

The MARION MESSENGER

Marion Junior High School

Marion, Iowa

March 2, 1967

Judge W.W. Parker Main Speaker At PTA Meeting



PTA Founders Day was held February 23 in the IOOF hall. The guest speaker was Judge William W. Parker. Judge Parker is judge of the Municipal Court in Waterloo. He served on the Iowa Board of Parole two and a half years, resigning from that Board to assume the position as Municipal Judge.

Superintendent Sorenson was master of ceremonies. Mr. Fowler presented honorary State Life Memberships to Mr. Sorenson and Mrs. Donald DeVault. These memberships are given to people who have done much for children's education. They cost \$25 and the money is used for educating teachers.

This banquet is held to observe the founding of the Parents and Teachers Association in 1897. Marion has observed Founders Day for seven years.

'Progress Notices' Appear; But Don't Panic Yet

When half of a quarter of school is completed, teachers send out unsatisfactory reports. These reports, better known as progress notices, go to the homes of students, who in the opinion of the teacher, are doing unsatisfactory work.

There is certainly no need for a student to get terribly worried over a progress notice. The notice doesn't mean you failed a subject; it just shows you need a little more work in a particular subject.

When you get a progress notice you should: 1) see your teacher to discuss the problem, and 2) concentrate your efforts a little more on the subject.

Don't give up on the subject. The progress notice just warns you ahead of time that you need to work a little harder or a bad grade may result. Remember, there is still time, even after you get an unsatisfactory report, to raise your grade.



Tom Bowen works hard on his project in Industrial Arts.

The annual Valentine Dance for eighth and ninth graders was held after school February 14 in the boys' gym. Mr. Linden's, Mrs. Simpson's, and Mrs. Taylor's homerooms were in charge. Bill Montgomery was master of ceremonies. Refreshments were served.

February Meeting of Spanish Club Held

The February meeting of the Spanish Club was held Thursday, Feb. 2. The television game "Match Game" was played with the questions and responses being given in Spanish. Guests for the meeting and to play the "Match Game" were Mrs. Tanner and Miss Coleman.

After the meeting which was held in the Lincoln Auditorium, refreshments were served in Mrs. Pumroy's room. The meeting was concluded at 4:30.

Small Group Counseling Sessions Being Held

Something new this year at Vernon Junior High are the small group counseling sessions which are held regularly with Mr. Steadman and Mrs. Walker. There are seven counseling groups with approximately 60 students participating. Each group is different from

all the others. Different topics and different approaches to different problems are worked out within each group. Students became members by being selected by teachers or by asking to join. There is almost one hundred per cent attendance at these sessions.

Of the seven counseling groups, four are seventh grade groups, two are eighth grade, and one is a ninth grade group. Counselors wish more students were able to attend, but with approximately 530 students, it is obvious not all can join.

JUNIOR HIGH BAND FESTIVAL SATURDAY

Junior High Band Festival was held at Vernon Junior High Saturday, February 25.

Miss Mentzer Returns To Vernon

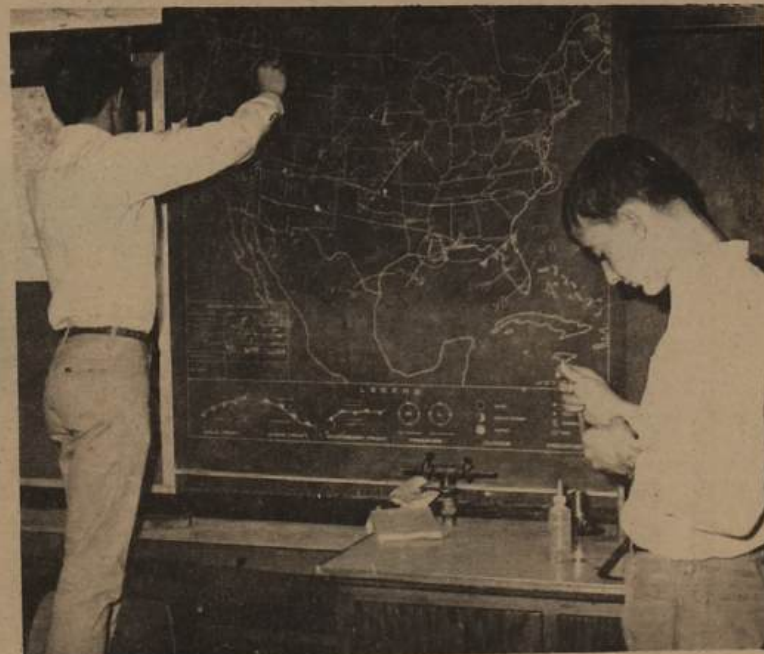
Miss Mentzer returned to Vernon Junior High January 16, replacing Mrs. Zoerink who is taking a leave of absence during the second semester.

Miss Mentzer, who retired last spring, has taught for forty-eight years, forty-seven of these for the Marion School system. She taught for one year at Bellevue, Iowa.

Miss Mentzer received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Coe College and the State University of Iowa granted her the Master of Arts degree.

NINTH GRADES TAKE KUDER PREFERENCE TESTS

Ninth grade students have recently taken the Kuder Preference Test. This is a test without any wrong answers. The test is designed to find out in what areas your strongest interests are. Mrs. Walker was in charge of the testing which was given to homeroom groups in the study hall.



The weather is an important topic for study in eighth grade science. Russ Royce and Steve Stone are shown working on the weather map.



Displaying some of the stuffed animals which were made as Homemaking class projects are Lori Peterson, Virginia Oakley, Susan Moyer, and Debbie Olsen.

COMING EVENTS

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| March 2--Seventh grade skating party | March 17--End of third quarter |
| March 7--Assembly program "Traveling the Globe with Tom Grimm" | March 24--NO SCHOOL |
| | March 27--NO SCHOOL |

Messenger Sports

Seventh Graders Defeat Prairie

Marion seventh graders sneaked by Prairie January 26 by a single point 33-32, when the teams met on Marion's floor. High scorer in the game was Van Gillman with 10 points. Other scorers were Dick Jacobsen with 9 points and Kurt Miles and Steve Cash each with 6 points, and Terry Skilling with two points.

The game looked pretty bleak in the last 10 seconds when the Prairie Hawks scored making the score 32-31 in their favor. The Indians worked the ball down the floor and Kurt Miles scored the winning basket.

EIGHTH GRADE WINS LAST GAME

The eighth grade Indians came out on top in their final game of the 1966-67 season, winning 49-40 over Manchester. The game was played at Manchester on February 16.

The Indians outscored Manchester in both halves, scoring 27 to Manchester's 24 during the first half and 22 to 16 during the second.

Mark Witte led all Indians in the scoring department with 19 points, followed by Rod Jensen with 14. Others scoring were Kevin Collins, 7, Terry Meeks and Paul Martin, both 2, Kenny Stalkfleet 4, and Jeff Holly 1.

This gave the eighth grade Indians an overall record of 1 win and 7 losses for the season.

SEVENTH BASKETBALLERS DEFEAT MONTICELLO

Marion seventh met Monticello here February 9 and defeated them 35-27. High scorer was Van Gillman with 9 points. Others scoring were Kurt Miles and Terry Skilling, each with 8 points, Mark Burgess with 6 and Dick Jacobsen with 4.

GRADE 7--
Boquist, Dick
Coker, Joe
Collins, Kim
Larson, Lane
Mulford, Stan
Olson, Jay
Reid, David
Sixta, Bob
Tuttrup, G.J.
Yirkovsky, Don
Oliphant, Dale (Manager,

IOWA CITY HANDS INDIANS DEFEATS

A lacking defense and a poor offense gave the A and B freshmen defeats when they played Iowa City Central February 11 on

Iowa City's court. The scores were 45-30 for the B team and 47-34 for the A team. The scoring was spread out as is shown:

A TEAM	
Meggers	9
Schmuecker	7
Odean	6
Morris	6
Schueler	4
Hucker	2

B TEAM	
Parks	10
Wells	8
Mordorst	5
Walker	3
Yuva	3
Handkins	1

PRAIRIE WINS OVER EIGHTH GRADE

The eighth grade Indians suffered a 6 point defeat at the hands of Prairie when the two teams met here January 26. Final score was 38-32.

Leading scorers for the Indians were Kevin Collins with 12 and Rod Jensen with 11. Others scoring for Marion were Mark Witte, 1, Jeff Holly, 2, Terry Meeks, 4, Paul Martin, 1, and Kenny Stalkfleet, 1.

Marion led at the end of the first half 14-12, but the Prairie team led the scoring in the second half, scoring 26 points to the Indians' 18.

BOWLING INTRAMURALS FOR GIRLS DONE

Bowling intramurals for the girls are completed. The girls were divided into two leagues

GRADE 8--
Atwater, Lavéme
Bebbe, Don
Gilbert, Gary
McCue, Bob
Moorhead, Steve
Moorman, Doug
Olson, Mike
Royce, Russell
Ruhl, Byron
Sorensen, Jeff
Stone, Steve
Walton, John
Lanning, Scott (Manager)

for this competition. Winners in League I were 7th Grade: Susan Rick, first, Jane Nidey, second; 8th Grade: Diane Davis, first, Melodie Smaby, second, and Beth Ford, third; 9th Grade: Debbie Niles, first, Nancy Schmitz, second, and Nancy Jacobsen, third, League II winners were 7th Grade: Karen Mohwinkle, first, Michelle Klink, second; 8th Grade: Linda Waite, first, Monica Held, second; 9th Grade: Susan Stefes, first

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Results of the ninth grade trampoline intramurals are as follows:

1. Becky Armstrong, homeroom 309--134 tricks
 2. Susan Gibney, homeroom 302--132 tricks
 3. Cheryl Van Note, homeroom L-8--85 tricks
 4. Jackie Schroeder, homeroom 130--80 tricks
 5. Nancy Jacobsen, homeroom 129--74 tricks
- Jana Ketelsen, homeroom 129--74 tricks.

FROSH A, B TEAMS REVENGE DEFEATS

The Marion A and B teams won both of their games over Benton Comm., the team that had previously beat the Indians in both games. The scores were 72-69 in the A game and 49-43 in the B game when the squads met February 4 on Marion's floor. Marion showed a big improvement as the Indians jumped to quick leads and kept them fairly easily. However, Benton Comm. proved they weren't hopeless as they kept right along with Marion's scoring falling just short of points at the final buzzer.

A TEAM	
Morris	30
Schmuecker	17
Schueler	13
Meggers	8
Hucker	4

B TEAM	
Parks	18
Wells	9
Handkins	6
Mordorst	6
Begley	4
Whitmore	4
Camenisch	2

SEVENTH GRADERS HAVE 7-1 SEASON

Marion met Manchester on their floor February 16 and won an easy victory 37-11. Scorers were Van Gillman with 16 points, Mark Burgess with 8, Chuck Loula with 4, Rodger Bailey, 3, Scott Warrick, 2, and Steve Cash, Kurt Miles, and Terry Skilling with 1.

The Marion seventh grade Indians finished the season with a record of 7 wins and 1 loss.



Working hard? or Hardly working? Bob Sissel and Mike Ehrlich seem to be more interested in the camera than in doing any work.



Chicken Little may have thought that the sky was falling in, but it began to appear, to Mr. Meggers, that the ceiling on third floor was about to fall in. These sturdy planks were placed there recently to prevent it from falling. The ceiling has now been torn down and repairs are underway.



Shown working at the stream table are eighth grade science students, John McSweeney, Terry Meeks, Steve Stone, and Russ Royce. The stream table is used to observe formations caused by running water.

What's Going On Here?

Mr. Meggers is at home progressing nicely following surgery several weeks ago. During his absence Mrs. Steadman has

charge of his classes.

Two student teachers were recently visiting Vernon Junior High. The student teachers will return in April to do some practice teaching in the areas of art and social studies.

The seventh grade class will have a skating party at the Marion Roller Drome Thursday, March 2. The students will skate from 8:30-5:30.

A new seventh grade student has enrolled in our school. He is Kaz Lindley, who has spent a few years attending schools in Japan. Kaz's father is in the service.

Mrs. Dunn has become a member of our junior high faculty. She is now teaching eighth grade social studies. Mrs. Dunn previously taught at Starry.

Seventh grade students are keeping busy with their studying. Topics now being studied include nouns in Language Arts, decimal fractions in math, invertebrates in science, while the Southeast United States is the topic in social studies.



Jay Olson shows his opponent how it is done in a recent wrestling meet.