

# the VOX

MARION HIGH SCHOOL

MARION, IOWA

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## MHS Present 'Half A Sixpence'



Shalford (Monty Marshall) and Carshot (Greg Waite) survey apprentices



Chitterlow (Ben Stead) tells Kipps of new success

### Senior Students

#### Assist Faculty

Senior students in Office Machines Class have been serving as office help for faculty members during the past several weeks. Various jobs accomplished by these fledgling office workers include straight copy typing from a teacher's textbook; typing master DITTO's for reproduction of material regarding the stock market, speech and panel discussion evaluation forms, and the Constitution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic; addressing 150 double postal cards and 60 envelopes; and preparing master stencils for reproduction of the programs for "Half A Sixpence" and the Spring Band Concert.

#### REPRESENT MHS.

Becky Rodas and Cynthia Martin, seniors, represented Marion High School at the WaMac Speech Contest held at Manchester on February 10, 1968.

Both Becky and Cynthia received first place ratings in the preliminaries. In the final, Becky received a second place medal for a prose reading taken from Somerset Maugham's *Of Human Bondage*. Cynthia ranked fourth in her interpretation of prose and poetry selected from Tolkien's books.

Approximately 300 contestants from WaMac schools participated in the annual speech contest.



Determined worm crawling over a razor blade.

## Art Classes Make Sets

The production of the play "Half A Sixpence" recently held at Marion High proved to be a challenge to the art classes. The students were held responsible for ten sets of scenery consisting of windows, bookshelves, a light house and many other objects.

Cardboard was used as the basic material due to the fact that it is easy to move and with 18 different scene changes this was necessary. To find the cardboard needed a search was held which ended with a generous donation from Weyerhaeuser, a large boxing company in Cedar Rapids. Weyerhaeuser supplied all the cardboard needed free of charge. The art students spent all their art classes working on the scenery.

Then as time was running out, students that had study hall, both art students and non-art students donated their help and time, not during school hours only but in evenings and on Saturdays as well. With the help of all these students supervised by Miss Ravensborg, the art teacher, the deadline was met successfully.

### F.B.L.A. MEMBERS TAKE TOUR

Members of F.B.L.A. will tour the Business Department of Area 10 Community College on Tuesday, March 19, for the regular monthly meeting. Plans are underway for some members to attend F.B.L.A. state convention in Cedar Falls on April 19 and 20.

For the February meeting of the club, members were privileged to hear Miss Lois McDonell, 1967 graduate of Marion High School, deliver her second place award sales presentation from the 1967 F.B.L.A. state convention.

## Students See Two Broadway Musicals

Marion High received two musical presentations in the past month. The first, presented by the University of Minnesota's "Broadway Show Stoppers" reminded the big Broadway hits of the past: West Side Story's "Somewhere" and "I Feel Pretty", and "Impossible Dream" from *Man from La Mancha* were two extremes of the program.

A variation of music by the Nemo Singers of the North East Missouri State Teacher's College captured the student with selections by the chorus dating back to Palestrina up to popular tunes such as Pink Panther. The Diminished

Seven, their small combo, really hit the spot when they played "Louie, Louie" (the piano player wasn't too bad either). The Nemo Singers were applauded with a well deserved standing ovation.

## Band Has Busy Schedule

Members of the Marion High School Band have been very busy. On Saturday, March 2 and March 9, various members went to Iowa City to receive criticism on their solos and ensembles in preparation for the up-coming contest. On March 8, the Spring Concert was presented under the direction of Paul Wright. Mary Lee Hahn was the featured soloist in "Concerto for Horn." Other selections played were: "Prelude and Fugue," "Colas Breugnon," "Concord and Lexington," "Silhouettes," "Block M," "Lincolnshire Posy," "Dixieland Concerto", featuring a jazz group consisting of: Tom Leu, Ben Stead, Christine Vesey, Janis Kemper, Mike Walker, and Eric Schnell.

The Drama and Music Departments have done it again! On March 1 & 2, the cast presented "Half A Sixpence," to almost full house crowds.



Ann (Kay Wood) consoles husband Arthur (Pat Ryal) and Carshot (Greg Waite)

Pat Ryal, as Arthur Kipps, did a magnificent job of playing the role of a young English gent, and Kay Wood played the role of a young cockney girl, Ann. The chorus did a good job of helping the audience adjust to the time changes and for the first time in a long time, a band was used to help create the mood.

The songs-including the title song "Half A Sixpence," "If the Rain's Got to Fall," "The Party's on the House," "Flash Bang Wallop," were sung by the entire cast.

The cast and crews are to be commended for their enjoyable production.



Mrs. Botting Scolds Ann as "Artie" and Helen (Cynthia Martin) look on



Buggins (Dan Ciha) spouts off to Arthur much to the agreement of Chitterlow, Sid (Greg Topp), and Pearce Lon Ledvina



## Vox Sports

### Wrestlers End Busy Season



MIKE MADISON



GARY DeBOW

### Squad Places 2nd In WaMac

The Marion varsity basketball squad placed second in the final WaMac standings. The Indians tied for second along with Monticello and Independence; all three teams held 9-5 records. Manchester won the title with an 11-3 record.

Going into the concluding weeks of the season, Marion had an excellent chance of taking the championship. Luck wasn't with them, however, as they lost a crucial game to Monticello. Even with the loss the Indians had a good chance at a co-ownership of the title with the showdown game with Manchester. In the deciding game of the season, although the Man-hawks beat Marion by only 62-56, the outcome was evident. Manchester jumped out to a quick lead, with a partisan Man-hawk crowd backing them all the way. This is a surprising thought considering the game was played in the Marion gym.

Manchester was able to run away from the pack as Marion dropped another game the next week at Independence.

AN INTERESTING THOUGHT: 4 OUT OF 5 LOSSES WERE AT HOME; OVERALL SEASON 10-8.

### Suggestions Anyone?!

Suggestions toward the improvement of your school newspaper have flooded the editor's desk this year. In addition to these suggestions, numberless vocal complaints and criticisms have been offered to your staff members in the halls, classrooms, and anywhere that our loyal readers congregate to cuss and discuss the paper.

Listed below are those intelligent, worthwhile, and altogether possible improvements which readers have most often demanded, and which, in due time, your devoted paper staff will put to use.

The Marion wrestling team traveled to Jefferson of Cedar Rapids on Saturday, Feb. 17 for the Sectional wrestling tournament. The four other participating teams in the tournament were C.R. Washington, C.R. Jefferson, C.R. Kennedy and Anamosa.

Mike Madison and Gary DeBow were the only Marion wrestlers to advance to the district meet. Both wrestlers finished second in the Sectionals. Mike lost his first match of the season to St. Clair of Kennedy on riding time. Gary DeBow lost his second match of the season to Burke of Jefferson also on riding time.

Gary went on to place third in the district meet.

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Marion wrestlers finished their season with a dual meet record of 5 wins and 7 losses. They had a 3-3 record for dual meets with conference foes.

Mike Madeson led the team with the most pins (8); most takedowns (17); most wins (21); best overall record (12-2-0); best dual record (12-0-0); and Mike and Gary DeBow tied for best conference record (5-0-0).

The Junior Varsity ended their season with a dual season record of 9-4-0, and a conference record of 5-1-0. Al Moorhead led the team in pins with 6. Joe Churchill had the most takedowns (10). Jim Sankey and Bob McCue tied for most wins with 9. Sankey also had the best overall record (9-1-1) and conference record with Moorhead, Churchill and McCue with 4 wins.

### SOPHS END

### GOOD SEASON

The Marion sophomores basketball team finished with a fine season in the WaMac. They ended the season with an 11-3 record, behind Monticello's 13-1. The sophomores should be congratulated for although they got off to a shaky start, they reeled off straight games in conference play. They also dealt Monticello its only loss. GREG MORRIS had a fine game against Independence with 33 points in the final game of the season. The sophomores ended the season with an overall record of 12-6.

Great minds have purposes, others have wishes, and then there are juniors.

## WHAT RIGHTS

by Kathy Wing

Every year, students complain about their lack of "rights," including what they can wear, how many assemblies they should have and whether boys should be allowed to grow beards and long hair.

The basic principle that governs all schools is that the faculty and administration know more about running things smoothly and for the mutual benefit of all concerned than students do. They didn't attain their positions because they were the town Scrooges, but rather because they went through school for a few years and learned a few things about the whole education game.

### Dress Code Blues

Oh, the moans anytime the dress code is mentioned! To be in style is simply IT—but what is style? It is mostly some gaudy, artificial fad dreamed up by the ad-men and clothing manufacturers to sell goods to the gullible public, especially teens. Clothing and hair styles change so fast that one sound in mind does not fanatically latch on to every new fad announced. Besides, when a girl is busy trying to tug her skirt down over her garters, how can she be expected to learn anything in class?

### Why Have Assemblies?

Assemblies—a time to escape

### HOSPITAL CAREERS TO BE DISCUSSED AT ST. LUKE'S

Hospital and Health careers will be demonstrated and discussed at a Health Careers Day to be held at St. Luke's Hospital on Saturday, April 27, from one to four p.m.

Physicians, department heads, and technologists will conduct sessions at which students will learn about the many health and hospital careers.

There will be 24 different career sessions covering all phases of the health and hospital field. Specialists will tell about the work done in their specialty, and the preparation required for it.

Each student can attend as many as three separate sessions, and will have an opportunity at a general session to find out about other specialties. Department heads of the hospital will be available for individual discussions with students to give more detailed information. The modern hospital offers 200 different job classifications, and offers unlimited opportunities for advancement in a chosen occupation through on-the-job training.

Reservations for this Career Day should be made through the Counsellors Office, and should be in by March 30.

Careers Day at St. Luke's is sponsored by the St. Luke's Auxiliary. Mrs. J. Judson Fashimpaur, 1509 Arizona Court NE, Cedar Rapids, general chairman of this Health Careers Day, said, "This second annual Careers Day sponsored by the St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary in cooperation with St. Luke's Hospital is being held to acquaint all the students of high schools in Eastern Iowa with the great possibilities and opportunities of hospital careers. As the largest non-governmental hospital in Iowa, St. Luke's is especially well-suited to give these students a broad look at the entire health field."

### SCHOOL RULES SET IN SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOLS

Next year there will be a new set of school rules. These rules are planned to fit the student body. They will be put into operation on September 1968.

All gum chewing must be done in the classrooms.

All students must wear regulated purple sweat shirts.

The pop machine may be used only at nap time.

All students must bring their own blankets if they wish naps.

Milk and cracker money will be collected on Monday along with lunch money.

GRIZZLE GAZETTE  
Salt Lake City, Utah

the drudgery of classes and practice loud guffaws, spit wad aims, and chain coughing, or so it must seem to a few tuned out 'swingers' who get their cheap thrills by being rude, discourteous and downright piggish. When it comes to the point where the performers have to discontinue a program because a select few still think they are on a grammar school playground, then it is time to evaluate ourselves. This illustrates how easily things get out of hand even under the jurisdiction of competent administrators, yet a radical few still want more rights. Perhaps they should first learn how to handle the responsibilities they have now in attaining an education.

No sermons are going to help the few who cannot follow instructions, or even practice simple courtesy, for if ethical conduct is something they did not bring with them from home, it is unlikely that they will pick it up now.

The other 98% who realize that school is for learning, and not for how many rights one has, are the ones that will in the end gain one of the most important rights—the right of being educated and "in the know."

—SMOKE SIGNAL

Newhall, Calif.

### VOX ASKS. . . .

What are YOU most afraid of? ? ?

Mike Nash: The Freshman girls  
Carol Sixta: A boy in a dark car  
Jan Moore: Fire Escapes  
Nancy Pieper: Losing Steve  
Jo Anne Wishniewsky: The coaches!  
Kathy Hanson: Poisonous snakes  
Pat Price: Mr. and Mrs. Colby  
Susie Wedge: Dying  
Linda Butler: My boyfriend's mother  
Susie Price: Getting caught  
Jim Meggers: Pat Davis  
Brenda Gieger: Friday nights  
Bob Whittemore: Girls and myself  
Steve Smith: Sugar Bear when he sees his name here  
Linda Mithelman: Viet Nam  
Skip Smith: Alex and Dawn Lowry  
Suzanne Jacque: Dan Kane  
Greg Topp: Losing my right arm  
Barb Kemp: Little-kids in the lunch line  
Patty O'Brien: Pat Ryal  
Dan Ciha: Being pierced by buck's antlers

### WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF

1. You are late to Mr. Boquist's class and in the excitement you trample his feet on the way into the room. You scramble madly to your seat and you

a. tell him you lost your skate key and you were not allowed in the "quiet zone" with your skates on.

b. tell him the hall monitor and you are deadly enemies and she wouldn't let you pass.

c. tell him you were beaten up and mugged and when you came to, your passbook was missing.

2. You are driving your parents' brand new Oldsmobile when suddenly you realize that you are headed over a cliff. Trying to keep your composure, you

a. turn off the ignition; it saves gas.

b. pull the emergency brake.

c. ask your fairy godmother to turn you into a prune so you can shrivel up and bounce.

3. You are locked in a room surrounded by flames. You remain perfectly calm and you

a. start sending some smoke signals

b. do an Indian rain dance.

c. send for baking soda.

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Buffalo Lake, Wis.

Pedestrian: one who finds it does not pay to go straight, especially in the parking lot.