

The Messenger

C.B. Vernon Junior High

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Wamac Spelling Contestants: Greg Hapgood and Glenda Madren.

6 From Vernon Entered Wamac Spelling Contest

By Therese Tharp (assoc. editor)

On February 17 some of the C.B. Vernon students went to Tipton Middle School for the Wamac spelling contest where the top six spellers in both 7th and 8th grade represented their schools. Randy Smith, Greg Hapgood, and Chris Potter represented the 7th grade while Pat Grady, Melissa Gates, and Chris Sondag represented the 8th.

It was a single elimination contest, so once one spelled a word wrong, he or she was out. Greg Hapgood came in 5th and Chris Sondag was 7th.

On March 19 the area spelling bee will be held at Kirkwood College; the winners of this contest will go to the State Spelling Bee. The Marion representatives are Melissa Gates, Chris Sondag, and Randy Smith.

Vernon Hosted Wamac Math Field Day

By Julie Larson

The Wamac Junior High Math Field Day got underway in our building on Monday, February 28. The schools participating were Manchester, Independence, Maquoketa, Monticello, Anamosa, Tipton, Vinton, and Marion.

The five contest categories were "One-on-One" (in which we tied for fourth in 7th grade), "Chalk Talk" (4th in 7th and 5th in 8th), "Dual Dig" (tied for 5th in 7th and 6th in 8th), and "Pica Centro"

Comment-

Flu Strikes 1 Out Of 3

By Cindy Gorman

Do you feel sick? Maybe a sore throat, headache, or cough? Sort of tired and dragged out? We hate to tell you this, but you're getting the flu!

It strikes one out of every three people, causing them to miss perhaps two days of school, which isn't too hard to take, but under the circumstances can be very touchy! Especially along with a lot of homework, which always seems to be the heaviest on the days you're gone! You also miss TV, especially if your mother is like most mothers. Her first words to you after you say, "I feel sick," are, "If you're too sick to go to school, then you're too sick to watch T.V."

So remember that the next time you tell your mother, "I feel sick," because you already know the rest!

The Junior High sometimes experienced 50 to 60 missing people certain days in February.

Talent Show Is Discussed By Council

By Karen Regal

Vaughn Klopfenstein brought the March 7 Student Council meeting to order shortly after noon. The minutes were read and approved. Roll was taken and a treasurer's report was given.

The Council briefly discussed the talent show. Auditions for this event will be held Tuesday, March 15 after school. Eleven or twelve acts will be chosen. The day of the show will be April 7, which is a Thursday.

Mr. Fowler also discussed the remaining events of the school year. Todd Parman moved that the meeting be adjourned and Jessie Shannon seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

By Kim Zier

"Who is your comical hero?" I asked several students.

Kim Wilson--Letterman



Instrumental Music Winners

60 Blue Ribbons For Vernon In Band Festival

Vernon Junior High hosted the Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Band Festival on Saturday, February 26. The Vernon students earned 60 blue ribbons, 17 red ribbons and 1 white ribbon.

The solo blue ribbon winners are as follows: Bb Clarinet--Sean Bonebrake, Tammy Johnston, Jane Trimble, Coleen DeWees, Chris Potter, Susan Chapman, Connie West; Cornet--Greg Hapgood, Lori Hucker, and Gerald Lowry; Alto Clarinet--Lisa Kopetsky; Oboe--Linda Buenzow; French horn--Gail Hallock; Snare Drum--Gerald Howe; Flute--Tamra Anderson and Tracy Engel; Alto Saxophone--Kristin Turner and Tim DeWees; Trombone--Jonathan Tanner.

The ensemble blue ribbon winners are as follows: Flute trios--Tammy Knapp, Kim Frederickson, Lori Painter, Jean

Bems, Vicki Hemmingsen, and Lisa Nove; Brass sextet--Gerald Lowry, David Sweeney, Ellen Ervin, Jonathan Tanner, and Kevin Williamson; Drum Ensemble--Gerald Howe, Lesley Warner, Hope Warren, Karl Raue, and Gail Hallock; Clarinet Quartet--Chris Potter, Coleen DeWees, Jane Trimble, Connie West, Susan Chapman, Linda Folkers, Lisa Kopetsky and Linda Buenzow; Flute Quartet--Tamra Anderson, Tracy Engel, Susan Soden, and Carolyn Winistorfer; Clarinet Trio--Debra Eastridge and Tammy Johnston; Cornet Trio--Greg Hapgood, Lori Hucker, and Cindy Evarts; Saxophone Quartets--Kristin Turner, Robin Ridenour, Doreen French, Allen Stow, Tim DeWees, Barbara Black, Julie Larsen, and Chris Pribyl.

Because of illness, some ensembles were short members.



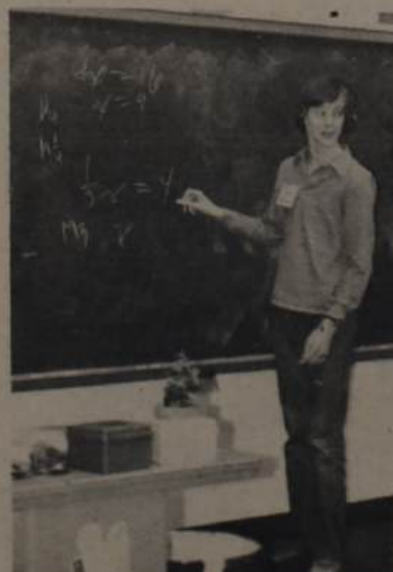
Ribbon Winners in Instrumental Music.

We Asked... They Answered

Charles Peterzalek--The Hulk
Vaughn Klopfenstein--Underdog
Kim Klein--Chickenman
Sherri Weaver--Charlie Brown

Sue Chapman--Fog-Horn Leg Horn
Tim Touro--Mickey Mouse
Jeff Busse--Sniffles
Morrie Fleming--Scooby-Doo
Reid Netz--Gomer Pyle
Mike Galligan--Spiderman
Greg Hoffa--Space Ghost
Tom Benkusk--Tarzan
Vicki Hemmingsen--Captain Kangaroo
Janice Miller--Walt Disney's Goofy
Karen Regal--Snoopy
John Crowley--Speed Buggy

(One-on-One), Steve Ness (Mad Hatter), and Peggy Riddle/Mary Bright (Pica Centro).



Todd Doing His Thing In Math Field Day.

Library Club Decides To Hold Bake Sale

By Kim Zier

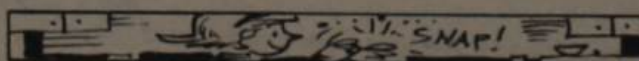
The sixth library meeting of the year was held Thursday, March 10, after school in the Media Center.

The main business was to decide what to do with the money in the treasury. The members decided to have a bake sale to increase the amount of money in the treasury in order to be able to do something at the end of the year.

The bake sale will be during the lunch cycles. It is tentatively set for the first week in April.



Mary and Peggy Take Part in Wamac Math Field Day.



Fresh asparagus should snap when broken.



7th Play Cast with Miss Ebersole and Mrs. Staehle.

7th & 8th Grade Drama Clubs Present



"Mama's Vase."

By Wendy Stuelke

The seventh grade division of Dramatics Club held their play, "So the Jury Was Hung" on February 17 in the High School auditorium.

The cast included the following: Mr. Litel Quirt--Pat Grady; Miss Spinster--Doreen French; Mrs. Jolly--Tammy Johnston; Mrs. Umbrage--Robin Ridenour; Mrs. Schneezer--Deanna Kyllingstad; Mrs. Lament--Kathy Pollack; Miss Tatler--Wendy Stuelke; the bride--Chris Hardin; Miss Abigail Meek--Leslie Warner; court attendant--Matt Miller; waiter--Kevin Thomas; three gigglers--Karen Keith, Heidi Helgens and Kristin Turner.

Three eighth grade boys gave a short play called "Mama's Vase." The cast members were Ed--Pat Grady; Eunice--Matt Miller; and Mama--Kevin Thomas.

The announcers were Therese Tharp and Tammy Tranmer.

Mr. Shultz' flute trio, composed of Jean Berns, Vicki Hemmingsen, and Lisa Nove provided musical entertainment titled "Yankee Doodle on Tour."



"So the Jury Was Hung."

8th Social Studies Class Has Speaker

By Bill Webster

Mr. Lloyd Freilinger, Union representative and vice-president of the American Federation of Grain Millers, was guest speaker in the 8th grade social studies classes on Tuesday, February 22. He told us how a union operates, how the lobbyists work to get laws to help labor people, how unions affect people as they get more money, and of unemployment laws and minimum wage laws. At first, companies did not want to organize because of the large turnover of workers and because of the part time jobs. As the companies grew larger, they organized and found that they were treated fairly.

The head office of Mr. Freilinger's company is located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the heartland of the flour-milling industry. His main jobs are to negotiate contracts and to sell labor to companies. Mr. Freilinger has been with the union since 1968; his dues are \$7 per month. The longest strike he has helped with was a 68-day one and the shortest was one day.

The 8th graders enjoyed him and appreciated his giving up his day to talk to them.

Cagers Look Forward To 'Spirit Of '76'

By Stuart Farmer

Marion Junior High can look for a good basketball team next year. Why? Because the "Spirit of '76" is coming into junior high. The "Spirit of '76" is a 6th grade basketball team coached by Mr. Stickney.

From what this reporter hears, the team is shooting an average of 66% per game, except for one game, where a score was

102 to 12 in favor of the "76 ers."

Todd Twachtman, their top scorer, shot an average of 34.5 points in 5 games. Kurt Mahurin, the second highest scorer, is shooting an average of 25 points in 5 games.

The "Spirit of '76" team members are Todd Twachtman, Kurt Mahurin, Scott Painter, Junior Detling, Rich Watson,

Jon Godar, Steve Grehoff, and Jeff Webster.

Marion 8th Gymnasts Win Meet

By Lisa Reed

On March 4, a gymnastics meet with Tipton was held in our gym.

Here are the results:

Vault: a tie for third--Tessa Dabling and Lisa Vigness; Tracy Engley placed fifth; Floor Exercise: first--Linda Buenzow; second--Leslie Gibson; fourth--Janette Seeks; fifth--Julie Laschankzy Balance Beam: first--Leslie Gibson; fourth Tracy Evans Uneven Bars: second--Leslie Gibson; fifth--Janette Seeks Tumbling: first--Leslie Gibson; second--Mimi Glessner; third--Janette Seeks; fifth--Linda Buenzow All-Around: first--Leslie Gibson; sixth--Shiela Goodwin.

The final scores were Marion 8th 96.40; Tipton 87.75; Marion 7th 74.20.

The hard working coaches were Mr. Eygabroad and Mr. Parks.

Wrestling In The News—

By Vaughn Klopfenstein

NORWALK TOURNAMENT
Wrestlers Greg Hoffa and Jerry Nibeck participated in a junior tournament at

Norwalk, Ia. in February. Jerry Nibeck placed second and Greg Hoffa fourth.

MARION TOURNEY
There was a big turnout of wrestlers participating in the Marion Tourney held March 5 at Linn-Mar schools. Those wrestlers who took part in the tournament and their places were as follows: Jerry Nibeck first, Vaughn Klopfenstein first, Kent Mahurin third, Dave Long fourth, Greg Hoffa fourth, and Paul Ward sixth. Other competitors were Ross Kent, Curt Hall, and Karl Raue.

MANCHESTER

Curt Hall participated in a tournament on Saturday, March 12, in Manchester. He was Vernon's only entry.

Boys Basketball

By Carroll Bogard

The 7th Marion boys' basketball "B" game played against Manchester Feb. 22 was won by Marion 32 to 20.

In the "A" game Manchester won, with a score of 42 to 21.

In the 8th grade "A" squad game, Marion won 50 to 31. Tom Benkusky scored the most points.

The "B" squad won by a score of 22 to 13.



Mr. Freilinger talks to 8th Social Studies Classes.

The Scots call a scarecrow a "Potato-bogle!"



Mr. Fowler receives school's Bicentennial Flag.



National Poetry Press Winners: Left to right - Jeanne Roehr, Karen Stotler, Jim Koeppen and Doug Palmer.