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M. C. H. S. Adopts Economy Program

Measures Taken to Decrease Light Bill

The teachers and pupils of our High school have resolved to economize in every possible way to cut down on the cost of lighting and the entire electric bill.

It must be understood that the cost of electricity consumed must of a necessity be a great deal because our heating system, the stoker, lighting system, irons and stoves used in home economics course, and electric clocks, all are run by means of electricity.

However, we feel that we can reduce the amount of electricity consumed in lighting. Four large lights, in both the upper and lower halls, have been shut off. Teachers are going to take full advantage of all natural sunlight; pupils and teachers are going to turn lights on only when absolutely necessary and turn them off again as soon as they are through with them. In this way no unnecessary electricity will be consumed.

We are continuing our extra-curricular activities, but shall use as small a number of lights as possible. The plan is expected to bring forth good results. However, it must be understood that this drive which is being made to reduce electricity costs, does not mean that there has been a wastage of electricity. It merely means that the people of M. C. H. S. are determined to lessen costs and are going to limit themselves in their use of electricity for lighting.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

The student body on December 14, sang Christmas carols under the leadership of Miss Ferree.

We all greatly enjoyed singing in a body and always welcome the opportunity. The song "Jingle Bells" seemed to be the one most enjoyed by the students. Even the most bashful of the boys piped out with the chorus of this "jingle" song. Since it is now getting toward Christmas this was a very appropriate and fitting program.

13 WIN IN CERRO GORDO CORN, POULTRY SHOW

Seventeen members of the Agriculture class had entries in the section 11 Corn and Poultry show at Cerro Gordo Wednesday and Thursday of last week and 13 came home with prizes. Although we do not know as yet how we ranked with the other 15 schools in this section we are confident that we rank high and we know our showing was very good.

The class totaled \$70 in prizes with 41 entries.

TO OUR ADVERTISERS

The success of the Blue and Gold depends a great deal upon our advertisers. It is therefore the duty of the students to patronize them whenever it is convenient to do so. This is one way in which we can show our appreciation for the ready co-operation of both the local and out-of-town merchants. The staff and the school take this opportunity to wish all our advertisers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



SENIORS TO GIVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A play, "Christmas at the Settlement" will be given by the Seniors on Friday, December 23, for the Assembly Program. The plot centers around the Forrest family which is made up of two college children, Joan and Bob, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest, Willie Forrest (the kid brother), and Mandy, (the negro cook.) Bill Brady (Joan's boy friend,) Elizabeth Smith, (Willie's girl friend) Mr. Goldwing, (the invalid uncle,) Dolores and Dick, (special friends of Bill and Joan,) and the Finnegan family, are also important characters. And old Uncle's canary! We just couldn't forget him!

This play was written by Doris Pride and Evelyn Dash and is a good piece of work for amateurs. The material is not all original as plans for some of the characters were taken from several play books, but the greater part of the play is original matter. The Seniors, under the direction of the two writers of the play, Mr. Norton, are practicing with "Wim, Wigor and Witality" in order to give the students a happy program, which is to be given during the fourth hour, as the students will be dismissed for holidays at noon.

INTERESTING PROGRAM FOR CIVICS AND HISTORY CLASS

Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 the Civics class was entertained in the laboratory with cartoons flashed on the screen. These cartoons were about taxes, the depression, the beer question, war debts, and other political topics and were therefore interesting current news for the class. From 7:30 to 8:30 the American history class was entertained with pictures dealing with history. Mr. Keyes also showed and explained pictures he took on his western trip and showed motion pictures of his trip to Florida. The students enjoyed the entire program and are planning to have one every few weeks.

STUDENT COUNCIL TO GIVE CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Student Council has decided to give Christmas baskets to the needy this year. All students will cooperate in this project by bringing food to fill the baskets. Eight or nine baskets have been set as the goal to be accomplished.

All students are urged to cooperate in making the Christmas Day a happy one for all.

The debating club is progressing at a fair speed now. They have twenty-five members and are now divided into three different groups, each debating on a subject. The three subjects are: Resolved: The Philippine Islands should be given their independence. 2. Resolved: The Lame Duck session of congress should be abolished. 3. Resolved: The President of the United States should be elected for one term of six years.

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 20—Blue and Gold comes out.
- Dec. 23—Basketball, Warrensburg, here.
- Dec. 23—Assembly program by Mr. Norton's home room.
- Dec. 23—Christmas vacation begins at noon.
- Jan. 2—Christmas vacation ends.
- Jan. 6, 7—Macon county tournament, here.
- Jan. 11—Assembly program by English III class.
- Jan. 13—Basketball, Macon, there.
- Jan. 18—Assembly program by Radio club.
- Jan. 21—Basketball, St. Teresa, here.
- Jan. 24—Basketball, Lovington, there.
- Jan. 24, 25—Final examinations.
- Jan. 27—Basketball, Niantic, here.
- Jan. 27—End of semester.

DEBATES IN PROGRESS

The Macon affirmative team came to Maroa Monday evening, December 5, to compete with our negative team and our affirmative debated at Argenta against Argenta's negative team.

The question for debate was: Resolved that the several states should enact legislation providing for compulsory unemployment insurance.

The debate here was attended by a good sized crowd. Doris Pride acted as chairman, Mr. Norton as time-keeper and Mr. Lewis as judge. The decision for the debate held here was 123-122 in favor of Macon, while our affirmative team won at Argenta with a score of 105½-80.

The negative team of Maroa is composed of Jane Troxell, Dorothy Wilkoff and Maxine Smart; on our affirmative team are Mary Alice McGuire, Harriet Bunner, and Mary Louise Coulter.

These debates are educational as well as interesting and the students will find it to their advantage to attend. We would like to see some of you students at the debates.

SOPHOMORES GIVE PLAYS FOR P. T. A.

The Sophomore class of M. C. H. S. gave two plays on Thursday, December 15, as entertainment for the P. T. A.

The names of these plays were "A Modern Christmas," written by Junior Waller and, "Mandy as a Maid," written by Betty Adams. Both plays were greatly enjoyed by all present and the parts of the cast were taken by members of the class.

MAROA AGAIN LOSES TO MACON

The Maroa negative team again lost to Macon in a return debate Thursday, December 15. This debate was held at Macon and the score was 138 to 119.

CANTATA PRESENTED BY GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

"Our Glorious King" was given by the Girl's Glee Club Sunday, December 18, at o'clock at the High School Gym. This service was a candle light and vesper service and was very effective and beautiful.

The solo parts of the cantata were taken by Catherine Berry, Evelyn Bales, Geraldine Hill. A duet was given by Alice Jeanette Parker and Ruth Austin.

Sopranos in the club are Pauline Braden, Harriett Bunner, Mary Louise Coulter, Geraldine Hill, Marcella Higdon, Dorothy Mott, Ieene Pride, Harriett Pollock, Jane Troxell, Dorothy Wilkoff, Helen Wilkoff, Helen Dean, Wanda Mariatt, and Jeanette Parker. Altos in the club are Leota Austin, Betty Adams, Evelyn Bales, Catherine Berry, Doris Carney, Maxine Groves, Mildred Hobkirck, Betty Potter, Dorothy McGuire, Edith Streich, and Wilma Shoemaker.

The cantata was directed by Miss Ferree and was a great success.

WHERE THE TEACHERS WILL SPEND THEIR CHRISTMAS VACATIONS

Miss Flugum reports she will spend hers at home. Upon inquiring where her home was it was found she lived at Stoughton, Wis.

Miss Ferree says she will spend her at home too, but she tells us she lives at Gansport, Ind.

Miss Hallford at Deatur.

Miss Garrison at her home in White Hall, Ill.

Mr. Norton at Maroa, with the exception of Christmas day, which he will spend with his folks at Campaign, Ill.

Mr. Keyes says he will spend his at Rockford, Ill.

Mr. Menke said emphatically that he would spend his right here in Maroa. He said this so emphatically that we wonder what the rest of his family thinks.

Mr. Wolfe reported one night on the way home from school that he didn't know where he was going to spend his, but he hoped it was some place warm.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

The Blue and Gold Staff of M. C. H. S. is taking this opportunity to wish every student and teacher in Maroa High School a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We hope you enjoy your Christmas vacation and also your Blue and Gold.

Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors,
We solicit aid from you.
We are anxious for your items
And we want your money, too.

There is strength in union always;
And as every one should feel
Greater interest in our paper,
Put your shoulder to the wheel.

—Miss Ferree.

Hi-Y to Sponsor Community Movies

Club Will Not Try to Make Profit

The Hi-Y Club, part of the Young Men's Christian Association, will sponsor a series of motion pictures at Maroa Opera House. The purpose of the sponsorship by the Hi-Y is to provide the community again with a good place of amusement and recreation.

Here is an important part of this preliminary announcement. It is not to be a commercial undertaking for profit. The club wishes to give the picture program at cost! The small admission price of ten cents will be used to cover the expenses of putting on the picture. If any surplus can be accumulated, it will be used to better the shows. Items such as music, assistants at the show, etc; will be donated. Other expenses such as theatre rental, film rental, operating charges, and advertising will be paid out of the receipts. This will make the show a community project operated at cost.

The support of the community is earnestly solicited for this attempt to keep in Maroa a good wholesome place of entertainment, to keep the town alive and the young folks home. Let's boost this fine project of the Hi-Y and make it go over with a bang.

The Hi-Y Code is:

- Clean Scholarship
- Clean Thinking
- Clean Sports
- Clean Speech

WHAT THE OTHER SCHOOLS ARE DOING

The Junior class of Kenney High chose their class rings recently. Most of the class selected the duotone which is a combination of ten carat gold and silver. They are now waiting for the shipment and delivery.

I wonder if the Junior class had as good taste in selecting their rings as M. C. H. S. did? Perhaps!!

Pupils Pantagraph, Kenney, Ill.

Baseball honors were presented by the coach at Metamore High school. Three men received letters, seven stripes and two high honor awards. M. C. H. S. doesn't play baseball but we congratulate those who secured honors through work in this sport.

Metamore High School.

Monmouth has 19 games scheduled for the basketball season. Several dates are as yet open. There's a chance for some big victories in so great a number of games for Monmouth. Come on Monmouth!!

The Clipper, Monmouth, Ill.

The Manual Training High School, Peoria also chooses a mystery play, "Remote Control." It was given by the Speech Club.

The Camera Club of Manual High, hiked to Rocky Glen, November 25 to take some pictures.

The Manual, Peoria, Ill.

The students of M. C. H. S. enjoyed a scene from a modern business office on November 17, when the Business Science class presented a play in assembly program.

The Home Economics club is enjoying a new recreation hour after every other meeting.

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Editorial

WELCOME, 1933

Few of us are sorry to see the old year pass. It has been a trying year, a year of hardships to all. Few pupils or otherwise, have escaped its evil effects.

Perhaps parents have lost their positions or have had their salaries cut. Perhaps a sister or brother, who used to add to the family income, has had to come home,—out of work! Perhaps the family money has been lost through bank failures. Perhaps stocks in which the family's hard earned capital had been invested, have become valueless. Perhaps the parents are farmers with their little or no incomes.

Even if none of these things are true, there has always been that nameless fear that something would happen, that no one could possibly escape without suffering some hardship.

1933, however, offers a more cheerful prospect. This is true of every new year, but it is particularly true of 1933, more so, at any rate, than has been the case for the last two or three years.

We have a new President-elect in whom people seem to have the utmost confidence, as shown by the result of the last elections. The bank failures seem to have been definitely checked, so, once more, with a feeling of more or less security, we dare to deposit what little money we have. Further, by all the economic laws, the worst period of the depression should be over, and the next year should show the beginning of a slow but sure economic recovery.

And so we say, "Welcome, 1933."

—Miss Flugum

TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

As Christmas approaches we find ourselves pondering over the question, "What is Christmas?" Is it a time to eat, drink, and be merry—or is it a time to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child? Is it a time during which we should take pleasure in receiving or in giving?

Let us look back through the years. Was it not on this day, many years ago, that God made His great sacrifice and gave His only Son? If He could be so generous, cannot we be generous, too? Surely we can give some portion of our wealth, be it ever so small, when He so willingly gave His all.

Let us follow His shining example and keep some one else happy. Give something, whatever you can, and you will find yourself richer for the giving. After all, real happiness is gained only by making others happy.

Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

—Doris Pride, '33.

DID YOU KNOW

From century to century people in general have believed that the twenty-fifth of December was the anniversary of the birthday of Christ. It has been learned that Jesus of Nazareth was born in the month of October rather than in December. "Then why," do you ask, "do we celebrate Christmas as we do?"

In the time of Christian persecution the Roman slaves were given only one day a year as a free day, a day to spend as they might wish. And how did they spend it—in revelry and amusement? No they bowed down in prayer and thanks giving to God for sustenance throughout the year. In this way they kept alive the ideal of Christian worship. Is it not fitting that we follow their example to set aside this date in commemoration of Jesus' birth and His gift of glory to the world?

—Miss Ferree.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a time when all school children think of having a long vacation and of giving and receiving presents. Small boys and girls begin to us good children, because they believe Santa Claus will not stop and visit them if they are not. We still think of yule-tides, but not in the same way as we used to. The hollies and evergreen trees are in one's mind at Christmas time, yet they do not hold the same meaning and thought for a person as they did.

We become filled with what we call Christmas spirit, which takes on a definite form in giving gifts. We become filled with a desire to give something that will gladden another heart; to make sacrifices so that others may share our happiness. Gifts are not uncommon at other seasons, but everyone reaches the same mood at the coming of Christmas.

It is only natural that we should do this inasmuch as on Christmas day we celebrate the anniversary of the greatest gift the world has ever known. It was on this day that Christ came into the world, and God made this greatest gift to humanity, that of His Son.

The coming of Christ brought forth a new era upon the earth. As the giving of Jesus was a most unselfish act, we have changed from a world of extreme selfishness to one that is less selfish. As He taught, we are learning. We no longer follow the old doctrine of, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," but the Christian doctrine of "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

—Mildred Riley, '35.

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

Editor—Maxing Riley.
Reporter—Billy Moore.
The rooms are going to take part in the Christmas program in the following manner:

First grade—Prayer and recitations.
Second Grade—Address of Welcome and Closing Address.

Third Grade—Play, "The Extra Stocking."

Fourth Grade—Play: "Santa and Son."

Sixth Grade—Readings and Exercise.

Seventh Grade—Play: "Too Much Christmas."

The toy orchestra will play two selections.

The Glee Club will sing several Christmas numbers dressed in English costume.

The Christmas program will be 7:30 p. m.

A toy orchestra has been organized by Miss Bane. The leader is Virginia Cramer.

The Glee Clubs are improving. Some night before Christmas the mixed Glee Club will go caroling. Just now we are practicing the carols.

Alumni

Among the alumni who visited the High School classes during the past few weeks are:

Helen Lyman, Carl Troxel, James Parker, James Waller, Mary E. Sprecklemeyer.

The following alumni spent the Thanksgiving holidays with parents and friends in and near Maroa:

Helen Lyman, James Parker, James Waller, Martha Pennypacker, Bertha Rogers, Catherine Thomas, Rosemary Cox, Robert Milnes, Mary E. Sprecklemeyer, Mary K. Amman, Helen K. Stoutenborough, George Reynolds, and Rachel Bowden.

HONOR ROLL

Prima

Seniors—Mildred Hobkirk, Evelyn Bales, Margaret Thrift.

Juniors—Leota Austin, Doris Carney, Geraldine Hill, Dorothy Miller, Viola Wendling.

Sophomores—Ruth Austin, Emily Jane Dewhirst, Eloise Crabtree.

Freshmen—Mary Louise Coulter, Ann Hall, William Jones, Dorothy McGuire.

Secunda

Seniors—Fredonna Brenning, Gerald Langrand, Maxine Groves, Doris Pride, Virginia Lyons, Eloise McKinley.

Juniors—Deral Rains, Catherine Berry, Isabel Ferril, Pauline Larson, Virginia Hockaday, Helen Wilkoff.

Sophomore—Zelda Hicks, Ruth Alice Foulke.

Freshmen—Maxine Smart.

BOOKS

What good do books do us? What a simple question. Did you ever think of this question before? The knowledge that we gain from books is immeasurable. The words we meet constantly help us in our daily life, in both writing and speaking. We meet new book characters which help us to build our own characters. There are innumerable bits of knowledge that we gain from books which might be listed. Probably most of us enjoy the fiction-books. We like to read them for enjoyment and amusement. It is difficult, almost impossible, to get along without the use of books. Books are to the mind and heart what food is to the body.

—Wilma Shoemaker, '35.

Did you know that at present our school library has over one thousand catalogued volumes? Are you taking advantage of every opportunity to use those one thousand books? The total number of loaned books for October was 389 while it dropped to 347 in November. Let's all read during vacation and thus raise our reading average.

G. A. A. is being taught clogging and basketball.

INQUIRING REPORTER

Question—Why does not debating create more interest among students?

Answers—

The fact that debating is something new in our school is one of the main reasons for lack of interest on the part of the students. Most of the students have the idea that it is rather dry and occupies quite a lot of their time, which they could use for study or for some other outside activity that would afford amusement.

—William Berry, '36.

I think debating does not create an interest among our students because the subject matter is not interesting and does not appeal to them; another reason is the debates are not advertised enough to create an atmosphere.

Leota Austin, '34.

I think the reason debating does not create an interest among our students is that they think it is all dry talking. It is new, not highly advertised, and the students are not acquainted with the subjects.

Isabel Ferrill, '34.

I think the reason debating does not create more interest among the students is that so many do not feel that they have the time to give to the work. I also think that the subjects do not greatly interest them.

Mary Alice McGuire, '36.

I think the reasons debating does not create more interest among our students are that it is new and the students lack appreciation because they do not know what it is about.

Miss Halford.

My reasons why students of our school do not take an interest in debating are they are too bashful to speak before an audience and they think it takes too much time.

Bernard Bowman, '36

Debating does not create sufficient interest among students for several reasons. The debates are not advertised with attractive announcements as are athletic functions. The questions at issue are not of fundamental concern to High school students on the whole. The student body fails to be informed well enough on national current problems. It is my belief that if problems of vital importance to every High school student's present every day life were chosen for debate, there would be more participants and spectators as well.

Clare Ferree.

Debating does not create interest among students because the students consider a definite conclusion is not reached and they are not familiar with the question.

Mary Liming, '33.

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The Keyhole

1. We caught you again, Lylee—Mildred must not be feeling well these days. Anyway, our good man Tozer, has been helping her up the north stairs. But listen, Lyle, never push a lady by the elbow. Offer her your strong arm (Either one is strong enough) and then pull gently.

2. These pesky visitors—Some girl saw James Vantries down the hall the other day and wanted to know if he were visiting school again. James, me husky lad, won't you inform the lady that you are a student? Now, take Freck, for example, he likes visiting so well that at last he has decided to be a student of dear old M. C. H. S.

3. A bad dollar always comes back—Well, one of our sophomores is back again, minus that miniature Fuller brush (see upper lip for vacant lot,) but, Boy! the Joseph garb again lightens the darkened halls,—and that constant drone? No, girls, that is not a bee hive, and it is not a missionary meeting.

4. Too many dots—Arthur Oakley, we want to know who this Dot is? And, Dot, you might just as well give up, 'cause Artie is left handed (that's what the coach told us, anyway) and besides he's got a confident woman and she is helping him decide some of those weighty problems concerning you. They are weighty because they come right in the middle of the day and we learned in general science way back when that that is when those problems are the weightiest. The rest of us Po' folks, I am told, will have to see T. B. to really get the straight of this.

5. We fear the seasons—Below zero and Jimmie and Bruce still look like those cats in ill health gazing at a saucer of milk across a muddy alley. What will those looks be like when the spring fever takes its toll? Boys, before the doctor sees there is no hope, won't you or don't you think that you had better sign on the dotted line of some good old reliable health insurance company?

6. This is really serious—We are told that a near High school were told at a general assembly that as a result of the behavior of two High school visitors from Maroa, there might be steps taken to make visitors who have no special business there remain outside. Oh! Girls! How could you have been so very, very silly?

7. O-o-o-o-o-o. Maybe a blood hound could find it—"Doc" Hildebrand—"Mr. Menke I've lost my algebra." Mr. Menke, "Did you look for it at Braden's? Now maybe Parkers should have been mentioned too, or some place in Latham.

8. Lost? We think not—it is well known that Tim bought a class ring but never wears it. Is it lost, Tim? Now, fess up.

FIRE!

But Where Was Mr. Norton?

We have often heard of the old saying "The house could burn down about his head and he'd never know it," but we really didn't believe it until we learned that Mr. Norton

TWO IS COMPANY

Roberta Mc and Paul B.
Berna B. and Fay H.
Fredonna B. and Melbourne L.
Dorothy Mc and Arthur O.
Irene E. and Jim S.
Mary Louise C. and Bruce A.
Maxine G. and Bob S.
Mildred R. and Harold L.
Jennie R. and Jack P.
Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

BYGONE DAYS

Let's look back about four years to the time when we Seniors were just Eighth-graders. Who are those couples playing in the school yard? Why they are:

Maxine Groves and Walter Wheeler.
Doris Pride and John Meador.
Virginia Lyons and Carl Laws.
Mildred Hobkirk and John Ward.
Margaret Thrift and James Ross.
Caroline Leach and Albert Adams.

AN OLD MAN

Who can I be referring to when I say "An Old Man"? There are many old men in this large world, but "Mr. X" (as I shall call him) lives in a very cold region during the summer and most of the winter. When he does leave home, he takes a very long trip all around the earth. He has silvery white hair and a long silky beard. He is an excellent worker. It is said he has a large book with your name, along with thousands of others, written in it. If you are kind-hearted and helpful to everyone during the year, "Mr. X" will pay you on December 25th in some way or other. In other parts of the earth he will pay the people on a different date. Who is he?
—Clara Brenning, '35.

and the little Nortons slept right through the excitement of a fire being right next door.

Friday, December 4, at 2 o'clock in the morning, a fire broke out next door to our dear teacher's house and with fire sirens blowing, people yelling, water spraying, smoke rolling, cars honking, and flames shooting high into the sky, this so called teacher and his dear family of teacherettes slept through it all without opening an eye.

Now, say we, this looks bad for the teacher. Questions are being asked about the mysterious sleepiness of this family. Now, if it had been Major Hoople, we might have seen through the deadness to all the world. Of course we all know the Major's reputation when it comes to prohibition. But our dear teacher—we just can't think bad of him. No, we will just say that he and his family are very heavy sleepers.

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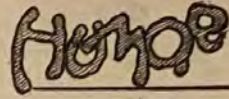
Favorite Sayings

Betty Adams—"What do you want me to do?"
John Sterling—"Hi, ninny, ninny and a hot cha! cha!"
Miss Halford—"Everybuddy."
Miss Ferree—"So much for that."
Bernard Bowman—"Scram you mugs."
Miss Flugum—"You're not thinking."
Mr. Menke—"So conduct yourself accordingly."
Faye Hildebrand—"Oh, I cain't stand it."
Maxine Groves—"Oh Earl! Earl! Earl!"
Doris Pride—"How am I doin' hey! hey!"
Mr. Norton—"Keep quite Kirby, and you too Curtis."
Virginia Lyons—"Me lither."

SHORT AND SWEET

Telephone conversations in Mr. Menke's office are very limited. We guess it is because the students are so business-like. Mr. Menke really enjoys them. How do we know? Well, while the following conversation was going on, Mr. Menke sat at his desk, with a very knowing twinkle in his eyes.

"Hello Yes what?
Uh huh Yeah I haven't found out yet Well, you know That's right Sure alright Well I'll tell you that later Yes Well, goodbye!"
Very informing—don't ya know.
!!!
Too Bad! Too Bad!!
Mr. Keyes—"And the early colonists butchered themselves!"



Scotch?

Mr. Menke—"Faye, please deposit your gum."
After putting gum in basket Faye replied, "It was a fresh stick too, Mr. Menke."
Mr. Menke—"Then you may get it after class."
!!!

Lindbergh

Coach (on quiz)—"Aaron, how do you tell whether or not you have astigmatism?"
Aaron—"Well, I don't know for sure."
Coach—"You just held up your hand that you did."
Aaron—"Well I know that WE don't have any."
!!!

A Timely Appearance

Miss Ferree in Eng II, "And there was Billy our pet scarecrow."
Just then "Billie" Pollock entered the room.

Behind The Bars

Mr. Norton—"Where does the salmon spend most of it's life?"
Harry B.—"In tin cans."
!!!
Tak! Tak!
George R. A.—"What is the abbreviation of boulevard?"
Mr. Norton—"Blvd."
Maxine G.—"I thought it was b. v. d."
!!!

The Feminine Touch

Miss Ferree—"How did the author put the "feminine touch" to his writings?"
John Sterling—"He let his wife write them."
!!!

Necessary Element

Miss Halford—"Where do eggs come from?"
Donald Cade—"Anywhere where there are chickens."
!!!
Absence makes the grades;
Being present causes failures.
!!!

Well folks, I'll be seeing you!
Joke Editor.

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MAROA DEFEATED BY MACON, 21-12

Maroa High lost its first game of the season to Macon here Friday, December 2. The visitors held the lead throughout the game. At the final whistle, Macon held by a 21-12 margin. The Maroa seconds were defeated 44-3 in the curtain raiser.

POET'S CORNER

STAR OF PEACE

The day had been cold and cloudy, More than one had predicted snow Granddad had gotten the almanac. To prove it snowed one year ago. Every one hurried around with haste, For the night brought Christmas Eve And the darkness fast descending Caused the last ray of light to leave. Soon, the snowflakes began falling, Making Mother Earth a coat of white And sleigh bells were heard ringing What a happy Christmas night! And high above shining bright in the east Was God's message to us, The bright star of peace.
—Betty Potter, '34.

NIGHT SCHOOL

'Twas the 23rd of November, And all through our school Not a single person Was breaking the rule. The lessons were prepared With the greatest of care Each child knew his parent Was sure to be there. When down on the roof Came a pit-pit-a-patter The students ran to the window To see what was the matter. Threatening rainclouds o'erhung the town The rain torrents was tumbling down. The pupils laughed And shouted with delight "At least some of our parents will stay home tonight."
—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

'Twas the day before vacation And all through the school Not even a teacher was stirring Not even a pupil?? Then all of a sudden There was such a clatter I looked around to see What could be the matter! The bell started ringing All students began scrambling The lockers were clicking All doors were now banging! Then out of the commotion I was able to hear Merry Christmas to all And a Happy New Year!
—Deral Rains.

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INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL BEING ORGANIZED

This year we are attempting to give every boy in High school a chance to play basketball regardless of his ability. About 40 boys have signed up for this activity. This group will be divided into groups of 7 or 8 each. These groups will then choose a title and a manager. The title will probably mean nothing. The manager will be responsible for his team in a number of ways. Some of these are seeing that the whole group can play at the scheduled time, sportsmanship, and various other details connected with the activity.

Men who have won major letters in basketball are not eligible for this sport. It is hoped that this group will get some valuable experience in officiating, timing, keeping score, etc. Perhaps some of these men will act as ex-officio "managers and coaches" for a group of younger boys.

This program, by creating a strong reserve, is intended to better the caliber of the regular squad because any boy doing outstanding work in intramural games will be given the privilege of coming out on the regular squad and a man on the regular squad will be dropped to intramural standing if he does not show himself to be as capable a player as some man on the intramural group.

However, the main object of this program is to have a lot of good wholesome fun, to learn to appreciate the game better, to develop fine attitudes of sportsmanship and fair play, and to develop good coordination of the body and mind.

The public and High school students are invited to any of these games provided they are not played before a regularly scheduled interscholastic contest.

KENNEY WALLOPS MAROA; SCORE, 39-18

Kenney's lucky shooting and good breaks won for them the game. Their scoring was divided pretty well. The Maroa seconds again were defeated, 36-18.

MAROA LOSES CONFERENCE OPENER TO CERRO GORDO, 43-34

Maroa put up its strongest fight thus far this season but could not stand the "gaff" and lost to Cerro Gordo in the last three minutes. The Maroa seconds lost 39-9.

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MAROA WHIPS HAMMOND SCORE 41-25

Maroa High's speedy cagers came out of their early season slump to a Cenois win over Hammond here, Friday night.

The locals, hitting the majority of their shots, took the lead at the first and were never headed.

Hammond failed to make many shots which ordinarily are made. The visitors never once threatened possible victory.

Caplinger and Morgan were the leading scorers for Maroa, while Bates led for Hammond. Caplinger scored 11 points and Morgan made 15.

When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.
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MAROA LOOKS BAD AGAINST BLUE MOUND; LOST 26-22

Maroa lost to an inferior Blue Mound team. Bad passes, sluggish playing and poor shooting were features of both teams. The second team played the third quarter.

Blue Mound's seconds beat Maroa's seconds 36-15.

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday night—7:00, 8:00, 9:00
January 6
Game I—Mt. Zion—Warrensburg.
Game II—Macon—Niantic.
Game III—Argenta—Blue Mound.
Saturday afternoon—2:00, 3:00.
January 7
Game IV—Maroa—Winner Game I.
Game V—Winner II—Winner III.
Saturday night—7:30, 8:30.
Game VI—Loser IV—Loser V; Consolation.
Game VII—Winner IV—Winner V; Championship.

MAROA LOSES WAPPELLA GAME BY SCORE OF 31-18
Maroa lost to a fast Wapella team Saturday, December 3. George, Wapella center made 16 points for them. The Maroa seconds lost 30-25.

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