

FROM THE 1955 MAR-KEN YEARBOOK:

DEDICATION:

We, the Senior Class, would gratefully like to dedicate our annual to Ken, who besides giving of his knowledge, wisdom and energies, has tried to bring nearer to us the true essence of life. "You give but little when of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."

QUOTES:

Arthur Apple	"What did I do now?"
Lee Adams	"Lets have 'Fighting Lady'"
Sandra Barnett	"Oh Beans!"
Lynn Beckman	"When are we going to do an experiment, Mr. Simpson?"
Larry Bergamo	"I'll have to speak to my mother about it."
Loya Bickley	"Come on you guys."
Rilla Black	"Oh Noel"
Casey Cagney	"Can you help me with my algebra?"
Jim Carney	"Oh, you gorpe!"
Anita Chavin	"Stop Shel - - - -"
Sheldon Chavin	"Well - - - - ya - - - -"
Marsha Concoff	"I don't even know"
Andrea Davis	"Pardon me!?"
Lynne Feader	"It's so - - O - -O immature"
Loretta Furedy	"Ach du Lieber"
Carolyn Green	"I am not"
Lloyd Hennen	"We were Barreling down the main drag, when - - - -"
Kathy Hilton	"Hi!"
Barry Isquith	"Boy! Was it cold on my Salsbury"
George Kennahan	"Crazy"
Carolyn Kerr	"Have you seen our new cadie?"
Barry Kaplan	"Well - - - - I - - - -"
Steve Kosoff	"You wanna bet?"
Mike Klier	"Lets cut out"
Vic Kries	"Oh ya?"
Fern Litt	"Oh really?"

Nancy Manfull	“I’ll hit you!”
Wendy Morgan	“Oh come on”
Chick Nicholson	“Haa - - so - -“
Hebie Oles	“Well, hows everybody this morning?”
Peter Palmer	“I’m through with my homework” ???
Walter Peters	“Dummyhead”
Jay Pierce	“I’m back again”
Donlene Porter	“Oh, Lynne”
Lynn Porter	“Oh, Donnie”
Larry Reid	“Where’s Larry?”
Bob Ross	“In my opinion - - - -“
Dick Sandler	“How about that”
Gale Shidler	“It’s true”
Margeret Shidler	“Have you heard this one?”
Ted Shiells	“Is this what you mean?”
Bob Steinberger	“Guess who got the highest grade? Me, who else?”
Noel Sweitzer	“I’ll change the horses, Mr. B.”
Stuart Thompson	“Gosh”
Greg White	“Hi, number one”
Charles Wilgus	“Me - - late????”
Jack Wells	“That’s the greatest”
Jay Freedburg	“Who doesn’t like Leo Diamond?”
Mr. B.	“Who’s been in the ice-box?”
Kent	“Leave us get the lead out!!”

ACTIVITIES:

Well who’s that? Hey, what’s her name?
 Gee I hope I get to know him! These and other similar questions fly about this one particular activity in which the new students are welcomed officially by the older members of the student body.

The evening starts off with a little reticence but it doesn’t take long until everyone is at ease and having a real bang-up time. The older kids learn some new steps and so it works out beautifully for both old and new Mar-Kenites. After dancing of course FOOD is served and then a picture - - - more dancing and so forth until midnight. And after the “bon soirs” everyone agrees that they are looking forward to a terrific and rewarding new year.

Among the many parties at Mar-Ken was "Roustabout" put on by the tenth grade. We decorated the "big room" with balloons and crape paper and our big attraction was the Egg Dance. Much to their surprise, Marsha and Lee had that one and only experience of getting the two real eggs!

Almost all the student body came and everyone really enjoyed themselves. We shoed the film "Monkey Business" and refreshments were cookies and Mr. B's punch. Prizes were given for the funniest and most original costumes. All agreed that Namcy and Barry Isquith had the most original and Larry Reid and Donlene the funniest. After the party everyone decided the next morning was plenty of time to clean up, and staggered home

This is a real cool story of a gone hep kid whose little chick has got the idea of blowing it off so this cat makes something like this - - - - - .

"Listen cutie, how about forgetting this idea of busting the balloon. Hop over to my pad - - I've got first hand news of a real keen dinner thrown by those hep Juniors at Mar-Ken. Dig this menu - - - - - turkey, rolls candied yams, and all the rest of the goodies. They're parting with ten green bills in a raffle and that doesn't sound hard to take . . . Are you hep? . . . No - - Well you goofed baby!"

As you all probably know that dinner was the-e-e- craziest!

Root Beer and pretzels galore!
We all were anxiously awaiting the night when we would see "THE WAYWARD WAY"

The hissing at the villain and cheering for the hero put us all in a carefree happy go lucky mood which drew us much

closer to the actors and the general camaraderie with our fellow jubilants around us.

The “Oleo” brought the audience ever closer to the actors since we were all participating in such songs as “Down By The Old Mill Stream” and other old favorites. We sang the final round of songs and then while everyone was still in the mood of the “Gay 90s”, we became engrossed in putting on those hilarious moustaches. Naturally we were also thinking and anticipating the next time we would be at the Theatre Mart to see and enjoy

“The Wayward Way”

On December 10th the annual Mar-Ken Christmas Party was held at Mar-Ken High School. The entire student body and faculty attended, and everybody received a gift - - some humorous and some practical. The White Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with red balls and lights. Refreshments were served and the high point of the whole party was the awarding of the prizes that are given for the best stories about Christmas written by the students. The awards were given to Lynne Feader of the senior class, Wendy Morgan of the Junior class, Loya Bickley of the Sophomore class, Marsha Concoff of the Freshman class, and to Noel Sweitzer of the Junior High.

----- have you ever seen a bunch of hoboes having a shindig down by their old hang out. From where I was standing Mar-Ken looked like the typical “jungle” and it was a “ball and a Half.” They were decked out in their best??? The greatest rags from here to Paris (garters that is) And aah! that aroma, beans in pots and coffee in cans.

And the best in entertainment, dancing - - if you can call it that - - - And to top it all off - a terrific movie. After the conclave everyone shouldered their bindle and hopped their own freight.

In October, as in every year. Mar-Ken hustled off to U.S.C. for another 13 weeks of Fun and learning all very interesting but there were a few that we thought to be outstanding They were:

Alexander Nevsky
All Quiet On the Western Front

A Night of W.C. Fields
U.P.A Carnival

the last of which "inaugurated" the new series this year.

Afterwards Mar-Ken each Tuesday night zoomed over to Coffee Dan's, where we literally raided the place. With our hunger stifled for a while, a tired bunch rest for School tomorrow.

LUAU

In February the juniors had their LUAU. Parents and Students alike filled The big room to capacity and everyone enjoyed The delicious dinner which had been partially catered by the Samoa House and consisted of Barbecued spare ribs, baked beans, and green salad, and for desert fresh pineapple with whipped cream, Manfull of course. All this was eaten on the floor at a beautifully decorated Luau mat,

which was fun for everyone.

Following dinner there was bingo and a movie, South Sea of course "His Majesty O'Keefe."

About midnight everyone was ready to retire so we all left, thanking the Juniors for a terrific evening.

RAMONA PAGEANT

It was Saturday, April 30th. We had ordered tickets to the RAMONA PAGEANT and had high hopes for a nice warm day, but the weatherman had other ideas. We got the lunch packed into the "Cady" and were on our way. All five cars with one exception, got us to the park for lunch about 12:00. Although it was dark and cold, the Mar-Kenites were not to be deprived of their fun. And we not only had a wonderful picnic and enjoyed the beautiful pageant but even the drive home in the rain and that terrific dinner at the Mission Inn we enjoyed by everybody.

BOX SOCIAL

"What am I bid? One-fifty, one-seventy five - - do I hear more - - two - - two-fifty, thank you, how about two-seventy five?" and with this word our two auctioneers started off the proceedings for one of the top parties of our season, the famous BOX SOCIAL. This is one party where the boys pocketbooks take a beating and the girls knock themselves out preparing the food. And was it good!?

Just as everyone was getting through with dinner all the lights went out and in came a birthday cake - - for Kent. It was a terrific party and after the ice cream and cake we sat down on the floor and watched the showing of "State Fair." There was a prize given for the best looking box but after the party most everyone "retired" to the living room and rediscussed what a wonderful party it was!!

SWITZER'S

Westward Ho! Everybody shouted, and off we went to tackle those rugged mountains around SWITZER'S in the San Bernardino Mts. Being a traditional school activity, everybody expected to have sore feet and sore muscles and to

get weak from hunger - - - and when we got to the long grey hill we soon found out why. As usual, we ate! And then the long hike, which was really an expedition - we must have set some new climbing records. After grunting up to the stone chapel, which was beautiful, we tried to manipulate up a lonely mountain trail - oh well - it was a good try and after failing to make it we drug ourselves back to the cars and were homeward bound, very tired but full and happy.

POMONA FAIR

It was a bright sunny Wednesday morning when Mar-Ken all piled into cars - - destination, Pomona Fair. After a short ride we entered the Fair grounds and started hitting the high spots. Among these were the Home Show, the livestock exhibits, the Army and Navy show, cars, art treasures, and many others. The latest of everything! Then like usual - - food, Mr. B. had prepared one of his famous meals of spaghetti, salad, cake, and drinks. After this (giving our blisters a rest,) we proceeded to the fun zone where the day was ended with a good bouncing around. We were tired but it was worth it as we stumbled into the cars and went home and sleep - and that closes another of the many Mar-Ken Trips.

TRIP TO THE SNOW

BOOTS, CAPS, JACKETS AND MITTENS *****!

Everyone being loaded down by this equipment Mar-Ken started out for a weekend excursion in the snow.

By the time we all arrived at the house everyone was anxiously awaiting the moment when they could get into a big cold and wet snowball fight.

For two full days we occupied our time tobogganing, throwing snowballs and hiking. When we weren't outside we were sitting by the fire in the living room playing blackjack or feeding our hungry faces. When the fun ended we all packed up and headed for home but in our minds were thoughts of the fun we had and the fun we shall have on this same trip next year.

CAMPUS TOUR

On March 3rd the Seniors left for a three day campus tour which took us to such California campuses as Davis, Mills, Berkeley, Stanford, and San Jose State. This was an innovation for the Seniors of Mar-Ken and it proved to be a popular and interesting trip.

The trip naturally wouldn't have been complete without a night in San Francisco seeing such sights as China Town, The Top of the Mark, The Fairmont Hotel, San Quinten, Sutros, and then tragedy struck! - - - the happy wanderers wandered - - - The car containing Carolyn Kerr, Carolyn Green, Wally Peters, and driver Chuck Nicholson got lost in the shuffle. After two hours of wandering around they were finally located in the lobby of the Fairmont. The detectives in the "Starfire", Sandra Barnett, Cam Redlich, Herbie Oles, Jay Pierce, and Mike Kriesberg, and driver Kent Bessire solved the case of the missing Seniors and all ended well.

In the end, even though it sounds corny, we all arrived home thoroughly tired and with some idea of preference as to which campus we would like to attend.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School took a new phase in "54". We packed into the cars, bag and baggage, and of course books! - - to enjoy eight weeks south of the border. Cuernavaca was our final destination.

Our trip down and our side trips after arriving in Cuernavaca included some of the most interesting spots in Mexico. Some of them were;

Duango - - and its iron

Chihuahua - - and its history

Guanajuato - - and its rich colonial atmosphere

Guadalajara - - and its strange mixture of architecture

Vera Cruz - and its tropical climate

Taxco - and its romantic silver and cobbled streets

Fortin - and its gardenia filled pool

Morella – and its colorful palaces

Mexico City – and its color, its theatres, its excitement and thrills, its bullfights, and floating gardens – who need to say more?

Summer School was truly successful, adding not only to subject knowledge, but also to the ever needed finish and polish that comes with world travel.

CHINESE CULTURAL SOCIETY

We started off for the CHINESE CULTURAL SOCIETY at 7:00 in the evening. When we arrived in New China City we ended the ride with a bang - - Herbie's flat tire. In spite of this and beginning we had a really terrific dinner which consisted of spare ribs, shrimp, egg roll, soup, egg foo-young, tea, and almond cookies. After dinner we heard an interesting speaker, who spoke on Chinese religion.

The on to Wil Wrights for a quick sundae - - all in all a wonderful and educational evening.

SANS SOUCI

One of the main principles of Mar-Ken is a well rounded education. Besides going to places of fun and frolic, we also attend places of intellectual interest. I think our trip to the Sans Souci was one of the most interesting of all. We attended the May 2nd meeting in the Ambassador's magnificent Embassy Room and had the privilege of seeing many famous and interesting people – such as Dr. von Klinesmid, Mrs. Carveth Wells, Lord Dunsany, Louise Dresser, Mrs. W. C. Fields and many others and we enjoyed a program of some wonderful artists. These people all gather together to help those that need it and to further the cultural aspects of life.

Mar-Ken is always happy and grateful for having the opportunity to attend such a worthwhile project and to give it our strong support.

HUNTINGTON ART GALLERIES

Well fellows and gals, we were off like a “herd of turtles” on Tuesday, March 22nd, for Huntington Galleries.

After we parked and got our tickets we went into the library, where we saw the tiniest Bible in the world, the first folio of Shakespeare, oil paintings of Washington and Lincoln, a beautiful collection of Indian painting, and a first edition of the King James Bible.

Then we toddled over to the main house and the art gallery where we saw the two most famous paintings in the world – Blue Boy and Pinkie.

After seeing these marvels we went to another gallery called Blums, and guess what – we ate!

INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR

SUKIYAKI --- PIZZA --- ENCHILADAS *** and many more interesting smells overcame us as we passed through the gateway into the INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR. Following our noses we found the source of these delectable smells and had our dinner. It was real terrific making a complete round the world trip of these delicacies from every land. After we had finished eating we made a tour of the different booths which explained about that particular country. This brought us to the show where we saw the dances and songs of the countries represented. We had a wonderful time and each of us brought home a little remembrance such as Swiss chocolate, or chopsticks, or the like --- Finally we arrived at Mar-Ken, tired but happy with a little more knowledge of the people of the rest of the world.

BACCALAUREATE

PROGRAM

Welcome -----	Carl Lee Adams
Song -----	Marion Oles
Baccalaureate Sermon -----	Father Bernnett
The Lords Prayer -----	Wm. Kent Bessire
Benediction -----	Father Bennett
Recessional	
Pianist -----	Mr. Robert Klimes

GRADUATION

“Real equality and fraternity form the true goal; for then, supreme Peace may reign on earth, and the earth herself can be a single household.”

MAR-KEN HIGH SCHOOL – 1954

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

Student Body President, Camile Redlich

SALUTATORIANS

Patricia Mann

Calvin Kushen

MALAGUENA

Piano Solo, Barbara Terrie

VALEDICTORIANS

Marilyn Noble

Camille Redlich

NON E VER

Vocal Solo – Marion Oles

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

“The Individual, The Nation, And the World”

Professor Paul E. Hadley, AM

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS AND AWARDS

Wm. Kent Bessire

RECESSIONAL

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society is based upon four principles.

These principles consist of:

Character

Leadership

Service

Scholarship

Character pertains to the person’s morals and principles, leadership depends upon the students ability to lead others as well as himself – service is the unselfish quality of giving one’s service to the need of his fellow classmates – while scholarship is maintaining a minimum of an 87 average throughout the years at Mar-Ken.

The two students who were voted into the society on April 15th, 1955 were Lee Adams and Sandra Barnett who took over the presidency from the outgoing President – Patricia Mann.

Pat was assisted in her introduction and explanation of the Society by Dick Van Cleve, Camille Redlich and Kenya Kennedy. The musical portion of the program was provided by Marion Oles. All the participants were members of the Society and are members of the alumni of Mar-Ken School.

The high point of the ceremony was when the two pledges stood and individually took the following oath:

“I promise to honor and uphold the standards I am hereby assuming. I realize the responsibility I am taking and will live up to the standards set for me by the National Honor Society.”

“I will also keep striving to better myself and my school by these four requirements of the society; increase leadership, improved character, continued scholarship and loyal service.”

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