

The MESSENGER

VERNON JUNIOR HIGH



The new fenced-in playground gets regular use by Phys. Ed. classes.

New Playground Area

"It's stupendous!"
It's a great asset to our physical education classes."
"It adds to the junior high school's appearance."
These were reactions I received when I interviewed three members of the Vernon Junior High School's faculty about the new play area.
Mrs. Moore, the girls' physical education teacher says the new play area to the west of the building is a great help

in conducting phys. ed. class. She says there is a marvelous backstop and fencing.
Mr. Brainard, the boys' teacher, thinks it's great that the school could provide the play area.
Mr. Fowler, the principal, says that now we have four times the space to expand our phys. ed. classes, and also students now have a place to go at noon.
All of us at the junior high are very grateful for the new facility.

DISPLAY OIL PAINTINGS

The trophy case in the west hall holds trophies of another sort--a most interesting display of oil paintings finished recently by eighth graders in the noon art program.

Those contributing to the display include Dean Henderson, Roger Long, Monica Brodrecht, Tamra Nielson, Terry Hawkins, Craig Schultz, and Bruce Sostak.

NOON ACTIVITIES



Ping Pong is popular during the lunch hour.

The noon hour is a busy time at Vernon Junior High. During the first lunch hour, the eighth graders eat while the seventh graders are in homerooms studying. During this homeroom period the library is open alternate weeks for each group.
In the lunchroom, ice cream is sold by members of the Student Council. This is always a good time for visiting with one's friends, but we can go into the girls' gym and play ping pong or checkers. There are girls who help by checking out this equipment. Other students earn their lunches by helping with sandwiches, milk, and clean-up. They do a great job.
During the noon hour there are many things going on outside. Boys tend to be more active, organizing football games or just running around. The girls may just stand around and talk.
On specified days the honor chorus, girls glee club, and seventh grade chorus practice under the direction of Mr. Drake.
The noon art session is a chance for the eighth graders to do art projects since they do not have art as a subject. This quarter Mr. Gaede is supervising ceramics and craft projects. Those in the group include Bill Carr, Bob Blin, Kirk Price, Michelle Fluckiger, Cindy Luebbert, Jeane Hutchins, Kay Luedtke, Liz and Edith Maxey, Cindy Von Ahsen, Jeannette Brake, Vern Balster, Dennis Smith, Mike Orness and Scott Rathje.



Mrs. Bensch, Mrs. Brodie and Mrs. Luense cook for 400 everyday.

COOKS Taken For Granted

We see them every day and then take them for granted. Who are they? They are the cooks in the lunchroom, and we would like you to meet them.

Mrs. Kent has been working here for 21 years and has been cooking at home for 50 years for her husband and 3 children. When asked if she enjoys cooking our lunches, she replied, "You betcha!"
Mrs. Brodie has cooked here for 20 years. There are 4 in her family, for whom she has been cooking for 31 years. She spoke for all of them when she said the difference between home cooking and school cooking is the quantity.

Eighteen years is the record for Mrs. Bensch, who has been cooking at home for 36 years. Two of her children have gone to school here. Preparing the meal here begins at 7:00 A.M., and of course after the last meal is served the cleaning

up has to be done.

Mrs. Luense has been cooking here for 9 years and for 36 years at home. She cooks for four people at home and four hundred here. Like the others, she enjoys her work here.

Mrs. Malake also has four to cook for at home, one of whom also eats lunch here. Debbie is in seventh grade. This is the second year here for Mrs. Malake.

Mrs. Armstrong is here for the first time this year. She also caters the food for Washington School. Her three children help her know what kids like.

Those trays just don't come popping up full of hot food when it's time for lunch. These are our depended-upon cooks who deserve the credit. Now when you smell that good aroma floating up from the kitchen you will know who is cooking it!

Honor Roll

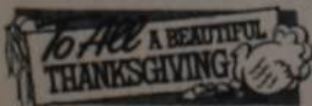
Honor Roll First Quarter

Seventh Grade--Robbie Adams, Lisa Brodrecht, Gary Campbell, Joy Carstens, Dennis Cerney, Donald Cerney, Richard Courtney, Debra Dutton, Larry Grekoff, Brenda Hauck, Teresa Hebert, Kevin Jacoby, Valerie Kramer
Joan McCalmant, Debbie McCleary, Sandy McGovern, Debbie Miller, Lori Milota, Sharene Ottaway, Connie Panek, Wendy Sievers, Greg Stolze, Steve Tanner, Tracy Wanke, Dave Wolmutter, Steven Yeater.

Eighth Grade--Carol Andersen, Nancy Beadle, Jeanette Brake, Matt Burns, Harry Carson, Janis Chapman, Melinda Cree, Sheryl Feddern, Barbara Garcia, Valerie

Grishaber, Tony Hefel, Kathy Jansen, Jean Koutny, Peggy Kratoska

Kay Luedtke, Joe McElligott, Pat McSweeney, Carol Moore, Mike Morgan, Wayne Mussman, Marcia Netz, Debra Pool, Kirk Price, Scott Rathje, Jim Roth, Jerry Scott, Wendy Sumner, Bart Taylor, Kevin Techau, Gina Vernon, Cindy Von Ahsen, Susan Wickham.



WE ASKED - THEY ANSWERED

We said, "We're always hearing the slogan, 'Try it; You'll like it.' Is there anything you've tried that you DIDN'T like?"

They answered:
Debbie Pool--Alka Seltzer
Jeri Knapp--Wrestling
Chris Boyer--Listerine
Edith Maxey--Mrs. Taylor's test
Wendy Sumner--Spinach
Carol Moore--Social Studies test
Debbie Rothmeyer--Spinach
Laura Knapp--Eighth grade
Diane Jellison--Bench rocking
Liz Maxey--Putting in darts
Peggy Kratoska--Mixed hamburger and rice
Cindy Von Ahsen--Mincemeat bars
Mrs. Borg--Snowmobiling
Tami Newlin--Eighth grade
Jeanette Brake--Meat Loaf
Karla Briles--First period homework
Sheryl Feddem--School
Nancy Beadle--Squash

We asked, "What would you do with a misle?"

They answered:
Joy Carstens--Shoot it into the air.
Kim Berg--Throw it away.
Tina Miller--Use it as a weapon. If one of my sisters got mad at me.
Tracy Wanke--I'd wear it.
Mr. Ebertsch--I'd put it on my umbrella so it could get wet.
Kathy Rae--I'd probably eat it.
Laurie Van Gorp--I'd drink it.
A MISLE, unscrambled, is a smile!

Nat. Photographer Snaps Girls' Basketball Game

On Tuesday, October 31, 1972, there was a seventh grade basketball game. A photographer with the National Geographic was there taking pictures. He was doing an article on a typical Iowa farm family. A girl on the Manchester team was a member of the family. He was staying with the family two weeks, taking all kinds of pictures. These pictures will appear in the November, 1973, issue of the National Geographic. Maybe some of us will be in some of them!

GIRLS LETTER CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The following girls were elected officers at Girls Letter Club on Friday October 27: Carrie Welsh--president; Valerie Grishaber--vice president; Diane Dollinger--secretary; Kristy Dutton--treasurer; Gina Vernon--reporter.

It was decided that posters would be sold to raise money. The top sales girl was Paula Pitzzen, who won a red and gold basketball. Kristy Dutton, Twila Berg, Brenda Hauck and Sharene Ottaway earned red-and-gold basketball socks. A total of 136 orders were sold.

VOLUNTEER ACTION CENTER NEEDS YOU

While you're thinking about all your reasons for being especially thankful during this holiday time, perhaps you'd like an idea for expressing your own gratitude in a practical way. The Linn County Voluntary Action Center has some suggestions of things young people are able to do.

1. Linn County Social Services has a kiddie corner that needs to be decorated and staffed.
 2. Cedar Rapids Community Theater needs ushers and box office attendants.
 3. The Council on Aging needs volunteers to do chores in the homes of the elderly.
 4. Linn County Foster Parents Association needs proxy brothers and sisters for children living in foster homes.
- There are other possibilities. If you're interested, call 398-5437 or go to the office at 327 7th st. S.E., Cedar Rapids. Their message is, "We need something money can't buy. We need you!"

ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

The family that lives together juggles together. That is true with the Adrian Boone family who have skills ranging from riding a unicycle and ring juggling simultaneously to picking up bowlers (hats) and feats of balancing.

Adrian Boone, his wife Nellie, and son Manuel performed many acts of a fading and astonishing art at the assembly October 23 to an appreciative audience. They are touring the United States from their native Holland through the courtesy of the University of Minnesota.



NO, THIS ISN'T A PARIS NIGHTCLUB. . . This chorus line is composed of boys initiated into Athletic club.

Girls' BB In Full Swing

On October 31 the girls basketball season started with both seventh and eighth graders playing Manchester. The seventh grade games were here and the eighth graders played there.

The eighth grade girls A squad opened its season with a 23-16 win. On offense Laurie Klein made 12 points. Others who scored were Patti Weber, Julie Schneider, Michelle Hall, Gina Vernon, and Beth Edwards. A tough defensive game was played by Diane Dollinger, Carrie Welsh, and Jeane Hutchins. Mr. Brainard said, "They were a tough team. We need work on scoring ability."

At the end of the first half, the eighth B squad had 14 points, and Manchester had managed to squeeze in a basket to make a foul shot and Manchester made 6 baskets, making the score 23-14 in Marion's favor.

To start the season the 7th A squad won with the score of 25 to Manchester's 14. The game was a really good tough game. Our great girls made great shots and some really great moves. Our Indian squaws are on the move!

The 7th B squad was leading 9-7 at the end of the first half, but in the last half

we lost by the score of 21-20. Mr. Meggers said, "Everyone did an outstanding job for their first game." Lori Landis made 12 points. Brenda Hauck, Leigh Murdoch, Amy Skilling, and Wendy Sievers were also commended for good playing.

November 7 the 8th grade girls A squad beat Independence 44-19. Laurie Klein scored 30 points for Marion. Other scorers were Julie Schneider and Patti Weber.

The 8th grade B squad lost to Independence 21-18. The scorers were Sue Atwater, Twila Berg, Susan Sillman, Pam Painter, and Kim Parman. Outstanding guards were Lynn Thomas and Laura Manly.

At Independence the 7th grade B squad won by a score of 44-9. Lori Landis, Brenda Hauck, Linda White, Valerie Kramer, Jean Lang, Amy Skilling, Leigh Murdoch, and Vivian Klopfenstein represented us well.

The 7th grade A squad defeated Independence 41-18. Joy Carstens, Paula Pitzzen, Kathy Welsh, Lisa Muller, Denise Jackson, Kim Brasel, Wendy Sievers, Laurie Van Gorp, Tami DeWoody, and Pat Wilson shared the honors in this game.



Top row, left to right, Kevin Lamphier, Tom Borst, Bill Greenwald, Terry Bruring; bottom row, left to right, Larry Atwater, Troy Hames, Randy Danford, Terry Carter. All these fellows pinned their man against Monticello.



Wrestlers are prepared to meet any foe.

Editorial

Thanksgiving Thoughts

When the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, they knew it wasn't going to be easy to build a settlement. But they tried. The winter was hard and many Pilgrims died, but some survived. When fall came, the Pilgrims decided to invite the Indians to a celebration to give thanks for arriving on Plymouth Rock and surviving through the long winter. They had a wonderful feast and they all gave thanks to the Lord.

Now every year in November we celebrate Thanksgiving. The way we celebrate Thanksgiving is almost like the way the Pilgrims did. We have a lot of food and invite all our relatives over.

May you all have a Happy Thanksgiving.

To me Thanksgiving is a time when a family will get together and think about what they are thankful for. Even if you don't like some things, at least you are alive and God is thinking about you. Some people just think it is eating all that food they get. Well it is not. Most of the time is to think of all the things you are thankful for. So I hope everybody has a Happy Thanksgiving.

Win one; Lose one

On October 10 the 8th grade A squad defeated Prairie 36-24. Tom Borst scored 4 touchdowns and 6 extra points. Tim Ford caught a pass from Kevin Techau and scored.

On the same day the 7th graders lost to Prairie 8-6. Steve Ransier, Mike Hunter, Larry Atwater and Brian Bush gave good performances for the Indians.

On October 17 Kevin Lamphier sparked the 8th grade A squad to an 18-0 victory over the Linn-Mar Lions. Lamphier made 2 of the 3 touchdowns scored and blocked a Linn-Mar punt. The blocked punt was recovered by Tim Ford. Marion's other touchdown was made by Troy Hames. This victory gave the eighth graders an unblemished 5-0 season record.

Marion 7th grade B squad was defeated again when they played Prairie here on Oct. 12. We kicked off to Prairie. Marion was quick to score a safety. The rest of the scores came in other quarters. Dennis James and Randy Harms both ran for touchdowns. Prairie made one play which included a 64-yard kickoff return. Luck held out for us as they ran a 90-yard touchdown called back due to a personal foul against Prairie. The final score was Prairie 22, Marion 14.

Wrestlers Take 25 of 29 Matches

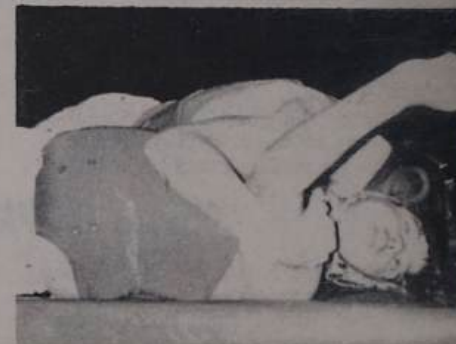
On Friday, November 3, the seventh and eighth grade wrestling team met Monticello. Twenty-five of twenty-nine matches were in favor of Marion. Jerry Goehring had the fastest pin in 23 seconds. Tom Borst had second fastest in 45 seconds.

Others who pinned their opponent were Larry Atwater, Terry Bruring, Terry Carter, Randy Danford, Bill Greenwald, Troy Hames, and Kevin Lamphier, Matt Burns, Tony Carter, Jeff Donald, Dennis Enneking, Tim Ford, Dan Ford, Brian Hoffa, Larry Klein, Tim McCracken, Matt Moeller, Scott Oglesby, Jeff Peterzalek, Bob Stiles and Kevin Techau also won their matches.

There's always plenty of action at a wrestling meet. These pictures were taken during the Monticello meet.



Terry Carter pins his man.



Troy Hames pins his man.

Science Club Now Meeting

Mr. Barrow sponsors the Seventh Grade Science Club, an Einstein group of amateur professors. The first meeting was in October with meetings scheduled for the second Monday of November and December. In November they will be dissecting fish, and in December they will be staining cells, probably bacteria.

Fourteen attended the first meeting, and anyone in seventh grade can come to the meetings. There are no officers. In spring the students will be working on individual projects.

Straw Vote

Cast at Vernon

Perhaps in 1976 George Gallup could save time and money by forgetting other polls and conducting a straw vote at Vernon Junior High. The social studies classes conducted a vote for major offices on November 2 and President Nixon won the Presidential election 297-147, and Governor Ray was re-elected by a vote of 378-75. Others preferred by Vernon students were Neu for Lt. Governor, Clark for U.S. Senator and Culver for Representative from the 2nd district. All of these votes coincided with the actual returns.

Club Plans Fun Things Meetings

The library club has a lot of fun things stored up. They do many things at their meetings, and after the business they talk. What do they talk about? Well, first of all, they talk about problems that come up in the library. Then for enjoyment they just talk about books they've read and that sort of thing.

During one of the girls' basketball games, the library club is having a bake sale. The bake sale is to raise money for the Christmas party they're going to have.

