

The C.B. Vernon Messenger

Craig Luzum's Painting Chosen

Craig Luzum's early American water color painting was chosen by a jury of ten faculty members and fifteen eighth grade students to represent this seventh grade class as a permanent gift to the school. The runners-up in the voting were Joy Carstens, Brenda Hauck, Amy Skilling, Angela Whitlatch, and Julie Enneking.

These were chosen, with difficulty, from a representative group of works by these additional seventh graders: Brenda Butz, DeWayne Schminkey, Noel Smith, Richard Courtney, Laurie Zundel, Mike Freilinger, Kristi Craft, Phil Smith, Lisa Brodrecht, Leigh Murdoch, Jackie Spinler, Gary Campbell, and Bruce Huebener.

VALENTINE DANCE AT VERNON

The boys gym on February 9 at 3:45 was the scene for the Valentines Dance. Admission was 25¢, and the dance was sponsored by rooms 207, Mr. Miller's and 210, Mrs. Johnston's, with the help of Mrs. Moore and Mr. Steadman. Music was provided by students who brought records from home. This was every girl's chance to get shot in the heart by Cupid's arrow!! OUCH!!

Band is...

Getting up at 6:00 A.M. so you won't be late for practice.

Hitting a wrong note and feeling embarrassed.

Messing up the whole concert.

Playing the same piece 13 times in a row.

Making the same mistake everyday.

EDITORIAL

ANSWER TO IMMATURE

I'd like to reply to an article about us seventh graders in the last edition of the MESSENGER. They said we all are immature. Some are, but many are not immature. They didn't say anything about how immaturely much of the eighth grade acts. Some of the eighth graders are jealous, unreasonable, discourteous, rude, and noisy. Sure, we might be that way also, but they should remember that they once were seventh graders also.

Before you eighth graders talks about us, you'd better look at yourselves.

WHAT DAY IS WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY?

WHAT day is Washington's Birthday? February 22, right? No, try again on this one. What day is Lincoln's birthday? February 12, right? Wrong again. Besides these holidays, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Armistice Day and a few others have been moved so government workers can enjoy more three-day weekends. Only once in a while can everybody else get an occasional extra day. But what is really bad is that famous days and dates have been moved for the sake of a vacation. You can't change the day a war ended or somebody was born. I hope someday that Congress will realize what it has done and change the days and dates back.

Greg Van Gorp

Ind. Art Classes Busy

Mr. Cahalan's classes are finishing up their projects, such as gun racks, ping-pong paddles, and paper towel holders. The new unit finds them working on art metal projects of aluminum foil and copper. A week from now they'll be working on metal, for instance, metal tool boxes.

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WE ASKED - THEY ANSWERED

We asked, "Whom would you like for our Valentine?"

They answered---

Debby Dutton--M.R.

Mike Ryan--Miss Ebersole

Kristi Craft--L.L.

Rick Johnson--C.M.

Lorene Long--Greg McSweeney

Tammy Carroll--I guess Jack Gott

Sheila Clark--R.H.

Darla Lowry--Bob Peshel

Sandy Moorman--Dan Fluckiger

Lee Larson--Raquel Welch

Cindy Evans--T.W.

We asked, "Whom do you want to get a Valentine from?"

They answered---

Pam Stancel--Craig Luzum

Jill Held--Cricket

Craig Luzum--Pam Stancel

Ron Pool--Terri Kopetsky

Lori Rezab--Cookie Monster

Mike Hunter--Raquel Welch

Craig Thomas--Ann W.

Shelly Barker--My dog

Mr. Steadman--Jana (my little girl)

Kathy Griffin--Bugs Bunny

David Clabaugh--Evil Eye

Mr. Gaede--Pat Nixon

Sandy McGovern--M.S.

Willette Harrigan--The Great Pumpkin

EDITORIALS

BOND ISSUE

7th GRADER'S VIEW

The C.B. Vernon Junior High students need the school bond issue to be passed. The building now standing is too small for all of the equipment and students that it has to hold. The heating isn't the best, and the old windows let in a lot of the weather outside. At lunch time only one grade can eat at a time, and there are a lot of students in each grade.

Our library doesn't have the room for more books for the ever-increasing number of growing minds. The art room is small considering all of the things that have to go into it. Being a band member, I know how small our practice rooms are. We have lessons in them, and we find lots of instrument cases in them.

With the new addition and the repair of this old building, your sons and daughters will be able to learn more without the problems listed above. Ask your children their opinion, and vote the way you think that would be best for your children and theirs.

8th GRADER'S VIEW

Are you in favor of the bond issue for updating C.B. Vernon Junior High? If you're not, look around the building. Some parts of the building look like they're going to fall on you. Just because Vernon is an old school, it doesn't mean that it has to look old. It can be remodeled to look a lot better and can be enlarged to accommodate more people.

If your parents are worried about the money, tell them it would really be cheaper because this old school can't stand here forever, and if we don't update it some day they'll have to build a new junior high which would cost quite a bit more. It's just too bad that we weren't in school forty years earlier or 5 years later.

BOYS ATHLETIC CLUB

Last month the members of the Boys' Athletic club were raising money from selling red and gold "Indian teeshirts. When asked what would be done with the money, spokesman Tom Pospisil said, "It's for profit only."

Our Office Sweethearts

Many of us take for granted the efficiency in the way the school is run. The persons running the office should be recognized for their excellent job, one of these is Mrs. Jacobs.



Mrs. Grimm (Standing), Mrs. Jacobs (Seated)

Mrs. Jacobs has been with C.B. Vernon Junior High for seven years. Before this she worked at the old Lincoln Building for Mr. Schley and also at Washington.

Mrs. Jacobs, when asked what problems she runs into, said that many kids, who

have been sick, come into the office and don't have notes from their parents excusing them from school. I'm sure that's just some of the problems they run into.

Mrs. Jacobs takes care of attendance, keeps up records, and does typing for the teachers.

Keep up the good work, Mrs. Jacobs!

When people walk into the office at Vernon one of the first things they see is the smiling face of one of the school secretaries, Mrs. Grimm. Some of Mrs. Grimm's daily tasks are typing for Mr. Fowler, running off worksheets, and just general office work. Mrs. Grimm has been working here about a year, and when I asked her if she liked working here, she gave me an enthusiastic "Yes!" Mrs. Grimm lives in Marion and has one girl and two boys.

Selected eighth grade girls act as receptionists during the second noon period. When asked what it was like, one of them said that it is mostly the same thing every day, like "Will you sign my pass please?" or "I don't feel good. Will you call my mom." But every once in awhile something really exciting will happen. Like once there was a boy who had cut his head open and came in with blood all over his face. Now I would think that is pretty exciting.

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ged gifts for a sign of affection. Some of these groups of partners ended up in marriage.

Valentines Day means to me that you send a card to your friends, loved ones, etc. It means you care for them.

Have a very happy Valentine's Day.

FEB. IS MONTH OF BIRTHDAYS FOR FAMOUS PEOPLE

Great people of the past, who were they? Our first president, George Washington, doesn't that name ring a bell? It should. If you're over the age of 200, you should remember a great man like him. His birthday is February 22, but is celebrated on 19th. Other great men and women who had birthdays in February are Langston Hughes, Feb. 1, James Joyce, Feb. 2, Sidney Lanier, Feb. 3, Charles Dickens, a great author, Feb. 7, Boris Pasternak, Feb. 10, Abraham Lincoln, the 13th president, Feb. 12, Dorothy Fisher, Feb. 17, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Feb. 22 and Stephen Spender, Feb. 28 and many more. These were great men and women of the past.

(Editor's comment: There is also a faculty birthday on Feb. 15; just missed being a Valentine, didn't he (she?)?)

Happenings at C.B. Vernon

LIBRARY CLUB

Library Club was held in the study hall on February 8 after school. Roll call was taken by the president, Keli Craft. Then plans for the St. Patrick's Dance, which will be on March 16th were discussed. Committees were formed.

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS

Seventh and eighth grade girl gymnasts have been attending high school practices and viewing films until they started practicing here Monday, February 5. To be eligible for gymnastics, a girl must perform three routines in gym class. The first event for the girls will be March 2 when Tipton comes here.

GIRLS' LETTER CLUB

Saturday, January 20, the Girls' Letter Club had a swimming party at the Marion Y. It was well-attended and enjoyed by everyone. The next meeting was held February 10.

BAND STUDENTS

On Saturday, February 24, the grade schools and our 7th and 8th grade band students will participate in a music festival at Prairie High School. There will be 38 solo and 12 ensembles. Good Luck, everyone!

DRAMATICS CLUB

Eighth grade Dramatics club members met Feb. 8 to consider the selection of the eighth grade play to be given this spring. Will be looking forward to more news about this.

GIRLS IN COE BAND FESTIVAL

Valerie Grishaber and Patti Weber participated in the Coe College Band Festival on February 3. They were part of a band that played under the direction of noted musician Leroy Andersen. Congratulations girls!

Now, Where Do I Begin

"Let's see, where should I start cleaning my room? Boy, look at that closet. Stuff must be piled two feet high (or more) Hey, I got a great idea! I can stuff everything in the closet and my room will look cleaner than it's ever looked before! There, now to shut the door. Boy, this is going to be a tight squeeze. Mom, you can come in and check my room now. Doesn't this room look clean?"

There's one of my tennis shoes. I'd better put it away. I'll set it by my dresser. Put it in the (gulp) closet? Okay.

I open the door and everything comes tumbling out. "Well, here I am; let's see, where should I begin?"

Buying Dog Is Problem

By Mona Faur

Buying a new dog--have you tried it lately? It's hard work, really! What kind of dog would you pick if you were I? A German shepherd? A poodle, or how 'bout a Chihuahua, or a beagle? I looked at big dogs, little dogs, fat ones and skinny dogs, hairless dogs and shaggy dogs. I do believe I look at every dog this side of the Mississippi River? But when I found my dog, a full-grown Saint Bernard named "Tiny", I was glad I got the chance to buy a new dog! Have you tried buying a new dog--don't start!

THE START OF VALENTINE GIVING

The giving of Valentines all started when the Romans celebrated their feast of Lupercalia as a lovers festival for young people. Young men and young women would choose partners by drawing names from a box. Then the partners exchan-



7th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL SQUAD



8th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL SQUAD



Laurie Klein goes "up, up, and away" during a gymnastics routine.



Laurie Zundel works out on the trampoline in girls gymnastics



Scot Williams watches as Charles Jones prepares to use the jigsaw. He is making a rack for his bows and arrows.



The shop bustles with activity after school hours.



Left to right: Geri Tritle, Ann Winistorfer, Merlene Maltby, Matt Moeller, Joel Gaede, Valerie Kramer, Noel Smith, Connie Panek and Mike Freilinger. "What was that question again, teacher?" asks Noel Smith, as the class bully sleeps and the rest of the class tries to look interested.



Left to right: Tracy Warnke, Tami McDonald and Dave Norris. "Will you be quiet, Ezra Porter, and let me do the talking!" shouts Tami McDonald to Dave Norris, as the teacher, Tracy Warnke, watches.



VALENTINE GREETINGS

TO	The Jolly Green Giant and his little brother Tim	FROM	Mrs. Wood
??????????		Patty Kolosik	
R.P.		Terry Kopetsky	
M.J.		Denny Jackson	
J.G.		Tammy Carroll	
Larry Atwater		Ernie Robbins	
Mr. Barrow		Laurie Landis	
Craig Dahl		Mary Jane Dunlap	
Everybody		Lori Rezab	
Mike Woodson		Sandy Bliss	
Cindy Jones		Kevin Raue	
My fine husband and all my little sweethearts (girls) at C.B. V.		Mrs. Moore	
Kathy Rae		Willette Harrigan	
Kim Aikman		Debbie Gagliardi	
Willette Harrigan		Kim Aikman	
Lyle Marks		Dina Hefel	
Greg Albaugh		Paula Pitzen	
Piglet		Wendy Siebers	
My mother and father		Miss Ebersole	
My secret admirer in southwest Iowa		Miss Sloth	
Everyone who will help make peace on earth		Mr. Barrow	
My children and wife		Mr. Meggers	