

The MARION MESSENGER

C.B. VERNON JUNIOR HIGH

MARION, IOWA

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Messenger Staff



Students on the newspaper staff are, front row, Julie McCormack, Debbie Hollingsworth, Jane Stimson, Peg Kleis, Julie Klein, and Connie Van Note; second row, Pam Mullenix, Cindy Hudson, Wendy Collins, Kitty Carsner, Joel Jacobson, and Miss Coleman, advisor; back row, Antoinette Ratkewicz, Roma Ellwood, Peg Bowen, Donna DeVault, Pam Olson, Debbie Newberry, Julie Clark, Steve Mullenix, and Ken Murdoch.

On September 10, The Messenger Staff met and had a discussion on the future newspaper that will be put out. Many ideas as to what an interesting paper needs were discussed. Writing assignments were given Sept. 16.

About eight different issues will be distributed to each student in the new 1968-69 year. As of now we have a staff of 22 including our Advisor, Miss Coleman. We will have 21 different reporters who will write up new stories for each new issue published.

Library Club Elect Officers

The Library club met last April in preparation for the 1968-69 school year. Officers elected at that meeting were Debbie Vinson, president; Becky Downey, vice-president, Roma Ellwood, secretary; and Connie Schnell, reporter.

Plans for this year include trips to other libraries, A Christmas party, and a spring picnic.

The main purpose of the club is to work behind the check-out desk and to help other students find books. The club is sponsored by Mrs. Zoerink, school librarian.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities! That is what homeroom captains have. Homeroom captains have been picked and these are the girls who become captains of their teams. These girls have the responsibility of reporting details of the game to the homeroom, keeping track of the girls on their team, recording all important material of the games and reporting things which must be decided in the homeroom such as names for the teams.

Captains and the rooms they represent are: Chris Kemp, 207; Jean Schorg, 209-A; Dianne Handkins, 310; Phyllis Claypool, 308; Lynn Evarts, 110; Mary Sankey, 206; Denise Knockle, 209-B; Melanie Gates, 120; Debbie Brecht, 115; Susan Stalkfleet, 210; Kyleen Trout, 307; Paula Chesley, 125; Janet Campbell, 208; Laurie Sandry, 306; Danielle Harford, L-8; Jane Nidey, 302; Debbie Snyder, 309; and Connie Van Note, 129.

What's a DASLIN

I asked 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students plus a few teachers a question. The question was: What would you do with a DASLIN?

Unknown to the students and teachers the word DASLIN is really island scrambled up. Here are some of their answers.

9th GRADE
Val Oglesby: I would drink it.

The members of the Marion Messenger are as follows: Dan Begley, Peg Bowen, Debbie Hollingsworth, Julie Klein, Peg Kleis, Julie McCormack, Steve Mullenix, Debbie Newberry, Jane Stimson, Connie Van Note, Donna DeVault, Roma Ellwood, Joel Jacobson, Marie Kriegermeier, Pam Olson, Antoinette Ratkewicz, Dan Steckel, Don Wishniewsky, Kitty Carsner, Wendy Collins, Cindy Hudson, Pam Mullenix, and Ken Murdoch.

Steve Mullenix: I would put in a refrigerator.
8th GRADE
Gale Alexander: I would take it to camp.
Denice Bruce: I would put it on a chain.
Vicki Luke: I would play with it.
7th GRADE
Wendy Collins: I would eat it.
Charlean Lange: I would crunch it.
Marilyn Gardner: I would keep it.
Rose Miller: I would throw it away
TEACHERS
Mr. Hoepfner: I would give it to someone for a wedding gift.
Mr. Meggers: I would drive it.
Mr. Fowler: I would study it, then make a decision.
Mr. Taylor: I would keep it for a pet.

Counselors Talk With Students

As usual this year Mrs. Walker and Mr. Steadman have been asking the seventh grade students to come in for a get-acquainted talk which usually lasts fifteen to twenty minutes. The two counselors have been helping the seventh grade students find themselves around.

Mrs. Walker said that they are thinking about having her take all of the eighth grade students and having Mr. Steadman take all of the ninth grade students. They will both help the seventh grade.

Mr. Steadman had this statement, "We don't want the student to feel that we are psychiatrists with a funny coach or headshrinkers; we just like to talk things over on any topic you can think of."

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Dan Steckel	Donna DeVault
Julie Klein	

Advisor Miss Coleman

Student Council Elect Officers

Enrollment Reaches 566

The school year is now well into the first quarter and things at Vernon are progressing very nicely. The students are adjusting very well to life at Vernon Junior High, and Mr. Fowler feels we will be having another fine and rewarding school year.

One of our major problems, according to Mr. Fowler, is the large number of students which really tax the facilities of the building. At the present time we have a total of 566 students enrolled, with 191 of these in seventh grade, 191 in grade eight, and 184 in our ninth grade class. We are again using one room in Lincoln Building to help relieve some of the pressure.

Mr. Fowler stated, "Even though we are crowded I know that if the enthusiasm and cooperation that the student body has shown through these first weeks of school continue to be shown, we cannot help but have an extremely fine school year."

Camera Club

One of the groups which Vernon Junior High students may join is the Camera Club which is sponsored by Mr. Vaske. Twenty members have indicated an interest in photography by joining the club. The purpose of the club is to learn how to operate a camera, and how to develop the film. During the year the camera club plans to sell some of the pictures which they take.

On September 6, the Student council met to elect officers and to discuss future plans. The following students were elected: John Winistorfer as President, Dick Jacobson as vice-president, and Van Gillman as secretary-treasurer.

The purpose of the council is to give Junior High students the opportunity to practice self-government and to experience democratic procedures. It also promotes discussion about school activities and helps determine the well-being of the student body. It helps to unite the student body into the collective support of the interests and purposes of C.B. Vernon Junior High.

The projects that the Student Council plan to accomplish are selling ice cream and promoting the clothing drive. They may also consider other projects.

Mr. Steadman thinks that the best way you can help the Student Council is by presenting helpful and constructive ideas that the Student Council can use.

Student Council members and the homerooms they represent are:

NINTH GRADE--Mr. DeWees, John Winistorfer; Mrs. Rowen, Mark Burgess; Mr. Twachtman, Mike Wood; Mrs. Punroy, Van Gillman; Mrs. Stack, Bob Sixta; Mr. Barrow, Julie Shontz; Mrs. Simpson, Carley Orness.

EIGHTH GRADE--Mr. Gaede, Gary Bolden; Mrs. Hoepfner, Brad Kiburz; Mr. Vaske, Dave Williams; Mrs. Taylor, Marcia Renfer; Mrs. Borg, Steve Hay; Mrs. Dunn, Debbie Long; Mrs. Johnston, Steve Nielsen.

SEVENTH GRADE--Mr. Taylor, Teresa Stockton; Mrs. Wendel, Tom McDougall; Mrs. Miller, Mike Brown; Mrs. Tanner, Frank York; Mr. Meggers, Lon Oglesby; Mrs. Klodd, Sandy Wade; Miss Coleman, Shelley Arjes.

HOLDOVERS FROM LAST YEAR--Dick Jacobsen, ninth grade; Jana Grady, ninth grade; Don Wishniewsky, eighth grade.



Camera Club is one of the many activities which junior high students may participate in. Shown are five of the girls who are learning how to operate a camera. They are Anita Jones and Debbie Newberry, front row; Kitty Carsner, Julie Urban, and Ruth McNitt, back row.



Eighth grade science students are shown above taking temperatures in the science classroom so that they can measure isotherms for the room.

Messenger Sports



A large group of seventh grade boys are participating in football. Shown are the seventh grade football players with their coaches, Mr. Brainard and Mr. Taylor.



Ninth grade football players are pictured with their coach Mr. Twachtman and student manager Steve Mullenix. The squad has a record of one win and one loss thus far.

8th Grade Defeated By Manchester

The eighth grade football team played its first football game of the season at Manchester on September 24 and came home with a defeat. The score was Manchester 20 and Marion 0.

The squad still has three games remaining and hope is high for winning all three. The second game will be played against Monticello on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Seventh List FB Schedule

Yes, it's that time of year again, and the seventh grade coaches, Mr. Brainard and Mr. Taylor, are looking forward to another undefeated season.

There are 62 boys out for seventh grade football this year, and Mr. Brainard says he has fairly good-sized boys that have the potential to hit hard and block well. He also says if they have a good competitive heart and have the will to win, they can look forward to a very successful season.

The boys will participate in a four-game schedule. The games to be played are Thursday, Sept. 26, on the home field against Manchester, an away game on Thursday, Oct. 1 at Monticello, an away game on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at Anamosa, and the final home game with Prairie on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Football Practice Began Sept. 3

Eighth grade football practice began on September 3, and prospects look very good for the coming season. Practices have been progressing very smoothly with 43 boys out under the coaching supervision of Mr. Meggers and Mr. Hoepfner.

The squad went undefeated last year playing four games, two away and two at home. This year they play another four-game schedule with the first game being at Manchester on September 24.

9th Graders Get 1st Win

The ninth grade got Marion's first win of the 68-69 season when they scored a

25-0 victory over Benton Community on Sept. 16. Scoring came first in the second quarter when Mike Ciha scored on a one-yard run.

Van Gillman scored a three-yard run in the third quarter. We again scored in the fourth quarter on a thirty-six yard run by Mike Ciha, and the extra point was made by Van Gillman.

Terry Skilling scored on a five-yard run in the fourth quarter after completing a quick pass. Joel Cox and Jerry Lancaster helped the Indians in their win by recovering fumbles.

Music Program Underway

As another school year gets underway, the Instrumental Music Program has an enrollment of 85 students. This includes Band members and other instrumental students.

In December Mr. Roussell and Mr. Donald plan to collaborate on a concert. This will include the Band, Honor Chorus, the Seventh Grade Chorus, and the Eighth and Ninth Grade Small Music Groups. These groups will also present another concert in the spring. The Band will present a concert in March.

Several ninth grade students will be trying out for the High School All-State Band. This will be held in Des Moines during the Thanksgiving vacation.

The seventh and eighth grade band members will be taking part in the Northeast Iowa Band Contest. This will take place in January or February.

There are approximately 200 seventh grade students taking the required vocal music class this year. Eighty eighth and ninth grade students are participating in the honor chorus. Tryouts for seventh grade girls chorus have been completed.

Mr. Donald and the music department are planning 3 programs with the band during the school year, one for open house, and another for the spring program.

Nicknames...

Many Vernon Junior High students have unusual nicknames. The following are some of them.

Cindy Hudson answers to Toehead, Kitty Carner is Muffet, Gary Hutchins is known as Hutch, and Terry Dippel answers to Chip. Sweetie is Julie Shontz's nickname, while Laurie Sandry will answer to Twinkle Toes, and Musky has been tagged on Joan Richards.

Other nicknames and their owners are Sonya Brocha, Sam or Samuel; Jill Morning, Joe; Yvonne Bruring, Avon;

Jr. High Cheerleaders Named



Shown here are the eighth grade cheerleaders selected for the 1968-69 football and wrestling seasons. They are Donna Feddem and Crissa Finn in the front row, and Valorie Gillman, Ellen Livingston, and Cheryl Pieper in the back row.

Eighth grade cheerleaders selected for the football and wrestling seasons are: Donna Feddem, Crissa Finn, Valorie Gillman, Ellen Livingston, and Cheryl Pieper.

The following questions were asked of the 8th grade football and wrestling cheerleaders. "Do you think there should be 7th and 8th grade cheerleaders next year? and What do you think about school spirit?"

Crissa Finn replied, "I think there should be cheerleaders in 7th and 8th because when I was in sixth grade I looked forward to it. School spirit? I think kids should join in."

Cheryl Pieper's comments were, "I think they should have cheerleaders in all grades, and we do need more spirit."

Val Gillman thought that it's wrong that they are not having cheerleaders and thinks they should have so the cheerleaders will get better by the time they get to high school. Pep clubs should be able to go on out-of-town trips.

Ellen Livingston replied, "Yes, there should be 7th and 8th cheerleaders. There seems to be enough school spirit this year, but there was not last year."

Donna Feddem remarked, "Yes, it is really a great thing and it is too bad everyone can't be a cheerleader; it's a blast. School spirit is okay, but there is room for improvement. School spirit is always in need of repair so if they take away our last semblance of spirit in the form of cheerleaders our school spirit will crumble."



Ninth grade cheerleaders are front row, Sheryl Jacque and Jana Grady, and back row Julie Krizek, Adrienne Ford, and Terri Hopkins.

The ninth grade cheerleaders have been chosen. The girls who will be in charge of leading school spirit at the ninth grade games are Jana Grady, Adrienne Ford, Terri Hopkins, Sheryl Jacque, and Julie Krizek. About eighteen girls tried out and the girls were chosen on the basis of physical ability, appearance, and attitude. Alternates were also chosen.

Karen Mohwinkle, Carrot; Colleen Lynn, Chocolate or Coke; Diane Hoffa, Sweet Pea; George Redford, Gi Gi, and Vallerie Oglesby, Ogie. Terri Hopkins claims the name Sour, given she says because she eats too many lemons.

New Look

Hey! Girls get "in" with the crowd and go West in your wardrobe to cowboy and Indian look this fall. Vinyl, Donegal, tweed, suede, circle skirts, suspender skirts, and culottes are big for fall, with these wear satin shirts, bushshirts, ruffly blouses, sweater vests, and, of course, scarfs are popular either at the neck or above the eyebrows.

Brassy and clunky look for buttons, belts, and jewelry are also "in". Big clunky shoes are "in" even if they look as if they came from the men's department. That's what you want for fall.

Indian beads are also great this year.

The mini-length is still very popular, but the maxi-length which is a few inches below the knee is coming in. Long hair is more popular this year, but with alot of body. But short hair is still great for fall, but with curls. White socks are "out" again.

The Inquiring MESSENGER

Each month the MARION MESSENGER we plan to interview the teachers in the various departments. This month we have selected the language arts department. Teachers in this department include Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wendel, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Stack, and Mrs. Klodd, who is a new teacher in our school this year.

Mrs. Wendel who teaches at C.B. Vernon Jr. High School is a very nice person to get to know.

Mrs. Wendel went to school at the University of Northern Iowa which is located at Cedar Falls, Ia.

Mrs. Wendel teaches three classes of English and two of science. She says that

about the only thing she likes about school is that it is not monotonous. The only thing which she dislikes is the stacks of English papers to correct.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendel have been married for quite a few years. Mrs. Wendel is also the mother of three sons.

The only thing else she told me was that she wants the basketball season to start very soon. This way she can see if the eighth grade boys do as well as they did last year.

Mrs. Stack, a C.B. Vernon English teacher, grew up in southern Illinois, with a brother and a sister. She dreamed of being a teacher when she was a little girl, and her dream came true when she graduated from Illinois State University, where she majored in business education and English.

Vernon Junior High is Mrs. Stack's third teaching position. She previously held jobs in Illinois and Shellsburg, Iowa. She now resides in Cedar Rapids, but has lived in Indianapolis, Illinois, California, Nebraska, and Missouri.

She enjoys reading, sewing, and the company of her dog, Bridgette. She is married and has two sons, Bart and John, and a daughter Marcia.

When asked to make a statement on whether she liked teaching at C.B. or not, she remarked, "I find it very pleasant, except on the days when you take ITED tests."

Mrs. Walter Klodd is C.B. Vernon's only new teacher this year. She was born in northern Minnesota and went to the University of Minnesota. She has taught the last two years in the Cedar Rapids and Marion schools as a substitute.

The Klodds live on Falbrook Drive in Cedar Rapids and have two sons, Paul, 13, who attends Harding Jr. High and David, 9, who attends Pierce Grade School.

Being from the Lake Country of Minnesota, she enjoys water sports such as swimming and fishing. Around home cooking and sewing are her favorite past times.

She enjoys her teaching career, especially Jr. High students.