

# The MESSENGER

VERNON JUNIOR HIGH

## Home Ec Activity



Marsha Milbach talks to Mrs. Borg. Others pictured are: Joni Blommers, Sheryl Lovell, Sheryl Wallace, Debbie Raftis, Debbie Waters, Denise Ransier, Colette Meek, Dana Jeffrey.

## Talent Show Is Nov. 24

Student Council decided again this year that the students of C.B. Vernon would like to have a talent show. So Mr. Drake, our music teacher, volunteered to organize the show. Tryouts were held on Oct. 25 and proved that this school has a lot of talent. Mr. Drake felt that November 24 would be the best date for the talent show. He said there will be approximately 11 acts, and he hopes it will be a success.

## Ping Pong Is Noon Activity

In these past few weeks, ping pong has been the highlight of the first lunch period. There were 42 entries. This includes 3 girls, Diane Dollinger, Vickie Staebler, and Kim Parman, all from the seventh grade.

On Wednesday, Nov. 3, the final matches were played in the boys' gym after school. Quite a cheering section gathered for the four boys competing.

Fourth place went to Doug Schuster. Third place winner was Jeff Stolze. Their game ended in a score of 21-15. The runner-up was John Wicke. Bob Lane, a seventh grader, won the title of ping pong champ. Bob and John's game ended in a close 21-19 score.

The next tournament to be held will be played as mixed doubles.

## Dance Held

The Library club sponsored a dance Nov. 19. The dance, planned around a Thanksgiving theme, was held in the boy's gym from 3:30 to 5:15.

Approximately 250 students heard the live band and enjoyed the refreshments.

## Messenger Staff

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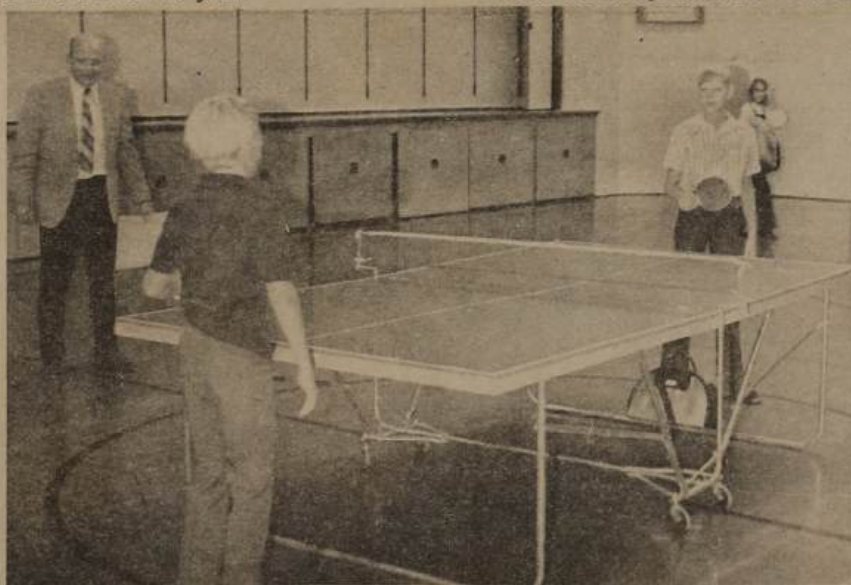
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Paul Begley, Dennis Bergstad, Jim Blumer, Dennis Chesrown, Rick Davis, Jim Holecek, David Kincheloe, Terry Maginnis, Brian Pals, Lynn Schneidermann, Brent Wallace, Scot Williams, Mike Yaus. Sponsor, Mr. Vaske.

The eighth grade girls have successfully finished their first real sewing projects. Before this, the class members made tote bags so they could "get to know" their machine better. Mrs. Borg selected a few patterns from which the girls could choose.

A lot of the girls made the hot pants, nightgowns and skirts. Chris Horner and Micki Mead had their nightgowns on display uptown.

Now the home ec classes are studying child care and will get back to sewing at the end of the year.



Final match in the Ping Pong Tournament was won by Bob Lane at the right. He defeated John Wicke. John Fowler officiated.

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

We asked, "What is your favorite lunch-room menu?"

They answered:  
Jim Hinton--chicken gravy and mashed potatoes  
Curt McMillen--salisbury steak  
Monte Pedersen--pizza  
Donna McNitt--nothing  
Perry Anderson--lasagna  
John Hunt--chili  
Reed Martin--fish  
John Arjes--fish sandwiches  
Jim Loes--pizza  
Terry Maginnis--lasagna

We asked, "What would you like to do that might be fun this year?"

They answered:  
Teresa Stubblefield--anything  
Michelle Fluckiger--a lot of things  
Sharon Kewley--a little more art time  
Tom Borst--anything  
Bamie Calef--go with Sandy Kuehl  
Mark Rouse--not be breaking up with Michelle Malone  
Mr. Meggers--get snowbound at school  
Diane Dollinger--anything  
Carol Anderson--I agree with Mr. Meggers about being snowbound at school. I think it would be lots of fun.  
Jeff Swanson--to watch the school burn down.  
Karla Briles--get snowbound out of

## Words From Your Editor

When the eighth grade social studies classes worked on the newspaper unit, drawing an editorial cartoon was one assignment. The Messenger expects to print some of these throughout the year.

## New Books Added to Library

Over the summer 133 new books were added to the library. Mrs. Zoerink suggests one of these for good reading: *Bothead* by Ellis; *Best Jokes from Boys' Life*; *Shattered Decade: 1919-1929* by Werstein; *Radi-gan Cares* by Eyerly; or *The Magic of Shirley Jackson* by Jackson.

## JR. HIGH IS COLLECTING LABELS FOR UNICEF

Vernon Jr. High has been having a UNICEF campaign to collect labels from certain brands of gum, jelly, candy, frozen foods, etc. As of Nov. 10 a total value of \$24.20-1/2 had been collected.

The homeroom that had collected the most was Room 207 with labels to the value of \$2.79-1/2. Homeroom 120 was second with \$2.79-1/2, 206 was third with \$2.53-1/2, 115 was fourth with \$2.22 and 310 was fifth with \$2.15-1/2. The collection closed Nov. 12.

## BOWLING ENDS

High scorers in the first three weeks of GRA bowling include these seventh graders: Kathy Allen, Twila Berg, Denise Culbertson, and Cindy Luebbert.

Eighth grade high scorers are Joanne Brokaw, Leann Hinker, Missy McGowan, Yvonne Pitzen and Patti Tharp.

At the GRA meeting October 19 the swimming parties for the year were discussed. Most of the girls wanted at least one competition at Cornell.

## 7th Grade Play For Jan.

"Say Uncle", a play for three men and five women and written by Donald Payton, has been cast by the seventh grade dramatics club. Characters include Pat Lynch as Betty Lou, Laurie Klein as Connie, Kim Parman as Mrs. Maxwell, Jeane Hutchins as Miss Burke, Steve Hatcher as Wilbur, Mark Rick-lefs as Mr. Maxwell, and Scot Williams as George.

Tryouts were held Monday, Nov. 8, with Mr. Gaede and Mr. Miller as the judges.

The play will be held during the week of Jan. 14.

Other dramatics club members who will be working on this play include Terry Carter, Michelle Fluckiger, Sheryl Feddern, Keri Peterson, Wendy Sumner and Tracy Rich.

At the regular meeting of Dramatics club Oct. 21 the idea of this group sponsoring a dance was presented. President John Wicke appointed a committee to investigate the possibilities.

## Debbie Speaks To Health Class

Debbie Melchers, a former Vernon student, spoke recently to the Monday-Wednesday-Friday health classes. Debbie wears a metal "halo" on her head and is in a body cast. She told the students why she needed it and how they did it.

She said she had bolts through the first layer of her skull and told other stories of her experiences in the hospital at Rochester, Minnesota.

She told everyone that being in the hospital is fun. It was a very interesting class.

## Science Club

## Will Disect Next

Seventh grade Science club members can be looking forward to dissecting at the next meeting on December 13.

On a Saturday afternoon next spring the club will be going on a field trip to collect plants for landscaping on the grassy area of the school ground.

The plant collecting will be done in Linn County.

## Paintings Now On Display

Oil paintings by eighth grade students enrolled in the first quarter art program are currently on display in the trophy case across from the home economics room. Subjects range from landscapes to football players to clowns. The students, who go to this class during the noon homeroom period three times a week, are Debbie Jackson, Karen Williamson, David Kincheloe, Brad Ciha, Brian Madeson, Ank Kleis, and Pat Swearingen.

At the beginning of the year all eighth graders were given the opportunity to sign up for a quarter of art work. This is a new program instituted by Mr. Gaede this year.

The new class, which will be working on ceramics or craft work, includes Teresa Godar, Susie Wells, Julie Balcom, Barb Miller, Randy Sheppard, Jeff DeYoung, Curt McMillen, Brian Kiburz, Jim Holecek, Joe Parker, Cheryl Joice, Jim Blumer, and Joe Schupanitz.



NOON ART CLASS: Brad Ciha and Brian Madeson



# Matmen Suffer 1st Loss

Marion's junior high matmen suffered their first loss of the season, Thursday, Nov. 18, in the Vernon gym. The final score was Marion 55, Anamosa 77.

Indian wrestlers winning by pins were John Nemeth with the fastest pin in 33 seconds, Scott Larson in 50 seconds, Tom Borst in the second period and Tony Jensen in the second period.

Winning by decision for Marion were Dan Ford, Tim Gerds, John Arjes, Larry Klein, Jerry Goehring, Terry Bruring, John Hunt, Mike Jones and Bart Wagner.

Wrestlers tying for points were Troy Hames and John Murdoch.

The Indian's season record at this point is 2 wins and 1 loss.

## Suffer Loss

Vernon Jr. High 8th grade A squad suffered its first loss to C.R. Prairie Oct. 12 at Marion by the score of 24-14. Vernon's first score came on the second play from scrimmage when Jeff Stolze broke away and ran 55 yards for the touchdown.

The last touchdown came when John Murdoch ran 2 yards around the right end. John also tallied the two extra points.

Coach Meggers was disappointed with his team's over-all play, adding that they didn't play up to their potential.

### 3 GAMES

Saturday, Oct. 16, three Vernon football teams met similar teams from Linn-Mar. The score in the B game was Vernon 6-Linn-Mar 0. In the C game it was Vernon 0-Linn-Mar 6; and in the D game it ended in a 0-0 tie.

### Finish season

The Junior Indians, eighth grade, finished off the season with a 4-1-0 record by beating Linn-Mar 24-0 at Linn-Mar on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

John Murdoch tallied two of the scores with a 12-yard end run and quarterback sneak. David Nash helped in the blocking department on the quarterback sneak and also made two conversions--one on an 18-yard pass to Tony Jensen and the other an end run. Jeff Stolze added the other touchdown with a 22-yard statue-of-Liberty play. Mike Jones added the extra point.

Mr. Meggers was very proud of the overall performance of his team, nominating the complete offensive and defensive teams as outstanding players.

## B Squad Defeated

The Marion 8th grade B squad football team was defeated by Linn-Mar 14-0 on Linn-Mar's home field, Tuesday, Oct. 19.

Mr. Taylor nominated Ank Kleis as doing an outstanding job on defense. However, he was hesitant about naming an outstanding offensive player because he felt no one player was playing to his potential that night.

## 7th Ties With Prairie

The seventh grade B team tied C.R. Prairie 6-6 Oct. 14 at Prairie.

The gridgers were trailing going into the fourth quarter 6-0, but they came back with a 75-yard touchdown drive. Terry Bruring scored on a 20-yard pass from Greg Bice. Brian Hoffa ran 42 yards to power the TD drive. Keith Davis, Mark Orness, and Russ Blumer blocked well throughout the game.

This closed the B squad season for seventh grade with a 2-0-1 record.



SEVENTH GRADE B SQUAD--front row, left to right, Todd Pedersen, Greg Alderson, Tony Carter, Terry Carter, Charles Jones, Art Larson, Barnie Calef, Randy Danford; second row, David Byse, Don Carsner, Mike Schmitz, Marty Klingler, Brian Hoffa, Terry Bruring, Mike Orness, Jim Anderson, Steve Hatcher; third row, Dino Boland, Greg Bice, Scott Berry, Russ Blumer, Tom Pospisil, Keith Davis, Joe Camp, Tim Gerds, Scott Rathje; fourth row, Tim Comwell, Roger Long, Bob McDougall, Jeff Swanson, Cliff Barker, Vern Balster, Steve Hicks, Tim Nightingale, Barrie Oxley, Pat McSweeney, Mark Rouse. Absent from picture, Tim McCracken and Scott Hartman.

Marion defeated Monticello 89 to 64 in the first wrestling meet of the season Nov. 5 at Monticello.

The "King Pin" of the week is Perry Anderson who pinned his opponent in 39 seconds. Fast pins were made by George Moody in 53 seconds and Randy Hutchins in 56 seconds. Other pins were registered by Jay Hebert, Jim Harford, Tim Ford, Pat Jones, Steve Barske, Brian Hoffa, Bart Wagner, and Tony Jensen.

The little Indians who won by decisions were Larry Klein, Dave Nash, Jim Boyd, John Arjes, John Nemeth, Charles Jones, Mike Jones, and Russ Rae.

Ties were scored by Mark Bush, Brad Ciha, and Troy Hames.

## Wrestling

Marion's Vernon Jr. High narrowly escaped the clutches of Vinton 32-28 Nov. 12 at Vinton. This meet had everyone sitting on the edge of his seat in every match.

Boys that won at Vinton were: Dan Ford, Brian Hoffa, Jay Hebert, Tim Ford, John Arjes, Brad Ciha, Ty Payton and Perry Anderson. John Murdoch tied.

John Nemeth got the fastest pin a time of 58 seconds. Bart Wagner got the other pin in 2:44. Both of these pins came in at a needed time.



FOOTBALL ACTION--8th Grade Jr. High Versus Linn-Mar



8th GRADE WRESTLERS--bottom row, left to right, Dan Cornwell, John Plummer, George Moody, Jay Hebert, Scott Larson, Randy Hutchins, John Arjes, Kelly Smith, and Brian Larson; middle row, Rick Davis, Mike Spain, Mark Bush, Russ Rae, John Murdoch, Mike Jones, Tom Parman, and Alex Johnson; top row, Jim Boyd, John Nemeth, Tony Jensen, Bart Wagner, Perry Anderson, Jim Harford, Steve Clabough, Dave Nash, and Lawson Cummins.

Just as soon as one sport is over, another starts, as wrestling gets underway. The coaches for this year's season will again be Mr. Fox and Mr. Cahalan.

The turnout this year numbered 60 boys with 30 eighth graders and 30 seventh graders. When asked about the turnout, Coach Cahalan said, "We've got some boys who should be out, but it's not too

bad."

When asked about the season ahead, whether it would be a good season or not, Mr. Cahalan said, "Yeah, we're going to have a good season. We've got a few eighth grade wrestlers with experience and a number of seventh graders that show a lot of promise. I look for another very good year."



## GIRLS BASKETBALL



SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL--Bottom row, Kristy Dutton, Diane Jellison, Diane Dollinger, Susan Wickham, Michelle Malone, Ondrea Fowler, Nancy Hicks, Carrie Welsh, Jeanette Brake; second row, Paula Payton, Sheryl Feddem, Sandy Mahoney, Jeane Hutchins, Laurie Klein, Rosalee Wells, Lori Schlotterback, Cindy VonAhsen; third row, Barb Harms, Sheryl Cole, Debra Rothmeyer, Susan Sillman, Tracy Netz, Teresa Stubblefield, Valerie Grishaber, Michelle Fluckiger, Julie Schreiter; fourth row, Sandy Kuehl, Twila Berg, Chris Boyer, Pam Painter, Sharon Kewley, Mary Laschankzy, Renee McElree, Kathy Nebel, Beth Edwards; fifth row, Lynn Thomas, Patti Weber, Cheryl Lewis, Barb Garcia, Michelle Hall, Gina Vernon and Leight Larson, Coach Campbell and Coach Meggers.

### 98 Girls out for BB

The basketball spirit has spread to the girls this year. In the eighth grade there are 50 girls out for basketball, and there are 48 seventh grade girls out. Mr. Ebertsch and Mr. Brainard are the eighth grade coaches and Mr. Meggers and Mr. Campbell coach the seventh graders.

The first game will be with Manchester with the eighth graders here on Nov. 22. Other games scheduled are Monticello on Nov. 30, Linn-Mar, Dec. 7; Monticello on Dec. 14; Linn-Mar on Dec. 21; Vinton, Jan. 8; and Tipton, Jan. 18.

GIRLS BASKETBALL--Front row, left to right: Julie Balcom, Joanne Brokaw, Debbie Armstrong, Joyce Wells, Diane Thomas, Tierney Oakley, Miss McGowan, Denise Ransier, Ronda Salven, Jeri Brekke. Second row, left to right: Leslie Andersen, Rhonda Hartman, Patty Offerman, Julie Hansen, Laurie Johnson, Chris Homer, Karen Williamson, Shelly Jacobs, Laurie Rich, Yvonne Pitzen; third row, Sharon Moore, Candy Hobbs, Nancy Fye, Terri McKern, Patti Tharp, Micki Mead, Jean Fredericksen, Karla Greene, Tammy Cerney; fourth row, Julie Tietjen, Connie Coleman, Kathy Ryan, Natalee Jackson, Julie DeWoody, Barb Hemmingsen, Sheryl Wallace, Barb Miller; fifth row, Coach Ebertsch, Kathy Herren, Annette Cox, Joni Blommers, Wendy Wolmutt, Julie Schultz, Sue Ryan and Coach Brainard.

## Cheerleaders

### Help Again

The team is coming down for a touchdown and then you hear them. It's those cheerleaders again--helping the boys feel good, helping them win the game, knowing that we do care and have hope. The cheerleaders also give the spectators real enthusiasm.

Girls who have been on recent cheerleading teams include Sandy Stoops, Sharon Moore, Diane Moore, Chris Munson, Dixie Miller, Donna McNitt, Debbie Armstrong, Julie Balcom, Denise Ransier, Laurie Rich, Kathy Rutan, and Joyce Wells.



One of the 8th grade cheerleading teams; back row, Diane Thomas and Kathy Herren; front row, Tierney Oakley, Natalee Jackson and Annette Cox.