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THE POLLARD PLAYERS

## LYCEUM PLAY GIVEN MONDAY

A capacity house is expected Monday evening January 11, to attend "Take My Advice", a superb play of youth, love and laughter to be presented by the Pollard players.

The characters are as follows: a young "prep" school professor with a flair for modern psychology Bud Weaver, a callow youth of 17 years; Bud's sister, Anne, who has the dramatic fever, Dad Weaver, who cannot resist the arguments of stock salesmen; the mother, who is a fanatic about the science of numerology; a couple of swindlers complete the cast.

The performance will begin at eight o'clock. Admission prices are 10c, 20c and 25c.

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LOST—Peter McArthur. When last seen was wearing a red and green shirt, brown trousers (slightly baggy), blue tie with an egg spot half way down, grey suede shoes, size 11½. Anyone with information concerning him report to Betty Ann, care of The VOX.

## SOCIETY

By MARY ELLEN GRANGER

The past holiday season has been a busy one for many parties were being held nearly every evening.

Miss Betty Wallace entertained the Q. N. G. club at her home, December 29. Bridge was played and refreshments were served. Jean Leidigh's birthday was observed, being showered with hankies, and Christmas gifts were exchanged.

December 29, Kirk Snell entertained a party of friends at his home in honor of Wayne Wells, who has moved to Clinton. Games of chance (gambling to you) were played with play money, the remaining sum of each person being used to buy his or her refreshments at the close of the evening. Many who were "broke" obtained sustenance by performing different feats, enjoyable to the rest of the crowd. There were sixteen present, nine brown-ettes, three black-ettes, three blondes and one red-head, and also a hunk of mistletoe.

Many other parties were held last year, too numerous to mention.

New Year's Eve was the most popular date for parties, many (and most) of our students of M. H. S. being out until the wee, small hours.

Mary Ellen Granger entertained a group of friends at her home New Year's Eve.

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## INDEPENDENCE BEATS LOCALS IN FIRST HOME GAME TUESDAY

### JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

The Junior high basketball team will open the season January 15. St. Berchmans seminary will be played in the high school gym. Fifteen boys are on the squad as candidates, three boys for each position. Only four boys, March, Martin, Meggers and Dodd are from last year's squad. New equipment in the way of basketballs and sweat shirts has been obtained. The probable starting lineup will be: Forwards, Marsh and Martin; center, Morgan; guards, Scott, Dodd, or Overall.

The Eighth grade forum met Tuesday night in Miss Haffa's room. New grade cards was the current topic. "Ambition" will be the topic for discussion next week.

Fern Schneider on Monday, Dec. 21, underwent an operation for appendicitis. She has not yet returned to school.

Tuesday, December 22, the Junior high assembly was held. The Scripture was read by Ruby Kent. Zella Mae Fenlon read about the "Bells of Bethlehem." Dorothy Ratliff gave a Christmas reading entitled "Wee Red Cap." Arline Tow, Eula Wickham, Roberta Vore, Darlene Keenan, Ethel Collins, Evelyn Rundquist, William Zier, Robert Vernon, Benn Wollasch, Richard Pinch, John Freeman and Dick Dodd presented a Christmas play, with Christmas carols sung by the audience, directed by Miss Wilcox. After the program, Santa Claus paid a visit, leaving treats for everyone.

Doris Flockart has returned from the hospital, but as yet is not back in school.

MHS

### BASKETBALL Highlights

This last week was the start of Marion high's tough schedule of basketball games. The first game

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Independence won a game at the expense of the Marion quintet last Tuesday night on the local floor, 33-28. With a total of 27 fouls called on the two teams, it was a fast, rough, hard-fought game.

It was, as we saw it, a good game, although there were 16 fouls chalked up against the home team, and 11 against Independence.

Jim Davin, captain, at center, played the best game for the locals. He was in the game fighting all of the way to keep up the morale of the other players. Hagerman and Spence were put out of the game on fouls.

Marion was behind at the half-way mark, 18-9.

Some of you are in the first game, played by the "B" squad. Most part, do not make it.

The game started with Tim at center, and Swift at guards, Mc at center and Newlin and C at forwards. The game started very slow with the score tied at the quarter. The half ended the score 4-2 in favor of Marion. After the third quarter started, Givens was put out on fouls.

The game was very much sided the first half, with Independence having control of the ball, to no avail. Marion came back in the second half, scoring points to Independence's 7. The score was 19-9.

MHS

### Open Forum

There has been a matter bothering me of late. There ought to be an announcement posted on the bulletin boards the day before shirt day or overall day. Then you wouldn't be coming to school in formal dress when the fad was farm togs and looking like a foreigner wearing evening dress at a masquerade ball or wearing your old overalls when everybody was wearing sport clothes. It would save a lot of embarrassment and would enable everybody to get in on the fun. As it is, kids gradually

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find out about these festival days and consequently overall day lasts for three days and shirt day about a week.

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## Speech Work in High School

When I was a freshmen in high school I would have argued to my last breath if anyone would have told me that speech work in high school was ever going to do me any good. At that time, I didn't give a second thought about the future. It didn't even enter my mind that some day I would be out of school and have to face the public, so you can see why I never could understand how those weekly speeches would ever be of any advantage to me. However, now that I am a senior and my school days are drawing to a close, I am thankful I was made to get up before the

a week, in spite of all and embarrassment I

of these days when I have to an employer for a position, I have a little more courage, I'll know more about how to about it than I otherwise would. When I become some well-known lady, I'll know how to sell an idea without the slightest bit of flattery on my victim's part. Or I should become a lawyer I will be able to put such a convincing argument forth, that the case will be closed immediately and settled in favor of my client. Then, if I could run for a public office, I'll be able to give good campaign speeches and there will be no argument as to who shall be elected.

There are dozens of other things I could name in which my high school speech work is going to be of much help to me. Therefore, summing it all up, I have shown the great need for speech work in all high schools.

In every walk of life it is necessary that we be prepared to give some kind of a speech.

HELEN COONEY

## First Lyceum Number Was Big Success

The indefinable thrill of the circus became almost a reality to the audience at the first lyceum number of the new season Monday with the talk given by Al Priddy billed as "That Circus Man". Talking on a subject almost unknown to most of his listeners, Mr. Priddy made it so alive and so interesting to them that he was an immediate and popular success. Mr. Priddy spoke on his experiences in traveling with a large number of famous circuses for a period of thirty years. He lapsed at times in to a deep throated monotone that was peculiarly reminiscent of the spiel of a side show barker, reverting to the more "normal" intonation with a visible effort. Mr. Priddy was a complete success to his listeners, his stories of intelligent animals one of the most interesting programs Marion audiences have have heard.

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Year's Eve—six blondes, two blackettes, eight brown-ettes, and one red-head. Bingo and bunco were played, high prizes being held by Jean Leidigh and Bob Hense and low by Martha Snell and Frank Swift. Refreshments were served and the New Year heralded. More fun! There were at least four bunches of mistletoe.

Frank Travis also entertained a group of friends at his home New Year's Eve. Various games were played and refreshments served. There were eleven guests, three blondes and eight brown-ettes, present. Mistletoe was present, but unfortunately—or fortunately—it was not used.

Junk Walters visited in the Granger home, and Bob Hense tried to kidnap him.

Virginia Smith was a visitor in the home of many Marion friends.

Lillian Ann Hardin entertained the Q. N. G. club at her home, Thursday, January 7. The evening was profitably spent studying. Luscious refreshments were served to all. There were nine present.

A list of general statistics gained through extensive research: 2,201 stockings hung up Christmas Eve; 2,200 stockings filled by Santa Claus; one socking filled by my

mother; 15 3/16 bushels of apples bought during Christmas season; 499 dolls given to little and big girls this Christmas in Marion; \$39.79 worth of bananas bought at Marion grocery stores; 999 pounds of Christmas candy bought by high school boys for their sweethearts; 3,697 hours of sleep lost during vacation by M. H. S. students; 299 6/10 mothers lost their tempers during vacation due to vexation of M. H. S. students' complaints; 321 bushels of mistletoe used in Marion alone this season; 6,627.7399 cubic inches of various lipsticks worn off under mistletoe in Marion. This is the same as 17 pounds; no Marion people ice skating on new Christmas skates last year; no Marion kids went sliding on new Christmas sleds last year; no Marion people broke legs because of ice the last two weeks of December; 62 cars "ran out of gas" during Christmas vacation; 262 sticks of Irresistible Lip Lure received by 260 M. H. S. girls, (2 girls got 2 each); 63,597.4297 cubic feet of shoe leather worn off dancing in Marion last vacation; 699,001 holes worn in stockings during vacation while dancing; 669,001 holes in said stockings (as yet) not mended; 215 permanents gotten by M.H.S. students gifts from Xmas and Santa Claus; one school book studied during vacation; 1/3 page of above school book studied; 221 pairs of skates for Christmas; 219 sleds for Christmas; 13 new red sweaters for the boy's "Ms"; 54 quarts of gingerale consumed; 57 boxes of Ritz crackers eaten; 9,999,999 parties held at various homes, and no persons reported their vacation parties to me. Ah me! Such is life! That's all.

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since the holidays was the one played with Independence, which ended in favor of the visitors, who staged a rally in the closing minutes of the game.

The squad having had no practice sessions during the holidays, and the referee's calling of fouls close, was an attributing fact which saw many fouls committed during the Independence game. In the throwing of free throws, more accuracy would have helped the score for Marion considerably. Coach Coffman has depended upon the first team mostly, with little replacing of the starting five, probably to give the first team more needed co-operation. The coach has worked the five on the first team on various types of plays in order that they may cope with any sort of defense in the future.

These first two games of last week should give Marion experience which will prepare them for other tough games. The games to some should show much improvement in passing and shooting as well as in everything as a

## The Inquiring Reporter

Name?

Emma Wallace.

Do you think we are headed for a grand year in 1937 or are we headed for the dogs?

Well, I sure hope that it is better than last year.

Do you expect any world catastrophies in 1937?

Yes, I suppose there will be a few.

Do you think that youth has a greater or less opportunity in 1937 than in 1936?

About the same.

Do you believe in forgetting the past and looking toward the future or do you think that we should profit by our experience?

I think we should profit by our experiences.

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Name?

John Titus.

Who do you expect to win the world's series in 1937?

Cincinnati Reds.

Who do you think will be national football champions in 1937?

Minnesota.

Do you expect Joe Louis to make a big comeback in 1937?

If he gets a chance to fight.

Who do you think will be Iowa's new grid coach?

Who do you think?

Do you expect Iowa to make a better showing this year than last in football?

I hope so.

What do you think Marion's chances are for 1937?

Better than in '36.

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Name?

Wayne Carpenter.

Have you made any New Years resolutions?

Yes, one.

What one in particular?

I'd just as soon not tell.

Do you expect to keep it?

Yes.

How long?

Until I do something wrong.

Who do you think was the most outstanding person in public life during 1936?

King Edward.

What event in 1936 do you think will be remembered the longest?

King Edward leaving the throne.

Do you think we are threatened by the possibility of a world war?

No.

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Name?

Lucy Cone.

Have you made any New Years resolutions?

Yes.

Do you believe in New Years resolutions as a source of social betterment?

No people never live up to them.

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## DIARY of a School Girl

Monday—Made a lot of good New Year's resolutions, and proceeded to break them. All but one so I'll break it now. When I hand this in late again.

Tuesday—Basketball game. Peter says he won't take me again because when I scream our players think it's the whistle, and the other team gets the ball. I told him he need not take me then.

Wednesday—In practice after school the sophomore girls trimmed the freshmen but one of the freshmen sure trimmed me. I never saw a blacker black-eye.

Thursday—I wonder what's happened to Peter, I haven't seen him since Tuesday night. He said if I wouldn't go places with him, he'd take that girl from Toddville. Maybe he got snowed in or iced in or something.

Friday—I tried to give my speech, but I was so worried about Peter, I forgot most of it. I wonder what that Toddville girl looks like, bet she is a blonde.

## Poetry Corner

Conducted by  
LILLIAN ANN HARDING

A year just full of all the things  
That cheer and gladden you  
The joys of many happy hours  
And friends sincere and true  
A year of gladness and content  
May this be just the sort of year  
That lies ahead of you.

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### New Day, To-Day!

Every day is a fresh beginning;  
Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain,  
And, spite of old sorrow and old-  
er sinning,  
And puzzles forecast and possible  
pain,  
Take heart with the day, and  
begin again.

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I am the little New Year, ho! ho!  
Here I am tripping it over the  
snow,  
Shaking my bells with a merry din  
So open your doors and let me in!

Blessings I bring for one and all,  
Big folk and little folk, short  
and tall;  
Each one from me a treasure  
may win,  
So open your doors and let me in.

Some shall have silver and some  
shall have gold,  
Some shall have new clothes and  
some shall have old.  
Some shall have brass and some  
shall have tin  
So open your doors and let me in.

Some shall have water, and some  
shall have milk,  
Some shall have satin and some  
shall have silk,  
But each one from me a blessing  
may win,  
So open your doors and let me in.

## HERE AND THERE

Thursday P. M.

Listening to Bing Crosby. I just heard Rudy Vallee a little while ago and I can easily tell which one the jokes about crooners are aimed at. Bing has still got that old appeal, but Rudy sounds quite the worse for wear. Rudy has only his ventroloquist, who, by the way, is one of the cleverist stars I ever heard, to recommend him while Bing has the inimitable Bob Burns and the Dorsey brothers orchestra in addition to his voice. When Bing starts singing, I feel like moonlight, roses and Betty Wallace. It's delovely, if you get what I mean. Ah, me—.

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Every time I think about Bob Burns something happens to that part of my bony structure that analysts label the funny bone and I get an itch in a place that I can't scratch until I get my hands on a piece of gas pipe. Bing and Bob are working on a new picture now, and may the fates, or Will Hayes decree that Martha Raye is in on the fun. The combination is simply irresistible. The last time I saw them in a picture a rib dropped out of place on a hearty guffaw and I swear that I heard the coat on the gentleman in front of me rip when Bob made one funny crack. Also, I might add that the girl friend let me hold her hand while Bing was singing.

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Talking about dance orchestras (we were not but we might have been) Red Norvo and his Satin Swing is just about tops with me, especially when the xylophone—tenor sax combination starts "riding the groove." (look that up in the past issue of the Vox or in the latest Reader's Digest, either has it).

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The Mutual Broadcasting system which put its first program on the air December 30, is already the largest in the country with a coast to coast network it sort of adds to the prestige of the home town when you get around to figuring out that the radio station east of town is the chain's only outlet in eastern Iowa. An interesting sidelight on nearby radio stations might be the little known fact that one of the two towers is used in the daytime and both at night. In the tiny town where WLW, the world's most powerful broadcasting station is located, people get nasty shocks off of tin roofs and

light bulbs burn mysteriously when the switch is turned off. That's power on the loose.

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"Life," Time Inc.'s new effort, has had the most astounding and complete success ever accorded a new publishing effort, with a third of a million copies printed for the first issue, the entire issue was sold out in forty-eight hours and now, in the eighth edition, with more than a half million copies printed, orders have to be placed two weeks in advance at even the biggest newstands in order to get a copy. And, "Life", remember is only a picture magazine.

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James Pope, Al McKean and Ralph Knapp are rumored to sleep in long flannel night-shirts during these nights of bitter cold. Minor Wilkinson is said to have asked for the first time to have sheets put on his bed, complaining that he couldn't sleep for scratching with three wool blankets over him. Have you seen the picture of Jeanne Sheldon at two months when she weighed twenty-two pounds and looked like a baked potato in diapers. Mary Ellen Sloss has been rumored to be interested in Charlie Hagerman, local football star, but sources close to her deny the insinuation.

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Goodnite!

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## NUTS?

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dear frind and fellow sufferer from said deficiency

oh cruel world Pal they have seperated us it is had enough that they tear us from our fellow classmates their lack may not be as apparent as ours but we know they are crazy as we are but they should put seven padded cells between us that is almost more than i can bear if they refuse to deliver this note i will rebel i shall tear all the feathers or what ever they put in the wall pads to make them soft and eat it all up just to spite them

today i have received several distinguished visitors napolean bonaparte came seeking my advice it seems that the cornstarch pudding that nappy has been feeding his soldiers gets lumpy when in the first stages of its development the tears streamed down his cheeks as he told me his woeful story i gave the matter serious thought and this is what i told him i said bony old boy why dont you dump the pudding down the drain and feed the boys coconut or pineapple macaroni the man was so grateful tassell off his hat barry is having a barry however i other with her this rest

you noticed the of some of day i had a the color hants in my corn tassell pool insisted the colossal e makes me us coming to e tapping on the me while i let him it was the iceman d to sell me some hair i explained to him that one one thing about being crazy that is nice is that i can wear my hair in front of my face he then

## Editorial

Europe is again inflamed. The situation is crucial. Any move may hurl us into another war—a war that will make our last war look trivial. We, the youth of today—the men and women of tomorrow will be called upon to defend and give for our country—to give our lives or those of loved ones if need be. The reason for this needless insensible, and wholesale slaughter will be this—merely to defend greedy, unscrupulous power's possessions. Will we submit weakly to such demands? If we reason, we will not—we must not!

War upsets the whole economic set-up of a nation. The short-sighted profiteers fail to look into the future—to realize that depression, not prosperity, is the result of war.

War upsets the normal structure of a country. Crimes increase at an alarming rate during the post-war period. The wholesale slaughter deadens any of the finer fibers in our beings—war therefore is an narcotic. In another way war acts as an illused stimulant. The privation of war gives way to the other extreme. The sole object of a nation seems to be one thing—to make up for lost time. Thus our moral structure is deranged. This in turn effects us socially, economically, and physically.

The development of a nation is affected by war. A country needs strong hardy individuals. Why do

suggested that i use the hair pins for tooth picks and i kicked him out these high powered sales men give m a pain

the first day i was here i had some trouble with the cook but now he has stopped putting nails in my spaghetti so that difficulty was surmounted

i have composed a little song to be sung immediatly before lunch to the tune of robins and roses  
four little robins  
were sitting on a limb  
the cat ate one  
and got a stomach ache  
i remain respectfully yours

Nuts (to you)

## INQUIRING REPORTER

Who do you think was the most outstanding woman of of 1936?

Mrs. Simpson.

Who was the outstanding movie star of 1936?

Robert Taylor.

What show did you think was the most outstanding of 1936?

Private Number.

Who do you think was the outstanding dance orchestra of 1936?

Musical Modernes.

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they kill them off? The best of American manhood is drafted into the army during a war. Thousands are killed. This affects the nation in the present and future.

Therefore, instead of becoming insane with a misconceived and exploiting patriotism, instead of dying for our country let's live for her. Let's adopt the only sensible slogan for keeping out of war—not "My Country, Right or Wrong," but "Humanity Above Self — Above Country."

## Bowls & Strikes

MHS

The Packard Bowling Alley league is at last under way.

Last Wednesday evening the first official games were played.

The teams participating were the "Sloss Lighters" and a team called "The Gophers." The Sloss Lighters turned out to be the superior team.

Each team plays three lines and the combined scores of the three games determine the winner.

Wednesday evening's most important game, however, was played between the "Scoreboard" team and the "Pintopplers," the former team was proclaimed the winner.

Thursday evening brought together the "High School Hotshots" and the "I. R. P. L. Rollers" the Hotshots winning the match.

Thursday also brought the game between "Paddy's Strikers" and the "Horsethieves". The latter team carrying off the laurels.

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