

The MESSENGER

VERNON JUNIOR HIGH Thursday, April 8, 1971

Notes From Band Room

The Spring Concert by the Band will be on Tuesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. The program will include selections by some newly organized groups as well as soloists and Concert Band. We promise to make the program one of variety and interest to all.

With May approaching, the band is planning the beginners' program-testing, meeting with parents and students, and lessons beginning in June.

Science Club

The seventh grade science club members are working on individual science projects. These projects will be displayed at the Spring Open House held in April.

The next meeting date for the club is April 12.

DRAMATICS CLUB

The eighth grade section of Dramatics Club is putting on two plays this year, "Bench 18" and "Bachelor of the Year". In "Bench 18" Sammy played by Rex Glasgow and Julia played by Christy Boots have been communicating by mail for quite some time. They decide to meet one night. What follows is all the hilarious advice everyone gives them, with a mistaken identity once or twice. This play proves to be a winner. The cast includes Sammy-Rex Glasgow; Julia-Christy Boots; the officer-Mark Moeller; the tramp-Jeff Ribble; the boy-Jim Kray; the lady-Sheryl Campbell; the girl-Diane Bean; the gentleman-Steve Knapp; the blonde-Brenda Hicks; the girl selling flowers-Claudia Schorle; and the announcer is Claudia Schorle.

The second play, "Bachelor of the Year" is a comedy, too. Principal Caldwell gets elected "Most Eligible Bachelor of the Year" and suddenly finds himself engaged to four teachers!

The cast includes Mr. Caldwell-Ken York; Mike-Jennifer Barnes; Miss Evans-Cindy Vesey; Miss Baumgartner-Jill Christiansen; Miss Gustafson-Jane Risk; Mr. McClelland-Neil Machen; Sandra Sue-Denise Hunt; Miss Fleet-Valerie Paul; Ron Bronkurski-Tom Stalkfleet; and the announcer, Claudia Schorle. Mr. Miller will direct both plays.

Student Council

The Student Council has designated the bulletin board on first floor across from the vocal music room as the buy, sell and trade bulletin board. Anyone wishing to buy, sell, or trade articles can post a small sign on this bulletin board.

In other discussion April 7 was designated as Sloppy Joe Day.

Radio Club

On March 22, a reporter from the paper sat in on one of the meetings of the Radio and Electronics Club. Among the things he learned were that they meet every two weeks on Mondays and that they are in desperate need of members.

This club does many different things, separately and as a group. Right now they have just finished crystal radio and have started other projects.

Anyone interested in joining may find out information about the club by talking to Tim Burkhart, David Bond, Rex Glasgow, or Mr. Ebertsch, club sponsor.

Coming Events

April 6--Seventh grade skating party
April 7--Sloppy Joe Day
April 8-9 -- SPRING VACATION
April 13--Eighth grade skating party
April 27--Open House
May 6--Vocal music concert
May 13--One-Act Plays
May 18--Spring band concert
June 3--LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



Conrad Johnson, local meteorologist, was a recent guest in the science classrooms. Here he explains some weather facts to Rex Glasgow and Tyler Salven.

LIBRARY CLUB HOLDS MEETING

The Library Club held a meeting March 11 in the study hall. It was decided that there would not be another pin sale this year. There is a need for volunteers from Library Club members for a Spring Dance Committee. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mrs. Zoerink.

Spring Concert

The vocal groups have been practicing for two important events. One of these events is the Spring Vocal Concert which is scheduled for May 6. Small vocal groups will be featured. The seventh grade mixed chorus, honor chorus, and the girls glee club will sing.

The other event under preparation will be the vocal portion of the program at the Spring Open House. Mrs. Bures hasn't yet decided which group will perform at this time. (So practice hard, it just might be your group.)



Mr. Cahalan's homeroom girls were so pleased when they received the GRA Intramurals traveling trophy that they invited our cameraman down to record the event. The girls, Jill Christiansen, Joan Bunting, Cheryl Carstens, and Sheryl Campbell are shown with their "manager" Gary Fickel. Congratulations, team members and manager.



Admiring another of Mr. Vaske's projects are Mike Grady, Frank Camp, Dean Bliss, and Ron Crouse. This statue was willing to accept good will offerings, such as apples.

- Editorials -

How can you study when half the class is up talking to the other half? When people are talking to each other by yelling across the room? When two of your classmates are out in the hall directing traffic?

You can't. Even if it is a small minority that is engaged in these activities, the whole class is disrupted and the period is lost for those who want to study.

Believe it or not, but some of those rare creatures have been sighted right here at C. B. Vernon; people who want to study, who care if they get an F when the end of the quarter rolls around, who would like to go home with as little homework as possible. They WANT to study, and they can't when the halls between classes are quieter than their study hall, when noon homeroom becomes a king-sized gab fest.

If you don't want to study, all right, don't!... But have a little consideration for those who do. PLEASE!

With third quarter ending and fourth quarter beginning, parents see the end of the school year coming and are starting to put the pressure on us students. No more relaxed sitting with nothing to do; instead we sit pouring over school books, eating supper, then going to bed early, while Mom and Dad are discussing how much better our school grades could be.

But, as much as our parents say they care, do they really understand our modern problems?

Dad's telling us how he used to walk 7 miles to school in the snow is one version of the story; then he tells how he used to ride ol' Bullit to school 11 miles is a different version.

Mom, on the other hand says she never had to bring home "her" textbooks, but complains if you don't bring home some homework.

In spite of all this, we are supposed to pay attention to our teachers. But this is hard when the sun is shining and a warm breeze comes through an open window.

When suddenly you are called upon to answer a question and you don't know the answer, you sometimes wonder how come you let yourself be talked into studying

so much that you can't pay attention in class!

When the day is over and we finally get home and are dead-tired, our parents ask us how our day went, then yell at us to get busy and study. Stifling back a retort, we turn our eyes back to the so-called "noble pages of learning."

But have faith. . . summer vacation will be here soon.

As the signs of spring get closer so do the problems that go along with the season. One of the major problems is the tracking in of mud and water. This is one of the most dangerous, also, since any one of the more than 400 students could fall on these wet spots when this tracking-in occurs.

This could cause someone to fall and could cause a broken bone in the body. The safe way to get away from this problem is to TRY to walk on the side walks on the way to school in the mornings.

If you, as an individual, would try to do this, it will help the student body in being safer and the custodians would save about an hour's work from picking up and scrubbing up after all of us.

All America seems to be on an ecology kick... and there are as many sources of pollution as there are people.

We have had an Earth Day. Good. Tons of flyers distributed to arouse the public add to the refuse heap!

TV grinds out spectaculars. Photo stories flood the press. Politicians call meetings... and also pass laws about it.

If words were capable of cleansing the air and water, we would have attained ecological purity months ago.

Action isn't quite that simple.

Industry and government are spending millions to clean up the environment... with billions more needed.

But who made it dirty in the first place? And who must pay for the cleaning?

The answer is simple: People -- they, you, me.

If each one of us, every day, thinks about the problems of clean air and water and litter prevention, and do something

about them, then we will begin to make progress.

Remember, we are the ones who can keep America beautiful... and it surely is worth trying!

Registration

Many eighth grade students are now making plans for high school for the next school year by participating in the registration program currently in progress. The students are filling out their schedule for ninth grade and working on a tentative program for all four years of high school.

Mr. Morrow, one of the high school counselors, visited eighth grade math classes recently and talked to all the students. He gave each student a booklet describing the various classes along with a registration sheet.

Each student and his parents are now participating in registration conferences with Mr. Steadman. In these conferences any problems dealing with registration are discussed.

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 . .

We asked. . . . What would you do if tomorrow the world was going to come to an end?
 They answered. . . .
 Paige Klingler. . . Fly to the moon with Brad!!
 Nat Kleis. . . Go to the moon to see that Paige and Brad don't do anything they shouldn't.
 Tim Burgess. . . Go to the nearest bar.
 Kim Skilling. . . Move up to heaven.
 Mark Moeller. . . Have a great big party.
 Mike Ford. . . Go to Mark's party.
 Marianne McCue. . . Make sure the school is the first to go.
 Jackie O'Brien. . . Get my stuffed animal and cry.
 Kris Clendenen. . . Go to my mama and cry.
 Tim Kray. . . Go have a BALL!!!!
 Mr. Steadman. . . Go home and spend as much time with my wife and kids as I could.
 Renee McSweeney. . . Pick up my dolly and run away.
 Beth Mork. . . Hijack a plane to Mars.
 We asked. . . .
 We asked. . . . If someone gave you a box of "crooblic" what would you do with it?
 They answered. . . .
 Anita Bell. . . Throw it away.
 Mr. Brainard. . . Flush it down.
 Allen Murray. . . Give it away.
 Debra Hotz. . . Save it.
 Mr. Vaske. . . Boil it in formaldehyde, mix it in sand, and then feed it to the students.
 Kirk Long. . . Shine it.
 Greg Will. . . Walk it.
 Randy Swanson. . . Lay on it.
 Linda Allen. . . Cook it.
 Debra Lovell. . . Hide it under my bed.
 Bill Dolley. . . Throw it away.
 Dale Gillespie. . . Use it.
 Mark Crowley. . . Freeze it.
 Jim Hinton. . . Wipe my nose with it.
 Jay Long. . . Put it to bed.
 Cindy Kann. . . Feed it to my dog.
 Diane Thomas. . . Give it to my boyfriend.
 Annette Cox. . . Wash with it.
 George Moody. . . Put it in a cage.
 Kathy Herren. . . Love it!
 Sandy Stoos. . . Eat it.
 "Crooblic" is the word broccoli scrambled.
 We asked. . . . If someone gave you two tickets to anywhere in the world, where would you go and whom would you take?
 They answered. . . .
 Darcy Pedersen. . . Jamaica with my love!
 Mark Henderson. . . Likewise, Darcy!!
 Tim Burgess. . . I'd take Mrs. Mangold but I don't know where to!
 Mike Cox. . . Miami Beach and find someone to bring home!
 Paige Klingler. . . To Canada with Brad.
 Wendy Marshall. . . Anywhere (?) with Kirk.
 Tom Stalkfleet. . . To bear country with my gun!
 Wally Walrath. . . To the floor with my chair!
 Marianne McCue. . . To Phoenix with Mark B.
 Jim Kray. . . To detention with Mr. Taylor.
 Steve Prouty. . . Romantic France with Tana.
 Mr. Taylor. . . To detention with 5th hour.
 We asked. . . . If you had your choice, where would you be right now?
 They answered. . . .
 Mrs. Dunn (sitting at her desk) . . . on a trip around the world.
 Valerie Paul (in homeroom) . . . at basketball practice.
 Tim Rundlett (in science) . . . on the beach.
 Debbie Wood (in science) . . . out of school.
 Claudia Schorle (in science) . . . I sure wouldn't be here.
 Charles Vernon (in science) . . . with Breanda.
 Jeff Ribble (in science, looking out the window) . . . on that train!
 Jill Christensen (at lunch) . . . in Denmark.
 Christy Boots (at lunch) . . . at the swimming pool.
 Mark Morgan (at lunch) . . . outside camping.
 John Edwards (in homeroom) . . . anywhere but here!
 Mark Moeller (in homeroom) . . . In Las Vegas playing with the slot machines.
 Nat Kleis (in history) . . . skiing at Sun Valley (if I knew how).
 Mrs. Borg (at her desk) . . . in Bermuda.
 Mrs. Simpson (in study hall) . . . In California.
 Mrs. Zoerink (in the library) . . . in Hilo, Hawaii.
 Denise Hunt (in study hall) . . . in a forest with thick, fresh snow.

Paige Klingler. . . Go to the moon with Brad!
 Mark Olsen. . . Same as Power, but not with her.
 Wendy Marshall. . . I don't know exactly, but its gotta be fun.
 Tim Rundlett. . . I better not say.
 Mark Livingston. . . You know me. . . I'd go wild.
 Mark Henderson. . . It would be far out.
 WE ASKED--What would you do if you just won \$100?
 We asked. . . "What is your idea of a perfect teacher?"
 They answered. . . .
 Connie Coleman. . . A teacher who is nice like Mrs. Tanner.
 Julie McDoniels. . . There is no perfect teacher.
 Missy McGowan. . . Julie McDoniels is right.
 Tony Jensen. . . One who hates work, loves vacations, 38-24-36.
 Brian Bennett. . . One like Tony described with the added feature of blond hair with a good face!
 Bruce Hucker. . . I agree with Tony and Brian.
 Pat Lambke. . . I've got none.
 Patti Tharp. . . A man about 22, tall, dark and sexy.
 Cindy Richardson. . . I don't have one.
 Mr. Barrow. . . A person who is prepared for all situations and will offer to take my homeroom to Siberia.
 Laurie Rich. . . Nice and doesn't give homework.
 Annette Cox. . . One who is Mrs. Tanner.
 Sheryl Wallace. . . A teacher like Mr. Meggers. (Ha, Ha)
 Mrs. Zoerink. . . One who understands.
 We asked. . . . When you were small, what was your favorite bed time story?
 They answered. . . .
 Darcy Pedersen. . . That one about the traveling salesman!
 Mike Cox. . . Sleeping Beauty.
 Tim Burgess. . . Play Boy??? (Ideas?).
 Nat Kleis. . . The Valley of the Dolls???
 Tom Stalkfleet. . . Peter and the Elephant.
 Paige Klingler. . . The "Braddy" Bear Walk.
 Wendy Marshall. . . "Peter" Pan.
 Jeff Ribble. . . Three Little Pigs.
 John Snyder. . . A Walk with Mommy by Daddy.
 Marianne McCue. . . The Teddy Bears Picnic!!!
 Diane Morrow. . . "Dennis" the Menace.
 Jackie O'Brien. . . "Kip" Van Winkle.
 THEY ANSWERED--
 Mark Olsen. . . I would give half of it to the reporter for bringing it up.
 Diane Morrow. . . Probably spend it!
 Sue Carroll. . . spend half on me, half on Rick.
 Cindy Somerville. . . give it to the Cindy Somerville Charity Drive
 Tom Stalkfleet. . . save it for college
 Denine Lowry. . . go to Country Cobbler
 Jacky O'Brien. . . try to buy "Flip's" love (but I know it won't work)
 Dale Johnson. . . go buy myself a new wardrobe
 Mr. Taylor. . . help pay for my baby!
 Mike Ford. . . stuff it in my piggy bank!
 Pam Siefken. . . go shopping.
 WE ASKED. . . What do you think are characteristics of an ideal student or teacher?
 THEY ANSWERED. . . .
 Mark Morgan. . . To know what they are talking about. . . teacher
 Mr. Edwards. . . One who respects himself and others around him. . . student
 Mr. Meggers. . . A student who is respectful, attentive, cooperative, and industrious
 Tierney Oakley. . . One who respects us . . . teacher
 Theresa Fett. . . One who gives us more freedom. . . teacher
 Sue Carroll. . . One who is nice and understanding. . . teacher
 Sindie Bruring. . . One who doesn't believe in homework. . . teacher
 Jeanne Peters. . . One who gets sick a lot. . . teacher
 Mrs. Zoerink. . . Is there one? . . . student
 Mr. Miller. . . One who enjoys working, respects others, and has fun. . . student
 Chris Horner. . . Mr. Meggers. . . teacher.
 WE ASKED. . . What does spring mean to you?
 THEY ANSWERED. . . .
 Dean Bliss. . . the spring dance, of course!
 Mrs. Dunn. . . a time of happiness
 John Edwards. . . the end of winter
 Mark Morgan. . . sloppy and muddy
 Jeff Ribble. . . school gets out

Mrs. Simpson. . . rebirth
 Sheryl Campbell. . . warm weather and flowers
 John Arjes. . . people messing around
 Nat Kleis. . . school gets out
 Mr. Vaske. . . planting a garden
 Claudia Schorle. . . flowers
 WE ASKED-- If the world would end tomorrow, what would you do tonight?
 THEY ANSWERED--
 Connie Power. . . anything I could get by with!
 Monte Pedersen. . . bite ALL my fingernails off!
 Steve Prouty. . . Celebrate

FACULTY DEFEATS 8th BOYS

The Marion Junior High faculty defeated the eighth grade boys on Thursday, March 11 in the annual basketball game. The final score was 71-57.
 Showing a surprising amount of speed and shooting accuracy, the faculty members easily maintained a lead throughout the game.
 From a student's viewpoint, it must have been their lucky night! ! ! ! !

WIN ONE, LOSE ONE

In basketball the seventh and eighth grade girls played Springfield on Thursday March 11. The Marion 8th graders won with a score of 33-24. High scorers of the game were Kim Skilling, 8, Beth Mork, 7, Diane Morrow and Joan Bunting, each with 6, and Debbie Wood, 4, and April Sorensen scored 2 points.
 The 7th grade girls lost their game by a score of 16 to 32. High scorers of this game were Nancy Fye, 5, Karen Williamson, Chris Horner, Barb Miller, Denise Ransier, and Laurie Rich each with 2 points. Pat Offerman scored 1 point.
 Tony Jensen led with 18 points, Jeff Stolze contributed 8, Mark Bush and John Murdoch each added 6 and Brad Ciha, 3.
 Linn-Mar's B squad lost to Marion's unbeaten B team 27-21. Kevin Lurth led Marion's scoring with 8 points and did a fine job of rebounding. Reed Martin was next with 7 points.
 Vernon was behind at halftime by 5 points but came back to win and remain undefeated for the season.
 Linn-Mar's Phil Bishop led the Lions with 9 points.

BASKETBALL AWARDS

The following students were awarded letters and/or certificates at the conclusion of the basketball season. We congratulate each of these athletes.
 SEVENTH GRADE
 Letter and Certificate: Perry Anderson, Brian Bennett, Jim Boyd, Mark Bush, Brad Ciha, Mark Crowley, Bill Dolley, Rick Floyd, Dale Gillespie, Steve Herreid, Tony Jensen, Brian Kiburz, Kevin Lurth, Reed Martin, John Murdoch, Don Ransford, Mike Spain, Jeff Stolze, Mitch Travis, Linnie Vinson, Bart Wagner, John Wicke.
 Certificate only: Paul Begley, Scott Hansen, Jim Harford, Rich LeHew, Jim Hinton, Bruce Hucker, John Hunt, Darrell Jencks, Alex Johnson, Mike Jones, Dave Kincheloe, Ank Kleis, Brian Larson, John Lashanzky, Jay Long, Curt McMullen, George Moody, Kelly Mulford, David Nash, Tom Parman, Monte Pedersen, Doug Schuster, Kelly Smith, Ken Thompson, Howard Worm, LuWayne Zundel.
 EIGHTH GRADE
 Letter and certificate: John Barkdoll, Dean Bliss, Tim Burgess, Frank Camp, Gary Fickel, Mike Ford, Steve Freese, Paul Garlinghouse, Mark Gerdts, Mark Henderson, Jerry Jacque, Monte Krehbiel, Jeff Macht, Steve Mahoney, Tom McCracken, Mark Moeller, David Moore, Mark Morgan, Doug Schmucker, John Snyder, Tom Stalkfleet, Neal Sumner, Randy Swanson, Charles Vernon, Randy Weeter, Rick Boots, Mgr., Ron Jackson, Mgr.
 Certificate only: Jeff Camp, Tim Carter, Mike Grady, Doug Henderson, Brad Hutchins, Leland Kennedy, Kirk Long, Ron Luebbert, Mike McElmeel, Mike McElree, Steve Milburn, Richard Munderf, Allen Murray, Jeff Ribble, Brad Schubert, Pidge Spear.

L-M 7TH WINS

Linn-Mar 7th grade A team squeezed by Vernon in an overtime in the Lion's gym. The score 43-41 left Vernon A squad with a 5-3 record. The Lions led 12-6 the end of the first quarter and 23-15 at the halftime. The score was tied at 39 at the end of the final quarter.
 Coach Taylor praised Brad Ciha and Brian Bennett, who all year played excellent defensive ball.

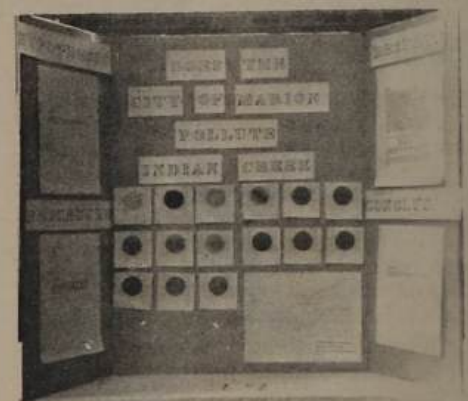
Science Fair

Six Vernon Junior High School students entered the Eastern Iowa Science Fair held recently on the Coe College Campus. These students and their projects were Karen Folkers "Durability of Paper Towels", Frank Camp "Do Plants Show Emotion?", Denise Hunt "Is There a Relationship Between Growth and Human Care?", Mark Henderson "Does the City of Marion Pollute Indian Creek?" CO 2 Fixation by Photosynthesis" by Ron Crouse, and Pat Blin "An Ultraviolet Study of Rocks and Minerals."

Ron Crouse was the first place winner in the Junior Biological Division. He was awarded a set of the World Book Encyclopedia. Karen Folkers received a Class II award of \$10. Mark Henderson received an Air Force Award. Congratulations to these winners and to all Vernon students who entered.



"Can Plants Show Emotion" Frank Camp



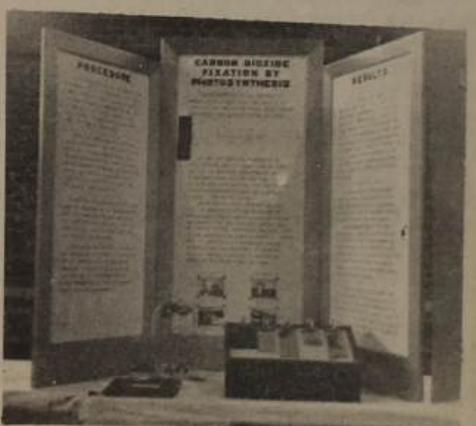
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"Is There a Relationship Between Growth and Human Care" Denise Hunt



"Durability of Paper Towels" Karen Folkers



"Carbon Dioxide Fixation by Photosynthesis" Ron Crouse