

Vernon Jr High MESSENGER

Second Semester In Full Swing

With the first semester coming to an end, we would assume that the second semester is coming right on behind. And we would assume right. So that means two things: That it's the last semester of the '72-'73 year, but, more important, this is the last semester at C.B. Vernon for the eighth graders.

Maybe you eighth graders are looking forward to the end of this year, so you can wait for the good ole world of high school to start, which Vernon has tried to prepare you for. Or maybe you just plain want to get out of school. (Sorry about that, Mr. Fowler.) How about not looking forward to things? Some of you are probably not too eager to get out of eighth grade because that means ninth grade's next. It might be that you don't want to finish the second semester because then you must say good-bye to the place you've spent most of your time at in the last two years, and with people you don't want to say good-bye to. But whatever the case, this is your last semester here, so enjoy it!

Westward Movement

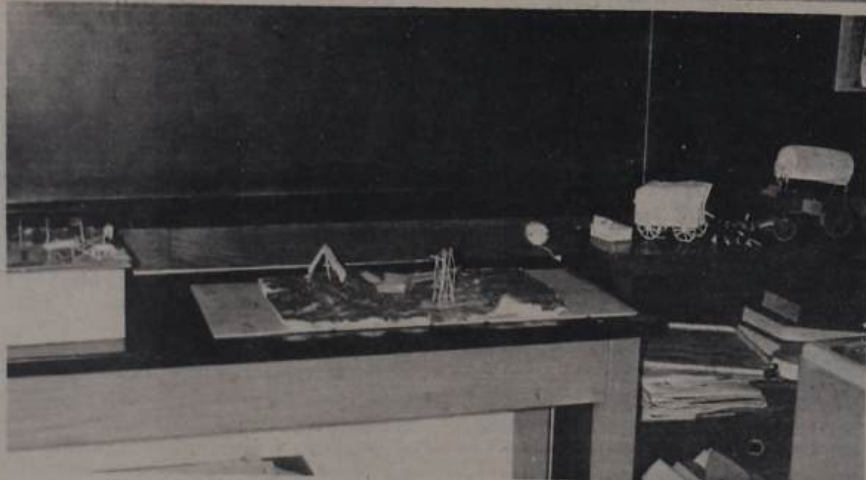
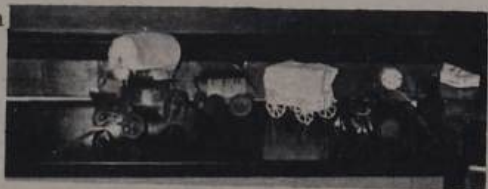
Thinking about the Westward Movement in the U.S.A. really brings out the creativity in eighth graders. Each chose a novel way of sharing his information with the rest of the class. Some of the projects were models of Donner's Pass which showed a snowstorm with people unable to travel; miners' camps where either you got rich or ended up with nothing at all; and windmills, which were one of the greatest inventions for the plains people.

Others did plays about gamblers, hardships of the life of women, an old prospector's life, and traveling in the cover-

ed wagon days.

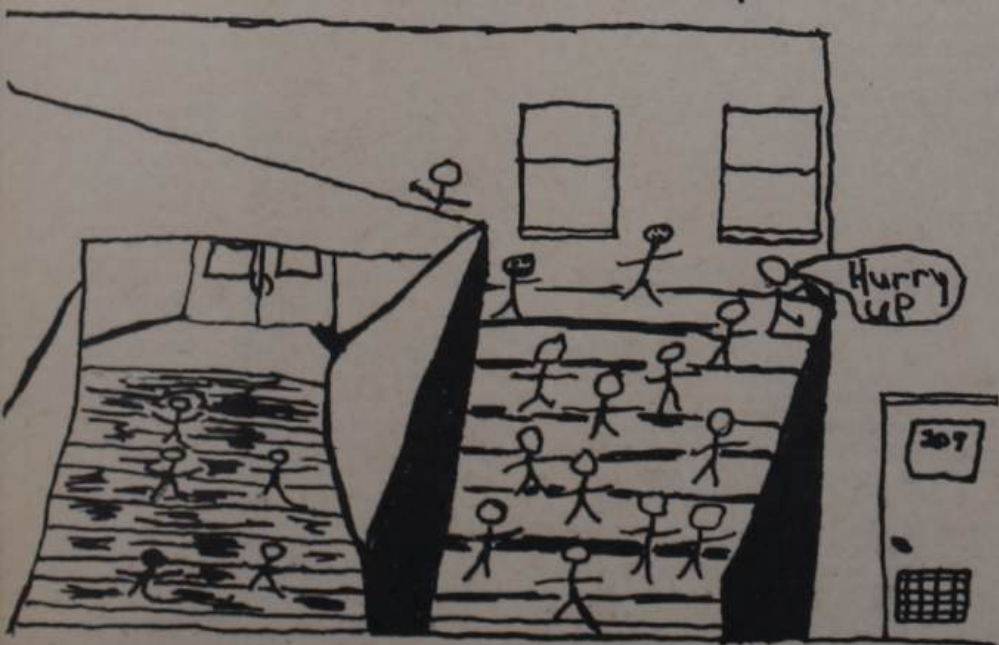
Some drew pictures and told stories from the pictures they drew.

Some students decided they would rather live in the pioneers' ways. They have had a very enjoyable experience.



Typical social studies projects for the unit on the Westward Movement.

Is the 7th grade finally learning?



Teresa Johnson

'Red Schoolhouse' Presented By Seventh Graders

The seventh grade members of Dramatic club presented their play, "The Little Red Schoolhouse", to the student body on the afternoon of January 23 and to the public that evening. The characters were listed in last month's Messenger, but -- a lot goes on behind the curtain, too. For instance, the make-up crew, which consists of chairman Jackie LeClere, Gerry Tritle, Sheila Clark,

Kim Berg, and Chris Morris, will be very active. Bob Boots, Greg Kahn, Laird Jones, Jeff Hoover, Kim Berg, Chris Morris, Dan Frasher, and stage-manager Rob Van Natta make up the stage crew. Gary Campbell, Joel Gaede, and Rob Van Natta will be responsible for programs. Jeff Hoover will see that all cast members have the necessary props.

The stand-ins (people who fill in for missing cast members) are Lori Moeller, Lorrie Kinkead, Vivian Klopferstein, Greg Kann and Jeff Hoover. The students who will prompt the cast are Gerry Tritle and Lori Moeller. As you can see, a production such as ours requires the efforts of far more than just a cast of members.



Lynn Gagliardi, Laurie Long, Karla Blake, and April Winch discuss the affairs of the time over tea in a social studies skit.



Terry Bruring pans for gold in an 8th grade social studies skit.

WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE

MUSIC NEWS

The Solo and Ensemble Festival for grades 6 through 9 will be held on Saturday, February 17 at College Community Schools. Vernon Jr High has 37 soloists and 12 ensembles working for this elementary and junior high festival.

The "Parade of Bands" will be presented on Thursday, March 8. This will include the fifth, sixth and junior high bands in concert.

SEVENTH GRADE SCIENCE CLUB

During the seventh grade science club's monthly meeting on January 8, they studied plant cells. Next month they will be learning about bacteria. In the March-April period the members will be working on a project they will originate themselves for the Science Fair in April.

BOYS ATHLETIC CLUB

The Boys' Athletics Club haven't had meetings lately. We're planning on selling VJHS pins for later fun activities and for athletic equipment.

The next meeting is Friday, January 19, at eight in the morning. Plan to attend.

STUDENT MOVES

This semester at C.B. Vernon has been a very busy one. Some of our friends and fellow-students have moved away and many new students have become our new friends. Just this semester we have had 19 students move away and 13 new students come to us. We miss our friends and are glad to have the new students with us.

7 & 8 Graders Speak Out

An eighth grader says, "I think our seventh graders aren't maturing. They're acting like they're still in sixth grade in some ways, but in some other ways they are maturing."

A seventh grader says, "If the seventh graders are maturing, not much is showing. They are warned on topics such as conduct in halls and on stairways of privileges such as ice cream concession and ping pong playing. They abuse these responsibilities and luxuries only on occasion, yet when it happens, their luxuries are taken away. Hopefully they will soon learn."

Art Pictures to New Guinea

Twenty-five of the seventh grade students are having one of their art pictures which they have created sent to a junior high school in Rabaul, New Guinea. In return, that school will send us some of the pictures they have drawn. Some of these pictures will be hung in our school and other ones will be hung in some of the grade schools. Our art work, which includes something of every type of work done by our seventh graders, will probably circulate to several schools in New Guinea before being returned here.

The following people are having a picture sent to New Guinea: Greg McSweeney, Tracy Wanke, Rodney Douglas, Steve Yeater, Gerita Tritle, Lisa Brodrecht, Dennis James, Pam Stancil, Carol Anderson, Debbie Taylor, Lynda Allan, David Wolmutt, Leon Durvage, Joy Carstens, Debbie McCleary, Teri Hebert, Ernie Robbins, Julie Hawkins, Jill Damer, Debbie Gagliardi, Erin Bretthauer, Bruce Winch, Valerie Kramer, Greg Albaugh and Joan McCalmant. Congratulations all 25 of you!



Mr. Gaede looks over some of the seventh grade art work which is being sent to New Guinea.

LIBRARY CLUB

At the last Library Club meeting, which was held January 10, plans for a dance were discussed. The club will be sponsoring the St. Patrick's Day Dance, which will be held on March 16.

Library Club will have a party at the end of the year and spend the money they made with the bake sale and the dance.

Schedules for the next semester for student librarians were planned.

ASSEMBLY

The topic for the assembly on January 12 was "The Incredible Human Mind." It demonstrated and illustrated why we think the way we do and how we are equipped to feel and act, and offered a credible explanation of everyday behavior.

BOYS PING PONG TOURNAMENT

Jim Roth won the boy's ping pong tournament. The final game was played after school on December 22.

GIRLS LETTER CLUB

Members of the Girls' Letter Club will have a sledding party on January 19 to celebrate the day off from classes.

CREW WORKS

On Saturday, January 6, the Dramatics club crew met at 10 and carried the stage equipment and props for the play. Thanks to Gary Campbell, Joel Gaede, Laird Jones, Dave Norris, Rob Van Natta, and Bob Boots. And a special thanks to Mervene Maltby, Tamie McDonald, Chris Morris, and Kim Berg, the girls who did most of the work. While the boys handled some furniture and hauled down the curtains, the girls rounded up most of the student desks that will be used in the play. These were transported by van from a school storage garage. Thanks, girls!

CALENDAR

January 23--Dramatics club presents the seventh grade play, "The Little Red Schoolhouse" to a student assembly and also for the public in the evening.

January 29--VIP sponsors the parent-student Fun Night. Basketball is the feature of the evening with fathers teamed against sons and mothers against girls.

February 9--Valentines Day dance at 3:45.

Vernon Presents Wrestling Awards

Vernon junior high wrestling awards were earned by:
Letters and certificates: Larry Atwater, Tom Borst, Eric Bretthauer, Terry Bruring, Matt Burns, Bob Bushman, Terry Carter, Tony Carter, Dennis Cerney, Randy Danford, Jeff Donald, Tim Ford, Dan Ford, Mike Freilinger, Jerry Goehring, Troy Hames, Brian Hoffa, Kevin Jacoby, Chuck Jones, Pat Jones, Larry Klein, Kevin Lamphier, Tim McCracken, Matt Moeller, Mike Morgan, Scott Oglesby, Rick Offerman, Mike Orness, Jeff Peterzalek, John Peterzalek, Kevin Raue, Chuck Robbins, Dennis Smith, Kevin Techau.
Certificates only: Greg Alderson, Al Burwald, Don Carsner, Chris Connell, Mark Erickson, Dennis Enneking, Gary Gislason, Bill Greenwell, Alan Hallock, Randy Harms, Steve Hatchér, Tony Hefel, Terry Jackson, Bill Joseph, Kevin Johnston, Art Larson, Glen Lovell, Doug Murray, Dave Norris, Greg Pollock, Kevin Skinner, Bart Taylor, Dave Witte.

WE ASKED — THEY ANSWERED

We asked, "What is your New Year's Resolution?"
They answered--
Janis Chapman--To read 50 books this year
Jeane Hutchins--to convince Mr. Meserli to shave under his nose.
Sheryl Cole--To quit talking in Social Studies and Science
Pam Painter--To get better grades
Jeanette Brake--To get up on time
Linda Bailey--To get my school work done on time
Carol Moore--To make new friends
Liz Maxey--To write C.O. every week
Connie Panelk--To quit picking on kids older than me
Renee Grant--To keep my mouth closed
Vivian Klopfenstein--To get on the honor roll every time
Kevin Raue--To not lip off to 8th graders
Craig Dahl--Not to get a spanking
Debbie Miller--To clean under my bed every day so things will stop growing under there
Andrea Colaluca--To be nice
Sandy McGovern--To quit bugging J.G.
Jeff Detling--To stop beating up my brother

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We asked, "What do you remember most about 1972?"
They answered--
Jackie Martin--My birthday
Laura O'Neill--Getting a new baby brother
Brian Papke--Going to Houston, Texas
Bob Harriman--Getting a record player for Christmas
Lori Rezab--Getting my dog
Ann Winistorfer--My brother going to the Navy
Mr. Ebertsch--Spending five weeks in Urbana, Illinois
Debra Dutton--Getting two new baby cousins
Sandy Bliss--Getting a new baby sister
Patti Delancey--Getting my braces off
Greg Albaugh--Junior high football
Noel Smith--Tina and me getting together again

A Good Invention

By Richard Courtney
I have a good invention--a simplified way to stuff luggage into a Volkswagen. The person going on a trip becomes hot under the collar. The heat sets afire a match. The fire burns along a string to the end. The end is connected to the big toe of a sleeping man who is on a platform above an alligator. When he feels the heat, he wakes up and falls off the platform and lands on the alligator.
The alligator goes after the man and the tail pulls off the platform a ton weight which lands on a water bed. There is a hose connected to the water bed and a water-driven horn. The pressure of the ton weight sends the water up the tube to sound the horn.
A worker mouse hears the horn and thinks it's time to go back to work. So he gets on his powerful small tractor and pushes the back seat of the Volkswagen down.
This signals the elephant in the garage to come out and load the luggage into the Volkswagen with his trunk. The owner gets in his car and drives happily away.

THE FOG MAKES ME FEEL GOOD

By Kendall Lurth
When the fog is down it makes me feel good because I like the fog and because I feel like I'm isolated from the world. I like it when I don't see things ten feet away from me. When I'm walking in the fog, I feel like I'm the only person in the world. The fog makes me feel like I'm floating in the air above the clouds. That is why I like the fog.

The Life Story Of Herman

By Dave Norris
Here I am, stuck in this body. Oh, hi, there, I'm Herman. I was born 22 days ago. You see we red blood cells live up to 127 days. I'm maturing right now.
I've traveled from head to toe on, excuse me, in this body, and there's nothing interesting about it. If you'll look on the chart on page 2, you'll see where I am right now. Where that dot is, is where I am now.
Hang on! He's going to exercise! Thump, thump, thump, thump, there goes that crazy beat. He can really exercise if he wants to. Look at the chart now; the circled dot is where I am.
Hey, I'm going to the heart. It's getting louder and louder and louder. Aaaaaaaa-ahhhhhhh ahhaa! Whew? It's tough going through that blood pumper. From now on in, it's all downhill.
It's the twenty-third day and "Whap!" I and my friends were attacked by a virus. Three of my comrades were killed, and I am mortally wounded. Fortunately, we won! Cough! Cough!
We moved quickly along the leg until at the ankle, I was jumped from behind! The stupid kid was kicking a football! He bruised us. We must stay here and wait.
Twenty-sixth day--We have found out that someone injected a sleeping solution and took us out of this body and into a jar! What they will do with us now, I don't know.
Eighty-eighth day, I think--I shall see the last of me today.
Good-bye!

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They kept Herman in the jar so long that he got no activity and died.

Forecast For Seventh Graders

Seventh graders, if you've been going around in a fog so far this year, or if, by some chance, these weeks have been stormy for you, our Fearless Forecaster has made some predictions about what is coming up for you.
Language arts: Work mild, slight increasing. Be ready for a surprise.
Math: Work harder. Be ready for a gentle sloping of work which will increase with a high velocity.
Science: Work picking up. Will reach maximum in two or three weeks.
Social Studies: Have now moved out of hard work and test range, and are doing some serious reading.
Music: Work at temporary idle. I can't give you a forecast.
Art: Moving into a whole new climate. May bring some challenges.
Phys. ed.: With the exchange of teachers the atmosphere is different. Expect harder work in future.
OUTLOOK SUMMARY: Work increasing to point .01212. Be ready to work harder!

The New Year's Pain

On January 1 a lot of things happen. People watch the New Year come in and the Old Year go out, but along with that comes, as some call it, a "pain". This pain involves your whole family when you want it to be your pain only. The "pain" I'm talking about is writing out your New Year's Resolutions.

New Year's Resolutions are probably the worst way to start off the New Year. Mom says, "Make a resolution that you'll clean your room every day." Dad says, well, that's something else. And your sister or brothers you just forget. When it comes to you, you think a minute and then write

My resolution is to loaf the rest of the year with the exception of when I'm with these people: Mom, Dad, Mr. Barrow, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Ebertsch, Mr. Miller, Mr. Drake, Mr. Gaede, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Steadman, and Mr. Meggers.
Now you see why it's a pain--there's no time left to loaf.



Boys Begin Cage Season

The junior high boys basketball season started January 11 with Monticello. The eighth grade B squad started their season off great beating Monticello by the score of 43-37. Scoring two points each were Roth, Morgan, Hames, and Klingler. Van Gorp got three, and Cayler, Jones, and Dippel scored four each. Hennessey got five and Anderson got seven. Mr. Campbell, the coach, said, "They all played so well I couldn't tell you who was the best."
In the first quarter of the A squad game, Monticello jumped out to a commanding lead. The second quarter was much the same. At the half Monticello lead 20-19. After the half Mr. Brainard settled them down, and they took the game away from Monticello. The final score was Marion 38-Monticello 29. The scorers for Marion were Kevin Techau--13, Mike Wheeler--2, Kevin Lamphier--11, Bob Lane--3, Ken Weltha--2, Greg Bice--4, and Todd Pedersen--3.
The seventh grade A squad won the game 33-20. Greg Albaugh and Brian Bush each made 10 points. In the seventh grade B squad game, which Marion won 34-30, Jeff Barnhart scored 11 points.
In the games with Tipton on January 16, both eighth grade squads won their games. The B squad score was 29-26 and the A squad score was 47-33.
Tipton used a very effective press to force numerous turnovers by the seventh A squad and jumped to a 26-8 halftime lead. Tipton then coasted home to a 39-17 victory over the young Indians. Greg Albaugh led the scoring for Marion with six points. In the seventh B squad game Craig Luzum scored 10 points as Marion won 19-16.

SOCIAL STUDIES EDITORIAL

By Terry Bruring
The issue I chose was: Do you think our policemen are doing wrong in their duties they are performing?
I feel that the majority of policemen are fair about their jobs. I myself have never seen anyone being harmed by one except when they deserved it, such as demonstrators, hi-jackers, etc.
In the case of the demonstrators, I have viewed some of the violence they cause. Think to yourself, "Would I let people throw bottles and rocks, maybe even shoot at me, without protecting myself?" My answer is, "No!" I would much rather protect myself than get killed.
I also think that it takes a lot of courage to be a policeman, especially in a large city where the possibility of getting shot is greatest. I am no authority, but this is my view.

New Year's Resolutions

Talk about a great find! Look at this! Miss Ebersole's New Year's Resolutions. Wow!

I resolve:
To keep the men in 1st hour science class so busy that they don't have time to chatter.
To try and keep smiling, even during 6th hour.
To remember to be courteous, friendly, and understanding to all around me. (People do respond!)
To try to keep up with my paper work.
To do a better job of corresponding with my old friends and relatives.
To check to see if Santa has answered Mr. Schley's letter!
To do something to help someone or make someone happy each day!
To think more of someone else than myself each day.
To try to keep the third floor group in line!

I think people make resolutions for the new year to try and correct mistakes they have made in the past, to become a person that more closely resembles the image they have of themselves, and to try and make the new year more pleasant and successful for themselves and those around them. I suppose there are some people who think it is a nice custom and make resolutions so they will have something to talk to others about during the first week in January.

It takes a strong person who knows himself well and is very serious about improving himself, to actually stick to a resolution and accomplish, in total or in part, what he set out to do. Generally speaking, I think few people follow through with their New Year's Resolutions. Where resolutions are concerned, a person's memory is very short and the topic of the resolution doesn't seem nearly as important within a week or two. Many times a person sets his goal too high, and it is very easy to become discouraged and give up if you think it isn't possible to reach this goal. Of course, when you become involved with all of the activities the new year brings, there may not be time to devote your efforts to each of these activities, and the New Year's Resolution falls by the wayside, not to be heard of again until your resolutions for 1974 are mentioned!

As for myself, this is the first time I have made an attempt at New Year's Resolutions. I make weekly resolutions and usually keep them--but a week at a time is all that I can manage! This is a good practice, though. All of us need some improvement and at least this gives us a chance to look at ourselves and maybe notice some of our weaknesses and make an attempt to correct them.

Good luck to the rest of you in 1973--keep trying!