

The VERNON JUNIOR HIGH MESSENGER

Seventh Graders Present 'Say Uncle'

The seventh grade division of dramatics club, under the direction of Mr. Miller, presented the play, "Say Uncle", for the public January 13 at 7:30 p.m. and again January 14 for the student body in an assembly.

The play was a comedy about an important moment in Betty Lou Maxwell's life. Her teacher, Miss Burke, is coming for dinner. But Papa Maxwell has a deer-hunting trip planned. After he leaves, George Smith, Mrs. Maxwell's old boyfriend, pays a visit and takes Mr. Maxwell's place for the evening. Mr. Maxwell returns unexpectedly, and the sparks fly!

Cast members included Mark Ricklefs

as Mr. Maxwell, Kim Parman as Mrs. Maxwell, Pat Lynch as fifteen-year-old Betty Lou, Laurie Klein as Connie and Steve Hatcher as Wilbur. Scot Williams played George Smith and Jeane Hutchins played Miss Burke.

Michelle Fluckiger was the announcer and Terry Carter acted as stage manager. The make-up crew included Cindy Luebert, Ondrea Fowler, Beth Edwards, Carrie Welsh, and Diane Henderson. The prompter's duties were performed by Keri Peterson; Sheryl Feddern and Terry Milburn were in charge of programs; and Wendy Sumner and Tracy Rich were understudies for the girls.

Here & There Around VJHS

The student council is planning on having a dance in March.

On Wednesday, January 12, all students were dismissed at 2 p.m. so the teachers could meet for the second Re-Structure Day to discuss the reading program and individualization.

Eighth grade social studies classes are studying the westward movement. Each student chose a project. Some people brought covered wagons, ghost towns, clothes, beds, trains, mines, and telegraph systems.

Seventh grade science students are in a self-paced study on the human nervous system, plant growth, and the human hormonal system.

Noon art students, all eighth graders, are finishing their work on clay heads, red-clay dishes, macrame belts and other ceramic and craft projects.

Seventh graders who are reading the novel, "Call It Courage" have found it interesting to compare with the voyage shown in the feature film, "The RA Expeditions."

Co-ed volleyball was the feature for two weeks in the phys. ed. classes. Now the girls will be in a gymnastics unit, studying the apparatus and doing floor exercise before using the vaulting horse, balance beam, uneven parallel bars and the trampoline.

Seventh graders are finishing an art unit on color which involved water color, tempera painting, pastels, and work with colored tissue paper.

We Asked . .

"Why do you like slooch?"

They answered---

Joanne Brokaw--'Cause it's pretty.
Mrs. Zoerink--Who said I did?
Mrs. Swanson--It's the IN thing to do!
Kathy Rutan--Wouldn't you like to know?
Terri Larsen--Because it puts me in a good mood for smart answers!
Cheryl Joice--Don't like it. I hate it.
Cindy Dahlhauser--I hate it.
Sandy Nielsen--'Cause my dog likes it.
(Slooch is scrambled school.)

We Asked. . .

"What's the best book you're read lately?"

They Answered...

Jay Hebert--"The Man With the Golden Gun"
Mike Durivage--"Playboy Yearbook"
Dave Moulds--"Model Railroader"
Dave Bond--"Amateur Radio Handbook"
Terri McKern, "Goodbye, My Lady"
Lyn Schlotterback--"That Dam Cat"
Doug Downey--"Moon Raker"
Jim Loes--"Playboy International"
Jim Harford--"Man in the Green Beret"
Bruce Hucker--"Ulysses S. Grant"

FUN NIGHT

On the night of January 17th there were four basketball games. One set the seventh grade girls against their mothers; another one was with the seventh grade boys against their fathers. Then the eighth grade girls played against their mothers, and then there was a game with the eighth grade boys against their father.

The girls won their games by the scores of 11-8 for the seventh graders and 22-18 for the eighth graders. The girls seem to be better than the boys, for the boys lost all of their games by the scores of 12-36 for seventh graders and 23-30 for the eighth graders.

Thirty-eight mother-and-daughter pairs signed up to play and twenty-nine pairs of fathers and sons played.

Band Contest

Vernon Junior High band members will be taking an active part in the annual band contest coming up February 19. The contest will be held at either Independence or Monticello, depending upon which site is chosen. Approximately 83 Marion students in grades 6 through 9 will be competing in both solo and small group categories. The sponsoring group is the Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association.

Mrs. Zoerink Is Leaving

After talking with Mrs. Zoerink, our librarian, I found out what she was going to do with herself after she leaves C.B. Vernon. "I'm going to stay home and take care of the family; my husband, baby, and myself."

Mrs. Zoerink really enjoys working with junior high age students. She added, "I want to tell all the students and teachers that they have made my five and a half years here at VJHS very enjoyable and I will miss them all."

Everyone well knows that Mrs. Zoerink is about the most-loved teacher in the whole school, so let's hear it for Mrs. Zoerink!!!



Tom Parman and Rick Davis do an Indian dance as their social studies project in the westward movement unit.

PLAY CAST



Library Club

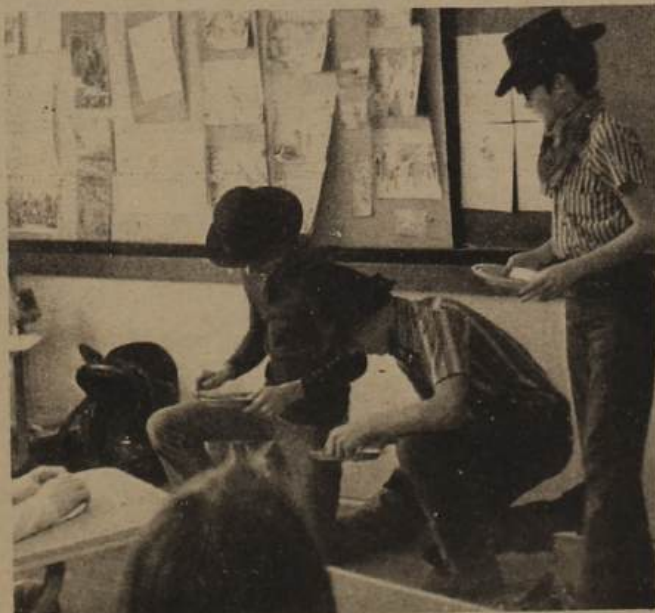
Library promotion pins are for sale in the library. They include such sayings as "I'm for books" and "Be all you can be; read". They are 5¢ and 10¢ each.

January 24 was the date when the new library work schedule takes place. Since study halls change, the schedule must change also.

On the 21st of January Mrs. Zoerink left Vernon Junior High, and I am sure we will all miss her. I'm sure though, that we will welcome Miss Sloth, who will be taking her place as librarian.

Hospital Volunteers

The people who will be 14 by April 1, 1972, can work at St. Luke's Hospital. The girls are called Peppermint Kids and the boys Explorers. They can work many places, such as: physical therapy, information desk, pediatrics, hospital librarian, occupational therapy, deliver flowers, hand out menus, pass water, work in labs and other ones. I think they will like working there a lot.



Prospectors looking for gold in the eighth grade social studies room are Reed Martin, Mitch Travis, and Monte Pedersen. This is part of the study of the western movement.

Eighth Grade Science Club

At the last Eighth Grade Science Club meeting, the club members told Mr. Vaske what they were doing for a fair project. Some projects ranged from working with nocturnal animals to bacteria count in open ditches. Good projects will be shown at the science fair this spring and could win a prize.

Shultz Named State Director

Mr. George Shultz, the band director at Vernon Junior High, has been appointed state director representing the Universal Academy for Music in the state of Iowa.

Mr. Shultz and his wife DoLores will serve as section leaders and chaperones to students throughout the concert tour of America's Youth in Concert. Their concert tour is all expenses paid and takes them to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and Carnegie Hall in New York City. They will then fly to Europe for visits to perform in England, Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Italy. The tour is scheduled for the month of July.

Athletic Club

Eighty-five students bought VJHS pins from Athletic club members for \$1.25. Seventh graders bought pins with the year '73 and eighth graders pins are for '72. This is one of the main projects for the Athletic Club members.

Science Club

For the next two months the Seventh Science club will be dissecting earthworms. In the second month they will be studying behavior patterns. All the projects have been successful. Mr. Barrow, club sponsor, feels the students must enjoy the projects for they keep coming back. The next meeting will be Feb. 21 and anyone who would like to attend may come.



The banana "tree" isn't a tree at all, but a plant.



BOYS BASKETBALL

Vernon Jr. High eighth graders started out the basketball season January 13 with a 56-40 victory over Monticello in the Indian's gym. Marion took an early lead and never lost it. John Murdoch and Mitch Travis led a balanced scoring attack with 12 and 10 points respectively. Other scorers were Tony Jensen with 9, Jeff Stolze 8, Reed Martin 6, Brian Kiburz, 4, John Wicke 3, Brian Bennett, Brad Ciha and Bart Wagner with 2 each.

On the same night the seventh grade A squad demolished Monticello 44-14 at Monticello. Kevin Lamphier and Kevin Techau led scoring with 10 points apiece. Bob Lane and Mike Wheeler ended up with 5 and 7 points and pulled off some key plays. Greg Bice had 4 points.

The eighth grade A squad suffered their first defeat of the season to Tipton on

January 18th at Tipton. The Indians' record is now 1-1. Vernon started out the game scoring only 5 points in the first quarter to Tipton's 16 and could never close the gap. The Indians got within 4 points in the closing minutes of the game but they couldn't pull it out. Brian Bennett paced Marion with 14 points while Jeff Stolze was close behind with 11. Other Vernon scorers were Mitch Travis with 7 points, John Murdoch 5, Reed Martin 3, Perry Anderson 2, and Brian Kiburz 2. Harden led Tipton's attack with 28 points.

In the seventh grade game with Tipton on the 20th, the A squad score was 33-37 in favor of Tipton. We lost, but it still was an exciting game. The B squad was very good with a score of 35-15, this time in our favor.



Editorial

As the first semester draws to an end, I think it's time to think about what needs to be improved for next semester. This may include things like better grades, more respect for everyone, and everything. You're the one that knows whether or not you need improvement in these areas or not, and you're the one who has to do it, and you can't go running to your mommy for help either.

Think about it and maybe you'll come up with more suggestions for more improvements.



GRA Activities

Nine girls participated in the basketball playday at Vinton on January 8. Patti Tharp and Jeane Hutchins were on the team that placed second. The next playday is at Manchester on February 5 and will be for volleyball.

The eighth grade homerooms finished their volleyball tournament on January 20. Seventh grade teams continued their play into the week of the 24th.

Free throw contest was conducted before school during the week of January 24.

Girls Gymnastics

Gymnastics for girls started January 25th. It is for any girl in seventh or eighth grade. Practice will be every night after school.

Films on gymnastics have been shown at the high school for all girls interested. GRA is going to a playday for gymnastics and everyone has a chance to go.



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