

The MARION MESSENGER

MARION JUNIOR HIGH

MARION, IOWA

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Contest Winners Named



Thirteen contestants participated in the Civic Oration. Posing for a picture after the contest were twelve of the thirteen. Seated are Sherry Kunz, Judy Cram, Carmen McKean, Gwen Barnes, Lynn Larson, and Jonni Sue Ford. Standing are Doug Morris, Brad Kuburz, Gary Hoag, Marcia Pala, Dennis Fish, and Larry McPherson. Steve Moorhead is not shown.



The Civic Oration Contest was held May 2. Shown above are winners Dennis Fish, second place, and Gwen Barnes, first place. Standing are runners-up, Carmen McKean, Marcia Palas, Jonni Sue Ford, and Lynn Larson. Not shown is runner-up Steve Moorhead.

Gwen Barnes, grade seven, and Dennis Fish, grade nine, were named winner and runner-up respectively, in the final competition of the Vernon Junior High Civic Oration Contest given May 2 at Vernon Junior High under the auspices of Modern Woodmen of America. Judging contestants' talks on "The Challenge To Youth In Today's World" were Miss Coleman, Mrs. Zoerink, and Mrs. Westercamp. Using a numerical rating system based on a possible 100 points, these judges

awarded 86 points to Gwen Barnes and 85 points to Dennis Fish.

The winner and runner-up each received engraved plaques; commemorative gold pins were awarded the next five ranking finalists: Lynn Larson, Jonni Sue Ford, Steven Moorhead, Carmen McKean and Marcia Palas. This was the sixteenth year that this contest, sponsored by the Modern Woodmen of America, has been held in the Marion Schools.

Outstanding Citizens

The Outstanding School Citizens were announced at the Spring Dance held for all seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students May 10. Seventh grade winners were Gwen Barnes, Susan Alexander, Steve Hay, and Don Wishniewsky. Dick Jacobsen, Jana Grady, Julie Shontz, John Winistorfer, and Steve Potter represented the eighth grade. The extra eighth grade representative was named when a tie resulted between John Winistorfer and Steve Potter. Outstanding ninth grade citizens were Rae Ann McLean, Jan Renfer, Kurt Luedtke, and Boyd Potter.

This year's Spring Dance was a large success due partly to the fact that the Seven Foot Clearance supplied the live music. The dance was sponsored by the homerooms of Mrs. Borg, Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Twachtman, Mrs. Tanner, and Miss Coleman. Each homeroom supplied a tree and spent a number of homeroom periods making crepe paper cherry blossoms to decorate that tree. An Oriental theme was carried out in the decorations,

and a hospitality committee, consisting of students from the five sponsoring homerooms dressed in Japanese kimono, was in charge of greeting the students and guests as they arrived at the dance.

ASSEMBLY. . .

An assembly was held Wednesday, May 15 for the junior high student body. The assembly was presented by the National Aeronautics Space Administration.

BAND PERFORMS

The Anamosa Junior High Band performed at our junior high on Friday, May 17. This was the second half of an exchange concert. Earlier this year our band traveled to Anamosa and performed there.



The above students were elected by their classmates to receive the honor of being named Outstanding School Citizens. These students were Steve Hay, Susan Alexander, Don Wishniewsky, Jana Grady, Dick Jacobsen, Julie Shontz, John Winistorfer, Rae Ann McLean, Boyd Potter, Jan Renfer, and Kurt Luedtke. These students were recognized at the Spring Dance and presented corsages and boutonnieres.

Science Fair Held

In conjunction with the spring open house held Monday, April 22, the seventh grade science fair was held. Brad Kiburz's project on The Heart was judged the top exhibit. Other blue award winners were Julie Taylor and Sue Alexander, Learning in Mice; Rich Hodge, Vitamin Requirements of Mice; Bob Huffman, Bridge-Tuning Fork Resistance; Barb Fillmore, Debra Chirgwin, and Laurie Bullard, Digestive System of the Frog; and Janet Gallagher, Aquatic Plants and Animals.

Red awards were presented to Bob Hemmingsen, Specific Gravity of Minerals; Jodi Peterson and Barb Maier, Hibernation of Newts; Mike Gott, Induction Coil; Jay Ledvina, Plotting Magnetic Fields; Roma Ellwood, DOP (color by touch); Marcia

Renfer, Growth of Molds; Kim Keller, Geotropism of Plant; Mike Johnson, Rate of Photosynthesis; Ken Walton, Biceps and Triceps Muscle; Ken Logsdon, Test for Vitamin C; Kerry Brackett, Electromagnet; Steve Hay, Intelligence of Earthworms.

White awards were presented to Gwen Barnes, Learning by a Hamster; Brad Nielson, Germination of Radish Seeds; Nancy Griffin, Goldfish Learning with Bell; and Walter Carson, Fossil Collection.

Honorable Mention awards were given to Connie Schnell and Paula Chesley, Development of Chick Embryo; and Debbie Long, Germination of Seeds.

The projects were judged by Mr. Vaske, eighth grade science instructor, and Mr. DeWees, ninth grade science instructor.



Ninth grade student Jeff Sorensen is shown above with his science project. The project, on display at the Spring Open House, was a pneumatic water pump prepared as a Science Club project.



Romance had a big part in "A Friend of the Family." Shown are Tim Hein, Dennis Fish, Judy Cram, and Joan Bennett who enacted the parts of Dick, Walt, Peg, and Denise. The play was presented for the Dramatics Club, the student body, and the large group of parents and friends attending the PTA Spring Open House.



"A Friend of the Family" was presented in three performances recently. Shown here Zinnia, the family maid, portrayed by Linda McAllister, Denise, a guest of Peg's, played by Joan Bennett, Walt Gifford, a friend, played by Dennis Fish, and Peg, the older daughter, portrayed by Judy Cram watch as Dick Sherman, played by Tim Hein, helps Peg's brother Phil with his algebra. Ken King played the part of Phil. Peg seems unhappy-perhaps something other than algebra is on her mind.



Grandma Wilson played an important part in the happenings at the Willoughby home. As family members Phil, Ken King, Genevieve, Rae Ann McLean, Mrs. Willoughby, Sue Moyer, and Peg, Judy Cram watch, Grandma played by Jan Renfer seems completely occupied with her knitting.

Concert Presented By Music Departments

The Spring Concert of the Vocal and Instrumental Music Departments was presented Tuesday, May 21, in the boys' gym. Performing were the seventh grade chorus, the eighth and ninth grade Honor Chorus, a seventh grade small group, and an eighth and ninth grade small group, the junior high band, and a trombone quartet.

The seventh grade chorus sang "Hayride," "Almost Like Being in Love,"

"This Land is Your Land," and a French folk song and African folk song. The seventh grade small group performed "Edelweiss," from "The Sound of Music."

The Honor Chorus sang "Sixteen, Going on Seventeen," "Jesu, So Meek," "America, Our Heritage," "If I Ruled the World," and 3 songs from the Alps. The eighth and ninth grade small group sang "On A Clear Day," "The Ash Grove," "I'm Troubled in Mind," and "Georgy Girl."

School Sign Erected

Recently the Student Council has been discussing the new sign for our school. For years this school has had the name Marion High School on the front of the building. But we are not the Marion High; we are the C. B. Vernon Junior High School, and that is what the new sign says. The sign is aluminum and each letter is about eight inches tall. The sign was put up May 14 and is approximately 20 feet long and 2 feet high. The sign was purchased with money earned during the school year from selling ice cream.

We Asked...

We Asked: What has junior high meant to you these past three years?

They Answered: Cathy Duckett--Quite an experience; Judy Lyon--I learned why I should obey the school's rules; Ken King--No words can express my feelings; Paul Martin--Es muy antipatica; Verne Atwater--For one thing it kept me off the streets and out of trouble;

Shelley O'Brien--3 years of anguish!; Virginia Oakley--It has overwhelmed me with repugnance; Linda McAllister--A lot of fun, but a lot of hard work; Lori Peterson--A waste of my precious talents.(Just kidding); Ken Stalkfleet--Nothing at all; Jim Gorman--Too much of nothing; Re Ann McLean--Marvelous, fabulous, fantastic, and utterly mad. (I lie alot.); Gary Cole--I refuse to answer on the grounds it might tend to incriminate me; Julie Meader--That's a good question; Diane Davis--A lot of thinking and writing. P. S. Who thinks?; Rita Robbins--Never did learn how to clean out my locker.

Modern Parable

Once there were four students who were in the same grade in Vernon Junior High. Their names were FRED SOMEBODY, THOMAS EVERYBODY, PETE ANYBODY AND JOE NOBODY. They were very odd students, and it was difficult to understand them, as well as what they did. The way they studied was a shame and EVERYBODY knew it.

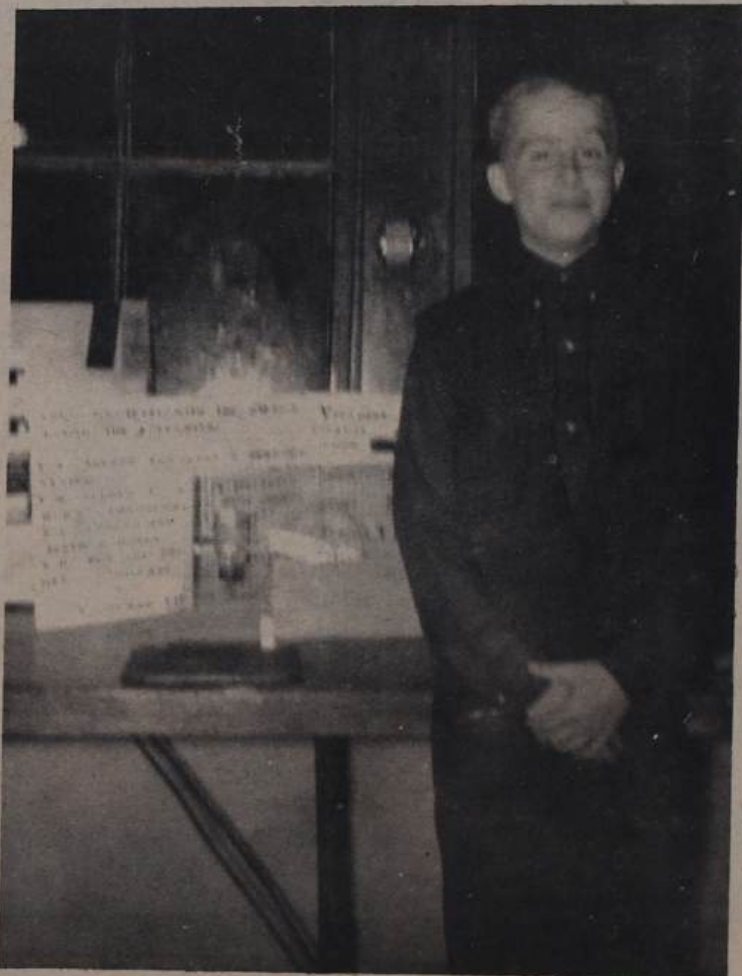
For example, SOMEBODY cheated on all his tests and EVERYBODY was afraid to do anything because SOMEBODY might find out. But ANYBODY knew that EVERYBODY was talking about SOMEBODY, too, so he was getting what he deserved.

Really, it wasn't a very pleasant foursome. There was the day ANYBODY was out of school one day. EVERYBODY thought SOMEBODY told ANYBODY about the test the next day. SOMEBODY thought EVERYBODY had done it, so it turned out that NOBODY told ANYBODY about the test--and ANYBODY missed more than he usually did. All four had a semester test the next week. EVERYBODY went on a picnic. ANYBODY wanted to study but wasn't very popular himself and was sure that SOMEBODY would call him a "square;" so NOBODY studied for the test.

NOBODY was the only decent one of the four. NOBODY always studied hard. NOBODY always had his assignments. NOBODY was respectful to the teachers. NOBODY always had pencil, paper, and other supplies. NOBODY always did more than was required. In fact, NOBODY was a truly ideal student. For example, one teacher needed help in checking tests after school. EVERYBODY thought that ANYBODY would do it! SOMEBODY wouldn't do it so guess who finally did it. That's right--NOBODY!

Which of the four was best liked by his fellow students, and which got the highest grades? NOBODY!

It is too late for this year, but what about being a NOBODY next year? Try it!



Richard Hodge, seventh grade, is shown with his science project. His project dealt with Vitamin Tests on Mice.

Messenger Staff

Donna DeVault	Sheila Ewing
Roma Ellwood	Mary Harbst
Debbie Newberry	Teresa Himes
Deanna Feddern	Tawnya Tew
Dan Begley	Antoinette Ratkewicz
Peggy Bowen	Julie Price
Julie Meader	

Miss Coleman, Advisor

Spring Dance Was May 10



The Spring Dance was very well attended as evidenced in this picture.



Something new this year. A live band was on hand for the Spring Dance. The students danced to and enjoyed the music of the Seven Foot Clearance.



A Spring Dance requires much planning and advance preparation. Paula Orcutt, Jill Hunt, and Mr. Twachtmann relax a minute and look over the work they have accomplished so far. An Oriental theme was carried out in decorations.



School board members were invited as chaperones for the dance. This corner of the dance floor was reserved for the board members, parents on the refreshment committee, and teachers. They enjoyed watching the dancing, but seemed unwilling to participate. (Perhaps the music wasn't fast enough!)

Open House

The annual PTA Spring Open House was held Monday, April 22. The evening program began at 7:30 p.m. in the boy's gym with the Honor Chorus performing the following numbers, "Holy Manna", an Early American Hymn, "Sanctus" by Schubert, "If I Ruled the World", by Omadel, and "Sixteen Going on Seventeen", from Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music". The Chorus was directed by Mr. Donald and accompanied by Mrs. Taylor, assisted by Jana Grady.

Following the Chorus, the Brass Quintet, consisting of Dale Garlinghouse, Jeff Sorensen, Mark Witte, Mike Homing, and Paul Wright performed "Sonata No. 2" by Pezel.

The ninth grade play, "A Friend of the Family," directed by Mr. Miller was presented. Cast members were Jan Renfer, Sue Moyer, Judy Cram, Ken King, Rae Ann McLean, Linda McAllister, Joan Bennet, Tim Hein, and Dennis Fish. The make-up crew consisted of Shelley O'Brien, Chairman, and Virginia Oakley, Marybeth Mobbs, Karen Hansen, and Debbie Olson.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the parents and other visitors were free to visit the classrooms to see students' work on exhibit.

Approximately 450 people attended this Spring Open House, and Mr. Fowler termed it another success. Refreshments were served in the boy's gym.

JOINT PICNIC HELD

The eighth and ninth grade Honor Chorus and the band will hold a joint picnic at Thomas Park on Thursday, May 23.

Backward Look; And Look Ahead

We recently asked Mr. Fowler for his comments on the 1967-68 school year. The following paragraphs are his comments.

In the main the 1967-68 school year has progressed very smoothly. One of the biggest problems faced this year has been near 560 students all year long. This large number of students has really taxed the facilities at Vernon, but with the cooperative attitude of most junior high students our program has moved along very well.

Next year the junior high enrollment will continue to grow and we anticipate approximately 580 students at Vernon during the upcoming school year.

As the school year draws to a close, I wish to take this opportunity to wish all of our ninth graders all the best as they move on to the high school; and to all of our students may you have a very pleasant and rewarding summer vacation.

Seventh Science Club Meets

The seventh grade science club met April 30. Twelve members were present. Officers present were the president and the secretary. They recorded the heart beats on the tape recorder and played it back. The meeting ended at 4 p.m.



Refreshments of cookies and punch were served at the conclusion of the dance. A group of parents formed the refreshment committee.

We Asked . . .

WHAT DO YOU THINK "ZINGBERACEOUS" MEANS?

They Answered. . .

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| Marybeth Mobbs. | a lizard | Mouse (Dale Garlin-house). | a new algebraic term |
| Lou (Paul Martin). | how I feel about girls | Jim Gorman. | the same thing as a Hydelminginslam (only softer) |
| Ken King. | it is suocarebgniz spelled backwards | Rod Jensen. | some kind of drink that affects you as fast as you drink it |
| Rita Robbins. | a nervous breakdown caused by algebra | Rae Ann McLean. | Steve Clossen's middle name |
| Mrs. Pumroy. | sounds like a mispronounced Spanish word | Verne Atwater. | a disease |
| Wendy Miner. | something I would call my sister | Mrs. Simpson. | my sixth hour algebra class |
| Virginia Oakley. | a species of a flower or some kind of disease | | |
| Lori Petersen. | the taste of my toothpaste | | |
| Gary Cole. | Dingleberries misspelled | | |

Who came closest? A zingberaceous is a distant cousin to the ginger plant.

Marion Hosts Invitational Track Meet *GRA Hold*

The Marion Invitational Track Meet was held April 25. Marion won first place with 151 points. Manchester took second with 129 1/2; third went to Prairie with 127 1/2, and Linn-Mar accounted for 64 points.

The following Marion athletes placed in the various divisions:

50 yds., Wade, second, and Jones fourth, seventh grade.

220 yds., Morgan, first, Ryal, fifth, seventh grade; Orness, third, Burgess, sixth, eighth grade; Raue, third, Jensen, fifth, ninth grade.

Low hurdles, Davison, fourth, seventh grade; Cash, first, Schott, second, eighth grade; Collins, third, ninth grade.

440 relay, Marion seventh, third place; Marion eighth, first place; Marion ninth, third place.

440 medley, Marion seventh, first place; Marion eighth, second place.

880 relay, Marion eighth, second place, Marion ninth, third place.

880 yds., Luedtke, second place, ninth grade.

440 run, Witte, first, Stone, second, ninth grade.

1 mile relay, Marion ninth grade, fourth place.

Shot, Morgan, second, seventh grade; Jensen, third, eighth grade.

Football throw, Ryal, first, Wishniew-

sky, second, seventh grade; Burgess, second, eighth grade.

Broad jump, Jones, fourth, seventh grade; Lancaster, first, Winistorfer, third, eighth grade.

High jump, Bolden, tie for third, Netser, fourth, seventh grade; Burgess, second, eighth grade; Meeks, second, ninth grade. Pole Vault, Gillman, first, eighth grade; Beadle, second, ninth grade.

100 yds., Ernster, fourth, eighth grade; Raue, second, ninth grade.

Play Day

GRA sponsored a play day on Saturday, March 30. The girls had a half hour registering time before the opening meeting. There were about 40 minutes per activity and 45 minutes time out at 12:15 for lunch. A closing meeting from 3:15 to 3:45 ended with refreshments.

There were a dozen different teams participating. These teams participated in volleyball, tramp, and basketball.

Also, softball or tumblins was available in the band room in case of rain. Track and relays or dancing was located in the home ec room, and tennis or ping pong was available in the first floor hall.

Five of our girls went to Iowa City April 27 for a Career Play day. Deanna Feddem, (8th), Jana Grady, (8th), and Julie Shontz, (8th), and ninth graders Pam Wheeler and Julie Meader were selected to go. They were chosen on the basis of college potential, career interest, leadership, cooperation, and local participation.

All-Day Outing Held May 11

The annual all-day outing sponsored by G. R. A. was held at Palisades May 11. All girls who have earned 200 points or more in G. R. A. during the school year are eligible to attend. The buses left the school at 8 a. m. and returned at 4 p. m.

The girls were assigned to groups, each group consisting of one mother, two ninth grade co-helpers, 2 eighth grade and 3 seventh grade students. The students prepared their meals in these groups. Two meals were prepared and eaten. Breakfast consisted of pancakes or French toast, juice and milk, and lunch was hot dogs, hamburgers, and pop.

VOLLEYBALL GAMES

A team consisting of Barb Fillmore, Tawnya Tew, Janet White, Kyleen Trout, and Debbie Wickham from Homeroom 209-B won first place in seventh grade volleyball competition. Homeroom 110 placed second, 306 came in third, and a combination team consisting of 206 and 310 were awarded fourth.

Eighth and ninth grade volleyball winners have not yet been named.

PICNIC. . .

On Saturday, May 4, the Spanish Club held its annual picnic. They traveled by bus to Palisades Park. The group earned money for this trip through two bake sales held in April.

CHEERLEADERS NAMED

Tryouts for sophomore cheerleading were held the week of May 6. Out of the twelve girls who tried out, Rae Ann McLean, Nancy Sebern, Chris Schoop, Beth Ford, and Cathy Duckett were selected.

Eighth grade--pole vault: Van Billman, Mar, 9-6; high jump: (tie) Brian Cook, Ana, and Mark Burgess, Mar, 5-0; 440 relay: Marion (Van Gillman, Mike Cihra, John Winistorfer, Jerry Lancaster), :50.2 (tied record); 440 med. relay: Marion (John Winistorfer, Terry Skilling, Jeff Schott, Jerry Lancaster), :51.1 (record). Ninth grade--shot: Kevin Collins, Mar, 37-6.

REMINDER. . .

Remember the testing schedule and be in the proper classroom at the designated time with all necessary materials.

ANNUAL DINNER. . .

Tuesday, May 14, the faculty enjoyed their annual dinner at the Amanas. Entertainment was provided by the faculty men.

Name Officers of Library Club

On Thursday, April 18, the members of the Library Club met to elect officers for the 1968-69 school year.

Those elected were Debbie Vinson, president; Becky Downey, vice-president; Roma Ellwood, secretary, and Connie Schnell, reporter.

At this meeting the members also chose the date for their annual spring picnic which will be held on May 28.

RECORDS BROKEN AT PRAIRIE

Ten records were broken or tied Saturday afternoon at the annual Prairie Junior High Relays. Marion won the seventh grade title, Anamosa the eighth and host Prairie the ninth grade championship.

Seventh grade double winner was Marion's Gary Bolden in the high jump and 100-yard dash. Anamosa's Brian Cook tied for first in the eighth grade high jump and also won the 100. Prairie's Dave Cline won the ninth grade high jump and also ran on three winning relay teams.

Seventh grade--Shot: Jerry Morgan, Mar, 38-9 3/4; high jump: Gary Bolden, Mar, 4-9 1/2; 100: Gary Bolden, Mar, :11.9; 200 sprint shuttle: Marion (Barry Hopkins, Jim Bunting, Mike Johnson, Tim Jones), :27.1 (record);

You're Never Too Young . . .

ALL LEARNING NOT FROM BOOKS

Whether or not you know it all is debatable. And though you think you know it all, there are several kinds of information every successful—meaning happy—person should know:

- Learn to smile, even when nothing tickles. Those close to you will appreciate a happy face and those who must associate with you will be grateful.
- Learn to listen, for that is half the art of conversation. In addition, you may gain some useful information.
- Learn to be a good friend and you will have good friends.
- Learn to keep your aches and pains to yourself. Everyone has problems, and your complaints add little to their comfort or to yours.
- Learn to win when you are tops; learn to lose too—not with a whimper but with pride, knowing that you did your best and will do better next time.
- Learn to think for yourself. Rely on your own good judgment, your own ability.
- Learn to follow directions. Leadership, that quality of managerial skill, develops after, not before, you can follow through with an assignment.
- Learn to take good care of your body and your mind.
- Learn to develop your own personality. You are unique. Take advantage of your differences and your natural abilities.
- Learn to be patient. The future belongs to those who know how to work and wait.
- Learn to appreciate life and all its joys—music, art, literature. When your senses react to the treasures of mankind, every activity is an adventure in living. Have a little learning today. Tomorrow too . . .



Gary Bolden nears the finish line. Gary, a seventh grade student, was photographed during a recent meet.

WaMac Meet Held April 27

The WaMac track meet was held on April 27. Athletes placing from Marion were:

Seventh graders--Anderson, 4th in low hurdle; Davison, tie for 5th in low hurdles; Bolden, third in 100 yd. dash; Morgan, 4th in shot; Morgan, 2nd in 220 yd. dash; Bolden, 2nd in high jump; Bunting, 3rd in pole vault.

Eighth graders--Cash, 3rd in low hurdles; Jensen, 3rd in shot; Orness, 4th in 220 yd. dash; Gillman, first in pole vault. A new record was set by Van Gillman in the pole vault. Old record was 9'3". New record is 10'4".

Ninth graders--Collins, 3rd in shot.



Van Gillman goes up, up, and over. This picture was taken during the pole vault competition at a recent track meet.

Science Display



The seventh grade science students again had their insect and leaf collections on display at the Spring Open House held at Vernon Junior High Monday, April 22.