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Editorial

MY PET PEEVE

I have a pet peeve. Thirty-six thousand persons were killed last year in automobile crack-ups. The Germans during the war, with bombs, poison gas, and all, didn't even kill that many Americans in a year. It's really bad when you're just as safe on a battlefield as you are on a highway.

What are we going to do? I don't want to get killed, but who does? One out of every twenty persons now living will be killed in a wreck before he reaches natural old age. A few states have been attempting to find a remedy. They built huge six-lane highways, but these weren't a success. The great spans of concrete just invited Mr. Fool to drive faster and to become more reckless, and, as a result, the death rate curve still swerved upward. Head-on collisions multiplied. New Jersey built fifty miles of this super highway. The state leaned back in its chair when the job was done, and with confidence, said that it had a safe road, but within just one year there were seventeen deaths.

There are two things that have to be done to make a highway safe. One is to separate the two opposing streams of traffic. The government should immediately begin to construct completely separate roads for each of the two streams. The cost would be tremendous, but why not convert the money now being spent on wasteful boondoggling into a fund to construct these vital highways? The second step in solving the problem is for the state government to enact and enforce stricter laws for obtaining a driver's license. Now any person who has the strength to walk into the sheriff's office, and has enough sense to sign his name, is given the permit to run wild on the highway.

Why doesn't the public demand that the present practices be changed. It will some day, but during that lapse of time there is going to be a hideous amount of blood splattering and murder. I hope I live through it.—Ed Hanna.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY NEWS

The curtain for "Happy-Go-Lucky," the Junior class play to be presented at the Lincoln auditorium, Friday, December 11, at eight o'clock, will rise on the Marsh family, who are just what the title implies. It's great fun to palm off a college chum as an ex-convict, and to initiate other interesting and disturbing impersonations — especially if you save your father's business and win a job so you can marry your girl. It's fun—and very rewarding—to be a successful happy-go-lucky.

A college boy is passed for an English business man; and there is the Italian baron or is he a taxi driver?—who is calling on the daughter of the family. A lively time ensues with Uncle Andy breaking watches and the maid chasing people with a butcher knife. Twelve members of the Junior class, under the direction of Miss Faris, will take the audience to a two-hour visit in the home of this happy-go-lucky American family.

Prices for the performance are: Adults 25c; H. S. Student, 20c; Children 10c. There will be no reserved seats.

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JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

The Junior high G. A. A. meeting was held at four o'clock Thursday evening in the Lincoln gym. Book races being participated in during the meeting.

Doris Flockheart is ill at St. Luke's hospital, and Arlene Wells is ill at Mercy hospital. Both girls are improving.

Among those who ate turkey away from here were June DeWees, who spent the day with her grandparents in Whittier, and Bonnie Carey, who spent the vacation at the home of her relatives. Pat Swift visited in Chicago.

Boys' P. T. Classes Plan Basketball Tourney

Several weeks ago Coach Coffman divided the boys P. T. classes up into basketball teams. The original plan was for these teams to compete among themselves in an effort to find the superior team.

The classes are each divided into the following number of teams: First hour class, two teams; sixth hour class, four teams; seventh hour class, five teams; and eighth hour class, three teams.

Up to the present time the teams have been playing among themselves and acquiring proficiency, but starting tomorrow, Tuesday, December eighth, they will really settle down to business and run off the tourney.

The contest will be played along the following plan: Each P. T. class will decide its own winning team by a simple elimination tournament, until it eliminates all but two teams. These two teams will then play each other the best two out of three games to determine the class champion. The four class champions will then compete in another elimination contest held outside of P. T. classes to determine the school champion.

The schedule will appear on the third floor bulletin board.

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A junior high assembly was held Thursday, December 3, under the direction of Miss Haffa. The assembly opened with a Czechoslovakian folk song, "Hurry Up," by the seventh grade mixed chorus under the direction of Miss Wilcox. Wilbur Clark read from the Scripture. An interesting program was presented by Miss Edna Roberts, who talked briefly about folk music and played selections characteristic of Hungary, Norway and the American Indian, then closed with two selections by America's most famous composer, Edward MacDowell.

T. B. THEME IN HIGH FIVE

John Granger Talks From WHO Tuesday

John Granger, the local winner of the T. B. contest, has won the chance to read his essay, "The Winning Fight Against Tuberculosis," over WHO.

John's theme is one of the five themes from Class A schools selected in Des Moines. John will broadcast at 5:10 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, December 15.

From the entries of the Marion senior class, approximately 60, John's theme was judged winner after a process of elimination. Miss Faris, the first judge, eliminated all but fourteen; Miss Schrubbe eliminated all but six; these; and these in turn were judged by a committee of two impartial and competent women, Mrs. Grace Koppenhaver and Miss Emma Kline.

This committee judged the themes as follows: John Granger, first; Gaylord Ward, second; John Titus, third, and Edward Hanna, Fay Anthis, and Mary Helen Sloss, honorable mention.

John's theme will be judged for the final time upon three merits: Radio presentation, originality and accuracy.

The following is a re-print of the second place winner. (We will not publish the first place winner until next week out of courtesy to station WHO):

THE WINNING FIGHT AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

General X-Ray and Major Tuberculin Test are looking anxiously at their respective watches. Within a short time the "zero hour" will come; another great push will be launched against the weakening enemy, T. B., by the valiant soldiers of the double-barred cross. The Christmas Sealers will again "take

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T. B. THEME

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up the torch" against the foes illness, Misery, and Ignorance. Silence fills the air; the atmosphere is charged with tension. Suddenly the tension breaks. Shouts and yells are heard. The "zero hour" has come. Everywhere we hear the cry, "Help fight T. B.; uncover T. B. by modern methods."

For the thirtieth consecutive year the Christmas Seal is financing a winning battle against this dread disease. During these past thirty years this army has grown from a mere handful to a powerful multitude in both size and accomplishments. Although three million people have died of tuberculosis in the last three decades, the death rate has been considerably reduced. In this period of time the deaths have been reduced from 202 per 100,000 of population in 1900 to 57 per 100,000 in 1934. In other words, 100 lives will be saved this and every other year.

is fact is pertinent to you, ladies and gentlemen of the radio audience. Perhaps, if the Christmas sealers hadn't started this war, or if they hadn't struggled so willingly and courageously, you or loved ones might be among those 200,000 dead.

The National Tuberculosis Association advocates the use of the X-Ray and of the tuberculin test as modern methods of combating T. B. The Christmas Seal makes these two necessities available to the youth of today and tomorrow. This is important because it is between the ages of fifteen and

thirty that tuberculosis does a good deal of its damage. If it is caught while in this early stage, however, the disease can be cured easily and quickly, thus saving the American youth from an untimely death which in turn benefits the nation socially, economically, and politically. It is this that the Christmas Seals help bring about.

Therefore, I beg that you adopt the Christmas sealers' slogan, "Uncover T. B. by modern methods," and that you realize that there is no investment so safe or profitable as an investment in health. You do your part! Buy the seals willingly and plentifully.

I thank you and may you have many healthy and merry Christmases and New Years.

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BASKETBALL
Highlights

This week, starting the third week of basketball practice, has seen much improvement in the varsity squad; but with a hard schedule before our basketekers, this weekly improvement will be needed. In the last two weeks most of the workouts have seen stress on shooting and dribbling with other fundamentals as well.

The practice up to this time has seen many changes in the form of the line-ups. Coach Coffman has done this to find two smooth working teams that can offer some good basketball games this season. This season, as most of you know, we will have only two lettermen in the line-up, but these, combined with

Girls

see us about your Christmas permanents.

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some juniors and seniors, should make a good combination.

This coming week will see some polishing up for our two pre-Christmas games. The first games will give the needed experience to other members of the squad, thus making them ready for our hard schedule after Christmas. Although our material is not the best this year, the fans will see some good games in the latter part of the season.

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The annual football banquet which is held every year, is to see a different aspect this year than last year. This year's banquet will be an athletic banquet, which will honor the football, basketball and track members of Marion high school. The occasion will be sponsored by the American Legion on Tuesday, December 8th, in the high school gymnasium. There will be talks by Coach Yaeger of Iowa State college, "Bud" Hanna, a member of the Iowa State football squad, Coaches Coffman and Hoeck, as well as talks by this year's captain, next year's co-captains, and by members of the football, basketball and track teams.

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The VOX is planning on having an election to determine the most valuable player on this year's foot-

ball team, same as was held last year by the VOX. These votes should be placed in Mr. Pugh's office.

All you freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors, don't forget to vote for your outstanding and most sportsmanlike player of this year. Help make this a real success!

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Bowling Alley To
Organize Leagues

The Packard Bowling Alleys have announced, as an added feature to the already splendid recreation offered by them, the starting of two organized leagues for high school students—a boys and a girls bowling mas sealers hadn't started this war, fear to be interested. Leave your name at the Alleys.

These leagues will be conducted in an official tournament style, each league furnishing foul judges and a governing body to rectify and settle all disputes and difficulties that the contesting teams may become involved in.

Prizes will be given the winning team at the end of the season. The tournament (constituting one season) may be conducted either of two ways—split or singly; that is teach team may play every other

BOWLING

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team twice, the split, or only once, the single.

In order to give all an equal chance at the prizes, a handicap system will be employed, thus the most mediocre of teams will have an equal chance with the very best.

Another beauty of the Packard's leagues will be the added enjoyment of competitive bowling at the same price now prevailing, ten cents a line. This is something unusual because the majority of alleys increase the cost of bowling if leagues are used.

Bowling is considered by eminent authorities as a very beneficial recreation. It is especially so in the clean and wholesome environment maintained by the manager of the Packard Alleys, Mr. Glen Hamlin. May we extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for your success.

Several well-known figures in Marion high school figure quite prominently on the Packard Bowling Alley's honor roll. On the men's honor roll, our principal, Mr. Delbert Pugh, has a score of 152.

The girls of M. H. S. have already done considerable to uphold the dignity of our school. LaVerne Rose leads the women's roll with 127. Others on the roll are Misses B. Sloss, K. Oxley, M. Bisek and H.

Kindig.

We also noticed another personage connected indirectly with the school on the women's roll—Mr. Hoeck's wife. Sh-h-h-h! If you can keep a secret, we will give you some inside dope. Mr. Hoeck's "better half" beat him very badly in the three games she and her husband played.

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SOCIETY

By MARY ELLEN GRANGER

November 21, Mary Helen Sloss entertained a group of friends at a party held at her home. Bridge and buncie were played, and a game of Truth and Consequences being the outstanding event of the evening. Refreshments were served to twenty girls.

On November 27, the DeMolays gave a banquet and dance, entertaining the Cedar Rapids and Monticello chapters, as well as the Marion chapters.

A new club of girls has been formed, having their first meeting on December first at the home of Eleanor Kesting. Knitting was the main occupation of the evening. Refreshments were served to Lois Leidigh, June Milner, Marjorie Lary, Norma Helbig, Jean Ives, Jeanne Lanning, Esther Nella (us-

tin, Phyllis Ford, Kathryn Peckosh, Milra Jane Scott and Eleanor Kesting.

The annual meeting of the Amalgamated Association of Woman Haters of America was held Sunday, November 29, at G. Ward's, games of Monopoly and cribbage being played, Al McKean walking off with high honors. Those present were Al McKean, John Granger, Kirk Snell, Wayne Wells, LaVern Eaker, Basil Zier and G. Ward, himself.

Kirk Snell and J. Granger defeated G. Ward and Wayne Wells at an exciting tournament of cribbage Tuesday, December 1, at the home of Wayne Wells.

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Poetry Corner

Conducted by
LILLIAN ANN HARDING

Domestic Science

Give me a spoon of oleo, Ma,
And the sodium alkali,
For I'm going to make a pie, Mam-
ma!
I'm going to make a pie.
For dad will be hungry and tired,
Ma,
And his tissues will decompose,
So give me a gram of phosphate
And the carbon and cellulose.
Now give me a chunk of casein, Ma,
To shorten the thermic fat,
And give me the oxygen bottle, Ma,
And look at the thermometer,
And if the electric oven is cold
Just turn it on half an ohm,
For I want to have supper ready,
Ma,
As soon as Dad comes home.

P.G. Harlan

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Some hurried folks forget;
Being friendly is a tonic,
Which the more you give you get;
Being friendly is a duty,
Often to the four winds hurled.
As the Great Creator planned it
This should be a friendly world.

Backward, Turn Backward

"Make me a child again, just for
tonight."
Once said a Scotchman—and
Scotchmen are tight.
"I'm leaving tonight on a rail trip
to Ayr;
Make me a child and I'll travel
half-fare."

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Nature Column

Question of the week: "What
makes the sounds in a seashell?"

Skulls of prehistoric men have
been found in which small holes had
been ground. It is said that these
holes were drilled with stone im-
plements to allow evil spirits to es-
cape and thus relieve headaches.
The Field Museum in Chicago dis-
plays a skull that shows the crude-
ness of the operation, which prob-
ably proved fatal. According to
authorities, it is questionable as to
whether or not anyone ever recov-
ered with or without the headache.
After such a dangerous operation,
new headaches would probably be
much worse than the first one.

Even though the water buffalo,
which is used in India, will charge
an elephant, it can be led by a
child.

The Arabs formerly believed the
locust, or cicada, possessed a num-
ber of virtues. When they saw lo-
custs in a dream they announced
the future. If one dreamed of eat-
ing them, it was a good omen, and
if one dreamed that it rained golden
locusts, God would restore that
which had been lost. The Arabs
also believed that the human race
would disappear from the earth
when locusts were all gone, because
these insects were destined to serve
man as food. Locusts and fish were

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NATURE COLUMN

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 the only creatures which God allowed the Mussulman to eat without being skinned. They must, however, be killed by one of the faithful, or the flesh would be impure. In the days past, the Arabs ate and were very fond of locusts. Some of the tribes, no doubt, still eat them. A caliph is reported to have said, when asked if he was fond of them, "I only wish I had a basket full of them, wouldn't I crunch them!"

Mr. Johnson, to seventh hour biology class: "What is the largest ganglion (mass of nerve tissues containing nerve cells) we have in our body?"

Johnny Lyon: "The large intestine."

Answer to last week's question: The starfish has hundreds of tiny hollow legs which it inflates with water when it wishes to walk. It reaches these feet out to some object, and pulls its body forward with the aid of a sucking disk on each foot.

MHS

DIARY of a School Girl

Monday: I was glad to wake up this morning (believe it or not) because I had a nightmare. I dreamed that I starved to death on Thanksgiving day. Horrors!

Tuesday: Band. Lawrence Kesting can't decide whether he has trumpet or flute music. Maybe he has both buzzing around in his head.

Wednesday: Assembly. The glee club girls were all dolled up in their best dresses, but I didn't think it improved the sound much. If it did I certainly feel sorry for Miss Wilcox on ordinary days.

Thursday: Aw gee, I'm so sleepy and so full, do I hafta write in my diary?

Friday: Just a typical morning after feeling. Even Bromo Seltzer doesn't seem to help. I see now why they give us this day off from school.

Monday: Vocational club meeting. Talked about aviation. Speak-

ing of flying, can anybody imagine Dale Goodyear with wings? I can't either, but whenever his is with Laura he seems to be in heaven.

Tuesday: C is for cat, N is for nuts, and H is for heaven or geometry class, isn't it, kids? It sure did snow tonight.

Wednesday: Paul Coon is in a bad way. He blushes about his brilliancy. Sophomores crazy? Oh no, but it wouldn't be their fault if they were when they hear things like this in English classes: "What is a squid? Is it what it is, or is it?" (Answer next week, maybe!)

Thursday: Extemporaneous speeches! I gave two, one at home when I asked mother to sign my grade cards and one in English. Neither had very good results. Oh, woe is me! I bet Mr. Hoeck will be sorry when Jean Rae Wells leaves. He will have an awful time deciding who to give THAT A to.

Friday: Peter took me ice skating tonight. Was the ice ever thin! We were standing out in the middle of the pond, and just as Peter said he'd go through hell or high water for me—the ice broke.

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My! What wreckless students we have in school. We just found that another bunch of them piled up on a telephone pole down on Tenth street, Saturday evening, Nov. 28. The car, however, was not severely damaged.

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MUSIC

THE UNIVERSAL SLANGAGE

The following, a reprint from the BILLBOARD, is a dictionary of the common slang phrases pertaining to musical terms. This article is to help you understand Ward and Maxon and certain other "big time" musicians around the school:

Suppose Benny Goodman, that

standpatter for swing, and Toscanini, that stalwart for symphony, were commissioned to edit the musicians' "Who's Who." The index would give this hangover:

Picked by wand	Plucked by con-
waver, stick	ductor, leader,
front	maestro
Goodman	Toscanini
scratch box, cigar box, cheese	
box	violin
git box, nigger fiddle	guitar
black and whites, pedal presser	
ivory thumper	piano
nanny goats, wheezes	saxophones
fountain pen	bass saxophone
grunt pipe	tuba
doghouse, bull fiddle, hat	
rack	string bass
suitcase	drums
woodpile, spareribs	xylophone
licorice stick, pitched meerschaum,	
black stick	clarinet
waffle iron, bugle, satchel mouth,	
satchmo, little Gate, little	
T	trumpet
slip horn, slide, big Gate,	
big T	trombone
heavy artillery, plumb-	
ing	brass section
solid man	rhythm section
squeeze box	accordion
long hair, salon	
guy	concert musician
croaker	male singer
canary	female singer

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LOST AND FOUND
 FOUND—A black fountain pen.

Albert Schenken: "What is a pig doing when he is eating?"
 Alberta Hammond: "He is making a hog of himself."

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