

The MESSENGER

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Denise Hunte, Brenda Hicks, Valerie Paul, and Mark Morgan are shown in an eighth grade science lab measuring the size of the earth. They are using the same method the astronomer Eratosthenes did in 276 B.C.



The eighth grade science classes taught by Mr. Vaske and Mr. Taylor took to the outdoors recently for a star viewing session. Here class members are shown at night identifying constellations and looking at the moon and planets, Jupiter and Venus, through the Science Club's telescope. About 90 students attended the two sessions.



Eighth grade science club members Steve Knapp, Steve Milburn, Pat Richards, Mike Evans, and Rick Davis are shown with club sponsor Mr. Vaske. To be a member of this science club, a student must complete a science project worthy of entry in the East Iowa Science Fair.

Welcome back! On September 23 we held an organizational meeting. Twenty-seven students, both seventh and eighth graders, attended this meeting. The Messenger Staff is responsible for the news which comes out in published form once each month. We are open to suggestions for ways to improve our paper. Please give your suggestions to any of the staff members listed below or to our advisor, Mrs. Griswold.

Anna Ackley	Ivan Schwer
Valerie Paul	Lawson Cummins
Amanada Bullock	Kim Skilling
Jane Risk	Monte Pedersen
Paige Klingler	Nat Kleis
Darcy Pedersen	Dana Jeffrey
Dale Johnson	Stevan Knapp
Janet McCalmant	David Nash
Joe Jackson	Cindy Green
Jennie Balcom	Debbie Lovell
Jackie O'Brien	Terri McKem
Connie Power	Tim Burkhart
Renee McSweeney	Marianne McCue
Diane Morrow	
Mrs. Griswold, advisor	

Elect Members To Student Council

Shortly after the school year started, homerooms elected a member from each homeroom to represent it for student council. The following people were chosen: 110, Jeff Stolz; 120 Mark Bush; 130, Sue Ryan; 206, Laurie Johnson; 207, Bruce Hucker; 308, Brian Bennett; 309, Christine Horner, and 310, Perry Anderson, all from seventh grade. Those selected from eighth grade are 115, Mark Moeller; 119, Christy Boots; 125, Amanda Bullock; 129, Sindie Bruring; 210, Rocky Jones; 302, John Snyder; 306, Debbie Wood; 307, Mark Henderson; and 311, Charles Vernon. The two holdovers from last year are Dean Bliss and Mark Morgan.

After being elected, at their organizational student council meeting, they in turn elected the following officers, President, Mark Morgan; vice-president, Dean Bliss; secretary-treasurer, Sindie Bruring. Mr. Steadman is advisor to the student council.

New Teachers

Mr. Shultz

Mr. Shultz is the new band instructor this year. He was with us some last year, but is now directing the band full time.

He received his education through high school at Walford, Iowa. His Bachelor of Music degree was earned at Coe college in Cedar Rapids. Post-graduate work was done at the University of Northern Iowa and University of Iowa.

Mr. Shultz has a wife DoLores and four children. His eldest child is Patricia, married and working in Virginia. Linda is attending UNI, Cedar Falls. Rick is studying at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, and his youngest child, Debra, is a fifth grader attending Emerson School here in Marion.

Mr. Shultz likes to hunt, fish and develop pictures in his spare time. He also likes working with younger students but dislikes excuses for not trying to do your best.

Mrs. Sutherland

Mrs. Sutherland, our new seventh grade science and language arts teacher, is substituting for Mrs. Wendel who has requested a leave of absence.

Upon having an interview with Mrs. Sutherland, we have uncovered some interesting facts.

Her family consists of her husband who is an engineer at Collins Radio Company. With her husband and some tropical fish to keep her company, she is quite content.

Mrs. Sutherland received her education from several places. First, she went to a school in Gillett Grove, Iowa which contained grades first through twelfth. Then she spent three hard years at Iowa State University at Ames and one year at the University of Iowa from which she was graduated.

Some of her favorite activities are picnicking, gardening, bicycle riding, knitting, sewing, and traveling.

She doesn't like people who don't turn their work in on time. Spinach is her least favorite food.

Mrs. Sutherland loves to read when she can find the time. She found the time and did a lot of reading this summer. She and her husband vacationed at Yellowstone National Park.

Mrs. Bures

Mrs. Bures is the new seventh grade vocal music teacher at C.B. Vernon Junior High.

She attended grade school in Minneapolis and Edina, Minnesota, with high school in Edina, also. Mrs. Bures holds a Bachelors degree in Music Education from Drake University, Des Moines. Her husband, Frank, is attending medical school at the University of Iowa.

The Bureses have a small dog, a Boston terrier, named Pixie. Among Mrs. Bures's other likes are summer, snow, hills, lakes, blue skies, the color green, and last but not least, mjs.

Mrs. Bures dislikes the fog, the color gray, cold deserts, crowds, and most of all, being sick.

Included in her hobbies are skiing, both snow and water, sewing, refinishing furniture, stained glass work, tennis, golf, bridge, and playing instruments.

Editorial Comments

Now that school has been in session for over a month and we should all be back into the swing of things, I am asking myself the question, "Has this school year been meaningful and fun so far and will it continue to be?" If my answer is 'No' I ask myself another question, "Why isn't it meaningful or fun?"

As I think, I realize that many students believe school should be boring and a torture to attend. A place you HAVE to go to whether you like it or not. But, school doesn't have to be this way. I believe that 'School is what you make it.' If you make it a bore and a torture, that is what it is going to be. But if you try to make this school a better place in some way--getting your assignments in on time, respecting your teachers, or participating in one or all of the extra-curricular activities offered to make this school a "more fun" place to attend and learn--I'm sure you will find that school is really fun and worthwhile. (or can be)

So as this school year progresses why don't you try and contribute your talent and knowledge to making C.B. Vernon a better place for everyone involved.

Remember, school is what you make it. So let's make this school year fun and interesting while learning all we can.

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Now that the radios have shut off, pool has closed, and kids are off the streets, we find ourselves sitting in the desks of our great school, C.B. Vernon Junior High. The school has a pretty good start and the kids do too! The halls are full, but everyone manages to get to the right place at the right time. (Well, not everyone, but almost!) We have a great faculty and everybody seems happy. The seventh graders are getting used to the eighth graders and the eighth graders are getting used to the seventh graders. (HA! HA!) Our sports have started out successfully, and we hope that they'll stay there, but everyone knows they will! Right, boys?

With all these good things happening, there are some bad things to go along with them, but if we really try, I'm sure we can make this school year the best one ever for C.B. Vernon Junior High.

GRA Elect New Officers

The new officers of the Girls Recreation Association are president Beth Mork, vice-president Wendy Marshall, secretary Nat Kleis, treasurer, Darcy Pedersen, reporter Paige Klingler, and head recorder Debbie Lovell.

In seventh grade the recorders are Sharon Bullock, Tammy Cemey, Chris Horner, Laurie Johnson, Cheryl Joice, and Pam Swearingen. The two eighth grade recorders are Debbie Lovell and Kathy Whitlatch.

Eighth grade homeroom captains are 115, Marianne McCue; 119, Carol Bailey; 125, Darlene Collins; 129, Joan Bunting; 210, Nat Kleis; 302, Beth Mork; 306, Debbie Collins; 307, April Sorensen, and 311, Kim Skilling.

Seventh grade captains are 110, Michelle Mead; 120, Julie Schultz; 130, Julie DeWoody; 306, Tierney Oakley; 207, Missy McGowan; 308, Cindy Kann; 309, Shelly Jacobs, and in room 310, Leslie Anderson.

This year in the G.R.A. we have cheerleaders for football, wrestling, and basketball. The junior high cheerleaders go to the high school every Monday for practice in cheerleading from high school cheerleaders.

Some of the activities G.R.A. will be having in the coming months will be a dance clinic in Manchester in December, a gymnastics clinic in Tipton in February, and a track sports day in March held here. A play day was held in Anamosa in September.

This year there will be a 6th place ribbon and a traveling trophy which will be in a homeroom for a week at a time for activities of that week.

Parent And Teachers Meet

Several meetings involving parents and teachers have been held recently or will be held in the near future.

The first of these was held on Sept. 17 when seventh grade parents met with Mr. Fowler and the seventh grade teachers for an evening devoted to discussion of the junior high program as it applies to seventh grade students.

On October 1, the annual junior high open house was held. This meeting was attended by approximately 245 parents. The parents had the opportunity of visiting their child's classrooms and hearing the teachers discuss the program of studies.

On November 10 a parent-teacher potluck supper will be held. This event has always been well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

Students Take Iowa Basic Skills Tests

On September 23 and 24, the student body of C.B. Vernon Junior High School took the Iowa Basic Skills tests. Later, when asked, William Steadman, the school counselor, said the main reason for taking the tests was to test the student's abilities in Reading, Arithmetic, Vocabulary, etc. These skills are basic in doing their school work.

The results of these tests aid the school in reaching individual students who need help.

Coming Events

October 14--Staff meeting 3 p.m.
October 15--7th grade "B" football
Prairie, there; 8th grade "B" football
Prairie here
Nov. 5--End of First Quarter
Nov. 6--NO SCHOOL--Staff In-Service
Day; Junior High wrestling, Monticello, here, 4 p.m.

In Service Day Was Oct. 5

On Monday, October 5, there was no school. This was the day the WAMAC teachers In-Service Day was held.

When asked about this day, Mr. Fowler said it was a day for teachers from the WaMac Conference to meet and swap trade secrets. All the teachers of one field (for example all social studies teachers or all language arts teachers) meet together to discuss the curriculum and problems they may face.

This is the fifth year this day has been held. The elementary teachers met in Independence while seventh through twelfth grade teachers met this year in Marion at the high school. This year's guest speaker was Dr. Frank Rocco, superintendent of the Iowa School for the Blind in Vinton.

Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Tanner of Vernon Junior High were on the math committee and arranged for a tour through Collins Radio Company.

Seventh Grade Science Club Organizes

The seventh grade Science club held its organizational meeting after school on Monday, Sept. 28, 1970, at C.B. Vernon Junior High with 18 students present and Mr. Barrow, the seventh grade science teacher, acting as leader.

The Science Club, whose chief purpose is to do experiments and explore further various areas of science outside the classroom, meets monthly after school.

Anyone wishing to join may do so. The Club was originally formed prior to 1963.

50 Members In Library Club Group

This year the Library Club has fifty members, thirty eighth graders and twenty seventh graders. The officers for this year are president, Jennie Balcom, vice-president, Sheryl Campbell, secretary, Lesta Moyer and treasurer, Patti Sharp.

As we went to press the club had held one meeting with the second meeting scheduled for October 8. Mrs. Zoerink is club sponsor.

These are some good books Mrs. Zoerink recommends for good reading:

Mr. and Mrs. BoJo Jones; So What About History; Popular Mechanics-Do It Yourself Encyclopedia; Johnney; Animals in Danger; Mind Drugs; How Do You Spank a Porcupine?; Peanuts Treasury; Scratched Ankle, U.S.A.; and Pistol. These books are found in the junior high library.

Seventh Graders Hold Skating Party Sept. 25

September 25 the seventh grade class at C.B. Vernon Junior High attended a roller-skating party sponsored by Mr. Meggers, homeroom 310, and Mrs. Moore, girls physical education instructor.

Mr. Meggers said he thought we had a very good turn-out of 141 students and a number of seventh grade faculty members. There was a charge of fifty cents to each student. Rides were furnished by a group of parents and teachers whom we wish to publicly thank.

Most students agree that it was a very good party. Our thanks to the faculty and to the Marion Roller-Drome.

Band News

"I sincerely hope," said Mr. Shultz, "that the band will work and develop into a better band. Always we will strive for our best effort."

There are 40 eighth graders and 42 seventh graders, a total of 82, in band that practices Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:45 a.m. Also, the sectionals, when told to, rehearse on Tuesday and Thursday at 7:45 a.m.

"I would like to have as many students as possible in an ensemble. I hope for several trios, quartets, sextets, and perhaps a brass or woodwind choir. Time for re-

hearing will be the big factor." Mr. Shultz said these will practice in the morning on Tuesday and Thursday and after 3:15 whenever possible.

Mr. Shultz praised the band saying, "The instrumentation of the band is very well balanced. Now everyone must learn to play the part assigned to him."

Vaske Is Science Leader

The eighth grade Science club will hit it off this year with Mr. Vaske, eighth grade science teacher, as their main leader.

Anyone in eighth grade may join this club if they are interested in doing a science project. There are no fees. No officers are chosen. No equipment is needed, except a strong desire to do science projects. (This club may occasionally take a trip to some place of interest).

The most important part of this club is to be working on a project of a quality capable of being shown at the Eastern Iowa Science Fair.

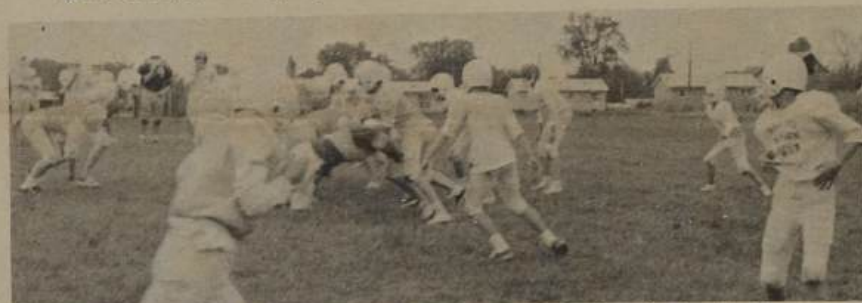
Little Indians Down Manchester

The eighth grade "Little Indians" defeated Manchester 28-0. Touchdowns were made by Rocky Jones who made two and on a 95 yard run, Tim Burgess and John Barkdoll. John also made four extra points.

Mark Morgan, quarterback, threw a pass to Monte Krehbiel for a gain of 55 yards.



Playing a good football game requires a lot of hard work and much time spent in practice sessions. Shown above are seventh grade players during a practice session.



Another group at practice is shown here. Coaches for football are Mr. Meggers, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Cahalan, and Mr. Brainard.

Camera Club Now Has 12 Members

Camera club, sponsored by Mr. Vaske was originated about ten years ago by Mr. Vaske. He enjoys working with a camera and he knew some students would also. Thus, the club was born.

There are no officers in the club. The club members are people who have a common interest in working with camera and in working in the dark room.

The club does not have any requirements except 25¢ dues and cleaning up after they finish their work. The students take pictures of school activities and develop and print them. The students may also print their own pictures. Then the students provide their own paper and the club provides the chemicals.

About 12 members belong to Camera Club.



Fired up and ready to win. . . this is the seventh grade football team with coaches Mr. Brainard and Mr. Cahalan. The boys have done very well as they participate in their first year of football competition.



Looking as if they are prepared to take on any opponent, the eighth grade football team with coaches Mr. Taylor, left and Mr. Meggers, right, assembled for this group picture. The football season got off to a very successful beginning.