

Teacher: What Did You Do Over Christmas Vacation?

Shopping...Caught A Cold...Painted...Relaxed

By Kitty Olson and Kari Kemp

The teachers were asked what they did over Christmas vacation and here are their replies.

Mr. Meggers went to the Amanas for breakfast. Then he went shopping at Kennedy Mall in Dubuque. He had Christmas dinner for his family at his home.

Miss Plonsky went to her home in Graettinger, Iowa. She had Christmas dinner at her house. She drove to Sioux City to pick up her friend. She also caught a cold.

Mr. Miller got together with friends and relatives. He drove to Madison, Wisconsin, to see some friends. He also goofed off and did some school work.

Miss Riemenschneider went home to her family and to Rockwell City, where she

taught before she came to Marion.

Mr. Schley went on a combined vacation-business trip to California and Arizona.

Mrs. Borg had a lot of company and cooked for from 15 to 32 people. She had a fun time.

Mr. Gaede painted pictures.

Mr. Steadman went to his Grandma's house and also got sick.

Mr. Schultz slept and rested.

Mr. Eygabroad visited relatives.

Mr. Holden got sick.

Miss Ebersole was sick with pneumonia.

Mr. Messerli visited his parents in Minnesota. He also visited his girl friend and opened a lot of gifts.

Mrs. Wood did some sewing and she did

some sitting with her feet up.

Mrs. Raasch went to Hawaii and stayed eight days.

Mrs. Griswold relaxed and went to her folks in Dennison.

Mrs. Taylor had two different kinds of flu.

Mrs. Dunn stayed home with her family and had a nice time.

Mr. Vaske painted in his house, corrected school papers, and watched T.V.

Mr. Dolinaj went skiing in Keystone, Colorado, and broke his leg. He spent New Year's at home.

Mr. Campbell worked at home and ate a lot of food.

Mrs. Read went skiing in Wisconsin with her family.

Mrs. Moore spent time with both sides of the family and had Christmas dinner at her house. She relaxed with the horse and sleigh.

Mr. Taylor was sick for 7 days. He went to Cedar Falls and spent Christmas there as well as home. He also corrected science papers.

Mr. Cahalan put on aluminum siding.

Mr. Brainard recuperated from the flu.

Mr. Fowler relaxed and had his family in for Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Jacobs had her family for dinner and helped her father, who was home from the hospital.

The Sodens visited members of their family and had their family in for dinner.

Mr. Hastings worked over vacation and had his family in for dinner.

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Last Event Is Held In 52-Year-Old Gym

By David Shindoll

The last wrestling meet held December 16, 1974, was also the last event to be held in the present gym--the end of an era. The gym was built in 1923 and has been standing ever since. It was enlarged in 1952 when the girls' gym was added. The gym will be renovated into 6 classrooms on the first floor and a library on

the second floor.

The school building was formerly a high school. In 1963 it became C.B. Vernon Junior High.

The new gym will be located east of the present building. When asked, Mr. Fowler said that he hopes to be able to hold events in the new gym by late next spring.



Workers pour cement for gymnasium floor

Reading One Way To Learn About Language

By Janice Kincheloe

One of the best ways to learn about our language is to see it in use. There are a number of ways of doing this, and reading is one of these ways.

Mr. Dolinaj has developed reading contracts with a number of things in mind: to stimulate students creativity and motivation, to allow the students to have fun, and to allow students to participate in a number of meaningful activities, such as drawing, writing, and making projects.

Mr. Dolinaj feels that making students read books that don't interest them is not enjoyable and may stop them from reading altogether. These contracts are designed to allow students to read books of their own choice. He is happy to say that the response is quite remarkable on the part of the students. If anybody would like to stop in room 210 at any time and have a look around, seeing is believing.



Hot Lunch Line in the Hall.

Good Turn-Out For Annual Christmas Dance

By Regina Barth

The Christmas dance held on Friday, December 13, had a good turn-out.

The gym was gaily decorated by Mrs. Read and some students. Some of the decorations included two Santas, paper snowflakes, and a sleigh and reindeer. One of the highlights was a fresh Christmas tree lit with lights.

In the eyes of some, the refreshments were the best. Cookies that were decorated with colored sugar were furnished

by mothers of students here at Vernon.

The admission was 50¢, which was more than last time (but with inflation it wasn't bad).

Scott Dirks was the M.C., announcing the dances.

Thanks to the people who made this dance possible, Mr. Steadman, Mrs. Read, Mrs. Taylor and her homeroom and Miss Ebersole and her homeroom. Thanks also to the students for bringing records.

The Pioneer Spirit

By Jane Huber

(courtesy of Mrs. Dunn)

Tired and forsaken, we trudged across the land.

Across the plains and mountains, Over the burning sand.

We were men with hearts of iron, Men without a fear,

But as we watched the old land fade, We wiped away a tear.

We were men seeking the quest of adventure,

Searching for peaceful land.

We survived each danger, And braved each storm, that came to pass at hand.

Into the future, into the distance, into the land beyond,

Into the wishes others have held, And of which we are also fond.

Knowing not what lies ahead, Across the unknown land,

It may shriek in a burst of fury, Or stretch out a friendly hand.

But always at dusk lay the sunset

Rekindling the day's tired dreams,

It burned with a furious fierceness

That quickened our steps,

and renewed our schemes.

Always burning ahead with a golden fire,

And warm lights to beckon us on

How could we ever tire of dreams,

that had seemed once so far gone?

When your child and a neighbor's have a serious quarrel, remember that the neighbor also thinks his child is right.

8th Graders Entertained At The Linn County Home

By Mike Harris

On December 13, some of the eighth graders went on a bus ride to the Linn County Home to sing, to entertain, and to visit with the people there.

"It went very well," said Miss Riemenschneider. The reason we went caroling this year is because we didn't have enough rehearsals for a program as a result of our move to the churches.

The carolers were Diane O'Neill, Patty Painter, Tammer Barnhart, Anne Am-

es, Emmy Sostak, Shawn Bolden, Kim Ryan, Donna Anderson, Donna Grant, Annette Foege, Cheri Morgan, Terri Hall, Lori Freiling, Dawn Moser, Barb Hames, Cathy Cannoy, Janene Machen, Jodi Miller, Cheryl Barker, Teresa Anderson, Cathy Althaus, Leisa Cree, Janene McElree, Jan Kincheloe, Lisa Schirm, Lorey Miller, Jane Maxey, Kelly Gibson, Lori Lambert, Traci Grussendorf, Jane Huber, Melissa Rogers, Tana Fleming, Linda McCormack, and Kris Umsted.

On December 20, another group of singers went to Crestview Nursing Home south of Marion. That also went very well. The people who went to Crestview were as follows: Karen Klawitter, Tammy Barnhart, Anne Ames, Kim Ryan, Donna Anderson, Annette Foege, Emmy Sostak, Cheri Morgan, Terri Hall, Cathy Cannoy, Janice Kincheloe, Lisa Schirm, Lorey Miller, Kelly Gibson, Traci Grussendorf, Jane Huber, Linda McCormack, Kris Umsted, Jodi Miller, Leisa Cree, Shawn Bretthauer, Tony Weber, Tom Vernon, Bruce Bennett, Bob Herreid, Rodney Smith, Zack Miller, Dave Plond, Ron French, Mike Harris, Joe Robinson, Russ Swearingen, Doug Spinler, Bob Knapp, Lori Freiling, Barb Hames, Cheryl Barker, and Dawn Moser.

Miss Riemenschneider was pleased with the response of the carolers to the older age group at these places. She felt this was an opportunity one doesn't have with audiences attending regular concerts. She hopes, in the spring, to take a group of students again to the County Home and present a part of the Spring Concert out there.

Library Club Held Party At Christmas

By Linda McCormack

On December 12, the Library Club had a Christmas party. It started at 3:15.

The first thing done was the taking of attendance by Cheryl Twachtman. Then pop, popcorn, balls, cookies, and fudge were passed out.

After the members got done eating, the main subject came up--money. They talked about how to spend it and how to make it.

Plans concerning how to spend it were discussed first. A few of the suggestions were to go to Shakey's, to go to the YMCA to swim, or to go bowling.

Ways to make money included a book fair, a teacher slave auction, and bake sales. The meeting ended at 4:00.

On January 9, the Library Club met again, the first meeting of the 1975 year. The meeting was short, for girls were waiting to go to gymnastics and boys were waiting for basketball.

The meeting started at 3:15, when Cheryl Twachtman called the meeting to order and started attendance. Sixty students were present.

As usual, money was discussed. First came how to spend the \$82 the club has in the treasury; Shakey's took everyone's vote.

It was decided that another book fair would be a great idea for making money. The meeting ended at 3:30.



MIKE OFFERMAN PUTS THE SQUEEZE ON HIS OPPONENT

Vernon Wrestlers Whip Iowa City Central, 44-14

By Jordon McAreavy

On December 16, at 4 p.m., C.B. Vernon's wrestling team had a meet against Iowa City Central. The meet started out great for Marion when Mike Bushman and John Foege won by decisions. Tom Ford was the only wrestler who had to settle for a tie.

As the meet progressed, Marion clinched eight more matches, four being pins. The four that were won by decisions were by Jim Ottaway, Kenny Waters, Roger Wassmer, and Steve Armstrong. The pins were held by David Rae (:25), Mark Klopfenstein (:41), Greg Hebert (1:18), and Cary Smith (2:31). The final score was Marion 44, Iowa City Central 14. Marion wrestlers are now 4-4, with Manchester Thursday, December 19, which is Marion's final meet.

Mr. Cahalan said the team did really well against Iowa City, even though some of the better wrestlers didn't wrestle. "Iowa City is one of the weaker teams we have wrestled this year, so we wrestled some of our other wrestlers and they did very well," he commented.

Wrestling With Linn-Mar

By Pat Freilinger

On December 12, Marion met Linn-Mar in wrestling. Some of the pins were by Steve Armstrong (2:59), Mark Klopfenstein (2:15), Rion Heeren (:25), Larry Offerman (:51), Scott Rouse (1:20), Chris Cox (1:30), and Ken Waters (:40).

Wrestlers who won by decisions were Mike Donald 8-2, Mike Bushman 5-2, Mike Offerman (who rolled his opponent over in the last 10 seconds and won 7-4), Jim Ottaway 4-0, and Greg Hebert 6-2. Brad McAreavy posted a superior decision 14-0.

The final score was Linn-Mar 67 and Marion 61.

Wrestling With Prairie

By Linda McCormack

On December 5, the Prairie wrestlers came to Marion.

Marion registered 4 pins, by Steve Armstrong (1:38), Mark Lembke (1:42), Jordon McAreavy (2:30), and Larry Offerman (1:59).

Prairie had 6 pins.

Winning by decisions were Craig Canavan 4-0, Tom Vernon 8-4, Tom Ford 5-3, Dan Fluckinger 8-0, Brad McAreavy 4-2, Ken Waters 5-0, Chris Cox 3-0, Scott Rouse 5-3, Dave Murray 7-2, and Mike Donald 6-4.

Ties went to Roger Wassmer 2-2, Mike Zalaznik 2-2, Greg Hebert 0-0, and Jim Peterson 3-3.

Marion wrestlers who almost won were Dennis Stainbrook, Dave Edwards, Pat Freilinger, Bruce Bennett, and Mark Klopfenstein.

The meet score was Prairie 81 and Marion 62.

Wrestling With Tipton

By Alan Gruwell

On November 8, the Marion grapplers registered a win over Tipton 111 to 34. It was their second win in a row.

Boys who pinned their opponents were Mike Offerman, Pat Freilinger (1:28), Kenny Waters (2:53), Chris Cox (1:35), Roger Wassmer (1:45), Scott Dolley (1:17), Dave Rae (1:20), Tom Ford (1:35), Jordon McAreavy (1:45), Dennis Stainbrook (1:58), Scott Rouse (2:50), Brad McAreavy (:46), Dave Decker (2:18), and Mike Olson (:45).

The matmen who scored decisions were Tod Washburn, Tony Perkins, Jim Peterson, Tim Parker, Dave Murray, Dan Fluckinger, Bruce Bennett, Cary Smith, and Mark Klopfenstein.

Mike Offerman had the fastest pin in :40.

8th 'A' Girls Defeat L-M, 'B' Team Falls By Two

By Renee Barth

On December 17, the 8th grade girls' basketball teams played their game with Linn-Mar, this time on their own court. The "B" squad game ended in a two-point loss for Vernon; the score was 27-25, surprisingly exactly the same score as their first encounter. Linn-Mar was ahead in the first half 12-10. Mrs. Moore thought that the "B" team would have won if Linn-Mar would have played a "B" game for a "B" game. Forwards scoring were Lynne Roby 4 points, Tracy Grussendorf with 5, and Janet Nebel 11.

Next, the "A" team took Linn-Mar with a score of 39-28. It appears that their "A" girls were worn out by our "B" girls. Forwards scoring were Lori Freilinger 13, Cheryl Barker 13, Janene McFree 12, and Dawn Moser 1.

8th 'A' Downs Monti

By Sara Laschanky

The eighth grade girls' "B" basketball game on December 10th turned out to be a success. The final score was Marion 38 Monticello 23.

Twenty-one girls played in all. Top offensive players were Tracy Grussendorf, Julie Steckel, Tana Fleming, Tammy Carter, Kathy Miller, Janet Nebel and Tammy Barnhart.

Top defensive players were Traci Grussendorf, Tammy Barnhart, Wendy Hotz, Tammy Carter, Shawn Bolden, and Barb Henry.

The top scorers were Traci Grussendorf, Tammy Carter, and Janet Nebel, each scoring 6 points. Julie Steckel and Kathy Miller made 5 points each. Other scorers were Karla Robertson and Tana Fleming.

Coach Moore's comment, "The girls have shown good progress, and several were playing both ends of the court well."

The 8th girls' "A" squad won a good game 45 to 32. Cheryl Barker led all Marion scorers with 17 points. Janene McFree scored 13, Lori Freilinger 11, and Pat Painter and Dawn Moser 2 each. The defense held up well. Pam Intlekofer was high for Monticello with 14 points, while Hunt and Wright each had 8.

'A' Squad Whips Linn-Mar

By Kari Kemp

On December 3, Marion played an "A" and a "B" game with Linn-Mar. The final score of the "A" game was Marion 38 and Linn-Mar 15.

Some of Marion's players who scored points were Janene Machen 7, Dawn Moser 4, Lori Freilinger 6, Janice Kincheloe 2, and highest point scorer, Cheryl Barker 19.

Some of Linn-Mar's scorers were Hunt 8, Wright 8, and Intlekofer 14.

Marion's "B" squad lost 27-25.

Some of the scorers for Marion on the "B" squad were Janet Nebel 13, Tammy Barnhart 4, Kathy Miller 6, and Tracy Grussendorf 2.

Some of Linn-Mar's players scoring points were Butler 17 and Jackson 8. It was a close game.

'A' Team Wins; 'B,' Too

On November 19, Marion 8th grade girls' basketball teams met Vinton. Marion's "A" squad won 43-20. Janene McAreavy scored 20 points. Lori Freilinger and Cheryl Barker each tallied 10, and Janice Kincheloe and Dawn Moser each scored 2.

Marion's "B" team also fared well, winning 26-18. Pat Painter was high with 6 points. Teresa Cracraft, Wendy Hotz, Lynne Roby and Toni Bratten each had 4, while Janet Nebel and Tammy Barnhart scored 2 each.

On December 2 Marion girls faced Monticello. The "A" squad scored a 38-24 victory. Janene McAreavy was high with 20 points, while Lori Freilinger, Cheryl Barker, Dawn Moser and Janice Kincheloe scored 9, 5, 4 and 2, respectively.

Marion girls were victorious in the "B" game also, 29 to 19. Traci Grussendorf and Linda McCormack were high with 6 each. Kathy Miller scored 5 points, Lynn Roby made 4, and Toni Bratten, Tammy Barnhart, Tana Fleming and Teresa Cracraft each scored 2.

7th Girls' Basketball Round-Up

By Kim Galligan

The overall scoring for the season's starters was very balanced--Roxanne Jackson 97, Michele McAreavy 96, and Mychelle Kos 68. Other girls scoring (who also scored on "B" squad games) were Jenny Carstens, Tracy Cole, Sara Bice, Jo Anne Thomas, Tami Douglas, Linda Painter, and Mary Yirkovsky. Guards who scored were Julie Christensen, Kim Galligan, Lisa Hall, Lori Leytem, and Laurie Sueppel.

Free throw shooting showed Roxanne Jackson making 46% and McAreavy 31%.

The best halves the defense had were against Monticello and Independence, holding those teams to 4. Their average was 45 points while their opponents were 28.

Girls that were said to have played the best over the whole season were Jackson, Christensen, Sueppel, Hall, McAreavy, Leytem, Kos, Cathy VanGorp, and Galligan.

The season record was 6-1; the loss to Springville's 8th grade.

Carstens led the season's scoring for the "B" squad with 55, not counting two "A" performances. Tracy Cole was close behind with 42, in 5 games. Debbie Rathje had 30 in 6 games. Jo Thomas had 27 in 5 games. Also playing 5 games, Julie Rathje had 12.

Also scoring in "B" squad games were Sara Bice, Leslie Zimmerman, Linda Painter, Julie Brokaw, Tami Douglas, Mary Yirkovsky, Regina Barth and Lori Busse.

In free throw shooting, Zimmerman made 100% and Debbie Rathje made 50%.

The best defensive performance was against Monticello, as the team held them to 5 in one half.

The average points per game was 32. The defensive average was 28.

The "B" team finished with a 5-2 record, one loss being to Springville's 7th "A" team.

Both squads had very good seasons with very good coaches, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Eygabroad.

7th Girls Down L-M

By Kim Galligan

The 7th grade girls' basketball "A" squad defeated Linn-Mar, Tuesday, December 17. Michele McAreavy was

the high scorer, pouring in 23 points. Roxanne Jackson had 16, and Mychelle Kos 9. Anne Luzum and Lori Leytem (a guard) added 2.

Forwards playing very well were McAreavy, Jackson, and Kos; guards Julie Christensen, Kim Galligan, Lisa Hall, Leytem, Laurie Sueppel, and Cathy VanGorp also played well.

The "B" squad won 35-26. Jenny Carstens was hot, scoring 24 points, Lori Busse and Mary Yirkovsky had 3 each, and Sue Rathje and Julie Rathje added 2 each.

The forwards playing the best were Jenny Carstens, Tracy Cole, and Jo Anne Thomas. Guards that played well were Mary Moeller, Rathje, Barb Dollinger, Jean Luse, and Vicky Herren.

'A' and 'B' Squads Win

By Lori Miller

The Tuesday, December 10, 7th girls' basketball game against Monticello turned out to be successful for the Marion "A" squad, with a final score of 44 to 21. Those scoring were Roxanne Jackson with 12 points, Mychelle Kos 10, Michele McAreavy 8, Mary Yirkovsky and Linda Painter 4, and Sarah Bice, Lisa Hall, and Julie Christensen all scoring 2 each. Commended on her good guarding was Cathy Van Gorp.

The Marion "B" squad also played a victorious game against Monticello, winning 32 to 22. Those scoring were Jo Thomas and Jenny Carstens with 10 points each, Tracy Cole with 8, and Julie Rathje, and Regina Barth, each scoring 2.



8TH GRADE 'A' BOYS' BASKETBALL SQUAD

7th-8th Boys' Games To Be Played At Y

Because of the renovation project at C.B. Vernon Junior High, it will be necessary to play the 1975 7th and 8th grade boys' games at a different site. The Marion Y.M.C.A. has consented to allow the Junior High to use their facilities to play their home basketball games. The following games will be played at the Marion Y.M.C.A.

Thursday, January 16-Monticello-7th
Tuesday, January 21-Tipton-8th

Thursday, January 30-Anamosa 7th
Thursday, February 6-Monticello-8th
Thursday, February 13-Independence 8th

Tuesday, February 18-Tipton 7th
Tuesday, February 25-Manchester 7th
Thursday, March 6-Linn-Mar 8th
Games will begin at 4:00 but because of the limited amount of space, there will be no room for spectators.



WHERE'S THE BALL??