

# The Messenger

C.B. Vernon Junior High

Thursday, October 28, 1976



Mrs. Raasch & Some Very Enthusiastic Students (?) at The Open House for Parents.

## Parents 'Handle' Students' Schedules At Open House

By Stuart Farmer

On Thursday, September 30, 1976, the Vernon Jr. High had a night when "parents only" came to the school and went through the schedule made by their son or daughter. The purpose was to see exactly what their students do

### A Look At Birthdays

7th birthdays, August to November---  
By Robin Ridenour

Aug. 4 Sean Bonebrake; 14, Jill Helbig; 18, Brenda Mork; 31, Robin Ridenour;

Sept. 8, Lori Offermen; 19, Tracy Ensley; 21, Ann Werning; 22, Susan Soden;

Oct. 3, Steve Ginther; 9, Dick Wilken; 14, Chris Wilson; 21, Matt Hefel; 26, David Luzum;

Nov. 6, Curt Arnold; 8, Brian Wickham; 11, Julie and Joe Laschanky; 13, Cindy Everts and Jim Sueppel; 16, Kim Tranmer; 17, Jenny Martin; 26, Susan Blick; 27, Monica Travis.

8th birthdays-----

By Mike Horstman

Aug. 3, Lisa Nove; 8, Elaine Ozburn; 20, Rich Panek and Connie West

Sept. 13, Mark Johnson; 17, Lanette Hauser; 20, Mr. Margaretz

Oct. 2, Sandy Watson; 5, Dale and Don Hatch, and Matt Lammers; 18, Brenda Neve and Stuart Farmer; 25, Terri Grussendorf; 27, Penny and Pam Oltmanns

Nov. 3, Diane Stainbrook; 8, Debbie Floyd.

## Student Council Holds Its First Meeting Of Year

By Karen Regal

On October 14 at 12:10 p.m., the Student Council meeting was brought to order by president Vaughn Klopfenstein. Attendance was taken and a treasurer's report was given.

Mike Galligan asked why the ping pong tables were not up yet, and Mr. Fowler said that since it was still nice weather, we should go out, but it would be a possible intramural activity. Greg Hoffa was interested in having basketball during the intramural cycles. Mr. Fowler commented that they would be an outside activity. Jessie Shannon asked Mr. Fowler why the boys do not have deodorant in their gym lockers. Mr. Fowler said that he would bring it to Mr. Brainard's attention, along with a solution for the first row of lockers in the boys' locker room.

To replenish the school treasury, magazine sales will be held from October 21 through November 1. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 by the president.

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and how they are taught in school.

"Students are not allowed to come to this Open House; it's strictly for parents," said Mr. Fowler. "Parents will have 10-minute class periods and 5-minute breaks between classes."

Both parents and faculty thought that the night was a success.

### Lana Was Speaker

## Pat Grady Is Named Editor Of MESSENGER

By Jane Trimble

On September 17, the new newspaper staff held its first meeting. Mr. Lana from the Marion SENTINEL was the guest speaker. He talked to the group about how to write stories, put together and print a newspaper, and a little bit about several different kinds of printing presses and methods of printing. It was very interesting.

The staff also nominated several 8th graders, who were on the newspaper staff last year, to be editors. (The following Monday these editors were elected by ballot: Pat Grady, general editor, and Linda Folkers and Therese Tharp, associate editors. Mr. Miller adjourned the meeting about 4 p.m.)

Officers elected were Vaughn Klopfenstein, president, Mike McAreavy, vice-



Mrs. Clauson, Mrs. Chadek, Mr. Parks, Mrs. Thornton and Mr. Tesar Are New At Vernon.

## Meet Our New Teachers

### Mrs Clauson Is New Library Aide

By Pam Akers

Mrs. Clauson, our new library aide, was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She went to school at Jefferson and in Alburnett.

Mrs. Clauson's husband's name is Jim, and they have three children. The oldest child is Kevin--he's ten. Next comes Cindy, seven, then comes Jeff who is six.

Mrs. Clauson says she hardly ever has spare time, but when she does, she likes to read and sew. She likes helping at Vernon very much. She has never taught or helped in any other school before.

### Mr Tesar Is In New EBA Program

By Tim McGarrahan

One of the new teachers on third floor is Mr. Tesar, in "Education-by-Appointment (EBA). Mr. Tesar was born in Mason City, spent most of his youth in St. Paul, Minnesota, and moved all over the Midwest--Nebraska, Wisconsin, and back to Mason City. He went to Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, and student-taught in the high school there. His major was history.

Mr. Tesar was offered the EBA job this past summer, and he thought it would be a challenge, and a help for students with learning problems, so he took it.

If for some reason he couldn't teach, he would go back to working as a railroad telegrapher or go back to school to continue his education. This is his first teaching job, and he likes it very much. "The kids are nice. The Teachers get along well, and to have a good school, you have to have cooperative teachers."

His favorite sports are football, basketball, track, and all other sports--except wrestling. His favorite food is lobster. He hopes to see many kids this year and make many good friends.

### Mrs Chadek New In Special Education

By Therese Tharp

Mrs. Chadek, a special education teacher at C.B., is new to our school this year. Mrs. Chadek has a Master's Degree and extra hours; she has attended both Syracuse University in New York and the University of Iowa. She

decided to become a special ed teacher at the urging of the superintendent at Mt. Vernon. She has taught both in Lisbon and the elementary schools of Marion, but she decided it would be nice to teach a different age group and so came to C.B.

There are 10 students in Mrs. Chadek's class. She teaches the four basics, with a very heavy emphasis on practical usage. What is the significance of being a special education teacher? She says it is the size of the class, which makes it possible to highly individualize. She teaches many things that are concrete rather than abstract, emphasizing real things and problems. Her students are generally very eager. They basically follow the rules all students in Jr. High follow.

### Mr Parks New Science Instructor

By Dave Durivage

Mr. Parks is a new 7th grade science teacher at Vernon. He was born in Cedar Rapids and brought up in Marion.

Mr. Parks wanted to be a teacher because of the challenge it presents. It was always in his mind, from his high school years through college, to become a teacher. His educational background includes 4 years at UNI in Cedar Falls and 1 year at SUI in Iowa City. He has a BA in geology and is started on a MA. He applied for a teaching job in Marion because he likes the school system.

Mr. Parks is married and has a boy 11 months old. For enjoyment he cuts and polishes rocks for jewelry, some of which he sells and some he keeps. He likes photography, especially taking colored slides. He enjoys sports, especially football.

Mr. Parks chose science as an area because he enjoys it and likes the outdoors. Welcome!

### Mrs Thornton Is New In P.E. Dept.

By Julie Larson

Mrs. Thornton is the new Jr. High School PE teacher. She graduated from State University of Iowa in Iowa City.

Mrs. Thornton chose to teach PE because she thinks physical activity is very important in people's lives. She has taught at Muscatine High School and Atkins Elementary. She really likes it here because she finds so much to do to keep her busy.

In her spare time she likes to play tennis and volleyball; she also takes care of her little boy. Her family includes her husband and a boy named Jimmy.



8th Grade Cheerleaders Have Spirit!



7th Grade Cheerleaders Are Full of Pep!!





8th Grade "A" Squad Football Team

## Library Club Has Its First Meeting

By Kim Zier

The first Library Club meeting, on September 13, was brought to order at 3:20 in the Media Center by Mrs. Raasch.

Mrs. Raasch explained the constitution and the Club rules to all the members. Sixty-five eighth grade members and fifty-four seventh grade members were present. Officers were elected; they included Therese Tharp, president, Karen Hutchins, vice-president, Tammy Fuller, secretary, and Kim Zier, MES-SENGER reporter. Also, for those who missed the meeting, the constitution states that you can only have three excused absences.



7th Grade "A" Squad Football Team

## A Look At What's Happening In Our Music Department

By Sandy Hawkins

There are 40 students in 8th grade chorus and 75 in 7th grade chorus.

The 8th grade chorus sang for open house September 30--the songs were "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah" and "Gratification." They performed on the new risers for the first time since the department got them last May.

Chorus groups are working on music for the December 6 Christmas Concert which will be given with the band.

This fall the Music Department was finally fortunate to get a stereo record player for its very own. It has an AM-FM radio and P. A. system.

By Tamra Anderson, Coleen DeWees,

and Chris Potter

The Jr. High Pep Band played for the Marion-Linn-Mar 8th grade football game on Tuesday, October 12, and the group will play for the sophomore game on Friday, November 5.

Some students will be selected for the Jr. High Honor Band for the Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association Festival, which is on Saturday, December 4.

The Christmas program (with vocal) will be presented on Monday, December 6. It will be a lot of hard work getting organized and working together.

Work will soon begin on solos and small groups for contest, which will be held on Saturday, February 26, 1977.

## 8th Football Team Opens On A Winning Note

By Vaughn Klopfenstein

C.B. Vernon's 8th grade football team won its first game of the season Sept. 14. The game, held at the Manchester field, ended with the Little Indians ahead 20-0.

Scoring for the Indians were Jerry Nibeck on a three-yard plunge, Vaughn Klopfenstein on a four-yard jaunt, Tom Benkusky on a thirty-yard pass, and Jerry Howe on the only two-point conversion.

On Sept. 16 Vernon's 8th "B" football team lost a close one to Springville's "A" team at Marion, 6-0.

Then on Sept. 21, the 8th "A" team won its second straight game, 12-0, at the Marion field. Tom Benkusky scored

on two passes by Vaughn Klopfenstein and Mike McAreavy, fifteen and twenty-three yards respectively.

By Doug Aschbrenner

On Sept. 28, Marion's 8th grade "A" squad tied Anamosa, 14-14. Jerry Howe scored the first touchdown on a 3-yard run. Vaughn Klopfenstein scored a 20-yard touchdown and Tom Benkusky picked up the 2 conversion points.

On Sept. 29, Marion's 8th grade "B" squad tied Vinton 0-0. Kevin Thomas threw a pass to Brian Williams and made a touchdown, but it was called back.

## 'Best Skaters' Named After Party

By Elaine Stotler

October 5, from 3:10 until 5:00 p.m., the Jr. High skating party was held, sponsored by Mr. Schley and Mr. Meggers. The cost was \$1.00 apiece, and about 280 people attended.

The best skaters in 7th grade were thought to be Curt Arnold and Chris Wilson. The best in 8th grade were possibly Mark Butler and Angie Blockhus. There weren't any best teacher skaters because they were all too professional. The teacher with the best stop was Mr. Eggabroad. The worst fall was made by Debbie Anderson. The most dangerous skater was very likely Kurt Johnston. The person with the most falls was Ken Grimes.

## Did You Know...?

By Pat Grady

Did you know...

...That Dave Durivage has a letter of congratulations from a Navy admiral thanking him for a submarine design which he submitted to the Navy?

...That last year, two Vernon students, Karen Stotler and Wazzy Lottman, won national and state poetry contests respectively?

...That Mary Bright and Pat Grady were third and fifth in the First Annual WaMac Spelldown held in Manchester (out of 32 of the WaMac's best spellers) last year?

That Vernon Jr. High came into existence in the fall of 1963 when the former Marion High School was vacated and occupied by Junior High students? The school was named for former school Superintendent C.B. Vernon. Vernon Jr. High, at that time, consisted of grades 7, 8, and 9, with a total enrollment of 459 students. Of the original faculty Mrs. Borg, Mr. Brainard, Mr. Gaede, Mr. Miller, Mr. Vaske, and Mr. Fowler are still on our staff. (Courtesy of Mr. Fowler).

By Lisa Reed

Hello, all you sports fans out there, wherever you are. I have some good news for you! Tuesday, September 28th our 7th "A" squad football team played in Anamosa and won 18-6. The outstanding players were Mike Skilling and Jim Koeppen, Mike with two touchdowns and Jim with one.

On the 29th our "C" squad played here and also beat Anamosa! The score was 8-0. Brad Adams scored on a 37-yard run. Bret Ramsdell ran the 2-point conversion. Hey Anamosa! Ready to turn in your jerseys yet?

Unfortunately, our "B" squad was dreaming about the skating party and lost to Manchester, 12-0.



Girls Softball Team

### A SUGGESTED MODEL POLICY STATEMENT

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It is also the policy of this district that the curriculum content and instructional materials utilized reflect the cultural and racial diversity present in the United States and the variety of careers, roles, and life styles open to women as well as men in our society. One of the objectives

of the total curriculum and teaching strategies is to reduce stereotyping and eliminate bias on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, and/or religion or physical disability. The curriculum should foster respect and appreciation for the cultural diversity found in our country and an awareness of the rights, duties, and responsibilities of each individual as a member of a multi-cultural, non-sexist society.

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