

The MESSENGER

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New Seventh Science Text Now In Use

Interaction of Man and the Biosphere is the new textbook being used in seventh grade life science. The program is a laboratory oriented course. Before this program was adopted, it was run as a trial program with one class last year. Based upon the evaluation of the program's success, it was recommended for adoption. Part of the text title really described the program, and that word is action. The student is the person who is involved with doing investigations; just the same as would a biologist. The program is relevant because it concerns problems of our world today such as pollution. Interaction is involved with showing how the plant and animal kingdoms work together.

The following comments are student written comments concerning the science program. (The grammar errors are theirs.) "I like science better this year because there is more to do." "It is different from other science because we are doing things." "I get to use things (equipment); but I have to clean it UGH!" "The science book is harder but more fun." "I think science is easier." "I like science a whole lot this year because there's more action and you get to do more." "This year we don't read and discuss as much as last year -- it's more fun experimenting." "This year's science has been funner and more worthwhile, I have learned more this year than I have in all other years together." "We have to depend upon ourselves rather than the teacher." "Everybody gets to investigate not just 1 or 2." "I don't like it all the time because you have to do it (the investigations) to get the answer cause the teacher won't give you the answer." "You get to use equipment that a real scientist uses."

Final Science Club Meeting

The last seventh grade science club meeting was held on January 11. Nine members attended this meeting. They spent the meeting staining bacteria. The next meeting will be held on February 8. They will then discuss science projects.

The seventh grade enrichment science class is now studying bacteria. They will soon be starting Protozoans. The other science classes are studying the nerve system and plant hormones.



Chris Homer puts on a display of artistic temperament for the other boarders, Diane Thomas, Micki Mead, and Tamara Cemey, while Theresa Hall and her maid, Wendy Wolmutter try to settle their differences. The play was presented at a Friday afternoon assembly and Friday evening for the public.



Chris Homer pleads to Ken Thompson to relieve her "poor suffering heart" and accept her on the stage as an actress. Tom Parman keeps eating, but Micki Mead and Steve Herreid are concerned.



Jim Hinton, Micki Mead, Diane Thomas, and Chris Homer seem engrossed in the mysterious Mr. Long, but Theresa Hall and Steve Herreid are disinterested at this point. The action occurred in the seventh grade play "A Mad Breakfast."



Student Council members with their advisor Mr. Steadman posed recently for a group picture. Shown in the first row are Mark Morgan, Mark Bush, Dean Bliss, Jeff Stolze, Brian Bennett, and Bruce Hucker. Second row, Amanda Bullock, Laurie Jo Johnson, Sue Ryan, Perry Anderson, Mark Henderson, and Charles Vernon. Third row, Chris Homer, Christy Boots, Sindie Bruring, Mr. Steadman, Rocky Jones, and John Snyder.

MRS. TANNER

Bids Students Goodbye

After finally settling on a time, (My thanks to her. Have you ever tried to teach a class while at the same time being interviewed by a reporter?) I interviewed Mrs. Tanner.

Mrs. Tanner has had nine and a half years teaching experience, all in the Marion Independent district. She has taught fourth grade, seventh grade science, seventh, eighth and ninth grade math, and has also been the junior high librarian. She was born and reared in Ames. She attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls and graduated from the University of Iowa with a B.A. degree. In 1969, she started on her Master's Degree in Educational Psychology, which she says has helped her a great deal.

Her likes, (besides Homer) are sewing, taking organ lessons, watching football, traveling, skating, and teaching, especially junior high. Her dislikes include the lack of trying by some students and housework, especially washing dishes.

Mrs. Tanner will be leaving us at the end of the quarter. About this she says, "I have mixed emotions about leaving teaching because I have enjoyed not only teaching, but many of the students and their parents and the teachers I have worked with. But I am looking forward to being a mother. I hope that the students will work hard and cooperate with their new teacher."

We wish her the best of luck always.

We Asked...

We asked....What's so special about Valentine's Day to you?
They answered....
Cindy Green...Cupid.
Jeri Brakke...George.
Wendy Wolmutter...Mark.
Kris Schone...Candy cane.
Tierney Oakley...It's my birthday.



Chris Homer and Wendy Wolmutter argue over the attention of Ken Thompson as Theresa Hall attempts to break up the fight and Ken Thompson, Tom Parman, Steve Herreid, and Tamara Cemey look on astonished.

7th Graders Present Play To Public

On Friday, January 22, the 7th grade section of the Dramatics Club presented their play for assembly and for the public. "A Mad Breakfast" by Isabel Grey featured the following cast of characters: Theresa Hall as Mrs. Simpkins, Chris Homer as Miss Smith, Ken Thompson as Mr. Long, Jim Hinton as Mr. Hill, Tom Parman as Mr. Roberts, Steve Herreid as Mr. Jones, Tammy Cemey as Miss Green and Michelle Mead as Miss Brown.

The crews for this one act comedy were stage manager Barb Miller, prompter and stand-in Julie Balcom, stage crew was made up of cast members, make-up crew consisted of Kathy Herren, Leslie Anderson, Barb Miller and Julie Balcom, Karen Williamson was announcer.

The play was directed by Mr. Miller.



Chris Homer puts on her Romeo act to impress Ken Thompson. What must Micki Mead, Wendy Wolmutter, and Jim Hinton be thinking about this display? It is clear that Tom Parman thinks only of food.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

I've written my editorial on the advantages of having a school counselor. First, in case you have a problem and your parents can't answer it, don't forget it but go to your counselor for some help. Second, maybe you have a problem with your teacher. The counselor might be able to help you solve it. Third, maybe you've got another problem, completely different from a school problem. He'll still be happy to help you solve it.

Go see your local counselor today!

Plan Party

Because of the generous help of Mr. Meggers, we have some news concerning the Lettermen's Club. In the near future a sledding party is planned at Suicide Hill. The sledding party will be followed by a chili supper. No date has been announced yet.

Marion A Squad Takes Monti

Monticello's A and B squad cagers traveled to Marion January 14 for a pair of exciting games.

In the B squad game, Anderson, Ciha, Travis, Martin, and Body were the starters. They all played a fine game and downed Monti's team by a score of Marion 32-Monticello 17.

The scorers in this game were Ciha, 10 points; Travis, 6 points; Martin, 12 points; and Gillespie with 4 points.

In the first three quarters Marion maintained a 4-5 point lead, chalking up 10 points in the first quarter, 4 more in the second, and 6 more in the third. Monti was not far behind with quarter scores of 6, 10, and 15.

Marion really fired up in the fourth quarter with a final score of 32. Monti tallied 2 more points with a final score of 17.

Outstanding offensive players were Ciha and Martin. Travis and Andersen were good on defense. Congratulations to all the boys for a fine game.

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In the A squad game, Marion's team was stumped by a hustling Monticello squad by a 43-47 final score. Kiburz, Jensen, Stolze, Bush, and Murdoch started for Marion.

Our team was leading in the first three quarters by scores of 13, 25, and 36. Monti came back in the fourth quarter outscoring us by 4 points.

Leading scorers for the Indians were Kiburz with 6 points; Jensen with 6 points; Stolze with 6; Bush, 2; Murdoch, 7; Wagner, 4; Wicke, 8; and Lurth with 2 points.

Outstanding players were John Wicke (small size but his speed makes up for it), Tony Jensen and John Murdoch.

Good game, guys, but better luck next time!

Down Tipton

Vernon's seventh graders defeated Tipton there with the "A" squad winning 31-24 and the "B" squad winning 34-8. Tony Jensen and Jeff Stolze each contributed 8 points to lead the A Squad. Mark Bush added 7 while John Murdoch and Brian Bennett scored 6 and 4 points respectively. In the "B" squad game Brad Ciha's 15 points led the Indians and Bill Dolley and Reed Martin added 6 and 4 respectively.

BOWLING IS NOW GRA ACTIVITY

Trampoline and gymnastic intramurals have now successfully come to a close and bowling is now the after school activity. Every Friday at 3:15 p.m. the GRA girls get on the bus and go to the Marion Bowling Alley.

Here are some of the results of January 8, 1971. In 7th grade the high series (2 games) were Pat Swearingen 216, Missy McGowan 200, LeAnn Hinker 184, Shelly Jacobs 179, Sue Ryan 171, and Karen Williamson 163. High games were Pat Swearingen 125, Missy McGowan 107, Karen Williamson and Kathy Herren were tied with 98, LeAnn Hinker 96 and a tie between Shelly Jacobs and Sue Ryan with 91.

In the 8th grade with the high series was Denise Hunt with 252. Others were Roxanne Hargrave 223, Joan Bunting 221, Jill Archibald 208, Jane Risk 205, and Connie Henry 190. High games were Denise Hunt 154, Connie Henry 119, Joan Bunting 116, Roxanne Hargrave 112, Linda Allen 111, and Lisa Knockle 110.

GRA will soon be starting basketball intramurals and each homeroom will compete.

Brenda Hicks Is Named Co-Ed Of Magazine

Brenda Hicks, eighth grade student, has been named Co-ed Correspondent for the 1970-71 school year, according to an announcement by Miss Margaret Hauser, editor of CO-ED magazine. CO-ED, published nationally by Scholastic Magazines, Inc., for home economics students, contains articles on fashion, food, beauty, and home furnishings, and fiction.

Selected by students of home economics, Brenda will serve as junior advisor to CO-ED editors. Like the other Co-ed Correspondents throughout the United States and Canada, she will keep the editors informed of activities at her school.

Coming Events

- Feb. 1 - Eighth grade Science Club - 3:15 p.m.
- Feb. 2 - Student Council meeting - 11:55 a.m.
- Feb. 3 - Report cards go home.
- Feb. 4 - Seventh grade basketball, Monticello, there, 4:00 p.m.; Eighth grade basketball, Monticello, here, 4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 5 - GRA bowling - 3:10 p.m.
- Feb. 8 - Seventh grade Science Club - 3:15 p.m.
- Feb. 10 - Staff meeting - 3:10 p.m.
- Feb. 11 - Seventh grade basketball, Manchester, there, 4:10 p.m.; Eighth grade basketball, Manchester, here, 4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 12 - Athletic Club meeting - 8:00 a.m.; Valentines Dance - 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 16 - Seventh grade basketball, Tipton, here, 4:00 p.m.; Eighth grade basketball, Tipton, there, 4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 18 - Dramatics Club meeting - 3:15 p.m.
- Feb. 23 - GRA meeting - 7:45 a.m.
- Feb. 25 - Seventh grade basketball, Manchester, here, 4:00 p.m.; Eighth grade basketball, Manchester, there, 4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 27 - Junior High Band Festival at Mt. Vernon.

Seek Use For Vacant Room

The Student Council has been holding discussions on how to best utilize the extra room we will have available in our lunchroom at the second semester when the Lincoln Building will be closed. Under discussion is the possibility of using a portion of the tables for table games. This will enable the students to relax and enjoy themselves after finishing their lunch. More discussion on this area will be held later.

The student council continues to handle the sale of ice cream at noon.

Library Pins Sold Out

The Library Club pin sale went according to plan with all pins sold.

Some of the new books which have come in are "Pictorial History of Civil War Years," written by Paul Angle; "Drop Dead" written by Julia Cunningham; "We Die A-Long" written by David Howarth; "A Guide to Gymnastics" written by Frank Musker; "Snoopy and His Sop with Camel" written by Charles Schulz; "You and Narcotics" written by G. Shevlin; "Making Paper Flowers" written by Suzanne Strose, and "The Witty Gitty" written by F. Bonham.

There is no meeting scheduled for this month.

Second Half Now In Full Swing

The beginning of the second semester is now upon us, and for some it may be a time for recovery from the first semester. Some of us may have really knocked our brains out trying to get good grades and others may have just blundered through their work, not setting any goals but simply accepting whatever grades they blundered into.

Some of the boys may have been really pleased with their athletic achievements, while others may have been quite disappointed.

Whatever the case may be, whether academic or athletic achievements come easy for you, or whether you have to struggle for every achievement, we are starting a new semester, so turn over a new leaf, and make this coming semester the best ever.

Band Members Busy On Contest Plans

Right now the band is working on music for the solo and ensemble contest to be held on Saturday, February 27, possibly at Mt. Vernon. There will be 41 solos and 10 groups in the ensemble section of the contest. Thirty-seven students are participating in the 10 groups.

The band as a whole is working on new music for a March concert.

Two band members have been selected to play in a Coe festival to be held on Feb. 6. They are seventh grade student, Chris Horner on the flute, and eighth grade student Mike Benedict on the coronet.



Top point winners in wrestling are shown above. They are, front row, Mike Ford, Jim Kray, Mark Moeller, and Mark Gerds; second row, Mark Henderson, Mike Cox, Tom Stalkfleet, Kelly Yeisley, and Rocky Jones, and top row, Mark Morgan, Tim Burgess, Mark Olsen, and Marty Carter.



Four wrestlers each pinned three of their opponents during the recently completed season. They are Mark Henderson, Mark Morgan, Tom Stalkfleet, and Rocky Jones.



C.B. Vernon's undefeated wrestlers shown are first row, Mark Henderson, Mark Olsen, and Mark Moeller, and top row, Mark Morgan, Marty Carter, and Jim Kray.



Achieving four pins during the season were Mark Gerds and Mark Olsen.

King Pin Marty Carter and top point man Jim Kray enjoyed a good wrestling season. Marty pinned five of his opponents during the season. Jim defeated all of his opponents and was the top point winner.