

The Messenger

C.B. Vernon Junior High

Thursday, January 27, 1977



Sgt. Beauford and Bill Bjornsen are describing a Helicopter Search for a lost child. It ended successfully.

Christmas Concert, 1976

(Courtesy of Mrs. Hoppes)

Approximately 120 students participated in the chorus segment of the Vocal-Band Christmas Concert December 6. First, was a play, "The Royal Christmas Wedding" starring Mark Evans, Matt Miller, and Pat Grady. Then the seventh grade girls sang three songs, "Were You There," "Love One Another," and "Christmas is a Feeling."

The seventh and eighth grade boys in

chorus joined together to sing, "My Two Front Teeth," "Nuttin' For Christmas," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." The eighth grade chorus finished with "Sleigh Ride," "No Mountain High Enough," "A Christmas Wish," and "Holly Jolly Christmas," with actions.

The concert was very well attended, with the bleachers and all four rows of extra chairs filled.

Newspaper Staff Held Its Meeting

By Morrie Fleming

Pat Grady opened the November meeting at 3:15 in Mr. Miller's room. He explained our arrangements with radio station KLWW. He commented that he had already called in about the dance, and the Open House. He stated that station KLWW had a pizza party to explain procedures for calling in weekly news stories, as well as sports results.

Mr. Miller handed out a sheet on the inverted triangle method of story writing and explained how to use it. He asked staff members to be more careful in turning in their new articles.

Pat then said that other Wamac schools, as well as Linn-Mar and Pleasant Valley, have been asked for copies of their newspapers in order to study approaches to their styles of journalism.

Homeroom representatives were then listed. These people are to report on anything special going on in homerooms, or with individuals or teachers in their homerooms.

Tammy Tranmer's motion to adjourn was seconded and passed.

Mr. Fowler Busy Day...

A Day In The Life Of Our Principal

By Jim McGarrahan

At 7:30 a.m., 5 days a week, 36 weeks a year, for 25 years, Mr. Fowler has come to wake a sleeping school. His first item on the agenda is to set the schedule for the day. He must plan meetings, meetings, and more meetings. It seems that his whole day is spent meeting people. Teachers, students, parents, and salesmen all come to see him. He meets panels, committees, boards and other groups. He must also be ready for the unexpected guest who forgot his appointment and comes in late. Other plans for the day include visiting classes, talking to students and teachers, discipline problems, managing the lunch cycles, supervising the building, professional meetings, reading, writing, and filing reports, and many routine duties.

When 3:10 p.m. rolls around and students are dismissed, his job is only partially complete. The time after the students leave gives the principal time to reflect on the day's activities, make

plans for the next day, and catch up with the paperwork that is required.

At least once, and often twice a week, he must go to a sports activity. That keeps him on duty until 6 or 6:30 p.m. Evening meetings are routine for a school principal, and he will often have one or two of these each week. So you can see, a principal's work is never done.

Homeroom Reps Are Named At Vernon

By Robin Ridenour

It is necessary for homerooms to have representatives for the newspaper. This is so that students can relay anything important that comes up in their homerooms or occurs to themselves that they want to include in the paper. The representatives follow. Contact then if you have any important ideas or items for the newspaper.

Listed as follows is the room, the teacher, and the representative:

1, Mr. Cahalan, Kim Zier; 110, Mr. Schley, Kim Larson; 117, Mrs. Carlson, Pat Grady; 119, Mr. Eygbroad, David Durivage; 125, Mrs. Borg, Therese Tharp;

113, Mr. Miller, Robin Ridenour; 134, Mr. Meggers, Tamra Anderson; 136, Mr. Campbell, Wendy Stuelke; 137, Miss Engelbarts (anyone want to help?); 138, Mrs. Dunn, Linda Folkers; 151, Mrs. Staehle, Kim Klein; 152, Mr. Dolinaj, Kim Fredericksen; 206, Mr. Margretz, Mike Horstman; MC, Mrs. Raasch, Lisa Yuva; 306, Mr. Taylor, Craig Vasey; 307, Mr. Vaske, Matt Miller; 310, Mr. Parks, Susan Soden; 311, Miss Ebersole, Kim Tranmer.



Sgt. Beauford demonstrates equipment used to free accident victims who are trapped in a wreckage. He explains the necessity for cutting metal without making any sparks that could ignite gasoline fumes.

Resource Persons And Field Trips

(Courtesy of Mrs. Chadek)

Students at the Junior High level are becoming more aware of community resources. Mrs. Chadek's class has been investigating the services offered by various social and civic agencies.

In November the class went on a tour conducted by the Linn County Information and Referral office. They visited the fourteen social service offices housed in the Mental Health Building in Cedar Rapids. They expressed surprise at the fact that all age levels were offered help, from "Well-Baby Clinic," Aid to Dependent Children, Teen-age counseling, and even "Meals on Wheels" for the elderly.

They showed concern for the fact that hot meals for shut-ins were delivered only five days a week. This initiated a lively discussion of alternatives.

In December Bill Bjornson, Director of the Linn County Civil Defense Office, and Sgt. Beauford visited Mrs. Chadek's class. They demonstrated rescue equipment and explained the many emergency situations where they are called upon for assistance.

Mr. Bjornson explained how he sets up a communication center in his car to direct rescues in time of disasters, such as tornados or floods.

ALPINE MADNESS

(A poem by Mr. Dolinaj)

This is my church, my school;
Up here everything has a reason;
Nights are as beautiful as days.

In the wilderness Nature built
a temple to glorify herself.

Where mountain meets sky,
Ancient glaciers polished the stone,
Grinding broken rock against soaring
boulder.

Smooth walls gleam in alpinglow,
Buttercups gild the meadows
Beneath the temple.

In this place Nature's peace will flow
Into You
As sunshine flows into trees.

Birthdays

By Bill Webster

The following 7th and 8th graders have February and March birthdays:

FEBRUARY

4--Karen Keith
8--Pam Cannoy
9--Lisa Morehouse and Judy Luse
11--Claude Cosey
13--Mike Horstman
15--Jerry Seeman
18--Karen Regal
22--Allen Rouse
25--Lisa Busse, and Mrs. Staehle (1/2 birthday)

MARCH

1--Tracy Engel
5--Ann Greene
6--Jeanne Roehr, Kim Frasher, and John Shannon
7--Debbie Young and Kim Wilson
11--Lynette Anderson
13--Mark Johnson and Steve Butz
14--Mike McKern
19--Karen Luko
30--Chris Hardin



Never put an airtight bandage over iodine. It keeps the iodine from evaporating off the skin and might cause a burn.



Karen Bond (right) talks to Spanish classes about her recent experiences in Spain.



Ah! Dean At Work.



CHRISTMAS DANCE.

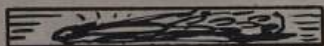
Bandmasters Festival Held

By Tamra Anderson

Jean Berns, Susan Chapman, Gerald Lowry, and Jerry Howe were selected to be in the Junior High Honor Bands for the Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Festival on December 4.

They rehearsed two hours in the morning and three hours in the afternoon. The directors of the festival were Mr. Dick Butler from City High School, Iowa City, and Mr. Roger Mayler from Middle School, Bettendorf.

The concert was performed in front of the public at 7:30 p.m.



Look for asparagus with tightly closed tips at the end of firm, straight stalks. Older and tougher stalks have open tips.



Smile, Cute Stuff!! The 50's.

Vernon Sock Hop Brings Back The '50's

By Karen Regal and Pam Akers

On November 19, Vernon Junior High had its first dance, the Sock Hop. It was sponsored by the cheerleaders. It lasted from 3:30 - 5:15 p.m.

There were two contests, best-dressed boy and girl, and a dance contest. Winners of the best-dressed were Tim Kelly and Karen Luko. Tim won a record and Karen, a pair of FONZIE SOX! Ay-y-y! The winners of the dance contest were Tammy Fuller and Pam Canoy. They each won a record. The teachers judged the dance contest, and the dance participants chose the best-dressed boy and girl.

The highlight of the dance was when "Diamond Dude and the 3 Studs" did their performance. They did three popular songs from the 50's: "Shaboom", "Put Your Head on My Shoulder," and "Yikity-Yac" (Don't Talk Back). "Diamond Dude and the 3 Studs" were Todd Parman, lead singer; Mark Johnson, guitar; Todd Turner, guitar; and Tim Kelly, drums.

Here were some thoughts on the dance: Mr. Cahalan--Brought back old memories

Karen Regal--Lots of fun!

Christmas Dance Was A Big Success

By Christy Hardin

In answering a question about this

Student Poetry

The following is a poem that won recognition for Karen Regal in the Iowa Poetry Association Anthology when Karen was in 5th grade.

BEING LITTLE

Being little isn't being tall and isn't being tiny. It's just an in-between size.

You may be little, but you can do big things. Being little doesn't bother me, but I'd just like to grow a little faster.

year's Christmas Dance, held December 20, from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. in the Jr. High gym, Miss Ebersole said, "I'll always remember putting together the snowwoman; it took so long to stuff the chicken wire with the napkins, and we had such a hard time finding something to go around her."

In this reporter's opinion, it looked like everyone who attended had a good time.

The refreshments were very good. Mrs. Tanner baked the good cookies. Mrs. Hapgood, Mrs. Ottaway, Mrs. Michalek, Mrs. Kent helped serve refreshments.

The decorations were provided by Miss Ebersole's homeroom, Mrs. Carlson's homeroom, and Miss Engelbarts' homeroom. Mr. Steadman and Mrs. Fatka also helped organize things.

Miss Ebersole commented that perhaps a few more people could have danced, but on the whole, everyone seemed to have a good time.

We Asked... They Answered

By Bill Webster

I asked the teachers and 4 students what their favorite sandwiches were.

Here are their answers:

Mrs. Borg--Hamburger
Mr. Schley--Steak
Mr. Taylor--Ham and cheese on rye
Mr. Vaske--Hamburger
Mrs. Dunn--Ham and cheese
Miss Ebersole--Tuna fish
Mr. Tesar--Submarine
Mr. Parks--Submarine

Mrs. Wood--Hot ham or Swiss cheese on rye

Mrs. Raasch--Ham and cheese on rye

Mr. Miller--Peanut butter and mayonnaise

Miss Engleberts--Italian sausage

Mrs. Staehle--Hamburger

Mr. Dolinaj--Bacon, lettuce, and tomato

Mr. Margretz--Dagwood special

Mr. Cahalan--Peanut butter and jelly

Mr. Brainard--Big Mac

Mrs. Thornton--Grilled cheese

Mrs. Chadek--Club sandwich

Mrs. Read--Canadian bacon, of course

Mrs. Hoppes--Bacon, lettuce, and tomato on toast

Mr. Shultz--Reuben

Mrs. Grimm--Tenderloin

Mr. Meggers--Hamburger

Mr. Campbell--Hamburger

Mrs. Jacobs--Reuben

Mrs. Carlson--Meatball

Mrs. Clauson--Ham and cheese on rye

Mrs. Fatka--Tuna or submarine

Mrs. DeLancey--Reuben

Mr. Eggabroad--Steak

Mr. Steadman--Meatloaf

Mr. Gaede--Ham on rye

Mrs. Pickett--Ham on rye

Carroll Bogard--Bologna

Craig Vasey--Ham and cheese on rye

Tim Touro--Submarine

Dave Deeney--Peanut butter and jelly

We Asked...

By Kris Stotler

I asked some teachers what their strongest like and their "pet peeve" about school

Collectors Club

By Carroll Bogard

The December meeting of Collectors Club centered around the topic of model-making.

Don Hatch presented a ship called the USS CONSTITUTION on which he had put 30 hours of work. He made a very precise model.

Dave Long presented a dragster that took about 6 hours to build.

Al Smith had a mummy that chanced to a person. He also presented a car, the "Mummy Machine". He also showed a "Red Baron" car and a World War II "Nazi Car", as well as an armored car.

Rick Smith brought a model pickup, a 1977 Dodge pickup.

Jim McGarrahan brought a balsa wood airplane. He also brought a model of the ROBERT E. LEE and the USS LEXINGTON. In addition, he brought what tools one might need in building models. He showed how to put decals on.

Keith Miller presented 1/4 inch paper airplane models. He also showed a large paper airplane model. He has also built a semi, which he designed himself, out of paper.

Bob Fuller presented two cars, one of which won at Hawkeye Downs.

The meeting, which all found interesting, ended at 4:00.

were:

Mrs. Staehle: Like: the kids (sometimes); Dislike: students who don't listen to directions.

Mr. Cahalan: Like: seeing kids excel in something; Dislike: students who don't give a @!#-x/?

Mr. Fowler: Like: being able to help students gain an education; Dislike: students who have little interest in school and fail to make any attempt at cooperation

Mr. Margretz: Ditto Cahalan

Mrs. Wood: Like: I love kids! ; Dislike: students who don't care to study and won't keep quiet so that those who want to, may.

Mrs. Read: Like: working with the students; Dislike: mouthy kids!

Mr. Tesar: Like: multi-colored lockers; Dislike: Kurt Johnston (just kidding)

Mr. Taylor: Like: the students; Dislike: students that waste other people's time by not listening

Mr. Miller: Like: I like kids and enjoy helping them; Dislike: people who are discourteous

Mrs. Fatka: Like: I like the kids best; Dislike: girls that chase boys!

Mr. Meggers: Like: the students; Dislike: students talking during class

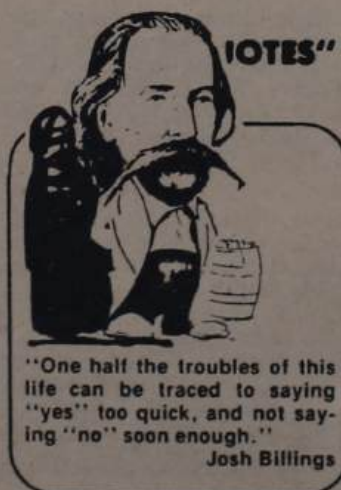
Mrs. Borg: Like: the kids--I like Jr. High age kids! ; Dislike: kids who don't listen to instructions and then ask, "What are we s'posed to do?"

3 Wrestlers Competed In Tournament

By Vaughn Klopfenstein

Wrestlers Kevin Thomas, Greg Hoffa, and Vaughn Klopfenstein competed in a wrestling tournament at West Waterloo High School Saturday, January 8.

There were about 400 wrestlers participating. Greg Hoffa placed 5th in his weight division and Vaughn Klopfenstein placed 2nd in his weight division.



"One half the troubles of this life can be traced to saying 'yes' too quick, and not saying 'no' soon enough."

Josh Billings