

The Messenger

Vernon Junior High School
DECEMBER, 1974



CAN KIDS BE FAR AWAY?



MEET YOUR MESSENGER NEWSPAPER STAFF
44 Help Put Messenger 'To Bed'

The newspaper staff for THE MESSENGER for the 1974-75 school year has Mr. Miller as its advisor. The editor is Mark Klopfenstein and the co-editors are Bob Herreid and Sherri Arnold. There are 18 eighth grade members. They include holdover members Bob Herreid, Jane Huber, Cami Kemp, Kim Kemp, Jan Kincheloe, Jane Maxey, and Zack Miller and new members Sherri Arnold, Cheryl Barker, Renee Barth, Mike Harris, Karen Kemp, Mark Klopfenstein, Sara Laschankzy, Jim Lewis, Linda McCormack, Mark

Prouty, Kim Ryan, Jordon McAreavy. There are twenty-six seventh graders: Regina Barth, Craig Canavan, Ronna Chase, Milissa Cleppe, Barb Dollinger, Tami Douglas, Craig Evans, Brian Fowler, Pat Freilinger, Kim Galligan, Gayla Garlow, Alan Gruwell, Ray Hefel, Jerry Hotz, John Huber, Shawn Johnson, Kari Kemp, Lori Miller, Chris Mundorf, Kitty Olson, Joyce Ottaway, Dave Shindoll, John Stuelke, Lisa Stuelke, Ken Waters, and Joyce Wilken. The total membership is 44.

Different Reactions To School's Move To Church

By David Shindoll and Jan Kincheloe
Students and teachers of Vernon Junior High School were asked by our reporters to react to the move to the churches. Here are some of their responses.

Mr. Eygabroad: The students adapted better than the teachers.
Mr. Holden: I'll be glad when I get back to school.
Mr. Miller: The students have adjusted well. I think we owe a lot to the churches but I'm anxious to get back.
Mrs. Read: It's a change. I'll be glad to get back to school.
Wayne Huebener: It's O.K. It's Grreat!
Todd Price: Excellent educational experience.
Scott Huebener: Very Holy!
Charles Nove: It's nice 'cause you can

fool around all afternoon.
Mike Donald: If you like going to church, it's O.K.
Doug Bonesteel: Love it!
Jeff Frasher: Half days--love 'em.
Dan Cook: Ditto!
Jim Neagle: Like it.
Dave Edwards: Has its ups and downs.
Kris Johnson: It's pretty neat.
Bret Knockle: Bleckie!
Randy DeYoung: It's O.K.
Steve O'Connor: I like the half days very much.
Lori Busse: Like it. Has its ups and downs.
Dawn Duecker: It's all right; better than going to school.
Ray Hefel: It's fun
Scott Grekoff: Gravy, Man!
Ken Miller: It's O.K.
Dennis Deeney: I like it, but I can't

wait to get back to school.
Tony Weber: Too confusing!
Mark Lembke: Love it!
Mr. Shultz: It's ruining my program.
Jon Foege: It's great. Going half days is terrific.
Cathy Durivage: I like it, but I don't want it to keep up for the whole year.
Jane Huber: Yuck!
Jerry Kirk: I miss gym but love to sleep late.
Noel Koeppen: I have no idea.
Brenda Kucera: Change of pace.
Tim Henderson: I like it because I can sleep in.
Jeralyn Jacobson: I like sleeping in.
Mr. Brainard: I love to supervise group 5 in math.
Karen Klawitter: It's all right.

Roger Knapp: It's O.K. !
Bob Knapp: It's great, 'cause I can earn money in the morning.
Randy Johnson: Sickie!
Darrel LeClere: O.K.
Karen Kemp: Am hoping to get back soon.
Laurie Hoffa: I like it 'cause I can sleep in.
Frank White: It's bad because I get bad grades.
R J Warner: I hate it because I hate to go to church.
Mr. Taylor: Hard work!
Jimmy Peterson: I like it because I can sleep and stay up later.
Mr. Dolinaj: It's been enjoyable!
Ms. Plonsky: I've enjoyed meeting the 8th graders.



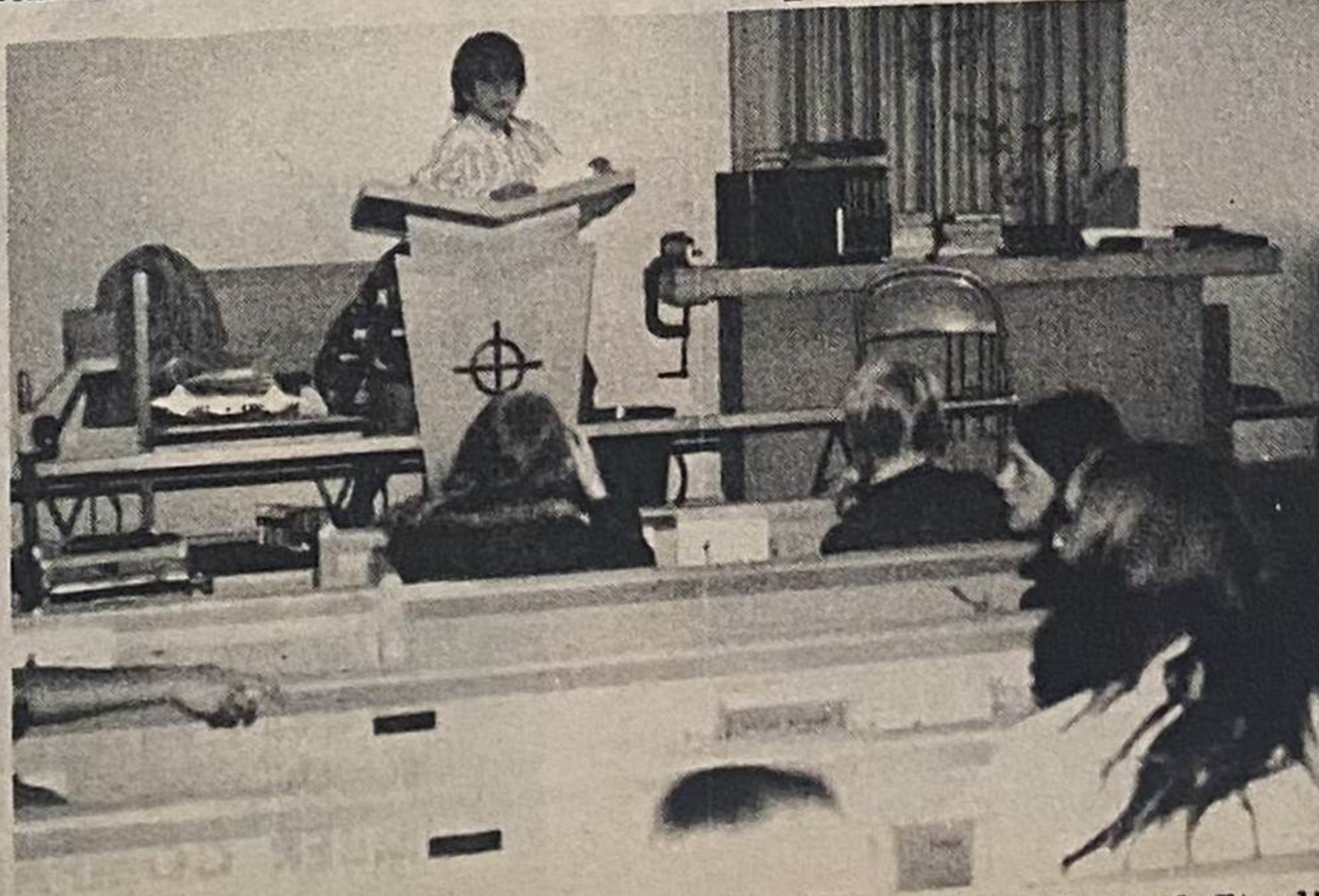
WORKING OR SHIRKING?



TESTING OR RESTING?

Letter To The Editor

Letter to the Editor:
Ecology is very important in this day and age. But there is one serious problem. People don't care. They don't care that someday, everytime we go outside we will have to wear masks so we don't inhale filthy, gassy air.
I have to admit that I have contributed to pollution by throwing papers, and by being driven places that I could have walked to, and so has my family. But at least we're some of the people who care, and can admit it. I'm going to try to do something about it; for instance, I plan on picking up papers that I see. To some of you people out there--get behind the move and help fight pollution!
Traci Grussendorf



PREACHING OR TEACHING? 8th Grade Social Studies

7th Grade Language Arts

Mental Gymnast Performs At 2nd School Assembly

By Lisa Stuelke
On October 4 the Vernon Junior High held their second assembly. Mr. Fitzgerald, a mental gymnast, was the entertainer. He started out the show by naming off the names of people whom he had met earlier in the day. Then he taught the audience some mathematical and memorization tricks.
The assembly lasted about an hour. It was very interesting and the students who attended seemed to learn a lot. The students would like to thank Mr. Fitzgerald for an interesting program.



8TH GRADE CHEERLEADERS SPUR ON THE TEAM Cheerleaders Sponsor School Dance

By Gayla Garlow

The Vernon Junior High cheerleaders sponsored a dance on Nov. 19, in order to raise funds. About 175 students attended the successful event. Scott Dirks was the

announcer. Miss Plonsky, the advisor, felt that the dancers were a bit reluctant to get started dancing. It would have been better if they had started sooner.

Honor Roll Named For First Quarter

The Vernon Junior High honor roll for the first quarter include these seventh graders: Martha Balster, Janice Berns, Terri Bjomsen, Heidi Boettcher, Patricia Braye, Monica Buenzow, Lori Busse, Craig Canavan, Jenny Carstens, Linda Chalmstrom, Scott Chapman.

Beth Clover, Barb Dollinger, Mike Donald, Tamera Douglas, Dawn Druecker, Cathy Durivage, Jon Foege, Joe Forbes, Jeff Frasher, Kim Galligan, Lisa Hall.

Jennifer Hebert, Vicky Heeren, Peggy Hopson, John Huber, Wayne Huebener, Loren Jellison, Kris Johnson, Kari Kemp, Kristin Klawitter, Mychelle Kos.

Lori Leyte, Jean Luse, Anne Luzum, Ken Miller, Lori Miller, Kristin Moeller, Mary Moleller, Kelly Netz, Charles Nove, Steven O'Connor.

Kathryn Olson, Theresa O'Neill, Tony Perkins, Sue Rathje, Dave Shindoll, Julie Smith, Lisa Stuelke, Laurie Sueppel, Scott Sumner, Eric Tanner.

Lisa Tochau, Joanne Thomas, Steve Tranmer, Cathy Van Gorp, Michelle Wamke, Craig Welch, Joyce Wilken, Joan Yeater, Teresa Young, Leslie Zimmerman.

Eighth graders who achieved a grade "B" or above include: Joni Balcom, Cheryl Barker, Tammy Bamhart, Bruce Bennett, Jeff Brokaw, Lisa Bumbarger, Teresa Cracraft, Kathy Enneking, Annette Foege, Donna Grant, Barb Hames.

Greg Hebert, Bob Herreid, Jane Huber, Cami Kemp, Kim Kemp, Janice

Kincheloe, Mark Klopfenstein, Martha Knapp, Bruce Kyllingstad, Steve Luzum, Janeen Machen.

Jane Maxey, Brad McAreavy, Jo McCoy, Mark McGovern, Jodi Miller, Kathy Miller, Zach Miller, Ron Parker, Paul Peterson, Karla Robertson.

Lynne Roby, Brad Roehr, Steve Schone, Emmy Sostak, Dennis Stainbrook, Mark Valliere, Tom Vernon, Bob Weber, Tony Weber, Janice Welch, Mike Zalaznik.

Sixty-two seventh graders and forty-three eighth graders made the honor roll making a total of 105 students honored.

A Poem Found By Janet Fortner

Student's Prayer

Now I sit me down to study
I pray the Lord I won't go nutty.
If I should fail to learn this junk
I pray the Lord I won't flunk.
If I die don't pity my fall,
Just lay my bones in the study hall
And tell my teacher I did my best
Just pile my books upon my chest.
So now I lay me down to rest
I pray the Lord I pass that test.
If I should die before I wake
That's one less test I'll have to take.
Amen

Gilbertos Are Really Big Hit

By Craig Canavan

On October 4, 1974, the Gilbertos performed an acrobatic show for the seventh and eighth graders at C.B. Vernon Junior High School. They were really a big hit. Most of their acts consisted of balancing routines with some gymnastic acts.

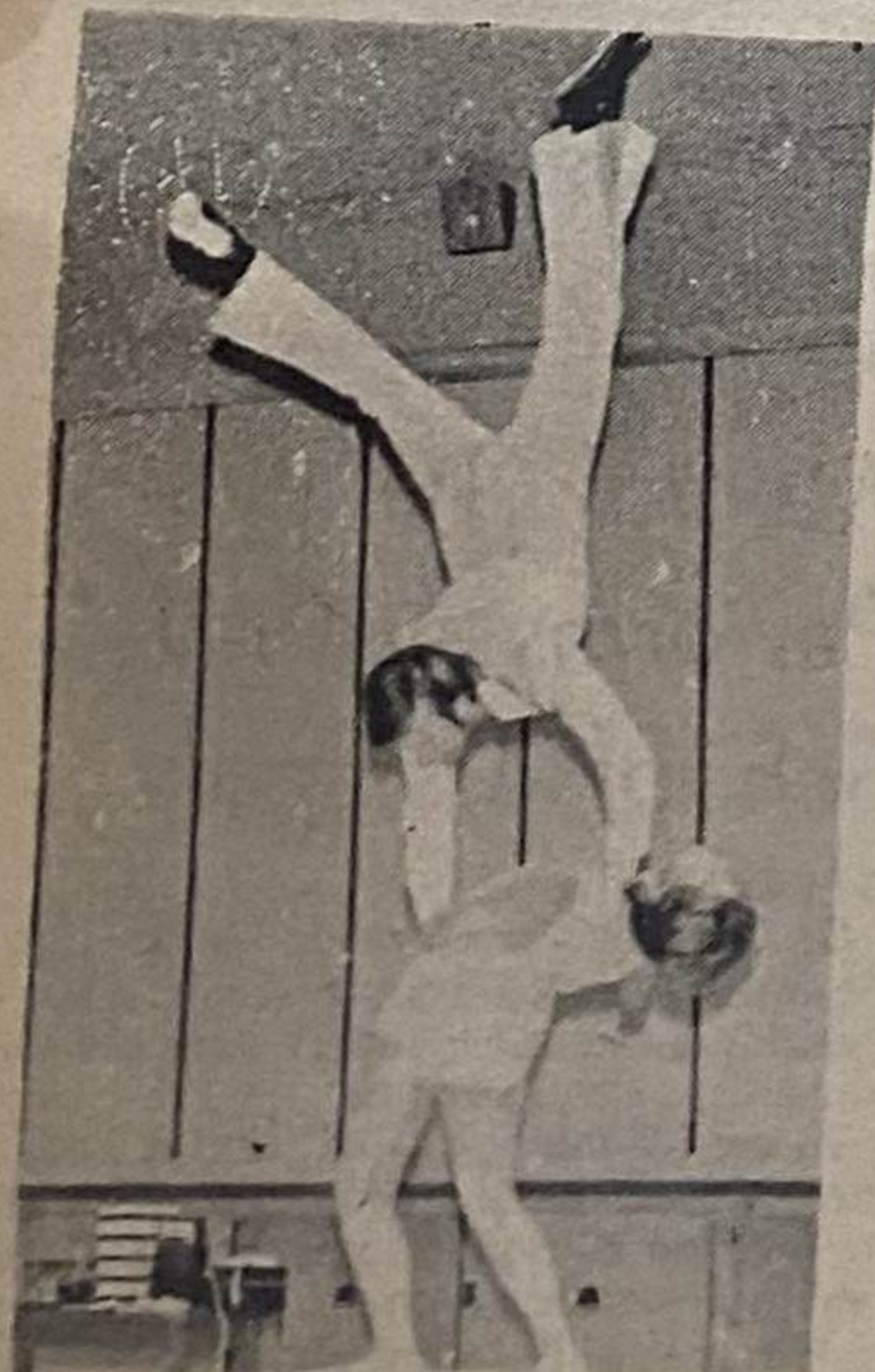
Gilberto Walten has kept on the family tradition of acrobatics. He started acrobatics when he was nine years old and has spent a lifetime in practice and performance. The family practices five to six hours a day.

If Gilberto didn't do this kind of work, he would like to be an agent for an acrobat.

Gilberto is not the only one in the act. His wife and daughter also perform with him. They do some great things, like balancing on three chairs at once. His daughter is 10 years old and started with him in the act when she was four.

Their favorite American food is hamburger.

The Gilbertos next performed in Cedar Rapids, Jan. 15.



THE GILBERTOS
PERFORM IN AN
ASSEMBLY.

Riddles On The Civil War

Courtesy of Mrs. Dunn

1. Fifty miles wide,
A path of destruction you couldn't hide.
From Atlanta to the Sea, he overturned
Every town there was to be.
He slowly led his men onward,
To an heroic victory.
Who Am I?

By Dawn Moser

2. I fooled all the Union Troops.
I'm a gun that never shoots.
What am I?

By Kelly Matthews

3. I was bony, tall, slim, and handsome.
I was born in 1809.
And in 1842 I married Mary Todd.
What is my name?

By Lorey Miller

4. Though I'm only a town, I'm very strong.
I have to be; I turned the war around.
If you would like more information on me,
You can write, for I have an address.
What is my name?

By Jane Maxey

5. I escaped slavery in Maryland. As a sailor
I taught myself to read, Later
I became an underground railroad conductor and
I wrote the NORTH STAR.
Who am I?

By Jenny Palmer

6. I was a general in the Union Army.
I fought at Chancellorsville.
They called me "Fighting Joe."
Who am I?

By Dana Marolf

7. I am something you cannot see
But something you can feel.
Nothing you can disguise
But oh so real.
What am I?

By Brenda Kucera

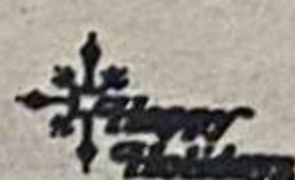
Answers to riddles:
1. William Tecumseh Sherman; 2. Quaker Gun;
3. Abraham Lincoln; 4. Gettysburg; 5. Frederick
Douglas; 6. Joseph Hooker; 7. Fighting spirit



What's Going On, Jim?



The Ku Klux Klan -- A Demonstration



AND THE BEAT GOES ON. . .



7th Girls' Basketball Team with Coaches Campbell & Eygobroad

7th Grade Girls' Basketball Round-Up

By Joyce Wilken

Marion girls' 7th "A" and "B" basketball squads played Independence, Tuesday, November 5, in Independence. Marion girls' "B" squad won 36 to 15, and the "A" squad won 37 to 16. It was a great win for Marion "A" squad. They're 2 and 0. It was the first win for Marion's "B". It looks like Marion's Girls' basketball is off to a good start. "A" squad scorers were Michele McAreavy (12), Sue Rathje (12), and Roxanne Jackson (13).

"B" squad scorers included Tracy Cole (10), Joanne Thomas (8), Debbie Rathje (6), Julie Brokaw (2), Regina Barth (2), Tami Douglas (6), and Sara Bice (2).

Mr. Campbell commented that the defense was excellent the offense is good and improving. He has been playing 6 girls defensively on a regular basis. He cited the 3 regular offensive players as doing a good job.

Mr. Eygabroad revealed that all 24 girls on his "B" squad were given the opportunity to play in the game. He feels that each squad member should be given an equal chance to play and to exhibit what she can do. He thinks

that the squad continues to show improvement.

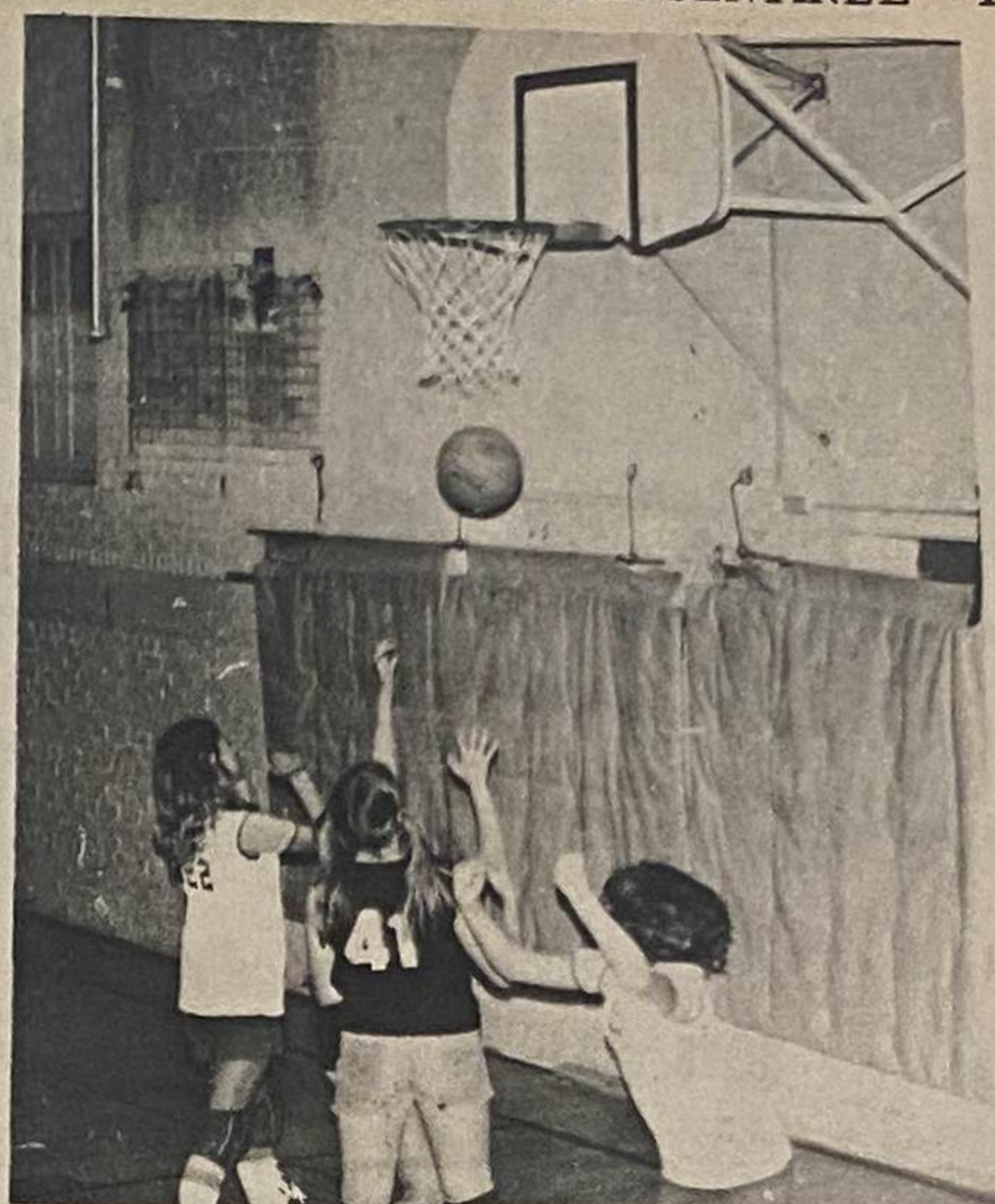
By Joyce Wilken

Tuesday, November 19, Springville's 8th grade squeaked by Marion's 7th "A" squad, 44 to 43, in a well-played game. This gives Marion a 2 to 1 record. The scorers for Marion were Michele McAreavy (18), Mychelle Kos (14), and Roxanne Jackson (11).

Springville's 7th "A" squad also won their game against a fighting Marion 7th "B" squad, 27 to 16. "B" squad has won 1 game and lost 2 games for the season. The scorers for this contest were JoAnne Thomas (9), Jenny Carstens (3), Debbie Rathje (2).

By John Huber

The seventh grade girls' basketball team turned in their best offensive performance so far this year by whipping Linn-Mar 49 to 21. Roxanne Jackson led the scorers with 18 points. Mychelle Kos had 14 points and Michelle McAreavy had 9. Cathy Van Gorp was cited for her good guard play. Coach Campbell said the entire team played well.



UP AND AT 'EM, GIRLS!

★★★

By Ronna Chase

On Tuesday, November 26, Marion's 7th "A" squad defeated Monticello 50 to 24.

Roxanne Jackson and Mychelle Kos each had 12 points for the winners. Michele McAreavy scored 10 points, while JoAnne Thomas, Jenny Carstens, Kim Galligan, and Laurie Sueppel made 6 4, 4, and 2 points respectively.

The 7th "B" squad won 31 to 22. Tracy Cole was high scorer with 12 points and Sue Rathje added 9. Julie Rathje (4 points) Regina Barth (4 points), and Debbie Rathje (2 points) completed Marion's scoring.

By John Huber

A good hustling Marion 7th "B" team beat Linn-Mar 40 to 30. Jenny Carstens led the team with 18 points. Tracy Cole had 8. Sue Rathje and Jean Luse played well in the guard court.

Softball Awards Presented To Vernon Girls

Softball awards were presented to the following girls.

Those receiving an award equivalent to "M" in seventh grade were: Susan Barker, Janice Berns, Barb Dollinger, Julie Harriman, Jane Hebert, Tami Herb, Vicki Heeren, Brenda Hildebrand, Roxanne Jackson, Shawn Johnson, Mychelle Kos, Lori Leytem, Jean Luse, Michele McAreavy, Mary Moeller, Susan Raue, Laurie Sueppel, Lisa Techau, Jo Anne Thomas, Cathy Winch, Joan Yeater, and Mary Yirkovsky.

Seventh graders receiving an equivalent to a certificate were Julie Brokaw, Beth Clover, Kim Galligan, Kari Kemp, Kris Klawitter, Barb Long, Lori Miller, Janette Odeen, Joyce Ottaway, Cindy Wheeler and Leslie Zimmerman.

Eighth graders receiving an equivalent to "M" were Cheryl Barker, Lori Freilingner, Jane Huber, Janice Kincheloe, Kelly Matthews, Diana McPherson, Lorey Miller, Dawn Moser, and Debbie Pietsch.

Equivalents to certificates were awarded to Joni Balcom, Kim Barlow, Shawn Bolden, Jill Carpenter, and Tammy Carter, all eighth graders.

Managers for the softball teams were Wendy Hotz, Kathy Peterzalak, Robin Wilson, and Tracy Pollack.

A Poem...

By Sherri Colton

Dear Lord, who watches over me,
Please help me solve this mystery.
I loved him once; he broke my heart.
I love him still, though we're apart.
He has a new love now you see,
Although there's no one else for me.
I think of him all through the day,
And for his love at night I pray.
Yes, I'll still go out with other boys,

But still, there'll be no fun and joys.
Because of the night he set me free,
The night he kissed me tenderly.
His smile, his kiss, his warm embrace,
Leaving him I cannot face.
I once believed he loved me so. . .
When we broke up, I cried and cried. . .
For it was then I knew he'd lied.
He lied about the love we shared,
But what really hurt was the way he cared.

It's been so long. . .
How I miss him so!
My heart will never let him go. . .
My prayers, my dreams, my every thought,
Where once, the love and joy he brought.
He thinks of me as just a friend,
I guess that's all I've ever been.
Our life together is now at end,
I'll never kiss him--no, not ever again.
And now, dear Lord, I guess you see,
How much my love has meant to me.
Please help us to be together. . .
Eternally!



Coaches Brainard and Moore's 8th Grade Basketball Team

8th Grade Girls' Cagers Lose, Then Win

By Cheryl Barker

The close score of the 8th grade "B" squad Marion-Independence basketball game Nov. 14 bobbled up and down to the last seconds of the game, and Independence broke the tie, with the game ending 18-16.

Dawn Moser had 4, Pat Painter 4, Tammy Barnhart 3, Tony Bratten 3, Traci Grussendorf 2, and Janet Nebel 1. All forwards played great offense.

Teresa Anderson, Teresa Cracraft, Carrie Lighty, Shawn Bolden, and Tammy Barnhart did well on defense. Mrs. Moore played 26 team members.

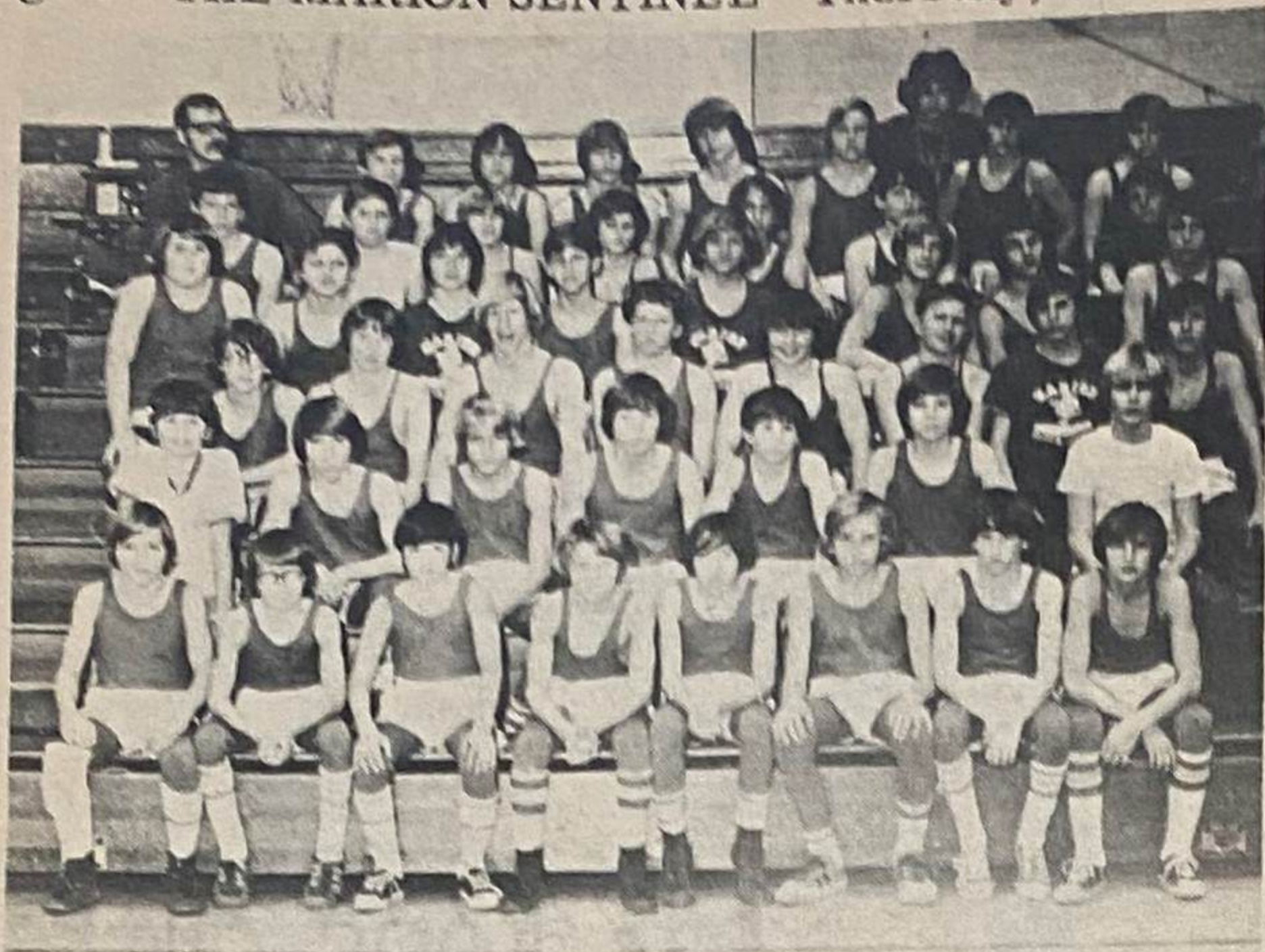
By Cheryl Barker

November 14, Marion girls' 8th "A" team won its first major victory of the year--Marion 50, Independence 11. Mr. Brainard said that everyone played well, from the high-scoring offense of Janene McElree 14, Lori Freilingner 14, Cheryl Barker 12, Dawn Moser 5, Linda McCormack 4, and Terri Hall, 1, to the well-played defense of Joni Balcom, Janeen Machen, Jane Huber, Teresa Cracraft, Kelly Matthews, Teresa Anderson, and Lynn Roby. If they keep on dribbling, shooting and passing like they did, they'll win the rest.

By Cami Kemp

The Marion "A" team lost at Manchester on October 29. 40 to 38 was the score, but Marion had some good shooters. Janene McElree made the most baskets with 18 points. Cheryl Barker was next, with 10 points, and Lori Freilingner had 6 points. "Marion had plenty of shot attempts but didn't score," said Mrs. Moore.

Marion's Indian "B" team lost their game too at Manchester. They racked up 24 points and we managed 20. Koch made 8 baskets for Manchester. Linda McCormack scored 8 points for Marion, Tammy Barnhart had 4, and Janet Nebel had 4.



MR. CAHALAN'S AND MR. HOLDEN'S WRESTLING TEAM

BOYS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
7th Monticello at Marion 4 p.m.
8th Marion at Monticello 4 p.m.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21
7th Marion at Tipton 4 p.m.
8th Tipton at Marion 4 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30
7th Anamosa at Marion 4 p.m.
8th Marion at Anamosa 4 p.m.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6
7th Marion at Monticello 4 p.m.
8th Monticello at Marion 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13
7th Marion at Independence 4 p.m.
8th Independence at Marion 4 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
7th Tipton at Marion 4 p.m.
8th Marion at Tipton 4 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
7th Manchester at Marion 4 p.m.
8th Marion at Manchester 4 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 6
7th Marion at Linn-Mar 4:15 p.m.
8th Linn-Mar at Marion 4 p.m.

Letters, Certificates Presented For Football Participation

Seventh graders receiving letters and certificates in football were Kenny Adams, Jim Armstrong, Robbie Bolyard, Dennis Burns, Dan Cook, Scott Dolley, David Edwards, Tom Ford, John Gagliardi, John Huber, Mark Lembke, Steve O'Connor, Mike Olson, Tom Panek, Jim Parker, David Rae, Brian Touro, Steve Tranmer, Randy Venzke, Gary Vosberg, Dale Wallace, John Warner, Roger Wassmer, Ken Waters, and Roger Yirkovsky.

Certificates were presented to Doug Bonesteel, Rick Boyd, Trent Brooks, Rick Burkhardt, Dodge Casteel, Scott Chapman, Chris Cox, Dennis Deeney, Randy DeYoung, Eddy Dirks, Mike Donald, Joe Forbes, Randy Frazier, Pat Freilinger, Scott Grekoff, Jeff Griffin, Alan Gruwell, Bruce Harris, Richard Hartl, Ray Hefel, Aric Henderson, Jerry Hotz, Wayne Huebner, Greg Hurlig, Scott Jared, Karl Johnston, Craig Kinkead, Lonnie Knapp, Dennis Lancaster, Eric Livingston, Mark Maske, David Miller, Ken Miller, Robin Moulds, David Murray, Jim Neagle, Mike Offerman, Randy Oldenburger, Curtis Osborn, Tony Perkins, Tim Salven, Kurt Sheaffer, Sean Smith, Jeff Stroud, John Stuelke, Scott Sumner, Tim Taylor, Marlon Tope, Clint Wasendorf, Lon Washburn, Craig Welch, Dale West, Roger

Woodsmall.

The managers for the seventh grade were Jon Foegen and Todd Schmitz. Letters and certificates were presented to the following eighth graders. Brad Albaugh, Steve Armstrong, Bruce Bennett, Jeff Brokaw, Steve Carter, Mark Chalmers, Dave Decker, Dan Fluckiger, Greg Hebert, Dan James, Jerry Kirk, Mark Klopfenstein, Roger Knapp, Noel Koeppen, Brad McAreavy, Jordan McAreavy, Tony Mundorf, Steve O'Neill, Jim Ottaway, David Plond, Todd Price, Craig Rothmeyer, Scott Rouse, Steve Sands, David Schneider, Steve Schone, Cary Smith, Scott Stevens, Tom Turner, Tom Vernon, R.J. Warner, Bob Weber, Frank White, and Brian Wiest.

Certificates were awarded to Jeff Alderson, Mark Alderson, Travis Arnold, Shawn Bretthauer, Mike Bushman, Ken Dede, Alan Heeren, Rion Heeren, Tim Henderson, Scott Huebner, Jeff Kewley, Bret Knockle, Scott Krugher, Bruce Kyllingstad, Don Loes, Steve Luzum, Jim Peterson, John Redford, Jeff Robbins, Russ Swearingen, Tom Wicke, Dave Wickenkamp, Ken Wickham, Mike Zalaznik, Larry Zierath.

The eighth grade managers were Mark Duncan and Paul Peterson.

Vernon Wrestlers Beat Monti; Lose To Vinton

By Craig Canavan

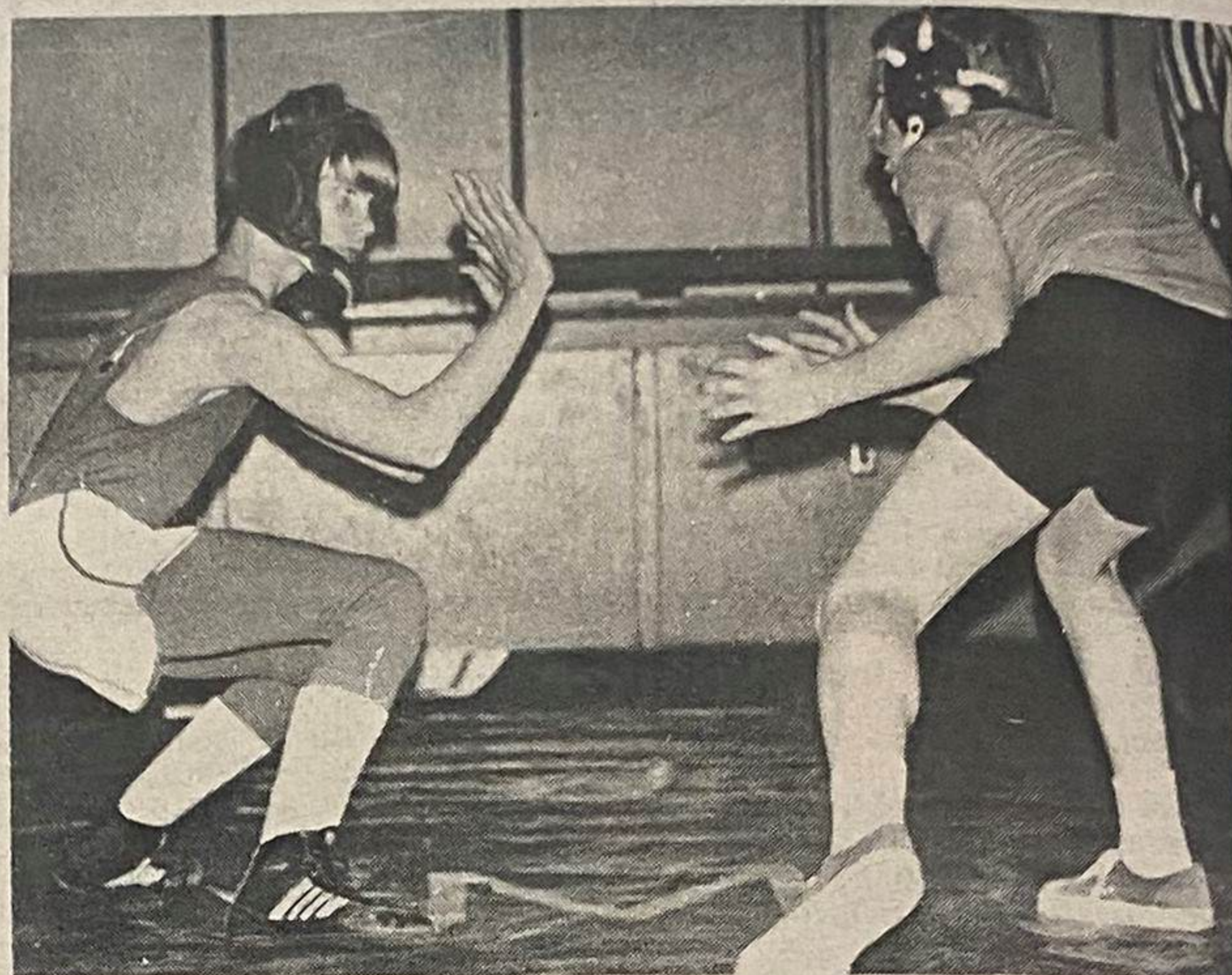
In a wrestling match-up held at C.B. Vernon Junior High November 25 between Vinton and Marion seventh and eighth graders, the decision went to the Vinton matmen, 33 to 26.

The following Marion wrestlers were winners by decisions: Ken Waters, Steve Armstrong, Cary Smith, and Dave Decker. Dan Fluckiger had a tie with his opponent. Two other wrestlers had pins--Mark Klopfenstein (1:43), and Tom Vernon with the fastest pin (:42). Audience attendance was good. ★★★

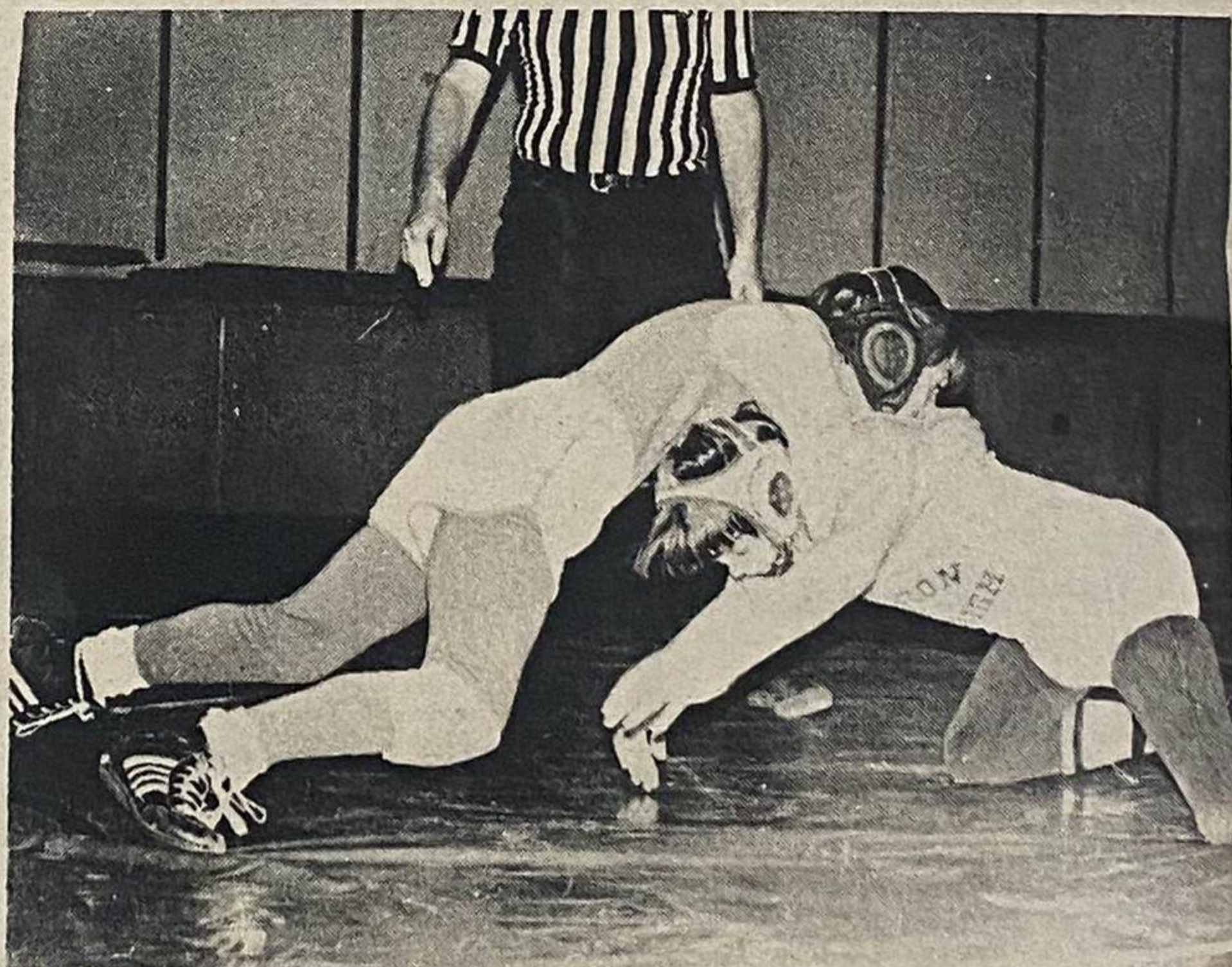
By John Stuelke

On Thursday, November 21, C.B. Vernon Junior High wrestlers placed another win on their record by beating Monticello 55 to 20. Recording pins were Tom Ford in 1:15, Jordan McAreavy in :45, Rion Heeren in :45, Mark Lembke in 2:45, and Cary Smith in 1:30.

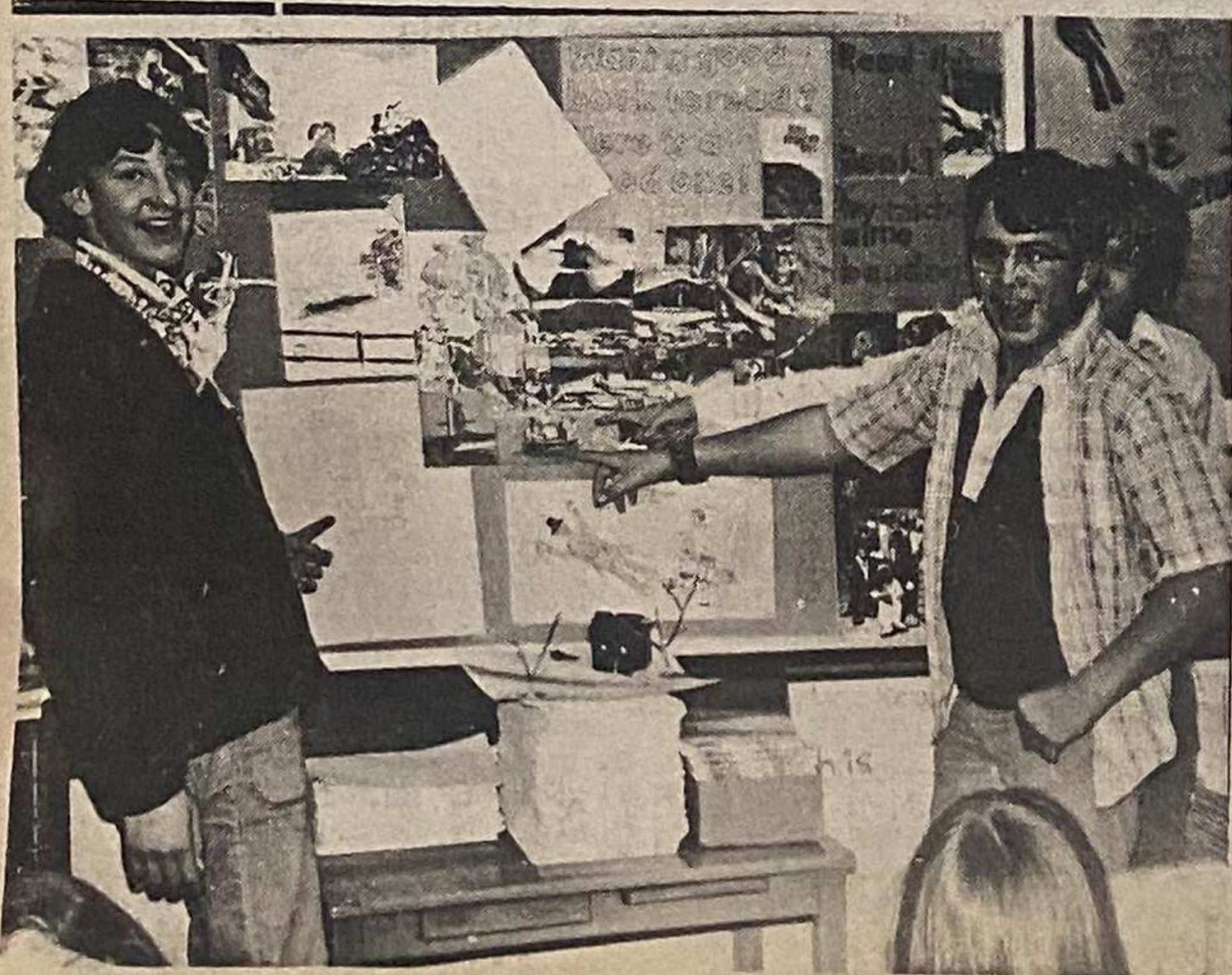
Those wrestlers winning matches were Dennis Deeney 8-0, Dennis Stainbrook 4-0, Ken Waters 13-0, Roger Wassmer 12-5, Brad McAreavy 4-3, Dave Decker 2-1, Dave Rae 7-2, and Tom Vernon 2-0. ★★★



MARK GOES INTO ACTION



DAVE DECKER TAKES ON AN OPPONENT



Scott Dirks and Steve Godar Make A Point



MORE GIRLS' BASKETBALL ACTION