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The cast, announcer, and stage manager of the seventh grade dramatic production, "Ruffles and Roller Skates," are shown as they relax briefly during rehearsals. Left to right are Chris Shurtz, Denise Bennett, Jill Sandry, David Fredricks, Ken Murdoch, announcer Chris Kemp, Sarah Thorpe, stage manager Bryan Hadley and John Niles.



To run smoothly, any production needs some good behind-the-scenes people. Those responsible for the seventh grade play posed for this picture. The group was responsible for props, prompting, make-up, announcing, etc. They are: first row, Wendy Collins, Pam Mullenix, Marjory Hansen, Cindy Hudson, Wendy Hinker; second row, Kitty Carsner, Kim Johnson, Mary Andrea, Chris Kemp, and standing, Bryan Hadley.



Cast members of "Ruffles and Roller Skates" are shown in a scene from the December production. Appearing in the play were Denise Bennett, David Fredricks, John Niles, Ken Murdoch, Sarah Thorpe, Jill Sandry and Chris Shurtz. Mr. Miller directed the play.

STUDENT COUNCIL BUYS EQUIPMENT

The Student Council has again used some of their ice cream profits to buy some new equipment for the junior high. Their main purchase last school year was

the sign placed on the front of our school. Now they have purchased three water coolers that will be installed soon.

All of this money is earned by the Student Council members selling ice cream during both noon periods each day.

Student Teachers Now Active At Jr. High

During this second quarter of school, we have been sent student teachers from the University of Iowa. Student teaching is a requirement which must be met before a student can receive his teaching certificate. Miss Johnson and Mr. Boettcher were assigned to Vernon Junior High School.

Miss Johnson teaches Spanish with Mrs. Pumroy as her supervising teacher. She was born in Spencer and attended school there. She attended the Sioux Rapids High School, and has now been at the University of Iowa for 3-1/2 years.

She has sisters, 20 and 16, a brother, 17, and her parents included in her family. Miss Johnson's favorite activities are swimming and playing golf. Her favorite songs are by Simon and Garfunkel. T-bone steaks with baked potatoes are among her most-liked foods.

Miss Johnson has a double major, Spanish and psychology. She has no minor. Miss Johnson recently said, "I have enjoyed my teaching experience under Mrs. Pumroy. I have learned much from observing her class and from teaching it."

She will return to the University of Iowa at the conclusion of second quarter, and will resume her studies. Following graduation, she plans to teach Spanish.

Mr. Boettcher teaches art with Mr. Gaede as his supervising teacher. He was born in Beloit, Wisconsin, but attended Lincoln grade school in Marion and was graduated from the Marion High School. He attended Texas Christian University and received his B.A. and M.A. Degrees from the University of Iowa. This is his seventh year in college.

Mr. Boettcher is married. He and his wife have one daughter, Heidi. Their home is in Marion; his mother also lives in Marion, and his brother lives in Denver, Colo.

Mr. Boettcher's major is art, specifically painting and drawing.

His hobbies are oil painting and hiking. His favorite foods are the foods one might have for Thanksgiving, turkey, dressing, spinach ring, baked potatoes, and pumpkin pie. The most pleasant and exciting thing in his life is being a father to a lovely little girl.

Mr. Boettcher plans to become an art teacher after graduation. When asked what he thought of C.B. Vernon, he replied, "Since I graduated from this building when it was a high school, it holds many pleasant memories." He especially likes his fellow teachers here and enjoys the students very much. He said, "I'm very happy to have been assigned to this town and this building for my practice teaching period."

SPANISH CLUB SETS MONTHLY SCHEDULE

The Spanish Club at C.B. Vernon Junior High School has been talking about future activities. The Spanish Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

The following schedule is a rough outline of the future activities for second semester:

- Jan.: General Business Meeting
- Feb.: A Spanish Dance
- Mar.: A Film on Spain
- April: A Spanish Dinner
- May: A Visit to a Spanish Pavilion

Wrestling Awards Presented

With the completion of the wrestling season, monogram and certificate winners were recently announced for the winter sport. Those seventh and eighth grade boys who received monograms and certificates were:

SEVENTH GRADE:

Monograms:

Chris Dulaney, David Fisher, Lloyd Henderson, Matt Hoffa, Kevin Klopfenstein, Doug Meader, David McElliot, Dennis Nielson, Lon Oglesby, Randy Olson, and Steve Abben, Manager.

Certificates:

Steve Fish, Dan Hoke, Jim King, Scott Moulds, Larry Netz, Gary Orman, Steve Rathje, Geoff Renter and Jon Ward.

EIGHTH GRADE:

Monograms:

Gregg Anderson, Gary Bolden, Kerry Brackett, Jim Bunting, Steve Davison, Mark Harris, Mike Johnson, Tim Jones, Brad Kiburz, Craig Lowry, Glen McCue, Doug Morris, Jon Morris, Dave Reineke, Bill Schindler, Rick Thomas, Randy Wade, Bruce Waters.

Certificates:

Todd Ewing, Jim Hutchins, Joel Jacobson, Eric Koeppen, Jerry Morgan, Doug Peters, Ken Smith and Chuck Wagner.

7 & 8th Now In Practice

Practice for the seventh and eighth grade basketball teams has begun, and the ninth graders' season is about half over.

Mr. Meggers is handling the seventh graders and Mr. Hoepfner is assisting him this year. As usual, many boys are out, many with little basketball experience. It will be the job of Mr. Meggers and Mr. Hoepfner to find a way to jell the team into a fine ball club.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Jackson are the coaches for the eighth grade. Mr. Taylor looks forward to a fine year in his first year as a head coach, if he can find five boys who want to play good, hard basketball.

Mr. Brainard is handling the ninth graders, and his team has already compiled a 5-1 record. The ninth grade "B" team has not lost a game yet.

First game for the seventh and eighth graders is on Jan. 16 with the seventh grade playing Monticello at home and the eighth grade playing the same team away. Following that game are two games with Tipton, one with Anamosa, another with Monticello, and two games with Manchester.

Library Has Added Books

Due to semester tests, library club planned no activities for the month of January.

The library has added many new books to its shelves this first semester, "Dear President Johnson," "Alder, Rickenbacker," a biography, and "Hot Rods Book of Engines," just to name a few.

The library has also added two sets of encyclopedias, "The Book of Popular Science," and the "Encyclopedia of Aviation and Space Sciences."

There is also an "Album of American History" that includes pictures from the colonial period to the present day.

And for those of you who have a ham license or even if you don't, the library does have several books on radios.

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Each year in eighth grade home economics classes a unit is taught on child care. As a part of this study, the students bring pre-school children into the classroom. Marie Kriegermeier is shown above with some of the small fry who visited class recently. The homemaking students prepare games and entertainment for the children.



Yes, Kevin, there is a Santa Claus. Santa Claus was a special guest at the annual 8th & 9th grade Christmas dance held prior to Christmas vacation.

Christmas Dance & Program

On December 17, 1968, a Christmas dance was held for the students at C.B. Vernon Junior High School. It was held from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Mrs. Borg's, Mrs. Simpson's, and Mr. Twachtman's homerooms were involved in bringing about the festivities with decorations, music, etc.

Two days later, on December 19, 1968, there was a Christmas musical given twice, one performance in the afternoon for the students, and another later in the evening for parents and friends.

The Christmas program was arranged in four different parts. First, the seventh grade chorus sang three songs: "Hodie Christus Natus Est," "Good King Wenceslos," and "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," with accompanist, Karen Bond.

Next, the honor chorus performed three songs: "How Far is it to Bethlehem," "Christ was Born on Christmas Day," (Elizabeth Frye and Anita Jones were featured sopranos and Nancy Wade featured baritone in this number), and "Break Forth, O Beautious Heavenly Light," with accompanist Mrs. M. L. Taylor.

In part three of the program the band played instrumental music as, "Totem Pole," "Chorale for Brass," "Bright Eyes," (during this selection, Steve Potter, Jon Derflinger, Ken Kemper accompanied in a trumpet trio), "A Balm in Gilead," and "The Flea."

For the fourth portion of the musical the band and chorus combined to sing and play, "The Christmas Story," with Diane Ward accompanying as an alto.

Mr. Donald was vocal director and Mr. Roussell was instrumental director for this Christmas musical.

Skit Planned For Jan. Meeting

For the January 23 meeting of the Dramatics Club, a program with skits is being planned. This program will be open to club members only, according to Mr. Miller.

Tryouts for the eighth grade play, which will be presented March 7, will be held Wednesday, January 15.

The seventh grade division of dramatics club presented their play, "Ruffles and Roller Skates" on Thursday, December 12 for the Dramatics Club members, Friday, December 13 for a seventh grade assembly, and on Saturday night, December 14 for the public. The play climaxed one month of practice for seven cast members and about ten crew members.

Discussion Held On Snowman

As a follow-up to the article, "Is there an American Abominable Snowman?" in the January 1969 "Reader's Digest," Mr. Vaske's fifth period eighth grade science class is planning an expedition to the Rocky Mountains to find the American Abominable Snowman, or Bigfoot.

While several people have claimed to have seen him and films have been taken, Mr. Vaske doesn't believe he exists. The class wants to prove to him that the Bigfoot does exist.

To finance this trip, we will need \$100,000. As it is impossible for 24 people to contribute this amount, the class members need your help. If anyone would care to make a donation, it would be appreciated. Please give all donations to Mr. Vaske or Janet Gallagher.



Three groups were featured in the Christmas musical held December 19. The featured groups shown are the seventh grade chorus, the eighth and ninth grade Honor Chorus, and the junior high band.

WE ASKED... What is happiness?
THEY ANSWERED...

Yvonne Bruring: Happiness is when you find out where you hid your dirty gym clothes.

Sonya Brocha: Happiness is my bowl of Maypo, also maybe battery operated teachers - so you could control them.

Cindy Hill: Happiness is being with "Rudy."

Connie Larson: Happiness is a horse.
Colleen Linn: Happiness is hot chocolate on a cold day.

Mary Moulds: Happiness is taking a memory course from Mr. What's-his-name.

Jon Luedtke: Happiness is Friday the thirteenth.

Jon Morrie: Happiness is "Long Hair."
Scott Moulds: Happiness is bubble gum on your Tiny Tim record.

Sam Newberry: Happiness is doing something no one said you could--like roller skating in a buffalo herd!

Mark Thomas: Happiness is no school!!