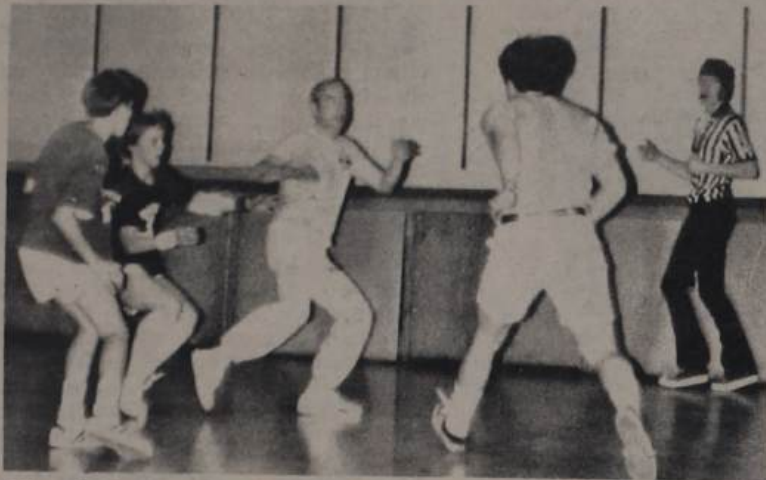


Vernon Jr High Messenger

TALENT SHOW

The Student Council of C.B. Vernon is planning a talent show for the seventh and eighth graders. This show is to show us if you have any talent. We hope you signed up for it last week.

Faculty vs. 8th Grade



Where's the ball?? They seem to know in the faculty-8th grade game.



Larry Grekoff, Gary Campbell, Mike Ryan, Dave Wolmutt, Bob Boots, John Peterzalek and Alan Hallock look over the impressive display of ribbons won at the instrumental contest.

Instrumental Musicians Bring Back Honors

On Saturday, February 24, some of the band people made a trip to Prairie. There were 37 solos and 11 groups.

The flute solos that got blue ribbons are Jeanette Brake, Sue Atwater, Tracy Warnke, Debra Shultz, and Wendy Sumner. Beth Edwards and Valerie Grishaber got a second place red ribbon. Diane Dollinger got a white ribbon. Clarinet solos that got blue ribbons are Patti Weber, Elizabeth Maxey, Joni Balcom, and Tony Weber. Red ribbons were given to Melinda Bahm, Steve Tanner, Louise White, and Melinda Cree. Melissa Bahm and Alan Hallock got red ribbons for saxophone solos.

Cornet solos that got blue ribbons are Larry Grekoff, Tami DeWoody, Joel Gaede, Alan Buwalda, Mark Miller, Patty Wilson, and Jeff Donald. Diane Jellison, Bob Boots, Bob McDougall, and Edith Maxey got red Ribbons. Gary Campbell got a blue ribbon for a trombone solo. The trombone solos that got red ribbons are Mike Ryan, Dave Wolmutt, Mike Morgan, and John Peterzalek. Bill Joseph got a blue ribbon for a baritone solo.

In the groups, the people that got blue ribbons are Debra Shultz, Tracy Warnke, Erin Bretthauer, Lisa Brodrecht, Melinda Bahm, Mona Faur, Sandy McGovern, Gary Campbell, Mike Ryan, John Peterzalek, Dave Wolmutt. Red ribbon group winners included Tami DeWoody, Patty Wilson, Bob Boots, Joel Gaede, Mark Miller, Randy Tietjen, Steve Tanner, Joy Carstens, Paula Collins, Valerie Kramer, Alan Hallock, Melissa Bahm, Beth Edwards, Jeanette Brake, Wendy Sumner, Sue Atwater, Cindy Luebbert, Edith Maxey, Diane Jellison, Kim Parman, Bob McDougall, Alan Buwalda, Jeff Donald, Bart Taylor, Bill Joseph, and Craig Shultz. Congratulations!! Keep up the good work!

Science Fair Rules Listed

The Eastern Iowa Science Fair, held this year at Washington Sr. High in Cedar Rapids, is scheduled for March 31 and April 1. The projects entered by our eighth graders are measuring salmonella bacteria in turtles, aerial photography from a kite, and the effects of orange juice on seed germination. It should prove interesting.

The science fair entries are judged by creative ability--35 points, scientific thought--35 points, thoroughness--10 points, skill--10 points, and clarity--10 points. This equals 100 points. The student will also have up to 50 points added to his science grade. Any student with an exhibit may enter the fair. The requirements are not hard to follow. I can write down a few, but if you are interested, you will have to talk to Mr. Vaske. A student can enter only one exhibit. Grade 7, 8, or 9 must compete in the junior division. The exhibit can be no more than 4 feet from side to side, 12 feet high and 30 inches deep. If you can, go. Even if you don't have an exhibit, it will be fun.



They're ready for a rebound in the faculty-8th grade game.

WE ASKED - THEY ANSWERED

We asked, "Is there such a thing as the luck of the Irish?"
They answered:
Sandy McGovern--I guess so.
Mike Woodson--You bet!
Mike Freilinger--Right on, Chongo!
Pat Godar--Ya, but it's not all good luck.
Jim Frazier--Of course!
Tammy Carroll--Yes
Leslie Crowley--Yea
Lorrie Kinhead--I don't know.
Terri Hebert--Yes.
David Clabough--Heck, yes!
Mike Ryan--Of course, why else do you think they call me the cool kid!
Mr. Schley--You bet! I've been lucky in cards and love all my life!
Bruce Huebner--You can bet your Irish Luck on it!
Miss Ebersole--It certainly seems like it!
Larry Grekoff--You can bet your sweet can of Alpo on it!

We asked, "What is the most unlucky thing that has ever happened to you?"
They answered:
Valerie Kramer--When my dog chewed my teddy bear's ear off.
Connie Panek--Having to turn so red from embarrassment.
Paula Pitzen--meeting Brenda Hauck (just kidding)
Leigh Murdoch--C.B. Vernon Junior High
Craig Luzum--My ears turning red from embarrassment
Linda White--Knowing Tina (just a joke)
Tim Weinreich--I had three dollars and lost it in a card game.
Laura McClannahan--Having Jet move

away.

We asked, "We're going to have spring vacation pretty soon. How does spring fever affect you?"
They answered:
Sue Wickham--It makes me sick--with the flu.
Carol Moore--It makes me feel good.
Edith Maxey--I fall in love!
Louise White--Makes me think of summer.
Liz Maxey--Makes me daydream more.
Jeri Knapp--Makes me feel happier.
Debbie Pool--Very carefully!
Jeanette Brake--Makes me want school to get out.
Linda Bailey--Great!!!

Plan Schedules For Coming Year

Once again, at C.B. Vernon Jr. High, eighth graders are planning their schedule of classes for the new year--being a freshman in high school. No matter how easy it may seem, it's not an easy task.
I, for one, have already planned mine. Well, almost. I may take home ec instead of study hall. . . But also, if I play basketball, I should have study hall. . . Well, I should take four years of Spanish. . . Maybe one year study hall, one year home ec and two years Spanish. . . Or maybe two years study hall and two years home ec. . . Or maybe. . . Believe me! It's not an easy task!!!

WORK ON PROJECTS

At the Seventh Grade Science Club, sponsored by Miss Ebersole and Mr. Barrow, they're working on projects for spring open house. The last meeting will be held sometime in April.

Shapetoons

Pictured below in this issue you will find samples of seventh grade creativity expressed in Word Pictures. These are numbered and the answers, if you haven't guessed them, are printed at the bottom of page 2. Next issue, watch for Shapetoons.

Sec ond TEETH

JOHNS
JOHNS

near

JOAN McCAUMANT

AW

Tim Antons

S.B.

Oslund Creates Magic Fetes For Students

Having water spit through one's ear is not something that happens everyday, but I'm sure it's something Robbie Adams will never forget! Nor will Dave Wolmutter forget giving money out of his mouth that he didn't know he had!

I'm sure most understand what I'm talking about. It was Dick Oslund, the most amazing magician I've ever seen, in the assembly March 2. Other assistants were Carrie Welsh, Michelle Hall, Phil Smith, and Gary Gislason.



Magician Dick Oslund tests his guillotine on Phil Smith's hand while Robbie Adams provides a comforting hand.

Members Admit To 'Butterflies' At Contest

On February 24, 1973, I was one of the band members who participated in a contest at Prairie School. There were both solos and ensembles. Some of the eighth graders had gone last year. But to the seventh graders and some of the eighth graders it was a little frightening and scary. At least I had butterflies until it was over. But everyone had a fun time, I'm sure.

SPRING CLASSES PLANNED AT THOMAS PARK

Sometime this spring both the eighth and the seventh grade classes will be held at Thomas Park. On one day the eighth grade will spend their school day at the park, and on another day the seventh grade will do the same. There will be various activities related to school subjects that will take the place of books. So, as long as there are some nice spring days, we can all look forward to this.

New Project Started in H.E.

The girls in Home Economics are starting another sewing project. There has already been one project handed in, which was successful. There has been so much sickness, causing a lot of people to be behind in their work.

We were given the choice of making anything from a pair of shorts to a coat. All in all, everything is going pretty well except for making shorts too big, melting the material, or putting darts in wrong. But everybody is learning, and it's fun, too.

News Notes...

Friday the 13th of April may be a lucky day for the girls, because the Girls Letter Club is planning a swimming party for all girls at Cornell. There will be home-room competition.

The following students have just enrolled in C.B. Vernon Jr. High lately. We welcome all of you:

Becky Boysen, seventh grader from Linn-Mar

Judy Hall, seventh grader from Harding in Cedar Rapids

Carl Heil, eighth grader from Prairie

Micki Robinson, eighth grader from McKinley in Cedar Rapids

Karla Hotz, eighth grader from Springville.

LIBRARY CLUB HOLDS DANCE

The last Library Club meeting was spent making decorations for their St. Patrick's Dance which was held on Friday, March 16. The cost per person was 25¢. The refreshments were peps and cookies which were provided by club members. The dance lasted from 3:45 to 5:15. The money received will be spent on the party at the end of the year.



The rumor that 8th graders have rocks in their heads is at least partially confirmed. Here several struggle to identify common rocks as part of a science test.

The Trip

The drizzle filtered down through the soiled gray sky, and blanketed the gray-green ground of early spring. The sun, veiled by the threatening clouds, glowed faintly, or was concealed completely. The highway, framed by the windshield of my '69 Triumph, writhed through the Appalachian foothills like a maddened serpent, its slippery turns hidden by massive outcrops of rock. All too often the road inched closer and closer to sheer drops of 300 to 400 feet. Yet I was confident of the watchwork perfect running of my fine-tuned Triumph.

My hands rested lightly on the steering wheel as miles of twisting, turning road clicked under my tires. The surrounding countryside, although gloomy, refreshed me, and my mind partially drifted from the road, my eyes darting aimlessly from hill to valley.

I rounded the next turn, and my mind was snapped back to reality. Not more than fifty yards ahead and closing with the amazing speed of a wild bull, a huge semi sped toward me, oblivious

of the impending danger. My body tensed and my hands grasped the wheel more tightly. My Triumph hugged the rocks closely, searching in vain for space. Just as I pressed my hand to the horn, my left front fender caught the full impact of the semi, and my body, stiff with fear, snapped forward. The car whirled in mid-air and spun wildly like a steel top, and lost its grip on the slippery road and catapulted into space. My head swam, as I became aware not only of pain but of the dizzying sensation of being suspended in space, hundreds of feet above the jagged mountain rocks that waited below me. I was losing my grip on reality, but the sound of the horn, which I still pressed, persisted, though it was only a faraway sensation. The dismal ground below beckoned invitingly, and I longed to end this suspension in limbo where consciousness consisted of but one feeling—I was falling, falling, losing sensation of all else, but still falling, falling. . . .

By Tim Polk

Letters To The Editor

YELLING...PUSHING...

Since the beginning of the school year, we have had various problems. I think that the biggest one is kindness to each other.

During the noon hours people get pushed and shoved around like a basketball! Some people get hurt, and many get mad. Soon we have a number of people yelling and pushing. Do you all have something against acting like a halfway decent person? Girls will push other girls against a boy. When the girl that got pushed sees who she ran into, she will say, "Ugh!" or something like that and run off screaming. Boys, too, do that very same thing. Really now! I think that is acting much younger than you really are. Do you think that is acting much younger than you really are. Do you think people are going to like you? Do you think people are going to think that's cool? I can tell you the answer right now: "No, they won't."

Please think about it because this problem just won't go away until all of us do something about it. NOW!

THE FINAL (?) WORD ON IMMATURE

Dear Editor,
I think that no one can make a general

statement, "The seventh graders are immature." I know some seventh graders that are more mature than some of our eighth graders. You can't lump everybody together because not everyone is the same. No one is the same, as far as that goes.

Nobody should say the eighth graders are immature either. True, some aren't very mature, but a lot are. Who knows, maybe the persons or person saying these things isn't very mature himself.

By Patti Weber

March 17 St. Pat's Day

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17 in honor of the patron saint of Ireland. There are many legends that have grown up about St. Patrick's Day. One is the patron saint of Ireland used the shamrock to illustrate the idea of the Trinity. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in homes, churches, schools and places of entertainment. St. Patrick's Day means to me that you'd better wear green if you don't want pinched. Happy pinching!

Basketball Wrap-up

A-SQUAD

The Marion A squad lost to Tipton by a small part with Tipton 50 and Marion 44 for the final score. Techau was the top scorer with 16 points and Wheeler had 15 points. The B squad won their game easily with a 33-16 victory. The top scorer was Lane with 12 points.

In the Manchester A squad game Marion really made points and definitely won 61-48 with Bice scoring 20, Techau 15, and Wheeler 14. The B squad also looked good in the Manchester game, winning 32-18. Mr. Campbell thought the team played very well. Anderson scored 14 and Van-Gorp 8.

It might be a custom to win the last game of the season, but neither the A or B squad did it. With a score of 49-45, you can't say the A squad didn't try against Linn-Mar. With Wheeler's 16 points and Bice's 11, they almost made it. The B squad played a close game, too, with Linn-Mar winning 29-24. Lane had a total of 12 points.

B-SQUAD

On February 8th the seventh grade B squad tied Independence 12 all. The players who scored were Jacoby, Dolley, Barnhart, Siefken, and Ryan. The half-time score was 5-4 in favor of Independence.

In the A squad Independence game the players who scored were Murray, Ransier, Atwater, Although, Nolte, Tietjen and Bush. The final score was 36-33 in favor of Marion.

Marion B squad defeated Tipton 38-20 after a tie at the half. Ryan, Luzum, Jacoby, Plummer, and Barnhart scored.

Bush, Although, Atwater, and Larson scored for the Indians in the Tipton A squad game. Tipton had a strong half-time lead and won the game 30-18.

Linn-Mar won both the C and D squad games by scores of 18-14 and 32-6. Scores were made by Thomas, Hall, Wolmutter, Kindervag, Harms, Raue, Slater, Van Natta, and Zier.

February 22 Manchester defeated both Marion teams; the B-squad score was 27-14 and the A squad score was 43-32. Scorers included Jacoby, Dolley, Lovell, Bush, Although, Skinner, Atwater, Nolte, and Hunter.

The B squad closed their 6 and 2 season with Linn-Mar March 1 losing a close one 26-24. Starters were Cook, Dolley, Jacoby, Lovell, and Barnhart. The players who scored were Lovell, Barnhart, Jacoby, Cook Dolley and Ryan.

A squad starters at Linn-Mar were Ransier, Nolte, Bush, Although, and Tietjen. Scores were made by Bush, Although, Ransier, Nolte, Larson and Stolze. Half-time score was in favor of Linn-Mar 23-12 and the final score was also for Linn-Mar 40-29. The A squad season record was 4 and 4.

The second time the C and D squads played Linn-Mar both squads were defeated. In the C squad game Plummer, Wolmutter, Fye, VanNatta, Woodson started and scores were made by Plummer, Wolmutter, Raue, Norris, Grekoff, and Boots. The final score was 17-8. The score of the D squad game was 28-5. Hall, Harms, and Henderson scored.

March 22 Is Parade Of Bands

"Parade of Bands" concert that had been postponed from March 8 will be presented on Thursday, March 22, 1973 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

The program will be opened by the fifth grade band, followed by the sixth grade band, both under the direction of Mr. Steve Shearer. The junior high band will present four small groups in addition to selections by the concert band.

Faculties Are

Guests At Vernon

Since October, the junior high faculty has been inviting different faculties from this school district. This month, on March 14, the guests were the staff from Starry Elementary and the Administrative Building. What they do is drink coffee and talk, just to get better acquainted.

Answers to Pictures:

1. Split Second
2. Crooked Teeth
3. A Pair of Long Johns
4. A Broken Heart