

MARION HIGH SCHOOL

"Bits And Pieces"

THANKS FOR OUR NEW TITLE DESIGN GOES TO PAUL SCHUPANITZ.

An optimist looks at day as the presence of light; a pessimist looks at it as the absence of dark.

"Rebel Without Cause" A Success

Have you ever identified yourself with a school play before? Perhaps the believable plot of "Rebel Without a Cause" made it a success on the nights of Friday, Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 14. Or perhaps it was because at 7:45 p.m. you viewed Jan Renfer as Judy and Dennis Fish as Jim, in the leading roles. These aspects, combined with a hardworking cast and crew and directed by Mrs. Hulin and Mrs. Stack, found most of the audience relating to one or more personalities in this drama. I think it can be said that this was a very interesting, entertaining, and thought-provoking presentation.

By Jana Grady

One Act Plays Sponsored By Forensic League

Casts have been announced for the one-act play and the duet-acting play to be sponsored by the Forensic League for the Iowa High School Speech Association contests January 23. Mrs. Swinton will direct these plays, assisted by experienced student directors for each play.

THREE ON A BENCH (one-act comedy) by Doris Estrada. Cast: Officer Callahan, Dave White; Mrs. Moore, Diane Ward; Betty, Julie Clark; Harry, Bob Hemming. Student Directors: Mary Lee Carr and Lance Alexander. Stage Manager: Steve Mullenix.

HELLO, OUT THERE (duet-acting drama) by William Saroyan. Cast: Young Man, Matt Terronez; Emily, Denise Bennett. Student Director: Dennis Fish.

Tryouts for the play-reading, THE BALD SOPRANO by Eugene Ionesco will be held soon. Plans are also being made for a choral reading group. Both events will be held on January 23rd also.

Marion Hi Chorus Presents Christmas Vespers

With the Christmas season right around the corner, the Marion High Chorus brings the feeling of Christmas spirit into the air. Since the first of October the Chorus worked hard on the Christmas songs that were presented at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 6, at our annual Christmas vespers, in the school auditorium.

The Special Choir, Mixed Chorus, and Girl's Glee sang Christmas selections such as "Praise to the Lord," "Little Drummer Boy," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and many others to celebrate this Christmas season. The Choirs sang "Joy to the World" to start the service and closed with the choir singing "Silent Night" with the special group echoing. To end the service the special group sang a benediction, "The Lord Bless you and Keep you." Through the combined efforts of both the Chorus and Mrs. Hulin, the Christmas Vespers inspired the audience.

The Marion High School Chorus has been asked to sing Christmas carols in the Marion town square on Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The Christmas season would never be the same without our Chorus. A big thank you goes out to all those that made the Christmas Vespers possible.

Model U.N. Members Attend District Meeting

Three members of the Model U.N., Julie Taylor, Sue Lane, and Bob Hemming, attended a district meeting at Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids on Nov. 21 and were given an indication of the topics to be discussed at the spring meeting at Cedar Falls. The topics are as follows: Peacekeeping, Mid-East, Chinese Representation, Rhodesia, Portuguese Territories, Palestinian Refugees, Irish Question, and World Ecology.

The group is awaiting confirmation of the topics and is currently preparing to defend its position representing Israel.

Summer In Foreign Country? Check American Field Service (AFS)

By Debbie Olson

If you are interested in spending a summer in a foreign country, be sure to check into the American Field Service (AFS) Americans Abroad Program. This program provides an opportunity for American students to go abroad, attend school and live with families for a summer of a school year. Students live with families in the foreign country and share their day-to-day life. The host families accept the AFS students into their homes voluntarily; they are not paid for this. Secondary schools take part in this program, representing a diversity of philosophy of education and methods of teaching.

American students who want to qualify must commit themselves to an intensive language study, as fluency will have a direct bearing on how well they will be able to get to know the people and how well they will be able to get to know the people and how deep below the surface their experience will extend. AFS invites students of all racial, religious and economic backgrounds to apply. Some basic requirements are: 1) a desire to go 2) a realistic understanding of what the Americans Abroad experience involves 3) willingness to abide by AFS rules and conditions 4) excellent health 5) general intelligence (at least a "C" average) 6) two years of a foreign language 7) quality of human understanding 8) maturity and self-discipline 9) adaptability to new situations

October 20 was the deadline for this year's application, but why not talk with the counselors about applying for next year? It would be challenging and exciting experience.

FFA Guest Speaker Steven Chambliss

Mr. Steven Chambliss, elementary guidance counselor at Linn-Mar, was the guest speaker for their November meeting.

Shirley Blockhus and Rhonda Carmichael were the guest speakers for the December meeting. They talked about their experiences while living abroad this past summer. Both of them took part in "Experiment in International Living."

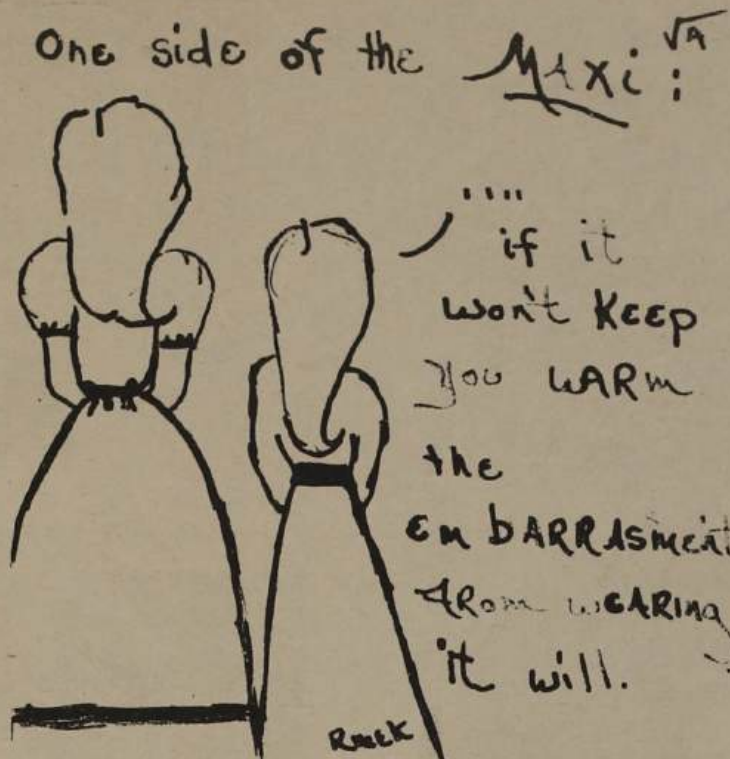
FTA's service project this year is writing letters to the President of North Vietnam. Students are encouraged to write letters asking for better treatment of war prisoners. The student will then give the letter to the FTA's, who will finance the postage. All students are encouraged to write letters for this could be one step closer to peace.

One more thing! Anyone wishing to join FTA may still do so.

FBLA GIVE PARTY FOR LIDIA TOKUDA

For their November meeting FBLA had a surprise birthday party for Lidia Tokuda, AFS student from Peru. Games were played and refreshments were served.

FBLA's December meeting was a potluck for the members, their mother, and former graduate members of the club. Approximately thirty people attended.



Debate Squad Sponsors Pollution Program

The Marion High Debate Squad sponsored a WAMAC student senate on pollution Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 5 - 8 p.m. Two bills by MHS students, Larry McPherson and Dale Folkers, were passed. Larry and Dale were also named "outstanding student senators." Other MHS debaters participating were Dee Feddern, Michelle Klink, Rich Delp, Becky Downey, Debbie Vinson, Gary Hoag, and Ken Walton.

First Sewing Projects Completed In Home Ec.

Textiles and Clothing class are finishing their first sewing projects. Many knits (it is a very popular material) are being made into pantsuits.

Boys' Home Economics can now take out stains and wash clothes. The class members made pumpkin bread before Thanksgiving vacation and will learn to make pizzas. They're finding out what's nutritional for them!

Advanced Foods had a lovely Thanksgiving dinner as a class project. All 25 students ate. But after a field trip to Wilson's Sinclair Packing House Dec. 2, they were a little startled and not able to eat lunch. They're currently planning a Christmas Tea.

Home Economics 1 is learning to read hang-tags and to know fabrics and fibers so they will be better buyers when shopping for material and patterns for their first sewing projects. They now know what colors, lines, and designs can do for them.

Practical Homemaking just finished learning about fibers and will begin sewing.

On Dec. 1 all senior girls taking Home Economics took the Betty Crocker test: Search for Tomorrow's Homemaker. This determines the Marion Homemaker.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE VOX STAFF



Gary Hoag Iowa Forensic 3rd Place Winner



At the Iowa Forensic Contest on Dec. 5, Gary Hoag took his Original Oration through semi-finals and finals and gained a 3rd place rating in the field.

Others participating in the contest were the following: In dramatic interpretation-Elizabeth Frye and Debbie Melchers; in Extemporaneous - Ken Walton and Jill Hunt. Jill Hunt missed semi finals by 2 points.

Mary Lee Carr received an Award of Participation for qualifying for semi-finals at the October 31 contest at Iowa City.

On November 17, the Marion High School Debate Team hosted the WAMAC schools in a parliamentary debate on the environment. Four bills were considered; two of these were accepted. One bill was authored by Dale Folkers and the other by Larry McPherson, both from Marion.

Medical Career Members Tour Kirkwood

Medical Career members had an interesting and enjoyable tour through Kirkwood. Four members were able to go to St. Lukes on November 14.

Medical Career members and FBLA members have responsibilities over the concessions during the wrestling and basketball season. A meeting is to be held in the near future to discuss details on the managing of the concession stands.

Student Senate

The student senate recently took a poll on the student dress code. It was made up of four questions concerning girls wearing jeans, boys being allowed to go without socks, the wearing of beards, mustaches, and sideburns of any length, and wearing shorts during the fourth and first quarters. These were given to the student body, the teachers, and random sampling of parents chosen by taking an alphabetical list of the students and sending it to every sixth parent. The results are not known as yet.

Following the resignation of the present secretary, the senate held an election. Pam Wheeler will finish out the year as secretary.

A committee has been appointed to buy an artificial Christmas tree which will be placed in the lounge.

The senate will soon start to prepare plans for the Christmas assembly which will be held Tuesday, December 22.

Sports

Indian Cagers Rap Monti, Despite Nick's 34

Marion knocked off the Panthers despite the efforts of Mick Strittmatter, who scored 34 points for the losers.

Leading scorers for Marion were Mark Witte with 33 and Mike Coffman with 17.

Marion sophs were defeated by the Monticello Sophs with Mark Hess and Jeff Draeger leading the scoring with 21 and 10 respectively.

Marion Trips Tipton In Home Game 72-65

Marion beat Tipton at home before a very pleased home crowd, 72-65.

The leading scorers for Marion were Mike Coffman with 17 and Mark Witte also with 17.

Marion Sophs lost, with Mark Hess leading the scoring with 23 and Jeff Draeger with 16.

Indians Tip Linn-Mar On Mark Wittes Shot

As usual the Marion-Linn-Mar game was a tough-fought basketball game with the Marion Indians coming out victorious through a last second shot by Mark Witte that utterly stunned a very confident Linn-Mar crowd on their home court.

Leading scorers for Marion were Mark Witte with 15 and Mike Coffman with 12. The Marion Sophs also won, by the score of 70-53. Leaders in scoring for Marion were Jeff Draeger with 29 and Mark Hess with 13.

In J.V. action Marion won 67-53 with Mike Wood and Arlo Bailey leading the scoring with 19 points and 18 points respectively.

Indian Matmen Finish Fifth In Vinton Meet

The Marion wrestling team finished behind 4 teams Saturday to take 5th place in a field of 8 teams. South Tama took top honors with 67 points while Monticello and Manchester both tallied a score of 62 to tie for second. Then came Vinton with 55, Marion with 50, North Tama 39, Grundy Center 24, and Waterloo Orange 21.

Marion had two champions. At 105 lbs. Bob McCue took first place in a 7-1 decision over Rickles of Monticello, and at 185 lbs., Dan Borst won top honors by pinning Hulme of Grundy Center in 2:39.

Marion also had three 3rd place finishes. Tom Bowen at 112, Steve Kray at 132, and John Walton at Hwt.

Marion Grapplers Fourth In Linn-Mar Tourney

The Marion Grapplers racked up 53 team points to finish behind Kennedy, Prairie, and Linn-Mar in the 8 team tournament, which also included Anamosa, LaSalle, Independence, and Maquoketa Valley.

Marion had two champs in the tournament which was held Saturday, Nov. 28. Bob McCue at 105 lbs. and Dan Borst at 185 lbs. both took top honors.

Olson, Kray, Walton Get Falls Vs. Benton

The Marion wrestlers sounded a strong victory over Benton Community by the score of 38-7, with Jay Olson, Steve Kray, and John Walton all getting pins.

Other Marion winners were Glenn McCue, Carey Orness, Jeff Sorensen, Roger Bailey, and Dan Borst winning by points, Bob McCue winning by forfeit and Kevin Collins by a draw.

The Reserves won by the score of 37-11 with pins by Kevin Klopenstein, Rick Thomas, and Doug Meader.

BRA Program Begins With Volleyball Action

BRA is finally on the move. On Dec. 8, eight teams of six players each will begin competition for the volleyball championship.

Coach Hansen is in charge of this first section of the BRA program this year.

"ART Classes Hard At Work"



Art Club To Begin On January 4

By Lorna Kucera

I'd better tell you, there is no art club. At least there won't be until Monday, Jan. 4. On this day the club shall arise (from a lump of clay?) at 3:30 Monday afternoon, molded into an object of success by Mr. Pickering.

If you are interested in a piece of success, come! Anyone interested can join, the

only requirement being that you will provide your own materials. With possible field trips in the offing, this is your chance to gain Art experience without school scheduling.

GRA Girls

By Peg Bowen

As the girls walked off the court, Coach McLeod greeted them with "Our shooting was what hurt us. We had the chance; we just didn't make them. We have to hustle our bustle." The junior-senior Indians had just opened the season with a 33-6 loss.

The crowd became ecstatic upon seeing an Indian sink the first basket well into the second period. Twice more the Indian net was split before the buzzer sounded the end.

The referee took the usual vocal harassment with good grace, and although tempers rose, tongues were checked for the most part. The girls had little to say on the court, but cheered the others on from the bench. There was resistance from the scorekeeper on the replacement of certain players, but Coach got her way in the end.

The freshman-sophomore team fared no better, taking a 40-4 whomp in the first game. Coach commented that "They need to become more aggressive."

Prairie comes to Marion Monday, Dec. 7, and after two grueling practices Tues. and Wed., the Indians will be ready to take the Linn-Mar contest the 10th, at Linn-Mar.

There are nine other games in the offing, and Coach McLeod was heard to say, "We're looking forward to breaking 10."

Seven Inducted Into Lettermen's Club

The Letterman's Club has announced its initiates from the football season. They are as follows: Angelo Carrillo, Brad Kiburz, Jeff Sorenson, Max Christian-sen, Doug Wilson, Jeff Welch and Dwight Hogan. Congratulations!

And now a look at the fashion news. The Letterman's Club sweatshirts have finally arrived.

We Need Help

Pep Club held its last meeting on Tues., November 24. It was discussed whether or not people bought pep club cards just to get into the games free. It was felt that there wasn't enough spirit generated compared to the number of girls there are in pep club. Pep Club cards were taken away until further notification because no one was making signs for the games. All of the Pep Club members better get on the ball and start making signs if they want to start using their cards again. The cheerleaders don't have time to practice and make signs, too -- and they are the ones who still have to make the signs. Come on!

Fireside Chats

Our victim for this issue was Jerilyn Dee (Jerry) Morning. We abducted her from study hall and proceeded to give her the third degree.

Jerry was born in Monticello, Iowa, approximately 17 years hence. She was one of a set of twins, and between them, they weighed five pounds.

Jerry decided early in life that Monticello was not the place for her, and at the tender age of one week, persuaded her family that Marion would be a much healthier environment.

Jerry has 3 sisters and no brothers. She has one dog named Tobi, and used to have a dog named Mitzi. Her sisters are named Jacki, Jill and Janice. As a result of her mother being one fourth Chippewa Indian, Jerry is one eighth Indian.

As to her likes and dislikes, Jerry's favorite food is beef chow mein (?) and her most unfavorable food is sweet potatoes. Her favorite flicks were "Easy Rider", "MA-SH", and "Doctor Zhivago."

In her long history of world travel, (aside from her many journeys around the block), Jerry's favorite trip was a family trip out west last August. They visited Colorado, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Nebraska, South Dakota, and "whatever else is out there."

As soon as she graduates, she plans to go to Colorado, and either get a job or mooch off her sister and her husband.

Poinsettia, Native American Flower

Today a native American flower is sharing honors with holly, mistletoe, ivy, fir, and other oldtime favorites for holiday decorating. It is the poinsettia, which has nodded for centuries on sunny Mexican hillsides.

The first of these scarlet blossoms was brought to the United States in 1828 by Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, our first ambassador to Mexico. Although he had been extremely busy with his diplomatic duties, in addition to assisting the Mexican officials to draw up a constitution modeled upon ours, he had found time to study that country's flowers and trees. When the natives learned of his love for plants, they shared their favorites with him.

But of all the rare tropical varieties he saw, the scarlet "fire plant" caught his fancy. He found it everywhere in great masses of color -- on the hillsides, along the roadsides, armsful for sale in the markets, and as decoration in homes and churches. The rich and poor alike loved the bright-colored blossoms. They told many interesting legends about it. One favorite was that a poor little Mexican boy had no gift to bring to the Christ Child at the midnight service. He had knelt outside the church window, however, where he could hear the organ music. When he rose to his feet, he found a beautiful red blossom growing on the spot where he had knelt to pray. He reverently picked it and carried it into the church as his gift.

OBITUARIES

Mortuary Column

I would like to thank a certain number of students (and teacher) who sympathized with me in my hour of need. The death of my pet, Dave, has been a great loss to all of us, I'm sure.

The funeral was held Wednesday, the 9th of December at 20 minutes to ten in the class room of Mrs. Swinton.

Letter To The Editor

In the November 12 issue of the Vox there was a Letter to the Editor concerning the Mini-16 theaters which have been seeking licenses to open throughout Iowa. I, for one, am deeply concerned with this problem. Personally, I am against the showing of such films, but I also believe that the various city governments have no right to prohibit the opening of a business or to restrict the material which people shall be allowed to view.

At the age of 18, people are legally entitled to attend such theaters if they wish. If people wish to spend their money in such a manner, I see no reason to stop them.

As an American, I have always been proud of our freedom of expression and our personal liberties. The choice of theater going and the choice of viewing material should be left to the people who want to attend, not to the government. Terry Buhr