

Awards & Dances End Activities



Thursday, May 1, each junior high school student submitted the name of one boy and one girl from his class whom he considered to be a good school citizen. At the annual spring dance held May 2, the names of those winners were announced. Shown are the Outstanding School Citizens who attended the dance. They are Matt Terronez, Sandy Wade, Steve Hay, Shelley Arjes, Don Wishniewsky, Barbara Maier, Dick Jacobson, Jana Grady, John Winistorfer, Julie Shontz, and Mike Wood. Not shown are winners Frank York and Gwen Barnes.

Jr. High Loses Ninth Graders; About 150 Students

During the school year of 1969-70, C. B. Vernon Junior High School will have approximately 410 students in attendance; this will be about 150 fewer students than this year. The large decrease is due to the fact that there will no longer be a ninth grade at C. B. Vernon. Ninth grade students will now be a part of Marion High School instead. Mrs. Rowen (mathematics), Mrs. Stack (English), and Mr. DeWees (science) are transferring to Marion High and will be teaching freshman classes. Mrs. Purnoy is also leaving, but instead she will be a student at the University of Iowa where she will do work on her Master's Degree.

Next year at C. B. Vernon, students will be able to develop their reading by taking a Developmental Reading or Remedial Reading course. The developmental reading is for average and above average readers who are interested in becoming fast and efficient in reading. The remedial reading is for students who are slower in reading, but it still promotes the same ambition as the developmental reading course.

Toward the end of the 69-70 school year, a three-week program will be required of the girls and boys. Instead of the girls taking Home Economics for three weeks, the boys will be in the Home Economics classes while the girls are taking Industrial Arts.

MESSENGER STAFF...

Roma Ellwood	Antoinette Ratkewicz
Pam Olson	Jane Stinson
Pam Mullenix	Debbie Hollingsworth
Peg Kleis	Julie Clark
Julie Klein	Donna DeVault
Steve Mullenix	Cindy Hudson
Connie Van Note	Peg Bowen
Debbie Newberry	Joel Jacobson
Don Wishniewsky	

Adviser: Mrs. Griswold



Mothers (and sometimes fathers) of students are asked to prepare refreshments for the spring dance. Here, Mrs. Ledvina who was in charge of the refreshment committee, is putting the finishing touches on the refreshment table. She is assisted by members of her committee.

L.M. Choruses Entertain Jr. High at Concert

The Linn-Mar chorus, honor choir, and honor band performed for our student body in an assembly held May 6. The groups were directed by Mr. Thompson and Miss Paul. Vernon's eighth and ninth grade honor

chorus presented the second half of the exchange concert at the Linn-Mar Junior High on Friday, May 9.

The seventh grade chorus and the honor chorus, composed of eighth and ninth grade students, were presented in concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15.

The annual spring dance was held Friday evening, May 2 at Vernon Junior High School. The 8th Wonder provided music for the dancing from 7 - 9:15. Refreshments were then served from 9:15 until 9:30.

The theme of the dance was "Gone With the Wind." The homerooms in charge did a great job on decorations.

Mr. Fowler commented that "the dance went smoothly, the band was good, the students behaved themselves, and in all, it was a big success."

Ballotting for Outstanding School Citizens was done in all homerooms on Thursday, May 1, and these winners were announced at the Spring Dance. The girls were presented with corsages; the boys with boutonnieres.

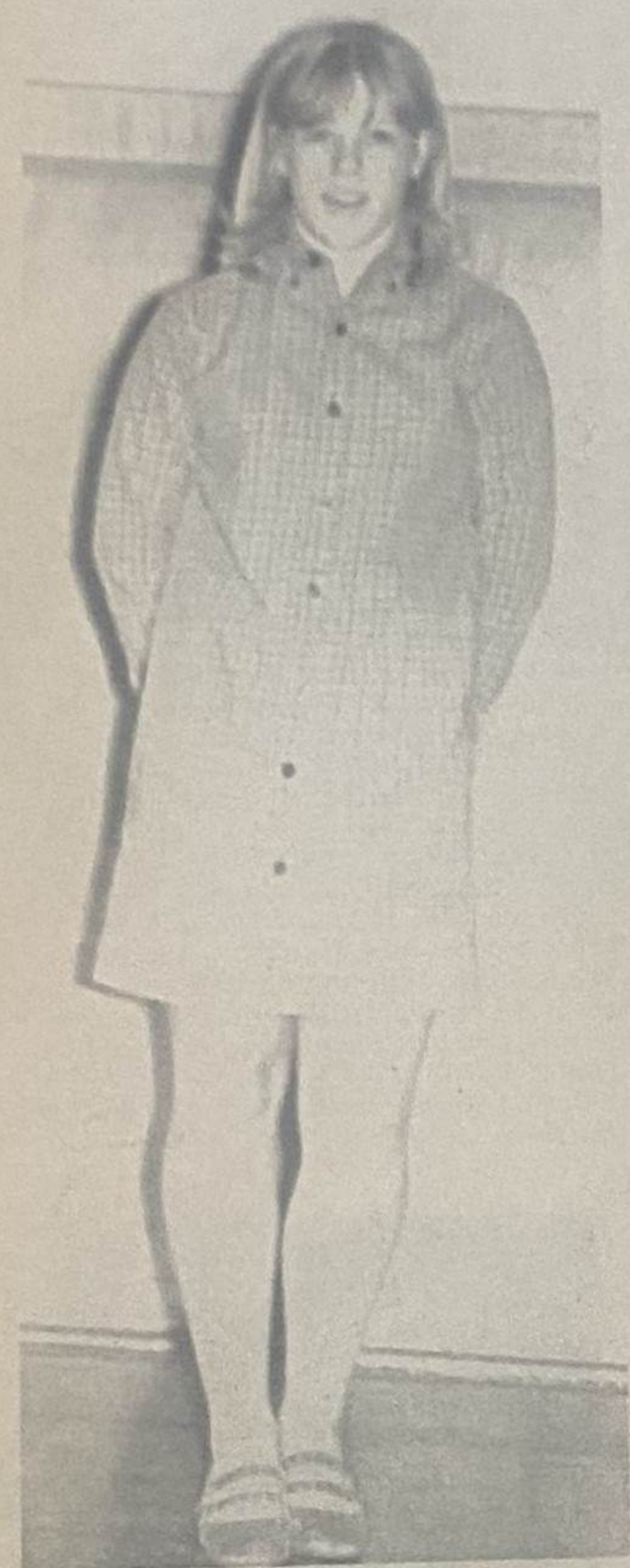
Named outstanding school citizens were seventh graders: Shelley Arjes, Sandy Wade, Frank York, and Mathew Terronez; eighth graders: Gwen Barnes, Barb Maier, Don Wishniewsky, and Steve Hay; and ninth graders: Jane Grady, Julie Shontz, Mike Wood, Dick Jacobson, and John Winistorfer. The three ninth grade boys received an identical number of votes, so an extra ninth grade boy received the honor.

Our congratulations to these fine school citizens.



The time is 7 p.m. Friday May 2, and the parade begins. Shown entering the 1969 spring dance are Denise Orr, Sheryl Jacque, and Kathy Williamson. Decorations in the hallway leading to the boys gym and inside the boys gym all followed the theme, "Gone With the Wind".

Shawn Walker To Represent Marion in Contest



Shawn Walker was chosen to represent Vernon Junior High School in the Soap Box Derby Queen Contest. Each junior high school in the Cedar Rapids-Marion area will select one girl to represent the school. Shawn's name was submitted by her ninth grade homeroom, and the entire student body voted on the ninth grade girls whose names appeared on the ballot.

Ninth grade student Shawn Walker has been chosen to represent Vernon Junior High in the Cedar Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce Soap Box Derby Queen Contest. Each Cedar Rapids-Marion area junior high school was instructed to submit one candidate. The winning candidate will then be Soap Box Derby Queen and will reign over the annual derby to be held in June or July.

Each ninth grade homeroom submitted its choice for the queen's honor. Those names were then listed on a ballot, and the entire student body voted for the girl they wanted to represent our school.

Students Compete In Contest

A number of junior high students recently competed in a high school solo and ensemble contest. A saxophone quartet consisting of Marcia Renfer, LeAnn Weltha, Marcia Palas, and Frank Venzke received a first place rating. A trumpet trio consisting of Steve Porter, Jon Derflinger, and Ken Kemper also received a first. Receiving a second place rating was a clarinet quartet consisting of Nancy Griffin, Debbie Vinson, Bob Hemmingsen, and Roma Ellwood.

Mr. Russell was especially pleased with the results of the contest because this was a high school contest and very few first place ratings were given.

Named As Cheerleaders



Tryouts were recently held to select twelve football cheerleaders for the Marion High School. Among those twelve selected were Debbie Long, Jana Grady, and Julie Klein, all of C.B. Vernon Junior High.

Three girls from Vernon Junior High were among the twelve cheerleaders recently selected to lead the cheering at the high school games next fall. Students selected were Jana Grady, Julie Klein, and Debbie Long.

A number of practice sessions were held prior to the try-outs. During try-outs, the participants were asked to demonstrate the plain spread, and to do an individual cheer and a group cheer.

Several weeks of cheerleading practice has been held in preparation for the football season.

Three Iowa U Student Teachers Arrive Here

On April 15, three students arrived from the University of Iowa to fulfill their student teaching requirement at Vernon Junior High. The student teachers who will continue teaching here until the school year is ended are Miss Dyhrkopp, Miss Gordon, and Miss Ellis.

Miss Dyhrkopp is from Spencer, and she will be graduating from Iowa City June 6, with an English major and a minor in Spanish. She is doing her practice teaching in Mr. Miller's seventh grade language arts classes.

Some of her hobbies are playing tennis, writing poetry, enjoying music of all kinds, and sewing whenever she has time.

Miss Dyhrkopp likes Vernon Junior High. She says she has learned some important things during her student teaching, including having lessons all prepared before class begins and how to handle students.

Miss Gordon comes from Kensington, Maryland, near Washington, D.C. She will be graduating in June with a major in English. She plans to continue her education and work on her M.A. degree. She is doing her teaching in ninth grade language arts classes under the supervision of Mrs. Stack.

She enjoys teaching the ninth graders here and is constantly amazed at their high energy level.

Miss Gordon's hobbies include listening to music of all kinds, playing the guitar, and reading.

Miss Ellis has always lived in Des Moines. She was graduated from Lincoln High School there. She also will be graduating in June with a B.A. Her major has been social studies with a minor in English.

Miss Ellis is the youngest in a family of five children. Her hobby is horse back riding. She enjoys bike riding and rides her bike to classes in Iowa City.

Miss Ellis is enjoying her first experience of teaching junior high students. She likes the age level and the enthusiasm most of them have. She teaches in Mrs. Dunn's eighth grade social studies classes.

Student Council Hold Active Year Schedule

The Vernon Junior High School Student Council has been very active during the 1968-69 school year.

One of their projects has been selling ice cream to the students. The money earned from this activity will be used to purchase track uniforms for next year.

Mrs. Ferris, head dietitian, recently spoke to the group about the problems in providing more variety in the hot lunch program. This was followed by a lively question and answer period.

An amendment was made to the Council's Constitution. This provides for only two students to be held over as council members instead of four as in previous years.

The last meeting of this year's Council was held on May 8th, but Mr. Steadman is also looking forward to working with next year's Student Council and the opportunity to continue to work for the benefit of the school. He would also like to thank everyone on the Student Council for their cooperation this year.

Last Will & Testament For Junior Highs'

As we are leaving C. B. Vernon Junior High School, we would like to leave certain items behind.

The following students were asked what they would like to leave to someone. These are their answers.

Bernie Blumer....the tennis shoes I found in my locker.

Joe Peterson....my face.

Don Yirkovsky....a can of Right Guard.

Kathy Finley....my gym clothes.

Bev Probstine....my braces.

Patti Mosbarger....I will my ability to talk so fast to Brad K; I also will my short skirts to Kyleen.

Laurie Bullard....I will my clothes to Yuko and John Lennon.

Dawn....I will my moldy Walnettos to Mr. Hoepfner.

Mr. Donald....I will my ability to keep cool in 4th hour study hall to Mr. Russell or Mr. Gaede.

Brad....I will my teddy bear to Cheri.

Terry Hasley....I will my good looks to Bob Sixta

Brad K....I will my hair to Jim B.

Janise Moring....I will my Funk and Wagnall to Joe.

Jay Weinrich....my 2 webbed toes I give to Terry Hasley.

Sue Mangold....I leave my ability to pay attention in assemblies to Marty Striegel.

Peg Kleis....I leave my algebra papers to Bruce.

Deb Hollingsworth....I leave my braces to the railroad company.

Jane Nidey....I leave my science notebook to John Winistorfer.

Val Oglesby....I leave the friendly policeman to the kids at Shawnie's party.

Joel Cox....I leave my speed to Lancaster.

Terri Hopkins....I leave my juggling balls to Barry.

Box Sixta....I leave my butterfly collection to Mr. Taylor.

Connie Van Note....I leave my tennie boots and icicles to Julie Klein.

Marty Striegel....I leave my teddy bear to Jill.

ELECTS OFFICERS

The Library Club recently elected officers for the 1969-70 school year. Students elected were President, Marjory Hansen, Vice-President, Kim Johnson, and secretary-treasurer, Richard Horner.

One Minute Sports Quiz

1. Who won the 1969 Masters golf tournament?
2. Who is the director of the Masters tournament?
3. When was Jackie Jensen the American League's most valuable player?
4. What team did Lou Alcindor sign to play with in the NBA?
5. For whom does Johnny Podres pitch?

The Answers

1. George Archer.
2. Clifford Roberts.
3. 1956.
4. The Milwaukee Bucks.
5. The San Diego Padres.

7th Grade Hold Fair at PTA Open House

In conjunction with the PTA Open House in April, a seventh grade science fair was held.

The following seventh grade students received blue awards for their science projects. They are: Alan Anderson, Shelley Arjes, Sheryl Barton, Eric Bauer, Denise Bennett, Jake Bulicek, Phyllis Claypool, Marjory Hansen, Dan Hoke, Anita Hoss, Kim Johnson, Susan Kinche-loe, Kevin Klopfenstein, David McElligott, Dennis Nielson, Lon Oglesby, Larry Sills, Sarah Thorpe, and Francine Walton.

Red award winners were Mary Andrea, Kitty Carsner, Doug Craig, Steve Downey, Chris Dulaney, Dianne Handkins, Cindy Hudson, Dave Jacoby, Terry Jensen, Debby Kerr, Jim King, Judy McCalmant, Steve Muller, Steve Roth, Jill Sandry, Rosemary Waite, Susan Wells, Paul Winistorfer, Frank York, and Pam Swearingen.

Winners of white awards were Wendy Collins, Rich Homer, Fae Jones, Jeff Knott, Don Neagle, Sue Robbins, and Jeff Stotler.

We Asked . . .

We asked....What do you think about moving to Marion High School next fall?

They answered....

Sandy Anderson....I really don't care. I haven't thought about it much.

Jerry Lancaster....I'll just love it. (Three years from now.)

Jeff Preston....Hooray!!

Rick Risk....More Girls!

Chuck Wagner....Great!

Bob Rilling....Being a big boy.

Jon Morris....getting killed.

Emily Roberts....relief

Invitational Track Meet

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John Winistorfer takes off as Carey Orness hands the baton to him in the Marion Invitational track meet held here recently.

Reports on First Two Track Meets

As you read this, the schedule of track meets has been completed, but this story was written at an earlier date, and only the first two track meets can be reported. First meet was the WaMac Meet at Tippecanoe. The seventh grade Indians took fifth place out of a field of eight teams; the Marion eighth graders were in first place, and the ninth graders received fourth place.

The seventh grade 880 yard relay team of Begley, Winistorfer, Jensen, and Albaugh capped a first place win, along with the ninth grade relay team of Orness, Winistorfer, Gillman, and Lancaster. The eighth grade relay team received a second.

The seventh grade 440 yard medley team took second; the eighth grade team of Wade, Wishniewsky, Patterson, and Morgan, a first, and the ninth grade team a third.

The eighth grade shuttle hurdle team took a second.

Van Gillman was the only individual winner as he took first in the pole vault with a new record of 10'6".

In the Marion Invitational held here on April 29, Marion came away with a win. In this meet 7th, 8th, and 9th grade points are combined.

Individual winners in this meet were Paul Winistorfer with a long jump of 14'6"; Mark Hess with a throw of 129'6" in the football throw; Steve Jensen with a throw of 36'9-1/4" in the shot; and Van Gillman matching his new record of 10'6" in the pole vault.

Meet The Teachers

MR. HOEPPNER

Mr. Hoepfner was born in Traer, Iowa. He received his B.A. degree from Simpson College in Indianola. He has also done graduate work at Drake, University of Northern Iowa and the University of Iowa. He majored in physical education and minored in social studies, science, business and drivers' education. He has had six years of college.

He taught in New Virginia and Oakland, both in Iowa, before coming to Vernon Junior High five years ago. He teaches three seventh grade social studies classes and one ninth grade business class. He also is an assistant eighth grade football coach, an assistant seventh grade basketball coach, and head coach for ninth grade track.

Mr. Hoepfner enjoys listening to music. His main dislike is ornery school kids (of course, he doesn't have any).

He is married and has two children, a son 12 years, and a daughter, almost 2.

MRS. TANNER

Mrs. Tanner was born in Ames. She attended elementary, junior high and senior high school there. She began her education for teaching at the Iowa State Teachers College; from there she transferred to the State University of Iowa where she received her B.A. degree.

To start out her teaching career, she taught fourth grade. She then became junior high librarian and at the same time taught seventh grade science and ninth grade general math. Since then, she has taught junior high math.

Mrs. Tanner is married. She enjoys sewing, reading, traveling, and playing her electric organ. Her favorite foods are any type of fish and steak. Her favorite sports include swimming, golf, watching football, and boating. Her pet peeves are disrespectful people, and students not having their assignments done.

At the end of our interview, I asked Mrs. Tanner what she'd most like to change in this generation; she said, "The lack of respect, of all age groups, for authority".

MRS. TAYLOR

Mrs. Taylor is an eighth grade math teacher at Vernon Junior High. She was born in Nebraska where she finished high school. Then she went on to Graceland Junior College, and the University of Iowa.

Mrs. Taylor has taught 22 years. Her teaching assignments have included Dallas Center, Dawson, Marion rural, and now Vernon. She likes a student with zip and energy! She likes students to be cooperative and to have the desire to learn and improve themselves. She dislikes students who are dishonest and lack ambition. Her favorite pasttimes are music and

knitting. Her five grandchildren keep her quite busy though. Mrs. Taylor lives in Marion. She and her husband have three children, all of whom are married.

MR. MEGGERS

Mr. Meggers was born in Marion. He has lived here almost all of his life. He attended grade school, junior high and high school in Marion. Mr. Meggers attended college at Cornell, Coe, University of Iowa, and Wisconsin State University. He has been teaching for 10 years. He teaches 7th grade social studies and ninth grade geography.

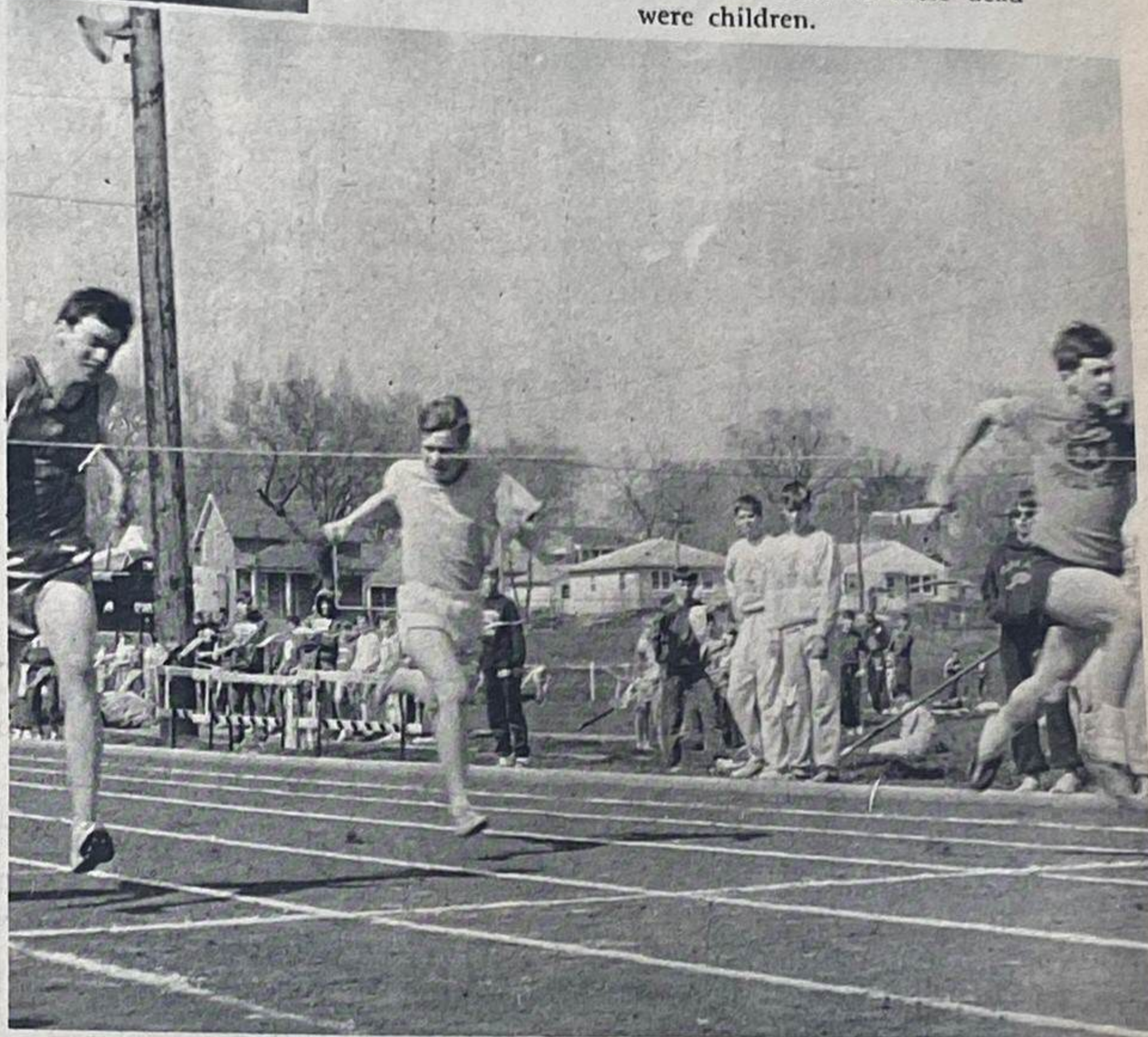
He enjoys teaching because every day is a new challenge and every student is a different individual. He dislikes it when students show disrespect for the teacher.

Mr. Meggers coaches at the junior high and likes all sports.

He is married, and they have three children, Joan, Kathy, and Jim, and one grandchild.

Fire Deaths in the U.S.

NEW YORK—Approximately 12,000 persons lost their lives in fires in the United States during 1965, the Insurance Information Institute reports. More than one-half of these deaths occurred in homes and about one-third of these dead were children.



Carey Orness races toward the finish line in another event during a recent track meet.



Juvenile Logic

"I want you to understand," said the teacher, "that it is the law of gravity that keeps us on this earth."
"How did we stick on before the law was passed?"

Volleyball Intramurals Continue

Volleyball intramurals are continuing, despite the lack of enthusiastic response. The G.R.A. all-day outing to the Paliades was held Saturday, May 10. Eighth and ninth graders acted as group leaders; the 74 eligible girls were split into seven groups. Breakfast and lunch were cooked in their groups and free time could be spent with anyone in the other groups. Track practice has been held for any girls who wanted to try to improve their chances of winning at the annual girls track meet held Monday, May 19.

Oration Contest Winners Named



The annual Civic Oration Contest was held Thursday, May 1, in Lincoln auditorium. Eight junior high students competed. Those eight are shown above: Lynda Vandenberg, Debbie Brecht, Jill Hunt, Peg Bowen, Gwen Barnes, Karen Bond, Sarah Thorpe, and Pam Mullenix.

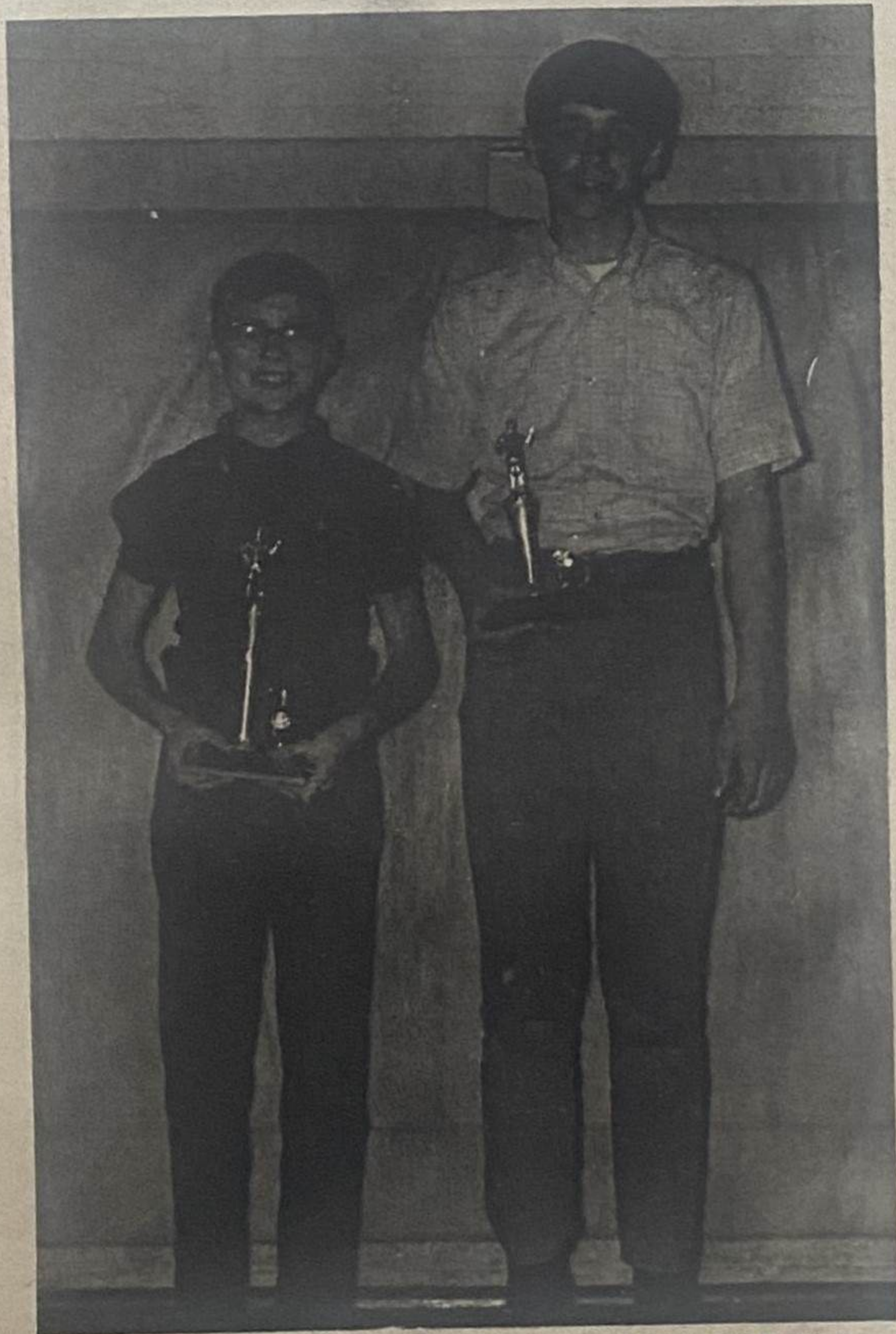
Frank York Named First Place Winner

Frank York, seventh grade student, won top honors in the Cedar Rapids-Marion Division Optomist Club Oratorical Contest which was held April 16 at the Town House. Receiving third place honors in this contest was Brad Bates, ninth grade.

The Oratorical Contest is an annual event. This year's topic was "Respect for Law"... "Cornerstone of Citizenship." The contestants were instructed to present a memorized speech of 4-5 minutes in length. Four contestants competed

this year, 2 from Cedar Rapids and 2 from Marion. The students prepared their own materials; their language arts instructors worked with them on polishing their speeches. The Rev. Larson, of St. Mark's Church, organized the contest.

Both Frank and Brad received trophies for winning. As first place winner, Frank also won the right to go on to the zone contest which was held at the Holiday Inn on April 24.



Frank York, seventh grade student, and Brad Bates, ninth grade student, are shown with the trophies they received in the Cedar Rapids-Marion Division Optomist Club Oratorical Contest. Frank received the first place trophy, and Brad the third place trophy.

The annual Civic Oration Contest finals were held Thursday, May 1. This year's topic was "Family Unity in Our Changing Times." Eight junior high students competed. They were Gwen Barnes, Peg Bowen, Debbie Brecht, Karen Bond, Jill Hunt, Lynda Vandenberg, Sarah Thorpe, and Pam Mullenix.

Winning first place in the contest was eighth grade student Gwen Barnes. Gwen was also first place winner in the contest last year. Runner-up winner was Peg Bowen, ninth grade. Both girls received plaques, and Gwen's name will be engraved on the permanent plaque which hangs in the school office. Third, fourth, and fifth place winners received pins. Those receiving pins were Jill Hunt, ninth grade; Lynda Vandenberg, and Sarah Thorpe, both seventh grade students.

The students were judged as follows: 50 points for subject matter, 10 points for length of speech, 20 points for delivery and poise, and 20 points for diction and enunciation. A total of 100 points was possible.

Judging this year's contest were Mrs. Lloyd Kellams, Mrs. Nellie Williams, and Miss Margaret Paul.



Gwen Barnes, first place winner for the second consecutive year, and Peg Bowen, the second place winner, are shown with the plaques they received from the sponsors for the Civic Oration Contest.

Public Concert Held May 15 at Vernon Jr. High

The 1969 spring music concert for C. B. Vernon Junior High was presented to the public on Thursday, May 15. The band, seventh grade chorus, and eighth and ninth grade honor chorus performed. The program was directed by Mr. Donald and Mr. Roussell.

The seventh grade chorus opened the program with "Once in Love with Amy," "The Carnival of Venice," "Step to the Rear," and "Puff, the Magic Dragon." Accompanying the chorus were Gary Evarts, guitar, and Karen Bond and Mrs. Taylor, pianists.

The honor chorus performed the following selections, "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore," "Blowin' in the Wind," four Folk Songs by Brahms, Choral Selections from Camelot, and "This is My Country." Mrs. Taylor accompanied.

The band's selections included "Thundercrest," "Toccata for Band," and "By the Time I Get to Phoenix."

MESSENGER SAY THANK YOU!

Again this year, we on the MESSENGER Staff are greatly appreciative of the Camera Club sponsored by Mr. Vaske for all of the pictures which we publish in our paper.

At this time, we would like to thank Mr. Fowler and the teachers who have taken the time to be interviewed or to provide information for each issue of our paper. We certainly appreciate all of your help.