

# The MARION MESSENGER

VERNON JUNIOR HIGH

MARION, IOWA

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## Science Fair

Opens March 29

The Eastern Iowa Science Fair will be held at Coe College on March 29 and 30. Scoring on the students' projects will be based on exhibitors work and not on the value of accessory equipment borrowed or purchased. Awards will be made Sunday, March 30. Judging will be done as follows: creative ability, 35 points, scientific thought, 35 points, thoroughness, 10 points, skill, 10 points and clarity, 10 points.

## Club Members Prepare For Fair

The ninth grade science club is not very active at this point. Jill Hunt is currently working on a project on radiation for the science fair.

The eighth grade science club is also getting ready for the Eastern Iowa Science Fair. Students working on definite projects are Bob Huffman, working on heat center of Marion; Debbie Wickham's project is on ESP, and Jon Morris is working on a project on accuracy of weather predictions in the Farmer's Almanac.

Debra Brecht, Randy Mayer, and Dan Steckel are working on a project that possibly will go to the science fair. Their project is on testing commercial products.

## Mrs. Pumroy To Spend Summer In Spain

Mrs. Pumroy is going to Spain! Mrs. Pumroy will spend the summer in Spain as a participant in the American Institute of Foreign Study. Teachers are selected to chaperone groups of students who attend. Students from 16 years to 19 years are eligible to participate in the program. Each teacher will be in charge of 8 to 15 students.

Mrs. Pumroy's group will leave from Cedar Rapids. At the present time, her group consists of one Marion student, Jan Renfer, and students from North Linn and Prairie schools.

Participants will spend several days touring New York City before leaving for Spain. The first two days will be spent in Madrid touring the city.

The group will then go to the University of Santiago de Compostella in Santiago, Galicia. They will spend four weeks going to school in the morning, studying Spanish exclusively. In the afternoons they will be touring the country side and learning about the civilization of Spain. On weekends they will be visiting the main cities of Spain. They will also visit a bull fighting farm (where they will try their skills at bull fighting) and go to a bull fight.

Upon completion of their studies, the group will tour the western and southern areas of Spain. The last weekend they will cross the Strait of Gibraltar and go to Tangiers, then return to Malaga, and finally return to the United States.

## Open House Set For April 21

Open House will be held on Monday, April 21. It will include a ninth grade play, vocal music selections, and a tour of all the rooms to see the students' work on display.

Other events coming up include March 26, the day third quarter grade cards go home, April 4-8, Easter vacation, and April 14, no school because of East Central District Convention in Iowa City for teachers.

## Dramatics Club "The Secret Weapon"

Hold Busy

Sessions

Dramatics Club held a meeting March 6th in the Lincoln Auditorium. The eighth grade play, "The Secret Weapon" was presented to the club.

On March 11, ninth grade Dramatics Club members met informally to decide on a play. The decision went to "Miss Twiddle and the Devil." The plot concerns the devil, whose appearance is for the purpose of tempting a house of people. When Miss Twiddle arrives on the scene, the devil comes up against someone with whom he cannot cope.

Tryouts were held Monday, March 17. Cast members chosen include Janet Campbell as Miss Twiddle; Mike Wood, as the devil; Les Warner, as the devil's assistant, Harry; Anita Jones as Mrs. Simons; Julie Klein as Emmy, the maid; Laurie Johnson as Miss Plum; Kathy Power as Miss Marchbanks; Roger Sumner as Mr. Dooley; and Russ Hradek as Mr. Humperdinck.

The play will be presented in the boys' gym for Spring Open House in April. It will be directed by Mr. Miller.

Named as girls' standin was Peg Bowen; Jeff Preston is the boys' standin. Debbie Vinson is prompter, student directors are Becky Downey and Julie Shontz; Keith Kemp will work as stage manager, and Steve Olsen will be the announcer.

## Club Changes Tour Dates

Spanish Club held a meeting Tuesday, March 11 at 3:30 p.m. Due to construction difficulties, the Spanish Pavilion will not be completed until late May. Therefore, the trip to St. Louis has been postponed until June 13 and 14. This announcement was met with varying degrees of enthusiasm. A few students will not be in attendance because of the change in dates.

However, the Spanish club is going ahead with money-earning plans. They will be selling chocolates from March 19 to April 2. Students may purchase the candy if it is not consumed in school.

Spanish Club is also sponsoring a Sloppy Joe Day Dance for eighth and ninth graders.

## Messenger Staff

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

Advisor Mrs. Griswold



"Put your head on my shoulder, Whisper in my ear. . . Tired, Gregg???"

Presented by 8th Grade



"The Secret Weapon" was presented March 6 and 7 for Dramatics Club, the eighth grade class, and friends and parents. The entire cast is shown above, from left to right, Curtis Stordahl, Bob Huffman, Walter Carson, Doug Peters, Roma Ellwood, Debby Brecht, Gwen Barnes, Jodi Peterson, and Marcia Renfer. The play was directed by Mrs. Stack.



The Doctor has just informed Father that Mother is to go to bed for complete rest; meanwhile Aunt Martha is about to tell them about Mother's "secret weapon."

The eighth grade Dramatics Club play, "The Secret Weapon", by Dorothy Doyle, was given on March 6th and 7th. Performances were at 3:20 on March 6th for the Dramatics Club Members; at 2:30, March 7th, for the student body, and at 7:30, March 7th, for the general public.

Members of the cast were Aunt Martha, Marcia Renfer; Joan O'Brian (mother), Gwen Barnes; Tim O'Brian (father) Bob Huffman; Elaine O'Brian (daughter), Debby Brecht; Patsy O'Brian, (daughter), Roma Ellwood; Miss Crumbie (a neighbor) Jodi Petersen; Dr. Summers, Doug Peters; Fireman, Walter Carson; and Man, Curtis Stordahl.

The play revolved around Joan O'Brian who was on the verge of a nervous breakdown because of the demands made upon her by her family, friends, and neighbors. Then Aunt Martha came up with a solution to the problem. This was "The Secret Weapon" or the swoon. When things got too much for Joan, she simply collapsed in a faint on the floor. The



Mother's secret weapon was a swoon, and she has just made use of it. Mother lies on the floor, following her fainting spell, while Father, the fireman and the Doctor are concerned onlookers.

doctor was called and Joan was put to bed for a week, which made her family realize that their demands on their mother had been too great.

Dramatic Club members helping with the play were Walter Carson, Doug Peters, Bob Huffman, and Curtis Stordahl, Stage Crew; Pam Olson and Ruth McNitt, girls stand-in; Walter Carson, Boys stand-in; Mary Harbst, properties; and Nancy Griffen, prompter. Make-up crew consisted of Pam Olson, Ruth McNitt, Marcia Palas, Nancy Griffen, and Beth Lusk. The play was directed by Mrs. Stack.

## Club Has 55 Members

Library Club, sponsored by Mrs. Zoenink, now boasts 55 members. This club will be taking a field trip on Tuesday, April 8. The trip will include a visit to the University of Iowa Library in Iowa City and to Dobbs Brothers Binding Company in Cedar Rapids.

The following schedule will be observed for the field trip:

8:30 a.m.: Members meet at the junior high.

9:30 - 11: Tour of University of Iowa library.

12 - 1:00: Lunch at Todd's Indian House.

1:30 - 2:30: Tour of book bindery in Cedar Rapids.

3:00: Arrive back at junior high.

The club will elect officers on May 8.

## Student Council

This year student council has been very busy discussing new facilities and equipment for the junior high. They have talked about purchasing new track uniforms. The school has already received three new water coolers which were paid for by the student council. They have also talked about getting mirrors for the boys' restrooms.



# Messenger Sports

## Awards Presented

The following boys have received awards upon completion of the 1969 basketball season.

### SEVENTH GRADE

#### Monograms and Certificates:

Gary Albaugh, Tim Begley, Tom Bice, Mike Brown, Don Davis, Matt Hoffa, Dan Hoke, Terry Jensen, Jeff Knott, Tom McDougall, John Niles, Dave Probstine, Jim Robbins, Steve Roth, Steve Schatzberg, Paul Winistorfer.

Jim King, Manager, Lloyd Beasley, Manager.

#### Certificates only:

Dale Aikman, Bill Davis, Scott Deck, Steve Downey, Chris Dulaney, David Fisher, Doug Fry, Randy Henderson, Mike Jacobs, David Jacoby, Kevin Klopfenstein, Doug Meader, Ken Murdoch, Don Painter, Larry Sills, Chuck Somerville, Steve Stolze, Frank Venzke, Randy Wells and Jim Yuva.

### EIGHTH GRADE

#### Monograms and Certificates:

Gregg Anderson, Gary Bolden, Mike Borst, Jim Bunting, Jeff Draeger, Steve Hay, Bob Hemmingsen, Mark Hess, Barry Hopkins, Dan Hutchins, Brad Kiburz, Kirk Knickerbocker, Jon Morris.

Kim Nelson, Steve Nielsen, Brad Pedersen, Steve Reed, Rick Slater, Randy Wade, Don Wishniewsky.

Steve Rathje, Manager, Cliff Clendenen, Manager.

#### Certificates only:

Todd Ewing, Mark Harris, Gordon Howe, Mike Johnson, Art Jones, Scott Kenton, Bill McElree, Greg McGee, Jerry Morgan, Scott Nohre, Bob Orman, Doug Peters, Ken Rathje, Chuck Wagner, Bruce Waters, Dave Williams.

### NINTH GRADE

#### Letter Winners:

Dan Begley, Mark Burgess, Craig Cooper, Mike Cihra, Van Gillman, Dan Handkins, Steve Jensen, Dick Jacobsen, Jim Logsdon, Jon Luedtke.

Kurt Miles, Steve Potter, Jeff Schott, Terry Skilling, Mark Thomas, Mike Travis, Kevin Waggoner, Scott Warrick, Bruce Witte and Mike Wood.

## Basketball

With spring just around the corner, basketball has ended.

This year's seventh grade team didn't quite manage to win half their games, but they ended the season with a respectable 3-4 record. A few of their games were fairly close and could have been pulled out with a stronger team effort.

Following their pattern begun last year as seventh graders, the eighth grade team again boasted a perfect record. The eighth grade "B" team lost but one game. Many key players were sidelined during this game with the flu.

Mark Hess led the team in scoring with an average of nearly 20 points a game. He and Gregg Anderson teamed up for a fine 1-2 scoring punch.

## Statistics For B.B. Season

This year in basketball the ninth grade teams have done very well. Total points scored in "A" squad games were 436; 354 points were scored in the "B" squad games.

High scorer in the "A" squad was Mark Burgess with 94 points; Bruce Witte was high for the "B" squad with 121 points.

Team record for the "A" squad was 7-2; "B" squad compiled a 8-1 record for the season.

## GRA Completes Bowling Season

GRA has successfully completed the bowling season. Results are as follows: Julie Klein was top bowler in 9th grade with a 186 game. Other top bowlers in ninth grade were Sue Mangold, second, Joan Richards, third, and Adrienne Ford, fourth.

Top bowler in eighth grade was Robin



The annual ninth grade-faculty basketball game was held Thursday, March 13. Three new cheerleaders were presented during this game. Shown above, demonstrating their unique technique are Joel Cox, John Winistorfer, and Jay Olson. Look at that form!!!



A tired, but victorious faculty was the result of the ninth grade-faculty contest held in the boys' gym. Mr. Miller and Mr. Brainard are shown working on another 2 points.

Hackert with a 152 game. Other top scorers were Marcia Renfer, Marcia Palas, and Sue Lane. Seventh grade top bowler was Susan Kincheloe with a 139 game followed by Lynn Everts, Kim Mordorst, and Lin Berreth.

We have just finished the free throw contest and are now starting basketball intramurals.

Twenty-four ninth grade girls attended basketball practice and played two games at Anamosa. The girls played a hard game and did very well for their first game. They were ahead up until the 4th quarter. The scores, in favor of Anamosa, were A game 34-21 and B game 36-18.

An exhibition game against their parents will be played on Saturday, March 22. Eighth and ninth grade girls will participate in this.

Eight ninth grade girls, four eighth grade girls and three seventh grade girls were selected to go to the playday at Iowa City which was held on Saturday, March 15. Again this year we are having the WaMac Conference Playday. Seven out of eight schools are coming. Independence will be the only conference school not able to attend. The playday will be held on March 29.

Volleyball intramurals will start next. A swimming party is being planned for April.

## Final Score 34-33

It was a close game with Mrs. Pumroy coaching the freshman and the faculty coaching themselves. Both sides played a good hard game. The faculty played especially hard as they don't have as much zeal as our freshmen.

The freshmen lead most of the game--but it was very close. During the last three seconds of the game, Mr. Taylor made a lucky shot which made the score 34-33.

We also had three good-looking cheerleaders, (but not so good looking in skirts.) They were Joel Cox, Jay Olson, and John Winistorfer.

(Editor's Note: In case you couldn't tell, the above story was written by a prejudiced ninth grade fan!!)

## Instrumentalists Get 27 Firsts

Instrumental students from C. B. Vernon Junior High recently competed in the Northeast Iowa Band Association contest.

Results this year were especially good as 27 firsts and eight seconds were received. Students placing first were Mark Ziegler, Jim King, Terry Wallace, Tom Bice, Rick Thomas, Steve Downey, Frank York, Lynn Everts, Randy Wade, Matt Terronez, Randy Wells, Donna Feddern, Doug Peters, Marcia Palas, Bob Hemmingson, Marcia Renfer, Phyllis Claypool, Nancy Griffen, Tom McDougall, Melanie Gates, Marjory Hansen, Sue Hardy, Marie Kriegermeier, Frank Venzke, Roma Ellwood and LeAnn Weltha.

On March 8th, the 8th and 9th grade band members were bussed to Anamosa for a combined concert with the Anamosa band. This concert was presented for the general public with Robert Thayer of Cornell College as Guest Conductor.

On March 18th, at 7:30 p.m., the Vernon Junior High band presented a concert. Selections played were "March for a Festival," "Minuteman," "Original Dixieland Concerto," "Ben Franklin in Paris," "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," and "Die Meistersinger." These selections were also played at the Anamosa concert.

## Honor Roll Lists Students

Unfortunately, we are only now publishing the second quarter honor roll. It is published at a time, when it is almost time to publish the third quarter honor roll. Even though we are late in publishing it, we still feel these students whose names appear on the honor roll deserve this recognition. So congratulations, to these students, and we'll hope to see you name again on the third quarter honor roll.

### SEVENTH GRADE

Alan Anderson, Mary Andrea, Sheryl Barton, Eric Baur, Denise Bennett, Lin Berreth, Karen Bond, Mark Cady, Dianne Handkins, Laurie Hicks, Dan Hoke, David Jacoby, Terry Jensen, Gail Johnson.

Kim Johnson, Susan Kincheloe, Kevin Klopfenstein, Diane Larson, Andrea Marg, David McElligott, Susan Milbach, Rose Miller, Stephen Roth, Jill Sandry, Chris Shurtz, Sarah Thorpe, Sandy Wade, Randal Wells, Paul Winistorfer and Franklin York.

### EIGHTH GRADE

Joanita Barlow, Gwen Barnes, Gary Bolden, Paula Chesley, Teresa Danford, Roma Ellwood, Janet Gallagher, Mike Gott, Nancy Griffin, Mark Harris, Bob Hemmingsen, Bob Huffman, Mike Johnson, Jay Ledvina, Debbie Long, Barbara Maier.

Ruth McNitt, Doug Morris, Kim Nelson, Steve Nielsen, Pam Olson, Marcia Palas, Brad Pedersen, Jodi Petersen, Marcia Renfer, Connie Schnell, Julie Taylor, Tawnya Tew, Ken Walton, Don Wishniewsky.

### NINTH GRADE

Peg Bowen, Janet Campbell, Jim Clark, Luann Culbertson, Becky Downey, Adrienne, Ford, Judy Grishaber, Debbie Herdliska, Terri Hopkins, Jill Hunt.

Sheryl Jacque, Steve Jensen, Laurie Johnson, Connie Larson, Susan Mangold, John Mann, Paula Orcutt, Steve Potter, Kathy Power, Laurie Sandry, Julie Shontz, Debbie Vinson, Becky Wendt, Mike Wood and LaDonna York.

## DRUG FILMS PRESENTED

Two films were recently shown to the junior high students. The first of these films was on marijuana. This film was shown to the parents on February 18 and to the students on February 19. The second film was on L.S.D., and was shown to parents on February 25 and to students on February 26.

The film on marijuana showed how kids would often start on marijuana and frequently advance to more harmful drugs. The film on L.S.D. showed effects LSD could have on people by performing various tests on animals.

The films which were sponsored by the Iowa Pharmaceutical Association were very interesting and educational.

## Poems . . .

### WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE AND I ---

By Dave Jacoby

Shakespeare was England's greatest poet, And we should all know it. First he was an actor and writer of plays, Even though a plague swept London those days. He wrote about comedies and tragic things, And he also wrote about English kings. He acted in his very own plays, Even though they were different in many

ways. He wrote beautiful sonnets in that time, Sonnets are poems with patterns and rhymes. But at 52 years he was dead, Yet his poems are still read.

He had something I sure don't possess, You can tell by his great success. His poems smooth, mine so rough, His so tender, mine so tough. But I guess I haven't tried, And Shakespeare has already died. I can't give up as easy as this, If I try I could hardly miss. I'll try to do very well, And maybe my poems just might sell. Practice will help me more, And someday I might be in his door.

Dave is a seventh grade student. The above poem was written as an assignment for his language arts class.

## MELANGE OF LIFE. . .

by Mathew Terronez

The thought of death a writhing snake, A pain in the hearts of man.

Apathy a sin too foreboding to have love, Yet a trait that keeps people happy.

No thoughts or cares - no troubles. Love - a pain, a joy, a cry in the dark - a warmth too cold to describe.

Wild thoughts fly by as if running from some terrible fate.

What fate? Death, life, love or hate?

Is there a difference or am I indulging in apathy? There is no order of things in love or hate, no care in apathy.

No stop from the running from fate. It's Wednesday...No, Monday... Who cares! I'm alive.

For what? Death? Or life?

Yes, that's it--life, a spot in time. Another sting on the face of mankind.

Things are getting worse, dropping. Falling in the pit of troubles, loves, lives and deaths, To oblivion.

To a fate worse than death, Eternity in thoughts of other people's problems.

Is apathy a sin, a sharp pain, a stain on the robe of innocence?

My mind is twisted in knots. In a maze of problems impossible to escape from except in apathy.

Shall I follow that path as others? Go the ways of "I could care Less" or "who cares?" "doesn't bother me, could be worse."

The easy way out. The paved, curbed, straightened road of apathy.

No, it's too simple. There is no room for apathy in a lifetime.

Let the others see and take notice. But then, they won't care.

Matt is a seventh grade student at Vernon Junior High.

We asked. . .What would you do if you found a drackma?

They answered. . .  
Val Gillman. . .I'd wear it.  
Janise Morning. . .Take a bath with it.  
Kyleen Trout. . .Dress it.  
Barry Hopkins. . .Feed it to a dog (Bob Sixta)  
Laurie Bullard. . .I'd make sure it didn't bite me in the neck.  
Jonni Sue Ford. . .Give it to Glen.  
Cheryl Pieper. . .I'd will the Drackma to Glen McCue, he needs it.  
Brad Kiburz. . .I'd have it turn me on.  
Donna Feddern. . .I'd give it to Brad K.  
Debbie McPherson. . .I'd give it to Brad P.

Beth Lusk. . .Shove it in my closet.  
Steve Hay. . .Probably wash out my mouth and gargle with it.  
Marcia Palas. . .Put it on my self with my rubber duck.  
Teresa Himes. . .Feed it to my little brother.  
Roma Ellwood. . .I'd ride in it.  
Dave Hollingsworth. . .Smoke it.  
Brad Pederson. . .I'd give it to Debbie M.  
From the answers given you might not guess, but a drackma is a Greek coin.