

IN MEMORIAM

WALTER BOYD

The Board of Education recently announced that the new atheletic field will be dedicated to the late Walter Boyd. Mr. Boyd taught at Maroa for 23 years. He coached football for 22 of these years. Along with that, he coached basketball and baseball. In Mr. Boyd's early years here, he was the Assistant Principal. Mr. Boyd taught History and Geography and Boy's PE with a firm but fair hand. When we asked Mr. Irvin what was his personal opinion of Mr. Boyd, he said, "Mr. Boyd was a man who always spoke his mind. He had a clear, open mind, and was fair but demanding in his work. He was a faithful and understanding teacher."

Maroa-Forsyth High School will never forget the great contributions Mr. Boyd gave to their homes and communities, whether it was a history test we had to pass or a football game we had to win. I am sure that we will always remember Mr. Boyd.

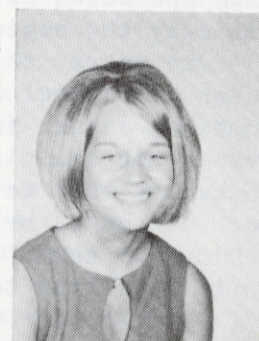


Donna Kapper won the D A R award from M F H S. She has been active in band, chorus, Science



Club, Student Council as president, FAA as president, newspaper staff, the speech play, and is the editor of the Trojanaire.

Carole Thomley has won the Betty Crocker Home-maker of Tomorrow 1972 award. She was chosen on the basis



of her score in a written knowledge and aptitude test. She is now eligible for state and national honors. Carole has been accepted at U of I and plans to major in home economics.

The Macon County Band Festival will be February 3 at Warrensburg, for sophomores, juniors, and seniors only.

Class News

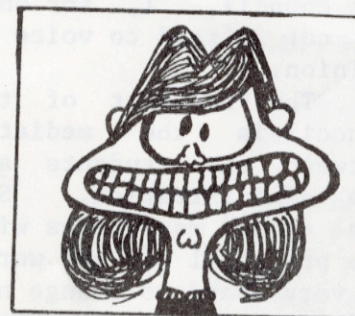
Freshman: All freshmen were taking tests all day Tuesday, January 11.

Juniors: The juniors will start selling light bulbs in the next couple of weeks so if you need some light, look up your favorite junior.

Seniors: The seniors had a very successful sandwich supper on January 7. They would like to thank everyone who came and supported them.

Semester Exam News

Semesters were on January 20 and 21. Thursday the schedule ran the full day with exams given in the odd hours. Friday, school was held until 2:30. The exams were given in the even hours then.



Editorial

As a recently - elected student council member, I would like to comment on the recent editorial. I am a senior, and this is the first year I've had the opportunity to serve on the council. Yes, I used to feel that the council did little, if anything, for the student body. Was I in for a surprise! You girls, sitting there in your jeans, It's thru the efforts of the council you are allowed to wear them, and every time you enjoy an assembly, the student council is responsible. Seniors, next semester, if you have a B average in a subject, you won't have to take the exam. The council worked for that. And remember this year's homecoming dance. Your student council organized and sponsored it. And that is only the beginning.

One more thing. We've been in school for almost 5 months, and in all that time, not one classmate has asked me what we're doing, or ask me to bring up anything for them. The council is willing to help you, if you speak up and say what you want. All you have to do to be heard is open your mouth.

A council member

Since you have not been on council, you are not qualified to speak about the actual steps taken by the council. I, for one, am not afraid to voice my opinion.

The President of the council is the mediator between the students and the administration. She has talked many times with the principal and has worked very hard to change his opinions of what the school needs.

As for stating that "nobody has the guts", you are totally wrong. If you had been at several of the meetings when the principal was asked questions, you would not have stated what you have. I was amazed at the rebuttal that several council members had to his answers. Opinions are voiced in council and all sides are listened to. The only weakness that council has, is that the rest of the students are either afraid to tell council members about their problem or they don't really care what happens--at least not until it happens to them. Then guess who gets the blame! As for the popularity contest, what is so bad about being popular? Have you ever stopped to think about how people become popular? Well, I'll tell you. Popularity doesn't happen over night. Most people are popular because they know how to understand and handle others. They are usually average people who have the same thoughts and problems as the rest of the students. They know what's happening.

There is an image branded to the council which is far from the truth. Many people believe that the council is just a club and really has no power. They believe this way because they are misinformed about what the council really does. Minutes of each meeting are posted on the bulletin board, so there is no reason for believing this fallacy.

A council member

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

The Industrial Arts Club took a tour to the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company January 19, from 9:00 to 12:00.

Newsaper

At the last newspaper staff meeting, it was decided that subscriptions would be sold to the BEACON during the noon hour. These subscriptions will cost ninety cents. Although single copies will still be sold after each printing, buying subscriptions is the sure way to get a copy of the BEACON.

Ensemble has been chosen for this year. Girls in ensemble include Lori Alexander, Carol Crouch, Teresa Woodard, Donna Kapper, Jane Hanes, Juanita Shirey, Jill Malone, and Debbie Scholes. In boys ensemble are Brian Walters, Dan Jennings, Terry Walters, Terry Etnier, Rick Cox, Leigh Turner, Bob Wood, and Gregg Weikle. Both are accompanied by Bill Land.

The following girls went to the GAA sportsday program at Blue Mound: Joy Yundt, Donna Kapper, Janet Shirey, Cindy Barnett, Rita Roosevelt, Teresa Woodard, Jean Simpson, and Karen Leach. They tied for fifth place.

The next sportsday will be on February 28 at Macon. The girls will compete with each other in badminton. There will be only two more sportsdays after that. They will be in softball, and track and field.

Initiation will be held on February 2.

Worth Thinking About . . .

Agony claws my mind. I am a statistic. When I first got here, I felt very much alone. I was overwhelmed with grief and I expected to find sympathy.

I found no sympathy. I saw only thousands of others whose bodies were as badly mangled as mine. I was given a number and placed in a category. The category was called "Traffic Fatalities."

The day I died was an ordinary school day. How I wish I had taken the bus! But I was too cool for the bus. I remember how I wheedled the car out of Mom. "Special favor," I pleaded. "all the kids drive." When the 2:50 bell rang, I threw my books in the locker. I was free until tomorrow morning! I ran to the parking lot--excited at the thought of driving a car and being my own boss. Free!

It doesn't matter how the accident happened. I was goofing off--going too fast. Taking crazy chances. But I was enjoying my freedom and having fun. The last thing I remember was passing an old lady who seemed to be going awfully slow. I heard a deafening crash and felt a terrific jolt. Glass and steel flew everywhere. My whole body seemed to be turning inside out. I heard myself scream.

Suddenly I awakened. It was very quiet. A police officer was standing over me. Then I saw a doctor. My body was mangled. I was saturated with blood. Pieces of jagged glass were sticking out all over.

Strange that I couldn't feel anything. Hey, don't pull that sheet over my head I can't be dead. I'm only 17. I've got a date tonite. I'm supposed to grow up and have a wonderful life. I haven't lived yet. I can't be dead.

Later, I was placed in a drawer. My folks had to identify me. Why did they have to see me like this? Why did I have to look at Mom's eyes when she faced the most terrible ordeal of her life? Dad suddenly looked like an old man. He told the man in charge, "yes he is our son."

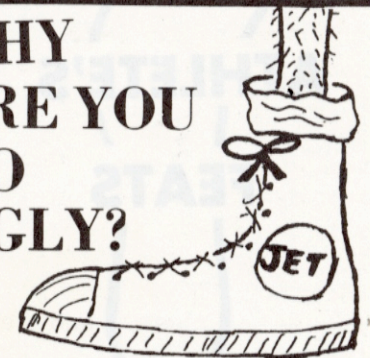
The funeral was a wierd experience. I saw all my relatives and friends walk toward the casket. They passed by, one by one, and looked at me with the saddest eyes I've ever seen. Some of my buddies were crying. A few of the girls touched my hand and sobbed as they walked away.

Please--somebody-- wake me up! Get me out of here! I can't bear to see my mom and dad so broken up. My grandparents are so racked with grief they can barely walk. My brother and sister are like zombies. They move like robots. In a daze. Everybody. No one can believe this, and I can't believe it either.

Please don't bury me! I'm not dead! I have a lot

of living to do! I want to laugh and run again. I want to sing and dance. Please, don't put me in the ground. I promise if you give me one more chance, God, I'll be the most careful driver in the whole world. Please, God, I'm only 17.

WHY ARE YOU SO UGLY?



New style of dress shoe? Definitely not! This is the agile, muscular leg of an athlete, as you might have guessed. Which one of you athletes is it?

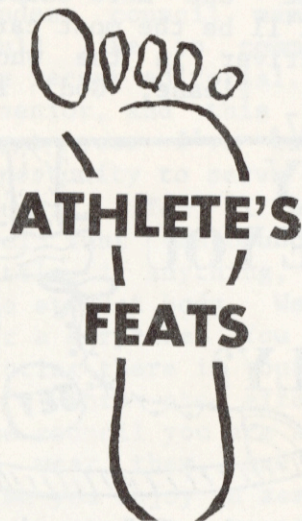
Experts feel that the burr haircut is the coming thing. They say it will be extremely popular on the Maroa campus. Who will be the first "cool head?"

For you girls, we know that winter can be real cold on your legs, with only your bobby socks on, so why don't you just wear hose under your socks and tennies, or if it gets below zero, just borrow your brother's long underwear. This could be the new "in" thing.

TOP TEN AT M.F.H.S.

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| 1. AMERICAN PIE | DON MCLEAN |
| 2. Joy to the World | Three Dog Night |
| 3. Shaft | Isaac Hayes |
| 4. Brand New Key | Melanie |
| 5. Maggie May | Rod Stewart |
| 6. Gypsies, Tramps, and Thieves | Cher |
| 7. Cherish | David Cassidy |
| 8. You've Got a Friend | James Taylor |
| 9. Riders on the Storm | Doors |
| 10. Dragging the Line | Tommy James |

Hoop Time



On December 28, we met Blue Mound here to see if we could come back from our earlier loss to Deland-Weldon. Charlie Young was high scorer with 22 points. We won, 72-55.

We entered the Macon County Tournament seeded top and came out fourth place. In the first game, we lost to Warrensburg with the score 60-50. Even our second game was no better, as Argenta defeated us by a score of 65-64.

The next week, Argenta again came out ahead of us, this time by a score of 55-50. That upset our record to 9-4.

On January 21, we ended our 3-game losing streak, as we toppled Findlay 76-50 in a conference game. The high man for the game was Mark Livingston with 22 pts.

January 4, we went to Assumption for a conference game. We had little trouble as we went away with a 86-45 victory.

On January 22, we went to Mahomet, as we shot 53% and smashed them by a score of 84-56. The victory brought our record to 11-4.

One of the big games of the season was on January 7, as we played Illiopolis. We both had undefeated conference records. Although they held a 40-37 half-time lead, we came on strong in the last half to win the game 82-76.



Personal column will be in next months' paper. Send your girl friend or boy friend a message-compliments of the Beacon.

Cheerleaders

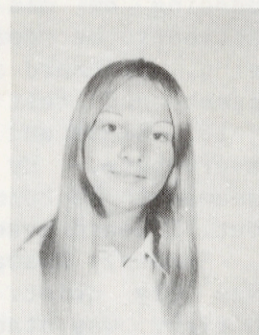
The cheerleaders feel that the spirit during the pep meetings and ballgames could be improved quite a lot. The crowds are as large and larger at most games than they have been in the past few years at this school. Where has the spirit gone??? With the big crowds at the games the Trojan fans should be able to yell loud enough to let the opposing team know that we mean business!!! Let's give it a try, and see what your enthusiasm does to support your team.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

THINGS TO DO (February)

- Feb. 1- Basketball game with Tower Hill at MFHS.
- Feb. 2- 1st hour activity period---Industrial Arts Club.
- Feb. 3- County Band Festival
- Feb. 4- Basketball game with Stonington at MFHS. A Soc Hop will follow.
- Feb. 7- NO SCHOOL!!
- Feb. 8- Student Council Assembly-Dick Lake.
- Feb. 9- 2nd hour activity period-Student Council and Newspaper Staff.
- Feb. 11-Basketball game at Lovington.
- Feb. 15-Basketball game with Mowequa at MFHS.
- Feb. 16-3rd hour activity period-Science Club and Librarians.
- Feb. 18-Basketball game at Bethany.
- Feb. 21-Regional Tourney begins.
- Feb. 22-Early dismissal at 2:30.
- Feb. 23-4th hour activity period-FFA and FHA

Kay Taylor has been chosen by the student council to represent Maroa as the Meridian conference queen candidate.



The queen will reign over the Meridian Conference Tournament. The tournament was held January 24-28 at Niantic-Harristown.