

The VERNON JUNIOR HIGH MESSENGER

Two Plays Presented

Thursday, April 13, at 7:15 p.m., the two eighth grade plays were presented to the public.

The first play presented was "Run, Robber, Run." The play cast consisted of Ken Thompson, John Wicke, Pat Swearingen, Brad Ciha, Tammy Cerney, Chris Horner, Jim Hinton, Patti Tharp, Kim Flugga and Jeri Brekke. The prompter for this play was Yvonne Pitzen.

The second play presented was "Couldn't I Kiss You Goodnight?" The play cast was Wendy Wolmutt, Terry Maginnis, Yvonne Pitzen, Tom Parman, and Julie Balcom. The prompters were Tammy Cerney and Brad Ciha.

The announcer for both plays was Mickey Mead. The make-up crew for both plays included Leslie Andersen, Leann Hinker, and Micky Mead. The programs were distributed by Julie Balcom. The stage crew was Terry Maginnis, Mike Yaus, Brad Ciha, Tom Parman, Pat Swearingen, Julie Balcom, Doug Downey, and various members of the play casts. The curtains were handled by Doug Downey and Terry Maginnis. Mr. Miller directed both plays.

We had approximately 150 people in attendance at the plays. The students had seen the plays at separate assemblies on April 7 and April 14. They also enjoyed them very much.

Industrial Arts

On Saturday, May 13, eight students from C.B. Vernon will be going to the Industrial Arts Fair to be held in Cedar Falls on the U.N.I. campus.

The people going are Steve Herreid, Ank Kleis, Linnie Vinson, Tim Burkhart, Brian Madeson, Rick Floyd, Russell Rae, and Randy Sheppard.

There will be statewide competition for ribbons and trophies.

EDITORIAL

HI!

My name is kindness and I live in each and everyone of you. But sometimes I have trouble coming out. Why? Because some people won't let me. You see, lately I've felt that some people just won't try to let me out. And I just don't mean at school; I mean all over the world.

You see, kindness isn't what it used to be. I've been around since the beginning of time when people were kind and generous. People are still kind of course, but not in the same way. Well, what I'm trying to say is people aren't as kind as they used to be.

I'll be watching and waiting. Let's see if we can't all be a little kinder.

Sincerely yours,
Kindness

CHORUSES

Choruses and small groups are getting ready for the concert on May 16 in the boys' gym. The honor chorus will sing at Linn-Mar on May 19, and the girls' glee club and seventh grade chorus will sing at Starry on May 23.

Speech Contest

On April 13th and 15th Steve Herreid and Tom Parman participated in an Oratorical Contest. It was sponsored by the Optimist International. The theme of each five-minute speech was "involvement". Steve won a first place trophy and Tom won a third place trophy.



In 1790, there were less than four-million Americans.



Chris Horner "accidentally" hit Brad Ciha in the face with a whipped cream pie in "Run, Robber, Run."



Cast members of "Run, Robber, Run" discuss the party for Colt Winchester. Students are Brad Ciha, Tammy Cerney, Ken Thompson, John Wicke, Patti Tharp, Chris Horner, Jeri Brekke, Pat Swearingen, and Jim Hinton.



Wendy Wolmutt, Yvonne Pitzen, Terry Maginnis and Tom Parman try to solve the problem of juvenile delinquency in "Couldn't I Kiss You Goodnight?"

Charcoal Drawings

The first project for the last quarter of seventh grade art is a charcoal drawing. After all the charcoal drawings are finished, one will be chosen to be hung permanently in the school building. This drawing will be framed and glassed. A tag will be put on the frame giving the name of the student, the title of the picture and the year. The judging will be done by several teachers in the junior high.

Other projects are cartoon heads done in ink wash, stencil painting with sprayed tempera paint, and lettering in different styles. The art classes will be going outside to do some drawing in May.

Counseling

Mr. Steadman has recently been scheduled for counseling with each eighth grade student planning on going to Marion High. Most of the parents were also present at the interview.

Mr. Steadman, the students and the parents discussed what subjects and extra activities the student might want to take in high school.



Tom Parman and Steve Herreid won trophies at the Optimist Oratorical Contest.

Open House Program Planned For Jr. Hi

Tuesday, April 25, was probably the biggest night of the year at C.B. Vernon Junior High as parents and friends toured the building at the annual spring Open House.

At 7:30 Mr. Fowler welcomed the parents in the auditorium. A brief business meeting to elect V.I.P. officers for the coming year was held. Immediately after this, small groups in both vocal and instrumental music departments provided entertainment. There was no set pattern for the tour, and visitors followed their own inclinations. At the close of the evening coffee and punch were served in the auditorium.

In the industrial arts room Mr. Cahalan's classes displayed some of the projects of the year. These included gun racks, house signs, card holders, metal boxes, small electric motors, and drawings.

The art room was another center of great interest. Every aspect of the art work of both seventh and eighth graders was on display, from ceramics to oil paintings, with many unusual items on display.

The posters, sewing projects, and home furnishing items made by the eighth grade home economics girls were also of special interest. The prevalence of the newer knits and other easy-care materials was noted in clothing projects. Of special interest also were toys and games from the child-care unit.

Physical fitness and health education pos-

ters were displayed by the physical education department.

Math rooms displayed geometric figures, free-hand designs, division units, graph projects, and sample units.

Language arts students each prepared a folder of his writing from the year. In addition, seventh grade rooms displayed projects from the mythology and other units. In Mrs. Johnston's room a most attractive display of "Happiness is--" and "Misery is--" posters was on the walls.

Poetry projects and original poetry were featured by other eighth graders.

Social studies units and notebooks could be seen on third floor. Projects depicting features of the western expansion were also popular with visitors.

Science projects again were very impressive. These were in the science rooms and the library as well. Insect and plant collections, and projects related to astronomy, weather and geology showed the visitors the many aspects of investigation carried on by the students.

Miss Sloth arranged a presentation of various careers in one area of the library. Mr. Steadman and Mrs. McGlaughlin were in their offices to visit with those who came.

Several hundred parents and friends helped to make this an outstanding event.

Ping Pong Tournament

Many girls were in the ping pong tournament.

The seventh grade singles results were as follows: champ--Kim Parman, 2nd Julie Schreiner, 3rd--Leigh Ann Marg, 4th--Leigh Larson, 5th--Lynn Thomas, and 6th--Cindy Luebbert.

In eighth grade singles the results were: champ--Chris Horner, 2nd--Shelly Jacobs, 3rd--Pat Offerman, 4th--Melissa McGowan, 5th--Joanne Brokaw, and 6th--Wendy Wolmutt.

In doubles the seventh grade results were: champs--Sheryl Cole and Susan

Hahn, 2nd Jeane Hutchins and Lynn Thomas, 3rd Kathy Allen and Jeannie Koutny, 4th Twila Berg and Kristy Dutton, 5th Lori Schlotterback and Rosalee Wells, and 6th Tamra Nielson and Teresa Stubblefield.

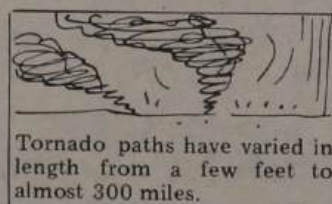
In eighth grade doubles the champs were Chris Horner and Melissa McGowan, 2nd--Shelly Jacobs and Pat Offerman, 3rd--Susie Wells and Karen Williamson, 4th Leslie Anderson and Ronda Hartman, 5th--Anna Ackley and Sandra Nielsen, and 6th--Lesta Moyer and Ronda Salven.

Congratulations, girls!

GOOD YEAR IN 7th & 8th TRACK

The Vernon seventh and eighth graders should both have a very good year in track because they both have very good runners. They should, for a fact, have a very good chance of winning a couple of trophies and medals.

The eighth graders should win this year because they won four trophies last year, which should be a good sign for this season. As for the seventh graders we will just have to wait and see.

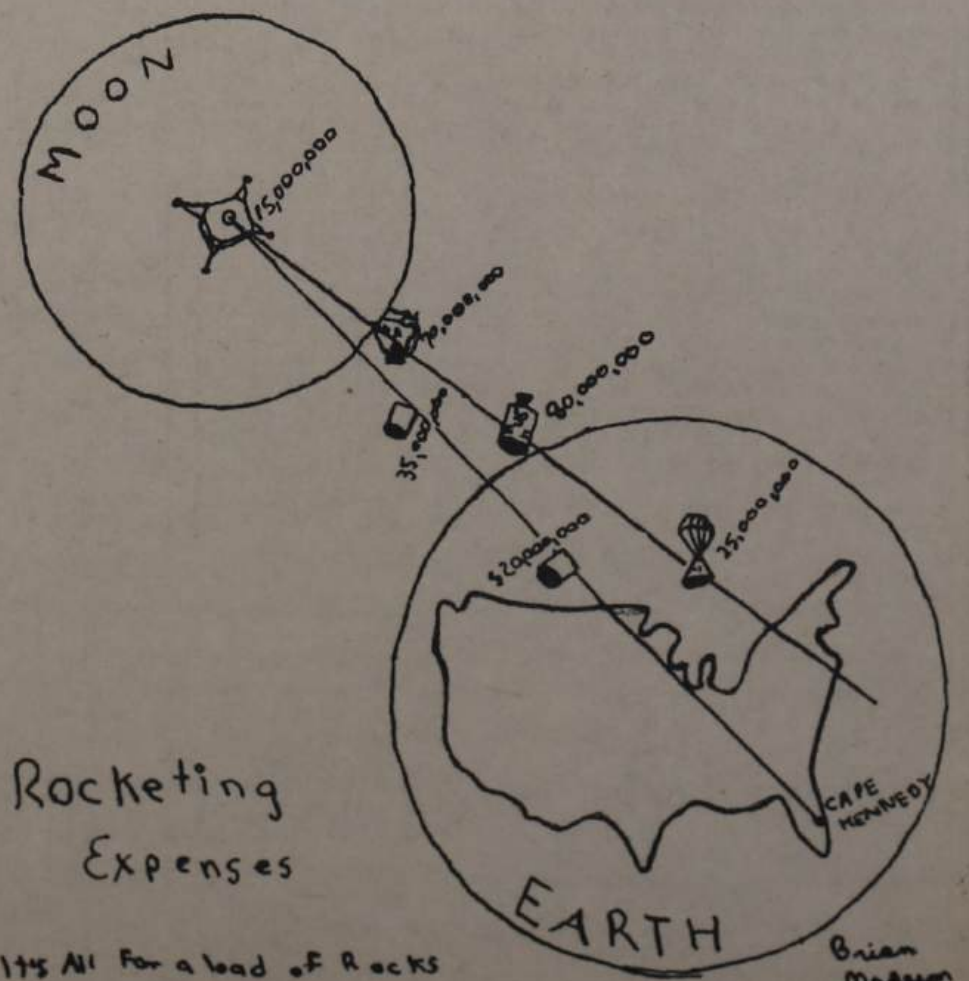


Tornado paths have varied in length from a few feet to almost 300 miles.

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"I WISH YOU WOULDN'T USE THE EXPRESSION: 'I'VE GOT AN AX TO GRIND WITH YOU'."



Rocketing Expenses

175 MI For a load of Rocks

Brian Madeson

Science Fair Winners Named

Several Vernon Students took part in the 13th annual Eastern Iowa Science Fair at the Coe College Fieldhouse on March 25th and 26th. Those students who won awards were Pat Swearingen, who received a second place in the junior biological division; Tim Burkhardt, who won a third in physical sciences, and Bruce Hucker, who received a second class award plus a Marine Award. Other students taking part were David Nash, Rick Davis, Bob Blin.



Pat Swearingen receives her award at the Eastern Iowa Science Fair.



Tim Burkhardt receives his award at the Eastern Iowa Science Fair.



Bruce Hucker receives his award at the Eastern Iowa Science Fair.

Photo Contest

The ISEA is working with three other groups to promote participation by Iowa students in state-wide environmental poster and photography contests. The poster and photography contests are being planned as possible earth week activities in conjunction with the Governor's Spring Environmental Action Program.

For each contest, the categories are based on grade level: grades 1-4; 5-8; and 9-12. "Save the earth; it's our only home" is the theme of the poster contest. Students may submit any art form--from original paintings to collages for the contest. The theme for the photography contest is "The good, the bad, and the ugly". In the photography contest both black-and-white and color prints may be entered.

The posters and photographs should be at least 5 by 7 inches but not larger than 11 by 14 inches. All posters and photographs must be mounted on posterboard or similar substance. The student's name and age, school district, and his grade should be included on the back of each poster and photograph.

The deadline for submitting entries is May 10. Entries should be mailed to Bill Sherman, ISEA, 4025 Tonawanda Drive, Des Moines, Iowa 50312.

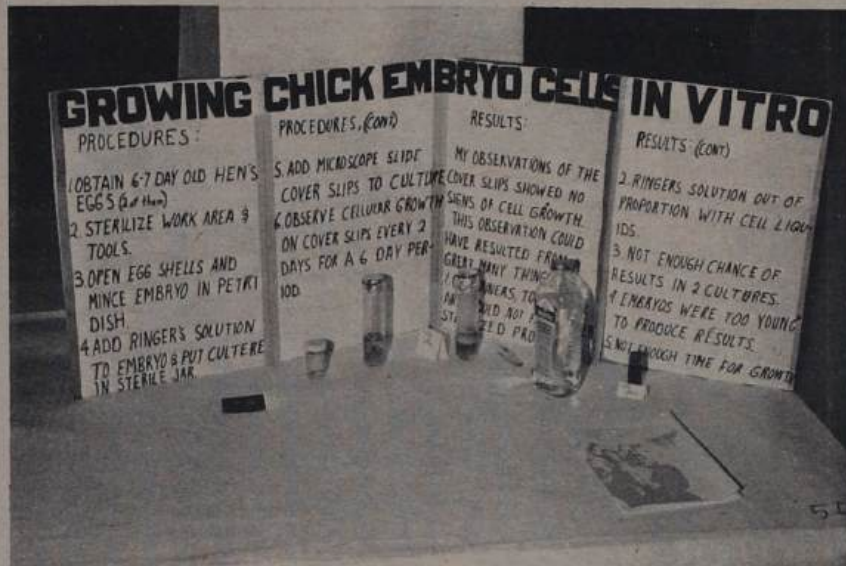
Other groups cooperating with the ISEA to sponsor these contests include the Iowa Confederation of Environmental Organizations, the Art Educators of Iowa and the Iowa Chapter of Future Teachers of America. Contest judges will be representatives from each of these organizations.

Five awards and a grand prize winner will be selected in each of the three categories for each contest.

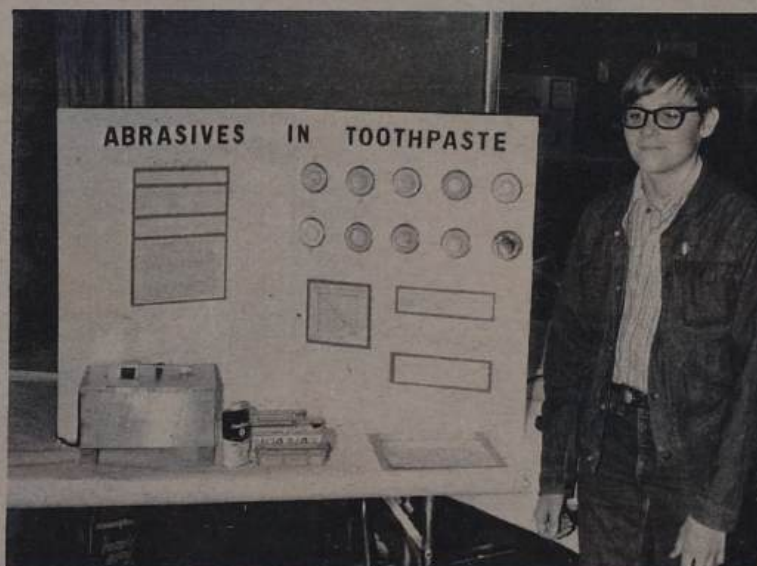
Students producing the winning entries will receive environmental resource materials that will be placed in their school libraries. The winning posters and photographs will be placed in a traveling exhibit for use by schools and museums.



For the Eastern Iowa Science Fair Rick Davis investigated pollution problems.



Dave Nash's entry at the Eastern Iowa Science Fair.



Bob Blin received mention for his science project at Coe.

WE ASKED... THEY ANSWERED...

We asked, "What have the past two years at Vernon Jr. High meant to you?"
They answered:
Perry Anderson: A good time
Brian Larson: Many good times.
Dave Nash: Hard work, fun, things to do.
Steve Crowley: Nothing, because I haven't been here that long (two years).
Ank Kleis: Having fun.
Brian Bennett: School hasn't meant much but, man, afterwards!
Tony Jensen: A lot of wasted time.
Mark Bush: Hard work and lots of friends.
Jeff Stolze: Diligent study and never a moment of goofing off. (I finally learned the alphabet.)
Rick Davis: The rise and fall of Rick Davis.
Chris Homer: Basketball, other than that--nothing.
Jeri Brekke: There's been a lot of good times. (I just can't remember any.)
Joni Blommers: They didn't mean much until this year.
Rich LeHew: Not much.
Brian Kiburz: Getting to know people better. Ha! Ha!
Kelly Mulford: Having fun singing.

WE ASKED, "What do you like about merums?"
They Answered:
Kathy Ryan: Nothing
Margaret Cooley: I don't

Linda Sperry: Everything!
Jean Fredericksen: It's cool!
Cathy Warner: Everything!
Terri Larsen: Warmth!
MERUMS is summer, scrambled.

HOW DOES YOUR WEEKEND GO?

For some, this may seem an odd question, as I thought when it was asked of me. But after analyzing it many times, I discovered that weekends are pretty important to us all. It's the time when all pressures of school are left behind, and we begin to have a little fun. Many a Saturday night is spent with the gang at the nearest pizza parlor, usually preceded by a ballgame of some kind. Then there's Sunday when we all relax and prepare for another week of school, soon to start. All in all, weekends are regarded as special days set aside for our enjoyment.

Library Club Holds Meeting

The recent Library Club meeting was held on April 14, at 3:15. At the last meeting they talked of having a skating party, but they changed their minds. They are going to have a picnic on Monday, May 22, from 3:15 to 6 p.m.

GRA Swim Competition

The GRA Swim at Cornell was April 7. In the front crawl team competition in eighth grade Julie DeWoody, Julie Hansen Sue Ryan, and Wendy Wolmutter came in first with 107.8. The second group was Kathy Herren, Yvonne Pitzzen, Kris Schone, and Diane Thomas with 120.4, and third was a team of Leann Hinker, Natalee Jackson, Ann Jacoby and Ronda Salven with 128.2. In seventh grade the first group was Laurie Klein, Michelle Fluckiger, Keri Petersen, and Debra Pool with 108.1. In second place was the team of Gina Vernon, Patti Weber, Rosalee Wells and Carrie Welsh with 117.0. Denise Culbertson, Lori Schlotterback, Wendy Sumner and Gina Vernon with 119.5 were third, and the fourth team included Denise Culbertson, Beth Edwards, Ondrea Fowler and Rosalee Wells with 127.8. Fifth place was taken by Julie Danford, Sharon Kewley, Kim Parman and Paula Payton with 130.4. In sixth place were Diane Dollinger, Sheryl Feddem, Diane Jellison, and Sandra Mahoney with 130.8, and in seventh place were Cathie Harford, Sandra Kuehl, Leigh Larson, and Cindy Luebert with 141.7.

In backstroke team competition in eighth grade the first place team was Julie Hansen, Julie DeWoody, Sue Ryan, Wendy Wolmutter with 122.2 and the second place team was Kathy Herren, Yvonne Pitzzen, Kris Schone, and Diane Thomas with 133.0. Third place was taken by Leann Hinker, Natalee Jackson, Ann Jacoby, and Ronda Salven with 135.8.

Seventh grade backstroke winners were Laurie Klein, Sandy Kuehl, Keri Petersen, and Debra Pool with 134.7. In second place were Cindy Luebert, Gina Vernon, Rosalee Wells, and Carrie Welsh with 142.1; in third place were Jeanette Brake, Kris Kelly, Kim Parman and Paula Payton with 143.2. Fourth place was taken by Diane Dollinger, Sheryl Feddem, Diane Jellison, and Sandy Mahoney with 144.8 and fifth was won by Leigh Larson, Susan Sillman, Wendy Sumner and Patti Weber, Denise Culbertson, Lori Schlotterback and Wendy Sumner had a time of 133.5.

In eighth grade single swims the front crawl results were as follows: 1st--Julie DeWoody, 2nd Julie Hansen, 3rd--Diane Thomas, 4th--Ronda Salven, 5th--Sue Ryan, and 6th--Wendy Wolmutter. Back stroke competition results are: 1st--Julie Hansen, 2nd Julie DeWoody, 3rd--Sue Ryan, 4th--Wendy Wolmutter, 5th--Yvonne Pitzzen, and 6th--Kris Schone.

In seventh grade front crawl competition these were the results: 1st--Gina Vernon, 2nd--Denise Culbertson, 3rd--Carrie Welsh, 4th--Cathie Harford, 5th--Debra Pool, 6th--Laurie Klein. In back stroke competition these girls were the winners: 1st--Gina Vernon, 2nd--Wendy Sumner, 3rd--Sandra Mahoney, 4th--Carrie Welsh and Laurie Klein in a tie, and 6th--Lori Schlotterback.

In the butterfly stroke two seventh grade and one eighth grader competed. Laurie Klein was first, Gina Vernon second and Julie DeWoody third.

The results of the competition in swimming for homerooms for the seventh grade were: 1st--208 with 420 points, 2nd--306 with 382; 3rd--206 with 242; 4th--207 with 165, 5th--110 with 132, and 6th--310 with 122. The eighth grade winners were: 1st--115 with 222, 2nd--125 with 210, 3rd--119 with 160, 4th--210 with 115, 5th--129 with 110, and 6th--302 with 87.

A total of 51 girls competed.

Skating Party

The seventh grade skating party was held at the Marion Roller Rink on Thursday, March 30, from 3:30 to 5:15. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Schley were in charge of arranging the party. Each homeroom furnished their own transportation. There was a good attendance with between 140 and 150 there. Everyone had a good time.

Several faculty members, particularly, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Meggers, and Mr. Miller, challenged the students for best skater of the evening.

There was minor concern for the safety of Miss Sloth and Mr. Ebertsch, but fortunately they made it through the evening without serious mishap.

Students Observe Earth Week

Vernon Junior High students observed Earth Week with a volunteer clean-up at Legion Park on April 15. About seventy students participated in picking up trash and clearing out dead brush.