

# The VERNON JUNIOR HIGH MESSENGER

## Here And There In VJHS

All of the eighth grade girls are sewing. The girls could pick any pattern they wanted to do as long as it wasn't too hard for them. By the end of March there will be a variety of new clothes--from dresses to hotpants to bodysuits to slacks.

"The Story of the West" was presented by Vernon students to kindergarten and third graders of Washington Elementary School on March 16. They showed their social studies projects and explained them. Those who participated include Sue Ryan, Tierney Oakley, Pat Peterson, Tom Parman, Rick Davis, John Hunt, and Kevin Lurth.

The study of jazz is occupying seventh grade music classes. Besides singing themselves, students choose a top ten records.

A number of eighth graders found that they could write rather good poetry during the Enjoying Poetry unit in language arts.



CONRAD JOHNSON

On March 7 the eighth grade science classes heard Conrad Johnson of WMT. He explained different types of weather and discussed tornadoes in more detail. The presentation was recorded on videotape.

Have you ever wondered why you look the way you do? Seventh grade scientists have discovered that genetics has a good deal to do with it, so don't blame it all on the wrong hair spray.

## WE ASKED... THEY ANSWERED...

We asked, "If you could be any teacher in this school, who would you like to be, and why?"

They answered:

Diane Henderson--Mr. Meggers, because he's so easily liked.

Bruce Hoag--Mr. Gaede, because I like art.

Kelli Craft--Mr. Barrow. He's different.

Kyle Gaddie--Mrs. Swanson, because she has it easy.

Pam Painter--Mr. Barrow. He's different in his work.

Alan Buwalda--Mr. Drake, because he's young.

Lynn Gagliardi--Mr. Drake, because he's a lot of fun.

Gina Vernon--Mr. Campbell, because sometimes he's funny.

Troy Hames--Mr. Barrow, because my sister has a crush on him.

Susan Hahn--Mr. Meggers, because you can kid around with him.

Jerry Goehring--Mr. Meggers, because he cracks good jokes.

Kathy Harford--Mr. Barrow, so I could cut up things.

LaNell Mather--Mr. Meggers. He's nice.

Larry Dimple--Mr. Gaede, because I like to squish clay.

They answered:

Reed Martin--scoring two points for Tipton.

Mitch Travis--Watching Reed score the two points for Tipton.

Bart Wagner--Kicking the Anamosa football players.

Brian Bennett--Carrying Anamosa football players off the field.

Jeff Stolze--Stepping on Mr. Taylor's arm during the faculty game.

Perry Anderson--Dropping my contacts on the floor during games.

Bruce Hucker--Telling on Mark B. for going through the chorus line.

Curt McMillen--Watching kids plastering the ceiling with spit wads.

John Wicke--Growing an inch.

Linnie Vinson--The hot lunches. (That's what kind of year it's been!)

Mrs. Larson--Getting to know these students better.

Pat Tharp--Watching Mark getting in trouble in science and writing 4,000 words.

### INITIATION

Seventeen boys who had lettered in basketball and wrestling were initiated into Athletic Club March 15. The new lettermen have to dress up like girls and walk through the lunch room while the students are eating.



Karen Williamson

## Two Plays Chosen By Eighth Grade

If you hear some loud exuberant voices from Room 207, it's the eighth graders in play practice. First the eighth grade members got together and chose two plays, -- "Run, Robber, Run" and "Couldn't I Kiss You Goodnight?"

Then try-outs were held, with 10 girls and six boys in attendance. Mr. Miller and Mr. Gaede chose these people for "Run, Robber, Run": Mr. Alder--Brad Ciha, Spider--John Wicke, Otto--Ken Thompson, Mrs. Prudhomme--Pat Swearingen, Sally--Tammy Cerney, Gail--Chris Horner, Carol--Patti Tharp, Jeanne--Kim Flugga, Colt Winchester--Jim Hinton and Linda--Jeri Brekke.

The cast of "Couldn't I Kiss You Goodnight?" includes: Mrs. Anderson--Yvonne Pitzon, Mr. Anderson--Tom Parman, Paul--Terry Maginnis, Jane--Wendy Wolmutt, and Mary--Julie Balcom.

These plays will be presented three times each during the first two weeks in April.

Other crew members are stage crew--Mike Yaus; make-up--Leslie Andersen and LeAnn Hinker; and announcer--Micki Mead.

"Run, Robber, Run" is about two safe-crackers, Spider and Otto. They are busily engaged in trying to crack a safe in what seems to be a rich mansion. They find out they have stumbled into the exclusive Caldwell School for Girls. The headmistress mistakes Otto for a new professor and Spider for a stableboy. In comes Colt Winchester, the cowboy hero, and almost spoils everything.

"Couldn't I Kiss You Goodnight?" develops this way. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are worried about their daughter Jane, out on a date with a new boy, Paul. It all starts when Mrs. Anderson reads something about juvenile delinquency in a magazine. The parents are relieved when they get home safely. But should they be? Maybe you should peek into the living room and find out for yourself.

Eighth grade Dramatics Club members will handle lighting, set, prompting, make-up and programs as well as the acting.

## Parade of Bands Presented

A Parade of Bands was presented Tuesday, March 28, at 7:15 in the C.B. Vernon gym.

The program opened with the Fifth Grade Band of 59 members playing several short pieces for their first concert.

The 55 member Sixth Grade Band followed with several selections.

The Junior High Band and small groups closed the concert. Ensembles which performed included two flute trios, a clarinet quartet, and a cornet quartet. The band will play "Night Flight", a march; "Little Dance Suite"; "Highlights from The Music Man"; "Smaria"; "Highlights from Mary Poppins"; and "Minuteman", a concert march.

## Five Enter Science Fair

On March 25-26 five students from C.B. Vernon went to the Eastern Iowa Science Fair, held in the Coe Field House in Cedar Rapids.

There is no major prize at this level science fair except a trip to the national fair where there will be awarded scholarships and trophies.

The five people included David Nash, doing a project on growing animal tissue; Rick Davis, with a photo survey on Marion's environmental problems; Bruce Hucker, a bacteria count in Marion ditches; Tim Burkhart, a project on the effects of atmospheric conditions on radio reception; and Pat Swearingen, with a project on whether excising seeds improves germination.

## Like To Play Hookey?

Got that itching to get outside and play a little baseball? Fell like skipping school for a day and going outside and goofing off? Feel like jumping up and knocking a few golf balls around the yard? These feelings are what are commonly called spring fever. They come about the end of March and are quite hard to hold inside of you until school lets out.

So--if you get these feelings during the first through sixth hours, just count to a thousand and wait---

Oh, if only there wasn't school to hold you in ! ! ! !



CARRIE WELSH



LAURIE KLEIN



VICKIE STAEBLER

## Gymnasts At Tipton

Saturday, March 18, was the girls' Wa-Mac Gymnastics playday at Tipton.

These seventh grade girls went: Vickie Staebler, Carrie Welsh, Barb Garcia, Michele Hall, Laurie Klein, Lyn Thomas, Denise Culbertson, and Cindy Luebert.

Eighth graders who participated were Pat Offerman, Laurie Johnson, Rhonda Salven, Karen Williamson, Diane Thomas, and Missy McGowan.

As a result of the trip the girls might have met some future competition learned new stunts, and had lots of fun.

At the end of the gymnastic season the points were totaled and the home room rankings were announced. Seventh grade winners were Homeroom 208 with 36.8; 310 with 23.1; 206 with 18.02; 306 with 12.02; 308 with 11.8; and 309 with 10.8.

The ratings in eighth grade homerooms were as follows: 114 with 20.9; 129 with 19.8; and 119 and 125 each with 12.5.

## EDITORIAL

I don't know about you, but I've certainly been hearing a lot about our polluted world and chances are, you have too. But most of us haven't done too much about it.

Where do I start? Will my small part do any good? Well, look at the environment around you. Could it use a helping hand? Probably the answer is "Yes!"

You can start here at C.B. Vernon Jr. High, a place which is as much a part of your daily life as home. Why not make it a more enjoyable stay? The next time you clean out your locker or throw away a no-longer-needed paper, use one of the waste bins distributed through the halls. Remember, a clean environment makes a better place to live.

At the dances I think the records are a good thing. I feel that the boys should start asking the girls to dance. They shouldn't be chickens, and the girls shouldn't be chickens. I feel that would make the dance more fun. I think boys should wear ties to the dances.

# FACULTY VS. EIGHTH GRADE



Another point for the faculty with Mr. Miller at the free throw line.

On March 9 there was a basketball game in the Vernon gym, but this was not an ordinary basketball game. It was the faculty against the eighth grade A squad basketball team. The faculty, winning for its 9th straight time against no losses, beat the eighth graders 62-51.

A large and enthusiastic crowd watched the eighth graders play a close game through the third quarter. Eighth grade energy seemed to be quite a match for the height and experience advantage of the faculty.

Mr. Fowler led the scoring for the faculty with 19 points. Mr. Ebertsch and Mr. Taylor followed with 13 and 12 points respectively. High scorers for the eighth grade were Mitch Travis and John Murdoch with 11 points each.

## Present Letters At Vernon J.H.

Students who earned basketball awards this year include the following:

Seventh grade letter and certificate winners are:

Jim Anderson, Greg Bice, Terry Bruring, Gaylen Caylor, Larry Dippel, Brian Donohoe, Brian Hoffa, Larry Klein, Marty Klingler, Kevin Lamphier, Bob Lane, Bob McDougall, Kevin McKenna, Mike Morgan, Todd Pedersen, Jim Roth, Kevin Techau, Steve Trimpold, Don Walton, Ken Weltha, Mike Wheeler, Dave Witte, Manager, Tony Hefel.

Certificates to seventh graders:

Greg Alderson, Steve Anderson, Vern Balster, Cliff Barker, Scott Berry, Russ Blumer, Eric Bretthauer, William Carr, Don Carsner, Ray Connor, Tim Cornwell, Randy Danford, Keith Davis, Dan Ford, Tim Ford, Troy Hames, Scott Hartman, Steve Hicks, Bill Joseph, Roger Long, Tim McCracken, Joe McElligott, Mike Orness, Barrie Oxley, Tom Pospisil, Scott Rathje, Lynn Schneidermann, Jerry Scott, Dennis Smith, Jim Welch.

Eighth grade letter and certificate winners were:

Dick Abbott, Perry Anderson, Brian Bennett, Jim Boyd, Mark Bush, Brad Ciha, Mark Crowley, Steve Crowley, Bill Dolley, Rick Floyd, DeLos Gillespie, Jim Harford, Steve Herreid, Tony Jensen, Brian Kiburz, Ank Kleis,

Richard LeHew, Jay Long, Reed Martin, George Moody, John Murdoch, Monte Pedersen, Don Ransford, Randy Roby, Mike Spain, Jeff Stolze, Mitch Travis, Linnie Vinson, Bart Wagner, John Wicke, Manager, Bruce Hucker.

Certificates only went to:

Paul Begley, Dan Cornwell, Scott Hansen, Dave Kincheloe, Curt McMillen, Tim Mooney, Kelly Mulford, Joe Parker, Tom Parman, Doug Schuster, Ken Thompson, and Howard Worm.

## Library Club Holds Meeting

The recent Library Club meeting held March 19 at 8 a. m. was to find what the student librarians wished to do with the money in their treasury.

It was decided to have a skating party



The student council of Vernon junior high sponsored a St. Patrick's day dance on Friday, March 17. Decorations were in the green theme. Refreshments included pop and doughnuts. About half the student body enjoyed the dance.



Mr. Meggers is on the line for the faculty.

## Assembly Presented

On Friday, March 3, 1972, the students of the C.B. Vernon witnessed an enjoyable assembly program.

Clyde V. Shields was master of ceremonies for "Children of Headhunters". Feature guests were four native Filipinos, three ladies and one gentleman. One of the ladies had been a member of the headhunter tribe, and the audience was given a brief explanation of how she had lived.

Also on the agenda were examples of Philippine customs, handicrafts, costumes, music, and language. Al Hartl and Rich LeHew assisted in demonstrating size differences and modeling rainwear.

## Vocal Groups Plan For May Concert

This year there are three small vocal groups practicing for the May concert and to sing at some other school.

Mostly the mixed small group practices in the morning. The people in this group are Kelly Mulford, Scott Larson, Brad Ciha, Dave Nash, Julie Schultz, Julie DeWoods, Patti Tharp, Chris Horner, Pat Swearingen.

The girls' small group practices after school. The people in this group are Debbie Garcia, Barb Miller, Theresa Godar, Jeane Hutchins, Tami Styles, Diane Jellison, Penny Weaver, Diane Dollinger, Barg Hemmingson, Kathy Lancaster, Michelle Malone, Karla Briles, Cheryl Lewis, Kim Parman, Lynn Gagliardi, Linda Ruggles, Valerie Grishaber, Peggy Kratoska, Carol Anderson, Sheryl Feddem, April Winch.



Basketball action during the regular season

## Wrap-Up On Basketball

On Thursday, March 10, in the last basketball game of the regular season, the eighth grade A squad Indians were beaten by a hustling Linn-Mar team 34-37. This game was played in the Linn-Mar gym.

Marion just couldn't keep pace with the Lions in the first half of the game. The Indians' final effort was gallant, but not enough to top Linn-Mar. Marion scorers were as follows: Tony Jensen--12 points; Brian Bennett--7; John Murdoch--6; Jeff Stolze--2; Brian Kiburz--3, Mark Bush--2; and Reed Martin--2.

In the B game, Marion was again stumped by Linn-Mar with a score of Marion 27, Linn-Mar 45. Points made in this game were Mike Spain--8; Bill Dolley--4; Mark Crowley--4; Don Ransford--4; Jay Long--3; Steve Herreid--2; and George Moody--2.

The eighth graders finished with a better-than-average season this year. The A squad record is 5 wins and 3 losses; the B squad finished with 4 wins and 4 losses. There is much potential on both squads, but a lack of tall players burdens the squad.

On the same day the seventh grade A squad out-hustled their taller crosstown rival by a score of 42-35 in the Vernon gym.

Vernon lead most of the game. Kevin Lamphier was playing by far his best game of the year until he sprained his ankle midway through the second quarter. He finished with 9 points. Kevin McKenna led the scoring with 10 points. Kevin Techau

went in for Lamphier and scored 6. Greg Bice had 7; Dave Witte and Mike Wheeler had 4 each; and Bob Lane had 2.

This game finished a great season for the Little Indians with a 6-2 record.

## I.A. Boys Work With Metal

In the industrial arts classes, the boys are working with metal. They are finishing up a box made of metal. After the box is finished they can make a house sign of metal or of wood.

Mr. Cahalan is calling a meeting for those boys interested in an Industrial Arts Club in the near future.

## Student Volunteers Needed At Mercy

Student volunteers are needed for volunteer work this summer at Mercy hospital in Cedar Rapids. There is a need for both girls and boys to do work in many different areas. Some are only open to second year volunteers, but many are open to all volunteers. Library work, flower delivery, and admissions are only a few of the jobs open.

Applications should be filled out and brought to Sister Mary Georgine, Director of Volunteers at Mercy Hospital any time in March.



Pat Tharp