

# THE VOX

MARION HIGH MARION, IOWA NOVEMBER 7, 1968

## Students Work At Polls

Do not despair students! The seniors are finding out that Government can be fun.

This year's senior class is experiencing something that happens only once every four years--taking Government during a National Election year.

They took advantage of the situation to read and compare the Democratic and Republican platforms. They also kept a close watch on the candidates to see that their promises coincided with their respective party platforms.

With few exceptions, all Government students, as well as junior and sophomores, were given the opportunity to

work for the party of their choice. The Young Democrats and Young Republicans traveled the Cedar Rapids-Marion and Central City areas canvassing for their party. Also the Republican workers were given the opportunity to attend a fund raising dinner in Des Moines in which Governor Scranton was the featured speaker. Furthermore, both groups were allowed to act as challengers at the polls on election day. Through this project, the students became better acquainted with how our election process actually works.

So cheer up students. Maybe school can be fun.

## WaMac Festival A Success

The WaMac conference vocal music festival was held Saturday, November 2, here at Marion High School.

Rehearsals began at 11 a.m. and continued until 4 p.m. with an hour break for lunch.

The mass choir numbered 633 and the special choir over 64. Participating schools were Anamosa, Independence, Manchester, Maquoketa, Monticello, Tipton, and Vinton. All eight choirs presented their own musical number.

Guest directors were Dr. Caswell, professor of music education at Minnesota and Leo Grether, secretary of the Iowa High School Music Assn.

The concert was held in the gym at 7:00 p.m.

## Results of Jr. Magazine Sale

The magazine sales campaign for the Junior Class drew to a close September 30, netting \$970.20 as profit.

The four high salesmen of the venture were Margaret Boquist with \$115.00, Lois Sankey with \$106.88, Cheryl Van Note with \$95.60, and Sandra Stotler with \$81.63.

At the beginning of the sales a name was drawn and sealed within an envelope until the completion of the sales. The winner was eligible for the \$10 prize only if he had sold at least one subscription. The lucky winner was Linda Meford, with 15 subscriptions.

At the close of the sales many others were awarded prizes for their outstanding efforts also. Twenty-eight students' names were placed in the Grand Draw Prize bin for selling more than three 50% magazines. Cindy Simpson was the winner of this drawing, and she had her choice of several different prizes.

In addition, there were twelve people who won small Dream Pets by selling either two Ladies Home Journals or two American Home magazines.

Other gifts went to Miss Boquist and Miss Simpson, both winning autographed "Sock it to Me" pillows. Miss Boquist, with the high sales, received a transistor radio as her reward.

Furthermore, Certificates of Achievement will be received by the thirty-six juniors who sold \$25 or more, and the \$100 Club Pins will be sent to Miss Boquist and Miss Sankey.

## Thank You Sophomores

Thank you for your time and energies which made possible all the happiness, tears, goodtimes, and laughter. Thank you for making our 1968 Homecoming an event filled with happy memories never to be forgotten.

## Miss Linn Search Underway

The search is underway for a personable poised and talented girl to reign as Miss Linn County. This county's first Miss Linn County competition was launched today with the announcement by Pageant Productions. Girls between the ages of 18-28 years old as of September 1969 are eligible to compete for the local crown. She must be single-never have been married. Resident of Linn County for six months by July 1969. Judging is based on personality, poise, good grooming, talent and intelligence. Miss Linn County will receive an expense-paid trip to Miss Iowa pageant to compete for the Miss Iowa title. In addition to the honor of representing Linn County, Miss Linn County will receive a trophy and scholarship award. Entry forms can be obtained from the Miss Linn County pageant, % Pageant Productions, P.O. Box 71, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Contestant's receive a free charm course to prepare them for local and state pageant. The pageant will be held in early December at Kennedy High School. The proceeds of the pageant will go to a charitable organization in Linn County and a newly formed scholarship fund. Pageant Productions produces beauty pageants through out the Midwest on local and state levels.

## Marion Gains Mascot

Jean Bowen and Kathy Hansen are our new MARION HIGH SCHOOL mascots. The girls will be wearing their Indian outfits at all of the basketball games and wrestling meets. This decision was made at the Oct. 8, meeting of the Pep Club. This is but one of the many ways in which the Pep Club is trying to generate spirit among the MARION HIGH SCHOOL students.

Other methods include the presentation of skits, the making of signs, the decorating of lockers, and the organization of cheering at football games.

It was also decided at this meeting that there would be no official uniform for Pep Club members this year. Instead official Pep Club pins have been ordered.

## 'Rally Round The Flag Boys!'

Marion High School is looking forward to another great year as far as the drama department is concerned. The first play has been cast and is now in the rehearsal stage.

The play, entitled Rally Round the Flag Boys!, is a full length comedy by David Rogers. It has a rather involved plot, but possibly it could be said that Rally Round the Flag Boys! is a patriotic satire. It is centered around the people of a small New England town known as Putnam's

Landing.

The main characters of the play are an Army officer, Guido, and his girlfriend, Maggie, and a civic-minded committee woman, Grace Bannerman, and her husband, Harry Bannerman. The cast chosen to portray these characters are Kim Ketelsen, Marita Fraiman, Lauri Price, and Phil Beeson, respectively.

The play will be given on the 15th and 16th of November in the school gymnasium. It is being directed by Mrs. Hulin and Mrs. Swanson.

## New Faculty Members

Finishing our introductions of the teachers new to Marion High School, we have Mr. Dollinger and Mrs. Thompson.



MRS. THOMPSON

Mrs. Thompson, who teaches girls' physical education, has lived in the Minneapolis, St. Paul area for most of her life. She received her education from the College of St Catherine in St. Paul. Before coming to Marion, she taught at John Metcalf Junior High in Minneapolis. Mrs. Thompson thinks the students at Marion High are a good group and have a great school spirit to support their teams. Her outside activities include being the sponsor of the cheerleaders and GRA. In her words, pet peeves are bills.

We welcome these new teachers and wish them a good school year.



MR. DOLLINGER

Mr. Dollinger teaches American History and World History. He is assistant coach for football and basketball and head coach for Varsity baseball. Before coming to Marion, he taught at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri. He received his B.A. degree from Mammouth College in Mammouth, Illinois and his M.A. from the South Dakota State University. Listed as his favorite hobbies are all sports, hunting, fishing and golf. His pet peeves are rudeness and students who "pop" their gum.

## I'M FEELING FINE. . .

By Kim Ketelsen

Is it not an indication of insanity when a person believes that he, or his mind, is the only real and supposedly tangible thing in existence, and that all other people and things are present merely for him or are figments of his imagination? If so, then in this respect anyway, I am occasionally deranged, because although I don't actually believe it, I do at times ponder this idea.

The funny or paradoxical side of it is that while I might be sitting here in the conviction that you are there only for my brain and me, you could be reasoning that this is all staged for your benefit. I know that I exist, and you either know you exist or know nothing, being part of my supposedly conscious thoughts and nothing more. You probably can apply the same conditions to me, assuming you are real, so anyway you look at it, we are better off believing in "reality."

## LET'S GIVE THANKS

Thanksgiving is a day that is celebrated mainly in the heart.

It is a time when families seem closer and friendships dearer. . .

A time when troubles are forgotten and blessings are remembered. . .

When "Love" is the theme and "thank-you" the prayer. . .

When young and old stop to meditate and decide.

This is a pretty wonderful world we live in, after all. . .

Thank-you, God. . . thank you for everything!

May all the blessings of a Happy Thanksgiving be yours!

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## GRA Hosts Halloween Party

The time of goblins, witches, and ghosts stalls the countryside once each year. In keeping with the rituals that this season brings, the GRA held it's annual Halloween Party Monday night October 28.

Preceded by a brief business meeting, the festivities got underway about 7:00. Although the party was an un-Halloween-costumed event, the recreation centered about several of the various (or better yet hilarious) traditional activities. Passing oranges, chewing feet of string to reach a marshmallow and, of course, bobbing for apples were a few of the things that the night held in store. Following the game period, hamburgers, brownies, and pop were served in the Home-Ec. room.

## Home Economics

Two of Mrs. Lunds Home Economics classes have been busy taking out stains, learning how to load a washer, sort and pre-treat clothes, and do a family wash.

They have also been baking grape pies. Two boys in her study hall even willingly washed the dishes after the girls finished baking.

The rest of her classes have been cutting and freezing chickens and freezing combination dishes like casseroles.

They have discussed home furnishing, home and personal values, and what makes up beauty.

# Queen Cathy and Court



## Great Season For Sophs

The sophomore Indian football team is having a very successful season. At printing time the sophs were leading the conference with a 5-1 record and had only to beat Tipton to become the WaMac champs. Offensively the big men have been freshmen quarterbacks, Van Gillman, Kevin Collins, Mark Witte, Steve Stone and occasionally Paul Martin, due to their great running consistency. The defense has been overwhelming with Dan Borst, Steve Kray, and Ron Schultz leading the way. A good team needs more than a few standouts however; this outfit has become a coordinated unit that makes for good watching. A lone 19-7 loss to Maquoketa mars their record as they have romped to victories of 20-0 over Manchester, 35-19 over Anamosa, and 21-0 against Monticello.

## Varsity Lacks Scoring Power

By Sam Begley

The varsity football team has lost its last four games, being shutout three times. Losses were to Manchester 3-0, Maquoketa 13-0, Anamosa 20-0, Monticello 33-7. One of the biggest downfalls was the amount of offensive mistakes. Although defense has been excellent, the offensive team hasn't been able to score. Their WaMac record is 1-5, and overall season is 1-5-1. Outstanding linemen have recently been Bob Hoke, Leo Benischek, Bruce Klink. Chuck Reilly has also done a solid job at tackle. Loss of team personnel, through injuries has hurt the Indians depth-wise. This will be a definite factor when Marion takes on league leading Tipton and C.R. rival, Prairie.

## Advertisements Thrill Audiences

With the advent of the "new" fall television season and the refreshing changes in programming that accompany it (First: comedies about young married couples, westerns, cops and robbers.), viewers long for those 2-minute breaks which, occurring every three minutes, liven up the otherwise dull schedule of shows.

Employing all known devices of the advertising industry, commercials are the pride and joy of the broadcasting world. Not even Batman's corn compares with the Jolly Green Giant's. For comedy, nothing beats the housewife scurrying up the stairs in hot pursuit of her dishwashing liquid.

Often two commercials in sequence compliment each other, for example, hubby complains about his new bride's coffee or turpentine or whatever it is and feeds it to the sink. Enter some lady with a Swedish accent, who just happens to have a two pound can of Folger's in her purse. All returns to normal.

Next crisis: the coffee stained the sink. Josephine, plumber and second heroine of our story, whips out Comet and astonishes onlookers.

Changing stations in the middle of commercials can be even better. "The new Dream Whip is-----Stronger than dirt!" "Captain Crunch-----left his whole family-----with the miracle plastic coating on the-----breakfast of champions."

Taken from Student Press Bulletin

## SECOND SEMESTER SLATED FOR START OF SPEECH

Although speech doesn't really get started until after Christmas, things have started moving in preparation for the second semester activities. Three students accompanied by Mrs. Wright, attended a speech clinic at Iowa City, Saturday, November 2. Highlighting the year will be the WaMac Speech Contest, to be held in early February at Vinton. The contest is attended by many students in all eight WaMac schools.

## Corrupt Politics?

A great judge once said that Americans will always have just as good a government as they deserve. If the people are resigned to their government, it will become corrupt.

Many Americans are resigned to the political world. It is corrupt. The administration is corrupt. Congress is corrupt. The courts are corrupt. The parties are corrupt.

So what if politics are corrupt? Man does not renounce his membership in the world because it is corrupt, and he must not renounce his part in politics for such a reason, either.

Have you said, "I'm not taking a political stand this year. Each candidate is equally corrupt."?

Support your party. If you don't have a party, get one. If you don't like any of them, start a new one.

This is not wishful thinking, nor is it impossible. It is your right as a human being. It is your duty as a free citizen.

The man who only complains of dirty politics is only making them worse.

## History Through Pictures

by Jean Jacobson

Have you ever wondered what General Grant or any of our Civil War horses looked like? Well, now you can see these men as they actually were. An interesting book our school library has recently acquired has photographs of many of these famous men. The book, entitled Mathew Brady, was written and compiled by James and Gertrude Horan.

The book was made possible by Mathew Brady, one of the first war-time photographers. Through his camera, which was then a new creation, he captured thought-provoking scenes of the great battles and many portraits besides. In addition to the pictures, James Horan has also included many pertinent and interesting facts dealing with the history of photography, the Civil War Years, and the Post-War Years. Mathew Brady is truly a book that shows history as it was made.

Another book that can be found in the school library that follows along the same lines is Immortals of the Screen. Compiled and edited by Ray Stuart, this book provides pictures and life histories of the past Hollywood greats from the era of Rudolph Valentino through Marilyn Monroe.

## School Calendar

Nov. 7 FB, Prairie, 6:30 PM, (T)  
Nov. 20 Champion Highway Program  
Nov. 22 Wrestling, University High, Iowa City, (T)  
Nov. 26 BB, Linn-Mar, 6:30 PM, (T)

Nov. 28-29 Thanksgiving vacation  
Nov. 30 BB, LaSalle, 9:30 AM, J.V., (H)  
Dec. 3 WR, Linn-Mar Invitational, 9:00 AM, (T)  
Dec. 5 BB, Tipton, 6:30 PM, (H)  
WR, Benton Community 6:30 PM, (H)