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Vinton Defeats Marion, 20-7

Open Forum

"They haven't got any pep since we got out of high school." That's the exact statement of a last year senior. And the worst part of that statement is that it is true. Analyze it yourself! We don't have a pep club. Why? Because no one has taken time to get a club organized. We don't have cheer leaders. Why? Nobody knows. Did we have any kind of pep meeting or parade before or after homecoming? We did not. Do Marion pupils go to out-of-town football games and spur on "our boys" as other towns do who have come here with cheer leaders and all? I guess not. How do you expect our team to win without even an occasional "Rah Rah!" from the bleachers? When some brave pep-loving person tries to lead yells does she or he get any response? Not a bit. Pep! That's what we lack. Will we get it? That's up to you.

Soon after the Homecoming Dance, that much looked-forward to event of the whole year, a certain someone who hadn't quite collected all his marbles, asked me if I had a good time at the dance. My reply was, "Oh a swell time—but there were two drawbacks—the lights and the floor." The certain someone didn't quite understand so I went on to say that the gym was lit up enough to give the impression that the president was coming. It would be such an economy for the school, and maybe some of these stags and wallflowers would feel more like dancing if the lights were dimmer.

But enough of lights—the floor. It was worse than dancing on sandpaper. It certainly shouldn't do much harm to that gym floor to have some spangles to put on the floor once a month.

It so happens that we have a swell bunch of young school "marms" this year. They do love to dance I know. Come on, fellows, why not waltz them around a few times. Of course, they're "slick" dancers and they're just as good as you. Why should they sit on the side lines.

After all, isn't the purpose of

G.A.A. HOLDS ITS FIRST MEETING

A large group of girls met in 309 for their first G. A. A. meeting this year. Mary Bisek, president, presided. A bigger and better G. A. A. seems to be in store for the ensuing year. It is probable that we will join the state G. A. A., thus our girls will have to meet the same requirements for receiving letters as the G. A. A. girls all over the state. A thousand points will be required to receive a letter under this new ruling instead of the person with the highest number of points in her respective grade getting a letter as it was last year.

So think nothing of it if you see a lot of girls riding bicycles, walking at extra rapid paces, taking more hikes than usual, skating and so on, because they are merely working on their 1,000 points. Also, you football boys, don't get excited when you see the gym littered up with girls practicing for volleyball, soccer, and basketball teams (also for points) some nights after school. I noticed a few of the boys with rather puzzled looks on their faces Thursday night when they were getting ready for football practices and found the gym full of girls.

Girls wishing to join are asked to pay their 25c dues to Arlene Quaas as soon as possible. We hope there will be a larger G. A. A. this year, so come on girls.

those dancers to go and have a good time?

BETTY WALLACE
—MHS—

SOCIETY By MARY ELLEN GRANGER

Last week some clever boys had the extremely bright idea for an excuse to get together. It seems their idea was a poker party. It is rumored M. W. F. carried off

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

The free throw tournament was won by William Zier. Kenneth Beadle won the seventh grade division. Basketball practice for each room will begin in November after the teachers' convention.

A lady from Des Moines, sponsored by P. T. A., gave a show called the "Lady with the Different Masks." She gave four plays, "Aladdin and His Lamp," "Three Billy Goats," "King Arthur and His Knights," and "Ell Pandice."

The Junior High assembly for October 22 was in charge of Miss Patterson's seventh grade pupils. The program consisted of a song, "How to Tell Wild Animals," sung by the seventh grade mixed chorus; scripture reading by Eileen Schenken; a solo, "Trees," by Miss Wilcox, accompanied by Bonnie Carey; "Old Folks at Home" and "Johnnie Come Marching Home" by the junior high in unison; "On the Sidelines of the Circus," was given by Marilyn Fontaine; Wanda Hughes played the guitar and sang, "When You Marry a Girl for Her Looks"; a playette, "Broadcasting from I. B. A. J.," was given by Patricia Peck, Frances Clarke, Mary Starry, Eileen Burk, Robert Wainwright, Bill Coenen and June Dewees, all of Miss Patterson's room.

In one of Mr. Sedlacek's social science classes, a bright student with over-bubbling knowledge of what water power can serve us in, raised his hand and said, "Water power help in the CONVERSATION of coal." Did you know that coal held conversations with water?

high honors, much to the grief of the other boys. I imagine there will be more such gatherings for the sake of winning back the lost property.

The Q. N. G.'s again had their meeting on Tuesday evening. The group was honored by a serenade, very melodious indeed, sung to the hostess, M. E. Ford. Monopoly was the diversion of the evening. Martha Jane Snell was showered with handkerchiefs, in honor of her birthday. However, she shared her luscious birthday cake.

MARION TEAM PLAYS WELL

Marion was defeated by Vinton 20 to 7 but the game was not as lopsided as it may appear from the score. Following is the play by play account of the game:

First Quarter

Ferreter kicked off for Marion to Newton on his own 22. He returned to the 45. Powers picked up a yard through the line and Britt punted after making another yard, to the 11. Covington made a yard through the line and Fry punted to Vinton's 40 yard line but the play was called back and Vinton was penalized 5 yards for offside. Ferreter took the ball to the 20 and Covington made no gain. Fry punted to the 40 and Powers fumbled the ball and it rolled out of bounds. Britt made a first down through the line. Davin threw Powers for a three yard loss. Britt made 5 yards through the line for a first down. Powers broke loose for 15 yards, and was tackled by Fry. Powers made 3½ yards around end to put the ball on the 2 yard line. Carrier started around his own right end, lateraled to Newton who missed it and Al Schenken fell on the ball, but the referee called it an incompleated forward pass. On the next play Britt passed to Jack over the goal for a touchdown. Britt's placement was no good.

Britt kicked off for Vinton out of bounds. Ringland for Schenken. Vinton kicked again to Covington who was tackled on the 34. Marion was penalized 15 yards for roughing. Ringland lost one yard and on the next play picked up 3 yards. Then he dropped back to punt and

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Jack of Vinton ran in to block the kick and the ball hit the end of his fingers and Hagerman downed the ball on the 45 yard line. Ringland made 6 yards. Vinton was penalized on the play for offside, first and ten for Marion. Fowler passed to Hagerman on the Vinton 25 yards line and Chuck ran for a touchdown. Ferreter picked a placement for the extra point.

Ferreter kicked off for Marion to Carrier who was tackled on his own 32. Britt made a first down as the quarter ended. Score—Marion 7; Vinton 6.

Second Quarter

Substitutions—Davis for McKinley; McCabb for Ashlock; Bieber for Carrier. Davin broke through the interference and tackled Powers for a 10 yard loss but the play was called back because Marion was offside. Britt hit the line to the 30 yards stripe for a first down. On the next two plays Britt picked up 6 yards. Britt passed to Jack for a first down. The ball rested on the 1 in. line. Sub.—Booze for Knapp. Beiber went over for a touchdown on that play and Trimble went in. Britt converted.

Britt kicked off over the goal and the ball was brought out to the 20 yard line. Covington no gain. Covington lost six yards. Ringland punted. On the next play Beiber was stopped for no gain. Ringland intercepted a pass. Marion penalized 15 yards. Ringland passed to Hagerman for first down. Covington three yard loss. Ringland punted to the 30. Britt picked up 9 yards, but fumbled when he was hit,

Marion recovering. Fowler passed to Hagerman as the half ended. Score—Vinton 13; Marion 7.

Third Quarter

Substitution—Ferreter for Trimble. Britt picked off for Vinton to Ringland on about the 5 yard line. He returned to the 31. Ringland around his own right end for first down. Beiber intercepted a pass. Marion penalized 5 yards for offside. Pass offside. Carrier 2 yards around end. Britt plunged over from the 1 yard line for a touchdown. Britt kicked the extra point.

Covington received the ball on the 1 yard line and returned to the 32. Ringland made a first down through the line. Covington fumbled and Vinton recovered. Peterson of Vinton recovered. Davin smeared Powers for a 5 yard loss. Britt faked a pass and ran 15 yards. Stepped out of bounds on Marion's 35. Punted to Ringland who slipped on 15 yard line. Ringland made 3 yards and then a first down. Ferreter made 4 yards. Ringland first and ten. Vinton penalized 5 yards offside. Ringland picked up 4 yards. Covington first and ten. Score—Vinton 20; Marion 7.

Fourth Quarter

Fowler passed to Davin incomplete. Ringland made two yards and lateralled to Covington but he made no gain. Pass no good. Punt. Lacock and Hagerman downed receiver on the 21. Britt through the line to the 22. Hagerman tackled Powers for a 8 yard loss. Punt out on 31. Ringland to 32. Pass incomplete. Ringland made 8 yards. Ringland punted to 32. Beiber made 2 first downs in a row. Vinton penalized 15 yards. Punt out on the 9 yard line. Ringland made 2 yards. Covington picked up 5 yards on a line plunge. Ringland first down. Incomplete pass. Marion penalized 15 yards. Ringland punted to the 4 as the game ended. Score—Vinton 20; Marion 7.

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Hagerman and Davin played a wonderful game in the first half, both of them breaking through and throwing the opponents for losses. Hagerman received the pass for the touchdown. Ringland and Covington played well in the backfield. Although these men stood out, the other played about average ball, and if they keep it up, we'll have somebody's scalp before the season is over.

Scoring

Vinton 6 7 7 0—20
 Marion 7 0 0 0—7

The Line-ups

MARION	VINTON
Davin LE	Jack
Knapp LT	Ashlock
Lacock LG	Peterson
Johnson C	Nickels
Fry RB	Byon
Hanna RT	Tompson
Hagerman (c) . RE	McKinley
Ferreter QB	Newton
Fowler RH	Carrier
Schenken LB	Britt
Covington FH	Powers

—MHS—

Marion To Meet Wilson Hi Friday

When Marion meets Wilson's blood-thirsty huskies Friday, the general consensus of opinion seems to point to a disappointing result. As far as Marion's hopes are concerned, far be it from this scribe to appear pessimistic, but it is his opinion that the Cedar Rapids bruisers will make a heroic, if ineffectual (I'll grant you that) attempt to produce from the raw material available (Marion's line, to wit) a cheap grade of government suspected sausage. Marion's line is not strong in comparison to the heavy lines we have boasted in past years, but Hagerman, Davin, Fry and Lacock should produce enough "live power" to successfully hold down a majority of the visitors' scoring attempts, and we may add to the evening prayer in the trying times to come that Ferreter, Fowler, Swift, and Ringland will come through with the score heard round the world, so to speak.

Personally, this scribe hopes to see a hard fought game Friday. And with the grace of God, Fowler's passing, and Lady Luck, the sun may shine again in all its glory on Marion's virgin soil.

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FOOTBALL Highlights

On the eve of Vinton's fray with Marion, the spirit was high in both Vinton and Marion for a victory. The two coaches have worked with two teams late into the chilly evenings of this week in preparation for one of the toughest opponents of this latter half of Marion's football season.

The two coaches took two full teams to Vinton for this encounter as they were greatly in hope of finding a good eleven out of these twenty-two candidates. With out doubt, Coach Cameron of Vinton did put much faith in his passing trio of the two ends and his star halfback whom Marion had to fear more than any one thing except Vinton's spread passing attack. Vinton is not a team to be feared as a powerful plunging touchdown team, but rather as a tricky and highly-spirited one.

—MHS—

Miss Schrubbe: "What is a synonym?"

Beulah: "It's a word you can use in place of another one when you don't know how to spell the other one."

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Nature Column

It long has been contended that in no other part of the world, except in the Swiss Alps and along the Danube and the Rhine, do the forests offer anything at this season equal in beauty to those peculiar to the climate of Pennsylvania and the northeastern states. Pennsylvania has one hundred ten different kinds of trees and nearly two hundred varieties of native shrubs. Red maple, scarlet oak, sassafras, sumac, and red gum are some of the trees that usually are the most vividly streaked with various shades of red and yellow. A few trees such as the white oak and aspen turn to purple. Many of the oaks change from green to russet without showing any red or yellow at all. The deepest red is usually found on the black and red oak. The brightest red is on the scarlet oak. Chemical changes in the mineral substances within the minutest leaf cells produce the wonderful shades of red and yellow. Iron is one of the minerals which is carried up through the tree from the soil waters and is left in the leaves. It causes the brilliant scarlet colors. The gradual withdrawal of the green pigment permits the harmony of russet, scarlet and gold.

The potato "bug" is not a bug; it is a beetle.

A stagnant pool, though but a few feet wide, hatched by the sun, is an immense world, an inexhaustible mine of observation to the studious man, and a marvel to the child, who, tiring of his paper boat, diverts his eyes and thoughts to what is happening in the water.

In the deep places, the water beetle dives, carrying with him his reserve of breath; an air bubble at the tip of the wing cases and under the chest, a film of gas that gleams like a silver breastplate; on the surface, the ballet of those shimmering pearls, the whirligigs, turning and twisting about. Nearby, there skims the insubmersible troop of the pond skaters, who glides along with side strokes similar to those which the cobbler uses when sewing.

Then there are the water boatmen, who swim on their backs with two oars spread cross-wise, and the flat water scorpions; here, squalidly clad in the mud, is the grub of our largest dragon flies, so curious because of its manner of progression: it fills its hinder parts, a yawning funnel, with water, spurts it out again and advances just as far as the recoil of its hydraulic cannon.

The molluscs abound, a peaceful tribe. At the bottom, the plump river snails raise their lids, opening ever so little the shutters of their dwelling; on the level of the water, in the glades of the aquatic gardens, the pond snail take the air. Dark

leeches write upon their prey, a chunk of earth worm, and thousands of tiny reddist grubs, future mosquitoes, go spinning around and twist and curve like so many graceful dolphins. —Fabre—The Pond.

Answer to Last Week's Question

The cochineal, an insect found native on cactus plants in Mexico and Central America.

Question of the Week:

What insect has a grandfather but no father?

—MHS—

James Chesley, likely prospect for an All-State tackle rating, has appeared in the last few weeks in a new role. Rated A-1 by the more discerning of Marion's younger debutantes, Mr. Chesley has now announced his intention to renounce all connections with femininity, a real, independent, self-assertive he-man.

—MHS—

If you are a member of the Christian Endeavor, Pilgrim High-roads, or Epworth League, there is a treat in store for you in the Hallowe'en party Wednesday, Oct. 28, in the Methodist church basement. For the small fee of 10c you can enjoy a complete evening's entertainment. Come in costume.

—MHS—

Some people have girl friends, others have Fords, and still others carry around an article known as *Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis* (Linne). A certain freshman boy whose last name begins with 'H' has been packing one of these articles in his shirt pocket for about a week now.

What is this little article? It is dead or alive, large or small, what is it good for? It is alive, small, and commonly called a garter snake.

—MHS—

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JOKES

By NAOMI BILLS

Norman: "You should see the new altar in our church."
Arlene: "Lead me to it!"

Genevieve O. (disturbed at her prayers by her teasing young brother): "Pardon me a minute while I kick Stanley!"

Ray Lekigh (very speedy driver to guest rider) 'That's an attractive village we are coming to—wasn't it?"

Mr. Warren: "What can you tell about nitrates?"

Jimmy Lacock: "Well—er—they're a lot cheaper than day rates!"

'Now tell me, what is the opposite of misery?"

'Happiness,' 'shouted the class in unison.

"And sadness?" Miss Faris asked.

"Gladness!"

"And the opposite of woe?"

"Giddap!" shouted Wayne Jenkins.

Miss Schrubbe: 'Now can anyone tell me what myth is?"

Mary Booze: (bright first year biology student) "It's a female moth!"

To our fat friends Eunice and Joan: May their shadows never grow less!

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The pie too sour, the pudding too sweet,
And the mince-meat much too fat.

The soup was greasy, too, and salt—
'Twas hardly fit for a cat.

"I wish you could taste the bread and pies
I have seen my mother make;

There were something like, and 'twould do you good
Just to look at a slice of her cake."

Said the smiling wife: "I'll improve with age,
Just now, I'm a beginner.

But your mother called to see me today,
And I got HER to cook the dinner."

—Anonymous.

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Or sing like a sinner.

Oh, let your voice
To the heavens resound.
But please don't do it
When I'm around.
Givens is a nut, whoopee.

The boys' first glee club opened the concert season at the assembly Friday. At future dates they will give several other concerts around Marion and Cedar Rapids. They sang their selections, namely: "The Shadow March," "Climb Up, Ye Chillum Climb," and "A Sailor's Dream."

The band played "Royal Decree" at rehearsal the other day. You'd be surprised how easily and well "Dinah" fits in.

We, the band, really should go with some carnival. That new oriental number, "A Persian Market" would really provide atmosphere.

After hearing Miss Wilcox's vocal groups in assembly Friday, it seems to be a good time to say something about music in this school. This school offers a course of training in vocal music that is equal to any in the state, regardless of the size or importance of the school. Miss Wilcox, in the years since she has been the leader of the vocal music department here, has raised the level of our vocal music groups from a poorly trained, haphazardly chosen and handled, quite mediocre group of students who thought they knew something of music, to an ever-increasing group of well-trained, well-classified, and well-developed students who really know something about music. Her voice training classes are the most important innovation ever introduced in the music department of this school, and are undoubtedly the best available to high school students in this state. Miss Wilcox deserves real credit for her fine work.

Friends in Foreign Countries

A very interesting and worthwhile hobby is corresponding with a boy or girl from another country. This is a good way to make friends and also to receive a lot of first-hand information about the country from which your correspondent comes.

The following are excerpts from a letter received by Pauline Taylor from her cousin, who lives in Auchterarder, Scotland.

She says: "On Wednesday before school stopped we had a musical festival. I had to conduct a choir. I was singing in the other two and also sight-reading."

"Do you have different divisions in your school? We have. We call them houses. Our house, which is called Voilrich, won the shield at the festival and also at the sports."

"On Saturday, June sixth, was the Church Sale of Work. I was the Lady with the 100 pockets."

"You were asking if our school has year books. It has. The book is called the 'Prospectus.' It contains pictures of the hockey, cricket, rugby and net ball teams. Also it has the name of every person who has passed in the year's examinations. Our school finished on June 26. I am going to commercial school now. Yes, Class III is the third year in high school. I am preparing for my holidays. I hope you enjoy yours. You seem to have a very busy time."

Love, Peggy.

—MHS—

NOTICE!

Will anyone who is at the present time carrying on a correspondence with friends in foreign countries, or would like to do so, please notify Virginia Self? We have a varied list of countries from which you can choose if you would like to begin a correspondence.

HERE AND THERE

Grade card day seemed to be as varied a mixture of remorse and not-too-well hidden self satisfaction as it has ever occurred within the memory of Charles (that is within the history of this school). The liberal (?) A's that Mr. Johnson, Mr. Warren (my brother told me to include him. I don't know why) and Miss Faris handed out seemed equalled in number and probable effect only by the bevy of F's. Mr. Lyman hung in thorny wreaths about the throats of his disciples. Personally, I think I worried more over why I got that "A" than why I got the "D". It seemed strangely like an experiment in psychology to me either way.

One thing more, does Mr. Pugh really think he can guess the authors of the "DIARY OF A SCHOOL GIRL" and of this column. The two have been attributed at one time or another to Wayne Wells, Helen Biddick, John Granger and Mary Helen Sloss, to mention only a few. A nice balance of insults and compliments, don't you think?

And now, if I live through my date for the show next week, I hope to be back again with more red-hot dope. Say! Who said I was a dope?

DIARY of a School Girl

MONDAY: Almost late, gee whiz. That's what I get. I always oversleep when I wait up for my big brother.

TUESDAY: No band! I prayed tonight for the first time in ages. I said (on my knees too):

"Now I lay be down to sleep
I pray the Lord my soul to keep
If I should die before I wake
You'll know it's cuz I was afraid
of those grade cards!"

WEDNESDAY—I guess prayin' is no good (or maybe it's me). Flunked three subjects and got a D- in the other one.

THURSDAY: I wonder: Why Mr. Hoeck reminds me of Wild Bill Cummins. What sophomore girl who got mostly C's went around to the teachers asking for A's. How the middle of the 2nd floor hall, Jeanne L.

FRIDAY: Assembly!

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