

Vernon Jr High MESSENGER

Spring Concert

On May 1 at 7:30 the spring vocal concert will be held in the boys gymnasium. The honor chorus will sing "Bless the Beasts and the Children", "A New Dimension", "Thou Art Groovy", and "We Shall Live as Brothers."

The girls glee club will sing "Monday, Monday", "Cherish", "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", and "Morning Has Broken".

The seventh grade chorus will sing "The Exodus Theme", "Good Morning, Starshine", "Happiness", "I Believe", and "Be Kind to Your Parents."

There will also be some small group novelty numbers and a girls sextet.

Ecology Days

May 21-24

The Ecology Days are planned for May 21-24, subject to good weather conditions. The eighth grade will go out on May 21-22, and the seventh grade will go May 23-24.

Each grade will have activities in science, history, English, math, and art. These days are mainly for the study of nature and things related to it. Ecco days should be fun for each grade level.

The Shapetons published in this issue were created by seventh graders as one other method of communication. In these, the shapes of the objects must be part of the message.



You always were an oddball
Edward? AW

Spring Open House Held At Vernon

Approximately 450 people toured the building last night, April 24, for the Spring Open House, one of the real highlights of the year at Vernon Junior High.

In the boys' gym musical selections were provided by a comet trio, composed of Tami DeWoody, Patty Wilson, and Bob Boots; a flute quartet that included Beth Edwards, Jeanette Brake, Wendy Sumner, and Sue Atwater; and a brass sextet, composed of Bob McDougall, Alan Buwalda, Jeff Donald, Bill Joseph, Bart Taylor, and Craig Schultz. The honor chorus previewed its spring concert with two numbers.

In the lower hall the drafting, woodworking, metalworking and electrical projects in the industrial arts room and both seventh and eighth grade art projects deserved lots of attention. In the hallways the physical education and health classes displayed projects and posters. The home ec room had to have extra racks and tables to show off the sewing, interior decorating, foods, child care, grooming, and family relations projects. Pamphlets showing types of math work done and special projects were displayed in the math rooms.

Science projects take space, so seventh grade projects, including insect and bug collections, learning ability in mice and gerbils, molds and bacteria, growing of brine shrimp, germinating seeds, the effects of cigarettes, and others were partly displayed in the library and study hall. Eighth grade science projects included those shown at the Eastern Iowa Science Fair, and many others illustrative of the work done in astronomy, weather, and geology areas.

Typical work from the entire year was included in folders and on bulletin boards in the social studies rooms. Of special interest were recent activities centered around the history of Marion. Recent examples of creative writing and examples from earlier in the year showed the development of language arts skills. On display in the seventh grade rooms were mythology projects as well. Original poetry and illustrations of humor were also featured in the eighth grade language arts rooms.

Coffee and cookies were served by a committee of V.I.P. members to conclude a full and interesting evening.



Patti Weber and Nancy Beadle check the results of a computer exercise.

Been Wondering About Mr. Ebertsch?

In case you have wondered as to the whereabouts of Mr. Ebertsch lately, he has kept busy. I will start at the beginning, as I should. Last year, several students became interested in computer programming. Mr. Ebertsch had some books on the subject and started them out deciphering some base two problems, but I didn't hear of much else.

This year, though, he started a program open to any or all eighth grade students. During noon homeroom, five or six students and Mr. Ebertsch met and went deep-

er into the subject. At the beginning of second quarter he started the classes. They came on their own free will although no school credit was involved. He and they program the computers with basic instructions (FORTRAN) and send the programmed cards to the Joint County School System. There the cards are fed into computers and then sent back here. No cost is involved.

You cannot enter now because the classes are ended, but he will try to create a new and even better program next year. Ask Mr. Ebertsch if you are interested.

Amy Hardy & Bill Joseph

Get Science Fair Awards

Amy Hardy and Bill Joseph both received five dollars and an honorable mention for their entries in the Eastern Iowa Science Fair, held March 30 at Washington High School in Cedar Rapids.

Amy investigated the occurrence of salmonella disease in pet turtles. She became interested in this after she observed that her younger brother handled his pet a good deal. Since salmonella is such

a dangerous disease to humans, she was concerned about the possibility of youngsters becoming infected from supposedly clean pets.

Bill's investigation concerned the effect of citrus fruit juices on plant germination. Since orange seeds do not germinate until free from the fruit, he was curious as to whether there was anything in the orange juice that inhibited germination.

Congratulations to both of you.

Club Presents Two Plays For Public

Eighth grade Dramatics club members presented two plays for the public at 7:30 on April 17. One was "Uncle Godfrey's Ghost", and the other was "The Farmer's Daughter". These were given for students in separate assemblies on April 13 and 17.

The cast for "The Farmer's Daughter" includes these members: Gina Vernon, Cindy Luebbert, Michelle Fluckiger, Mark Ricklefs, Jeff Donald, and Terry Carter.

Cast members for "Uncle Godfrey's Ghost" were Jeane Hutchins, Sue Atwater, Beth Edwards, Jeanette Brake, Scot Williams, and Ed Krotz.

The announcer was Carrie Welsh. Wor-

king back-stage as prompters were Sheryl Feddern and Diane Jellison. Girl's understudy was Sharon Kewley for "The Farmer's Daughter" and Michelle Malone for "Uncle Godfrey's Ghost". Boy's understudy and stage manager was Bill Carr. Student Directors were Jini Kendall and Kathy Jansen. Makeup crew included Ondrea Fowler, Vickie Staebler, Michelle Malone, Kathy Jansen, Jini Kendall, and Sharon Kewley.



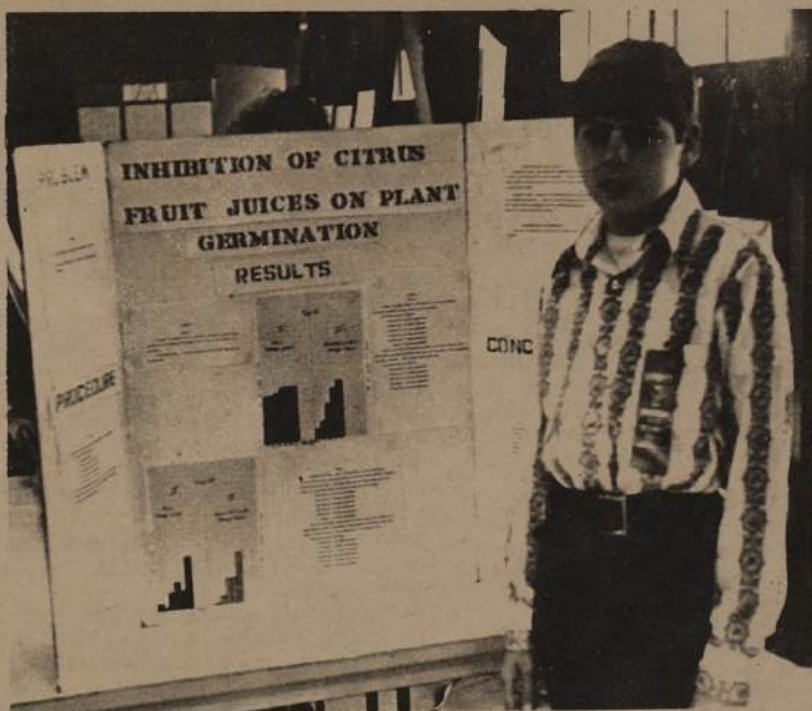
"Yow!" yells one ghost (Sue Atwater) as she bumps into the other one (Scot Williams) while reading a book.



"Now, listen, we've got to get that treasure!" says Windy (Scot Williams) to Joe (Ed Krotz).



"You become the ghost and scare Laura, Dolly," says Jane, as the girls plan the initiation in Uncle Godfrey's mansion. (Jeane Hutchins, Sue Atwater, and Beth Edwards)



Bill Joseph won an honorable mention at the Eastern Iowa Science Fair with this exhibit.



Amy Hardy investigated the possibility of salmonella in turtles and won an honorable mention at the Eastern Iowa Science Fair.

We Asked -

We asked, "What is the unluckiest thing that ever happened to you on Friday, the 13th?"

They answered:
 Debby Gagliardi--English!
 Dave Norris--I didn't get my allowance
 Christy Marsh--Meeting Mona Faur (just kidding!)
 John Peterzalek--Science class.
 Lori Moeller--Falling out of bed!
 Chris Burns--Seeing Miss Ebersole.
 Larry Grekoff--I HAD to get up!
 Mr. Barrow--Getting up.
 Pat Wilson--going to school.
 Kevin Skinner--Mr. Megger's social studies class.
 Dean Wassmer--The unlucky thing was

that I was in a car accident; the lucky thing was that I wasn't hurt.

We asked, "What do you think of the eighth grade boys and girls exchanging home ec and industrial arts classes?"

They answered:
 Carol Moore--So-So.
 Debbie Rothmeyer--It's okay.
 Sue Atwater--I think it will be fun.
 Pam Painter--It's all right.
 Karla Briles--I don't care.
 Jeri Knapp--I think it's a good idea.
 Jeanette Brake--It will be fun.
 Laura Knapp--It will be different.
 Linda Bailey--It should be fun.

Survey Taken On Student Dress Choices

For three consecutive days last fall a survey was conducted to see what percentage of girls chose to wear slacks, shorts, or dresses. On that Wednesday 50% of the girls observed wore slacks, 25% wore a dress, and 20% wore shorts. On Thursday and Friday the percentage of slacks wearers rose to 60% and 78%. Correlations were made with the temperature at 8:00 a.m. of that day, with the temperature at 8:00 P.M. the night before, and with the average temperature of the previous day. Weather, and particularly the rain on that Friday, seemed to be a definite factor in clothes choice.

However, we on the MESSENGER staff were not satisfied with this objective approach and here have the results of the latest subjective poll of those who know best why they wear what they do--the girls of C.B. Vernon. We asked, "How often do you wear a dress to school? How do you decide when to wear a dress?"

They answered:
 Nancy Beadle--4 times a month. When it's warm enough and when I feel like it and when I don't have gym.
 Carol Rice--3 times a month. When none of my pants are clean!
 Karla Blake -- 3 times a week. I decide the night before.
 Diane Jellison--2 or 3 times a week. When I don't have gym.
 Laura Knapp--Once or twice a week. When I have study hall and if it's nice.
 Pam Painter--I don't
 Theresa Scott--3 times a week. When it's nice.
 Valerie Kramer--I wear a dress once or twice a week, and I decide by if I have any pants clean, I wear them.
 Angela Whirlatch--I wear a dress on Sundays or on special occasions, and I decide by what my mother and sister wear.
 Laura McClannahan--I wear a dress three or four times a week, and it depends on my moods.
 Darla Davis--I wear a dress if I go someplace special, and it depends on the weather.
 May Jane Dunlap--I wear a dress when I go out someplace special, and it depends on how I feel.
 Patti Delancey--I wear a dress once a week, and it depends on the weather and if I have art or gym.
 Ann Wininstorfer--I wear a dress at least once a week. I decide by what I have and enjoy wearing.
 Lori Rezab--I wear a dress once every two weeks. I decide by what I have.
 Melissa Bahm--I wear a dress once a week. I decide by the weather.
 Sandy Bliss--I wear a dress whenever I feel like it, but it mostly depends on the weather.
 Teri Daugherty--I hardly ever wear a dress.
 Jill Domer--I wear a dress every other day. I put on five things and then decide.
 Nora Slater--I wear a dress when I feel like it, and it depends on the day.
 Julie Althaus--I wear a dress when I feel like it.
 Pat Wilson--I never wear a dress in the winter except for a dance.
 Cindy Jones--When I feel like it and at dances.

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FEELING BUGGY?

Maybe you haven't been feeling buggy, but the seventh grade science students surely have been. If you're wondering what I'm talking about, be patient and I'll explain. The seventh graders have been writing reports! On what, you're asking? On insects! They really worked hard, too! (Besides, they're going to be graded by both their English and science teachers.) So, if you ran into one of them mumbling about Lepidoptera or Orthoptera, I hope you had some pity, because they were sure feeling buggy!

Gymnasts Receive Certificates

SEVENTH GRADE

Letters and certificates:
 Kim Aikman, Carol Andersen, Joy Carstens, Tami DeWoody, Debra Dutton, Julie Green, Ruby Henderson, Cindy Jones, Vivian Klopfenstein, Laurie Landis, Lorene Long, Leigh Murdoch, Amy Skilling, Pam Stancel, Laura Van Gorp, Kathy Welsh, Candy Yeisley, Laurie Zundel

Certificates only:
 Melinda Bahm, Melissa Bahm, Tammy Carroll, Sheila Clark, Paula Collins, Jill Domer, Cindy Evans, Mona Faur, Debbie Gagliardi, Kathy Griffin, Julie Hawkins, Valerie Kramer, Sandra McGovern, Connie Panek, Terri Swanson, Gerita Tritle

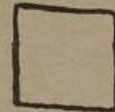
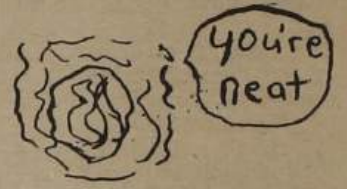
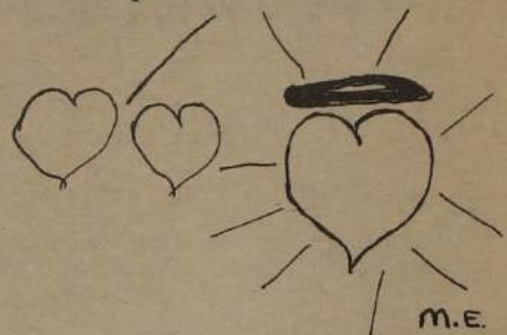
EIGHTH GRADE

Letters and certificates:
 Julie Draeger, Barb Garcia, Michelle Hall, Laurie Klein, Peggy Kratoska, Cindy Luebbert, Lori Schlotterback, Vicki Staebler, Susan Sillman, Lynn Thomas, Kim Thompson, Carrie Welsh.

Certificates only: Diane Dollinger, Michelle Fluckiger, Amy Hardy, Kim Parman, Rosalee Wells.

Manager's Letters and cert., Sheryl Cole, Kristy Dutton, Lisa Muller, Debra Shultz.

She's got a good heart!



Jackie LeClere

Vernon Girl Gymnasts

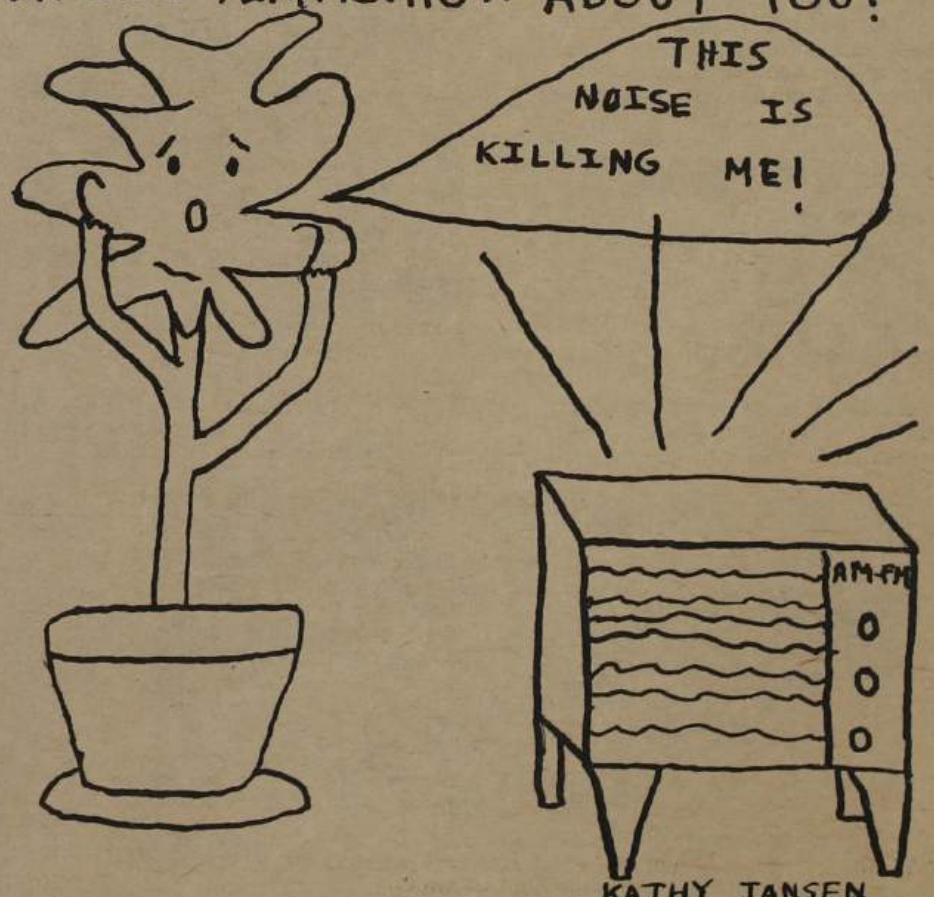


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LOUD NOISE OR MUSIC CAN ACTUALLY DAMAGE PLANTS. HOW ABOUT YOU?



KATHY JANSEN

Happenings

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS VISIT

On April 11 and 12 four of the high school students that participated in debate came to debate before the eighth grade English classes. The debate topic was federal funding of all public schools. The teams alternated debating on the affirmative and negative positions.

The boys who came were Gary Hoag, Dale Folkers, Sam Carson and Frank York. I'm sure everyone liked it very much.

BAND TRAVELS TO INDEPENDENCE

On Thursday, May 10, the Vernon Jr. High Concert Band will go to the Independence Jr. High School to present a concert for the students.

Our band will play a variety of music. The band members will get out of most of their classes that day.

The Independence band will present a concert for us on Wednesday, May 2nd.

GIRLS' LETTER CLUB

The Swimming party at Cornell has been changed to May 14. About fifty girls have signed up to go so far.

New members of the club will be selling health kits for \$1 for initiation. This money will be kept for next year's club.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

The softball girls have been very active in their sport. The girls softball WAMAC sports day is going to be held here on Saturday, April 28. Marion, Maquoketa, and Monticello each have two teams for the tournament. Anamosa and Tipton each have one team in the tournament. Even though track is going on, the girls have been practicing Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

GIRLS TRACK

You can't tell much this early in the season, but from what I've seen and heard, we have some pretty fast girls on this year's track team. There are 39 eighth grade girls and 47 7th graders out. The first track meet of the season will be on April 27. Be sure to be here to cheer them on.

CHEERLEADERS CHOSEN FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Laurie Klein, Keri Peterson, and Michelle Fluckiger were selected to be cheerleaders next year in ninth grade. Try-outs were held on April 17.

BOYS LETTER CLUB

The Boys Letterman Club has a meeting coming up May 4. They will be discussing the possibilities of having a picnic at Thomas Park, a wiener roast.

Last Dance Earns Profit

The last school dance was sponsored by the Library Club and made around thirty dollars. Now the club has to decide on what to spend the money for. Some ideas I have come up with are new books, more shelves, some more magazines, some more filmstrips, and more little viewers for the listening center. Can you think of some more? Why don't you give it a try.

(Editor's Note: It's hard to realize how much money some of these items might cost, but the idea is a good one. If you have a particular magazine or book that you'd like to see in the library, talk to Miss Sloth about it. If there is a particular subject you think should be covered more fully, tell her about this, too. She is very much concerned that the library should provide as much service to the students as is possible.)