



Lynn Hall Talks About Her Books.

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Mrs. Raasch's MC Display of Lynn Hall's Books.

Writer Lynn Hall Visits Vernon Students

By Pat Grady and Matt Miller

On April 14 one of Iowa's most famous writers for young people, Lynn Hall, was here at Vernon to discuss her career as a writer. Some of her books include: "Flower of Anger," "A Horse Called Dragon" (her best seller), and "Dog of the Bondi Castle" (which was never published but is her favorite manuscript) among many others. She said she writes to support herself and enjoys it very much.

Ms. Hall designed her own house and worked right along with the carpenter in building it. She estimates she has person-

ally built about 50% of the house. It is a stone house built in a rural setting near Elkader.

Ms. Hall has written 30 books, with 22 of them in print. One, "A Horse Called Dragon," won a \$3,000 publisher's prize. Some of these books are also printed in the Danish, Swedish, German, and French languages. The main illustrator for her books is Joseph Cellini. She has never traveled abroad, but says she would like to visit England, since she breeds English dogs.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the presentation immensely. A special thanks to Lynn Hall and to Mrs. Raasch, who did a great job of coordinating Lynn Hall's visit to Vernon.

'Reactions' Present Show

By Mrs. Hoppes

On April 6, "The Reactions," a chorus group made up of seventh and eighth grade students, traveled to Emerson elementary to give a short vocal concert. The introduction of the group was given by Julie Larsen and Therese Tharp. Jerry Howe started the program by playing a solo routine on the drums.

The Reactions sang seven songs for 4th, 5th and 6th grade chorus students-- "Caret," "It's a Wonderful Thing," "A Little Doodlin' Song," "Like to Sing," "Pepino," "That Song is Drivin' Me Crazy," and "Rhythm of Life."

The program was very well received.

Pianist Newcomer Presents Assembly Program

By Jim McGarrahan

On March 25, Ray Newcomer gave an assembly program on the piano. He played ragtime, Dixie, jazz, and other types of American music and gave a brief history of each. He demonstrated the Rondo style of music on the 2/4-4/4 repetition bass. He also spoke on the achievements of Scott Joplin and Joe Lamb. His selections included "The Entertainer," "The Maple Leaf Rag," "Sweet Georgia Brown," and "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

By Elaine Stotler

Once again a school skating party was held, this time on March 29 at 3:10 p.m. Its cost was one dollar per student. Mr. Brainard and Mr. Campbell were in charge.

He also played the Charleston and had Kris Larson, Lanette Hauser, and Shelly Smith demonstrate the dance steps. Later, more than 30 other people joined in to try the dance. He showed a construction of notes given him by the audience and played a ragtime selection on those notes.

His sing-a-long had selections of students competing with each other. The students attending this assembly seemed to enjoy themselves.

Certain teachers determined who were some of the best skaters. The best 8th grade girl was thought to be Pam Akers, while the 8th grade boy who was the best was determined to be either Larry Temple or Mark Butler. The best 7th grade boy and girl were Brian Wickham and Hope Warren respectively.

The best teacher could easily have been Mrs. Delancey, although Mrs. Raasch did well too. Miss Scaredy-cat could have been Tammy Johnston and Mrs. Tumblebug, Scott Lochner. Mr. Clown was definitely Bob Colton and Mr. Slide-on-his-sitter, Mr. Tesar.

Students and teachers who attended seemed to have a good time.

"We cannot fail in following nature." Montaigne



Is Anyone That Ugly? -- Talent Show Skit.

Talent Show Was A Big Hit

By Robin Ridenour

On April 7, at 8:45 a.m., a talent show was held in the school's gym. There were 13 acts. Starting the program was Jack Carpenter playing on the piano, "A Little Boogie Woogie." Next came Melissa Brannaman, doing a baton routine to music. Then came the 3 J's--Jim Koepen, Jeff Christensen, and Jeff Andersen, performing an eating and singing skit about Oscar Meyer Bologna. Then Jill Helbig brought in her poodles, drew a picture of them, and had them sing.

The next act was gonged, when Pat Grady and Matt Miller, co-hosts, danced and sang, "Tip-Toe Through the Tulips." Then Jim McGarrahan gave the program a touch of class by playing a Beethoven selection on the piano. The Borseth Bucks, Judy and Julie, appeared doing a lip sync pantomime about a rooster, some chickens, and a cow. Randy Lovell spent some time at Camp Granada writing to his parents begging to come home.

Next came the Lida Rose Dancing Hoboes; Susan Soden, Lesley Warner, Jeanne Roehr, Coleen DeWees, Chris Potter, and Jane Trimble. Then a cheerful little skit by Kevin Thomas, Jeff Busse, Tim Touro, Vaughn Klopfenstein, Dave Supple, Jerry Nibeck, and Paul Ward took

place. Miss Ebersole became involved in that.

Richard Longerbeam, Joe Laschanky, and Brian Gorton then rode and played basketball on their very, very tall unicycles. Jenny Berns, Sheila Goodwin, and Julie Laschanky next danced to the record "Baby Face." Then Scott Boyer, Brian Fairbanks, Jerry Howe, and Tim Kelly played different instruments

to create a great band effect.

All of the students seemed to like the talent show. It showed what a great deal of talent exists among Vernon students. At 9:30, when the show was over, the students gave all the acts great applause. Mr. Meggers, Miss Ebersole, and Mark Evans were the astute judges.



The Band At The Talent Show.



Lida Rose -- Are We Together?!



TS Emcees Matt and Pat.



Leslie Vaults With Good Form.

L-M, Marion Compete In Gymnastics

By Coleen De Wees

Marion and Linn-Mar had a gymnastics meet on March 10 at Linn-Mar. The final scores were Linn-Mar 8th 93.85, Marion 8th grade 85.05, Linn-Mar 7th grade 83.70, and Marion 7th grade 68.25.

In 8th grade vault, Tesha Dabling was second, Leslie Gibson third, and Sandy Watson sixth. In floor exercise, Leslie Gibson was third, Linda Buenzow fourth, and Kathy Neal 5th. On balance beam, Shelly Smith placed 3rd, Leslie Gibson 5th, and Leslie Holm 6th. On the uneven bars, Penny Oltmanns was 2nd, Pam Oltmanns 3rd, Connie Pederson 4th, and Jean Berns fifth. In tumbling, Leslie Gibson placed second, Mimi Glessner 4th, and Linda Buenzow 5th. In 8th grade all-around, Leslie Gibson was second.

In 7th grade, on vault Tracy Ensley was 6th, and in floor exercise Karen Peterzalek was 3rd, Sheila Goodwin 5th, and Julie Laschanky 6th. On the uneven bars, Tracy Engel placed 5th and Judy Luse 6th, and in tumbling Sheila Goodwin was 4th. Karen Peterzalek, the 7th grade all-around candidate, was second.

Girls' Track Team Wins Its Opener

By Kim Fredericksen

Marion girls won their first track meet, against Linn-Mar and Benton, Thursday, April 21. In 7th grade Marion had a score of 80 points while Linn-Mar followed with 69 and Benton had 15. In 8th grade, the scores were Marion, 67, Linn-Mar, 64, and Benton, 33.

The 1st place winners in 7th were Laura Kos in the 60-yard dash, 220-yard dash, and 100-yard dash, Tracy Ensley in the 5-flight hurdles, Debbie Eastridge, Lisa Busse, Cindy O'Connor, and Lori Hucker in the shuttle relay, Tracy Ensley, Judy Luse, Sheila Goodwin, and Kelly Grishaber in the 880 medley, Kim Tranmer in the 880-yard run, and Lori Offerman in the softball throw.

First place winners in 8th grade included these: Jean Berns -- high jump, Debbie Floyd -- long jump, Linda Freilinger -- 60-yard dash, 220-yard dash, and 880-yard run, Tammy Tranmer -- 440-yard run, Carolyn Rehder, Debbie Floyd, Kris Larson, and Jean Berns -- 440 medley, Connie West, Shelly Smith, Penny Oltmanns, and Pam Oltmanns -- 880 medley, and Elaine Ozburn, Kim Klein, Tammy Knapp, and Jenny Berns -- shuttle relay.



GIRLS' TRACK TEAM.

Boys' Track Teams Win Both Titles

By Doug Aschbrenner

Vernon Jr. High captured both titles in its own Invitational Track Meet held at the Marion track Thursday, April 14. Teams participating, besides Vernon, were Prairie, Linn-Mar, and Monticello.

The following are partial results:

7th - 120 low hurdles, Jones 2nd; 100-yard dash, Skilling 1st, Le also placed; 220 dash, Shannon 3rd; pole vault, Longerbeam 1st, Frazier 3rd; 880 medley, Marion 1st; discus, Longerbeam 1st; shot put, Huhndorf 1st; 440 dash, Colton 2nd; long jump, Le 3rd.

8th - 120 low hurdles, Klopfenstein 1st, Mahurin 2nd; 880 medley, Marion 3rd; shot, Nibeck 1st, Benkusky 3rd; 100-yard dash, Shannon 3rd; 880 relay, Marion 2nd; long jump, Shannon 1st; high jump, McAreavy 1st; 220 dash, Shannon 2nd, Werner 3rd; 440 relay, Marion 2nd; discus, Nibeck 2nd.

*** BIRTHDAYS ***

SEVENTH GRADE

May 1--Darrell Wiley
May 4--Pam Roberts
May 7--Jayne Hahn
May 13--Debbie Eastridge
May 21--Roland Appleby
May 27--Greg Hapgood

EIGHTH GRADE

May 5--Pam Akers
May 10--Kim Zier
May 15--Craig Vasey
May 16--Ralph Werner
May 21--Renee Ridenour and Tim Kelly.



7th Boys' Track and Mr. Meggers.

Our Students Are Involved In Research

By Mrs. Chadek

The Special Education Department of Marion Independent School System has field-tested new programs for a number of universities. Some of the materials that have been revised, after being taught and corrected here, have then been disseminated across the United States. Many of the most advanced studies in teaching strategies in the regular classroom have been the result of research in Special Education.

The Social Learning Curriculum developed by the staff of Yeshiva University in New York City, under the direction of Dr. Herbert Goldstein, has been one of the most valuable sources of material.

This year the students actually using this program have become a part of the actual research team.

Upon completion of the lessons, the students will write their evaluations of them. This information will be sent to the University in New York to be included in the final revision of the program.

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Mrs. Chadek Presenting Field-Testing Pins to Students.

The accompanying picture is of students receiving their Research Team badges.

3 VERNON STUDENTS IN DISTRICT SPELLING 'BEE'

By Carroll Bogard

On March 19, C.B. Vernon Junior High was represented at Kirkwood Community College where the Des Moines Register-sponsored District Spelling Contest was held.

There was a total of 16 Eastern Iowa schools that participated, with 43 contestants all together.

Three Vernon people made it to Kirkwood; they were Randy Smith, 7th grade, who was eliminated in the first round, Melissa Gates, 8th grade, who was 15th and who made it three-fourths of the way through the second round, and Chris Sondag, 8th grade, who was 8th and made it into the final round.

Overall the C.B. Vernon Junior High representatives did very well, and are to be congratulated. Mr. Dolinaj was Vernon's sponsor.



8th Boys' Track with Coaches Dolinaj and Campbell.

We Asked... They Answered!

By Mike Horstman

I asked people what their favorite TV Commercial is. Here are some responses.

Dave Long--Peter Pan
Connie West--Purina Cat Chow
Kevin Thomas--Schlitz
Lance Long--Neil Sedaka
Mark Loes--Purina Cat Chow
Pam Akers--Coast
Doug Peyton--Muppets
Ralph Werner--Mercury
Steve Twachtman--Mercury
Ruth Hall--Pillsbury
Tim Cook--DX
Steve Butz--DX
Clint Roberts--DX
Jeff Chaffin--Purina Cat Chow
Mr. Cahalan--Del Monte
Mr. Margretz--Mercury
Mr. Tesar--Oscar Meyer
Mrs. Raasch--Coast
Mr. Miller--Pepsi or Coke
My favorite is the Mercury ad.

By Pam Akers

"What would you do with this scrambled

word?" I asked. (taesreybnungsgendakabets)

Brian Deal--Feed it to Mr. Dolinaj
Peggy Riddle--Give it to Mrs. Staehl
Tim Kelly--Beat on it with my drum stick

Shelly Smith--Throw it away
Gwen DeWoody--Eat it
Mr. Margretz--Bury it
Jane Trimble--Feed it to my sister
Mark Johnson--Squeeze it and then eat it

Susan Soden--Paint my wall with it
Matt Hefel--Give it to Mr. Miller to exercise with.

When you unscramble this word group you should get "Easter bunny, eggs, and basket". Hope your Easter vacation was happy!

Modern smallpox vaccine does not come from human beings, but is cultivated in calves.