

The MARION MESSENGER

Marion Junior High School

Marion, Iowa

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John Nieland Spoke To 7th, 9th Grades



Sgt. John Nieland, a 1958 graduate of the Marion High School, was a guest speaker November 30 and December 1 in our junior high. He spoke to us on his work as a member of the Green Beret Special Forces.



Sergeant John Nieland of the Green Beret Special Forces came to C. B. Vernon Junior High November 30 to talk with the seventh grade social studies classes about his work as a Green Beret. He brought with him some of his medals, such as the Purple Heart and the Silver Star which is the third highest medal you can receive. He also brought some photographs showing him with Senator Robert Kennedy. Diane Ward received a Green Beret for asking Sgt. Nieland the best question.

At a special ninth grade assembly held December 1, Sgt. Nieland stressed the importance of studying hard while in junior high and senior high school. He explained that tests we take later on in our line of work may determine whether we are in the front line fighting or in a higher position. The background information and facts we obtain in school will help us do better on these tests.

School Dismissal

School will be dismissed at the regular dismissal time Thursday, December 22 to begin the Christmas vacation. There will be no school on Friday, Dec. 23. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 4, 1967.

Tryouts Held For 7th Play

Thursday, November 17, marked the day of the tryouts for the seventh grade play. Altogether 12 seventh grade Dramatics Club members tried out for a play with 4 women and 3 men parts. Mr. Miller, seventh grade play director, and Mr. Gaede were in charge of casting the play.

The part of "Betty Lou", a daughter of fifteen whose teacher is coming over to spend the evening, is played by Gayl Messerly.

Becky Downey plays "Connie," a second daughter of seventeen, who wants help on her play.

Mark Brandt plays a son "Wilbur," who is thirteen and interested in boxing.

The parts of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell are played by Dan Handkins and Joyce Lanning, and Janet Campbell plays the teacher, "Miss Burke".

Les Warner is "George Smith," Mrs. Maxwell's old boyfriend.

The name of the play is "Say Uncle". As for the story: Mr. Maxwell has made plans to go hunting. The other Maxwells try to persuade him to stay home because Betty Lou's teacher is coming, but they can't. Then a few minutes later because the car isn't working, Mr. Maxwell comes back. There he finds George Smith, Mrs. Maxwell's old "flame", playing "father" for the time. Mr. Maxwell soon finds himself being called "Uncle John". The whole play is lighthearted and quite humorous.

The play will be presented during the week following the close of first semester.

Junior High Urged To Attend PTA

All junior high school students are encouraged to accompany their parents to the January PTA meeting. The meeting will be held January 23 in the Boys' Gym beginning at 7:30 p. m.

The program will consist of a panel of parolees from the Boys Training School at Eldora under the supervision of Burt Galaway, from the Juvenile Parole Service of the Board of Control of State Institutions. The panel of parolees consists of boys who have been at the Boys Training School and who are now on parole. They have indicated a willingness to speak informally as a panel with community groups. The boys talk about their experiences at the training school and on parole and about what they think happened to them that they came to the attention of the courts. Any other interested persons are also invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

Annual Christmas Musical Presented December 15



Members of the Marion Messenger Staff are front row, left to right: Linda McAllister, Sharon Wood, Kathy Finley, Terri Hopkins, Les Warner, Debra Jacque, Laurie Johnson, Sheryl Jacque, Sue Mangold, Miss Coleman, advisor, Mike Marsh. Second row: Becky Downey, Shawn Walker, Janine Smaby, John Walton, Sam Begley, Lance Alexander, Jeff Preston and Dan Begley.

The following poems are parodies on famous poems. "The T. V. Hour" was written by Judy Lyon, "Boys or Girls?" was written by Larry McPherson.

THE T. V. HOUR

The time between day time and dark time,
When the shades we begin to lower,
That's a time when the parents are happy:
It's known as the T. V. Hour.

I hear in the attic above me,
The stamping of dozens of feet.
The slam of the door as it closes.
And the voices begin to compete.

While sitting and reading the paper,
I see coming down the stair,
Tony, Peter, and Clara,
And Baby with carrot-red hair.

Together they all start screaming,
One wants channel 9,
To watch their favorite "Batman,"
But some want, "What's My Line?"

So, silently I rise from my comfort,
And sneak slowly up the stairs;
They won't miss me until midnight,
When T. V. goes off the air.

BOYS OR GIRLS?

I've often thought there's none so fair,
As a pretty girl with long, blond hair,
But in my day of rush and swirl,
I'm not so sure that it's a girl.

With polka-dot shirts and red hip huggers,
They walk up the street, both sisters and brothers,
I often think that it would be fine,
If they all would carry a "Boy" or "Girl" sign.

The following poem was written by Mrs. Earl Helbig and read by her daughter Mrs. Wilfred Schuster at the November PTA meeting. The poem was written in memory of Miss Dorothy Haffa, who taught for 33 years in the Marion Junior High School.

AN ODE TO OUR TEACHER

We pause tonight, for a moment. . .
In our hustle and bustle and strife;
In remembrance of one who has left us. . .
For a fuller more perfect life.

One who gave of her time and her talent. . .
To our children, and grandchildren, too.
For thirty-three years she was with us. . .
Gave instruction to me and to you.

May the Heavenly Father give comfort,
To those who are left. . . near and far.
We will ever remember "Miss Haffa". . .
In her crown there'll be more than one star.

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The annual Christmas musical was presented twice on Thursday, December 15. An assembly was held Thursday afternoon for the student body in the boys' gym. The 7:30 evening performance was open to the public. The musical was directed by Mrs. Bean, vocal music instructor, and Mr. Franklin, instrumental instructor.

The band presented the following numbers, "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer", "Variation Overture", "Air for Band", "German Christmas Festival", "Coronation March", and "Christmas Music for Winds". The instrumental program was preceded by the vocal music department.

The Honor Chorus sang six familiar Christmas carols, "Christmas Carol Medley", "Shepherds Song", "Twelve Days of Christmas", "Go Tell It On the Mountain", "Gloria Carol", and "Christmas Song". Girls' Chorus sang "Sing Gloria", "Christmas Bell Carol", "The Night Before Christmas", and "It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas".

Seventh grader Gayl Messerly was soloist. She sang "O Holy Night."

What's Going On?

Seventh grade math classes have been studying common fractions. They have been adding, subtracting and multiplying common fractions and some of the classes are dividing fractions.

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Seventh grade social studies classes are studying the tropical Savanna. They will be starting a new unit very soon.

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Eighth grade Homemaking students have been working on the unit of babysitting. The fourth hour class is bringing kindergarten children from Lincoln. They have either made a babysitter's kit and/or a stuffed animal. Next they will be starting a foods unit.

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Freshman Homemaking students have been sewing. They have made such things as wool dresses, suits, slacks, and pants suits. Next project will be making Christmas decorations. One of their projects at Christmas is to prepare cookies and candy for the Mothers' Tea on December 21.

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Eighth grade Industrial Arts classes have four different sections. One section is working on power mechanics, another metals, drafting, and wood-working. These four things will be rotated throughout the year.

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The ninth grades have only two sections of Industrial Arts. Third hour is working on sheet metal. They have just finished wood working. The other section is working on straight drafting.

Messenger Sports



Athletic Club officers for the 1966-67 school year are shown above. They are left to right, Gary Hucker, secretary-treasurer; Bob Schueler, president; and Mark Witte, vice-president.

over Vinton when the squads met here December 3. Vinton had a hard time really doing anything because of good solid Marion attacks. Good shooting and ball stealing were Marion's characteristics throughout the games. The B team won 57-25 and the A team topped their opponents 88-34.

B TEAM	A TEAM
Yuva 3 points	Meggers 20
Handkins 4	Morris 17
Walker 8	Odean 16
Parks 12	Schueler 4
Camenisch 7	Schmuecker 10
Cole 2	Hucker 10
Wells 9	Parks 7
Stanford 8	Walker 4
Penn 1	
Begley 2	
Anderson 1	

SEVENTH GRADE BEATS IOWA CITY

The Marion seventh grade basketball squad played an outstanding game at Iowa City Southeast December 2. The Marion team won 38-27. Marion led 12-5 at the end of the first quarter, 18-12 at the end of the first half. Chuck Loula

BASKETBALL

A & B FROSH BEAT VINTON

Both the A and B freshmen basketball teams won easily



SEVENTH GRADE BASKETBALL SQUAD: Left to Right, Front Row: Dippel, Barton, Netser, Willie, Loula, Miles, Sumner, Skilling, Schott, Warrick. Second Row: Hasley, manager, Sheppard, Orness, Jacobsen, Nelson, Ernest, Kelly, Flory, Handkins, Zaerr. Third Row: Warner, Mullenix, Begley, Travis, Bailey, Ciha, Potter, Wood, Henry, Witte. Fourth Row: Mr. Meggers, coach, Kemp, Preston, Alexander, Burgess, Poppe, Cash, Gillman, Clark, Olson, Jensen.



NINTH GRADE BASKETBALL SQUAD: Left to right, Front Row: Tew, Begley, Penn, Camenisch, Ward, Parks, Murphy, Second Row: Scott, Anderson, Yuva, Serbousek, Cole, McSweeney, Hucker, Meggers, McNitt. Third Row: Blin, Walker, Handkins, Mordorst, Schueler, Schmuecker, Odean, Morris, Wells, Knudsen.



EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL SQUAD: Front Row, Left to Right: Bowen, Long, Kerr, Clossen, Bast, Martin, Hess. Second Row: Gorman, Stalkfleet, Horning, Cole, Garlinghouse, Sissel, Hogan; Third Row: King, manager, Schultz, Wolfe, Meeks, Jensen, Collins, Balster, Witte, Mr. Hoeppner, coach.

was high scorer with 14 points. Others scoring were Terry Skilling, 8, Steve Cash and Mark Burgess, both 6, and Van Gillman and Bruce Witte, each with 2 points. In the third quarter Marion really picked up and at the beginning of the fourth they led by 13 points.

PRAIRIE WINS OVER SEVENTH

Tuesday, November 22, our seventh grade team traveled to Prairie and lost on the Prairie floor 48 to 36. High scorer for the Marion seventh was Mark Burgess with 18 points.

EIGHTH GRADE IA. CITY LOSER

Friday, December 2, the Marion Eighth grade played at Iowa City Southeast losing 53-36. Marion scorers were Kevin Collins, 14, Rod Jensen, 10, Terry Meeks, 6, Paul Martin and Mark Witte, each scoring 4, and Jeff Holly, 3.



Joe Coker demonstrates the ability which resulted in a win for him. He pinned his opponent during the Monticello meet.



Steve Moorhead also pinned his opponent during the Monticello meet.



Winning his match by decision was Byron Ruhl.

WRESTLING

7th, 8th Wrestling Opened Nov. 29

Wrestling season for the seventh and eighth grade boys officially opened November 29 meeting Monticello in the Marion gym. Fastest pin was by seventh grader Lane Larson. He pinned his opponent in 19 seconds.

Marion won 39-6. Marion wrestlers pinning their opponents were Joe Coker, Bob McCue, Steve Moorhead, G.J. Tuttrup, Brian Rauch, and Lane Larson. Winning by decision were LaVerne Atwater, Gary Gilbert, and Byron Ruhl. Those losing by decision were Don Bebee and Mike Olson.

Wrestlers are coached by Mr. Twachtman and Mr. Huntoon.

Winners Named In 9th Ping-Pong

Of the twelve ninth grade girls who started the pin pong intramurals, those remaining in the second round were Becky Armstrong, Susan Gibney, Barb Glass, Patty Haas, Nancy Jacobsen, and Jean Kriegermeier. The champion was Nancy Jacobsen. Becky Armstrong and Susan Gibney now will play for runner-up and third place positions.

Four Cheerleaders Named From 8th

Four new eighth grade cheerleaders have been named to complete the 1966-67 school year. Rae Ann McLean, Pat Davis, Robin Cason, and Beth Ford along with Nancy Sebern now comprise the squad of eighth grade cheerleaders.



POEMS

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THE MAN OF DE STREET
BY LUANN CULBERTSON

There was a young man of De Street
Who in mornings was tired and beat

For the night before
He'd fall on the floor
And he's never learned to be neat.

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THE RUSSIANS
BY REX ALLAN

The Russians blasted off for the moon

They landed along about noon
They looked in awe
For what they saw
Our flag had been there since June!

Make 1967 Better

This next year will be a year of doubt. The big question is "What will happen in Viet Nam? Another question is the possibility of inflation and the Who knows what will happen? issue of Unidentified Flying Objects.

It's your job as a student to keep yourself well informed on each of these subjects. In a few more years you will be responsible for our government and the world's well being. This year make yourself a better student and be observant and attentive in class. Do your best to improve yourself. Besides polishing up your fine points strengthen your weak points both physically and mentally.

If you are a strong-willed person make up resolutions and stick to them. In this way you will be a better rounded student.

During this new year try to make the world a better place to live for yourself and for other people. If you do this, things will definitely improve.

Miss Haffa Died In C.R. November 14

A long-time Marion school district teacher, Miss Haffa, died suddenly November 14 in a Cedar Rapids Hospital. She lived at 820 Fifth Avenue.

Miss Haffa taught at C.B. Vernon Junior High for 33 years. She also served as principal in the late 1930's. Before coming to Marion, she taught at Des Moines, Edgewood, and Cherokee. During the summers she taught at State College of Iowa.

The CARE campaign held annually was a favored project of Miss Haffa's. The campaign this year was dedicated to her memory and \$369.71 was contributed.

Funeral services for Miss Haffa were held November 19 at Waterloo.

Students Given Intelligence Tests

Students in the seventh and ninth grades were given the Henmon Nelson Intelligence Test on November 22. These IQ tests are given so that the school will know what the student is capable of doing in school. The IQ scores are of most value when compared with class work grades, achievement on Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, Iowa Tests of Educational Development and with the views of the classroom teachers.

If students are interested in discussing this test and school achievement they may contact either Mr. Steadman or Mrs. Walker for an interview.

NINTH GRADE TOPS MANCHESTER

The ninth grade wrestling squad defeated Manchester December 6, at a meet in Manchester. Tim Henry, wrestling at 95 lbs. was pinned by his opponent in about 4 minutes. Ken Trout won, 2-0, also wrestling at 95 lbs. Carl Schuettelz lost to his opponent; Rick Danford pinned his opponent in 3 minutes, and tied the score for the Indians. Bob Bebee won the meet for Marion by winning 4-0. Final score Marion 11, Manchester 8.

Seventh, Eighth Downed By Manchester

The seventh and eighth grade wrestlers were defeated by Manchester on December 6 in the Manchester gym. Winners were Don Yirkovsky, Don Bebee, Mike Olson, Steve Moorhead, and Steve Stone. Those who tied were Bob McCue and Gary Gilbert. Those losing by decision were Jay Olson, Jeff Sorenson, Kim Collins, G.J. Tuttrup, and Doug Moorman. Losing by pins were Joe Coker, Russ Royce, and Bob Sixta. Final score Manchester 36, Marion 21.

PING-PONG

Fifty-Five 7th Girls In Ping-Pong

Fifty-five girls in seventh grade began the pin pong intramurals. Seven are now left playing. Those surviving are Kathy Power and Janet Campbell, who are two of the four to be in the semi-finals. Terri Hopkins and Sheila McVey are battling for the semi-finals along with Ginger Lathrop and Peggy Bowen or Kathy Williamson.