

# The MESSENGER

VERNON JUNIOR HIGH Thursday, December 17, 1970

## Eighth Grade Attends Child Care Day



Eighth grade girls and their young visitors enjoyed the finger movements for the Itsy, Bitsy Spider during the annual Child Care Day held at Vernon Junior High recently. Lori Bock and Diane Augustine have the finger play well learned.



Story time is always an enjoyable time, and for the little children visiting as well as some "big ones" this story time was no exception. April Sorensen, the story teller, is not visible.

As the conclusion of the Child Care Unit in the eighth grade home economics classes, fifty-four children between the ages of three and five attended a Child Care Day.

An average of eleven children attended each class throughout the day. Various puppet shows, games, songs, and stories, provided by the girls from each class, entertained the children for a class period. This gave the girls a chance to observe children in different situations and their reactions to each.

Among the forms of entertainment were appearances by Santa Claus, Peter Pan, Poppit, and Captain Hook (in the form of puppets). Games and songs such as Itsy, Bitsy Spider, Farmer in the Dell, and Jingle Bells were taught to the children.

All in all, the day was considered a success by almost everyone involved.

## Lettermen's Club Meetings

Lettermen's Club meets once every two weeks. Officers of the club are John Snyder, president; John Wicke, vice-president; and Charles Vernon, secretary-treasurer.

The club has sold class pins this year. Seventy-six pins were sold.

After football season, the club had a picnic at Thomas Park. Future plans include going to nearby colleges this winter to watch basketball games and wrestling meets.

The athletic club sponsors are Mr. Campbell, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Brainard, Mr. Cahalan, and Mr. Meggers. To earn membership in the club, the boy must earn a letter in one of the sports.

## Rosco, Famous Juggler Entertains

Rosco, the world famous juggler entertained C. B. Vernon Junior High on Thurs. November 12.

Rosco is known internationally for his juggling. He first started his training by juggling doughnuts in a bakery. Unfortunately, his employer walked in at the exact moment Rosco was juggling, and he was promptly dismissed. This, however, was only one of many setbacks, and now Rosco has made juggling his professional career.

During Rosco's presentation, student volunteers performed; Rick Mork amazed the audience with his juggling ability. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Rosco's entertaining assembly.

## Dramatic Club

On November 19, 1970, the junior high Dramatics Club met. Amendments concerning excused absences and membership of transfer students were discussed and passed.

The seventh grade play was decided on by the seventh grade division of Dramatics Club. "A Mad Breakfast" by Isabel Gray will be put on in January at the junior high.

The cast of characters is as follows: Miss Brown-Micki Mead, Mr. Jones-Steve Herreid, Lizzie-Wendy Wolmutt, Mrs. Simptins-Theresa Hall, Mr. Roberts-Tom Parman, Miss Smith-Chris Homer, Miss Green-Tamara Cerney, Mr. Hill-Jim Hinton, Mrs. Hill-Diane Thomas, and Mr. Long, played by Ken Thompson.

Mr. Miller will direct.

## Cartoonist Big Hit!



Mr. Wood, the cartoonist, who presented a recent assembly is shown with one of his pictures. This one began as George Washington, was transformed into Abraham Lincoln, and ended up being Uncle Sam. Students received the finished products of the assembly.

On November 23, we enjoyed an assembly presented by Mr. Bob Wood, a cartoonist. Mr. Wood drew a variety of pictures, including one of Huck Finn, Manda-lay, George Washington, Abraham Lin-

coln, and Uncle Sam. Darcy Pedersen acted as a model for him and he sketched her. Darcy was given her picture, and the following week drawings were held to award the other pictures to students.

## Talent Show A Success

An assembly was held on December 4. The assembly consisted of a talent show with 11 acts of local talent.

Appearing in the first act, the "American Lightbulbs" were Diane Morrow, Allan Murray, Jerry Jacque, Bob Steckel, and Jackie O'Brien.

Piano solos were performed by Pat Lem-bke doing "Melody in F", Karen Williamson playing "Exodus", and Wendy Wolmutt performing "Love is Blue".

Pantomiming "I think I Love You" were the "Eighth Grade Shockers." This group was composed of Linda Luko, Dianne Ruggles, Connie Henry, Debbie Hotz, Debbie Lovell, Renee Graves, Sandy Offerman, and Terri Dirks.

A variety of impersonations were done by Jim Hinton and Ken Thompson.

Toni Collins and friend presented a ventriloquist act dealing with her friend being sent to the principal's office.

The "Rubber Ducky" song was performed by the song and dance team of Sue Ryan, Pat Offerman, Julie DeWoody, Pat Lem-bke, and Cathy Warner.

A drum solo was performed by Neil Machen.

The final act on the program was Pat Swearingen singing a medley of songs and accompanying herself on the guitar.

Another talent show will be held in the near future if there is sufficient interest.

## First Quarter Honor Roll

Just after the November issue had gone to press, the honor roll for the first quarter was revealed. The following students were those named to the honor roll for the first quarter. If you didn't make it this time, make sure the honor roll is your goal for second quarter. Our congratulations to all of those students who worked hard to achieve this honor.

Seventh Grade: Anna Ackley, Leslie Andersen, Debbie Armstrong, Julia Balcom, Brian Bennett, Joan Blommers, Tamara Cerney, Julie DeWoody, Nancy Fye, Theresa Hall, Susan Hallock, Julie Hansen, Rhonda Hartman, Jay Hebert, Barb Hemmingsen, Steven Herreid, Leann Hinker, Chris Horner, Bruce Hucker, Nat Jackson, Dana Jeffrey, Tony Jensen, Alex Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Cheryl Joice, Scott Larson, Brian Marks, Curt McMillen, Michelle Mead, David Nash, Tierney Oakley, Cindy Oxley, Laurie Rich, Sue Ryan, Ronda Salven, Linda Sperry, Pat Swearingen, Lynette Tanner, Pattie Tharp, Julie Tietjen, Lindsey Winson, John Wicke, Karen Williamsen, Wendy Wolmutt.

Eighth Grade: Linda Allen, Jennie Balcom, Jennifer Barnes, Dean Bliss, Sindy Bruring, Frank Camp, Sheryl Campbell, Cheryl Carstens, Karen Folkers, Duane Goehring, Mike Grady, Brenda Hicks, Susan Huff, Denise Hunt, Phyllis Johnson, Paige Klingler, Wendy Marshall, Valerie Paul, Connie Power, Jane Risk, Tim Rundlett, Claudia Schorle, Kim Skilling, John Snyder, Charles Vernon, Cindy Vesey, Ken York.

## Christmas Is!!

Christmas is the hustle and bustle of shoppers who are getting their last minute shopping done on Christmas Eve.

Christmas is decorating the Christmas tree.

Christmas is hearing a child's cry of delight when you're putting out cookies for Santa, and Christmas is your puzzlement when you find them gone the next morning.

Christmas is not believing in Santa Claus, but thinking you heard tiny hoofs on the roof and a distant but clear HO! HO! HO!

Christmas is your excitement when you find all that you wanted under the tree.

This and many more things is what this special holiday is.

## Annual Christmas Musical Presented

The annual Christmas musical was presented on December 15. Mrs. Bures and Mr. Shultz directed the program.

The Seventh grade Mixed Chorus sang "Italian Pipers" featuring Pat Swearingen on the piano, Chris Horner on the flute, Patti Tharp on the drum, and Julie Balcom on the tambourine. They also sang "Angels We Have Heard on High."

The Girls' Glee Club sang "A Saolin", a number recorded by Peter, Paul and Mary a few years ago, with Connie Power as accompanist. They also sang "While Shepherds Watched," featuring Phyllis Johnson, Julie Hansen, Jennifer Barnes, Connie Power, Brenda Hicks, Denise Hunt, and Joni Blommers on the echo part.

The Honor Chorus rounded out the vocal part of the program. They sang a round, "Glory to God in the Highest," "The Christmas Song," accompanied on the piano by Pat Swearingen, and "Tiny King," accompanied by Susan Huff on the piano.

Among the selections presented by the band was a very fine arrangement of "America" by Cacavas. This stunning concert slow march version was arranged especially for the U. S. Navy band and is used on various important state occasions. Other selections included some popular Christmas melodies.

With the presentation of this concert, the band members will begin work for the Solo and Ensemble contest to be held on February 27 and a spring band concert to be presented sometime in March.

## Messenger Staff

Anna Ackley	Lawson Cummins
Valerie Paul	Kim Skilling
Amanada Bullock	Monte Pedersen
Jane Risk	Nat Kleis
Paige Klingler	Dana Jeffrey
Darcy Pedersen	Stevan Knapp
Dale Johnson	David Nash
Janet McCalmant	Cindy Green
Jennie Balcom	Debbie Lovell
Jackie O'Brien	Terri McKern
Connie Power	
Renee McSweeney	
Diane Morrow	

Mrs. Griswold, advisor  
photography staff  
Tom Whitlatch  
Ted Williams  
Pat Richards  
Dennis Willey  
Tom McCracken  
Greg Will  
Mr. Vaske, advisor



## We Asked . . . They Answered . . .

questions-  
We asked... "If you could be an important or unimportant person (living or dead) who would you be?"  
They answered...  
Cindy Somerville... Tabatha on Bewitched or Santa Claus's helper (cause then I could always have my own way).  
Marianne McCue... Eve.  
Connie Power... Alice in Wonderland.  
Darcy Pedersen... Rosemary's Baby???  
Tana Lasho... Lady Godiva.  
Diane Morrow... Miss America.  
Kim Skilling... My great, great, great Grandfather--George Washington.  
Diane Hackert... Whatever I grow up to be???  
Amanda Bullock... Raquel Welch.  
Mark Olsen... Myself.  
George Moody... David Cassidy.  
Kris Clendenen... God's wife.  
Jim Blumer... Adam.

questions  
We asked... "Who is your favorite hero or heroine?"  
They answered...  
Connie Power... Mighty Mouse.  
Mike Cox... Supperman, sigh!  
Mark Henderson... Wendy!  
Amanda Bullock... Tim!!!  
Bob Steckel... Diane Morrow.  
Diane Hackert... Peter Pan.  
Cindy Green... Atom Ant.  
Nat Kleis... Santa Claus.  
Diane Morrow... Bob Steckel.  
Paige Klingler... Rebel!  
Jay Horning... My mother.  
Marianne McCue... Mrs. Moore.

We asked... "What do you want most for Christmas?"  
They answered...  
Valerie Paul... A new ????  
Brenda Hicks... lots and lots of snow.  
Mrs. Dunn... peace and contentment (something money can't buy).  
Jeanne Peters... shrink to 5'5".  
Mrs. Bures... a super-excellent-wonderful Christmas concert and a skiing vacation.  
Nat Kleis... a frog.  
Candis Warnke... a new head.  
Connie Power... a loss of 20 pounds.  
Susan Huff... a great big stuffed rabbit.  
Jill Christensen... a great big stuffed Saint Bernard.  
Phyllis Johnson... a uke.  
Mrs. Simpson... more smiling people.  
Dean Bliss... wouldn't you like to know?  
Christy Boots... a shipment of new boys.  
Nancy Fye... a guitar.  
Rhonda Hartman... money.  
Mr. Barrow... peace on earth.  
Leslie Anderson... a box of bubble gum.  
John Edwards... another dog.  
Sheryl Campbell... to lose some freckles.  
Mrs. Taylor... a red Fiat.  
Mark Moeller... an undefeated wrestling season.

We asked... "If you could have anything for Christmas, what would it be?"  
They answered...  
Sandy Offerman... Santa's bag (full of everything)  
Debbie Hotz... A kiss from Santa.  
Sheila Overton... Peace.  
Kathy Reid... Ha! Ha! Wouldn't you like to know.  
Debbie Wood... My two front teeth.  
Kim Skilling... A telephone.  
Diane Morrow... A dog.  
Debbie Lovell... A boy who'll dance at school dances.  
Gary Fickel... To win both the wrestling and basketball seasons.  
Rocky Jones... Color TV.  
Ron Luebbert... Debbie Collins.  
Ken Thompson... A Barbie doll.  
Mike A. Jones... A rubber ducky.  
Jim Boyd... Raquel Welch (in person).  
Mike Spain... Don't care... anything.  
Greg Will... girls.  
Mark Crowley... A year's supply of Play-boy.  
Brad Ciha... Half of Mark Crowley's books.  
Scott Kinkead... Kathy.  
Mrs. Tanner... Safe, clean trip to Arizona.  
Mr. Fowler... To have peace and happiness throughout the world.  
Mrs. Vischer... To have perfects on all the spelling tests.  
Mr. Meggers... A white Cadillac.

questions  
We asked... If you had to auf wachen, where would you do it?  
They answered...  
Paige Klingler... in a tent.  
Marianne McCue... on top of the Empire State Building.  
Jim Kray... in a tree.  
Tim Burgess... in a recreation room.  
Diane Morrow... in bed.  
Linney Vinson... in a refrigerator.  
Brian Bennett... in the most logical place.  
Mark Olsen... right here!



The six skulls shown above are a part of the skull collection which has been prepared by Pat Peterson. Pat is a seventh grade student in Mr. Barrow's science class.

Darcy Pedersen... with Mark.  
Connie Power... in a bath tub.  
Mr. Cahalan... in the gold course after dinner.  
Gary Fickel... down by the creek.  
Mrs. Taylor... 6th period.  
Mrs. Taylor might be a little slow doing it; Diane Morrow seemed to have the right idea. Auf wachen means wake up.

## Mrs. Vischer Student Teacher

Mrs. Vischer, student teacher in physical education for Mrs. Moore and in language arts for Mrs. Larson, was born in Peru, Indiana. She is a graduate of Upper Iowa University with a B. A. Degree in English.  
Mrs. Vischer has one member in her family, her husband.  
She likes someone who tries hard even though he may not succeed. She dislikes a lazy person.  
Her future plans include traveling with her husband while he is in the Army Reserves. She definitely plans to teach English or P.E. in a junior high or senior high school.  
We hope Mrs. Vischer enjoys her stay here with us.

## GRA Girls

A few GRA girls just recently went to Manchester for a dance clinic. At this clinic they learned modern dance, folk dancing, and square dancing. The girls who went to Manchester were Jennifer Barnes, Christy Boots, Sheryl Campbell, Jill Christensen, Susan Huff, Denise Hunt, Val Paul, Jane Risk and Claudia Schorle.  
Ping pong intramurals have now been completed in both singles and doubles. Sixty-five girls participated. The girls who placed were, seventh grade singles, Missy McGowan, 18-2, Shelly Jacobs, 11-1, Karen Williamson, 11-3, Chris Horner, 9-4, Natalee Jackson, 7-3, and Laurie Rich, 5-2. Seventh grade doubles winners were Shelly Jacobs and Laurie Rich, 8-0, Sue Ryan and Karen Williamson, 4-0, Chris Horner and Julie Shultz, 3-0, Julie DeWoody and Julie Hansen, 2-2, Anne Jacoby and Denise Ransier, 2-3.  
Eighth grade singles winners were Sindy Bruring, 14-2, Jeanne Peters, 11-3, Diane Morrow, 10-3, Darcy Pedersen, 8-3, Candis Warnke, 7-4, and Denise Hunt, 5-3. Eighth grade doubles winners were Sindy Bruring and Jeanne Peters, 5-0, Dale Johnson and Candis Warnke, 4-1, Jane Risk and Cheryl Walker, 3-3, Diane Morrow and Kim Skilling, 3-2, and Christy Boots and Denise Hunt, 2-2.

G.R.A. is now holding gymnastics. This includes the trampoline, the horse, parallel bars, and mini tramps. We would certainly like anyone who is interested in gymnastics to come and join the fun.

## Student Council

It was recently discussed in Student Council that the students would like some type of noon-time recreation.  
Mr. Fowler felt this was a possibility sometime after the first semester.  
The Council will be looking into what type of activities might be best.

## Seventh Grade Science Club

On December 8, a student reporter for the school paper interviewed Mr. Barrow, one of the seventh grade science teachers. He asked Mr. Barrow what the science club was doing at the present time. Mr. Barrow said that now the club members were starting projects.

## Coming Events

Dec. 17 - Dramatics Club meeting 3:15 p.m.; Wrestling Linn-Mar there 4:00 p.m.  
Dec. 21 - Wrestling Anamosa here 4:00.  
Dec. 22 - GRA meeting 7:45 a.m.  
Christmas Dance 3:30 p.m.  
Dec. 24-Jan. 3 - Christmas Vacation.  
Jan. 4 - Eighth grade Science Club 3:15 p.m.  
Jan. 5 - Student Council meeting 11:55 a.m.  
Jan. 11 - Seventh grade Science Club meeting 3:15 p.m.  
Jan. 12 - Staff meeting 7:45 a.m.; Vocal Music Club meeting 3:15 p.m.; PTA "Fun Night" 7:15 p.m.  
Jan. 14 - Athletic Club meeting 8:00 a.m.; Library Club meeting 3:15 p.m.; Seventh grade basketball Monticello here 4:00 p.m.; Eighth grade basketball Monticello there 4:00 p.m.  
Jan. 19 - Seventh grade basketball Tipton there 4:00 p.m.; Eighth grade basketball Tipton here 4:00 p.m.  
Jan. 20 - Dramatics Club meeting 3:15 p.m.  
Jan. 21 - Seventh grade play presented for students.  
Jan. 23 - Seventh grade play presented for parents 7:30 p.m.  
Jan. 26 - GRA meeting 7:45 a.m.  
Jan. 28 - Seventh grade basketball Anamosa here 4:00 p.m.; Eighth grade basketball Anamosa there 4:00 p.m.  
End First Semester

## 'Tis The Season

As of now Christmas is just around the corner. In fact, the season and spirit, if you haven't noticed, is in the air. Everyone is joyful (except the parents) and wondering what they're getting in the big packages under the decorated Christmas tree.

Everybody (?) has sat on Santa's knee and told him what they have wanted, so he can come down their chimney (or up their furnaces??!) with his big, huge bag of toys and leave the things that they have requested from him. We are all happily (?) spending our money for gifts for our favorite people. (WOW! Some favorites we have? HA! HA!) and if we're lucky we'll get one back from them!

The whole idea of this is to get some of you people in the Christmas mood. It's not happy seeing anyone going around with a frown on his face. (Even if he did spend all his money! It's just one of those great things???)

So in the next few days from now, let's see everyone in C. B. going around with big, big smiles on their faces and in that great Christmas mood! (Oh, just a reminder before I forget to tell you...leave some cookies out for Santa as he gets hot and tired on his journey, especially going up furnaces! Well, wouldn't anyone?)

## Editorial Comments Christmas

Since Christmas is only a few days away, I think we should take time out and contemplate about this holiday more, and not just take it for granted and let it come and go.

Christmas has its own special meaning for all of us, and everyone finds pleasure in receiving all the gifts that we get. But did you know that you can find much happiness and satisfaction in giving gifts, and not thinking entirely of yourself and your wants? This may sound pretty "grandmotherish" but just stop and think about it. Look at all the gifts you probably get and the people that give them to you.

Why not start saving up your extra change or deduct a percentage of your allowance every week and next Christmas surprise your family with a gift or two. Think about the actual meaning of Christmas and the true spirit of the season.

## Christmas Season

The Christmas season is creeping (slowly for some) upon us once again.

You don't have to know what day of the month it is to know Christmas is near. Christmas is in the air, with silver, gold, red, and green decorations on streets, in home windows and store windows reminding us colorfully that we have to get presents, each store hoping we will give them our business. People are scurrying with packages towering over their heads trying to reach the warmth of a bustling store before the cold weather nips their nose. Their pocket soon becomes empty because they want to see the warm glow of smiles on their loved ones' faces when Christmas Day comes.

Have you ever sat down and really thought what Christmas means? As most of us travel around Iowa or have relatives come to our house or just be alone with our own family, think about what Christmas means to you. Be thankful you have shelter, food, and love for there are those in other parts of the country and even in this city, that aren't as fortunate as we are.

## Messenger Sports

The junior high wrestling squad now holds a 4-1 record. Their single defeat came at the hands of Monticello with a score of 42-37. Victories were recorded with Vinton 57-21; Anamosa 54-50; Monticello 45-33, and Manchester 63-47.

Outstanding wrestlers are Mark Morgan, 5-0, with 21 points; Mark Gerds, 4-1, with 20 points; Mark Olson, 3-0, with 15 points; Jim Kray, 5-0, with 15 points; Mike Ford, 3-1-1, with 15 points; Mark Henderson, 3-0, with 13 points; Kelly Yeisley, 2-0-1, with 12 points, and Rocky Jones, 2-0-1, with 12 points.

Mr. Fox is the head wrestling coach, and he believes we are having a very good year. We avenged our only loss recently when we whipped Monticello 45-33. This comparison shows the improvement the boys have made because we had a number of boys who got pinned by Monticello the first time we wrestled them winning the second time we wrestled them.

The real tests of how good the wrestling team is will come when they face Prairie and Linn-Mar, two very strong teams.

## Library Club

The Library club had its annual Christmas party on December 11. The students serving on the various committees were as follows: Food, Debbie Collins and Connie Henry, co-chairmen, Bob Leuenberger, Debbie Hotz, Debbie Armstrong, Donna McNitt, Jill Christensen, and Lynda Held. Tree, Ronda Salven and Roni Collins, co-chairmen, Tyler Salven, Lesta Moyer, Anna Ackley, Jean Fredericksen, and Jim Holecek. Doors, Kathy Reid and Kathy Whitlatch, co-chairmen, Julie Welsh, Kathy Baur, Diane Bean, Anita Bell, Patti Tharp, Colette Meek, and Kathy Lewis. Bulletin Board, Dale Johnson and Cheryl Walker, co-chairmen, Barb Miller, Terri Maginnis, Charla Collins, Sheryl Campbell, Julie Balcom, Robin Cole, and Brenda Hicks. Lights and Walls, Laurie Johnson and Mark Sillman, co-chairmen, Karen Folkers, Janet McCalmant, Patti Blin, Dave Vickroy, Linda Allen, Allen Murray, Dave Moulds, and Roxanne Hargrave. Music, Jennie Balcom and Pat Swearingen.