

The MESSENGER

VERNON JUNIOR HIGH Thursday, November 13, 1969

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Calendar of Events

Nov. 20--Wrestling, Anamosa here, 4 p.m.
Nov. 25--Wrestling, Monticello, here, 4 p.m.
Nov. 27-28--NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving vacation
Dec. 4--Wrestling, Manchester, here 4 p.m.
Dec. 9--Wrestling, Anamosa, there 4 p.m.
Dec. 11--Wrestling, Prairie, there 4 p.m.
Dec. 13--GRA clinic at Manchester
Dec. 16--Christmas dance 4-5:15 p.m.
Dec. 18--Wrestling, Linn-Mar, here 4 p.m.
Dec. 20-Jan. 5--NO SCHOOL, Christmas vacation.

EDITORIAL...

The first quarter has left us. It is now a thing of the past, and for some of us, that's good. The second quarter is just underway and this is our chance for making a great comeback.
Some of us still aren't back in the groove of school yet, and already the second quarter is here.
So let's get with it, and good luck to all of you.

Dramatics Club Elects Officers

The first meeting of Dramatics club was held on Wednesday, Oct. 22. The Constitution was read and the Dramatics club picture was taken. A second brief meeting will be held in November.
The members nominated officers. The ballots were out Friday, Oct. 24. Officers selected were Lon Oglesby, president; vice-president, Lynn Evarts; secretary, Diane Morrow, and treasurer, Wendy Marshall.
The seventh grade play will be presented in December or January. The eighth grade play will be in April. Mr. Gaede will possibly help with the try-outs. The seventh grade may tryout in the next two weeks, if possible.
There are approximately 80 club members. Mr. Miller, club sponsor, was especially pleased with the number of boys who are interested in the club and in dramatics. There are 12 boys in 8th grade and 6 in seventh grade who have joined the club.
Dramatics club meets the fourth Thursday of each month. Dues are 50¢ per year and must be paid by December 5.

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Camera club members turned the tables recently and posed for a picture instead of taking the pictures. Shown above are Tom Whitlach, Eric Baur, Tim Murphy, Steve Lasho, Greg Loehr, Jake Bulicek, and Jim King.

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Mr. Steadman Conducted Sessions

Mr. Steadman has been conducting student-counselor sessions with all the seventh grade students. These sessions help Mr. Steadman get acquainted with the students, and they also help the students to get acquainted with Mr. Steadman and the school.
Many questions are asked and answered during these sessions. This gives information for both students and counselor. Students talk about what they have done this past summer and other things that might have been of importance.
LIBRARY CLUB
The Library club has held several meetings since the beginning of this year. Training sessions have been held for club members.
Mrs. Zoerink wants to remind students that the Library is open until 4 p.m. many evenings after school.

Camera Club Aids Students

The Camera club, during the recent weeks, has taken and printed all of the pictures which appear in the MESSENGER. The club currently has two students who are able to print pictures, and they will teach anyone who wants to learn.
The Camera club also sells copies of pictures to students. With the money they earn, they purchase their supplies.

WE ASKED....

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GRADE SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL?

They answered. . . .
Jeanne Peters -- It's different not having the little kids running around. I like it.
Connie Power -- There are so many steps to climb.
Tim Rundlett -- There's a lot more work. I'd rather still be in elementary school.
Ron Crouse -- It's got men teachers!
Diane Morrow -- Mr. Steadman ! ! !
Jim Kray -- Switchin' classes.
Marianne McCue -- The teachers are a lot nicer.
Mike Ford -- The activities
Wendy Marshall -- Detention ! ! ! !
Mark Livingston -- I can't say. I still hate it!
Doug Schmucker -- Don't have to have the same (grouchy) teacher all day.
Mark Henderson -- The activity.

WHAT IS A PHILATELIST?

They Answered. . . .
Steve Carmichael -- An animal which lives in cold places
Mark Sillman -- A chemical
Diane Augustine -- A doctor
Dean Bliss -- A microscopic animal
Jennifer Barnes -- A scientist
Carol Bailey -- A refrigerator
Jennie Balcom -- A person who has no philosophy on life
Christy Boots -- A foreign car
Paige Klingler -- A chemical compound
Kreg Brasel -- An animal
Mr. Meggers -- A forward pass
Mr. Campbell -- A deep thinker

Unknown to students and teachers a Philatelist is a person who collects stamps and postmarks.

"What do you think of the junior high without the ninth grade classes here this year?"

THEY ANSWERED. . . .
Mrs. Zoerink. . . It is alot quieter and safer in the hall! But I still miss them.
Andrea Marg. . . I like it because, we, the eighth graders get more offices, and we are the top of the schools doings. But I wish they were back so just the 8th and 9th graders would be the only ones at the dances.
Lynn Evarts. . . I think it's OK with them and without them.
Mrs. Dunn. . . Much less confusion, but I miss them.
Marilyn. . . I think, too wild.
Frank Venzke. . . There's more room in the restrooms.
Mike Duckett. . . It's the best junior high in MARION.
Gereolyn Burlingham. . . better than ever.
Mickey Bassett. . . A drag.



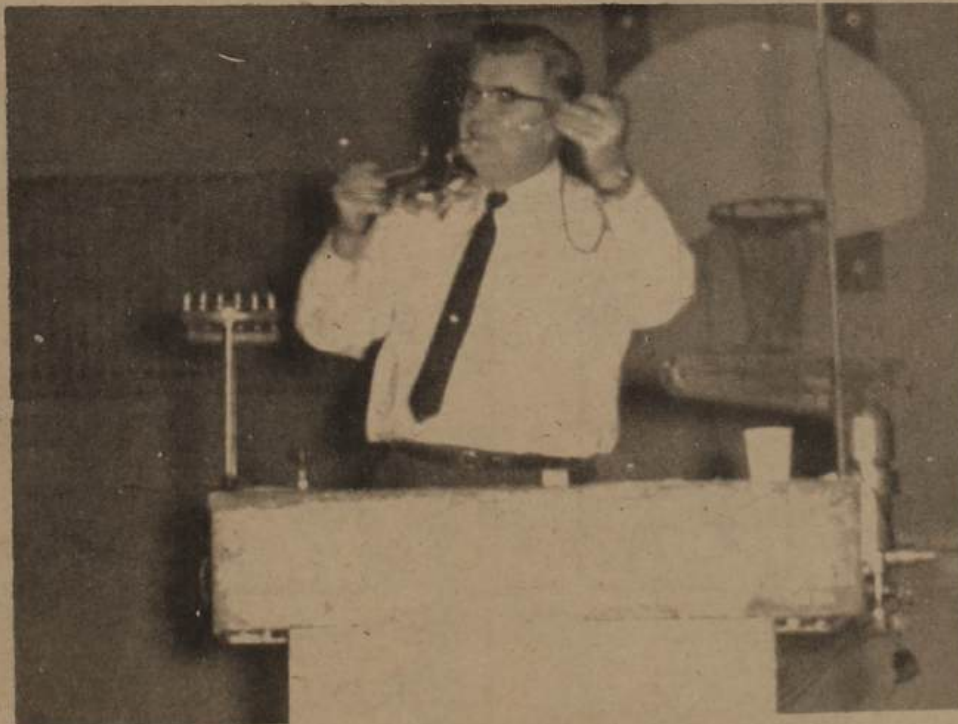
There are many junior high students interested in dramatics and dramatics club as evidenced by this picture. This club will be responsible for the presentation of the 7th and 8th grade class plays. Mr. Miller is sponsor of the group.

Glass Blower First Assembly

On Tuesday, October 21, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kober presented our first assembly of the school year. They demonstrated to us the long lost art of glass blowing.
Mr. Kober began the program by demonstrating how neon lights are made and how they arrive at all the different colors.
He also showed us how glass can be stretched. To prove this point, he stretched a piece of glass across the stage of the boys' gym.
During his presentation he made two pieces of glass work for the school, a glass bird barometer and a fancy bird.
The Kobers are from Kansas. In Kansas they own a store where they demonstrate glass blowing and sell their products.

BASIC SKILLS TEST

On September 23 and 24, our junior high was again administered the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. These tests are given each year to compare a student's scores with his scores of a year ago, to compare a student with other students, and to indicate to teachers the strong and weak areas of a student's background. The tests were administered in the homerooms by the individual teachers.



Mr. Kober is shown above during his glass blowing demonstration presented at a school assembly on October 21. In this picture Mr. Kober is shaping a fancy bird.

Mrs. Pickett New Nurse

Mrs. Pickett is the new school nurse at the junior high and Lincoln. Her 'headquarters' are downstairs in the Lincoln building. She also serves Longfellow, Emerson, and Irving elementary schools.

Mrs. Pickett graduated from the University of Nebraska. She is a registered nurse. Before coming to the Marion schools, Mrs. Pickett worked in a doctor's office and at St. Luke's hospital.

The most frequent injuries she has had to deal with this year are sprained fingers and thumbs. She has also had to deal with that troublesome bug, the bug. The most unusual thing that has happened so far is one boy twisted his ankle and it turned out to be broken.

She wanted to come to a school and nurse because she thought it would be interesting and nice to work with children and young people.

Mrs. Pickett is married; her husband works with the Aetna Insurance Company. They have three children, two girls, 15 and 13 years, and one boy 8 years. The family resides in Cedar Rapids and the children attend schools in Cedar Rapids.

G.R.A. Set Oct. 16 Red & Gold Day

The Girls Recreation Association voted to make Oct. 16, C.B. Vernon Junior High's red and gold day.

G.R.A. swimming parties at Cornell College were held Monday, November 3, and Friday, November 7. Additional swimming parties will be held in later months.

Pom poms were sold by the homeroom captains during the homeroom periods. Pin pong will begin November 10.



Strike! It is girls' intramural softball action. Homeroom teams compete in after-school games. LeAnn Weltha is the batter.

Mr. Fowler "Is Pleased"

Mr. Fowler looked forward to the first day of school as a day of meeting new faces and getting acquainted with the new junior high students. During the first day he said he was busy checking to see that everything was going smoothly, and that the schedule, which was previously made, was operating effectively. At last, at the end of the day, like most students and teachers, he was ready to sit down and relax.

Mr. Fowler feels the school year is progressing nicely and as he had expected. He is pleased with the attitude and behavior of the students. He also likes the way the seventh grade class is adjusting.

But there are a few improvements that need to be made. For instance, there should be less pushing, shoving, and noise

in the halls, and students should avoid littering the playground. Mr. Fowler said he liked the fact that the ninth grade had moved out to the high school because it gives us more room to do more things. But he said that he had enjoyed the ninth grade classes and they had given much leadership to C.B. Vernon junior high.

Poor Teacher

Stout Teacher (instructing her pupils about birds and their habits)--At home I have a canary and it can do something which I cannot do. Do any of you know what this is?

Little Eric--I know; take a bath in a saucer.



Mrs. Zoerink, librarian, is assisted by a large group of library club members. These club members, after receiving training, work in the library during their study halls, noon homerooms, and before and after school. The library club and Mrs. Zoerink are shown above.

Teachers Attend ISEA Convention At Des Moines

The annual Iowa State Education Association Convention (or the ISEA convention) was held for teachers in Iowa at the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium in Des Moines on October 23, 24, 25.

The Marion schools were dismissed on Friday, October 24, to allow the teachers to attend this convention.

The purpose of this convention is to allow the teachers to view educational materials, hear well-known educators speak about improvement of our educational programs, and to meet in small groups to discuss important educational issues.

Gridiron News

8TH GRADE

The Marion 8th grade Indians showed how tough they can be by defeating a strong Anamosa team 20-0. The game was played Oct. 9.

Marion's rally came early in the first quarter with a run by quarterback John Macht on a fake dive play going 35 yards for a touchdown.

The second score came from halfback Dan Hoke on a 45-yard dive play going in for a touchdown.

Finally, late in the fourth quarter, hard blocking and hitting caused a fumble, and Tim Begley scooped up the ball and ran for 30 yards for a final touchdown. All of these plays were helped by tremendous blocking.

Mr. Meggers, A squad coach, praised Marion's defense for holding Anamosa scoreless throughout the entire game.

The 8th grade Indians suffered a defeat at the hands of Cedar Rapids Prairie when the teams met on Oct. 16. Marion, playing on its home field, could not score. Final score was Prairie 14, Marion, 0.

Marion's 8th grade "B" team defeated Linn-Mar's "B" team on their playing field Oct. 9 in a tense but exciting game. Final score was 6-0.

Marion's touchdown came from a pass play that didn't work. Bob Wisheart dropped back to pass in the last 30 seconds of the game, but found no receivers open, so ran a twisting and turning 50-yard touchdown run.

Mr. Taylor, coach, said the whole team did a fine job on defense since they played most of the game with their goal at their backs.

Lon Oglesby was mentioned as an outstanding player who kept Linn-Mar from intercepting a Marion pass, and who threw some fine blocks.

The eighth grade "B" squad ended the football season with a 2-0 record. Both games were played against Linn-Mar. The first game was played on the Indians' field. Gary Albaugh made the only touchdown. The final score was Marion 8, Linn-Mar 0.

The second victory, Oct. 9, was played on the Linn-Mar field. Bob Wisheart scored the touchdown; final score was Marion 6, Linn-Mar 0.

The "B" squad was coached by Mr. Taylor.

Science Club

Seventeen seventh grade students attended the 7th grade Science club meeting. A picture of the club was taken at this meeting.

During the meeting the students looked at Paramecium through a microscope.

The seventh grade science club will next meet November 11. Mr. Barrow is the sponsor for this club.



Seventh grade science club members gathered for this picture recently. Shown are front row, Greg Loehr, Ron Jackson, Greg Will, Wally Walrath, Tom Whitlatch, Ted Williams, Pat Richards, and Claudia Schorle, second row, Steve Knapp, Patty Murphy, Valerie Paul, Denise Hunt, and Christy Boots. Mr. Barrow sponsors the group.

7TH GRADE

The seventh grade "A" squad ended their football season with a 4-0 record. Coach Brainard was very pleased with the improvement of the boys and the play of both offensive and defensive units. He said that everyone did a good job.

The boys who played defense this season were Jim Kray, Mike Ford, Jeff Macht, Randy Swanson, David Duncan, Paul Garlinghouse, Gary Fickel, Mike Cox, Tom Stalkfleet, Marty Carter, Chip Hildebrandt, and Mark Hender-son.

The boys who played offense were David Moore, John Edwards, Charles Vernon, John Snyder, John Barkdoll, Mark Olsen, Mark Livingston, Mark Morgan, Monte Krehbiel, Tim Burgess, Rocky Jones, and Mark Gerdts.

The season's scores are as follows:
Marion 38, Manchester 6
Marion 36, Monticello 14
Marion 14, Anamosa 0
Marion 24, Prairie 6

The seventh grade football team played their last game of the season on the home field Oct. 7, defeating Anamosa 14-0.

First quarter saw Rocky Jones scoring a touchdown for the Indians. Neither team scored during the second and third quarters. In the fourth quarter, Mark Gerdts scored a touchdown. The final score was Marion 14, Anamosa 0.

The C.B. Vernon 7th grade B squad ended their football season undefeated.

They tied Linn-Mar twice with the scores of 8-8 and 0-0. They also tied Monticello, Anamosa, and they defeated Prairie 16-0, in 5th quarter action.

Mike McElmeel, Doug Schmucker, and Jerry Jacque were mentioned as playing well in the back field, while Mike Lange, Mark Sillman, and Jeff Ribble played well in the line. Singled out as playing well in defense were Dennis Willey, Mark Moeller, and Pat Richards.

Coach Cahalan thought the reserves were rather small, but they had a lot of desire and the will to win. He also thought they had a lot of fun during the '69 football season.

He also indicated that he thought a number of the players on the B squad would play varsity football in high school.

The B squad game pairing Marion's 7th against Linn-Mar's 7th ended in a tie score 0-0.

According to Mr. Cahalan, the Marion defense was the factor which saved the game for Marion.

Parents Attend Health Films; Are Favorable

On September 19 a small number of parents came to view the health movies which students had viewed in health classes.

Mrs. Moore said that the parents attending were very much in favor of these movies, but she wished that more parents would have attended. She also felt that this should be a part of the entire health programs of schools as it is in Marion.

If any other parents wish to view these two films, they should contact the school.

Human beings may be divided into two great classes: those who work and those who pretend to work.