



## Home Ec Girls Send Vets Cookies

The home ec girls decorated 55 dozen cookies to send to the Veterans Hospital in Iowa City. A note of thanks was received December 7 from Mrs. Robert W. Dunham saying, "Our sincere thanks to all for the very attractive cookies which you prepared for the patients. They do much to make this special holiday a happy one for our hospitalized veterans."

## Christmas Dance Held Friday

The Christmas dance was held Friday, December 17, from 3:30 to 5:15. We chose "Expedition 70" to play for us. We had quite a turn-out with about 225 students attending the dance. Santa Claus appeared with treats for good boys and girls. A committee of mothers served refreshments. The gym was decorated with the tree and Christmas decorations.

## Library is Festive

The Christmas spirit came to the library on December 7 when student librarians decorated the library. There is a Christmas tree in the corner, a Santa Claus by

the door, and stencils on the windows. On the other door there is a tree wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, signed by all the student librarians.

Games started off the Library club party December 9. Then the students went over to the waste basket full of presents and each picked one. Refreshments brought the successful party to a close.

## Letter to SANTA

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope you are well, because I am not. I have just survived about 14 gueling weeks of school here at C.B. Vernon Jr. High, and I need help. Badly. I will be happy to see the items on the enclosed list delivered to the designated people on Christmas Eve.

1. Please send me approximately 500 sheets of graph paper for science. I promise you I'll use them all

2. I would also like a saw that cuts straight. There isn't a single saw in the shop that cuts evenly.

3. Please give to Mrs. Simpson a coffee cup which will automatically heat, blend and brew a cup of coffee.

4. If you have any extras, please send Mrs. Taylor a one-year's supply of easy math worksheets.

5. A set of about 50 reclining easy chairs for the study hall would be greatly appreciated by all the students.

6. Please bring the cooks lots of lasagna and many egg salad sandwiches.

7. Please send Mr. Fowler a ping pong paddle with a hole in it, so more of the students will have a chance to beat him.

8. Please send the student council a freezer which will never get warm inside.

Yours truly,

P.S. I am very sorry I have neither the time nor the money to treat you and your reindeer to a fine snack, but feel free to help yourself to any spinach you may find in the kitchen.

## Christmas Musical Held At Vernon

C.B. Vernon Jr. High held its annual Christmas musical December 13, 1971, at 7:30 in the boys gym. Over 600 people enjoyed the concert.

Mr. Drake directed the three choirs of students who sang. The first choir who sang were the seventh grade chorus. They presented two numbers, "Pat-a-pam" and "The Twelve Days of Christmas". The girls glee club sang, "Noel, Noel, Noel" and "Do You Hear What I Hear?" This group includes both seventh and eighth grade girls. The honor chorus of eighth grade boys and girls

sang "Carol of the Bells", "How Far Is It To Bethlehem?" and "Deck the Hut with Coconut". The three groups include approximately 150 students.

The concert band under the direction of Mr. Shultz concluded the program with seven numbers. These included, "Sunburst", "Variation Overture", "Edelweiss", "Pan American", and the Christmas selections "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus", "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer", and "I'll Be Home for Christmas". There are 67 students in the band.

## Christmas Concert



The Honor Chorus of eighth graders sings at the Christmas concert.



Girls Glee Club members and Mr. Drake receive applause after their numbers at the Christmas concert.



The Seventh Grade Chorus takes a bow at the Christmas concert.



The band, under the direction of Mr. Shultz, performs at the Christmas concert.

## We asked. . . They answered. . .

### WE ASKED -- THEY ANSWERED

We asked, "What do you WANT for Christmas?"

They answered:

Sheryl Cole--a toboggan  
April Winch--a trampoline  
Liz Maxey--a baby brother  
Louise White--a tape recorder  
Denise Ransier--a St. Bernard and a horse  
Connie Coleman--a horse  
Jeane Hutchins--a set of Christmas lights that work

Renee McElree--a teddy bear  
Denise Culbertson--good grades  
Mary Laschankzy--a new brother

We asked, "What do you think you'll get for Christmas?"

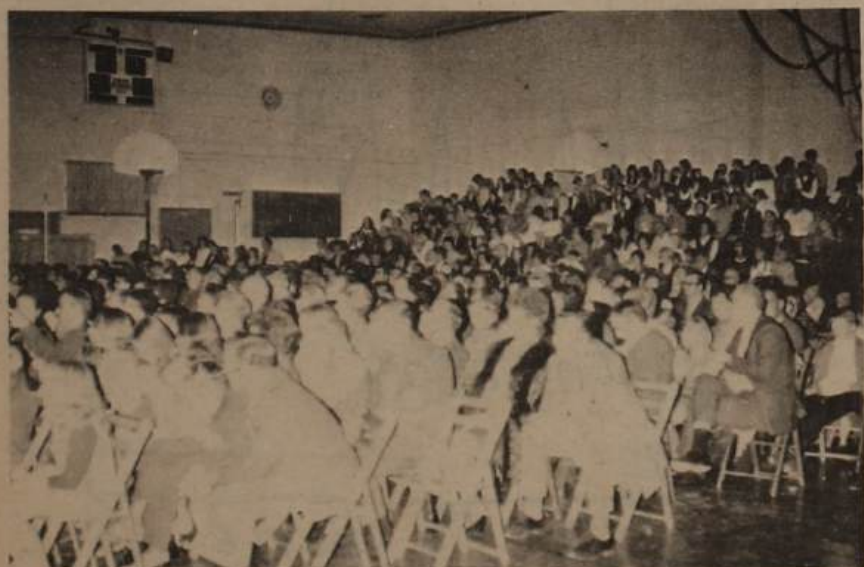
They answered:  
Lawson Cummins--the Union Pacific Railroad  
Sandy Nielsen--a muzzle  
Rick Floyd--a ping-pong table  
Russ Rae--a mini-trail

Darrell Jencks--a race set  
Dana Long--purple hip-huggers  
Laurie Rich--a rotten apple  
Lesta Moyer--a Charlie Weaver doll  
Dixie Miller--a telescope  
Pat Offerman--roller skates  
Mike Yaus--a Phyllis Diller dart board

We asked the faculty members, "What are you going to do over Christmas vacation?"

They answered:

Mrs. Swanson--We're going to Nebraska to visit relatives.  
Mr. Vaske--Visit relatives, eat a lot, and take it easy.  
Mrs. Simpson--I'm going to stay home. My family is going to visit.  
My family is going to visit me.  
Mrs. Larson--We'll go visit both grandmothers for three days.  
Mrs. Dunn--I'm going to stay home. My family will be there.



This shows part of the crowd of 600 who attended the Christmas concert.

# Home Ec Playday Observed



HOME EC PLAYDAY -- From left, Sandy Stoos, Janet McKinzie, Pam Siefkin, and Laurie Johnson.



Home ec students Chris Horner, Marsha Milbach and Dana Jeffrey supervise individual play at the home ec playday.



Students pictured caring for pre-schoolers at one session of the home ec playday include: Candy Hobbs, Barb Hemmingsen, and Joyce Wells on the floor and Laurie Rich on the bench.



Sandy Stoos tells a story at the home ec playday.

Approximately 80 children aged two and a half to five years participated in the annual home ec playday which concludes the child care unit. Each girl was asked to bring a guest, and each class had from twelve to eighteen children on December 2.

Before the children came, students were assigned in groups of five to be in charge of songs, games, stories, puppet shows, or individual play.

Songs that were used included "Where is Thumbkin?", "The Turtle", "Ten Little Indians", "The Itsy-Bitsy Spider", and "The Bunny". The children also enjoyed playing such games as Farmer in the Dell, Ring Around the Rosey, and London Bridge. Stories were also popular, and the plays and puppet shows about a witch who put Santa to sleep and about a lion and a bunny were very good.



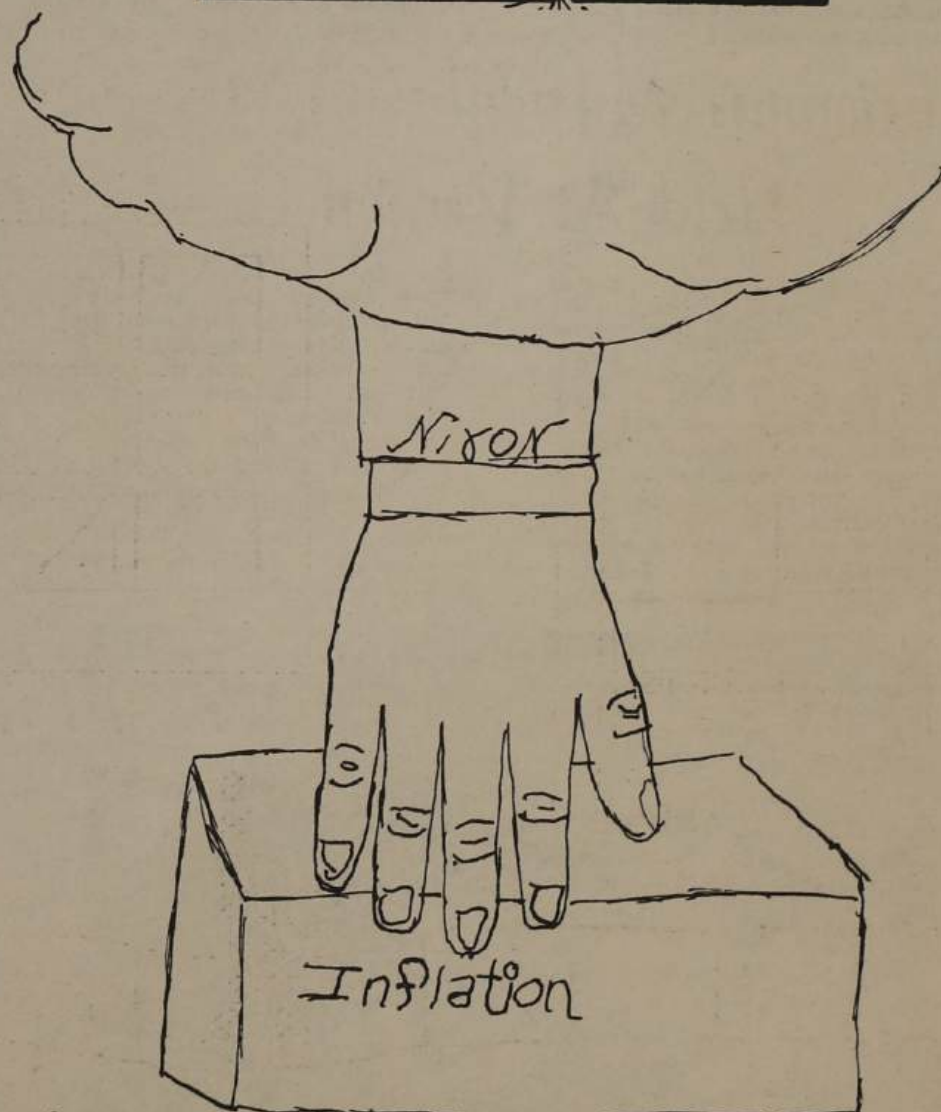
Jeri Brekke admires some art work at the home ec playday.

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday from the Messenger staff and Camera Club!

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Can He Keep the lid down? LARRY E.

One of the editorial cartoons drawn by eighth grade social studies students. This one is by Larry Eckstein.

# Science Students at Work



Seventh grade science students Sue Atwater, Kristy Dutton and Leigh Larson measure the energy in an almond.



Seventh grade science students do an investigation on calories. Boys at the table are Greg Van Gorp, Jim Wilkinson, and Eric Bretthauer. Carol Anderson observes and Mrs. Wendel is in the background.

## Bowling Results For GRA Playday

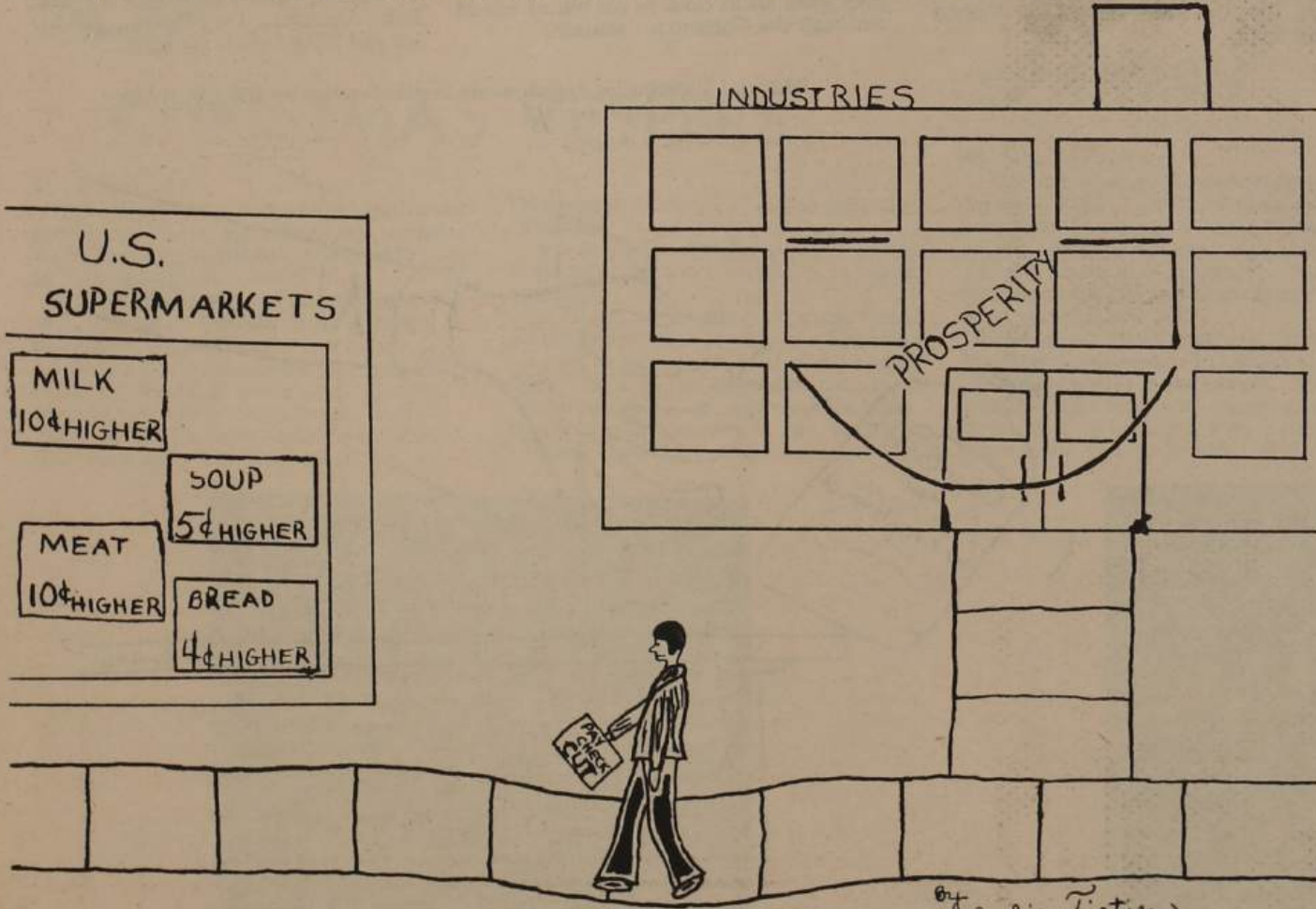
The Wamac bowling playday for GRA members placings were as follows: Kathy Allen, Yvonne Pitzen, Kris Schone, Missy McGowan, Joanne Brokaw, Cindy Luebbert, Patti Tharp, Denise Culbertson, Leann Hinker, and Twila Berg.

GRA girls have been conducting bake sales on the days of wrestling meets and basketball games. Sales have totaled \$23.25, \$18.40, \$13.09, \$19.30 and \$18.09. The red-and-gold day on December 16 was sponsored by GRA.

### EDITORIAL CARTOON

Editorial cartoon for eighth grade social studies drawn by Julie Tietjen

"I'M SURE GLAD THAT WAGE PRICE FREEZE WENT INTO EFFECT!"



by Julie Tietjen  
8th Grade  
C.B. Vernon Jr. H.



Ank Kleis, left and David Kincheloe, right. David's oil painting created as part of the noon art program planned during the first quarter.



Leigh Larson and Cheryl Lewis presented a puppet play entitled "Achilles' Heel" for their project in Mrs. Wendel's seventh grade language arts class. The project concluded the mythology unit.

### EDITORIALS. . .

## Why Are You in School?

To some that may seem a stupid question, but I'm sure there are others who sometimes really stop and wonder. Why study the solar system? Why learn how to work with decimals? Why learn about Stonewall Jackson? Why trouble yourself about quotation marks and hyphens?

The reason is simple. If you drop out of school, you're going to enter a world which doesn't care what happens to you. What do you do? You could go to college, but you'll have a tough time getting in without a high school diploma. You can't stay with your parents forever. And you certainly don't want to sit and twiddle your thumbs for the rest of your life, do you? You may get a job, but you're not smart enough to work your way up, so you won't last long. So there it is; a long, dark road lies ahead, with nothing to look forward to.

Now consider the difference. You've stuck with it, and you have now graduated from high school. Your chances of getting a job even at this point are far greater than before. But that's not all. For now you can go on to college or trade school and broaden out on your fields of interest. Using your new knowledge will help you get a job you'll probably have for a long time.

Consider it, now. Which path would you rather follow? Thinking of dropping out of school? DON'T!!!

## Pollution Problem Big

To me, wars are a big problem, but pollution is even a bigger one. If we don't do something about it pretty soon, we might die from it. Today almost everything we do, we are polluting. If you burn paper, ride in your car, or even smoke cigarettes, you're polluting. There's also a lot of pollution in our own community with factories and businesses.

There are a few things in this world I don't understand why people do them. For example, one thing is why do they have to blow up a hydrogen bomb someplace just to see what it could do? That creates a lot of pollution.

Now you know what I think about pollution, do you know any way to cut it down or get rid of it? There are things being done about it, but they are not enough. What are your opinions?

## Woodworking in Industrial Arts

Woodworking has been the first order of procedure in industrial arts. The first thing that the boys are making is a card holder, which can be made of walnut, mahogany or oak. When finished with the card holder, there are many other things you can make, such as gun racks, paper towel holders, magazine racks, bird houses, cutting boards, wall shelves, and candle holders. Also, Mr. Cahalan has given demonstrations on the lathe, jigsaw, band saw and drill press.

Next May there will be an Industrial Arts Fair at the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls. Mr. Cahalan and between 8 and 10 students will make the trip. So far the projects have been mostly drawings.



Industrial arts boys at work: Bruce Hucker, front, and Steve Crowley, back.

## Initiation Held For Athletic Club Members

On Wednesday, November 17, the annual Athletic club initiation was held. For the initiation, the boys had to dress up in women's clothes, get their hair greased back by the eighth grade lettermen, and put on shows during the two lunch hours. Twenty-seven boys were initiated.

## Girls 'A' & 'B' Squads Start Season With Bang

The first ball game played by the seventh grade basketball team was at Manchester on November 22. The "B" squad lost by 7 points, making the score Manchester 25-Marion 18. The "A" squad played a two-minute overtime and won the game 50-48.

The eighth grade girls basketball season started off with a bang with the game with Manchester. The "A" squad played first and accumulated a 52 point score to Manchester's 30 points. Karen Williamson, our hot shooter, scored 30 points herself, making her own total the same as Manchester's total. The "B" squad also won with a score of 28-14. High scorer in this game was Yvonne Pitzzen.

On November 29 the seventh grade "A" squad played against Monticello and won 32-22. Laurie Klein was high point scorer. The eighth graders lost in an overtime game, 46-43. Coach Brainard said Chris Homer played very well and the guards played good defense. He also added that Monticello was very fast and the best team they have played so far this year.

Both Marion's seventh grade teams lost to Linn-Mar on December 7. The "B" squad score was 34-14 and the "A" squad score was 19-16. Klein, Payton, Vernon, and other saved the game by making points and getting interceptions. At this point, Linn-Mar is undefeated but we will play them again the 21st, the last game of our season.

The eighth grade girls defeated Monticello 41-37 on the home court Tuesday, December 14.



From the back, Rick Davis, Mike Jones, Tony Jensen and Kelly Mulford work on industrial arts projects.

## Mrs. Jacobs: Taken-For-Granted

A "behind-the-scenes and much-taken-for-granted" person in our building is Mrs. Jacobs, the school secretary. She does such varied jobs as taking care of daily attendance records, answering phone calls, caring for lost and found, signing passes and admit slips, duplicating materials, and "anything else Mr. Fowler tells me to."

Mrs. Jacobs has been a secretary a total of nine years. Six of those years have been at dear old Vernon. The reason she picked Vernon is that she used to be at Lincoln and just transferred. The most interesting part of her job, she says, is "the students; they're all different".

Mrs. Jacobs has two daughters, one in Minnesota and one going to Kirkwood. She also has two granddaughters.

Let's give three cheers for Mrs. Jacobs.

## New Secretary Mrs. Grimm

Mrs. Mary Grimm, the new secretary in the office here at Vernon Jr. High, has been a secretary for 12 years. She says she is sure she is going to enjoy being secretary at C.B. Vernon. She was secretary at the city hall for 12 years, working for Mrs. Taylor's husband.

I asked Mrs. Grimm if she thought being a secretary is fun, and she simply replied, "Yes." She said being a secretary isn't hard very often.

Mrs. Grimm has three children, aged 7, 8, and 9. Her husband works at Merchants National Bank. Mrs. Grimm has lived in Marion for most of her life.

Mrs. Grimm, welcome to C.B. Vernon Junior High.

## Mrs. Swanson Toured Italy

Mrs. Swanson, C.B. Vernon's study hall supervisor, has recently taken a trip to Rome, Italy. She and her husband left from Atlanta, Georgia, and flew to Bangor, Maine, across the North Atlantic, Scotland, England, France, Switzerland, and into Rome.

In Rome they saw the historic sites, the Colosseum, St. Peter's Square, St. Paul's and the Forum. They toured the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel where they saw the Pieta by Michelangelo. They went to the Villa D'Este north of Rome and on to Tivoli to see Emperor Hadrian's villa. On their way they stopped in Ireland. She said Ireland is truly emerald green.

They were gone 8 days and traveled over 16,000 miles by plane. They also used tour buses and they thoroughly enjoyed riding in horse-drawn carriages in Rome. They really enjoyed their trip, but she remarked that now that she was back to Iowa it seems like a dream.

## Musical Assembly Held Dec. 22

An assembly was held here on December 22. The main subject of the program was musical. Honor chorus, girls glee, and mixed chorus participated in it along with the band. Everyone enjoyed it, but they were all anxious to get out of school and start the Christmas vacation.

## Council Has Problem

The student council has been hard at work these past weeks on one big problem, the ice cream freezer. Evidently someone unplugged the freezer over the Thanksgiving weekend. We lost about \$70 worth of ice cream. Student Council members cleaned out the freezer, and students went without ice cream sales for nearly a week. The council president, Bruce Hucker, checks the plug every night to make sure it is plugged in.

## Squads Rack Up Victories

The "A" and "B" squads of the eighth grade racked up two victories over Linn-Mar on December 7. In the "A" game the final score was Marion 47 to their 19. Pouring in buckets for the Indians were Karen Williamson with 18 points and Shelley Jacobs with 15. Chris Horner provided 12 points and Pat Tharp 2.

The "B" squad's final score was 22-11. Leading the Indians to victory were Yvonne Pitzzen and Kathy Ryan, each with 5 points. Sue Wells, Natalee Jackson, Nancy Fye, Barb Miller, and Joni Blommers also scored.

The second time around the seventh grade girls lost to Monticello 33-29. High scorers were Laurie Klein, Gina Vernon, and Julie Schreiner. The defense was played well with Diane Dolinger, Sandra Mahoney, Lynn Thomas, and Nancy Hicks doing a good job.

## Wrestlers Get Third Win Of Season

On November 23, Marion won its third meet of the season by defeating Monticello 72-55. The "King Pin" of the week went to Mark Bush who pinned his opponent in 48 seconds and who was followed closely by Mike Jones who pinned his man in 49 seconds. The other pinners are Pat Jones, John Arjes, and Tony Jensen. Wrestlers who won by decision were Randy Danford, Kelly Smith, Tim Ford, Randy Hutchins, Jerry Goehring, Brad Ciha, Terry Bruring, Jim Boyd, Troy Hames, John Murdoch, and Bart Wagner. Jay Hebert and Perry Anderson tied their opponents.

On December 9 the Vernon matmen traveled to meet Prairie on their own grounds, and they were beaten 37-11. Registering wins were Perry Anderson with the only Marion pin in 1:41 and Jim Boyd and Troy Hames who tied.

The wrestling squad goes into its last wrestling meet with a 3-3 record after a loss to Linn-Mar December 16, 48-45. Brad Ciha and Brian Hoffa both recorded falls for the team with Dan Ford Ty Payton, Mike Jones, Bart Wagner, Perry Anderson, Troy Hames, Bob Stiles and Mike Orness winning.

Editorial Cartoon for eighth grade Social Studies by Mike Durivage

