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School means many different things to many different people. This is evidenced by the varying expressions appearing on students' faces. Some appear to be very intent on their work, while others have called a time-out from the books and are enjoying the company of those around them.



Crissa Finn certainly seems to have something to say. Perhaps she was discussing the last football play.



Ellen Livingston, however, feels that the way to emphasize her ideas is to make good use of the drum.

'Ruffles & Roller Skates' Will Be Presented Dec. 12-14

On Tuesday, October 29, 1968, the Dramatics Club met and chose seven people for the cast of the seventh grade play, "Ruffles and Roller Skates." The cast includes Chris Shurtz, as Frances; Sarah Thorp, as Elizabeth Baxter; Dave Fredricks as Ed Baxter; Jill Sandry as Judy; Denise Bennett as Sue Baxter; Ken Murdoch as John Baxter; and John Niles as Freddie.

The play, "Ruffles and Roller Skates" is about a family that is very concerned about how they should bring up their teenagers. In the end, Dave Fredricks, as Ed

Baxter, puts his foot down and shows that he is the boss.

Dianne Handkins, Kitty Carsner, and Pam Mullenix were chosen prompters and stand-ins.

Dress rehearsal will be Thursday, December 12 for Dramatics Club, and Friday, December 13 will be a 2:30 seventh grade assembly.

A 7:30 Saturday, December 14th, performance will be given for parents and friends. All performances will be given in Lincoln Auditorium. Mr. Miller is the director of the play.

Chorus Plans Performances

Early in November, the seventh grade chorus, Honor Chorus, and the junior high band began work on a joint Christmas concert. There are about 75 members in each of these groups. These combined musical groups will present several Christmas carols.

On November 24th and 25th, twenty students from C. B. Vernon Junior High will join with twenty others from Harding Junior High in Cedar Rapids to make up a Youth Chorus, who will perform jointly with the Cedar Rapids Cantata Singers. The program will range from Gregorian chants to jazz. Performances will be given at the First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids and the Area Ten Community College.

Clothing Drive

During the week of November 11, there was a clothing drive sponsored by S.C.F. (Save the Children Federation), at C.B. Vernon Junior High School. S.C.F. is a non-religious and non-profitable organization now 35 years in service.

After the articles are collected here at C. B. Vernon, they are then shipped to Knoxville, Tennessee, and are distributed to needy families in different parts of the world.

Spanish Club Now Numbers 50 Members

Spanish Club is off to a good start with about fifty members. So far this year they have had two meetings. At the first meeting officers were elected.

Dick Jacobsen was chosen president of the club. Other officers are Mike Ciha as vice-president; Mike Wood, treasurer, and Becky Downey, secretary.

Monthly meetings are held. Mrs. Purnoy is advisor for the group.

At the second meeting they made plans for Spanish Club recreation. A pinata party is planned for December.

Jr. High Honor Roll

The first quarter honor roll for C.B. Vernon Junior High has been announced by Mr. Fowler. Students receiving honor roll recognition are:

SEVENTH GRADE:
Mary Andrea, Sheryl Barton, Laura Bell, Denise Bennett, Karen Bond, Phyllis Claypool, Dianne Handkins, Marjory Hansen, Laurie Hicks, Dan Hoke, Mike Jacobs, David Jacoby, Terry Jensen, Gail Johnson, Kim Johnson, Susan Kincheloe, Diane Larson, Stephen Roth, Jill Sandry, Chris Shurtz, Sarah Thorpe, Sandy Wade, Francine Walton, Randal Wells, Franklin York, and Wendy Collins.

EIGHTH GRADE:
Gwen Barnes, Donna Boyd, Paula Chesley, Roma Ellwood, Janet Gallagher, Mike Gott, Nancy Griffin, Mark Harris, Steve Hay, Bob Hemmingsen, Mike Johnson, Jay Ledvina, Ellen Livingston, Debbie Long, Beth Lusk, Barb Maier, Bill McElree.

Doug Morris, Kim Nelson, Steve Nielsen, Marcia Palas, Jodi Petersen, Marcia Renfer, Connie Schnell, Tawnya Tew, Randy Wade, Ken Walton, Janet White and Don Wishniewsky.

NINTH GRADE:
Peg Bowen, Janet Campbell, Deanna Feddem, Adrienne Ford, Jana Grady, Judy Grishaber, Terri Hopkins, Jill Hunt, Sheryl Jaque, Laurie Johnson, Jon Luedtke, Susan Mangold, John Mann, Paula Orcutt.

Steve Potter, Kathy Power, Laurie Sandry, Julie Shontz, Debbie Snyder, Debbie Vinson and Les Warner.

Meet Your Teachers

MR. TAYLOR

Mr. Taylor teaches seventh and eighth grade science at C. B. Vernon Junior High.

When the interviewer asked Mr. Taylor what he liked about the seventh graders, he replied, "I like the enthusiasm that most of the seventh graders have for whatever they do."

Mr. Taylor attended school in Cedar Falls, he received his BA degree from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, and has taken graduate courses at Iowa State University and the University of Iowa. He came to Vernon Junior High following college graduation, and he has been teaching here since.

Mr. Taylor is married; his wife is a nurse.

MR. GAIDE

Mr. Gaide, art teacher of C. B. Vernon Junior High School, attended the University of Iowa, Iowa City, and the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls. Mr. Gaide is married, and he and his wife have an eight year old son, Joel.

Listed among Mr. Gaide's dislikes is teaching young people who are convinced that they can do no better than they are presently doing, and who refuse to try. He, however, has found many enjoyable "likes" about teaching and replied, "The most enjoyable part of teaching is getting to watch the kids grow up."

Commenting on the students in his classes, Mr. Gaide said, "The number of people enrolled in 9th grade art has been increasing every year. Many who wished to take art in 9th grade this year could not because the classes had to be limited. I hope that all those who wish to take art in high school will be able to do so after the new high school building is completed."

MRS. BORG

Mrs. Borg was born in Norway, Iowa, and was educated there. She graduated from Coe College. She has bridge, cooking and sewing as hobbies, in spite of her teaching those things day in and day out.

She is married and has two daughters. The oldest one is a freshman in college and the other one a sophomore in high school. Mrs. Borg resides in Cedar Rapids with her family.

She is not really a fan for television or radio. She says, "I have two daughters and plenty of students each day to keep me WELL informed!!!!!!"

Her pet peeves are students who are disrespectful, rude and inattentive!!! However, she says she likes a student that has personality.

MR. TWACHTMANN

C. B. Vernon's industrial arts instructor for the past six years has been Mr. Twachtmann.

Mr. Twachtmann was born at Lowden, Iowa. He attended school there, going on to Iowa State University he received his BA degree. He then went on to the University of Iowa and received his Masters degree from that University. Mr. Twachtmann also served five years in the Marine Corps.

His likes include hunting, fishing, golf, and all other sports. He also likes a student who is a good worker and who takes an interest in things.

His dislikes number people who don't respect adults and students who make alot of noise.

Mr. Twachtmann is married and has two children, a daughter, two years and a son, 4 years.

MESSANGER STAFF

Peg Bowen	Julie Klein
Debbie Newberry	Joel Jacobson
Peg Kleis	Ken Murdoch
Debbie Hollingsworth	Cindy Hudson
Connie Van Note	Kitty Carsner
Jane Stimson	Antoinette Ratkewicz
Julie McCormack	Pam Olson
Pam Mullenix	Wendy Collins
Roma Ellwood	Don Wishniewsky
Dan Steckel	Ed Collins

Advisor Mrs. Griswold

Library Club Plans Party

The Library Club planned a Halloween party which was held in the gym on Oct. 31. Recreation committee consisted of Debbie Newberry and Susan Wells.

On the refreshment committee were Marcia Palas, Paula Chesley, Joan Richards, Debbie Hollingsworth, and Jodi Peterson.

Plans will be made for the library club Christmas party when the committees are formed.

We Asked . . .

WE ASKED: What were you doing when the turkey was being carved?

THEY ANSWERED:

Alan Green. . . . carvin' my own bird
Don Neagle . . . taking the stuffing
Larry Lanning . . . mashing my brothers drums
Kerry Brackett . . . Nothing, I hate turkey!
Randy Wade . . . I was outside carvin' my punkin'
Debby Kerr. . . . outside riding horses.
Mr. Meggers. . . . trying to keep my stomach from growling.
Mr. Gaede . . . watching Dr. Max
Mrs. Griswold . . . snitching cranberries
Janise Morning. . . . waiting for a piece.
Steve Bruring. . . . I was gobbling.
Dick Jacobsen . . . I'm not telling?
Scott Moulds. . . . hiding under the table with my half of it.
John Winistorfer . . . Polishing the Blue Bomb

WE ASKED: Where were you when the lights went out?

and THEY ANSWERED...

Julie Klein. . . . Shutting the door to the fuse box.
Shawn Walker . . . I didn't have time to look!
Barnard Blumer. . . . What lights?
Sheri Jacque. . . . Saying my prayers!
Mark Burgess. . . . I don't know.
Jane Stimson. . . . With Jim?
Cheri Pieper. . . . Well.....!
Don Wishniewsky . . . Lighting a candle!
Brad Nielson. . . . In bed with my Teddybear!
Dave Williams. . . . Eating my clackers!
Barb Maier. . . . On my way to Linn-Mar.
Jeanine Harford . . . At the show.
Mary Sankey. . . . Taking a bath.

WE ASKED: What is the most important Christmas present you want this year?

THEY ANSWERED:

Debbie Long. . . . a ring?
George Redford . . . GI Joe
Brad Nielson. . . . shotgun
Julie Klein. . . . Well, I better not say.
Steve Hay . . . a Sweet Bippy
Don Wishniewsky . . . a tractor
Craig Lowry. . . . my hair back
Shawn Walker. . . . I can't tell the truth.
Jay Olson . . . an A in science
Bob Sixta . . . some gold
Crissa Finn. . . . a Betsy Wetsy
Danielle Harford . . . to find Bob under my Christmas tree.
Scott Kenton . . . good grades
Pat Henry . . . Baby Party
Kurt Miles . . . a real girl
Mr. Vaske . . . 140 well-behaved, hard-working scientific inclined students.
Mrs. Borg . . . To get everything done so I can enjoy Christmas.
Mr. Twachtman. . . . Another '49 Plymouth like I have now.
Julie Krizek. . . . Humphrey for President.

PRACTICE SESSIONS OPEN OCT. 28 FOR WRESTLERS

Practice for the seventh and eighth grade wrestling team began on October 28 and with the addition of a few more boys to the team, Mr. Twachtman looks forward to a good season. Because the wrestling season is before basketball this year, more boys have the chance to go out for both sports, thus making both the basketball and wrestling squads stronger.

This year seven meets are on schedule plus a "B" squad meet at Linn-Mar on November 15. The schedule includes one meet with Vinton, two each with Anamosa and Monticello, and one each with Manchester and C. R. Prairie. The first meet is here with Vinton on November 15. This year's team promises to be a really fine one so let's get out and give them our support during the coming season.



The Library Club held a Halloween party in the gym to observe the holiday. Judging from these pictures, it appears that the members really enjoyed themselves.

The Well Dressed Students Wear

A crisp, cute dimdl, set off with a wide belt and frilly blouse, is just the thing for today's school girl. Chunky-heeled shoes, in bright patents to match your wardrobe, are the "now" look. For more casual dress, culottes, pant dresses, and slack suits are right. Culottes are making the scene in schools, also.

Short skirts are still popular, but the middi's are coming into style. There's talk in the air of girls' hemlines taking a nose dive to the ankles. What do you think, boys?

Nehru shirts and jackets are popping up on more necks than ever. One sees a double-breasted coat here and there now and then. But the turtle-necks and Nehrus have it. Even the girls are wearing Nehru collars on blouses and dresses.

Second Quarter Began Nov. 4

The saying for Ozarks Airlines is "Go-getters go Ozark." The saying for Vernon Junior High should be "Vernon go-getters, go and get good grades."

Monday, November 4 was the first day of our second quarter. This started each of us off on a clean slate. This quarter is now well underway. Will this quarter be an improvement over the first quarter?

To be a real go-getter, we should constantly improve. So let's all try to be real go-getters, how about it?

LIBRARY NOTES. . .

Mrs. Zoerink, our school librarian, was recently asked the following questions concerning the Library Club.

How many students do you have on the staff? In 9th grade I have 22 students, in 8th grade, 25 students, and in 7th grade 15 students.

What is the purpose of the club? The Purpose is to help me and for the students to learn more about the library.

What do you like least of all the members? They all talk too much.

Can you average the number of students that come into the library? An average of 80 students come each day.

SCIENCE CLUB OPEN TO 7th GRADERS

The seventh grade science club is open to any seventh grade student who wishes to join. The current activity for the science club is viewing films.

There are 12 members in the eighth grade science club. To join the science club you must have a science project. One project deals with learning to spell while sleeping.



"Happy Halloween"---that was the theme of the 8th and 9th grade dance held in October in the boys' gym. Decorations carried out the Halloween theme. Mrs. Taylor's and Mr. Barrows' homerooms were in charge.

GRA Provides Competitive Sport Action

Many things are happening in G.R.A., and there are always lots of fun things to do.

In homeroom softball competition, the winning seventh grade homeroom was 206 with a 6-1 record. Other place winners were 209-A with a 5-2 record, 310, 4 wins and 3 losses, and fourth place went to 110 with a 3-3 record. In eighth grade competition, the winning homerooms were 125 with a 5-0 record, 307 winning 4 and losing 2, and homeroom 120, 3-5.

There was not enough competition in ninth grade, but the top homeroom was 306.

In ping pong, 120 games were played the first week. There were eleven ping pong tables, and at least 3 games at each table, so there were usually 33 games played between 8 and 8:30 each morning. There were 66 girls who participated.

A G.R.A. swimming party was held at Cornell College on October 21. Fifty-six girls attended this party. A second party was held October 24 and 63 girls attended this.

The last G.R.A. meeting held was on October 29 at 8 in the morning.

These are just some of the latest happenings of the Girls Recreation Association.

Named As Co-Ed Writer

Julie Krizek, 14, 2992, 14th avenue, Marion, has been named Co-ed Correspondent for the 1968-69 school year, according to an announcement by Miss Margaret Hauser, editor of CO-ED magazine. CO-ED, published nationally by Scholastic Magazines, Inc., for home economics students, contains articles on fashion, food, beauty, and home furnishings, and fiction.

Julie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Krizek was elected Correspondent by her home economics class.

She will serve as junior advisor to CO-ED editors. Like the other Co-ed Correspondents throughout the United States and Canada, she will keep the editors informed of activities at her school.

Science News

Members have chosen "R.F.K. Science Club" as the name of their organization

in honor and remembrance of the late Robert F. Kennedy.

The club has seven members. Officers of the club are president, Judy Grishaber; vice-president, Steve Bruring; secretary, Michelle Klink; and Peg Bowen, treasurer.

Members are presently looking into possible projects and services that the club can perform for the school and community.

The eighth grade science club continues to work on science projects which will go to the Eastern Iowa Science Fair at Coe College. Projects include isotherms of Marion, sleep learning, and testing perma-press fabrics.

It's moving! I can see it without the microscope. These were the most common comments of the nine science club members at the Nov. 11th meeting of the seventh grade club.

The meeting consisted of looking at what was in the different algae cultures using microscopes. The different specimens that were identified by the members, Mr. Barrow, and Mr. Taylor were paramecium, rotifers, vortecella, and vinegar eels. The vinegar eel was the most curious to observe.

The next meeting will be Dec. 9. The January meeting will be held Jan. 13. At both of these meetings microscope work will be the main topic.

9TH LOSES TO PRAIRIE 20-12

The ninth grade Marion Indians lost to Prairie 20-12. At the end of the first half Marion was leading 12-0. But the Prairie Hawks shutout the Indians in the second half, scored three touchdowns themselves and completed two extra points, to win the game. This was the final game of the season for the ninth grade Indians, giving them a 4-2 record for the season.

The ninth grade Marion Indians defeated the Vinton Vikings by the score of 28-7. The Indians shutout the Vikings until late in the fourth quarter when they were able to score on an end sweep and to complete the extra point.

The ninth grade Indians got another victory when they defeated the Manchester Manhawks 21-0 on the home field.

The seventh grade Indians lost to Monticello 7-0 after a tight defensive battle.

"What are the lowest and highest zip code numbers?"

The lowest is 00601, assigned to Adjuntas, San Juan, Puerto Rico. The highest is 99950, assigned to Ketchikan, Alaska.