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## Open Forum

By COACH COFFMAN

Football is a funny game. To many of the spectators it is nothing more than a game of knock down, get up and knock down again with an occasional long run, or a fancy pass to make it appear thrilling. To others we find the game is merely a form of exercise, a place to let the boys blow off a little steam; some think it is an expensive waste of time, and yet to others it is a worth while thing.

Just what do we see in the game that makes it worth while? What values has this seemingly tough game? Football used to be a game of brute strength, but today it is becoming more and more to be a game of science. No longer is the big bruiser the essential element of the team. The smarter boys with speed, aggressiveness, and brains (yes, brains!), scientific thinking, anything you wish to call it, are the boys who really make an addition to the team. True, a 185-lb. boy with all the above qualities may be an unequalled asset but no longer is he necessary.

There are many values derived from the game. Let us merely mention them here: Cooperation, team spirit, contacts with boys from other towns, physical development, such as coordination, balance, gracefulness (yes, boys, even gracefulness is desirable, believe it or not), poise, strengthening the constitution, learning to care for the body, development of muscles, these and many more. Learning to think quickly, the building up of attitudes, friendship are only a few of the many things we could mention.

Are these things worth while? Could we get them some other way? Is this game of football really as valuable to the individual as some of us try to make it appear?

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## PUBLIC FORUM

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Thursday, Bob Hense walked into a business house, asking the proprietor if he would like to put an ad in this week's VOX. Bob got the ad, plus two bits (the price of the ad). Bob thanked the gentleman and left.

In about two minutes he returned, saying, 'I forgot to give you a receipt for that ad,' and with that he gave the man a receipt for 15c. Oh, well—we all make mistakes.

## First of Lecture Series Here Oct. 30



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Jan. 4—Al Priddy, "That Circus Man."

Jan. 11—The Pollard Players.

Feb. 15—Hugo Brandt Concert Party.

Due to the added expense under which VOX is now operating the subscription price has had to be doubled. However, students are still able to get a subscription to VOX by buying an activity ticket. Of course, the price of the activity ticket is the same as it was at the beginning of the year. Therefore, you get a dollar's worth of VOX, a dollar and a half's worth of Quill, and about three dollars worth of activities all for \$3.50.

So hurry and get your activity ticket so you won't miss any more copies.

—MHS—

## JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

No doubt many of our Junior high subscribers were badly disappointed last week by not being able to find this column among the pages of VOX. It is a mystery to in publishing the paper, what be the staff and to all those concerned

### JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

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## HOMECOMING BATTLE LOST

### Marion Has Yet to Score This Season

Independence came to town and took Marion into camp, thus dampening our homecoming by defeating us 12 to 0. The dawn broke and with it broke cloudy skies and at noon came the rain. And soon it had stopped just to save up for the game and shortly before the first half was over it began to rain, and rain it did until the second half started.

Marion made a good showing in the first half. For the first time this year they kept their opponents from scoring in the first half.

McKean, who had been kept on the bench for the past week, started the game and was again injured. Poor Mac seems to be the image of hard luck, or should I say Coach Coffman?

As most of you know, the game was won by Independence and so I feel that there is no need whatsoever of going into detail about the game.

Last week the few orchids we had to give went to Bill Fowler. This week they go to that mite of a sophomore, Al Schenken, who after he entered the game, broke through the Independence interference and tackled the ball carrier for a three yard loss. Several times Al broke through the line and ended a would-be gain.

In two or three years, our prophecy is that Marion will have another winning team such as they had last year. There are some good sophomores who are seeing service this year. They are Covington, E. Davin and Schenken.

Remember, my children, the score was 12 to 0—Independence.

—MHS—

## MUSIC

There seems to be an appalling lack of music stands in band. You

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## JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

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In publishing the paper, what became of this article last week. The article was edited typed, bundled up with a number of other articles and taken to the print shop. All of the other articles arrived safely, but as far as any one can ascertain the Junior High News vanished into thin air somewhere along the route.

The only solution seems to be that Maurice W. Flack must have been rehearsing some magical phrases somewhere in the immediate vicinity.

A straw vote was taken Friday and Wednesday of last week in the Junior high social science classes. The result was Roosevelt 80; Landon 69, a percentage of 53 to 47. The vote was taken in connection with current history study of the campaign issue. There were no political discussions.

Mr. Sedlacek announces that Wednesday, October 21, here will be a free-throw tournament for all Junior high boys who wish to come out for basketball this year. Meet in the Junior high school gym at 4:00 sharp. All boys must have been registered with him by then.

The Junior high enjoyed an assembly Thursday morning. Scripture was read by Zella Mae Fenlon, and the following people gave talks on their vacations: Robert Vernon, Robert Marsh, Betty Pickerell, Kent Golden and Martha Young. Miss Roberts' room presented a pantomime entitled, "Miss Iva New-way's School," with the following cast: Billy Scott, Carl Russell, Robert Marsh, Ruby Kent, Mary Hatt, Kathleen Newman and Arlene Tow.

Junior high reporters, Phyllis Lanning and Virginia Jackson are on the school activities committee; Martha A. Young and Bonnie Carey on the athletic committee, and Eileen Schenken and Kathleen Newman are on the social committee.

—MHS—

## MUSIC

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 don't suppose some of the boys have molasses on their thumbs do you?

Mixed chorus started with a bang again this year. If the group keeps up its good work, we should

hear something of them this year.

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We played a new selection, called "Evolution of Dixie," Friday morning in band rehearsal. In the ragtime movement Mr. Lyman said the school's "hot men" should show off well—if they could read it. I don't know whether it was read or not, but it sure was swiny.

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A little bird told me that not very many of the band members had adequately filled practice cards. They'd better watch their step.

—MHS—

FOOTBALL  
Highlights

Marion was handicapped considerable in putting an eleven man team into the field that could cope with Manchester a week ago last Friday, because of the unfortunate fact that nearly half of the team had an injury of some kind. Also several of the members in the starting lineup were inexperienced, although they played a good game. Their inexperience handicapped the team to a certain extent.

The first two days of the last week were devoted to heavy drill on blocking and tackling practice to try to build up a proficiency along these lines the lack of which our fray with Manchester very clearly showed.

Wednesday, due to the heavy rain, the squad worked out in the gym, where the two coaches gave pointers on defensive play at each of the eleven positions. Thursday, a light practice was held at the new field for the final touch before Friday's homecoming opponents.

For some of you that may not know, the backfield candidates are mainly in the hands of Coach Coffman, while the line is in charge of Coach Hoecke. The two coaches in reality work with the squad as a whole and if you saw some blocking or tackling that wasn't up to par, please do not place the blame onto anyone but the respective individual as the two coaches have put the squad through the best of practice, which is all that any coach is expected to do.

—MHS—

## SOCIETY

By MARY ELLEN GRANGER

Last Tuesday evening the Leidigh domicile held the Q. N. G. meeting, a weekly affair, with Jean Leidigh officiating as hostess. Among

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other things, the six weeks tests were discussed and some studying was done. Little sister acted as waitress and handed out banana pie. Yum-m-m.

—MHS—

A prominent Marion street appears to be the favorite spot of things wanting to go some place and happen. It seems that there are quite a few bushes around a spacious mansion on this street, and, from the looks of things, they are often used to hide window-peekers. On an escapade of this sort not long ago, a few "columbuses", wishing to discover new material for VOX, got in on really more than they had expected. When a winsome young lady admitted she had puffed at a "Camel" once or twice, these undiscovered, uninvited guests thought little of it, but when she endeavored to show what she knew about "Wards art" they really sat up and took notice. Two prominent football stars, not wishing to be outdone by a lady, also showed their stuff by making themselves look like a couple of smokestacks. At this spot our still undiscovered onlookers decided to move on. There is no record as to what happened after that. Now! Can you guess.

—MHS—

Seniors Choose  
Class Rings

The senior class, Wednesday the eighth period, voted its preference of four styles of class rings which had been chosen the previous period by a special committee.

The winning style was a comparatively plain ring with a large black stone set. This set is carved along a style known as Itallo to depict the head of a Spartan soldier. The sides of the ring just below the set, carry such insignia as the school name and date.

Another ring set with a blue stone gave the winner a very close race for popularity.

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DIARY  
of a School Girl

Monday: Found out that the geom. test we had Friday was a six weeks exam. Woe is me! Woe is me!

Tuesday: Thinking again (believe it or not), I wonder: If Lawrence Kesting ever smiles. Why it's so funny when a teacher yawns. What Moby Jacobs keeps in the cavity where his brains should be—but aren't. If the little Sloss will grow up to be like her sister.

Wednesday: English test! Will somebody tell me what it's all about? Geom's all Greek, too. How many got the 8th and 9th propositions?

Thursday: Wondering once again: Billy Hankins—he looks pretty good to me—or maybe it's the other way around. Where Frances Smith gets her literary talent. Keep it up Smitty. Will we beat Independence? How I'm gonna get a date for tomorrow night.

Friday: Big accident!

Fell down

Uptown

Tore gown

Blush!

Was able to attend the big dance though, and the show, too.

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## HERE AND THERE

The end of the six weeks is a good time to talk about books, what with most everyone begging, borrowing, or stealing (or trying to) a book report. I got mine in on time this trip but I hope she doesn't ask me when I read the book. I do so dislike embarrassing situations.

I started to read "Anthony Adverse" some time back, but when I had read twelve pages I compared the net result with the mass of the total pages, and put the momentous work aside in favor of "Crimson Ice," a neat little mystery thriller. I got just about as far with Dr. Alexis Carroll's famous "Man, the Unknown," and gave it up as too deep for just a junior.

"Without Armor," by James Hilton is another proposition. It's a Russian story, but don't let that scare you. The plot borders on a mild stage of melodrama, but the characterizations are handled as delicately as a nervous director handles Katherine Hepburn. It's swell reading; try it some time.

Offers were being made fast and furious to members of Marion's grid team before Friday's game. Malted milks, chili, pie a la mode, and free beer were among the offers, and bets ranged from 10c up, both ways. Stipulations called for a simple victory, a touchdown lead, a two-touchdown lead, and just for totting the pigskin for a scoring play.

It took three dozen rolls of crepe paper, 400 feet of wire, and about 500 pins to do the decorating for the party Friday, according to the latest figures. That would mean almost a mile of paper streams, and a probable 300 lungfulls of air to fill the balloons. About 6000 watt hours of electricity, worth about 35c, were consumed by the lights Friday evening. The bass drum sounded about 9,000 time during the evening's festivities, and if everyone at the party danced every dance and made complete circuits of the floor, the assembled persons would have traveled a total of more than 1000 miles during the evening. Some fun, huh?

And now, if my dogs don't keel over and die, and if the toothbrush stays quietly on the cabinet hook, next week you Uncle Dudley will relate the sad (?) tale of the Vinton football game. Goobye!

Mount Vernon, Iowa — John Sheets, a former student in the Marion high school, is cast in the Fashions scene of the Homecoming play, "Panomania," at Cornell college here Oct. 24. The play, authored by Prof. Albert Franklin Johnson, head of the speech department, is a satiric comedy revue hinging on

contemporary world events. Its cast calls for a membership of 115 people. Prof. Johnson has enlisted his cast from students in all of his department courses. Three students assist Bertha French Johnson, wife of the instructor, in directing the play. Likewise, all students carry on the technical aspect of the production, while advanced speech students head the production crews. Many of the Purple Masquers, Cornell dramatic society, take two or more roles in "Panomania."

—MHS—

## Nature Column

"Nature has copies which art cannot imitate."

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Through the cooperation of Donald Tow and Mr. Johnston, our last year's mathematics teacher who now teaches and attends the University of South California at Los Angeles, the biology department has secured some seaweed, the brown algae, from the Pacific Ocean.

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A biological problem that has concerned the whole school, last week came under close scrutiny—the pesky house fly. Most house flies are viewed as the victim of a well-directed swing of the swatter.

However, some of the species of the house fly have a beautiful color pattern. No matter what the pattern, all once were those wiggling maggots which a few biology students neglected to associate with adult flies as they found out at quiz time.

Some of these maggots have interesting experiences. Some find themselves medical assistants for cleaning up infected wounds that doctors have left for better or worse.

The story of their value dates back to the battle-field days of the World war. Some unfortunate victim of a shrapnel wound was overlooked by stretcher-bearers and resigned himself to the inevitable death of a forgotten man. After days of exposure in the open, the man was found and brought to a medical center, where, upon examination, this starved and thirsty soldier was pronounced in better

physical condition than others treated for the same wounds.

Thanks to the maggots that had kept the wound clean and free from dead tissue and pus, and allowed nature to begin a rapid healing. Today many hospitals make use of these remarkable little maggots.

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### Answer to Last Week's Question

The humming bird.

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### Question of the Week

What insect is used in making scarlet colors?

—MHS—

## Poetry Corner

Conducted by  
LILLIAN ANN HARDING

### Truth

Oh, 'twas a wonderful, starry,  
blue night.

The moon was way up in the  
sky

And everywhere romance was  
wafting its way

Toward the heavenly clouds up  
on high.

The cars were all parked by the  
spacious Ford house,

All eyes were turned to that  
home,

For all the fine guests were out  
on the porch.

('Tis of them that I'm writing  
this poem.)

The girls all sat down on the  
roomy porch swing

And the boys upon chairs all  
around;

The moon was a shining right  
down on the scene,

Not a lovelier sight could be  
found.

"Come on; let's play "Truth,"

said the boys in one voice.  
The expressions now changed  
right away,  
For this was the favorite of all  
the games.  
"You can be 'it'. Now let's  
play!"

When Janey was caught, and had  
to be kissed  
She looked at the others with  
scorn.

"You made me a fool, and I'll  
never forget.  
Sixteen years ago was I born."

They laughed and they laughed  
'til they fairly were sick  
For they all knew that Jane  
really wished

To say at the time of her six-  
teenth birthday,  
"Sweet sixteen and never been  
kissed."

—By Yours Truly.

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### I'm Glad

I'm glad the sky is painted blue,  
And the earth is painted green,  
And such a lot of nice fresh air,  
Is sandwiched in between.

—Anonymous.

—MHS—

Who are the two romantic coun-  
try freshmen that like to write to  
each other about love?

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### LOST AND FOUND

By Ray Wells

If you have lost anything, inquire at locker No. 17.

Found—A brown Onward Ever-sharp.

Found—A brown fountain pen.

Found—1 red pencil.

Found—1 pink pencil.

Found—1 green pencil.

Found—1 blue autograph book.

Found—1 bottle of ink.

Found—1 compass.

Found—1 black and silver pen.

—MHS—

Snapshots of high school students collected at random: Phyllis Freeman walking toward Mr. Pugh's office with Mr. Clark as her escort; Miss Faris reading for about the fifth time, the names of those who have make-up work to do, (mine is STILL on the list); Josephine (not Napoleon's either) looking in the mail box or a letter; Frank Swift making everyone laugh in English.

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Just imagine:

Leland Gaines without a smile; Ralph Karr at a high school dance; Norm and Arlene not on speaking terms; Mr. Pugh giving a SHORT history assignment; Emmadine blushing; Lillian Harding with brown hair; Harold Pekosh as a blond (with blue eyes); me (I'll bet Miss Mentzer can't imagine this) going to school for six whole weeks without a single absence or tardy; and—just try to imagine Lucille Cone or Alice McGowan flunking a test. Gotta go now—so long. See ya next week.

—MHS—

Wayne Wells, star high-jumper of M. H. S., tried a combination high and broad jump Thursday in P. T. class.

Wayne placed a couple of saw-horses a considerable distance apart and attempted to jump them both at the same time. He succeeded the first time, but when he moved them about a foot farther apart—well, he caught the second one. Result: Two smashed saw-horses and pieces of Wayne's epidermis all over the floor.

### PUBLIC FORUM

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...Reprint from the Chicago Herald and Examiner.

"Why shouldn't our youngsters be happy?"

Dr. William H. Johnson, superintendent of public schools asked the question yesterday and then answered the query by outlining a plan abolishing the students' "bogey man"—homework.

The idyllic path to knowledge for nearly 500,000 school children will go into effect with the February term in both elementary and high schools alike.

High school students will benefit by a broader choice of subjects and be required to take fewer of them, with more of their school day to devote to what is now homework.

The eighteen hours a week extra study period as provided in the new educational theory, Dr. Johnson said, will make the child a happier and more willing worker during his actual school day.

The compulsory study of algebra and geometry will be eliminated under the new proposal.

I believe this idea would be very practicable in this school. I am a senior and have had some experience with this problem. I believe most of the student body will agree with Dr. Johnson's idea.

La Vernon Eacker

—MHS—

A meeting of the last year's Cabinet of G. A. A. was held Tuesday after school. Plans were made to hold a meeting of the entire G. A. A. for Tuesday Oct., 20. This meeting will start the organization of the club for the year.

Everyone interested in joining G. A. A. is asked to meet at 4:00 Tuesday in Miss DeWees' office.

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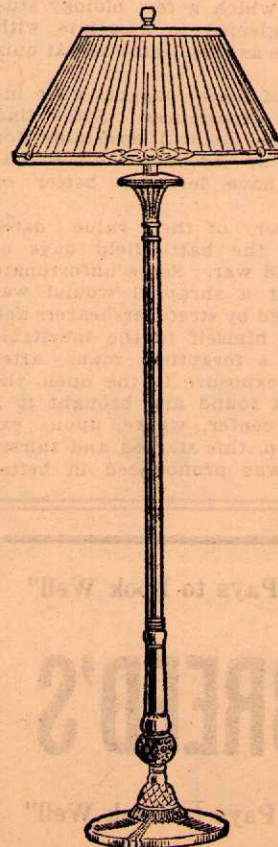
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