

BEFORE -- Cold Classroom at the School. . .



AFTER -- Mrs. Taylor and Class in a Warmer Church Class room

Vernon Junior High School
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The Messenger

Vocal, Instrumental Programs Big Activities At Vernon, Too

By Kim Galligan

Vocal and instrumental music programs at any school are a big part of the school's activities. Vernon Junior High's is no exception. There are pep bands, concerts, and five different vocal music groups. Anything you're interested in--the junior high has.

Vocal music groups for 7th grade include Mixed Chorus and Girls' Glee. Mixed chorus has 80 members and Girls' Glee has 60. The Mixed Chorus practices twice a week and Girls' Glee once.

Vocal music groups for 8th grade include the same as the 7th, but 8th also had a Special Choir, which is selected from the Mixed Chorus. Mixed Chorus has 90 members, Special Choir has 50, and Girls' Glee has 70.

These groups didn't have rehearsals while the students were at the churches, but are continuing since the students have returned to the Junior High.

If you want to join any of these vocal music groups, contact Miss Riemenschneider.

The 80-piece Vernon Junior High concert band has had a big 6-week interruption without rehearsal, caused by the lack of heat in the building, where the classes were moved to the churches.

A pep band was organized and performed at the final football game. More pep bands will be set up as the season progresses.

On December 7, the Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association will sponsor the Junior High and High School Band Festival. This will be held at Independence. Four Vernon students were selected for the Junior High Honor Band--Karen Klawitter, trombone; Teresa Cracraft, baritone saxophone; Tony Weber, clarinet.

In February the Northeast Iowa Band Association sponsors the Solo and Ensemble festival for grades 6 through 9. Date and place will be announced later. Many students will be taking part in this event.

Due to the remodeling of the school building, concert programs are indefinite. Possible plans include a big Spring Concert in

May--perhaps on the theme "A Concert in the Park," and it may be played on the west lawn.

Mr. Shultz comments, "Anyone interested in beginning band instruction should see me anytime except during band rehearsal. We would be happy to have you join our organization."

There Will Be A Lot Of Changers!

By Lori Miller

As you all know the Junior High is under construction. Who got the idea? Citizens group. The bond issue was passed on Aug. 23, 1973, and the work began in August of '74. They hope to have the whole project done by the beginning of the '75-'76 school year.

The advantages are that the students and the teachers will be allowed to have better facilities in science, social studies, and English. There really aren't any disadvantages, except for the disturbance that the students and faculty will have to go through this year.

Everybody is asking what's going to be different? There will be two new science labs, a news media center, eight new classrooms, a new industrial arts area, a new vocal music room, a new gym area, new locker rooms, a wrestling and gymnastics area, a new kitchen area, and addition to the home economics room, and renovation on the restrooms.

Mr. Fowler said that the construction is going very well, and he can't wait until it's done. He also said, "We've got to put our best foot forward." He is very confident that it will end up a fine project.

FROM THE EDITORS --

Some Liked Change To Church

From Editor MARK KLOPFENSTEIN

The Marion Junior High students have been attending school in the First United Methodist church and the First Presbyterian church for quite some time.

We have talked to some students and some teachers. Some individuals liked the change because they only had to go to school half a day; this was the attitude of most people. And then there were a few people who didn't like the idea of being split up with their friends. Some liked having different teachers and others didn't.

Some problems developed. Some classes were crowded. The seventh grade classes missed gym, art and music. They only had four subjects, which were language arts, social studies, math, and science. The same situation was true with the eighth grade. They missed industrial arts, home economics, and gym.

From Co-Editor ROBERT HERREID

The recent switch to school in two Marion churches has presented many changes and some problems. Some of the faculty did not like this recent change either because of the confusion or the problems that arose. Most of the students, however, thought it was great having the morning or afternoon off. This was the attitude of most of the students, but a few disliked the situation and gave as reasons that they were apart from their friends or they disliked having different teachers on different days.

The contractor had planned to have the

Vernon Girls Give Help To Mr. DeWees!

By Milissa Cleppe

L.B. DeWees, 909 13th St., in Marion, said, "It does your heart good to see something like that." When he came back from the hospital after a heart attack, he had a yard full of leaves and he was worried about them. But he didn't have anything to worry about because there were five girls raking away. They were Terri Bjornsen, Tracy Cole, Monica Buenzow, Martha Balster, and Sue Rathje.

When I asked how they found out, they said that Terri Bjornsen was his neighbor, they got together, and they started raking. After two hours of raking, they said that they felt tired, but good.

Terri and Tracy said that they did it because they thought it was a good deed. The others said they did it because they wanted to.

Letter to the Editor --

By Jeff Brokaw

Scientists are trying to freeze people with cancer and other types of fatal diseases with the purpose of waking them up in the future, when there will be a cure for their type of disease. That's not right! We should let people die as God planned it--not for them to live forever.

If we were to freeze people, instead of letting them die, there would be a population explosion when they awaken. For every person frozen there probably would be a baby born. Then when they awaken and the babies are born, there would be less places for them to go.

We should not change the course of nature by letting people live twice, maybe even longer, than their original life span.

boilers in before, but an electrical transformer arrived late and its installation was delayed further. On the 7th of November it was planned for the boilers to be turned on and tested, and it was planned that the classes would start back in the school on the 13th.

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From Co-Editor SHERRI ARNOLD

As everyone well knows, we weren't in the school for almost one month.

The students got a rest from running up and down the stairs, getting hall passes, and being put on detention.

None of this would have been possible if it hadn't have been for two things: 1). having no heat in the school, and 2). being allowed to attend school half a day at two local churches.

We would like to thank the pastors and members of the First United Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian church, both located on the corners of Eight avenue and Twelfth street.

We have left the churches and are now back in the school. Again we thank you for lending us your facilities.

Jane Huber New President Of Letter Club

By Tami Douglas

Jane Huber became President of the Letter Club election; Janice Kincheloe was elected vice-president, Kelly Matthews, secretary, Cheryl Barker, treasurer, and Tammy Carter, reporter.

The Letter Club recently had a T-shirt sale. Teresa Anderson won first place in sales (90 T-shirts). In second place was Lori Freilinger (82 T-shirts). Both have won Marion sweat socks and knee pads. Teresa had a choice of \$10 or a red and gold basketball. She chose the \$10. The Club will now have a raffle for the basketball on Nov. 19. Letter Club sold 744 T-shirts altogether.

Letter Club members usually participate in basketball, gymnastics, track, or softball intramurals.

The Letter Club has one money-making project each year and one self-planning activity.

Announce Winners At Skating Party

By Lisa Stuelke

The Vernon Junior High 7th grade skating party that was held on Friday, October 4, was also a contest. Some of the teachers, including Mr. Schley, watched the skaters very carefully and came up with winners. There was a tie for the best girl skater. The winners were Tracy Cole and Dorene Juett. The best boy skater was determined to be Terry Reed, and the best skating teacher turned out to be Mrs. Moore, the gym teacher. The teacher with the most unusual style was Mr. Steadman. He was described as flamboyant. The skater who ended up with the most bruises was David Rae, and the one who used his elbows the most was thought to be Roger Woodsmall.

The biggest nuisances on the floor were Kelly Randall and Randy Venzke. The two who were the most disgusting lovebugs were Sandy Rutan and Dodge Casteel. The skater who drank the most soda pop was Mr. Eygabroad, and the busiest skater on the floor was the manager of the skating rink.



The Buildings Go Down Across 5th Ave.



COACH BRAINARD AND 7TH "A" TEAM

Linn-Mar 7th "A" Team Defeats Vernon By 20-8

By Brian Fowler

On Tuesday, October 15, Marion's 7th grade "A" squad met the Linn-Mar football team. Linn-Mar made a touchdown on the opening kick-off. The extra point was no good because Kenny Adams blocked it. At half time the score was 20 to 0 in Linn-Mar's favor. During the third quarter Robbie Bolyard made a touchdown and the extra point. Mr. Brainard's son, Dave, quarterbacked for Linn-Mar and ran for one of Linn-Mar's touchdowns and passed for another. At the end of the game, the score was 20 to 8, Linn-Mar's favor.

Marion's 7th grade "B" squad won its game against Linn-Mar, 8 to 6, October 15. Linn-Mar scored in the first quarter. In the third quarter Rick Boyd, quarterback of Mr. Dolinaj's team, moved his team into scor-

MARION LOSES TO ANAMOSA

By Jim Lewis

The Anamosa wrestling meet Tuesday, November 14 ended in a loss. The score was Anamosa 83, Marion 59. Marion had 6 pins--Roger Yirkovsky (1:33), Jordan McAreavy (:34), Ken Waters (1:23), Jim Neagle (2:39), Larry Offerman (1:40), and Dave Decker, with the record time of (:19). Marion also had 7 wins and 1 tie--Greg Hebert.

8th "A" and "B" Teams Split With Rival Linn-Mar Lions

By Jerry Hotz

Marion's 8th grade played a double-header football game against Linn-Mar on Oct. 15. Both the "A" and "B" squads played Linn-Mar at home. The "A" squad played a tough hard team; Linn-Mar played well and so did Marion. The "A" squad beat this team by score of 8 to 0, with Cary Smith making a T.D. from 37 yards out, and Brad McAreavy making the extra point. Coach Meggers said the men did a great job this year.

"B" squad didn't fare as well. But they fought to get one T.D. by Steve Armstrong, and the extra point. They lost, 28 to 8. Coach Taylor says his team did a very good job.

By Joyce Ottaway

On October 10 Marion's 8th grade "B" squad played Prairie. Tom Turner made the first 6 points. Then Dave Schneider scored 6 more. Steve Armstrong was just one of the good rushers. Mr. Taylor said that all the defense played very well. The game ended in a tie, 12 to 12.

By Kari Kemp

The 8th grade "B" team slaughtered Vinton in their second game of the season, October 2. The score was 18-0.

Junior High Mat Squad Starts Fast

By John Huber

The Junior High wrestling team got off to a fast start by defeating Monticello 56 to 26, October 31.

Winners for Marion were Tom Ford, Jordan McAreavy, Ken Waters, Jim Parker, Dennis Stainbrook, Brad McAreavy, Larry Offerman, Mark Klopfenstein, Dave Decker, Bruce Bennett, Cary Smith, and Tom Vernon. Dave Rae tied. Dave Decker had the fastest pin, in 15 seconds.

Other pins were recorded by Tom Ford (:53), Dennis Stainbrook (:52), Brad McAreavy (:36), and Larry Offerman (:34).

Coach Cahalan said that the team looked good for the first time out, but that there were some little things they needed to work on. He gave particular credit to Jordan McAreavy, Tom Vernon, and Mark Klopfenstein. He also said Rick Hartl looked good against a tough opponent.

ing position, and minutes later, Mr. Cahalan's team, led by QB Tony Perkins, scored the winning touchdown. Outstanding players were, on offense, Rick Boyd, Scott Chapman, Marlon Tope, Roger Woodsmall, John Stuelke, and Eddy Dirks, and on defense, Roger Woodsmall, Randy Frazier, Rick Boyd, Marlon Tope, and Scott Chapman.

The whole team did an outstanding job at whole team did an outstanding job at moving the ball on offense and a fine job at stopping Linn-Mar. Both Mr. Dolinaj's and Mr. Cahalan's teams played exceptionally good defense.



7TH BOYS' "B" TEAM AND COACH DOLINAJ

Steve Armstrong made two touchdowns. One was made by running. The other was made when he caught a pass from

7th "B" Football Squad Loses To Manchester, 22-6

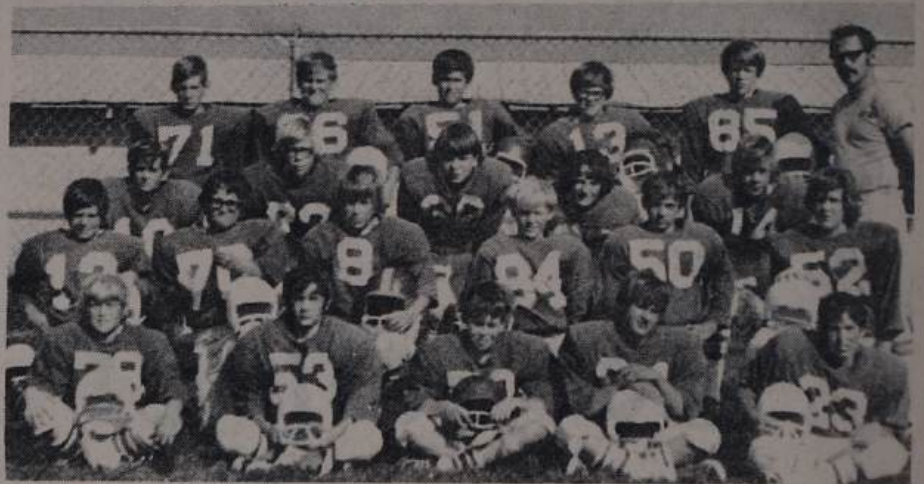
By Pat Freilinger

On Thursday, October 3, Marion's 7th grade "B" squaders played Manchester's "B" team. Marion kicked off to Manchester. The first quarter Marion recovered a fumble but didn't go anywhere. Manchester then ran 50 yards for a TD.

During the second quarter Jeff Stroud, with assistance from his teammates, ran 18 yards for a TD. Marion next kicked off to Manchester and their team ran back to Marion's 45. There was no score in the second quarter. At halftime it was

6 to 6.

Manchester started off the third quarter by kicking off to Marion. Marion fumbled the kickoff and Manchester recovered. On the first play Manchester ran for a TD, but it was called back for clipping. But Manchester soon ran 65 yards for a TD. They made their extra point. Manchester scored another time in the third quarter and made their extra point. In the fourth quarter no score was made, so Manchester won, 22 to 6.



COACH CAHALAN'S 7TH "B" TEAM

Legion Auxil. Open House For Teachers

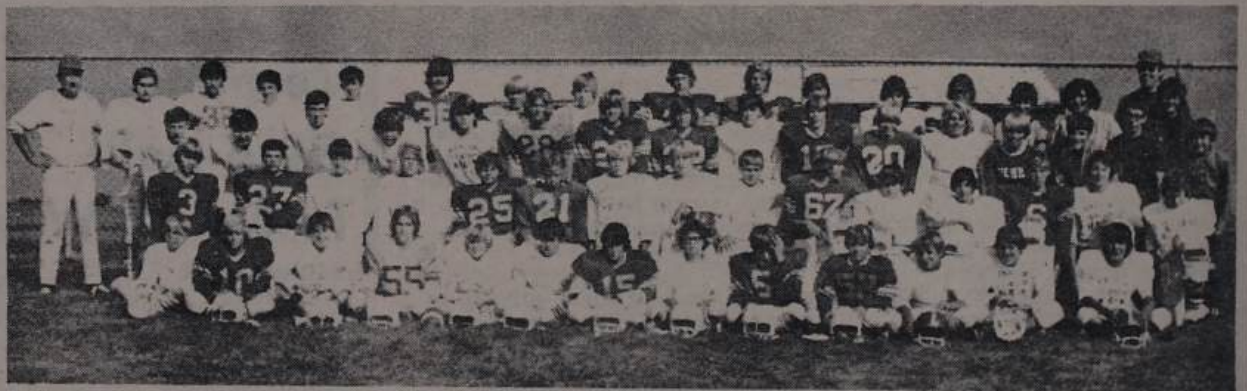
By Craig Evans

In observance of National Education Week, the American Legion Auxiliary of Marion invited teachers from Linn-Mar and Marion Independent school districts to an open house. In all, about 100 teachers attended. Sixteen teachers attended from C.B. Vernon Junior High School. The open house was held Sunday, Oct. 27, at the American Legion Hall, from 2 to 4 p.m.

After being greeted and registered, the teachers were presented with packets of materials that would be helpful to them (note pads, pencils, pens, etc.)

Following this, teachers went through a reception line for coffee, cookies, nuts and candies. After that, teachers and Legion members socialized.

The teachers of Vernon Junior High sincerely wish to thank the American Legion Auxiliary of Marion for the reception and for their support of education.



8TH GRADE FOOTBALL TEAM WITH COACHES MEGGERS AND TAYLOR

"A" Girls' Cage Team Wins; "B" Squad In Loss

By Barb Dollinger

On Tuesday, October 29, the C.B. Vernon Junior High 7th grade girls' basketball team played Manchester here. The "A" squad won 42 to 27, while the "B" squad lost by 2 baskets, 33 to 29. Starting forwards for "A" squad were Michelle Kos, Roxanne Jackson, and Michele McAreavy. Starting guards for "A" squad were Lisa Hall, Kim Galligan, and Laurie Van Gorp.

Starting forwards for "B" squad: Debbie Rathje, Tracy Cole, and Sue Rathje. Starting guards for "B" squad were: Mary Moeller, Barb Dollinger, and Brenda McCormack.

The following people scored for "A" squad: Michele McAreavy (16), Roxanne Jackson (16), Michelle Kos (6), Jenny Carstens (2), and Jo Thomas (2).

These people scored for "B" squad: Debbie Rathje (18), Tracy Cole (4), Regina Barth (4), Sue Rathje (2) and Leslie Zimmerman (2).



MRS. MOORE AND GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM

Girls' Softball Team Loses To Lisbon

By Kim Kemp

On October 3, Marion challenged Lisbon to a game of softball. Lisbon accepted and the game started. Marion had a pretty good start, but gradually Lisbon got ahead, finally with a score of 17 to

5. Scores for our team were made by Roxanne Jackson, Michelle McAreavy, Kim Kemp, and Beth Clover.

"All the girls that stayed through the whole season got to play," Mrs. Moore said.