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Marion Students Spend "Unique" Vacations

Vacations are unique experiences! Whether it is a weekend camping trip or a summer of traveling, it means an unusual experience and a great time. When a M.H.S. English teacher assigns the first essay of the year, the topic very often is summer vacations or summer experiences. These teachers will always notice how each student writer expresses (no matter how good the grammar is) the feeling that his experience is unique and extraordinary.

Jim Sebern, the QUILL editor-in-chief, spent a week of his early summer at the State University of Iowa's workshop in journalism. Jim attended classes in yearbook production, arrangement, and financing. This will be of great value to all of M.H.S. in the quality of the 1965 QUILL.

Deb Lyford spent two weeks in August in the eastern United States. Deb is a native of Brooklyn, New York. Much of her time was spent in visiting relatives. She was able to view the East in the light of a possible area in which to choose her college.

Ed Pogue and Ken Manley attended a week's session of Methodist Youth Camp at Pictured Rocks Camp, near Monticello. Their unique experience was sharing the fellowship of youth from many parts of eastern Iowa in a religious atmosphere.

Nancy Kohl spent the month of August in Mexico with her family. Nan took advantage of the opportunity to practice her two years of Spanish — taught to her by Miss Mentzer.

Nancy Kellams and Judy Sixta attended the quadrennial National Convocation of Methodist Youth at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, in July. They attended a theater production, lectures and discussions. There were 5,000 youths at the convocation from all parts of the United States and many parts of the world.

Bonnie Potter spent a week in South Dakota, touring the Black Hills. She enjoyed trail riding with her father.



Monique Gotz and Doug Messerli discuss their travel plans for the year.

Doug Messerli To Study in Norway

A year in a Norwegian school is Doug Messerli's plan for 1964-1965. He will leave for Oslo, Norway, on September 3.

Doug will be attending Skiringsfjell Folk School located in Sandefjord, south of Oslo. The school has a total enrollment of one hundred, fifty boys and fifty girls. Doug's father, Superintendent Messerli, visited this school when he toured Europe as a Fulbright scholar in 1963.

Extracurricular activities at this school are designed to give the student an impression of his future vocation. The main social activity is skiing; a sport Doug will have his first try at. Folk dancing and singing also take up recreational time.

Doug will be the fourth American student in a row to attend this school. However, he will be the first boy. Like the American students before him, Doug must learn the Norwegian language, since all his classes will be taught in this language.

Doug will return to America in the middle of June. He then will have to complete one more year of high school, and will graduate with the Class of 1966.

Joan Schueler spent time in Minnesota, attended Presbyterian Youth Camp, and spent four days at a 4-H camp.

This cross-section of vacations shows the type of summer of just a few Marion High School students. How was your "unique experience" this summer?

A.F.S. Student Is From Switzerland

The newest member of the Class of 1965 is Monique Gotz, our A.F.S. student from Boone, Switzerland.

Monique is seventeen and is the oldest in a family of four girls and a boy. Her father, Gaspard Gotz, is a credit manager.

She has studied English for three years. Her interests include swimming, skiing and playing tennis.

Monique arrived in Marion on August 16. She is living in the Herman E. Cooper home at 1160 Twenty-fourth street. Charlotte Cooper, a senior, is her Marion High "sister."

American Field Service students have attended Marion High every year since 1955. They have greatly helped to enrich our knowledge of the world.



New Frontiersmen perform at senior class picnic

Picnic Honors Exchange Students

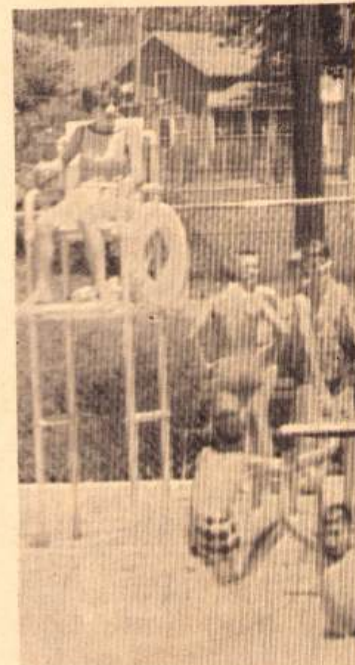
The senior class picnic honoring Monique Gotz and Doug Messerli was held on August 23 at Thomas Park in Marion. Monique is our new American Field Service student from Switzerland. Doug is a member of the senior class who will attend private school in Norway this school year.

The picnic began at 7:00 p.m. with a mixed game of baseball. Supper followed the rather short baseball game. The menu consisted of hot dogs, potato chips and pop. Another game period followed this. The boys played either football or baseball, while the girls played tag, "red rover," and other such games. At 8:00 all of the seniors and guests went to the pavilion to hear some hootenanny songs. Doug and Monique were presented at this time. Doug thanked everyone for the picnic for Monique and himself.

Band Attends The State Fair

The Marion High School band under the direction of Paul W. Wright performed at the 1964 Iowa State Fair on Sunday, August 30.

The band gave two forty-five minute concerts: one in the morning and the other in the evening. Members of the band spent the rest of the time as they wished. This included taking advantage of the rides or trying to win a teddy bear. Of course, eating was a continuous pastime, and the auto races drew the attention of many. Around 10 p.m. the buses were loaded, and the MHS band was on its way home.



Karen Bezdek keeps a watchful eye on swimmers at the Marion pool.

Pool Provides Summer Fun

The Marion pool was the center of many good times for many Marion High School students this summer. Most M.H.S.'ers consider swimming a part of their summer days. But if the pool were everyone's job, as it was for Porter Reed, Karen Bezdek, Julie Warner, Sandy Larkin, Judy Sixta, Mark Rae, Tana McLean, Sharon Benesch and Pat Hutchins, it would even be a bigger part of one's summer.

Much has happened at the pool this summer. Even on cold or rainy days the staff was busy. Everyone on the staff was thrown in at least once this summer. Porter met his fate one cool day in August. Dressed fittingly for his dunking, he wore slacks, sweatshirt, shoes and socks. Mr. Smith, assistant manager, was carrying the test tubes and water testing equipment when he was shoved overboard.

When the sky looked a little cloudy, the personnel would all say a short prayer asking for rain, thunder and lightning which would mean a day off with pay. They really didn't mind the work or the weather but everyone needs a little extra time for fun and sleep with pay.

Why people get hungry when they are swimming is one question Julie, Tana, Judy and Sharon would like to know the answer to. The customers at the concession stand were welcome if they were broke

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"The Voice of M.H.S."

Focus on Sports

by Joe Rinas

Football season is really here. That point became very evident to me the other day while I was sitting in the barbers' chair. One of the barbers informed me that Coach Beemblossom had been in earlier and had instructed him and all the other barbers in town to scalp the Indians. He was not kidding either; he said that their (the Injun's) hair should be chopped to within at least an inch of their heads. The coach feels that all the fumbles last year were caused by greasy kid stuff and other foreign matter on their hands. He feels by ridding the Indians of their top-notches he is also ridding them of their need of hair oil. Pretty smart, isn't he?

Speaking of football, our first game takes place Friday, September 11, against Waverly. Last year Marion suffered a humiliating 39-0 loss at the hands of Waverly. Unless I am sadly mistaken, the Indians will be going into that game this year with revenge on their minds. It should be a real knockdown, drag-out battle. I hope to see

you all in the stands Friday night.

I don't know whether you have noticed it or not but recently a lot of Marion high school students have been seen walking to some place or other with tennis rackets. It's really surprising how many students have taken up this relatively new sport on the Marion scene. In fact, I have been told that a Marion student, Gary Breunig, has even been giving "unofficial lessons" and making quite a living at it.

Football Schedule

September 11: Waverly, here.
September 18: Anamosa, there.
September 25: Monticello, here.
October 2: Tipton, there.
October 9: Vinton, homecoming.
October 16: Independence, there.
October 23: Manchester, here.
October 30: End of quarter; Maquoketa, there.
November 5: Prairie, there.

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The Vox staff hopes you will enjoy this special free issue. As you know, the regular Vox is from four to eight pages in length, but we hope this will give you an idea of what is in store for the year.

This paper is dedicated to reflecting and interpreting life at Marion High School. The Vox is you — your friends, teachers, classes, activities, and fun. It's entertaining. The jokes, cartoons, and special stories are highlights of the features' section. It is interpretative. The issues before the student body are discussed in the light of student and faculty opinion. All views are discussed in

our editorial columns because this is the "Voice of Marion High School."

The Vox is the product of student work. The editors invite any student who has an interest in journalism to work for the paper. We feel that any student who enjoys reading the Vox would enjoy working on it.

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— The Editors.



Shown are returning football lettermen: Ledvina, Stick, Backsen, Brandt, Rinas, Danford, Parton, Davidson, and Coach Beemblossom.

F.B. Season Arrives

MHS Gridders Begin Early Practice

Marion opens its football season this year against Waverly at home. The date for this contest is September 11. No matter what the outcome of that game the Indians should not be able to say they were not in shape. They have been attending required unofficial practices three times a week since August 1. These practices were directed by Marion alumni and their purpose was to whip the Indians into shape. Official practices began August 20. Since then the emphasis has been placed on speed and coordination. What this year's team lacks in size it will have to make up for in agility and spirit.

This year Marion has eight returning lettermen compared to four returning lettermen last year. These lettermen are all seniors. They are quarterback Ken Backsen, halfback Larry Brandt, tackle Eugene Parton, guard Larry Davidson, guard Jim Danford, fullback Joe Rinas, halfback Larry Stick, and end Tim Ledvina. Coach Beemblossom said that there are four major senior prospects other than the lettermen. These are center John Fowler, tackle Sam Bailey, end Porter Reed and fullback Ron Olson. The coach did not name any underclassmen that he considers major prospects but he did say that there were three or four juniors and possibly two sophomores who could be used if they develop enough in early practices.

Marion will have a small team this year. It will average somewhat under 160 pounds per man. Coach Beemblossom has said that because of the team's small size they will have to hit first and hardest.

Defense is going to be a highly stressed necessity on this year's team. The coaching staff, consisting of Mr. Beemblossom, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Skilling, Mr. Meggers and Mr. Twachtman, is drilling the team constantly on de-

fense and emphasizing the need for teamwork.

The Wamac has many strong teams this year and Marion will be considered the underdog in most of its games. This is because of both the Indian's size and their record from last year.

Mr. Beemblossom made a point about this year's team: "This team has all the potential needed to have an undefeated season. Their success depends entirely on how hard they try."

Following is a list of the boys who are out for football: Seniors: Ken Backsen, Sam Bailey, John Begley, Larry Brandt, Jim Cook, Jim Danford, Larry Davidson, John Fowler, Norris Harstad, Tim Ledvina, Ron Olson, Gene Parton, Steve Peyton, Porter Reed, Joe Rinas, Bill Ross, Denver Shoop, Larry Stick, Steve Vanderlinden and Everett Weaver. Juniors: Verle Allen, Kurt Brandt, Jim Carney, Bob Glass, Dale Harrison, Terry Kelly, Terry Lane, Jim Langridge, Kurt Livingston, Bill Long, Lee Nelson, Bill Null, Mark Rae, Steve Rucker, Russell Stead, George Svoboda, Dennis Trout and Dan Wolverton. Sophomores: Joe Bennett, Scott Bevin, Mike Crowley, Jim Curtis, Jack Detling, Phil Evans, Joe Hutchins, Mel Jensen, T. J. Korf, Tim Lyon, Mick Mercer, Gregg Miles, Ron Miner, T. Rohwinkle, Bill Neff, Edwin Polk, Jeff Risk, Bob Ross, Chris Smaby, Jim Smith, Steve Walker, Kim Young and David Zeigler.

Marion High Has New Teachers

This fall finds three new teachers at Marion High School. They are Mrs. Valerie Neubauer, Mrs. Carolee Swick and John Cracraft.

Mrs. Neubauer is replacing Mrs. Jones as one of the English teachers. She is in charge of several sections of junior and senior English. Mrs. Neubauer was born in Canada and graduated from East High School in Sioux City. She attended the State University of Iowa and graduated with a B.A. in secondary education with English and Spanish majors.

Mrs. Swick is in charge of high school and elementary school art. She graduated from Los Angeles State College with a B.A. in art. Mrs. Swick and her husband, who is working at the State University of Iowa, are from South Pasadena.

Due to the expansion of the industrial arts program, Mr. John Cracraft has been added to this area. Mr. Cracraft holds a B.S. degree with his major in industrial arts and minor in physical education. A graduate of Eagleville High School in Eagleville, Missouri, he received his degree from Northwest Missouri State College at Marysville, Missouri.

(Continued from page one) and only wanted to talk, but if they had money the concession stand girls at times were not completely appreciative.

The basket room was always busy with people wanting money from their basket to buy something at the concession stand. Sandy and Mark helped the concession stand at times on very busy days by allowing people to have their baskets only once an afternoon.

Melvin Jensen, a sophomore, put the guards to a test when he almost drown one hot August day. His accident was the most serious that happened at the pool this summer. The other accidents were minor like cut lips, mouse bites, cut knees, or stubbed toes.

As one can see, he really does not know what he gets into when an M.H.S.'er went swimming at the Marion pool this summer. The staff was happy and having fun and everybody enjoyed themselves at the Marion pool this summer.

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