

# The MESSENGER

VERNON JUNIOR HIGH Thursday, December 18, 1969

## Calendar of Events

Dec. 18 - - Christmas Dance 4:00 - 5:15 P.M.	Seventh grade basketball - Tipton - here - 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 20-Jan. 3 - - CHRISTMAS VACATION.	Jan. 22- Eighth grade GRA bowling 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 5 - - School resumes	Jan. 26- Eighth grade BRA bowling 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 6 - - Camera Club meeting 3:15 p.m.	Jan. 27- GRA meeting 7:45 a.m.
Jan. 6 - - Student Council meeting 11:55 A.M.	Seventh grade GRA bowling 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 8 - - PTA Council meeting 7:30 p.m.	Jan. 28- Mr. Norman Ramsey from the Iowa Council on Alcoholic Problems will speak to seventh graders.
Jan. 8 - - Library Club meeting 3:15 p.m.	Jan. 29- Eighth grade basketball - Anamosa - here - 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 12- Seventh grade Science Club 3:15 p.m.	Seventh grade basketball - Anamosa - there - 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 15- Eighth grade basketball - Monticello - here - 4:00 p.m.	End of First Semester
Seventh grade basketball - Monticello - there - 4:00 p.m.	Jan. 30- No school - Staff In-Service Day.
Jan. 19- Eighth grade GRA bowling 3:30 p.m.	
Jan. 20- Eighth grade basketball - Tipton there - 4:00 p.m.	

## We Asked . . . They Answered . .

WE ASKED. . .  
"Is a good education needed today? Why?"

THEY ANSWERED. . .  
Linda Allen. . . Yes; to become someone later  
Steve Arnold. . . Yes, so you can learn a trade later on in life.  
Dean Bliss. . . Yes, so you can get a good job.  
Patty Blin. . . Yes, so you may be able to get a better job in your later years.  
Kathy Baur. . . Yes, because you need a good education to get a good job, and to be someone.  
Kreg Brasel. . . Yes, so you can get a good job.  
Mr. Miller. . . It certainly gives a person a much better preparation for and chance to succeed in his working years. College is not a necessity for everyone, but advanced training in some specialized field is definitely a "shot in the arm".  
Tim Burgess. . . No, not today, but maybe tomorrow.  
Kevin Carsner. . . To get a good job, to get money!  
Dan Barnd. . . No, because you can always be a bum.  
Julie Welsch. . . Yes, because if you don't, you can't get a halfway decent job.  
Mrs. Tanner. . . Getting a good education shows how much perseverance a person has. A good education in some specific field is an excellent insurance policy.

One of the assignments you would get if you were on the paper staff would be to ask different people different questions. My first question I asked was. . .  
"Do you think Thanksgiving means as much to us as it did the Pilgrims?"  
Denise Stainbrook. . . I don't think it means as much to us because they worked hard and when it came time for the feast, they could rest.  
Cindy Vesey. . . I don't think it means as much to us either because we were not the ones on the boat that suffered.  
Tom Stalkfleet. . . I think it does mean as much to us because it was the beginning of association with other people.

My second question was: "When do you think the first snow will fall?"  
Joyce Suchsland. . . Dec. 21  
Mr. Miller. . . Nov. 15  
Linda Hutchins. . . Dec. 24  
Kim Skilling. . . Nov. 21  
Valerie Paul. . . Nov. 19  
Marianne McCue. . . Nov. 22  
Steve Prouty. . . Nov. 27  
Steve Overton. . . Nov. 3  
Jackie O'Brien. . . Nov. 25

My final question was: "Do you think children and teenagers should earn their allowance?"  
Bob Leuenberger. . . I think children should if they work for it.  
Tom Whitlatch. . . I don't think so because they do enough work around the house being part of the family  
Renee McSweeney. . . I think children should because it isn't fair for parents to work for money and give it to kids without them working for it, too.  
Charla Collins. . . I don't think that children should because an allowance is the

children's sort of family income.  
Monte Krehbiel. . . I think that children should because everybody else has to work for their pay; we're not some God or something, so we should have to earn our pay, too.

We asked - - - "What do you want the most for Christmas?"

They answered - - -  
Mike Ford - - Mini - Bike  
Kim Skilling - - Telephone  
Connie Power - - Love?  
Jeff Macht - - Unicycle  
Mr. Meggers - - Hair  
Mark Henderson - - A Dog  
Wendy Marshall - - Saint Bernard  
Paige Klingler - - A horse  
Diane Morrow - - A 13-year old brother  
Nat Kleis - - Saint Bernard stuffed animal  
Mr. Miller - - A trip to New Orleans  
Dale Johnson - - Large sled  
Tim Rundlett - - I don't know  
Mrs. Zoerink - - Nice weather  
LeAnn Weltha - - A trip to Europe  
Kris Walrath - - Big stuffed Saint Bernard

We asked - - - "What would you do if you found Santa Claus stuck in your chimney on Christmas morning?"

They answered - - -  
Nat Kleis - - I don't know because I don't have a chimney.  
Connie Power - - Start coughing from all the smoke coming from his burning pants.  
Marianne McCue - - I'd start crying.  
Wendy Marshall - - I'd light a fire under him and that would get him out FAST. . .  
Rich Horner - - I'd yell HO! HO!  
Jim Kray - - I'd take the presents and run.  
LeAnn Weltha - - Anybody got a pea shooter? (I'll get him out of there one way or another.)  
Jill Sandry - - Steal his sled and become "THE NEW SANTA CLAUS"  
Kim Johnson - - I'd give him some Diet pills.  
Melanie Mead - - I'd get a helicopter, fly over to where Santa Claus was, tie a rope around him, grease the entire chimney, and PULL. . .  
Sandy Wade - - I'd raid his toy sack.  
Dave Jacoby - - Cob all the presents, what else?  
Mr. Meggers - - I'd be delighted.  
Diane Morrow - - Call the fire department.

"What am I to do with this?" grumbled the motorist as the police clerk handed him a receipt for his traffic-fine payment.

"Keep it," the clerk advised. "When you get four of them, you get a bicycle."

## GRA Hold Swim Competition

The Girls Recreation Association held girls swimming competition at the Cornell pool. In eighth grade, free style winners were Sandy Wade, first, Kris Walrath, second, Jill Sandry, third, Chris Kemp, fourth, and Marjory Hansen, fifth. In backstroke competition, first place was Denise Bennett, second, Chris Kemp, third, Diane Handkins, Kim Johnson, fourth, and Sandy Wade, fifth. Winning first place in breaststroke was Chris Kemp, Kim Johnson, second, Marjory Hansen, third, Jill Sandry, fourth, and Sandy Wade, fifth. In the Butterfly, first went to Marjory Hansen, second to Chris Kemp, third to Denise Bennett, and fourth to Sue Wells.

In seventh grade competition, free style winners were Roxanne Hargrave, Wendy Marshall, Tana Lasho, Beth Mork and Kathy Reid, in that order. Winning first place in backstroke was Wendy Marshall. Other winners were Joan Bunting, Dale Johnson and Tana Lasho (tied), Dianne Morrow, and Cheryl Carstens. In the Butterfly competition the winners were Wendy Marshall, first; Connie Henry, second, Paige Klingler, third, and fourth Cindy Green.

Ping Pong results in the seventh grade doubles are 1st place Diane Morrow and Kim Skilling; second place Joan Bunting and Diane Hackert, third place, Sindy Bruring and Connie Power; fourth place Denise Hunt and Valerie Paul; and fifth place Jane Risk and Cheryl Walker. Seventh grade singles winners were first, Sindy Bruring, second, Carol Bailey, and third, Twila Kanengieter.

In eighth grade competition, doubles winners were Denise Bennett and Marjory Hansen. Winners in the singles division were Marjory Hansen, first; Sue Milbach, second; Sue Wells, third; Denise Bennett, fourth; Pam Herrington, fifth, Shelley Arjes, sixth, and Fae Jones, seventh.

## Club Members At Workshop

The eighth grade science club members attended a Science Day and Workshop at Coe College recently. The members will soon be hard at work on their projects for the Eastern Iowa Science Fair. A field trip to the Iowa City Observatory is also coming up in the future.

The seventh grade science club has been busy making slides of roots, stems, and leaves. Wood Cell slides were prepared at the December meeting. The program for the January meeting will include gram staining of bacteria. Students, not yet members, who desire to join a science club may still do so.

## Messenger Staff

Connie Power  
Marianne McCue  
Nat Kleis  
Darcy Pedersen  
Dale Johnson  
Kim Skilling  
Diane Morrow  
Sue Wells  
Jane Risk  
Lori Bock  
April Sorensen  
Wendy Marshall  
Andrea Marg  
Jeanne Peters  
Stevan Knapp  
Jennie Balcom  
Paige Klingler  
Mary Timms  
Cary Sheeley  
Mark Sillman  
John Macht  
Steve Arnold  
Mike McElree  
Jeanine Harford  
Mrs. Griswold, advisor

## Christmas Musical

The annual Christmas musical, featuring the vocal groups and the band, was presented on Tuesday, December 16. Two performances were presented, a 2:30 assembly for students and a 7:30 program for families and friends.

The instrumental section of the program included four numbers, "March of the Golden Brass", "Balladaio", "Windy," and "Christmas Music for Winds." Mr. Rousell directed this part of the program.

The boys' glee club sang "White Christmas," and "Rockin' all Night." "Let It Snow" and "Do You Hear What I Hear?" were sung by the girls' glee club. The numbers presented by the eighth grade chorus were "What Child Is This", "Carol of the Bells" and "Pat - a - Pam." "Ding Dong Merrily on High" and "Noel, Noel, Noel" were sung by the members of the seventh grade chorus. Mrs. Crane directed the vocal part of the program.

## Dance Held Thursday

The annual Christmas Dance is scheduled to be held on Thursday, December 18 from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.

Cost of the dance is 25¢ and it is open to all seventh and eighth grade students attending this school.

The dance is sponsored by 7th grade home rooms, 110--Mrs. Griswold and 308--Mrs. Tanner.

Punch and cookies will be served. Santa Claus will try to make an appearance.

## Honor Roll

At the conclusion of the first quarter, the following students were named to the Honor Roll. To be eligible for the honor roll a student must receive an A or B in language arts, math, science, and social studies, and a C or better in all other subjects.

The students whose names appear on this Honor Roll are certainly to be congratulated.

### SEVENTH GRADE.

Linda Allen, Jennie Balcom, Dean Bliss, Chris Boots, Sindy Bruring, Frank Camp, Sheryl Campbell, Cheryl Carstens, Ron Crouse, John Edwards, Karen Folkers, Duane Goehring, Mark Henderson, Brenda Hicks, Denise Hunt, Phyllis Johnson, Nat Kleis.

Paige Klingler, Stevan Knapp, Wendy Marshall, Valerie Paul, Jeanne Peters, Jane Risk, Tim Rundlett, Doug Schmu-ecker, Claudia Schorle, Kim Skilling, John Snyder, Charles Vernon, Cindy Vesey, Julie Welsch, Ken York.

### EIGHTH GRADE.

Alan Anderson, Mary Andrea, Shelley Arjes, Sheryl Barton, Eric Baur, Tim Begley, Laura Bell, Denise Bennett, Mark Cady, Wendy Collins, Dianne Handkins, Marjory Hansen, Laurie Hicks, Dan Hoke, Mike Jacobs, Dave Jacoby, Terry Jensen, Gail Johnson, Kim Johnson.

Susan Kincheloe, Jim King, Kevin Klopfenstein, Diane Larson, Andrea Marg, Judy McCalmant, Tom McDougall, John Parker, Steve Rotl, Jill Sandry, Chris Shurtz, Frank Venzke, Sandy Wade, Victor Welch, Randy Wells, Paul Winistorfer, Frank York, Mark Zeigler.

## CLUB HOLDS MEETING

Dramatics Club held a brief business meeting, Wednesday, November 19. Officers also had a brief meeting, which was held on Monday, November 17. Full duties were explained.

Dues for Dramatics Club were to be paid by December 5. Copies of the club constitution were available from Mr. Miller.

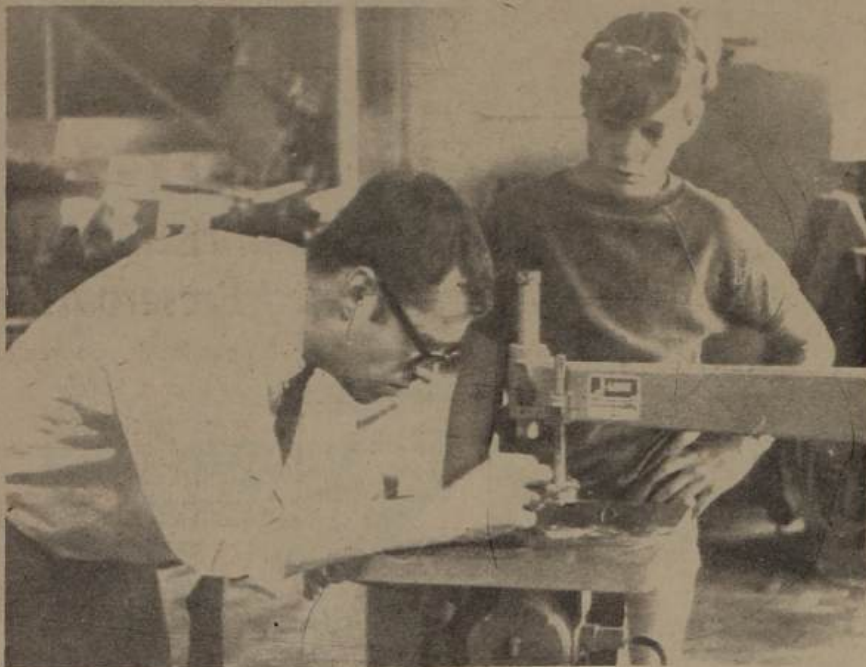
Seventh grade play plans were discussed at the November 19 meeting. The seventh grade play will be presented in January. A meeting for all seventh grade students interested in being selected for a part was held November 24. Tryouts were held December 1. Students were permitted to try out for three parts. The play cast consists of 5 girls' parts and 3 boys' parts.

The next meeting for Dramatics Club was scheduled for December 17. The program tentatively scheduled was a make-up demonstration.



# 3:10 - - Then What?

To many students, the 3:10 dismissal bell signals the end of school for another day. But to many others, this 3:10 bell simply signifies the end of the 6 academic periods and the beginning of extra help sessions or extra-curricular activities.



Mr. Cahalan, industrial arts instructor, is shown with Steve Rathje working at the jig saw.



Many girls often work after school on their sewing projects for home economics classes. Included in this group of girls with Mrs. Borg are Marjory Hanson and Kim Mordorst facing the camera.

## Wrestling Team Progresses

This year's 7th and 8th grade wrestling team is progressing very well and one of the most important things the team has going for it is aggressiveness. According to Coach Fox, some of the boys who are putting forth 100% all the time are Kevin Klopfenstein, Mark Moeller, Mark Gerds, Lon Oglesby, Mark Morgan, John Macht, Dan Hoke and Rick Long.

When asked what he thought the outcome of the season might be, Coach Fox said, "At present I would like to set a goal for our team to win the remaining 4 meets. The boys have proven to themselves that they can be a respectable team. They know this by their triumphs over Vinton and Anamosa and by coming a lot closer to a good team like Monticello. With hard work we will continue to improve."

Two wins, two losses, and one tie make up the record for Vernon Junior High's wrestling team. The two wins were a 42-31 victory over Vinton and a 55 to 22 win over Anamosa. Both losses were with Monticello. The first meet with Monticello had a final score of 50-24. The second meet ended with a score of 40-31. The meet with Manchester ended in a 44-44 tie.

The December 11 meet with Anamosa ended in victory for the Marion Indians with a score of 63-46. The remaining meet, a December 15 meeting with Linn-Mar, was too late to make this issue of the Messenger.

## Student Council Elect Officers Name Project

Student Council Officers are Mike Brown, president, Paul Winistorfer, vice-president, and Lynn Evarts, secretary-treasurer. The ice cream sales are doing very well this year. The council in the past has purchased three water coolers, the "C. B. Vernon Junior High School" sign in front of the building, and some projection equipment. They are considering the purchase of track uniforms this year.

The Student Council is not considering services to the community. A collection was taken recently for victims of Hurricane Camille. A total of \$32.29 was contributed. December 1-8 the annual Care campaign was held. This campaigning netted \$167.71. Homerooms leading in contributions were Mrs. Simpson's with \$24.62, Mrs. Tanner's with \$20.73, Mr. Miller's with \$16.43 and Mr. Vaske's with \$15.46.

Upcoming events of the Council include sponsoring a dance and painting the flagpole.



One of the most active junior high school organizations is the girls' recreation association. Shown above are the officers of GRA. They are first row, Debbie Lovell, Roxanne Hartgrave, Beth Mork, Kathy Reid, April Sorenson; second row, Susan Kincheloe, Chris Shurtz, Yvonne Hogan, Kim Mordorst, Jeanine Harford; and back row, Shelley Arjes, Kim Johnson, Dianne Handkins, Marjory Hanson, Chris Kemp, and Denise Bennett.



The wrestling team, now completing another good season, posed for this group picture. The team is coached by Mr. Fox, from the senior high school and by Mr. Campbell.

## Dramatics Club To Perform In January

Members of the seventh grade Dramatics Club will perform in "Wilbur Faces Life". The production scheduled for late January will be presented in the Lincoln Auditorium.

Tryouts for the 8 parts were held with the following students being chosen for the cast, Wilbur, Rex Glasgow; Mr. Maxwell, Greg Will; Mr. Jones, Cary Sheeley; Geraldine, Wendy Marshall; Mrs. DeWitt, Jennifer Barnes; Betty Lou, Jane Risk; Connie, Valerie Paul; and Mrs. Maxwell, Diane Bean.

Students will be named later for the make-up, prompters, stage, and program crews.

The play concerns 13 year old Wilbur Maxwell, who is anxious to blaze his trail and seek his fortune much to the chagrin of his sisters, Betty Lou and Connie, and his parents. The spark behind all this is Geraldine DeWitt.

Geraldine and her mother invite Wilbur to go to the mountains with them. Then Mr. Jones, Wilbur's guardian angel, turns the calendar ahead 20 years and shows Wilbur what life will be like with his wife Geraldine and his mother-in-law. After he views this he is ready to return to the old Wilbur, to be his same old self, breaking furniture, wrecking the house and creating general turmoil; but it is "peace" once more at the Maxwells.



Also, in the industrial arts classroom, Richard Mullens works on his wood project.

## Club Has 55 Members

The Library Club now has about 55 members. It meets on the second Thursday of each month.

Members met in committees to plan the Christmas decorations for the library. The club held a Decorating Party December 11, at 3:15 in the library. Following the completion of the decorating, refreshments were served.

## ASSEMBLY GIVEN ON MAKE UP

Our second assembly of the school year was held November 10. The program featured the Sun Players who demonstrated the ways stage make-up is used for comedy, leading roles, and to portray very old people in plays.