

The MARION MESSENGER

MARION JUNIOR HIGH

MARION, IOWA

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Jr. High Lists Honor Students

"Wilbur" Was Dramatic Play Presented Jan. 26

Three performances of the seventh grade play, "Wilbur's Wild Night" were presented by the seventh grade division of Dramatics club. The play was presented Thursday, January 25 at 3:20 for the members of the Dramatics Club, Friday, January 26 at 2:30 for the seventh grade students and their teachers, and Saturday, January 27 at 7:00 for parents and friends. The play was directed by Mr. Miller; Tawnya Tew was the announcer.

Cast as Wilbur Maxwell, alias Two Gun, alias Wild Wilbur Maxwell, was Bob Huffman. Other members of the Maxwell family were portrayed by Jodi Peterson, as Wilbur's sister Betty Lou; Connie Schnell, as Connie, another sister; Gwen Barnes as Mrs. Maxwell; Doug Peters, as Mr. Maxwell; Nancy Griffin as the teacher, Miss Turk; Walter Carson, as Mr. Maxwell's boss, Mr. Mallory; and Kerry Brackett as Chief Tail Feather, a traveling salesman.

Make-up crew consisted of Barb Fillmore, Roma Ellwood, Pam Olson, Mary Harbst, Paula Chesley, Marcia Renfer, Marie Kriegermeier, and Donna Feddem. Tawnya Tew was prompter. Girls' stand-in was Teresa Danford; Julie Taylor had charge of properties; stage manager was Curt Stordahl, and programs were in charge of Kyleen Trout and Roma Ellwood.



Jodi Peterson, Doug Peters, and Connie Schnell portray glum members of the Maxwell family as Gwen Barnes, (Mrs. Maxwell) lectures to them. Meanwhile the other members of the Maxwell family, Wilbur, portrayed by Bob Huffman, continues to read his book of excitement and adventure which helps to lead him into trouble in the seventh grade production of "Wilbur's Wild Night."



The same members of the Maxwell family observe Wilbur as he sleeps and "dreams" of telling off his father's boss, his sister Betty Lou's English teacher, and his sister Connie's boyfriend.

Basic Skills Tests Taken By 7th & 8th

On Thursday, Jan. 25th and on Friday, Jan. 26, Basic Skills tests were taken by the 7th and 8th grades of C.B. Vernon Junior High.

The tests are taken to see how well the student knows the basic skills, and also how he compares with students across the state.

The test consists of these basic skills: vocabulary, reading, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, usage, maps, graphs, references, arithmetic concepts and problems.

After the students take the tests, the tests are sent to Iowa City to be corrected. They are mechanically scored and a few weeks later the students receive the results on the back of the "How are Your Skills" pamphlet.

These test results are used for various purposes. They may aid the teachers in planning their courses by indicating the areas which need more emphasis. The test results will also show to the student the areas in which he must improve. By knowing his areas of weakness, the student can strive to work harder in those areas in order to strengthen them. The test results will also help in the future selection of courses, for if the student knows the areas in which he excels, he can choose those courses which are suitable to his abilities.

Coming Events

- Feb. 8--Seventh-Eighth grade basketball-Monticello- here- 4 p.m.
- Feb. 9--GRA bowling 3:25 p.m.
- Feb. 10--Ninth grade basketball, Iowa City Southeast, there, 9 a.m.
- Feb. 12--GRA bowling 3:25 p.m.
- Feb. 13--Valentines Dance for Eighth and Ninth grade students 4:00-5:15 p.m.
- Feb. 15--Seventh-Eighth grade basketball, Manchester, there, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 16--GRA bowling 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 19--GRA bowling 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 20--Assembly Program 2:00 p.m.
- Feb. 21--Sertoma Club "Freedom Week" program 3 p.m.
- Feb. 26--Mid-quarter progress reports mailed today

- March 8--Band concert, 7:30 p.m. in the Boys' Gym
- March 9--Assembly Program 9:00 a.m. End of third quarter.

WE ASKED . . .

If you had a chance to change anything in the world, what would it be?

THEY ANSWERED . . .

- Paul Martin -- My nickname
- Lane Larson-- To be able to buy a 25¢ coke for a nickel
- Mike Gott -- My sister's face
- Ken King -- I'd orbit a big spaceship with lots of cows in it and call it "The herd shot around the world!"

Christmas Dance



Memories of Christmas, 1967, are brought to mind with these pictures of the Christmas dance.

- Lori Petersen -- Nothing. I'd rather fight than switch
- Mouse (Dale Garlinghouse) -- My size. (and Bear's weight)
- Gary Cole -- I'd put zippers on sheep so I could "pull the wool over their eyes."
- Joan Bennett -- Time
- Terry Meeks -- Girls
- Di'Mar Barker -- The rule about bubble gum

- Sally Straka -- the date to 1795
- Rick Thomas -- The length of summer vacation
- Mrs. Zoerink -- To have peace
- Rae Ann McLean -- To make every day be a Friday
- Jay Olson -- No detentions
- G.J. Tuttrup -- To change school into a night club
- Rodger Bailey -- To make the school day shorter.

Second Semester Now Underway

Second semester is now underway and in the ninth grade classes the students are keeping busy.

Mr. DeWees' science classes are studying force and motion, and Mr. Barrows' science classes are studying heat.

In Mrs. Simpson's algebra classes the students are learning to solve more complex equations; she hopes that by the end of the school year her students will be able to solve quadratic equations.

Mrs. Stack's and Mrs. Affeldt's English classes are both studying literature.

Spanish students are learning the past and future tenses of verbs. In second semester the students must speak Spanish in class.

Ninth grade girls gym classes are working on the basketball unit.

STUDENT WILL SPEAK AT SPANISH CLUB

This semester the Spanish Club will have some of the students from the high school who went to Mexico last summer speak on their trip at one of the meetings.

Pan America Day is in April. In that month the Spanish club will learn of the different customs of Mexico and will sample some of the traditional Spanish dishes.

In May the club will hold the end-of-the-year picnic.

Science Club Gets Name

The ninth grade science club has decided to call itself the "Short Circuit Science Club." Bill Kuntz has designed a poster of the name and emblem for the club bulletin board in room 309.

Each member has some project in mind on which he is working. Projects are described and discussed by the group upon completion. At least one main project will be completed by each member during the year.

Second quarter honor roll students in the eighth and ninth grades have been announced. The seventh grade honor roll has not been compiled due to the illness and absence of Mrs. Wendel, a seventh grade teacher. We will publish the seventh grade honor students in the next issue if it is available at that time.

Our congratulations to these students who earned all A's and B's for the second quarter.

EIGHTH--

Peggy Bowen, Terry Buhr, Janet Campbell, Jim Clark, Luann Culbertson, Deanna Feddem, John Flory, Adrienne Ford, Jana Grady, Diane Hoffa, Jill Hunt, Dick Jacobsen, Sheryl Jacque, Steve Jensen, Laurie Johnson

Connie Larson, Sue Mangold, John Mann, Gayl Messerly, Kurt Miles, Jane Nidey, Paula Orcutt, Steve Potter, Kathy Power, Mel Prouty, Laurie Sandry, Julie Shontz, Debbie Vinson, Diane Ward, John Winistorfer, Mike Wood, LaDonna York.

NINTH--

Janet Archibald, Joan Bennett, Gary Cole, Wendy Dulaney, Sheila Ewing, Jim Gorman, Karen Hansen, Monica Held, Mike Hess, Ken King, Rae Ann McLean, Steve Moorhead, Susan Moyer, Debbie Olson, Lori Petersen, Mary Reilly, Jan Renfer, Nancy Sebern, Melodie Smaby, Jeff Sorensen, Jackie Yuva.

Band Festival Held Jan. 20 At Vernon

The WaMac Band Festival was held at C.B. Vernon Junior High on Saturday, January 20. All the schools in the WaMac Conference were represented. Total number of students participating was 700.

Four hundred of these students were in grades 11 and 12. These students were directed by James Coffin, who is assistant director at the University of Northern Iowa.

There were 300 students in grades 9 and 10. Their director was Kenneth Smykil, who is the high school band director at Prairie.

The players had a busy day. It started at 1:00 p.m. with everyone practicing and getting acquainted. This continued until 5:00 p.m. when they had supper. After that there was a dance at the Marion high school.

The concert was held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Vernon Junior High gym. They played to a capacity audience.

COMMITTEE DECIDES ON SUITABLE MEMORIALS

Following the death of Miss Haffa in November of 1966 a memorial fund was established to honor her. Approximately \$350 was collected. Following this, a committee of faculty members met to select the paintings which would be hung throughout the school in memory of Miss Haffa. These five pictures are now in place. The pictures are "Paul Revere's Ride" by Grant Wood, "Stone City" by Grant Wood, "The White Horse" by Constable, "The Masts at Dordrecht" by Cupys, and the "Red Caboose" by Detlefsen.

Messenger Staff

Di'Mar Barker
Dona DeVault
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Sheila Ewing
Mary Harbst
Teresa Himes
Steve Meek
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Antoinette Ratkewicz
Cheryl Jensen
Julie Price

Miss Coleman, advisor
Terry Meeks, Steve Stone, Photographers

Messenger Sports

MARION FINISH SEASON AT PRAIRIE

The seventh and eighth grade wrestlers wrapped up their wrestling season Monday, January 29 when they were defeated by Anamosa. This was not a season of many wins, the Marion Indians winning only one out of the ten scheduled meets. The Indians were successful when they met Prairie for the second time, defeating them 32-23.

Scores of all the meets are as follows.
 Marion 33--Monticello 42
 Marion 48--Manchester 51
 Marion 11--C.R. Prairie 31
 Marion 38--Monticello 49
 Marion 6--Anamosa 26
 Marion 19--Iowa City Central 35
 Marion 32--C.R. Prairie 23
 Marion 23--Southeast I. C. 28
 Marion 16--Linn-Mar 23
 Marion 18--Anamosa 22



A Marion Indian is on top in this picture which was snapped recently during a wrestling meet in the boys' gym.

LOSES TO I.C. CENTRAL

The Marion eighth grade Indians suffered a 51-19 loss when they met Iowa City Central. Halftime score was 26-11. Marion scorers for this game included Van Gillman, Kurt Miles, Dick Jacobsen, Bruce Witte, and Mark Burgess.

MONTICELLO OVER MARION, 24-23

Marion's B team lost to Monticello by 1 point with a final score of 24-23. Points in this game were scored by Dale Garlinghouse, 6, Ken Stalkfleet, 6, Kurt Luedtke, 5, Ron Schultz, 4, and Bob Sissel, 2.

The freshmen's A team also lost to Monti with a score of 47-40. In this game Paul Schultz and Rod Jensen shared the scoring honors, each scoring 12 points; Mark Witte scored 7, Paul Martin, 5, and Terry Meeks, 4 points.

INDIANS LOSE TO MONTI

The eighth grade Indians lost to Monticello 44 to 36. Mark Burgess with 13 points was high scorer for the Marion team. Van Gillman scored 10, Terry Skilling, 6, Jim Logsdon, 3, Dick Jacobsen 2, and Steve Cash and Bruce Witte each scored 1.

FRESHMAN LOSE TO VINTON

The Marion freshman A team lost to Vinton by the score of 33 to 49. Mark Witte was the high scorer for the game with 17 points. Kevin Collins made 8 points, Paul Schultz, 4, Paul Martin and Rod Jensen each scored 2 points.

The B team also lost. The score for that game was 33 to 48. Kurt Luedtke made the most points for the B squad, scoring 12. Ron Schultz score 7, Gary Cole, 4, Jim Wolfe, Doug Nodurft, and Ken Stalkfleet, each scored 2, and Dale Garlinghouse and Ric Klingler each scored 1.

FRESHMAN LOSE TO MANCHESTER

The Freshmen B team lost to Manchester with the score 43-18. Points in this game were made by Ric Klingler, 8, Kurt Luedtke, 4, Ron Schultz, 2, Jim Wolfe 2, and Dale Garlinghouse, 2.

Marion's A team also lost to Manchester with the score of 37-22. Baskets in this game were by Paul Schultz, 7 points, Ron Jensen, 6, Mark Witte, 4, Kevin Collins, 3, and Paul Martin 2.

Freshmen Win Over Benton

The Marion freshman A team won over Benton Community by the score of 40 to 33. Making the most points for the game was Mark Witte with 14. Paul Schultz and Kevin Collins each scored 8, Rod Jensen, 6, and Paul Martin, 4.

The B game was lost by the score of 20 to 14. Ron Schultz was high scorer in this game with 5 points; Kurt Luedtke was second with 4, Terry Meeks and Doug Nodurft each scored 2 and Ric Klingler scored 1.

Youngsters Excel Over Oldsters

The January 29th PTA meeting consisted of three basketball games in which junior high boys played teams composed of their fathers. In the first game, the seventh grade boys outplayed their dads and emerged victorious 21-17. The eighth grade dads were defeated by their sons, 26-13. Ninth grade boys also defeated their dads by a score of 18-10. One father, Mr. Witte, was privileged to play in two games both eighth and ninth, because both Mark and Bruce played on the teams. The basketball cheerleaders were on hand to cheer on both fathers and sons.

Indians Down Monticello

Scott Ryal and Gregg Anderson shared scoring honors when the Marion seventh grade Indians defeated Monticello 42-32. Both Ryal and Anderson scored 13 points. Other Indians scoring were Don Wishniewsky, 5, Barry Hopkins, 4, Brad Pedersen, Mark Hess, and Randy Wade, each 2 points, and Jon Morris, 1.

EIGHTH LOSES TO PRAIRIE

The eighth grade Indians traveled to Cedar Rapids Prairie Thursday, January 25 and were badly defeated by a score of 72-21.

SEVENTH OVER LINN-MAR

Jon Morris, with 14 points, and Scott Ryal, with 13, were successful in helping the seventh grade Indians defeat Linn-Mar 47-34. Other Indians scoring were Barry Hopkins 7, Mark Hess and Gregg Anderson, each with 4, Danny Hutchins with 3, and Don Wishniewsky scored 2.

SEVENTH WINS FROM ICC

The Marion seventh graders defeated Iowa City Central 26 to 20. Barry Hopkins was credited with high scoring honors, scoring 10 points. Gregg Anderson scored 6, Don Wishniewsky, 4, Scott Ryal, 5, and Jon Morris, 1.

INDIANS OVER PRAIRIE 48-25

The seventh grade Indians defeated the seventh grade team from Prairie by the safe margin of 48-25. Taking scoring honors for the game was Gregg Anderson with 14 points. Others scoring were Jon Morris, 9, Mark Hess, and Scott Ryal, each 6, Barry Hopkins and Steve Hay each scored 5, and Don Wishniewsky scored 3.

SCIENCE CLUB MEETS

The seventh grade science club met on Dec. 17. The meeting consisted of locating different types of protozoa. The cultures were of different types and allowed members an opportunity to do further work with the microscope.

At the Jan. 30 meeting the members did



seventh grade wrestling cheerleaders model their uniforms consisting of red bermudas, gold sweaters and knee socks, and white tennis shoes and blouses. The cheerleaders are front row, Cheryl Pieper, Valerie Gillman, Debbie Long, and back row, Lynn Larson and Crissa Finn.

further work involving the staining of paramecium. These slides were permanent slides and showed the internal structures of the cell, especially the nucleus. These slides will now be used in future years by seventh grade students.

What is science club? Science club is a voluntary club open to all members of the seventh grade class.

Bowling Tops GRA Schedule

Bowling was delayed to the disappointment of "GRA's," but League I in bowling finally got underway Tuesday, January 30. League II went to the alleys for the first time February 2. The girls bowl two lines a night for four weeks. They're bound to have a swining time.

Talk about bounding! Laurie Dippel bounded right into first place for ninth grade trampoline intramurals. Virginia Oakley was second, 3rd place, Judy Lyon, Cathy Duckett, 4th and 5th place went to Pam Wheeler. In eighth grade competition, Julie Klein was first, Paula Orcutt, 2nd, Adrienne Ford, 3rd, Terri Hopkins, 4th, and a tie for fifth between Sandy Anderson and Laurie Sandry. Sherry Kunz took first place in the seventh grade competition. Nona Thorming placed second, Nancy Kenneavy, 3rd, Melanie Gates, 4th, and Marcia Palas wrapped things up with 5th place. The girls could attend any, but no more than 4 nights. For each stunt performed the girls earned a certain number of points. The total points determined the winners.

Trampolines, bouncing girls, wooden runways with gutters, rolling balls, falling pins, all are a part of the busy bustle of busy, bustling G.R.A. All of this is sponsored by the girls' physical education teacher, Mrs. Moore.

Meet The Teachers MR. DeWEES

A 1967 addition to the science department is Mr. DeWees, who is teaching ninth grade science. Prior to coming to Marion, Mr. DeWees taught for three years at Wyoming, Iowa.

Mr. DeWees received his Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University at Ames, and has taken graduate work from the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls.

He is married and has two children, a girl who is six years old and a boy who is three years old. They reside near Hiawatha.

MRS. STACK

Mrs. Stack is a language arts teacher at C.B. Vernon. Her hometown is Roseclair, Ill. She has previously taught in Shellsburg. She graduated from Illinois State University.

Mrs. Stack's most enjoyable hobby is reading, which she does in most of her spare time. She likes comedies, and enjoys watching the "Dean Martin Show". Her favorite food is steak.

When she was in junior high, she was interested in extra-curricular activities

such as Girl Scouts and church work. She thinks that students should join clubs, but they shouldn't become overly involved in extra curricular activities such that it interferes with their schoolwork.

She always wanted to be a teacher, and was interested in language arts. When asked if she would still choose to be a teacher if she had the choice to make again, she replied that she would make the same choice.

Mrs. Stack finds no difference between her present day students and the students she had in other years. When asked what she thought constitutes a good student, she said good study habits. In her opinion, students should at least spend thirty minutes studying for each subject.

She tries to make her course interesting by not doing the same thing day after day. She thinks the purpose of language arts is to help direct the student toward a normal adult life.

MRS. WENDEL

Mrs. Wendel is a Language Arts and science teacher for the seventh grade students. She has wanted to be a teacher all of her life. She has taught at 4 different schools besides Marion. They are Waverly, 9th and 10th grade English; Elkader, Home Economics; Lansing, Home Economics and English; and Decorah, Home Economics. Mrs. Wendel likes enthusiastic students who respond well, especially junior high student. She has spent two years in Marion teaching English. She has taught 6th grade, but she prefers junior high classes of English and science.

Mrs. Wendel is married and they are the parents of 3 sons, James, 20, Jerry, 16, and Perry, 13 years old.

Mrs. Wendel's favorite food is steak that is well done. Her favorite subject in school was English. She attended the Keosauqua Public School twelve years and graduated from University of Northern Iowa. Her favorite sports are swimming and golfing; favorite hobbies are sewing and knitting, and her favorite color is blue. She enjoys listening to good music, especially the Tijuana Brass.

Develop New Study Habits For Semester

As we're now at the beginning of a new semester, it is important to make some resolutions. One of the most important ones is to try to improve your study habits. The way you study greatly affects your grade.

Here is an example of poor study habits: Kathy is studying for a science test. Her brother Bill comes and turns on the television set. It's an interesting show so Kathy studies only during commercials. This is a sure way to fail a test.

Here are some rules that will help you to study more effectively:

1. Plan a definite schedule.
2. Have all your materials before you begin.
3. Make sure you understand the assignment before you begin.
4. KEEP your mind on your work.

Just one extra hour of study time a day will improve your grade in junior high and will have an effect on the work you do in the future.