

# The Messenger

C.B. Vernon Junior High

## Junior High Does Well In Wamac Field Day

By Vaughn Klopfenstein

Fourteen of Marion Jr. High's math students went to Anamosa for the second annual WaMac Math Field Day. There were four teams present on the field trip on April 3, at 9 a.m.; Marion, Monticello, Tipton and Anamosa.

The 7th grade results were as follows: Lisa Nove third in One-on-One Competition, Todd Roehr second in Chalk Talk Derby, Mary Bright and Kim Zier tied for second in the Dual Dig, Vaughn Klopfenstein first in Mad Hatter, and in individual games Barb Black and Connie Pederson first with Lisa Nove fourth.

Marion 7th grade contestants took home a second-place trophy, with Monticello taking first, Anamosa third, and Tipton fourth.

In 8th grade competition, Beth Clover was first in Mad Hatter, Dawn Druucker first in One-on-One Competition, Chuck Nove second in Chalk Talk Derby, Kim Galligan and Julie Brokaw tied for second in Dual Dig, and Lori Miller and Teresa Young went along for Individual Games. Marion's 8th grade contestants brought home a first-place trophy, with Tipton second, Anamosa third, and Monticello fourth.



Mr. Eygabroad and Mrs. Carlson with WaMac Prize-winning Contestants

## Stotler Receives Certificate



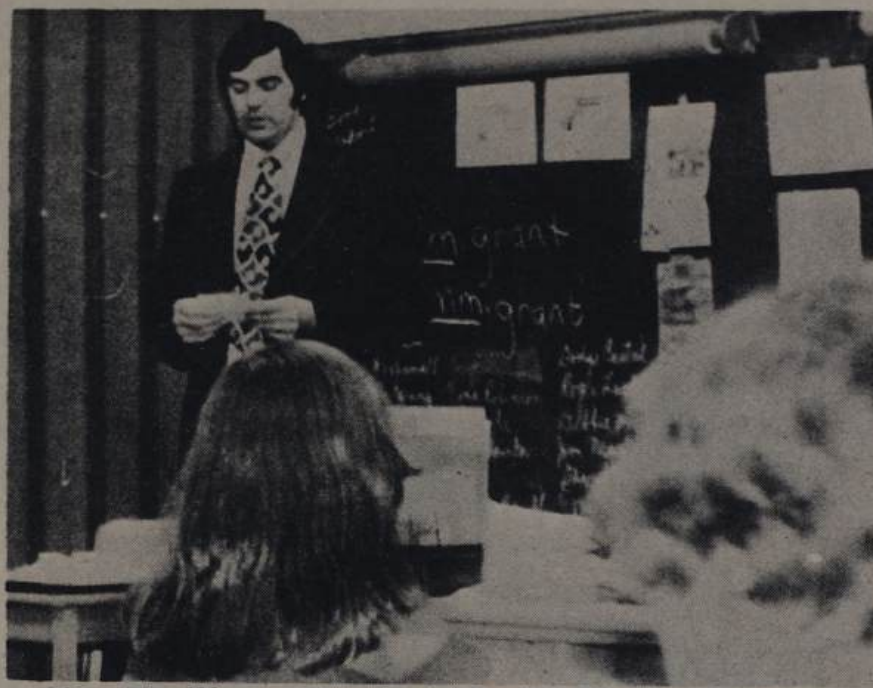
Karen Stotler Displays Her Certificate of Award from the National Poetry Press Association

Recently, Karen Stotler, a Vernon Junior High student, received notification that her poetry has been accepted for publication in the semi-annual poetry anthology titled "Young America Sings," published by the National Poetry Press of Los Angeles, California. She received a certificate of acceptance during the week of April 12. The school will purchase the anthology for the Media Center. Following are the two poems submitted by Karen during the month of March. She wrote the poetry during a poetry-writing unit in Mr. Miller's class.

### HORSES

Horses run  
In the morning sun.  
The wind blows their manes  
Matted down in the rain.  
They run and their hooves  
Are lightning on roofs.  
They run in the grass,  
Reflections on glass.  
Disappear over the hill,  
... And all is still.

## Visit From Mr. Freilinger



Mr. Freilinger Speaks to Social Studies Classes about Unions

(Courtesy of Mrs. Dunn)

The Eighth Grade Social Studies classes were honored on March 1 to have as their guest speaker Mr. Lloyd Freilinger, vice-president for the Central District of the International Labor Unions for the American Grain Millers, headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is in charge of two states, Iowa and Illinois, and directs the people so that they follow the rules of the laws of the union.

He told the classes about the labor unions' role in labor-management relations from the Department Steward's job and responsibility, the International Union, and the effect of legislation and laws on the operation of unions. He talked of day-to-day labor relations and safety

of the employees. These two are very important responsibilities of the union.

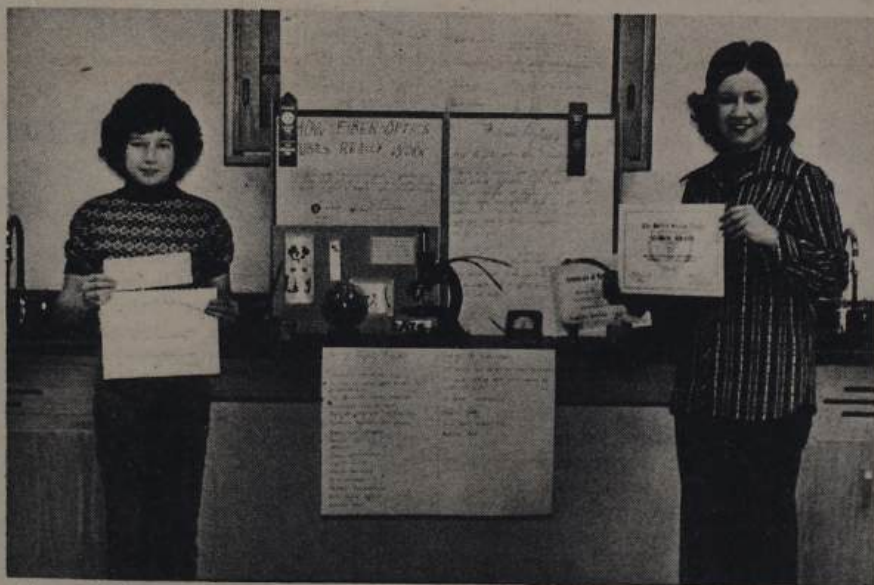
He explained that the most interesting part of his work is the negotiation of the contract (the employees selling their work for a wage and the company buying the work and offering the fringe benefits along with the money paid each employee).

He stated that he organizes the unorganized. There are many reasons why they are not organized in companies -- many will never be organized.

The classes had a chance to discuss and ask questions before the end of the period.

The teachers and classes certainly thank Mr. Freilinger for giving his entire day to explaining his work.

## Pat Grady A Big Winner At Science Fair



4. Miss Ebersole and Pat Grady with his Prize-winning Science Fair Entry

By Mr. Miller

Pat Grady was what one might call a big winner in the Eastern Iowa Science Fair held March 28 at Washington High School in Cedar Rapids. He received both a ribbon and a certificate for entering the contest. In addition, he received a Class II ribbon and a check for \$5. The U.S. Army and the American Speech and Hearing association also awarded him certificates.

Pat developed a presentation on fiber optics. After several investigations, he organized materials to prove that opti-

cal tubes (fibers) can carry light and be bent around corners and in circles. He showed that the fibers use internal reflection to transmit light.

He also indicated several uses of fiber optics; the creation of a pen made of fiber optics, the use of the pen on photography paper, the use of optics as a microscope illuminator, the use of decorative lamps, and the use of fiber optics in surgery.

Pat's science instructor is Miss Ebersole of the Jr. High faculty.

## Wamac Spelldown Elimination Held

The WaMac spelldown elimination rounds proved to be challenging to everyone who entered here at C.B. Vernon. The first elimination was held on Thursday, February 26, after school. Rules stated that an entry could miss a maximum of seven words. About 60 people showed up. The contest was reduced to 10 people in each grade.

The second round was held on Tuesday, March 16. Unlike the first round, it was an oral rather than written test. In 7th grade the 2 finalists and alternate are as follows (respectively): Mary Bright, Pat Grady, and Vicki Hemmingsen. In 8th grade the 2 finalists and alternate are as follows (respectively): Lori Covington,

Kim Galligan, and Julie Smith.

The elimination round (oral only) had these basic rules:

Contestants must pronounce word, spell it, then repronounce word, with no help from pencil and paper.

A student shall be considered out of the contest when he or she misspells a total of 2 words.

There shall be 2 representatives and an alternate from each grade level.

The spelldown (WaMac) will be held Friday, April 30, at Manchester. Representatives will be taken in the Mini-Bus, and Mr. Miller will supervise.

Mr. Miller has been asked to be a judge for the WaMac contest.





Finalists in Spelldown, with WaMaC contestants in Foreground

## Student Council

From notes taken by Kim Galligan

Student Council met on April 5, 1976 at 12. Nineteen members were present. Mr. Fowler said there is \$584.39 in the treasury. \$480 was spent on a laminating machine, and \$75 on a recent assembly.

Subjects for discussion were a talent show and the Spring Dance, for which ideas were (1) to have the dance in the gym, with street shoes, and (2) have a D.J. host with records.

Pat Grady asked if there could be something done to insure privacy in the boys' locker room when both doors are open. Mr. Fowler said that he would look into it. Kim Galligan asked if the students could have a dance this month. The schedule is too crowded. At 12:20 the meeting adjourned.

## WE ASKED, THEY ANSWERED

By Barb Dollinger

What is your least favorite TV show?

1. Jeni Hebert: "The Waltons"
2. Mr. Taylor: "As the World Turns"
3. Jenny Carstens: "The Mickey Mouse Club"
4. Jean Luse: "Tell it To The Judge"
5. Janice Berns: "Community Quiz"
6. Michele McAreavy: "Sesame Street"
7. Mychelle Kos: "Laurel and Hardy"
8. Connie Pedersen: "All in the Family"
9. Dave Rae: "Kojak"
10. Sean Smith: "Hee Haw"
11. Sue Rathje: "Pop Goes the Country"
12. John Stuelke: the soap operas
13. Jeff Griffin: "Police Woman"
14. Laurie Sueppel: "Dr. Max"
15. Tami Herb: "Little House on the Prairie"
16. Marty Robbins: "Cannon"
17. Kim Klein: soap operas
18. Steve O'Connor: "Make a Wish"
19. Mike Galligan: "Movin' On"
20. Roxanne Ridenour: "Sonny and Cher"
21. Mrs. Hotle: "Hawaii Five-O"
22. Dave Edwards: "Welcome Back Kotter"
23. Monette Maltby: "That Good Ol' Nashville Music"
24. Randy Knapp: "Walt Disney"
25. Steve Wilkinson: "The Waltons"
26. Todd Schmitz: "Batman"

## 7th May Birthdays

By Kris Stotler

May 4, Kevin Thomas; May 5, Pam Akers; May 10, Kim Zier; May 12, Susan Blommers; May 15, Janet Brekke; May 21, Renee Ridenour and Tim Kelly; May 23, Chris Pribyl and Ken Skinner.

## One Last Look

By John Stuelke

In this, the last part of the series on the school, a look will be taken into the inner rooms, where the gym and stage used to be.

First, where the old gym was, six classrooms are now standing--five social studies and one language arts. The rooms are all newly carpeted and equipped with air-conditioning. New fluorescent lights adorn the ceiling, and there are new blackboards, shelves, and bulletin boards.

In the spot where the stage used to stand are two language arts rooms. Separated by a moving partition, they're the largest rooms in the school. They are also adorned with the same comforts as the lower rooms.

A room in back of Mr. Dolinaj's room is a teachers' storage room where old projects and supplies are kept year after year.

On the walls of the two language arts rooms are colorful painted designs which brighten the rooms. The art work is also along the hall wall and stairwells.

The MESSENGER staff hopes you attended the Open House to see the new building described in this and preceding issues.

## "Parade Of Bands"

By Chris Pribyl

On Thursday evening, March 25, the Vernon Junior High Band played in the "Parade of Bands" with the Senior High School and 5th and 6th grade bands.

The selections the Junior High Band played were "The Flickertail," "Mv Way," "Hymn Fantasy for Band", "Caravan," and for a finale played "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy". The performance received a standing ovation.

After the concert Mr. Shultz, the band director, said it was the best concert the band had ever given. The standing ovation indicated the audience must have agreed.

## Collector's Club

By Barb Black

Monday, April 12, was a good day for Mr. Steadman's Collectors' Club. Several more than the usual five or six showed up. The topic was stamps. The club had to move to the library from Mr. Steadman's office. Mr. Miller brought his stamps, and so did Jim McGarrahan, Ch. is Sondag, Holly Hapgood, Jeanette Seeks, and Barb Black. All were happy to discuss their collections and methods of collecting.

## Two 8th Grade Spring Plays

By Brenda McCormack

It's that time of year again--spring is here and Miss Ebersole and Mrs. Staehle are getting out the play book again.

This spring the eighth grade section of Dramatics Club is putting on two plays. The first of the two plays, "Three Phone Calls," has a cast of seven.

Bobby Sox, a cute little girl of fourteen, is played by Leslie Zimmerman. Margie, a seventeen-year-old girl, very pretty, and Bobby Sox's sister, is Sara Bice, Norton Brown, a tall, good-looking boy very fond of Margie is John Stuelke. Mrs. Hanna, the mother of Bobby Sox and Margie, is played by Sue Raue, Cal, a good friend of Margie, is Craig Evans. Bill, an admirer of Margie's, is Dennis Burns. Cliff, the athletic type who enjoys comy

jokes, also fond of Margie, is Robbie Bolyard. When you have a combination like that, the play will have to be funny.

The other play is "Pinch Me," and it has a cast of seven. Cousin Geraldine, an unwelcome guest in the Bates' household, is Kim Galligan. Dave Shindoll plays Danny Bates, a teenage boy that can't stand his cousin. Joe, Danny's pal, is played by Pat Freilinger. Alice, Danny's teenage sister, is Jeni Hebert. Jenny Hanson is Mrs. Bates, Danny and Alice's mother. Miss Crawford, a teacher at the high school, is played by Peggy Hopson. Miss Nelson, also a high school teacher, is Janice Berns.

Good luck to these Dramatics Club members on April 27, when they present the two plays.



Boys Who Have Competed in Post-season Wrestling Tournaments

## Marion Wrestling Tournament

By Pat Freilinger

On March 6, there was a Marion wrestling tournament. The wrestlers who placed were Ken Waters 1st, Pat Freilinger 1st, Jerry Nibeck 1st, and Dave Rae 3rd in the Senior Division. In the Junior Division Kurt Freilinger was 3rd.

## Emmetsburg Wrestling

By Ken Waters

April 2 and 3 were the days of the fourth annual wrestling tournament held at Emmetsburg High School.

Ten states were represented at this tournament: Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma.

Ken Waters wrestled in the 117-120 weight bracket. He shut out his first three opponents and then was defeated in his final match, 6-1, in an overtime, by a boy from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He came home with second place.

## Bettendorf Wrestling

By Ken Waters

On March 20, four boys from Marion participated in the day-long wrestling tournament at Middle School High at Bettendorf, Iowa. The participants were Mark and Vaughn Klopfenstein, Greg Hoffa, and Ken Waters.

Vaughn Klopfenstein was defeated in the first round, in a very controversial match, 5-4. Greg Hoffa also was eliminated 5-0. Mark Klopfenstein was defeated in the second round in an overtime referee's decision. Ken Waters received second place.

There were 1,032 wrestlers attending the meet.

## MARION INVITATIONAL

By Charles Resewehr

On Tuesday, April 13, the Marion Invitational Track Meet was held on the Marion track. In 7th grade Marion finished a distant fourth behind Independence with 50 points, Linn-Mar with 44, and Prairie with 43. Marion had 36 points. Then followed Maquoketa with 8 points and Monticello with 6 points. Placings for Marion were as follows: 400 relay, Vaughn Klopfenstein, Jesse Shannon, Jerry Howe, and Mike McAreavy, first; 880-yard medley relay, Klopfenstein, Shannon, Howe, and McAreavy, third; 220-yard run, Ralph Werner, fifth; hurdles, Kent Mahurin, second; pole vault, Mahurin second; shot put, Jerry Nibeck, second; high jump, McAreavy and Tom Benkusky, tie for third.

In 8th grade action Marion finished third behind Independence and Linn-Mar, who tied for first with 52 points. Marion had 50 points, Prairie 35, Manchester 20, and Monticello 9. The boys who placed for Marion were these: low hurdles, Dan Cook, first; pole vault, Ken Waters, tie for first; long jump, Dennis Burns, first; 440-yard relay, Dave Rae, Jim Neagle, Rob Bolyard, and Burns, first; 880-yard relay Neagle, Waters, John Warner, and Burns, first; 100-yard dash, Bolyard, third, John Stuelke, fifth; 220-yard run, Waters, fifth; 440-yard run, Warner, third; low hurdles, Mark Lembke, fifth; 880-yard medley relay, Steve O'Connor, Steve Morrow, Dave Shindoll, and Lembke, fourth.

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