

Vernon Jr High Messenger

Band Presents Spring Concert

On May 2, the Independence Jr. High Band came to C.B. Vernon to give a concert. The Vernon Jr. High Band students were hosts and hostesses. Mr. Ballou, the conductor, conducted "Their Finest Hour," "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Rock Slide," "The Now Explosion," and "The Welsh Rhapsody". Their stage band played "Walk Wild", "Morning Has Broken", "Electric Rickshaw", and "The New Generation". It was a good performance.

On May 10, the Vernon Jr. High School Band went to Independence to give their concert. We played "Host of Freedom", "I Will Never Pass This Way Again", Irving Berlin- "A Symphonic Portrait", "Aura Lee", "Edelweiss", "Free and Easy", "Black Is the Color of My True Love's Hair", "Do Re Mi", "Butterfly" and "God of Our Fathers". Mr. Shultz directed.

On May 17, the band had their Spring Concert. They played "Night Flight", "Black Is the Color of My True Love's Hair", "Irish Rhapsody" which consists of "The Moreen" (Minstrel Boy), "I Know Where I'm Going", "Shepherd's Lamb Reel", "Cockles and Mussels", "The Rakes of Mallow", and "Kathleen O'Moore". They also played "Do-Re-Mi", "Irving Berlin--A Symphonic Portrait", which consists of There's No Business Like Show Business", "Say It With Music", "Alexander's Ragtime Band", "Easter Parade", "White Christmas", and "God Bless America". The last songs they played were "Aura Lee", "Edelweiss" and "United Nations".

They played great! It seems they get better every time.

ECOLOGY PROJECTS

One of the projects of the seventh grade ecology days May 23 was to write a poem or newspaper story related to the idea of ecology and illustrate it.

We are publishing several of these.

EAGLE

By John Slay, Dave Norris, and John Peterzalek

See all the eagles?
But there are no eagles here.
They are gone for good.

OCEAN

By Jackie Martin, Debbie Shultz and Sharene Ottaway

The ocean is Nature's balance
White waves hit the shore,
Seashells lying on the ocean's floor.
Fishes swimming quietly through the water,
Dark mysterious creatures hide,
While loud, rousting children play on the sand.
This IS Nature's balance: the ocean.

UNTITLED

By Kevin Skinner and Jackie LeClere

Deserted the city is.
Not a soul astir.
The buildings black from smoke.
The streets chipped and cracked
As if 100 years old.
Garbage laying all over and
No way anybody could breathe.
Black as night it was.
Dead the city is.

DOWN IN THE TOWN

By J. Myers

Down in the town where the water is fine,
Somebody broke an old oil line
The birds that were killed numbered
ninety-nine,
That wasn't good and that wasn't fine.
Down in the town where the water is
'black,
No more do the ducks go "Quack",
No more do the little birds sing
For there is oil over everything.

I WANT

By Brenda Hauck, Jill Held, Greg Nolte

I want to see the sunrise, a hundred
times or more,
I want to hear the surf, pounding against
the shore!
I want to see that Jack Frost has been at
my window.
I want to see a flower bloom; a hundred
times or so!
I want to see a tree grow from a seed.
I want to see mankind without a worry
or need!
I want to see a mountain lake surrounded
by trees.
And I want to sail the seven seas.
But most of all I want these things to stay
So never let pollution take them away!

NATURE

By Sheila Clark and Josephine Burkart

Rivers, ponds and lakes,
That is what I see
Nature is what it is,
A happy place to be.

A place to run free,
To run and swim,
And to be yourself,
That's the way it is.

To be with all the flowers,
When happiness grows,
That is the place to be.

UNTITLED

By Julie Enneking, Sue Ebsen, and Mary Beth Ewing

Birds are singing,
The wind is blowing,
Flowers are blooming everywhere!
Now a little squirrel pops his head out,
His eyes squinting in the morning sun-
light.
Slowly and cautiously he climbs down
from the tree
And steps on the soft dewy grass.
Happily he will play until the night falls.

UNTITLED

By Sandy Moorman, Sandy McGovern, and Joan McCalmant

Black is beautiful,
But not in our air.
There used to be cities,
Shining and fair.
But now what's left? Pity us.
No one will care.

Spring Open House Held

An important phase of the Spring Open House, April 24, was the seventh grade science fair. Projects were judged and the following received blue ribbons: John Kindervag, Dina Hefel, Alan Hallock, Jim Wright, Tami DeWoody, Vivian Klopfenstein, Julie Enneking, Joy Carstens, Mike Woodson, Connie Panek, Wendy Sievers, Ann Winistorfer, Melanie Langham, Steve Tanner, Valerie Kramer, Sue Ebsen, Patti DeLancey, Brenda Hauck, Teri Hebert, Julie Hawkins, Sharene Ottaway, Debbie McCleary, Joel Gaede, Richard Courtney, John Slay, Melinda Bahm, Melissa Bahm, Bob Boots, Teri Swanson, Kristi Craft, Kathy Welsh, LouAnn Spain, Lorene Long, John Adams, Cheryl Bogard, Debbie Dutton, Joan McCalmant, Dennis Ceme, Don Ceme, Lynda Allen, and Gary Campbell.

Red ribbons were earned by Laurie Landis, Paul Ford, Larry Grekoff, Becky Boysen, Teri Kopetsky, Mark Erickson, Nora Slater, Lori Milota, Jeff Hoover, Cindy Weaver, Jean Lange, Christy Marsh, Mona Faur, Robert Fye, Kevin Skinner, Greg Pollock, Ron Pool, Greg Nolte, Philip Smith, Dean Siefken, Lee Larson, Sarah Bennett, Ricky Johnson, Rick Hall, Rob Lee, Pat Godar, Craig Thomas, Tom Clark, Paula Collins, Debbie Malake, John Peterzalek, Sandy Bliss, Carol Anderson, Doug Murray, JoLeah Burns, Sandy McGovern, Jan Bullard, Debbie Miller, Jackie Martin, Chris Connell, Dean Wassmer, Dennis Steffes, Leigh Murdoch, Jim Frazier, Jeff Detling, Dave Wolmutt, Tracy Warnke, Laurie Zundel, Lori Moeller, Kevin Jacoby, Scott Henderson, Dave Zier.

The following students received white ribbons: Noel Smith, Debbie Shultz, Brenda Long, Steve Leytem, Denise Jackson, Steve Ransier, Jill Domer, Rick Palmer, Greg Stolze, Mike Frielinger, Lincoln Walraven, Teri Lovell, Jackie LeClere, and Steve Halverson.

Plans Pizza Party

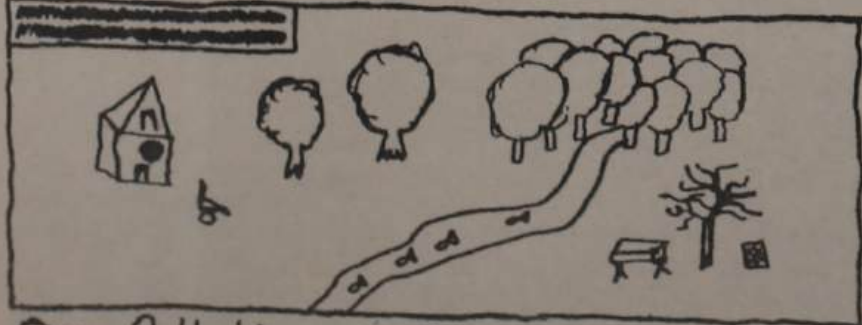
On May 31st the Library Club will be having an end-of-the-year pizza party as Shakey's. All members are invited. The pizza will be paid for out of the Library Club treasury. It will last from 3:30 to 5:15.

Members of the Library Club will be receiving end-of-the year awards. In order to receive an award you could not miss more than two meetings during the year.



Social Studies exhibits at Open House

What do you want?
Clean Air '73



Or Pollution '75



Peggy Kratoska

OPEN HOUSE



Industrial Arts exhibits at Open House



Home Ec exhibits at Open House



Social Studies exhibits at Open House



Editorial Watergate

WATERGATE. Is that word familiar to you? If it isn't, it should be. Watergate is the name of a building; it's also the name of a top government case. Let me give you some background.

The nucleus of the case is the Watergate building where the Democratic Headquarters were located. Some men working for the re-election of President Nixon were caught in there one night planting bugs. These men were arrested and ever since it's been the No. 1 issue in the U.S.

Yes, I believe they were in the wrong, but I bet the Democrats were doing the same thing and they just didn't get caught.

Now people want Nixon impeached. They must be sick. Do you realize what he has done for our country? He gets our men out of Viet Nam and people still convict him as being the leader of the Watergate bugging. If Nixon was to be impeached, ruin could come to the U.S. and South Viet Nam. Communist countries would realize our weaknesses and bang, it's all over with.

How do you feel about the Watergate Case? Is it to ruin or to the top? It's your decision!

Spring Dance Is May 25

May 25, the Junior High held its spring dance. The theme for the decorations this year was the top 20 hits. Representations of "The Old Oak Tree", "Monster Mash", "Daniel", "Blue Suede Shoes" and others were colorful. The serving table was also done in this theme.

The girls looked fabulous in their new spring dresses, and the boys were very handsome. Records provided the music. The dance lasted from 7:00 to 9:30.

Band Presents

Spring Concert

If I could live in another time and place, it would be the near future and our United States. Our country and its people are accomplishing great feats all the time. We made it to the moon, started to help the poor and starving, and to get rid of our pollution problem. In the near future, I think that if people would realize these problems, we could overcome and exceed to help our planet Earth and fellow beings.

By Carol Moore

Girls Track Is Success This Year

The girls track teams were pretty successful this year, especially the seventh grade. The seventh had four wins, no losses. The eighth grade girls had two wins and two losses. The biggest meet WaMac, with eight schools attending, was won by both seventh and eighth. Receiving the most blue ribbons in eighth was Michelle Hall with four, and in seventh Cindy Jones with three.

8th Graders Could Write A Book

Eighth graders could write a book about happiness--and misery. For instance:

Misery is---waking up on Monday morning knowing you don't have your assignment done. Denise Gulbertson.

Happiness is---getting flowers from a friend. Laura Knapp.

Happiness is---being on a real baseball team. Bob Bushman

Misery is---walking under a tree when there's a bird in it. Geylen Cayler

Happiness is---not showing your age. Kathy Allen

Misery is---an empty. Matt Burns

Happiness is---battered popcorn with salt. Karla Blake

Misery is---going dry. Tom Borst

Misery is---getting into the shower but forgetting to take your underwear off first. Anonymous

Misery is---not knowing what to do for English. Lisa Duncan.

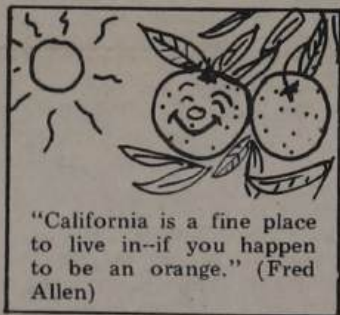
Happiness is---going to the beach. Luke Godar

Happiness is---having a panda that's in love. Martha Burns

Misery is---having to eat your vegetables. Keri Petersen

Misery is---visiting Milledale, Iowa (Population :30). Valerie Grishaber.

Misery is---a 'Misery is'. Bart Taylor



Gina Vernon and Kim Parman run the 440.



Carrie Welsh attempts the high jump



Tim Ford clears the bar in the pole vault



Jerry Goehring goes over the high jump

GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM RANKS 3rd AT SPORTSDAY

The Marion A girls softball team came in third in the WaMac Softball sportsday April 28. Anamosa A team came in first and Maquoketa B team came in second. Here is how the games went. Marion's A team beat Tipton's A team 15 to 3; they lost to Maquoketa B team 10 to 8; and beat Maquoketa A team 11 to 4. Then they lost in the consolation finals

to Maquoketa B team 6 to 5.

The Marion B team didn't do so bad. They beat Monticello B team 22 to 6 and lost to Anamosa 15 to 3.

Mrs. Cassidy assisted Mrs. Moore as coach.

We'd like to congratulate all the girls on both teams.



Diane Henderson and Carol Andersen demonstrated permeability of soil at open house



Amy Hardy and Julie Draeger demonstrate quicksand at Open House



We asked They answered

POEMS

IF I WERE A . . .
By Jeane Hutchins

If I were a fish
I'd live in the sea,
But all of the fish-lovers
would study me.

If I were a horse
I could run real fast,
but after a while
my back would not last.

If I were a tree
I would live very grand,
but sooner or later
I'd get sick of the land.

If I were a fish
or a horse or a tree,
I'd live very grand
as you can well see.

But since I've no choice
of what I'll be,
I think I'll be just
plain old me.

IF I COULD GO DOWN TO THE SEA
AGAIN. . .

By Edith Maxey

If I could go down to the sea again,
Imagine the things I could do.
I could pick up the shells of the lobster
And jump on the large rocks too!
I'd love to go down to the sea again
And smell the salty air
And try to see the lighthouse
On the foggy mornings there.

If I could go down to the sea again
I'd visit Gramp's house on the shore.
I could walk 'long the beach every
morning at eight
And pick up some loot and some lore.

If I could go down to the sea again
How happy I would be,
For when the waves slap against the rocks,
The ocean is calling to me!

EARLY MORNING
By Terry Milburn

The grass smells fresh with morning dew,
The sun is just starting to rise into the sky,
The birds are flying out of their nests to
get food for their young.
The creek has a special sparkle to it that
it can have only at this time of day,
There is a silence outside that could mean
only one thing:
It is early morning.

SCHOOL
By Chris Boyer

Rules,
Writing tools,
Spelling
Self-compelling.
Math,
An unpredictable path.
Science,
Student defiance.
Social studies,
Historical buddies.

We asked, "What is the most embarrassing thing that has happened to you this year?"

They answered:

Lisa Muller-At a basketball game when all the boys screamed out: Mo-na Lisa
Lori Moeller-When my heel fell off right before a concert.
Chris Morris-When I tripped up the stairs
Rick Hall-Nothing
Julie Enneking-When we dissected frogs, and I screamed in front of everyone.
Scott Henderson-When I got hit by a car, and everyone said I was a bad bike rider.
Mrs. Wood-Not being able to keep Vicki Cummings, Twila Berg and Kristy Dutton's names straight.
Miss Sloth-The times I have been mistaken for a student
Mike Freilinger-The time I threw-up all over Matt Moeller's table.
Laurie Van Gorp-The time I was dragged out of the girl's locker room in my bra and underwear.
Jeff Detling-When I vomited on my dog.

We asked, "What has been the best thing about this year?"

They answered:

Mr. Meggers: It's almost over!
Miss Ebersole: Meeting so many great people.
Mr. Ebertsch: My wife's spaghetti and meatballs.
Mr. Drake: My new son and working with chorus and classroom work
Mr. Steadman: All the nice kids in junior high.
Mr. Miller: The enjoyable students I met this year.
Miss Sloth: Getting to know the faculty and the students better than I knew them last year.
Mr. Barrow: Friday the 13th only fell once.
Mr. Vaske: The chance to go outdoors for the ecology days.
Mr. Taylor: The ecology days.
Mr. Messerli: Meeting and working with the students.

We asked, "What do you think of the change from GRA to the present girls athletic program?"

They answered:

Linda Bailey-I think GRA was better because it gave more girls a chance to be in the club.
Carrie Welsh-You're not as involved and don't do as many things in athletics as GRA. In GRA you worked harder because you were working for points and ribbons.
Lynn Gagliardi-I think it was a good idea because it gave us a chance to compete against other schools.
Keri Petersen-I liked GRA better because it gave everybody a chance to be in it and you got ribbons.
Janis Chapman-Athletic Club isn't as good as GRA because not as many girls can be in it.
Twila Berg-I think GRA was better because there were more things to do.
Kathy Olsen-I liked GRA because I liked the activities.
Wendy Sumner-In Letter Club we don't do as much as in GRA.
Susan Hahn-About the same.

We asked some eighth grade boys what they thought of home ec.

They answered:

Kevin Johnston--It's all right
Joe McElligott--It's fun if you get your

thrills out of breaking eggs.

Bob McDougall--the food tastes okay just as long as you don't look at it.
Ed Krotz--I like to eat the food, and it's okay.
Randy Reed--It's not too bad.
Terry Carter--It's fun to eat
Bob Blin--Lots of fun.
Greg Knockle--Fun to cook
Brian Donohoe--Decent
Dan Ford--Better than industrial arts.
Tim Polk--It's better than industrial arts because you can't eat a card holder.
Vern Balster--Very tasty if you like hard snickerdoodles.
Tim Nightingale--I realized how bad I cook.
Bill Carr--I don't like it. It's a bore.
Kirk Price--I think it's fun.
Steve Anderson--It's all right.

We asked, "What advice do you give the seventh graders?"

They answered:

Carol Andersen: I don't have any right now.
Kathy Jansen: Cool it!
Vickie Staebler: Watch out!
Mr. Vaske: Be prepared to work next year.
Tom Pospisil: Stay on the good side of Mrs. Dunn.
Regina Carroll: Be careful of goofing around in Mrs. Simpson's class.
Sandy Mahoney--Don't fool around in class.
Diane Henderson: Be ready to work in Mrs. Dunn's class.
Jean Edlin: Some of you should grow up.
Sue Atwater: Be prepared for LOTS of homework.

We asked, "What is the best thing that ever happened to you in junior high?"

They answered:

April Winch--I don't know. Passing.
Oh I haven't passed yet! I don't know.
Keli Craft--Passing and leaving junior high.
Gina Vernon--Tying K.L. in the free-throw contest.
Terry Bruring--Getting Wamac in everything except basketball
Kevin Lamphier--Setting a record in 100-yard dash--20.6.
Barb Gott--Getting out of school.
Diane Dollinger--Finally getting out of this school.
Jeane Hutchins--Beating Linn-Mar in basketball. Ray!!!
Kay Luedtke--Growing up.
Paula Greene--Getting out of here.
Patti Weber--Meeting S.C.
Carrie Welsh--Being on crutches.
Sue Hahn--Getting out of social studies.
Sheryl Cole--Getting away from it all.

We asked, "What are you looking forward to most in high school?"

They answered:

Lynn Thomas--Winning a letter in gymnastics
Leah Ann Marg--Getting rid of my sister
Julie Draeger--Getting out of junior high
Sharon Kewley--Boys, boys, and more boys!
Micki Robinson--Being older
Tim Polk--Driving a car of my own
Teresa Johnston--Being with the neat boys

"You don't have to travel around the world to understand that the sky is blue."
(Goethe)



This looks like art but is really a math project!

Spring Sing Concert Given

"Spring Sing 73" couldn't have been a better title for the spring vocal concert. All the groups that sang sounded great. Around 250 parents attended the concert to hear the following songs: "Happiness", "I Believe", "Good Morning Starshine", "Exodus Theme" and "Be Kind to your Parents". These were 7th grade songs. The small groups sang, "I See Bones", "You're Getting to Be a Rabbit With Me", "Edelweiss" and "Morning After." The Girls Glee Club sang, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", "Cherish", "Monday, Monday", and "Morning Has Broken." Honor chorus sang "A New Dimension", "Bless the Beasts and the Children", "59th St. Bridge Song", "Thou Art Groovy", and "We Shall Live As Brothers." About 210 people participated.

Dramatics Club Holds May Picnic

Dramatics Club held a meeting on Thursday the 17th of May and decided upon a picnic at Thomas Park. Each member was to bring a sack lunch and the club would provide pop. You could bring guests. The picnic was held Monday, the 22nd of May. We played baseball and played on other equipment. That was fun!

Tree Planting Ceremony at Vernon Hi

On Saturday, May 12, a tree planting ceremony took place. All the science teachers were there, Miss Ebersole, Mr. Barrow, Mrs. Vaske and Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Fowler were present.

All together there were nineteen trees planted. They include sugar maple tree, sycamore, oak, and scarlet maple trees. Two students from each homeroom participated in this activity.

It started at 9:00 and continued until about 11:00. The trees were planted on the inside and outside of the school fence. They are all young trees. Not all the right kind of trees came, so substituted trees were planted in their place. Now all that the trees are planted it looks very nice.



It takes a lot of muscle to plant trees on May 12.



John O'Brien likes snickerdoodles even when he makes them himself



Mr. Cahalan demonstrates safety procedures to the eighth grade girls

Students Change Positions In H. Ec & Ind. Arts

On Monday, May 14, the eighth grade boys and girls exchanged positions. Industrial Arts is now occupied by the girls

and Home Ec. by the boys. The girls will be doing drafting, woodworking and metalworking, but they won't get much done. The boys will be cooking. Some of the things they are cooking are: cookies, breakfasts, and some dinner courses. This has been done for the last three years.