

the VOX

Marion High School

Marion, Iowa

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Marion Band Performs At Iowa Fair

Sunday, August 25, Marion band members arose from their beds into the chill of the brisk morning air. Slowly, as they fought off the urge to crawl back into bed, they prepared themselves for the big day.

Upon reaching school, they climbed into the buses, ladden with their trusty instruments and music. Around eight o'clock, the two loaded buses jerked out of the school grounds--their destination three hours away. After a period of time the machines (called buses) carried them safely thru the wire gates of the State Fair!

All eyes immediately turned toward the windows. There, just inside the gate to greet them, was a magnificent house; one equipped with many of the ultra-modern conveniences that science has to offer. Across the road was the main attraction, the rides, including two double Ferris wheels. Further down the road were the many exhibit halls and the scores of FOOD stands.

The first concert was in the morning. A barbershop quartet and a choir were before us. The director announced that their next number would be the Lord's Prayer plus three or four more.

The Marion band was then allowed to perform. Some of the songs played were: Selections from "The Happiest Million-

naire" and "I Do, I Do"; "The Gallant Seventh", "Totem Pole", "Escapade", and "South Rampart Street Parade".

After performing, the members of the band were allowed to do what they wanted until the next concert in the afternoon.

Most spent this time exploring the grounds, riding the rides, and watching the stock car races. Some members also indulged in eating while they were seeing the sights. (It was told that one of the 2nd lieutenants had four corn dogs, along with other delicacies.)

After the afternoon concert, the next big event was the 250 lap stock car race. Although the band concerts were meant to be the major events of the day, many felt this race was the most thrilling happening of all. For those who sat down in front, it was terrific. The tremendous roar of the engines and the accelerated speed literally shook the earth. To add to the excitement, it seemed as though they could actually feel the tension of the drivers and the crews.

After the race, all member of the valiant, but weary Marion band had to drag themselves to the buses, if, for no other reason, from exhaustion. As they left the fair grounds they were treated to a beautiful display of fireworks. What a grand way to end a wonderful day!

Spanish Club Tours Mexico

Towering skyscrapers and bright lights, encompassed by ancient monuments, Indian folklore, an old way of life meshed with a new--this was the setting, Mexico City, where twenty-two members of the MHS Spanish Club found themselves this summer.

This group, chaperoned by their teacher, Mrs. Fenwick, left for their vacation land at 2:00 a.m., July 30. They arrived in San Antonio by Plane and then travelled on to the border where they boarded a Mexican train. Arriving in Mexico City, a bit weary but excited, the group immediately began taking in all the sights.

While in Mexico City, these twenty-two enthusiastic tourists attempted to visit all the major attractions of the old, historic city and the picturesque countryside surrounding it. Either by means of the crowded city buses or by foot, they managed to visit the beautiful floating gardens of Xochimilco, the famed Chapultepec Park, the ancient Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon, and the new Olympic stadiums still under construction. While viewing the sights, the students also tried to discover as much as possible about the people and their customs. Therefore, they enjoyed particularly the Mexican and African Ballets and participating in the bartering which is commonplace at the market of Toluca.

From Mexico City, the group also took a brief trip to the coastal resort city of Acapulco.

As might be expected, there were also a few unexpected events that the group experienced. Most startling of all, perhaps, was an earthquake which shook Mexico City early one morning. Fortunately, none of the group was injured, in fact, one even managed to sleep through it. One other custom which they tried to adapt to was the unusual eating schedule: breakfast at 11:00, lunch at 3:00, and dinner at 9:00.

According to Mrs. Fenwick, the highlight of the trip was travelling on the Mexican train. This allowed the young people to see the native people as they truly are and to get a taste of their way of life.

The group returned to Marion by plane on August 15. However, they returned with more than they started, not only in terms of souvenirs, but also with a little more knowledge about a proud people and a proud country.

Marion High Enrollment At 492 Mark

The Marion High School halls will be filled this year with more students than it ever has in the past. The total enrollment at the time the Vox went to print was 492. The enrollments in the respective classes is: 160 seniors, 153 juniors, and 172 sophomores.

With the prospect of even more students expected for the upcoming year, a new addition is now being added to the high school to accomodate these students. For the present year, however, we will just have to take it a little slower when we pass from the class to class.

Food Preserving Scheduled For Home Ec. Project

The Home Economics Department is already busy this year in getting acquainted with the laboratory and setting up their study schedule. Their first unit will be Food Preservation: pickling, and the canning of tomatoes and fruit.

To aid the students in their homemaking, the department has received a new major appliance, a new refrigerator. Mix sets, coffee servers, and table cloths for attractive displays are among the other equipment which has been obtained. Several interesting text books were also purchased to aid in studying. These are The New Foods Text, Family Living, and Child development.

It sounds like these new materials should make this year a very rewarding one for the Home Economics girls.

Welcome, New Teachers

A warm welcome to the teachers who are new to our faculty this school year! Mr. Les Dollinger
Mrs. Ruth Henderson
Miss Lynn Larson
Mrs. Judith Swanson
Mrs. Barbara Thompson

In our next issue we hope to bring you some interesting facts about these teachers and possibly some of their "likes and dislikes", hobbies, and opinions.

School Library Gets New Books & Looks

The library is now the place to go. During the past summer, our library has received about 1,000 new books, ten new magazines, and one new newspaper. It seems like a large amount, but it is something Marion High School has needed for a long time.

For all of you who will be doing research of some type, there are reference books to satisfy every student's needs. These include: a new set of Encyclopedia Americana, Science books, books about American slang, and many more.

Most of us like to read for enjoyment at one time or another, and the library has a selection that will astound you. It now carries books which vary from well-known classics to Rock and Roll, from the point of reality to the realm of fiction.

One example of the quality of books is a book entitled Soul on Ice by Eldridge Cleaver. The author is a black man who has lived in three California prisons: San Quentin, Folsom, and Soledad. In this book, Soul on Ice, he expresses the forces which shaped his life and which are currently molding our nations destiny. This is a very frank book about the race problems and is well worth reading.

The magazine department seems to be quite popular with the students, and with the new magazines it should attract even more attention. Among the ten new magazines is the Readers Digest in Spanish. Besides receiving books, the library has also acquired a new look. The installation of new equipment gives a more modern appearance to it, and the added equipment will also aid the students in finding needed information. The library has changed immensely. So stop by, look around, and most of all read!

Hanging on the west wall of the library you will see an oil painting of a fish. It was done by a local artist, Maria Gerstman of Marion. This painting is dedicated to the memory of Pam Chesley and Kathy Maier by students, faculty, and friends.

TO LARS HEIKENSTEN ----
our A.F.S. student ----
A star-spangled WELCOME!

Watch the next issue to learn more of Lars and Sweden.

Vox Staff Sets Record For First Issue

The members of the Vox Staff have worked diligently to put the first issue of the Vox in your hands as soon as possible.

By no means have we been able to cover all the events which have happened since last Spring, but we hope this issue will bring you up to date on a few of them. Be watching for our next edition for more complete coverage of all the news. We hope you will enjoy the Vox this year, and, if you have suggestions or comments concerning the Vox, we would appreciate hearing them.

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Improved Season Is Goal Set For Indians

The Marion football team this year is looking forward to an improved season over last year. Although the Indians will be lacking overall size and the talents of last years stars, depth will be the most experienced of the linemen with two lettering seasons behind him. Alongside him in the line will be Scott Skilling, Nick Oakley, Ed Hutchins, and Bruce Klink. A couple of juniors will have to be brought in for depth purposes and likely prospects are Dallas Courtney and Chuck Reilly.

A few position battles will be waging during the beginning of the season. Kevin Schott and Jim Meagers are battling for the quarterback spot, while Ed Hutchins and Bob Schuster fight for center. Prospects in the backfield are Al Risk, Greg Morris, Stu Ciba, and John Parks. A strong sophomore squad is expected to add a great deal to the bench.

The Indians although they have good potential, most of the forerunners of the squad are inexperienced. Lack of experience is usually a big detriment, but you can count on the Indians to really make a go of it. So let's get behind our team and given them all the support we can!

Cheerleaders

During the summer, three of Marion's varsity cheerleaders travelled to Minnesota to attend an action-packed week of camp.

The three girls, Dorothy Sebern, Jo Ann Batchelder, and Becky Armstrong were among 350 girls who attended camp Gutavus Adolphus in St. Peters. The purpose of the camp, which lasted from August 19-24, was to acquaint these girls with new cheers and chants and, most of all, to give them new ideas to carry back to their schools.

A typical day included classes in tumbling, matched cheers, group cheers, and pom-poms. All of the girls also participated in competition day where our girls drew fourth place. The girls said that the camp was a lot of fun, but, most of all, they hope the ideas they brought back with them will help to make Marion's rookie Pep Club a big success.



WANTED - STUDENTS

Are you one who would like to have a voice in the affairs of your school? The VOX staff is looking for reporters from all three classes who have a flair for imaginative, informative writing. No newspaper experience necessary. If you are interested, contact Mrs. Studman TODAY, room 14.

SPORTS--Additional writer needed. Guarantees on-the-job fun.

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FEATURES--Imaginative writers needed who can entertain readers.

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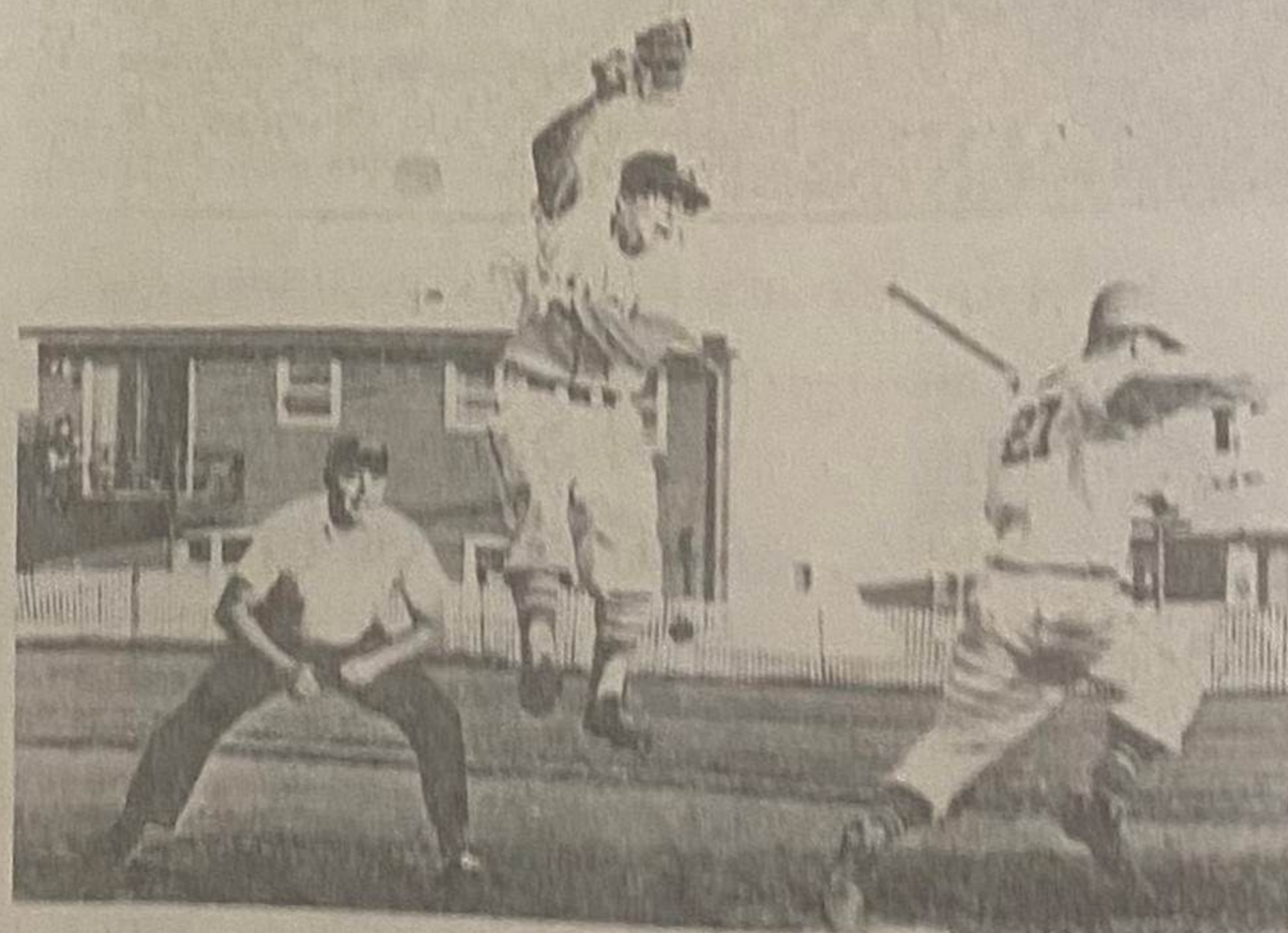
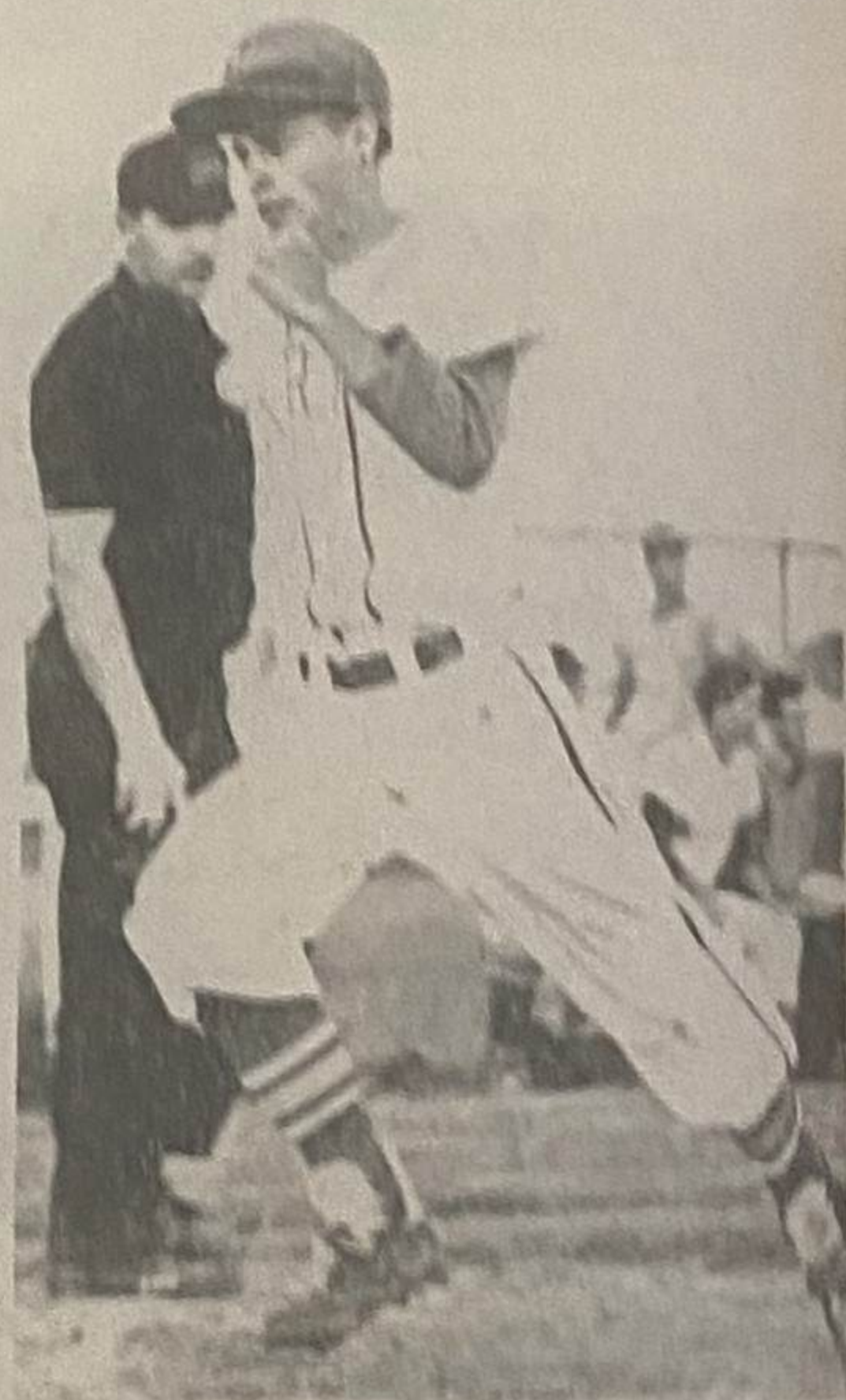
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Baseball Team Ends With 10-8 Season

The Marion Indians baseball team finished its season with a very respectable overall record of 10-8. In tournament play the Indians topped Linn-Mar and Springfield before falling to Washington High School 13-0. George Davidson led the team in hitting, while Gary Tucker was the top pitcher. Marion had hoped for a Wamaw championship, but a midseason slump prevented them from topping an excellent Independence team.

The sophomore squad closed the season 4-5. Mike Walker led the team in hitting, while Rod Jensen came through as the most successful pitcher. The team really improved their 9-12 record of a year ago.

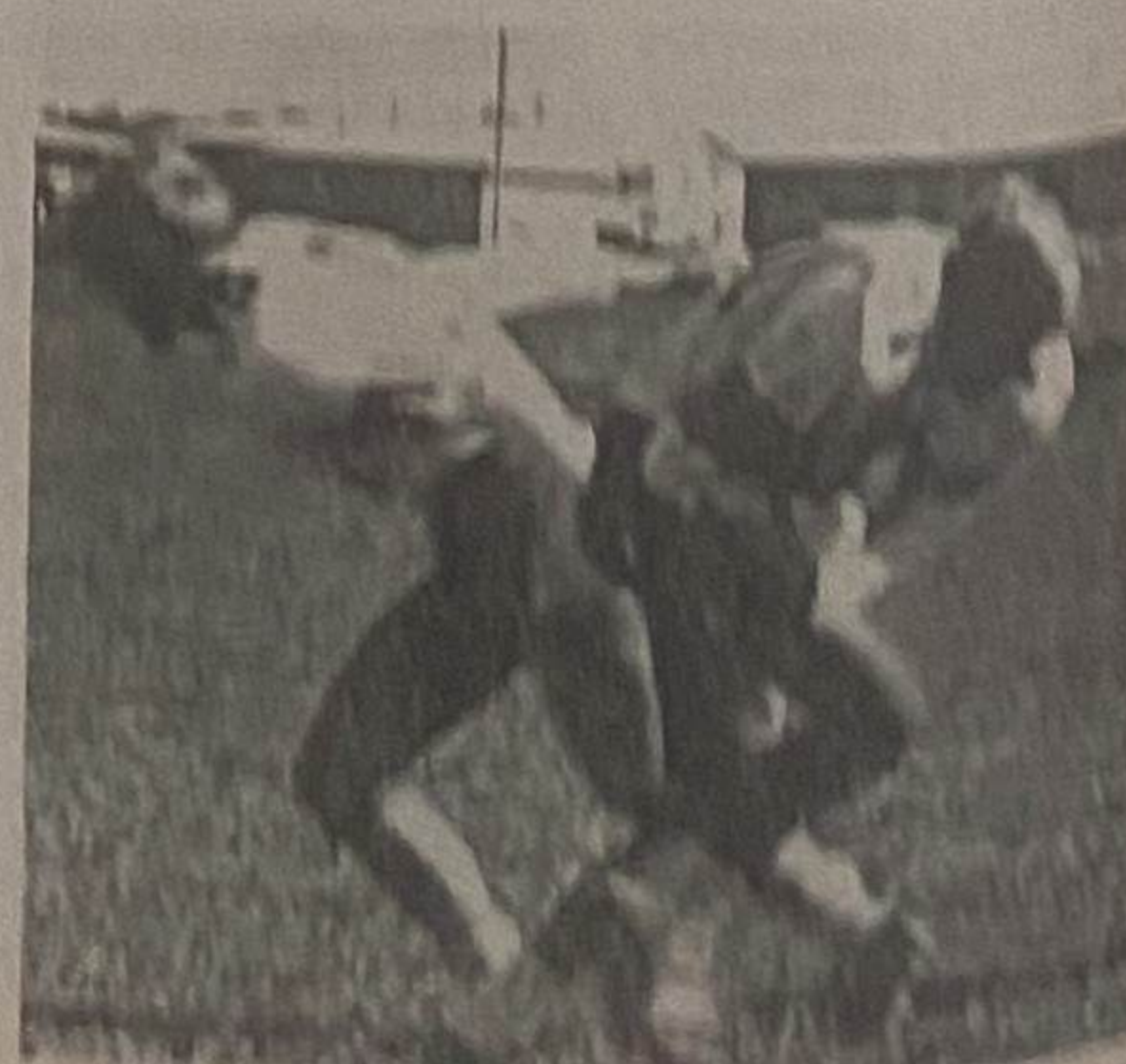
The upcoming varsity team will be missing several good men next season including George Davidson, Chuck Mullen, Greg Topp, and Coach Woodson, but they can look forward to having nearly all of their starters return.



What Would You Do? ?

Imagine you had an account in an unusual bank, a bank that credited \$24,000 to your account every morning. The only drawback with this arrangement is that the bank would not allow you to keep any cash in your account; any portion of the money that you failed to use during the day would be withdrawn from your account. Now, what would you do? Why, spend every cent of it, of course!

Well, you do have such a bank, and its name is TIME. At the beginning of every day of school it gives you 24,000 seconds to invest as you wish, and every night it cancels out as lost any time which you have failed to use for good purpose. For TIME doesn't allow you to carry a balance; any second wasted is your own loss. There is no turning back and no drawing against tomorrow. So invest your seconds wisely by making every day count. NOW WELL YOU ENJOY THE FUTURE MAY DEPEND UPON IT!



Write for the VOX Diane L. does.

