' choice dance April 25, at 8:00 p. m. The dance's theme was "April Showers." A Coe College band furnished the music for the dance sponsored by the Youth Center's Youth Board.

JUNIORS WIN IN THE LOCKER CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

The Junior class won the locker clean-up campaign sponsored by the Student Council on April 14. This earned them the privilege of leaving first from assemblies for the rest of the school year.

The Student Council checked the lockers and rated the classes on the neatness of their members' lockers. Seniors rated second, and the Freshmen placed third. The Sophomore class was fourth.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY BACKSTAGE NOTES

Who was murdered on Angel Street? Wouldn't you like to know! Well, he who comes to the Senior class play "Angel Street" will find that it wasn't the butler who did it.

Backstage the cast, directors, and stage crews are slaving day and night to bring you a production designed to chill the stoutest heart; although a peek in at rehearsal would only incite confusion in the strongest mind. At tea time our lovely little housemaid, Miss McGee, likes to trot in with a tray of screw drivers, pliers, nuts, and bolts instead of the usual tea and muffins. Detective Rough, Marion's own Jerry Walker, has one line he repeats over and over to himself: "Am I not a wonderful man?" All this would be excusable if it were not for one little fault the cast has--they don't learn their lines. It's enough to drive a director to distraction. No wonder Miss Beckman and Mr. Madden are getting gray hairs.

As a final backstage note, it can clearly be seen that the entire cast is slowly going insane.

COMING ASSEMBLIES IN APRIL AND MAY

April 30 the Freshman class will present their class assembly.

May 7 there will be a movie assembly on "Wings Over Mexico and Guatemala."

May 14 a special assembly featuring "Fun On The Keyboard" will be presented by James Welty.

Mr. Welty plays the piano, sings, and is a consummate actor. Mr. Welty graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in musical education. While at Northwestern he served as choral director of the famous N.U. Waa Mu Show and composed the music for the annual Dolphin Show, a water ballet.

The Daily Times in Davenport, Iowa, writes, "A sure-fire show stopper." The Sunday Journal Star, in Illinois, expresses, "A dynamic Pianist--kept the crowd in stitches."

TWO GIRLS VISIT A TRACK MEET

Place: Football field

Time: Friday afternoon of track meet

Two high school misses approach, perch themselves on a couple of bleacher seats, and size up the situation.

Meg: "Such fine weather for a track meet!"

Jo: "Look, the races are about to start. Isn't that Jerry Walker simply divine?"

Meg: "It looks as though Johnny Nietert might become a real track star. What are you wearing to the dance tonight?"

Jo: "I don't know--haven't found anything yet. I could simply drool over Billy Hotle's muscles. He just adores track! He wishes all the boys would put everything into track like he does! That really gripes him!"

Meg: "I wish Ronny Altenberg would come out of bachelorhood. He'd make a cute boyfriend for someone. Darell and he go out for track like they do basketball."

Jo: "It's starting to rain. Let's go!"



MUSICAL NOTES FROM THE M.H.S. BAND

The M.H.S. marching band was invited to march in the Veishea day parade at Iowa State College on May 15. Due to a conflict with the Eastern Iowa Band Festival at Cedar Rapids, they will be unable to attend.

The concert band gave a concert in assembly April 2. Three soloists played their contest pieces. The band expects to give an assembly at Franklin of Cedar Rapids sometime in May.

Both M.H.S. bands have received many invitations this year including: the S.U.I. homecoming parade, the Easter parade, and a Coe basketball game.

THE REVOLT (Revised Edition)
OR IT COULD HAPPEN YET!

It was inevitable. It had to happen, and after nineteen long years of waiting, it did. At exactly 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 30, 1954; the VOX production crew, editor, and sports staff revolted. Armed with styli, pencils, and various tools of the trade, the staff stormed the halls of M.H.S. and quickly captured the student body. In no time at all, their fiendish plan of revenge had begun.

But I was lucky; I escaped. I was late for school. As I dashed up the steps of M.H.S., I paid little attention to the buzzing that reached my ears. Monday morning was always noisy. (I was late!) If I had only known!

I started up the stairs when something hit me with the impact of noon hour rush. As I dazedly clung to the railing, I could see the receding form of an M.H.S. student, waving a piece of paper and running like mad. BANG--someone returned. I finally reached the top, battered, bruised, and bewildered.

On the first landing lay a crumpled form. "Can I help?" I asked, bending over the body. The poor thing pleaded with his last breath, "Please take it. The VOX must go through." I brushed away a tear and gently laid the pale form in a corner to rest in peace.

"Come with me," someone said. There stood a sorrowful Sophomore beckoning to me. I was scared. I'd never had this much trouble getting an admit.

"THEY sent me to show you around," said the sorrowful Sophomore. We paused. A sign on 309 read "VOX--Production, etc." The noise immediately engulfed us as we entered. Every typewriter was manned by a perspiring, glassy-eyed individual. In one corner twenty-five people were bending over lighted boards, supervised by twenty-five whip-wielding creatures. Several wild-mannered persons were shouting and stamping their feet. (The editors, obviously.) Adding to the noise were several phonographs, each playing a different refrain. One shouted. "Do it over again"; while others screamed, "Hurry!" and "Cut this".

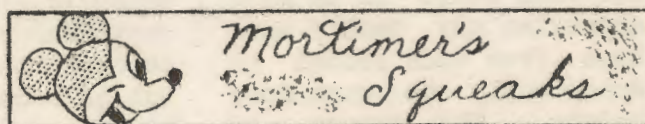
My head ached as we left. "How did it happen?" I inquired.

"For years our student body didn't appreciate the VOX. We complained how little it was, not enough gossip, etc. It made the VOX staff the hard, calloused lot they are now. For years they plotted and handed down their secrets from generation to generation. Finally enraged and fortified by the students' lack of thanks; by sacrificed assemblies and studyhalls; by long sessions after school, before school, and during school, the 1953-1954 VOX staff was strong enough to enslave the whole school. Now we have to put out one hundred twenty-five pages of VOX a week!!"

I gasped.

"You can see THEM now," my guide said and pushed me through a door marked "QUIET! Geniuses at rest."

(to be continued)



Dear Friends,

Have any of you read the latest poems by Sharron Ozburn? They are real cute. Just ask Gary.

Don't offer Lumir Dostal any candy or the like. He is on a strict diet.

Is there anyone besides me who thought John Kraner was a Junior?

I certainly feel sorry for all next year's Juniors. What will they do without Mr. Schmidt?

Beth Michel has her eye on a Senior who likes to climb TV poles.

Wanted: One large pillow for Doris Eckhart. (Her operation, you know.)

Some eligible males are: Bob Byse, Bob Wilson, Carl Adkins, Jerry Cox, and Jeri Smith, to mention a few.

Spring is here, and a young man's fancy turns to girls, doesn't it, Bill Hotle?

Let's all send Bev James a get-well card.

Happy Longest Day of the Year,

Mortimer

S P O R T S

NEW ERA BEGINS AT MARION THIS SPRING

The WaMaC track meet on May 18, will bring a new practice into track this year. This will mark the first year of a Frosh-Soph track meet in the conference standings.

The results of this event will have no bearing on those of the varsity meet, but it will give the underclassmen a chance to enter into a competitive situation, and a chance to show off their wares after a two-months' workout.

The cardinal reason for this event is to give approximately twenty more boys from each school an opportunity to earn more points. The winner of each event this year will also have a feather in his cap, as any winner will set a record.

HARRIERS WIN TWO MEETS

Marion opened the '54 track season by downing Vinton and Mt. Vernon in a triangular meet at Marion. The Indians easily ran over the two opponents, compiling 111 points to Vinton's 55 and Mt. Vernon's 44.

The Indians faced Roosevelt of Cedar Rapids in the second meet of the season. The dual affair proved to be a tighter contest--Marion winning 87 to 76.

B. Hottle and J. Walker were individual stars. Both won 2 events in each meet.

IT HAPPENS EVERY SPRING

When the first breath of spring is felt, it is the signal for the golf bags to come out of the mothballs that they languished in all winter.

The golfer starts out with the feeling that maybe this is "his year". On the first hole, however, he is already seven over par.

As he progresses, he begins to loathe that little white object that is so elusive.

After hitting all the sandtraps, having to disentangle himself from the dense underbrush, wading through the lake, going out of bounds innumerable times, and having to retrieve the ball from a tree, he finally gets a birdie on the ninth hole.

As he looks over the course he has just played, he begins to wonder if the exercise plus the ulcers was really worth all the trouble.

WALKER DISQUALIFIED AT DRAKE RELAYS

Marion's speedy miler, Jerry Walker, was disqualified at the Drake Relays for supposedly elbowing on an opening turn, causing a Des Moines entry to fall.

One thing remains in our minds--how one person could have been picked from a pack of some thirty members, all vying for positions, and charged with the offense.

GREEN PEPPERS

"Stay away from all girls during high school" are the words of Marion's stellar miler, Jerry Walker, who is being considered for a Nile Kinnick scholarship. Walker, who last year won the mile run at the Drake Relays, state indoor, state outdoor, and WaMaC meets, set a new record in the Cross Country meet with a time of 9:27 for the 1 8/10 mile course.

Jerry is also active as president of Science club, vice-president of Letterman's club, a member of student council and honor society.

This spring, he set a new state indoor record in the mile run--Class A--of 4:40. He is well toward his goal of a two-minute half, since in practice recently he turned in a time of 2:92. When asked about approaches from colleges other than Iowa, the Marion speedster declined comment.

TO THE STUDENTS

I don't know how many students know it, but Marion does have a track team. In fact, it's not a bad team at all. On certain nights the squad has meets with other schools. It would be a pleasant sight to see some high school students attending these meets. Remember the conference meet is coming soon, and that's the one Marion wants to win.