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M. C. H. S. STUDENTS MOURN TEACHER

JANITOR PLACES BOMB

IN COAL ROOM

Quick Thinking of John Thrift Saves Lives of M. C. H. S. Students.

March 29.—The janitor, Nelson Smith, better known as "Red", placed a bomb in the coal room of the Maroa Community High School. The keen observation and quick action of John Thrift prevented a calamity.

No one seems to know why Mr. Smith did such a thing. His friends say that he had been wishing that all those "damn kids" who kept throwing paper around, tracking in mud, breaking ink bottles, sticking chewing gum around, and marking on the walls would be hanged and quartered. They believe he was slightly demented.

Mr. Thrift tells this story in his own words:

"You see, I heard Red telling some one that he would like to murder some of those kids unless they would be more careful. Of course, I thought he was fooling, but then I noticed he began to get kinda silent like he was planning something. He slunk around and gave a lot of the kids dirty looks. You know, like he wanted to kill some of them.

"Then one day I broke a bottle full of ink and, when I went down stairs to tell him, he was putting something black in the coal bin. He jumped when I told him, and then he said 'IT'LL BE THE LAST BOTTLE YOU WILL BREAK'. Then he went up stairs, and I looked into the bin to see what he put there. I thought it was a bomb, so I turned the hose on it.

"It really didn't amount to much, but I'm glad I saved the kids' lives."

As the M. C. H. S. faculty is sympathetic with Mr. Smith, they are not going to prosecute him. Mr. Thrift will be given a medal.

PAULINE HALLFORD AND VIVIAN BELL ARRESTED FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE

Thursday, March 30, 1934, the police were called out to arrest Miss Pauline Hallford, teacher of business courses in Maroa Community High School, and Miss Vivian Bell, teacher of English in the same school. The two were fighting on Main Street. When the police arrived, Miss Hallford was chasing Miss Bell around the flag pole, and according to spectators, Miss Bell had just succeeded in landing a hefty left on Miss Hallford's right eye. There seemed some doubt as to who had started the fight, but the general idea is that it was Miss Hallford's fault. Perhaps it was due to the fact her hair is rather absurd.

The rumored cause is jealousy over a childhood sweetheart. It seems they are both in love with and tremendously jealous of a George—his last name was not learned.

As they were dragged away, Miss Hallford screamed, "I'll get George!" Miss Bell screamed back, "No you won't. He's mine!"

They room at the same house. Miss Bell says that Miss Hallford threatened to put snakes in her bed, and she can't abide snakes. Miss Hallford says that Miss Bell threatened to cut out her gizzard.

The trial will be April 3rd.

TEACHER LEAVES TO JOIN OLD COLLEGE CHUM WHEN HE ESCAPES FROM PRISON

Miss Flugum, college friend of John Dillinger, joined him in Chicago, March 10.

Miss Flugum said before she left that "My Johnnie wrote me telling me of his escape and said he would send Sheriff Hollup's car after me, and he would meet me at the Cottage Inn in Chicago. Was I thrilled! You know I was. I could hardly wait."

She wrote Mr. Keyes that she had arrived safely and was having a delightful time.

Miss Flugum first met John Dillinger during her two years at a girls' school when she broke the rules and dated "Johnnie" steadily. Since then they have corresponded frequently. She once said, when he was jailed, "My Johnnie will escape. I know he will."

Our scoop reporters have noticed that Miss Flugum has been making journeys to Decatur more frequently lately and report she has been closely guided when shopping, by a letter in "Johnnie's handwriting" which helps her in selecting her trousseau.

Miss Flugum is not expected to return until April 25, two weeks after "Johnnie's" birthday, when she will impart to us some more news of great interest.

BRIDE LEAVES GROOM AT ALTAR

Many friends and relatives of Eloise Crabtree were surprised and shocked when the blushing bride-to-be threw her beautiful bouquet of white lilies into her would-be husband's face and ran defiantly out of the church. The would-be husband, Willard Lowery well known to the M. C. H. S. students, experienced the shock of his life.

The defiant bride-to-be, after leaving the church, was seen mounting a motor cycle. Citizens were shocked again as they heard her farewell address, "Try and catch me. I'm going west."

The beautiful lace veil fluttered behind her, and she disappeared.

When questioned about her going, the mournful groom-to-be denied they had quarreled and stated he did not know the reason for her behavior unless she had decided to go to Hollywood and become a rival of Greta Garbo.

All the beautiful and numerous presents will be returned by the family immediately.

HIGH SCHOOL BOY KILLED

BY CLASSMATES

Authorities, searching for a motive for the murder of George Lehnart, prominent teacher's peevish, discovered that he was so silly that his dear friends could stand it no longer.

On March 5, the victim was mobbed by a group of rabid students mostly from his home room. The assailants were armed with clubs and knives. Being small, the deceased could not defend himself.

His dying groan was his familiar "Oh Aunh." For this, his tongue was cut out and is now being worn by one of the assassins. How nice if this had only been done sooner.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

EVENTS FOR JULY

July 1—Stag party at the home of Mildred Riley.

July 3—Public sale at Billy Wikoif's home. Free lunch—if you can pay for it.

July 10—Assembly by Dirty Dozen, Harold Lehnart in charge.

July 13—Assembly 3rd hour. Miss Garrison will speak on "How to Hold Your Man."

July 20—Meeting of Sunday School class at the home of their industrious leader—Larkin Fishel.

July 31—Old maid's card party at home of Twain Fort.

ROMANCE BROKEN UP

Hopeful Bride Loses Handsome Meal Ticket at Altar.

Yesterday one of M. C. H. S.'s most flaming co-eds was left alone and unconsolated on her wedding eve. What! No Bridegroom? Well, well, we must look into this!

Yes, it is true. The deflated bride, Harriett Banner, paced back and forth in the church, throwing a tantrum at the altar.

After a short period of turmoil she received a letter from the bridegroom-to-be explaining his actions.

"Thank heavens, I found you out in time. To think that you would do this to me after all I've said about gold-diggers. I bear no grudge, however, as I feel I have profited by this experience."

It is expected that Miss Banner will file a breach of promise suit immediately. The west end gossip thinks that her handsome lawyer, J. W. Parker, may also prove to be an administrator of heart balm.

HI-Y BOYS DEFOVED. EREDED OPERATING A COUNTERFEITING MACHINE

Deputies from Decatur uncovered a counterfeit net in the south end of the high school basement that proved to be owned and operated by the HI-Y boys.

"Skeet" Sterling and George Waller, Jr., who lately have been flushed with money, are being held in custody for circulating the money about in nearby towns.

While the boys were being led to the "buzz wagon," a daring escape was ventured when the Pulliam Trio became riotous and pulled pocket knives from their pockets. Their attempt was futile, and they were lodged in jail with the rest of the members.

10 JERSEYS MISSING; CHRIS GARRIOTT HELD AS SUSPECT

M. C. H. S.'s 11 woolen jerseys were reported as missing last week. After several days search the finger of suspicion pointed to C. T. Garrlott.

After hours of questioning he broke down and cried, confessing to have robbed the school of the jerseys. He was afraid that his children would have to go cold when they were in high school, so he confiscated the jerseys as a safeguard against it.

The student body was immensely surprised, as they had always regarded C. T. Garrlott as a model of behavior. For a while Helen Whitoff and Carl Oakley were suspected. They are still being held for questioning.

M. C. H. S. STUDENT BANKRUPT

Jeanette Parker, plump high school student, filed a petition for bankruptcy late yesterday. Miss Parker lost all of her money while playing a slot machine. She is quoted as saying, "Well, I guess, I'll have to get a job. It's a cinch "Poke" won't give me anything to live on."

EARTHQUAKE ROCKS M. C. H. S.

March 10, 1934.—The Maroa Community High School received a good shaking from the quake which destroyed much in San Francisco. The estimated damage was about \$1,100,000. The Board of Education expects to collect full insurance.

Mishaps were:

Dorothy Jane Vantries was thrown from the geometry room window and suffered a broken heel on her shoe.

Paul Braden was thrown from the library window while he was holding Dorothy McGuire. He was uninjured but Dorothy sustained a broken toe.

Mr. DuBois was going down stairs when the quake occurred and he was thrown the remaining way down. When found he was yelling for "Dot" at the top of his voice.

Miss Garrison was found injured by the fall of the mirrors in the home ec. room. She had been primping when the mirrors fell.

Mart Pulliam was found in the steel braces of the gymnasium ceiling, clinging on for dear life.

Duane Brett fell from home ec. room window. He said he lost his ring in the fall. He did not, however, state why he was looking out of the window.

Many pupils made their exits by doors, windows, etc. Nothing else of consequence happened except that all the chairs piled against the walls in the gymnasium were scattered over the floor.

MIDGET GANG DISCOVERED

The great, tall, and brave men known as secret service men of M. C. H. S. found the secrets of a group of midgets that were doing all the dirty work in and around Maroa. Their secret hide-out was an old barrel. They were so small that they used the barrel for a home. The tall brave secret service crew consisted of Dale Miller, as the leader, with the following helpers: Wayne Rogers, Bill Berry, Bernard Boman and Vernon Miller.

They discovered the midget gang, which called themselves the "Sneaky Seven", with their capable leader who was the smallest of them all, Casimer Haldeki. Some of the other midgets were Leon Riley, William Gosser and Leon Riley, William Gosser and Charles Milnes.

The midgets were not sentenced to any jail because the court knew that they could escape through any way hole. It was left to the students of M. C. H. S. to decide what to do with them. They decided that these midgets should take a year of physics under Coach Wolfe, so he could use some chemicals on them to make them grow bigger. The court will decide the final penalty when they see full grown men.

F. B. NORTON COMMITS SUICIDE WITH TIME KEEPERS GUN

The spectators at the basketball game with Podunk in the Maroa gym were shocked beyond expression when F. B. Norton pointed the time-keeper's gun at his own head and fired. He was killed immediately. The coroner's verdict was suicide.

There seemed to be little reason such an act on the part of Mr. Norton. However, there are some rumors circulating there was family trouble—books of the senior class are to be examined soon, as it might happen that he confiscated the money, around \$800, made by the senior play. Mrs. Norton and the little Nortons said they knew of nothing that should make him worry except that he wanted a new suit.

The funeral will be April 2, high school gym. Various members of the volley ball club are to be bearers.

Eloise Morgenthaler, Bonnie Marybelle Morris, Viola W. Helen Dean, Viola Joynt, L. son, Jane Troxell, Marjory D. thy Miller, Mildred Miller and the Miller are to be flowers.

TWO FACULTY MEMBERS SHOOT EACH OTHER

Mr. J. H. Wolfe and Mr. R. H. Bois were found dead, in the this morning. Each had a bullet in his head. It has been proved, Mr. Wolfe killed Mr. DuBois, and DuBois killed Mr. Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe was shot with a .32 caliber which DuBois was shot holding, DuBois was shot with a .32 which Mr. Wolfe was shot with. he was found dead.

No motive for such unseemly havior has been discovered.

The student body mourn for most beloved and favored teacher. But life is like that.

MAROA GIRL AND LAD IN WRECK

Mary Elizabeth Spooner, of Maroa, and Bill Moore, also of Maroa, were coming from Springfield late Sunday night when they suddenly left the pavement with an overturned car.

Evidently Mr. Moore was not watching the road so carefully as he might have been because there was no ice on the road or anything else to cause such an accident.

SENIORS REVOLT

There was quite a bit of excitement the other morning when all the seniors revolted against their new advisor, Mr. Norton's successor. Some of the leaders of the mob asserted that his crabbiness had become too much for them.

The people in his room decided that they could not stand it any longer. Mr. Keyes reports that when he entered the room, the teacher had two blacked eyes and a few other bruises, and the pupils in his room were pounding on his hard.

Mr. Keyes talked to the seniors, and they said that they would stay in his room if he wouldn't be so cross. Each one wished Mr. Norton hadn't committed suicide. Isabel Feard was the senior girl leader.

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INQUIRING REPORTER

-Who is your secret passion and what about him appeals to you?

Oh dear, I've kept this a secret for nearly three years, and now—I must confess! He is none other than Ralph Hanes. His raven black hair, his beautiful brown eyes, and sweet disposition attract me so! I smile sweetly at him but nary a smile back. Often when I began to talk to him—he goes away. Why does he avoid me? Oh won't someone inform him that I would like to be friends? Pu-leeze!!
Ruth A. Foulke '35

By the way, what happened to you and Red?

The lonest way round is the sweetest way home, and it would be Pauline's luck to live farther away than I.
Bonnie Marlatt '34

Does your mother know that you are writing notes to John Thrift?

Why, of course she does. She thinks John would make a cute son-in-law. He is so meek and so devoted to me, never rude and always so attentive. A-hh, chivalry!
Mary A. McGuire '38

We notice you haven't any sweetie now. What's the matter?

No can ketchum
No can fetchum
No can hold em
Guess I told em.
Lost my heart
Lost my temper
Now I'm a lonesome gircolo
Got no sweetie, Oh! Oh! Oh!
Twain Fort '35

Who do you think is the sweetest boy in high school?

To me, there is no sweetest boy in this high school. They are all the same to me. I do have a secret passion, but it's up to the boys to find out who he is.
Hattie Halicki '34

What are your and Cade's plans for the future?

Oh dear, this surely is embarrassing! Well, I think I am going to college for eight years while "Cadie" builds up his dad's business; then I am going to develop my career and work for about five years while "Cadie" is saving his money for our home; and then I am going to take a trip abroad for a rest. When I return, we will be married and live happily ever after.
Frances Mott '34

What do you use for reducing?

Now, if all of you skinny bean poles try this, maybe you can also reduce. You see (rather read), it is this way: I cut down on my vegetables, water, and diet of spinach. As a substitute and a much more effective method of reducing, I eat as much as I can of ice cream, candy, and pastries, and never go away from the table feeling hungry. Furthermore, I recommend another method: eat loads of beans, plus good rich gravy with roast, and lots of mashed potatoes. If this fails or reduces you, phone or write me for particulars.
Catherine Miller '38

Where were you March 4, at 7:15?

Well, let's see. Oh! Is my face red! But it was when ??? started to get into the car and yelled out, "Leave the class, out till we get out of this mud." Oh, well, anyway we were not more than an hour going that half mile. Gee! And did ??? and I enjoy the moon!
Beth Withers '34

Don't you feel like spanking that Argenta girl?

No, kiddie, I don't feel like spanking her, but I should like to whisper

something in her ear because boy! if she falls for that line as I did, well, just take this tip. "Treat 'em rough and tell 'em nothin'."
Zelda Hicks '35

Would you tell me of your ideal "dream man"?

My idea of my ideal dream man is quite definite. In the first place he must be rich—the richer, the better! In the second place he must be old—about 85, I should say. Then he must have four cars, a country house, a town house, and 20 servants. In fact, I must live in comfort and luxury. Don't you agree with me, girls?
Doris Carney '34

Who was your childhood sweetheart? Does he still inspire?

In days of yore "Webster" was my favorite, but he began to use too large words, and I couldn't understand him; as a result "Encyclopedia" beat his time.
Ellen Oakley '36

Tell us something of the qualifications of your "ideal" man.

I. P. asked me to state my ideal forgotten man (for you know old maids still exist). Well—he must be tall—absolutely—couldn't be otherwise (for how would I look with our pet midget, fke, I ask you?) And that is all I can possibly ask—Oh, sometimes I dunno about that.
Mary Louise Coulter '36

Just who is the big moment since you gave Bill the royal boot?

Well, now inquiring reporter, that is personal, but considering you're a pal I'll give you a tip. I've been "kinda goofy" about Clark Gable, but lately I've decided that Harpo Marx is the only one that will ever be meant for me. I think he is just adorable.
Betty Potter '34

What is this a budding romance between you and "Chod" Milnes?

Boo! Hoo! I hoped you wouldn't ask me! An' me with no mother to advise me! I guess I'll have to admit it is true. "Chod" and I are crazy about each other. Please don't tell everybody tho! It would ruin me, a dignified senior.
Geraldine Hill '34

Why don't you give some of these girls a break and date 'em?

What do you mean give them a break? Give them a break, and they'll "break" me. No petite demoiselle around here is worth a break if ya ask me.
Harry Bowden '34

If there ever was a lady That I could truly love, I haven't found this angel, Coming from above.
Harry Bowden '34

Aren't the Maroa girls sweet enough for you?

Of course, the Maroa girls are sweet enough, and there are lots of 'em. But you see, competition is very keen, and almost all of them here are already "ketch'd", so I have to go elsewhere.
Deral Rains '34

Anyway, the Argenta girls are very interesting. Such life they have—and such vivacity!

How many nights a week do you think a girl should have a date?

Well, now, girls, just mind whatever your mama says. If she doesn't care, have a date every night in the week or as often as you dare. After all, you know you are young only once and, when you are old, you're old a heck of a long time. (So my mother says.)
Lois Brunson '34

Who's this little boy from Lovington that writes such long letters?

M. C. H. S. students have been wondering who the little boy from Lovington is that writes such long letters to a certain senior. That little Lovington boy seems to have made quite a hit with this senior girl. Is it love "or pen pals"? We hear his name is Lewis. "Oh, Lewie!"
Helen Dean '34

How much of your spare time do you spend with the boy friend?

Well, the boy friend comes over about 8:00 and takes me to school; he calls up during the vacant periods in the morning. Then he comes and takes me home and brings me back. He usually calls up once or twice in the afternoon before he comes over after school. We usually stay up town till supper time and then walk home. He comes over about 7:30, and we go to a show or something in the evening, getting home about twelve. But outside of that I hardly ever see him much.
Pauline Larson '34

Would you give us your "prescription" for popularity with all the girls?

Ahem! Well'er—I'm afraid I'd better get a copyright on it first. You know the first thing I always do is smile and try to be pleasant, and, if I talk long enough (and they are in the right mood), I usually get an interesting conversation started (something the girl likes to talk about). If we get into an argument, I always let the girl have the last word. I think that accounts mostly for my success. They think they have the best of me, but really I am just keeping up my prescription.
Chris Garrriott '34

How do you like to ride with handsome men that pick you up while you are walking to school?

Fine! Just so the car is as good looking as the handsome driver. It is a very good change and something different. Adventure is wonderful, so they say.
Eloise Morgenthaler '34

Who do you think is the sweetest girl in school?

Well, shame on you. Lois Westerman is the girl of my dreams. She is so mean she won't even date, so I guess I shall have to live an old bachelor.
Bob Stoutenborough '34

FIND STOLEN VIOLIN CASE IN VACANT HOUSE

Six Suspected of Taking Loot. Maroa High School is credited with having a theft ring. The leader is none other than Ruth "Toddy" Austin. Other members are: "Beep" Potter, "Bunny" Bunner, "Shrimp" Cramer, "Chubby" Foulke, and "Slewfoot" Caplinger.

A missing violin case led to the investigation of certain students, and Mr. Keyes finally found evidence on them. Remembering he had seen them enter a vacant house, near Austin's, many evenings after school, he began to become suspicious. He, with two assistants, Martin Pulliam and Daryl Rains, went to the vacant home. Sure enough, there was Mr. Keyes' violin case in a small, dark closet. Upon opening it, he found many of the stolen articles; among them were two typewriter keys, a door knob, and two report cards belonging to Ruth Foulke and Ruth Austin. Mr. Keyes returned them, and the young ladies are going to be brought up on trial Thursday, April 13, with Justice Hobbs acting as judge.

In Memory of Mr. Norton

How sad our hearts have been of late,
For it was a shock, to all classmates,
To witness at a basket-ball game,
The end of him, a man of fame.

So pitiful, the sight indeed,
That every human heart did bleed
To witness such an act of fate,
That aid could be so little late.

One moment's pause, and then a roar,
One human's life, was then no more,
A dreaded pause of horriification,
And then a voice from every station.

'Tis sad indeed, since this deed was done,
And there's not a heart, but what has wrung,
In pain and grief so very deep,
For that poor family that he leaves.

And the senior class in mournful gown,
Doth the casket gather round,
And recall that dreadful game,
The cause of a death of a man of fame,
(The End)
By... V. Hockaday.

PEEKIN' AROUND

Miss Garrison has her place in history! You ask, "Why?" Well, didn't the Latin II book say "They stationed Garrisons at intervals?"

We now have a walking "spellionary" or maybe that needs an explanation. Here it is: Miss Bell snaps a spelling lesson every so often, and so she is a walking "spellionary."

The boys' home economics class is a "swell one," I guess, from what Cas and Bill J. have been spreading around. The boys certainly have a way with these teachers. No exams—not even two prunes in a little two-ounce pan. The cookin' "for the boys" is done solely by the teacher. Zowie! Wotta class!

Miss Hallford's class is certainly making the rounds. The students are learning to write and type love letters. The girls ought to be getting some ultra-correct love scripts. Office dogs! Be on your guard!

Really, it is hard to decide whether our country is progressing or regressing, for Mr. Norton is taking the ag-class back to the horse age, teaching them how to drive horses. Don't be discouraged, girls, because the females are the ones who really hold the sway of affairs in their hands.

Coach is trying to teach the physics students how fast light travels. Now, boys and girls, beware, for some one will be spying, trying to tell when to switch on the light to "get it on" the most effective part of that goodnight kiss. Sometimes you don't even need a light cause sometimes it even moves the ether.

Mr. Keyes was always (seemingly) an ideal home chap. But, we must change our minds (we're not fools, I hope) because in history classes he wanders off to foreign lands on many occasions. Come home, wandering boy.

ENGAGEMENT OF SOPHMORE GIRL ANNOUNCED
The engagement of Miss Betty Lois Westerman to Mr. John Meador was announced at a farewell party recently given by Miss Bonnie Meers. Miss Westerman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Westerman, living northeast of Maroa. Mr. Meador is a prominent farmer living southwest of Maroa.

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TWO POPULAR MAROA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS UNITED

Charles Milnes and Maymeine Gallagher, two popular students of our Alma Mater, were united in a happy marriage ceremony, February 30, 1934. The bride and groom seemed to be exceedingly happy as they rode away to Emery, Illinois, to spend two months for their honeymoon. The young couple state that they will make their home in the big city of Craig, Illinois, which is located a few miles north of Maroa. The students of Maroa Community High School wished them luck and success as they threw tin-cans, old shoes and rice at them.

POPULAR STUDENT GOES INTO DECLINE; SINKING RAPIDLY

Miss Mary Louise Coulter is the cause of a great deal of worry to several eminent physicians. She is strangely listless, talks in a refined voice, and disdains the company of all boys, even "Chaddy" Milnes, who has been striving to bring her "round." It is suspected that the indifference of "Don" Pulliam to all her advances is the cause of her submerging. Poor girl, she has been trying so hard, but "Don" remains a man's man.

POPULAR SOPHMORES TO WED

"Yes, Bill Jones and I are going to get married as soon as we graduate," says Mildred Bains sweetly. Oh, boy! I think he's nifty—such a cute smile. Yes, Bill is going to be an orchestra leader, you know, and we are going to live in one of those cozy little apartments in New York. Al used to be my man, but he is in the background since I've become acquainted with those winning ways of William's. (This might not be so, but a certain senior told it to a certain freshman who said a certain junior told him—so I guess it must be the truth.)

graduating with the class of '34. The young couple are to be married in June but have announced no plans for the future. Good luck! Gee, I'm sure the young couple will be successful as you should see the big diamond she is wearing!

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MISS FLUGUM SUES BEAUTY SHOP

Miss Martha Flugum, popular French teacher of Maroa High School, was pending a suit against the "Wonder Beauty Shop" last week. The story goes that Miss Flugum patronized the shop to have her face lifted. The operation, which turned out to be a failure, gave Miss Flugum substantial grounds to sue. She is quoted as saying, "My face fell two inches. I am sure I should not call that face lifting." However, the case has been dropped since she left to join Mr. John Dillinger.

NOTORIOUS ROADHOUSE RAIDED

The Peacock Inn near Decatur was raided by city officers about 11 o'clock Saturday night, August 22, 1934. The inn has been raided before but never have such startling discoveries been made.

Ralph Hanes, proprietor, said that he had tried to keep the group quiet, but they were unusually rowdy this particular night. In one corner Mary Louise Coulter and Willard Lowery were seated at a table, drinking champagne and smoking cigarettes, while not far away Chris Garriott was sitting in a drunken stupor. Maymeine Gallagher was entertaining the group with the famous fan dance, but when she saw the officers she ran to them and cried, "Oh, please don't tell John Sterling or I'll lose his love forever. He does think these places are so horrid!"

The following people also were arrested: Miss Flugum and Mr. Keyes, Lois Lowery and Junior Waller, Eugene Westbrook and John Glosser, Mary Alice McGuire and Leon Riley. It pains us very much to have to print this about M. C. H. S. students and teachers, but we see no help for it.

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MARY ALICE MCGUIRE ARRESTED ON SWINDLING CHARGE

March 28, 1934, Edward Cooper charged Miss McGuire with obtaining money under false pretenses. He charges that Miss McGuire promised to make him a cultured, refined young man with perfect manners, perfect English, perfect clothing, in fact, perfect everything for \$250, four months ago. He says that she had done nothing to help him as yet and also said he would have to furnish the materials which would be \$250 more. Miss McGuire is quite well known to the police, as she has been arrested

STUDENT LOCKED UP AS GANG-SPY

Henry Luckenbill, Jr., known as "Dangerous Ike", was taken into custody today by the Decatur police. The Maroa jail was considered not strong enough to hold the spy, so he was placed in the Decatur jail. Many events have occurred that have led certain citizens to believe that "Ike" was a spy for the "Capone Gang" and that he was sending them information concerning one of Maroa's largest banks, which may be a set up for a future bank robbery. We are all glad to know the law has the dangerous spy in its hands.

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RUMORED SECRET ENGAGEMENT Couple Denies Fact.

It has been the rumor that Dorothy Miller and Harry Bowden secretly are engaged, but the young couple deny it. Several M. C. H. S. students report seeing the couple together outside of school. This is serious! They are constantly together in the halls at every spare moment, so I am inclined to believe it is true. Dorothy has shown a change lately. She has become more sympathetic and serious. Well! I do hope this will not ruin either one of your careers. Long engagements are nice, I think. I wish you good luck and success in your future married life.

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POPULAR M. C. H. S. STUDENT WINS DIVORCE AFTER FIGHT WITH HUSBAND

Ann Caplinger Janvrin, once popular co-ed of Maroa High, was awarded her divorce today as she lay suffering in D. M. C. hospital as a result of a quarrel between her and her husband. The brave girl forced a smile to her face and declared she was "so glad."

According to Mrs. Janvrin's story she was brutally man-handled. The quarrel was started when her husband refused to let her wear silver nail polish, "which," Mrs. Janvrin stated, "cost only \$15 a bottle." As the quarrel grew more heated, Mr. Janvrin shook her violently and declared she was a "brainless imp."

"I shall allow no man to call me such names," declared Mrs. Janvrin, "and, as soon as I am dismissed from the hospital, I am going to take a trip to Paris for a rest. I am sure the Frenchmen have no such absurd ideas."

ROMANCE REPORTED Seen Together Continuously.

It has been rumored that Ruth Austin and Ralph Mayall are very much "that way" about each other.

Mr. Wolfe has reported seeing the young couple together quite frequently. At a recent questioning Miss Austin refused to make any public announcements, and Mr. Mayall answered only, "Can't a gentleman and a lady be good friends, without being that-a-way?"

M. C. H. S. students are beginning to wonder if "there isn't something to them." They are eagerly "waiting and hoping."

Garrison and Mr. DuBois Accused. It is learned today that the chairs have been taken from the high school in the possession of Miss Garrison and Mr. DuBois.

When questioned, Miss Garrison said she only wanted to complete a page set for her hope chest." Mr. DuBois stated, "We had to have 'em to look groceries on."

The charges will more than likely be withdrawn if the chairs are returned, especially since Mr. DuBois was so "nearly murdered by the coach. Mrs. DuBois promised to return the chairs if her husband took though she has become attracted to them for his sake.

JUDGE GRANTS A DIVORCE

An interested group of spectators gathered around the judge grant W. D. Keyes a divorce, Thursday. This was indeed an unusual trial. Everything from kissing too much to burning potatoes played an important part in the case. Mr. Keyes testified that Mrs. Keyes burnt potatoes twice a day, and her soup tasted like wave set. He said he brought pancake flour home four times before she made him pancakes—and then they tasted like paper.

The case was not all one sided, however. A terrible story was revealed by Mrs. Keyes. She testified that Mr. Keyes threw the bowls of soup at her and did not give her sufficient money.

HOW COULD YOU?

Hey! Hey! Coach reports that a Mac William (magician) is in school. It is none other than "Ukey" Waller. He is credited with having stuck his finger in Ruth Alice's ear and pulled out a potato. Why, Ukey!!

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COACH MAKES STARTLING PROMISE

"Oh, help me, please, just this once," Coach cried as he came running into the junior home room, almost frantic with fear. The juniors crowded about him and asked what was the matter. "Oh, don't let 'em get me," he said. Twain Fort, chief spokesman of the juniors, said, "Aw right, tell us what you want us to do."

"Well," replied Coach, still breathing fast, "last night I stole a guy's red silk scarf and he's after me and," here his voice broke, "he says he's goin' to kill me." (And then he groaned.)

This is our chance, thought the juniors, so they said, "Say, we'll make you a proposition. If you'll let us do anything we please the rest of the year in home room, we'll save you."

And I guess he must have promised because all the juniors are saying, "Who's afraid of the big bad Wolfe?"

However, they regret their cruelty to Mr. Wolfe, since he was murdered by Mr. DuBois.

DOLL HOUSE PROJECT OF HOME EC. III GIRLS STOLEN

March 29, 1934, the doll house, ideally planned, decorated, and furnished by the Home Ec. III Class, disappeared from the home economics room over night. The class of eight girls was held for questioning. It seemed that Betty Potter had taken it home to play with, but a search of the Potter premises revealed no doll house.

Miss Frances Mott's anxiety to have Betty condemned and the case dropped led the investigators to question Frances. It was discovered, finally, that Miss Mott had taken the house so that her husband would not have to buy one for the little girl. The only explanation she gave was that doll houses were so expensive.

By request of the Home Ec. III Class the prosecution is to be dropped.

JEALOUS YOUTH

COMMIT'S CRIME

Robert Stoutenborough, a gallant and prominent senior, was sentenced to life imprisonment for cutting Miss Cathryn Berry's beautiful hair. Miss Berry, as everyone knows, was busy studying, her lessons and did not know that Mr. Stoutenborough, who sits behind her in home room, had cut off a lock of silvery hair that we all admire so much.

Mr. James J. Parker, known as "Poke", sued Mr. Stoutenborough for ruining his lifelong sweetheart and future wife's hair.

The students of dear old M. C. H. S. will come up and see Bob, but we hope he will not take life too seriously, as he will never get out of jail alive.

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GIRL DISAPPEARS

A nation-wide search was begun this morning in an effort to find some trace of Maxine Smart, who has been gone for some days.

Her grief stricken family are at a loss to know where she may be.

Some question was raised as to whether she was kidnapped, but her father stated that the kidnapper would have returned her by this time.

A personal friend of Maxine's made a startling statement when she said that Maxine told her she had been disappointed in love and was going to Hawaii to become a hula-hula dancer.

Anyway, we still hope for the best.

FRESHMAN IN M. C. H. S. MEETS DEATH; VILLAIN CONFESSES

Miss Louise Ann Parker, freshman in Maroa High School, was strangled to death April 15, 1935, about a mile from the "Coronado" dance hall near Clinton. She had accompanied Dale Redmon to the dance, and they had started home about 12:01. Mr. Redmon confessed to Mr. Bird this morning that he had strangled Louise Ann.

"We drove about a mile from the hard road and parked," Dale stated, "and I asked her to marry me." She refused and I thought that I couldn't live without her—so I just choked her before I realized what I was doing."

Mr. Redmon commenced sobbing. It took some time to quiet him, but at last he was consoled.

The trial will be some time in August, but Mr. Redmon declares he will have died of grief before that time.

JOHN THRIFT CAPTURED

TURES DILLINGER

The news just came out yesterday that John Thrift tramped and caught John Dillinger, the notorious killer, on Salt Creek bridge. It seemed that Thrift chased Dillinger about fifty miles before catching him in his speedy Overland. Dillinger surrendered after Thrift "laid him out" with a hard blow on the jaw. Mr. Thrift will receive the cash reward of fifty cents for the capture. He states that he intends to spend it all at one time at "Gene's," on the trail of "gold-diggers."

FRUITLESS

A girl shows her raisin when she makes a date with a prune for whom she doesn't care a fig. She may be a peach, but they make a funny pear. She may be the apple of his eye, but she hands him a lemon, although she may have a cherry disposition. It is plum wrong if her name be Anna he ought to be banAnna. By this time he would realize that his efforts had been fruitless. (Catherine Miller's new calling card.)

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RUMORED SECRET WEDDING

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SECRETLY MARRIES

Beth Withers, prominent senior girl of Maroa High School, and Duane Brett, a farmer boy, eloped March 1, 1934.

Miss Withers and Mr. Brett went to St. Louis to be married, and since neither of them is of legal age, they lied about their ages.

This couple intended this to be a secret, but Beth told just one person too many about it. She had not cared to be bothered with caring for a new home until after she had been graduated.

CHARLES CARNEY TAKES UP GIGOLOING

Feb. 30—Charles Carney, our colorful student of poetry and speech, has decided to take up the modern, honorable profession of a gigolo.

It seems that Charles, after dating some of the foremost girls of our school, has decided to be a gigolo. Quote Charles, "None of these dames around here are worth the clipping of my fingernails. I have dated the best of them, but to no avail; therefore I am going to be a gigolo. Before, I come home broke from my dates, but now I'll receive pay for entertaining the gals."

Mr. Carney thinks that other men who would make excellent gigolos will follow his lead. When asked who they were, he said he had George Waller, Leonard Braden, and John Sterling in mind. He also mentioned Emerson Crisman as a possible one.

Well, here's mud in your eye, Carney, old boy. If it is like your poetry, I'm sure you will succeed; Just ask Hattie, Lou, or Helen Wikoff. But say, Carney, did you ever see a dream walking?

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SEVERAL FINE CATTLE STOLEN; TOP NOTCH CORN TAKEN

High School Boy and Girl Accused. Ralph Hanes and Mildred Riley were taken into custody yesterday. Charges were made by Irvin Leach, a prominent farmer south of town, that five fine head of prize cattle and six bushels of his finest ear corn had been taken by two cloaked figures the night before.

Mr. Leach trailed one of the marauders, while his hired man followed the other. Mr. Leach told a highly interesting story of the exciting chase, which we do not have room for. Suffice it to say that he followed one figure to the home of Elwood Hanes, and the hired man traced the other to the Riley farm.

The prisoners intend to plead guilty and make no secret of their motive to ruin the championships next year and to get their pictures in the papers again.

HOW SENIORS WISH TO BE REMEMBERED

Helen Wikoff—For her perfect attendance.

Tom Bennett—As a henpecked friend.

Ralph Mayall—As a successful bachelor.

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