



## Turkey tops religion on Thanksgiving Day

If you resemble a turkey in any way, this is not your time of the year. Many turkeys are losing their heads over this national holiday. At one time Thanksgiving was more a religious event than a food fest. But today it seems that food dominates any religious function of this national holiday.

Out of the 13 students that we mentioned Thanksgiving to, nine of them gave answers concerning food with only one reply of any religious significance.

Up until a few years ago, it was generally thought-and-taught that

“America’s First Religious Thanksgiving” had been celebrated by the Pilgrim Fathers near Plymouth in the Fall of 1621, about a year after they landed at Plymouth Rock in December, 1620.

However, a few years ago, official records were found proving that the first official observance of Thanksgiving in America actually took place December 4, 1619, in Virginia, on the banks of the James River at Berkeley, about midway between Jamestown and what is now the city of Richmond.

President Lincoln issued the first national Thanksgiving Proclamation in 1863. From that date to the present it seems that Thanksgiving has drifted from a spiritual to a social occasion.

There is a tale told about Peter, who sent two angels to earth: one to collect the prayers of mankind that asked for something and the other to collect the thanks.

The first angel returned so loaded down that he could hardly fly, but the second had but a few small expressions of gratitude.

### School receives six paintings from Arts Council

Pictures valued at \$1,075 were presented to the Corsica School District on August 10 by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education of South Dakota.

According to Principal Vern De Geest, every school in South Dakota received six art pictures. The pictures are for students to use for study purposes and to further their appreciation of art.

The pictures were painted by William Nelson. He has many pictures found at Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., South Dakota Museum in Vermillion, and many other galleries.

Each individual picture is worth from \$150 to \$225. The most expensive one named, “Baton Pass” is now placed above the north doors.

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Think Ham!

### Happy Thanksgiving!

# update

## Disco dance not open to public says Board

Permission for a high school dance was given by the school board at its regular meeting Monday, November 13.

The dance will be scheduled for some time in late November or early December with the cost being split between the band and Student Council. The dance will be chaperoned and not open to the public.

Karen Strudle, Kindergarten teacher, presented the new program she wished to purchase for her class. The cost of the new program over the present 16 year old program will increase six

times. The board voted to purchase the new material for possible use yet this year.

The board also voted to purchase a 19 inch monitor for the new video recorder, which is being bought by the Title IV program. This recorder will replace the defective one purchased last year.

In other business the board discussed the installation of Automatic Fire Alarms in the shop and Kindergarten, shortage of cooks and bus drivers, and SDHSAA Amendments.

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## Close to the earth

While I was organizing my thoughts to write this column this last week, I remembered an old cliché that I thought I should mention in "Close to the Earth", since this title relates back to my agricultural roots. "You can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy."

A week end or so ago while I was working cattle at my father's ranch, I remembered back to my childhood and the discontentment that I had with farm life. Boy, I hated milking cows on cold winter morning and hot August evenings. You would be just about finished with your chores and a cow would kick a bucket of milk onto you or lay a less than clean tail across your face. Oh, that was the life. After one of these incidents in the dead heat of summer while I was trying to shake the last drops of milk off of my pants and to wipe the smelly green off my face, I swore I would never return to this "den of iniquity".

Now that a few years have passed, I look back on that moment and I begin to feel that I made a judgment too hastily. As I followed the cattle to the home place, I felt the freedom and the open beauty of the South Dakota Prairie. It gave me a feeling of accomplishment to know I had a part in the building of this place. Farm life offered a sense of independence that few occupations can give. As I walked along in all of my wonderment, a cow had dropped back. She must have felt it was time to bring me back and wailed me in the leg with a well-aimed kick.

No, you can't take the country out of the boy, but.

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## Bond passes by 7

## Plans have not begun

Since the school bond election passed by seven votes in the November 2 election, very little has been done concerning the building.

The school board hasn't been able to do anything until after November 15 because petitions against the use of the capital

outlay certificates were due to the school board by this date. If no petitions were received, the

architects hired by the school would meet with the school board, Superintendent Neil Hall, Principal Verne DeGeest, and any

teachers who would have ideas in the school building.

The letting of bids will take place within the next month,

according to Hall. However, Leonard Peter, school board chairman, said that work on the building will probably not start until April.

One selected the spear,  
The other chose the pen.  
The first lived for a year,  
The other, a hundred and ten.

# The Forum called "Boring" by students

"Boring is what approximately half of the students called the school paper in a recent survey conducted by the Journalism class.

43 of 88 students surveyed said the paper needed improvements, 17 students said the paper was better than most high school papers, and a remaining 28 students said the paper was adequate.

Connie Everson, paper editor, said that after reviewing the survey, most of the students don't really know what they wanted to read. Everson said that the paper would still maintain the same format, but try to add more variety.

Some of the reasons given in the survey on why the paper needs improvement were: "It was sort of boring. I think you could add more funny and exciting stuff to it." "It was dull. It needs excitement." "It needs to have news that pertains to the school."

## Everson competes in declam contest at state level

One student from CHS competed in the State Oral Interpretation Contest at Huron on November 17 and 18.

Connie Everson received a second superior on her humorous piece entitled "Hosting of mine," at the Division Three contest at Yankton College, Yankton, on November 9 which qualified her for state competition.

Four students went to Platte on October 30 to compete in the district contest, Ione Star, Elaine Ralston, Marcia Olson, and Connie Everson competed in their respective divisions. Everson received a superior. Everson will also be reading her declam piece at the O meeting on December 4.

"I would like a little more in it on some sort of entertainment." "It's bad."

Reasons given by the students who said the paper was better than most high school papers were: "You can read it 100 percent better than last year's paper." "This paper has some real strong points but fails in other fields."

Some of the reasons given by the students who said the paper was adequate were: "It has good stories and pictures, but they could always be better." "It serves its purpose." A majority of the students said the paper could be improved by including more entertainment such as puzzles, comics or surveys and by including more articles about students. Many students said the pictures were being used adequately, but that there should be more of them. The majority of the students said the sports coverage was okay but some of the sports news was too old.

The survey was conducted due to negative attitudes by students and people of the community according to Wayne Wieseler, Journalism Class advisor.

## Program on mime given to student body Nov. 13

Classical mime, dance, and mask theatre were blended with audience participation in an assembly program which was presented in the CHS gym on November 13.

Millie Dill, accompanied by Anthony Gonzalez, a member of the mime troupe, Silent Treatment, presented their program. The program tried to give the audience an understanding about mime and the different types of mime.

Dill is a former elementary school teacher who has studied mime, dance, and acting at the Richmond Shepherd Mime Institute at the University of California, Long Beach. She has entertained one season on the famous "H.M.S. Queen Mary" in Long Beach harbor and has appeared in numerous Los Angeles "Little Theaters" with the Silent Treatment group.

She is touring the upper Midwest under the direction of the Division of Independent Study, State University Station, Fargo, North Dakota.



# Disco

featuring

## Stereo Town, Mitchell

8-12 P.M.

Dec. 2

Corsica Gym

Admission - \$2.00

## Boys basketball to begin Dec. 1 against New Holland

Enthusiasm and optimism are being echoed by new Head Coach Dennis De Boer as he predicts a winning season "without a doubt" in boys basketball this year.

Practice began November 13 with 16 boys attending the first session. Half of these are returning lettermen which indicates plenty of needed experience in Corsica basketball this year.

"The number of lettermen is an asset," according to Coach DeBoer, "but there is lack of depth at the guard position."

"We have the ability to beat anyone on any given night if the guys really want it. It is that simple - we have the talent," states Coach De Boer.

On the first of December Corsica faces defending District 27 Champs Dakota Christian in their first contest of the year. Corsica hasn't played Dakota since 1976 when the Cadets

squeezed out a narrow 56-54 victory in the first round of District 27 play. These two teams

have developed a natural rivalry, because the schools are in the same school district.

Coach De Boer cites the teams to beat this year are in the conference: Stickney, Mt. Vernon, and Ethan; and non-conference teams: Armour, Tripp, and Dakota Christian; and in the district: Stickney and Dakota Christian.

## Lettermen lead matmen Nov. 30 against Indians

Six returning lettermen are readying themselves with eight other wrestlers for their first wrestling match in White Lake on November 30.

"We almost have a full team but might be short one or two of the weight classes," Coach Dan Backlund said.

Backlund said that he felt that Corsica in their first match has a good chance to beat White Lake by the same 12 point margin that they beat the Comets last year.

"The team has the potential to do better than last year," Backlund said. "They will be stronger overall as a team, where last year it was more individual."

The six returning lettermen are: Bryan King, 105; Kevin Fey, 112; Dave Buck, 119; Darwin De Vries, 138; Keith Niewenhuis, 167; and Mark Bormann at heavyweight.

The Corsica Girls Junior Varsity basketball team journeyed to Platte to compete in a four-team tourney on November 4 and returned home with the championship.

Corsica rolled over Kimball, 32-15, in the afternoon session. The championship game saw the Comets' JV facing arch-rival Stickney. Corsica came out on top of the nip-and-tuck 19-18 affair.

Members of the team are, front: Darla Markus, Carlene Sipma, Lisa Vanden Hoek, Gina Dockendorf, and Lori Vanden Hoek. Back: Coach Jerry Carr, Shelly Bosma, Kristie Wagner, Leann De Vries, Cherie Bakker, Brenda Uttecht, Deann Gruenewald, and Assistant Coach LeAnn Christensen.





## Pathetic Prophesier

I have been selected as forecaster for boys basketball this season. The Journalism class was looking for a man with the strength of Atlas, wisdom of Solomon, and the power to split green peas in season. They couldn't find Captain 11 so they found me lying in the curb and gutter of life clutching a basketball close to my heart and mocking one of my lesser fellows in the profession, Jimmy the Greek.

I am Pathetic Prophesier and I will, hopefully, be forecasting the outcomes of basketball games for this season. Since I am remaining anonymous, I will not be taking credit (blame) for any of my predictions.

The Comets haven't played Dakota Christian in years, but I foresee that the Comets will defeat the defending District 27 champs by 15 the first of December.

On the eighth the Comets will travel to Kimball for their second game. The Kiotes are perennial cellar dwellers and will remain that way as Corsica will roll over them by 30. Delmont comes to town the third and Corsica opens a three game home stand. This should prove to be another intrasquad scrimmage as the Comets will barely break a sweat running away from the Scrappy Wildcats by 27.

The powerful Mustangs make the trip from Mt. Vernon on the 15th to challenge Corsica. They are CBH Conference champs and boast a high scoring sharpshooter in Terry Parsons whose brother led SDSU's senior varsity last winter. The Comets will be tested, but will shut down Mustangs and triumph by 9.

Last year Corsica squeezed out a narrow victory over Platte on a last second jump shot by Les Groeneweg. Since then Groeneweg has departed and the Black Panthers have captured the State A track title. It could be a run and gun affair the 19th with Corsica still running after Platte has died. The Comets will outrun the Black Panthers by 21.

The Comets will keep on running to Tripp. Both teams should be defeated and will be Corsica's last game before Christmas vacation begins. The Wildcats winning ways will end the 22nd as Corsica will win 7.

These predictions are basically based on last year's records and the writer's knowledge of the teams involved.

---Pathetic Prophesier

## 7th, 8th grade girls end with 8-3 record



### Girls basketball

The 7th and 8th grade girls basketball team brought home eight wins and three losses in their first year of organized basketball.

Coach Jerry Carr felt it was important to learn fundamentals at the junior high level and then develop them while in high school. "We tried to put the emphasis on fundamentals, teamwork, and playing the game for fun rather

than just on winning," Carr added.

There were two eighth grade girls and six seventh grade girls involved in the first year program. The seventh graders scored two victories over both Armour and Stickney while dropping a narrow 5-4 verdict to Plankinton. The eighth graders also scored two victories over Armour and one each over Plankinton and Dakota Christian. They lost two to arch-rival Stickney.

Since there were only two eighth graders out, the team was forced to use seventh graders who had already played one game which gave all the girls plenty of playing time, according to Coach Carr.

### Basketball Schedule

Boys Basketball schedule  
is as follows:

#### DECEMBER

1	Dak. Christian	A
8	Kimball	A
12	Delmont	H
15	Mt. Vernon	H
19	Platte	H
22	Tripp	A

#### JANUARY

4 & 5	Aurora Co. Tourney, Stickney	
12	Stickney	A
19	Artesian	H
23	Wagner	H
30	Geddes	A

#### FEBRUARY

2	Letcher	H
6	Lake Andes	H
9	Plankinton	A
13	Armour	H
16	White Lake	H
19-24	District Tourney, Wagner	

Game Time: 6:30 p.m.

## Corsica Comets take CBH Conference Title

The Corsica Comets captured the CBH Conference football title for the fifth year in a row with their final defeat over White Lake on October 27.

Tom Dockendorf went to the air 14 times in the last game and completed six tosses for a total of 130 yards to help defeat White Lake. Dockendorf completed 35 out of 83 attempts for an average of 24 yards per throw. Almost half of his completions went for touchdowns. Dockendorf also received Honorable Mention along with Keith Niewenhuis.

Leading the Comets to a victory over White Lake was Rod Van Roekel with 76 yards of 1254 yards for the year. Following Van Roekel was Troy Noteboom with 35 yards for a total of 553 for the year.

Noteboom and Van Roekel also received All-Conference titles this year. Noteboom was the player that got the title of most touchdowns with 16. He also led with over 100 tackles for the defense status.

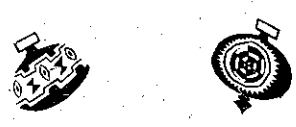
Jeff Hamburg also received All-Conference designation during his last year as a Comet football player.

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• Be a Jolly •  
• ol' Fellow •

• Come to the 1978 •  
• High School •  
• Christmas Concert •

• Dec. 14 8 p.m. •



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## school briefs

### 5 students attend Augustana Band Festival

Five students attended the Augustana Band Festival Nov. 17-18 on the Augustana campus.

Those attending the festival were: Cheryl Bamberg, Nancy Spaans, Carmen Zwart, Suzanne Fisher, Deb King and Advisor Marilyn Smith.

The students were divided into two bands, each work on a different type of music.

Saturday morning the students attended clinics provided by Augustana Band department. The clinics covered production of different types of music.

On Saturday evening the students performed the music they had prepared.

"I feel the main purpose is to learn more about music and being able to put a large number of people together to make the music sound good" Bamberg said.

### Computer demonstrated to classes

Computer Representative Steve Naumarth from National College of Business, demonstrated a small computer to the Chemistry and Geometry classes November 9.

The computer Naumarth used was a Radio Shack model, which costs about \$600. The computer was programmed to play different games such as black jack, ping-pong, and hit-the-target.

"Although we are using this (computer) as a toy, it's not," Naumarth said.

### One-Act plays to be presented

Instead of one three-act play this fall the drama department will produce three different one-act plays to be presented in January, according to Shirley Olson, drama instructor.

The reason for this change is to enable the drama department to enter one of the plays in the Division One-Act Play Contest in January.

The playbooks were ordered and tryouts will be held as soon as they are received. The plays were humorous and dramatic.

In the spring there will be the usual three-act all-school play.

### Disco set for Dec. 2

Disco truck from Stereo Town, Mitchell will be in the Corsica gym from 8:00-12:00 p.m. on December 2.

The dance was approved by the school board at their regular meeting on November 13, restrictions placed on the dance by the board, is that the dance will not be open to the public and it will be chaperoned.

The dance is sponsored by the high school band and student council.

The admission charge will be \$2.00 per person.

## Coming Events

- November 23-24: Thanksgiving vacation, no school.
- November 30: Wrestling at White Lake, 6:30.
- November 30: Girls State "B" Basketball Tournament.
- December 1-2: Girls State "B" Basketball Tournament.
- December 1: Boys Basketball at Dakota Christian, 6:30.
- December 2: Disco Dance, 8:00 - 12:00.
- December 4: PTO-Music Boosters meeting, 7:30.
- December 8: Boys Basketball at Kimball, 6:30.
- December 11: School Board meeting, 7:30.
- December 11: Wrestling at Mt. Vernon, 6:30.
- December 12: Boys Basketball against Delmont here, 6:30.
- December 12: Wrestling against Platte here, 5:00.
- December 14: High School Christmas Concert, 8:00.
- December 15: Boys Basketball against Mt. Vernon here, 6:30.
- December 16: Wrestling Tournament at White Lake.
- December 18: Wrestling at Wagner JV, 6:30.
- December 18: Elementary Christmas Concert, 8:00.
- December 19: Boys Basketball against Platte here, 6:30.
- December 22: Boys Basketball at Tripp, 6:30.
- December 22: Dismiss school at 1:52.
- December 25-29: Christmas vacation, no school.

Send to:

**School friends are the best friends !**

