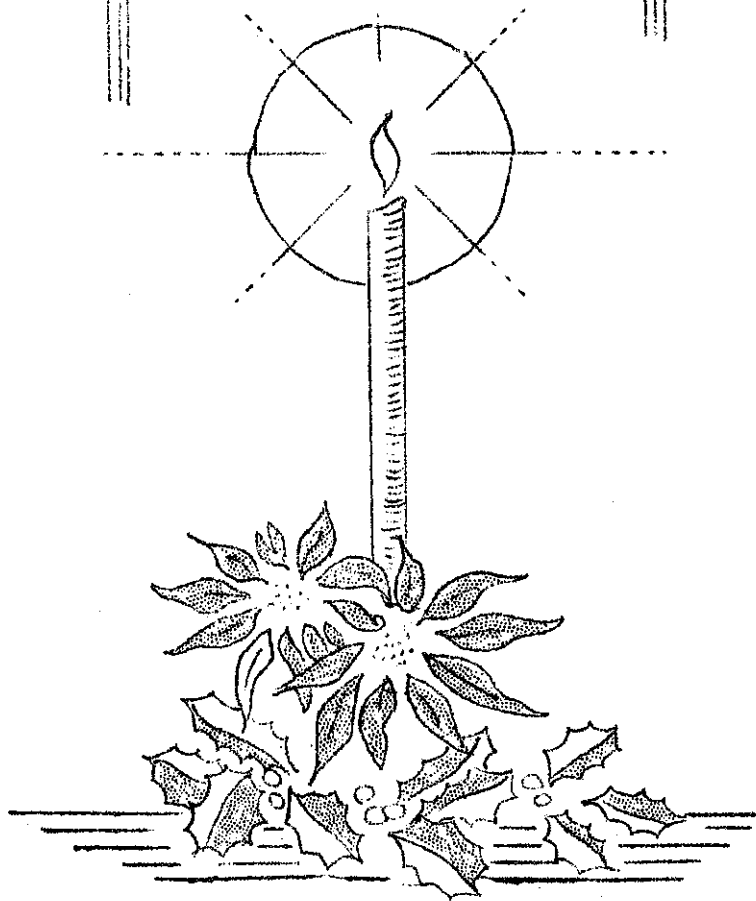


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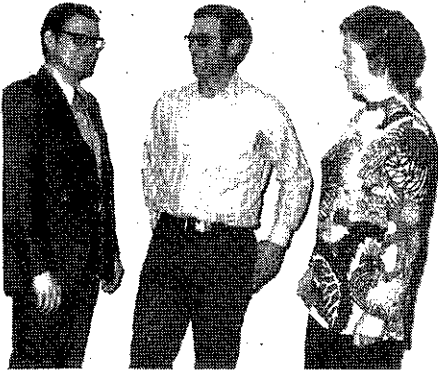
MERRY CHRISTMAS

—AND A—

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



PARENTS ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL



Above is Mr. Hall with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Beukelman.

by Mary Van Roekel

All the parents of the students at Corsica High School are being invited to visit the school. Each week, five or six sets of parents are contacted and invited to visit the classes, the teachers, and Mr. Hall or Mr. Droppers. They are also invited to stay for the noon meal.

The purpose of these visits by the parents is to try and create a better understanding and better communication between the parents, the administration, and the whole school system.

Schedule Of Coming Events

- Jan. 3-6-CBH Tourney at White Lake
 - Jan. 4-Wrestling match with Avon, home.
 - Jan. 8-12-Division One-Act Play 2 Contest
 - Jan. 12-End of 2nd 9-week period
 - Jan. 15-19-Division One-Act Play Contest
 - Jan. 16-Assembly at 1:30
 - Jan. 19-All-State Band Auditions at Mitchell
 - Jan. 26-27-State One-Act Play Festival at Sioux Falls College.
- Support ALL School Functions!

Only A Good Driver Can Set A Good Example

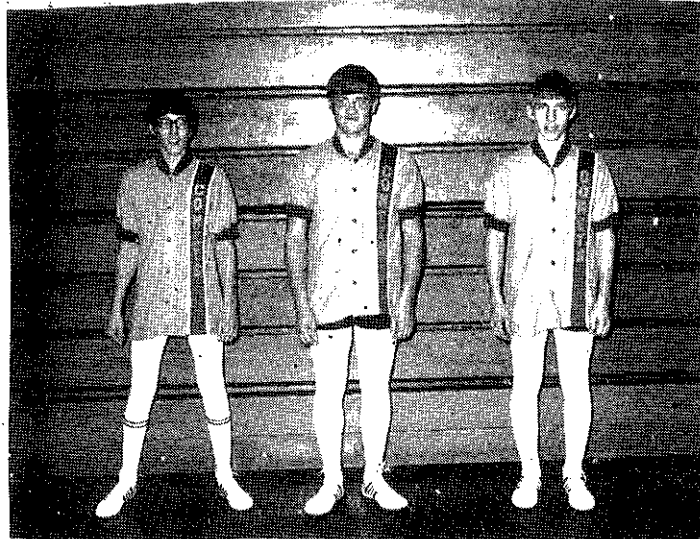
By Sam Reimnitz

Whenever we hear the word "safety", the thought of car engineering always comes to our mind. Safety belts, shatter-proof glass, padded dash, and collapsible steering columns are but a few of the many things invented to lessen injury or death. When used properly, these devices do help in an accident but they are not the most important ingredient in safety. These are of no

use if a person drives at high speeds, drives while he is drunk, or drives with a careless attitude.

The driver himself is the one who can do the most to prevent injury. The driver who is intent on his driving extends complete control over his car and will not become involved in a situation which would cause an accident. Therefore instead of pushing for more safety devices in cars, it would be more effective if there was a way to remind the drivers to use more common sense in their driving. We can do our part by setting a good driving example for others to follow!

WRESTLERS SET HIGH RECORDS



Above are, from left to right, Jim Buck, Dale Weerheim, and Kurt Graumann.

By Bev Zwart

The CHS Wrestling Squad for this year are privileged to have among them three wrestlers with perfect or near-perfect records so far. Jim Buck, a junior, holds the excellent record of winning all three of the matches he has participated in. Dale

Weerheim, a sophomore, and Curt Graumann, a freshman, have each won two of their three matches. With all this power on our side, all that is still needed is a little support and attendance at the matches and we'll be sure to be on top!

Remember Christmas For Principal's What It Really Is! Comments

by Mr. Hall

Christmas is almost here again and another year is almost over. Is Christmas for you going to be any different from other years? Perhaps it should be.

What do you think of when the word "Christmas" is mentioned? If you're normal, gifts probably top the list. Then there's food, school vacation, a tree, snow, holly, Christmas carols, parties, colored lights, and maybe even good old Santa. It means a lot of secrets, whispering, and surprises. It means busy nights and days of holiday tournaments; candlelight services; a school party; decorating the tree, the windows, and the walls; the Christmas program in church on Christmas Eve. Finally Christmas morning comes to find discarded gift wrappings, empty boxes, and smiling faces. Most of us go to church on Christmas morning to hear the story of the Virgin Mary who gave birth to a child in a stable with shepherds and a bright star in the east. It's a well-known story told every year at this time that just seems to fit into the season. You bet it fits in! That's what Christmas is! It's the celebrating of the birthday of the babe in the story. Have you seen signs in windows or on lampposts wishing you a Merry X-mas? What kind of a wish is that? Christmas without Christ would simply be an X-mas and that's nothing to celebrate. Giving and receiving gifts, and setting aside December 25 as a special day of celebrating is fine and proper. But make this Christmas something extra-special by keeping in mind what it is you are really celebrating! BZ

Christmas is fast approaching and will soon be here. Along with this, we will be into the 10-day Christmas vacation, which I am sure everyone in school is eagerly awaiting. It seems that about this time a break from the school routine is needed so that everyone can return from the vacation with a new and fresh look. It will help everyone to be more ready to settle down to the school routine and get prepared for the end of the first semester. I think the break from school does us all good. Both students and teachers need to put the books aside and become involved with other things during this short break. The pressure builds up if we don't. So with the coming of Christmas, I would like to thank the faculty and student body for their help and fine cooperation they have given me and wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a return to a Happy New Year. Have fun and enjoy your vacation, but drive carefully and return safe next year.

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The tallest basketball player of all time was Vasilif Akhtayev of the USSR, who played for Kacakhstan in 1956, when measuring 7 feet 7.3 inches. The tallest woman player is Ulyana Semyonova, who plays for T.T.T. Riga, Latvia, and stands 6 feet 9½ inches.

See You
Next Year!

CHS OFFERS NEW TYPES OF COURSES

by Marilyn Gerlach

New types of courses will be taught the second semester. Students from all classes may participate in taking one or more of these courses. The subjects will be taught during a student's free periods and during the English period.

The courses offered are Theater, Creative Writing, Advanced Grammar, Advanced Composition, Business English, Minority, World, and South Dakota Literature, Shakespeare, Spelling, Oral Interpretation, Poetry, Vocabulary, Semantics, and Reading Comprehension.

The purpose of these subjects is to give a student a chance to choose the course he may be interested in and get a better knowledge of the course.

STORY OF

CHRISTMAS PAST

by Bonnie De Boer

There are many different reasons for it, but most people agree that Christmas is their favorite holiday. Some like it because it's a time when they get lots of presents and because of all the food they get to eat for Christmas dinner. Others like it because it is such a joyful time of the year and also because they like to give gifts. But there are also many others who like Christmas because of the fact that it celebrates Christ's birth and these people come the closest to having the true spirit of Christmas because that is what it is all about.

Christmas actually has two sides, one fanciful and the other one real. The true side of Christmas began with an event that happened about 1,972 years ago. Christmas was and still is a world-wide celebration of that event which is Christ's birth. This was an event which people were joyful for because God had sent His Son, as our Savior, to earth. The people of long ago celebrated not only by giving gifts but also by feasting. They made it the merriest day of the year. It is celebrated by exchanging gifts, church services, and special Christmas programs.

The fanciful side of Christmas includes, of course, Santa Clause. Santa Clause, which is known to be an American symbol for Christmas, is actually a combination of symbolic characters of Europe. Even the name is derived from a European source. Santa Clause is known by all the children to be a fat man in a fur-trimmed suit who delivers their toys on Christmas Eve by means of a sleigh pulled by reindeer.

Whether a fanciful Christmas or a true one is celebrated depends on the family, but it is certain that many families across the United States and around the world celebrate Christmas.

In the November 30 edition of the "Comet", there were several mistakes made under the "'72 Seniors" article. Ken Droppers is attending Black Hills State College at Spearfish and Jim Spaans is stationed at Kessler Air Force Base in Mississippi. The "Comet" staff extends their apologies for these errors.

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Plans For Christmas Party Set

by Bev Zwart

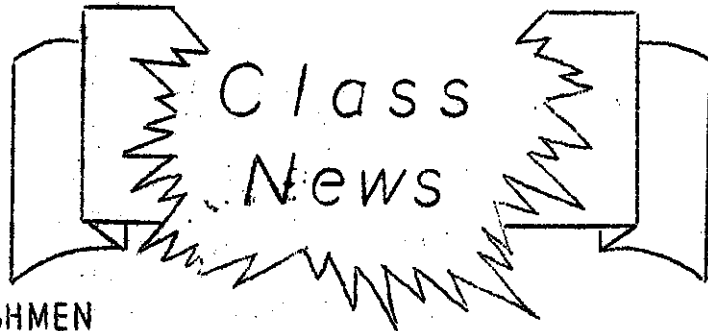
On Dec. 22, CHS will hold its school Christmas party. As a good beginning, school will start at 9:00, a half hour later than usual. The first thing when school calls will be two 10-minute cartoons, "West of the Pecos" and "W.C. Field's Wild Chase", shown to all grade and high school students. Following this, the grade students will return to their rooms for their party and the high school students will remain in the gym for the main film, "Picture Mommy Dead", and the exchanging of gifts. Free pop, popcorn, and ice cream will be served during the show. After the show, the students will eat and be dismissed for the Christmas vacation, which lasts until Jan. 2, 1973.

Drama Trio Visits CHS

Using everything from mime to poetry, the University Repertory Players unfolded the evolution of drama as an art form. To illustrate this, the drama trio touring unit displayed the progression from movement and sound through literature to characterization, concluding with a complete one-act play which combines all of these elements.

Two men and a woman-- Harold Dixon, Thomas W. Miller, and Maedell Dixon-- comprise the University Repertory Players. All See ASSEMBLY

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FRESHMEN BECOME CARPENTERS

by Pamela Engelland

The freshmen have been doing their share in the sports field. The "B" basketball squad has won most of their games and most of the others contribute in the pep club or pep band. There are eight freshman in pep band.

The freshmen have become carpenters. This month you could see them grouped around small constructions everywhere. They were constructing Global Theatres—the famous theatre of William Shakespeare, for English class

Each class picked two teams with captains of Bonnie De Boer, Rhonda Plooster, Mick Schrank, and Randy Dockendorf. First place winners were Rhonda Plooster's team and Randy Dockendorf's team. The losers must put on a Christmas party for the winners.

Sophomores Take It Easy

by Bev Everson

In the past few weeks the teachers have become slightly lenient with homework. But they have made up for it this week with many compositions and tests.

The geometry class has been making the geometric figures. You can see them in the junior room.

Juniors Raise Money

by Nancy Star

The juniors were busy in December. Christmas candles were sold to raise money for the class treasury. The class worked hard selling and delivering the candles.

Class rings will arrive next month and the juniors are looking forward to the day when they will be here.

The junior class is in charge of the concession stand at all home basketball games and wrestling matches.

SENIORS BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR SKIP DAYS

by Renee Bye

The seniors have begun making plans for Skip Days. No definite plans have been made yet but the problem of money-raising has come up. On December 9, a bake sale was held at Spud's IGA and there will also be a soup supper on December 30. Other money-raising ideas have been discussed but no further plans have been made.

On December 9, more of the seniors went to Mitchell to take their ACT tests. The next test date is February 24. Registration for this test must be sent in by January 29.

On December 5, Mr. Billars gave the senior girls their Betty Crocker Home-maker Tests. Results will be announced in January.

ASSEMBLY

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three have had extensive acting experience in a variety of roles.

Harold Dixon currently holds a Bush Fellowship in acting at the University of Minnesota. He has played a number of title roles, including Henry Thoreau, Peer Gynt, and Hamlet, as well as major roles in The Fantasticks, The Time of Your Life, The Diary of Anne Frank, Pygmalion, and others.

Thomas W. Miller, a theatre B.F.A. from the University of Minnesota, appeared in the award-winning University production of 365 Days, which represented the University of Washington, D.C. at the American College Theatre Festival last year. This past summer he was part of the Utah Shakespearean Festival Company, appearing in all three of their productions, Community Theatre in both Minneapolis and St. Paul is also not new to Tom Miller.

A graduate student in theatre at the University, Maedell Dixon is an accomplished vocalist whose past roles include such a range as Eliza Dolittle in My Fair Lady to appearances in Marat/Sade and West Side Story. Recently a member of the Long Beach, California Civic Light Opera she played in Kiss Me Kate and Camelot.

The University Repertory Players appear under the auspices of the University of Minnesota Program Service (a division of the Dept. of Concerts and Lectures).

Little Girl: What are you putting on your face, Mom?

Mother: It's cold cream to make me beautiful.

Little Girl: It doesn't work, does it?

SPORTS



Packers Down Comets, 86-46

by Randy Dockendorf

In the clash of the arch-rivals, the Armour Packers downed the Corsica Comets, 86-46. The first 5-6 minutes of the game was close, as Armour held a slim 11-10 lead before they reeled off eight straight points to end the quarter.

Tom Eggers and Albert Heber were the offensive charges with 18 and 10 points, respectively. The Comets had a team effort on rebounding that went like this: Albert Heber, 5; Doug Brink and Mike Noteboom, 4; Russ Metzger and Tom Eggers, 3; Sam Reimnitz, Kent Fisher, and Arend Kuyper, 2.

Armour	19	42	62	86
Corsica	10	23	37	46

"B" team broke a personal four year jinx held by the team from Armour, by virtue of a 43-32 win. The opponents were dead even, with Corsica setting the pace. However, the Comets outscored the Packers 16-6 in the final period as they coasted to victory. Although they worked as a team, four players were tops in scoring. They were Mike Noteboom and Duane Vanden Hoek, 10 points; and Randy Olawsky and Kent Fisher, 7 points. Mike also hauled in eleven rebounds.

Corsica	9	20	27	43
Armour	9	20	26	32

Comets Bomb Geddes Rams

by Randy Dockendorf

The Corsica Comets opened the '72-'73 season with a 63-54 bombing of the Geddes Rams. The first quarter was close with Geddes taking a slight lead. However, Corsica pulled away to a seven-point halftime lead and built it as high as seventeen points to coast into victory. Rus Metzger and Tom Eggers were the top point-getters for Corsica with 20 points apiece. Russ also led with 15 rebounds.

Corsica	13	34	46	63
Geddes	14	27	34	54

Corsica also took the "B" game that was close all the way. Mike Noteboom and Duane Vanden Hoek were head scorers with 16 and 13 points, respectively. Mike took in 7 rebounds to lead his team.

Corsica	8	20	30	42
Geddes	14	20	27	39

COMETS DROP CLOSE DECISION TO INDIANS

by Randy Dockendorf

The Comets dropped a close 50-45 decision to the White Lake Indians in CBH conference action. The Indians did most of the damage in the second quarter by streaking to a 15-point halftime lead. Corsica did put on a big rally in the fourth quarter, cutting the

deficit to five, but time ran out on them. Russ Metzger paced the Comets with 12 points and eight rebounds.

Corsica's "B" team picked up its second win of the season by downing White Lake 39-34. Duane Vanden Hoek, Mike Noteboom, and Randy Olawsky teamed up for 12, 9, and 8 points, respectively. Mike took in seven rebounds for the winners.

Corsica	7	17	28	39
White Lake	6	12	22	34

TRIPP WILDCATS OVERCOME COMET TEAM

by Randy Dockendorf

Corsica traveled to Tripp and ran into something called the Wildcats, as they were defeated, 64-42. The Comets just couldn't un-track during the game; as Tripp took an early lead and went on for the win. Albert Heber was leading scorer with 12 points. Sam Reimnitz and Tom Eggers snared nine and six rebounds, respectively.

Tripp	22	42	51	64
Corsica	11	15	26	42

The "B" team suffered its first setback of the season, by a 41-28 score. The two teams battled evenly throughout the first three quarters before Tripp kept the lead in the fourth quarter. Duane Vanden Hoek shot for 13 points, while Mike Noteboom snagged 9 rebounds.

Tripp	8	13	25	41
Corsica	5	13	19	28

COMET WRESTLERS

FALL TO

WOONSOCKET REDMEN

by Dale Weerheim

The Corsica wrestling squad had their first home match December 4. The op-

ponents were the Woonsocket Redmen. In the 98-pound class, Duane Flooster received a forfeit, giving Corsica an early lead! After that things went steadily down hill for the Comet wrestlers. Jim Buck pinned his opponent with

four seconds left on the clock. Curt Graumann won a decision. The final score was 24-45.

Fight 'Em
Wrestlers !!!

2nd Annual Flyer's Invitational

WRESTLING
TOURNAMENT

January 13, 1973 (Saturday)

Freeman High School Gymn

Morning Session - 9:30 A.M.

Afternoon Session - 1.00 P.M.

Evening Session - 7:30 P.M.

Teams Participating

AVON

MARION

CANISTOTA

MT. VERNON

CORSICA

VERMILLION J.V.

FREEMAN

WHITE LAKE

ADMISSION - MORNING AFTERNOON EVENING

STUDENTS .50 .50 .50

ADULTS \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.00

TICKET FOR ALL DAY - STUDENT \$1.00 ADULT \$2.00

Come and Enjoy the Tournament

Comets Lose

by Dale Weerheim

Corsica had its second match on the home mat also. This time they went against the Mt. Vernon wrestlers. Jim Buck pinned his opponent in one minute and 11 seconds. Curt Graumann and Dale Weerheim won by decision. Randy Olivier won by forfeit. The final score was 18-45. The next match is away at Parkston.

MUSIC CONCERT To Be Presented

by Londa Gruenewald

Corsica High School will be presenting a musical concert on January the 18th. The mixed chorus will be singing various numbers along with entertainment by the Stickney High School band.

Another part of the concert will consist of "The Sands of Time." All of this will take place at 8:00 in the gymnasium at Corsica High School.

Assembly Held

by Laura Vanden Hoek

On November 30 at 12:30, Professor Stan Marshall, Director of Athletics, and Professor Erhard Gross, Assistant Professor of German, appeared before CHS to talk of their adventures to Germany. Mr. Gross showed pictures of many scenes in Germany and afterwards visited the German class. Mr. Marshall told of the many experiences he had while visiting the Olympic games in Munich, Germany.

'Twas The Day Before Christmas

by Bev Zwart

'Twas the day before Christmas,
When all through the school,
Not a creature was studying,
Not even a fool.
The coats were hung on the hooks with care,
In hopes that vacation soon would be there.
The students were nestled all snug in their desks,
While visions of parties danced through their heads.
And she in her kerchief and I in my cap
Had just settled our heads for a short study hall nap.

When out on the schoolyard,
There arose such a clatter.
I sprang from my desk
To see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore away the wads of gum, and threw aside the trash.
A light on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a lustre of jewels to objects below.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a miniature Cadi with nine teachers near.

With a little old driver, so lively and small,
I knew in a moment it must be Mr. Hall.
More rapid than Comets his carriers they came,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name.
"Now, Wagner! now Krietlow! now, Kruse! now, Brown!
On Bass! on, Wisdahl! on, Kulhavy! and on down!
To the top of the steps, to the top of the wall!
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.
So up to the school roof the teachers they flew,
With the Cadi full of books and Mr. Hall, too.
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little foot.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down through the chimney they all came with a bound.

They were dressed all in fur from head to foot,
And their clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
A bundle of books they had flung on their backs,
And they looked like peddlers just opening their packs.
Their eyes, how they twinkled; their dimples, how merry!
Their cheeks were like roses; each nose, like a cherry.

They spake not a word, but went straight to their work,
And filled the assignment books with lots of homework.
And laying a finger aside of each nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney they rose.
Hall sprang into his Cadi, to his team gave a whistle;
And away they all fled like down of a thistle;
But I heard them exclaim, ere they drove out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

German Class Has Visitor

by Connie R.

The German class had a visitor on Thursday, November 30. He was Professor Erhard W. Gross of the Department of Foreign Languages at South Dakota State University, Brookings. Mr. Gross talked to the class about Germany, where he lived for 21 years before coming to the United States. He told the class about a tour into Germany that some of the German class students from S.D.S.U. would be taking. Mr. Gross also read a story to the class in German.

FUTURE NURSES' CLUB IS ACTIVE

by Bev Zwart

The Future Nurses Club has begun a series of projects to raise money. They held a candy sale for the high school students on November 28 and another one on December 6. The \$24 earned at these sales will be put into the piano fund at the Pleasant View Home.

Candy-striper uniforms for work at the Home were discussed at the December 11 meeting but was discarded. An FNC Christmas party was also mentioned, but because of the busy holiday schedule, a Valentines Day party was planned instead. No further projects were set.

First aid films will begin for the group on January 16 and will be presented every Tuesday following for 12 weeks. Mrs. Hamburg has also ordered pamphlets on first aid.

New Year's Day And Its Many Customs Around The World

by Bev Zwart

1973 is almost here, and with it, we'd like to bring to you a history of New Year's Day.

New Year's Day is the first day of the calendar year. It is celebrated as a holiday in almost every country. New Year's is a time of gaily in the Orient. In Europe, the day is celebrated by family parties, the giving of gifts, and visiting with friends.

In the United States, people attend church, go to the theater, or to various places of entertainment. Friends come to call and refreshments are often served. This custom is an informal way of continuing the formal calls which persons once made.

Even the earliest of the ancient nations had customs that celebrated New Year's Day. The Chinese, Egyptian, Jewish, Roman, and Moham-medan years all began at different times. But the first day of each year was marked with elaborate ceremonies. Thousands of years ago, the Egyptians celebrated the New year about the middle of June.

In ancient Rome, the first day of the year was given over to honoring Janus, the god of gates and doors and of beginnings and endings. The month of January was named after this god. Janus had two faces, and looked both ahead and backward. On the first day of the year the Roman people looked back to what had happened during the past year and thought of what the com-

ing year might bring.

When the Romans invaded England, they found that the Druid priests celebrated their New Year on March 10. The early English took over many of the Roman New Year customs. Later English people followed the custom of cleaning the chimneys on New Year's Day. This was supposed to bring good luck to the household during the coming year. It means making resolutions to correct faults and bad habits, and resolving to make the new year better than the one just ended.

January 1 became generally recognized as New Year's Day in the 1500's when the Gregorian Calendar was introduced. The Julian Calendar places the first day of the year thirteen days later, on January 14. The Jewish New Year, a feast day, is celebrated about the autumnal equinox, in late September. The Chinese used the lunar calendar for about 4,000 years. Both the Chinese and Japanese people now celebrate New Year's Day on January 1.

The new year begins on March 21 in Iran. The date of the Hindus' New Year depends upon his religion. The Hindus belong to many different religious groups and each group considers a different date as the beginning of the year.

Now that you know the background of this world-wide celebrated holiday, make sure your own New Year's Day is a happy one!

CHS Has 'Christmas Spirit'

by Dorothy Spaans

Recently the students attending C.H.S. may have seen different types of Christmas decorations. This year there is a greater variety of decorations than usual.

First you may have noticed, even before entering the school, that lights have been placed around the north doors.

Once inside the school, you may see some strange, bright decorations in the junior room which are labeled "The Geometrics of Christmas." These objects may be different but they are very intriguing.

The library is once again decorative with a large tree which is beautifully decorated.

The senior room too, is nicely decorated. The bulletin boards have a great variety of Santa Clauses, poinsetta, angels, stars, baby Jesus', and the three wisemen.

The sophomore room is also decorated in nativity scenes.

The decorations throughout the school, put up by both the faculty and the students, help create a greater "Christmas Spirit."

THE JOY OF BEING A CHRISTMAS TREE

by Steven Bamberg

I am a Christmas Tree. Only a short while ago I stood straight and tall on a wooded mountainside. One cold morning men came and with shining axes chopped me and several of my com-

panions down, loaded us into a large truck and rushed us to a bustling city market. There I lay against a wall for two days and nights. At last a mother and two small children took me from all the rest and now I stand all shining and bright before a window of a small cottage. I hated to leave the mountainside, but how happy I am now to be a Christmas Tree.

Because I never shed my needles, I am a symbol of everlasting life. Christ, whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas, too promises everlasting life. High on my topmost branch shines a star, a star to remind us of the one that shined over the stable that first Christmas night.

My branches are laden with icicles, lights, glittering tinsel, and shining balls. Many gifts lay on the floor around me and people smile each time they add another gift.

How the children dance about and clap their hands when the lights are turned on. It makes me think again how happy I am to be a real Christmas Tree.

ASSEMBLY ON AMERICAN INDIANS PRESENTED

by Gloria Spaans

On Wednesday, December 13 at 10:00, everyone marched into the gym to attend another assembly program. Jack W. Marken gave an interesting talk about the life of the South Dakota Indians. Also, he showed a film about myths and legends that the Indians believe in yet today.

Mr. Marken is the head of the English Department at S.D.S.U. at Brookings.

STUDENT COUNCIL MAKES PLANS

by Nancy Scholten

The Student Council members and their advisor, Mr. Hall, held a meeting Monday, December 4. They discussed the improvements and changes which should be made in the school, in the facilities, and in the curriculum. A form was drawn up consisting of all of their ideas. A copy of this form was given to every student at C.H.S. They were asked to mark some of the things that they felt would be most important for the school.

The Student Council was also in charge of decorating the Christmas tree and for drawing the names for gift exchanges.

Christmas Is...

Contributed by Carol Hubers

Christmas is joy and joy is peace.

What would we do if Christmas would cease?

Christmas is love that makes our hearts fly.

What would we do if Christmas would die?

Christmas is happiness, happiness, happiness to all,

What would we do if Christmas would fall?

No, my friends, Christmas won't die!

It's in our hearts, that is why!

Comet Spirit Never Dies!

BETTY CROCKER TEST GIVEN TO SENIOR GIRLS

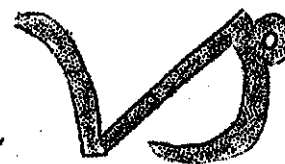
by Jeanne Hoekstra

It's that time of the year again when the senior girls had the privilege of taking the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow test. At 11:00 a.m. on December 5, Mr. Billars started the girls on their tests. The first part of the test was multiple choice and the second part was an essay question. The test was completed by 11:55. The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow from CHS will be announced sometime in January.

Coming Events For January 1973

- Jan.
- 4 - Wrestling match with Avon at home
 - 11 - Wrestling match with Wagner there
 - 12 - Basketball game with Kimball there
 - 16 - Basketball game with Platte at home
 - 19 - Basketball game with Letcher at home
 - 20 - Wrestling match with Lake Andes there
 - 22 - Wrestling match with Freeman at home
 - 23 - Basketball game with Wagner at home
 - 25 - Wrestling match with Mt. Vernon there
 - 26 - Basketball game with Mt. Vernon there
 - 30 - Wrestling match with Platte at home

Happy Birthday Capricorns



If you were born December 21 to January 18, your sign of the zodiac is Capricorn, the Goat.

As a Capricorn, conservatism is the keynote of your personality. You prefer the "tried and certain" to the "new and unconventional". This conservative attitude is even reflected in your clothing. Seldom, if ever, do you dress to draw attention to yourself.

Capricorns are ruled by the planet Saturn, which bestows a deliberate, sober, and serious attitude on them. Self-discipline is one of your greatest assets, and contributes greatly to your success in life. This single-minded determination to mold yourself and your surroundings toward a desired goal insures success in your chosen field.

Generally speaking, Capricorns "grow younger" with age, for only through years of experience do you learn to cultivate a sense of humor and a light-hearted outlook on life.

MARRIAGE PARTNER: Pisces, Cancer, Scorpio

LUCKY MONTHS: May and September

LUCKY DAY: Saturday

BIRTHSTONE: Garnet

FLOWER: Snow Drop

LUCKY NUMBER: 4

FAMOUS PERSONS BORN UNDER CAPRICORN: Alexander Hamilton, Paul Revere, Cary Middlecoff, Al Smith, Woodrow Wilson, Albert Schweitzer, Marlene Dietrich.

THOSE BORN UNDER THIS SIGN AT CHS ARE:

- Roger Plooster - December 21
- Laura Vanden Hoek - January 4
- Carol Hubers - January 7
- Curt Mulenberg - January 13
- Lanna Teunissen - January 14
- Doug Plooster - January 14
- Faye Menning - January 17
- Fam Engelland - January 18

GOOD LUCK In The Wrestling & Basketball Tournaments!

SAFETY SECTION

...EACH TURN OF THE STEERING WHEEL

The situation is real. Some years ago, this boy's mother and grandmother were both killed in a traffic accident caused by a drinking driver. This poem was published in the hope that it might help inspire other motorists to drive with as much care as they would if the lives and happiness of their own families rested in each turn of the steering wheel.

A LITTLE BOY BY HIS MOTHER'S GRAVE

"I don't understand it," the little boy said.
"What do they mean when they say 'she is dead'?"
John's got a Mom--and Bob's mother's there
To kiss them goodnight and rumple their hair.
What did my mom do that she should be here,
And not back at home... warm...near?
"Was the driver who killed her so full of hate
That he wouldn't brake until 'way too late?
Had she harmed his family--or maybe him?
Was he drinking and driving on some sort of whim?
Did he have a mother...kids and a home?
Doesn't he know how it feels all alone?
"The Lord says 'forgive' my daddy said.
It's kinda hard when they say 'she is dead'."

Could a moment's thoughtlessness make a murderer of YOU?

Do YOU have "just a couple for the road", then go on your way to the possible harm of others?

Do YOU "cheat a little" on speed limits--slide through stop signs--lose your temper when the traffic snarls?

If your answer is "yes" to any of these questions--prepare yourself now to answer the questions of some little boy--some father or mother. Chances are, you'll have to!

Important Safety Facts

by Darrell Vanden Hoek
Here are some facts taken from a Safety Section Fact Sheet from South Dakota Highway Patrol.

Safety is something that all people should be interested in. There are many forms of safety but the one we are the most interested in is automobile safety. There were 55,000 people killed in the United States last year. Some of these fatalities may have been your friends or someone very close to you. Everyone knows that all traffic fatalities can't be stopped, but we can do our best to lessen them. We as citizens can set up safety clubs or some other kind of safe-

ty organizations to help teach people the rules of safety on the highway.

Traffic accidents are caused by many different things. Some of the more apparent reasons are drinking, speeding, and wreckless driving. Drinking is the major factor in contributing deaths on your nation's highways. The use of alcohol by drivers and pedestrians leads to some 25,000 deaths and a total of at least 800,000 crashed in the United States each year. Investigations also revealed that between the hours of 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. on any Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, the odds for meeting a driver who has been drinking are greater than 1 in 4. A recent study also revealed that there are 3,000,000 alcoholics in the United States holding jobs; and 87% of them drive automobiles. Do you, as a driver and citizen, feel safe to drive on your country's highways knowing these statistics?

Although there has been millions of dollars spent each year on highways, safety features on our highways, and different projects to promote safety; and yet there are still too many deaths on our nations highways. It's you and I and your friends that have to go out and do our share to help promote traffic safety. Are you, as a citizen, doing your share to help promote traffic safety and save lives, a life which may be your own?

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It Can Happen To You!

by Doug Brink

Most people consider driving a car an essential part of their lives. But it is also very complicated and requires a combination of knowledge, judgement, and skill. In normal driving, the motorist must make decisions at the rate of one every twenty seconds. The skillful and safe driver is in complete control of himself and his car at all times. The following are some basic tips to help you keep control.

*Control in bad-weather driving means being able to see, steer, and stop safely. Never drive above the speed at which you can maintain complete control. Be sure your car is visible at all times. Periodically check lights, turn signals, and flashers to make sure they're working properly.

*Driving after dark calls for increased alertness and decreased speed. Travel about 10 miles an hour slower than in clear daylight, never overdriving your headlights.

*Intersections also create a hazard. One out of three accidents occur at an intersection. To avoid such accidents always watch out for cross-traffic and cars making sudden turns.

*Stops can also cause problems if not executed properly. If your brakes grab or pull to the side or if the pedal nearly hits the floor, they should be checked immediately. Also check your tires for excessive wear. If your tread is less than 2/32" deep, they should be changed.

*A wandering mind can lead you astray and into a crash.

Fatigue and drowsiness are major causes of lack of attention. Don't drive if you're overly tired, or if you're taking a kind of medicine or pill that warn against drowsiness.

*Drinking is a factor in at least half of the fatal traffic accidents in the U.S. each year. Medical studies show that even one drink can affect one's ability to drive safely.

Following these tips, along with a few other safe driving practices could be a matter of life and death. No one believes it can happen to him until it's too late, so don't take unnecessary chances while driving.

Don't Let Your Dream Crash

It had stopped raining, the sky was clear, the wind cold. Bright stars glittered in the sky. A perfect night, or should I say morning--it was two a.m.--for driving. I was feeling no pain.

I'd just spent a great evening drinking and rapping with old classmates. The highway was practically deserted as I guided my 'Vette' down the gleaming stretch. That baby could really hug the road. "I love that car with all of me," I mumbled aloud.

It seemed I'd always wanted a Corvette. I was about thirteen when owning a 'Vette' became my goal in life. Well, a few months after my 21st birthday, I'd made it. It's just an old model--a '63--but the body gleams, its silvery paint is intact, and the motor can still outrun any of my friends newer models.

I never take chances, though. I'm careful. Shucks, when I've been drinking, that's when I drive my best. My old man always used to say, "If you drink, don't drive." That's how much he knows. I can't remember all the times I've driven after an evening of hard drinking, and I've never even dented a fender. See 'VETTE'

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Bumpers Improve

by Arend Kuyper

Believe it or not, your bumper may be very important to traffic safety.

There are two kinds of bumpers. There is the old kind, which is stationary and doesn't give when hit. Then there are the new bumpers that are put on the new 1973 cars.

We'll talk about the old bumpers first. This bumper is made out of steel or iron, covered with chrome, and is bolted onto the car. This kind of bumper doesn't give when you hit it, but crumbles up.

The new kind of bumper is made up of the same things, but is not bolted onto the car. It is hooked onto two hydraulic pumps. These hydraulic pumps, which are hooked to each end of the bumper, resist pressure up to 5 mph into a stationary wall.

Popularity for these new bumpers is probably going to drop because of its looks. The new bumpers stick out quite far from the car. The safety of this bumper is the best there is, and as far as popularity is concerned, I would rather be alive because of a funny-looking bumper than dead!

'VETTE'

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Feeling real good, I goosed the motor a bit, picking up speed. The wind whipped hungrily at the window as the 'Vette' ate up the ribbon of gleaming highway. Too late I saw the puddle of water, hit it, spun, and skidded toward the edge of the road. Hoping to avoid the drop into the ditch, I hit my brakes. Nothing! A grinding sound, a hurtle, and my 'Vette' and I were bogged in mud and grass.

Dazed, I clawed my way out of my pride and joy. Mud and cockleburrs clung to the highway. I looked down at my 'Vette'. Tattered and muddy, the once beautiful body, now submerged in mud and water, reproached me. My dream car lay ruined because I knew I could handle my drinks. Cold sober now, I wept.

Friends came by with chains and pulled my broken dream from the mire that held it. The fiberglass body was shattered and torn in many places. After I'd hit the puddle of water, I'd knocked down a highway sign, rammed a cement culvert, and torn the turf on my way into the ditch.

Silently, I towed my wrecked car home, crept in without waking anyone, and waited for dawn. It was New Year's Day, and all the relatives and friends would soon be over. Mamma was hosting a big get-together while I was home on leave. Everyone was looking forward to seeing the car I'd bragged about in all my last letters. What a surprise was in store for them! Again I wept. Finally I slept. Too soon I awoke and remembered. What would the folks say?

It wasn't as bad as I'd expected. My mother's only comment was, "You're lucky. You could have been killed."

My father said, "You're lucky the state police didn't come upon the scene. They could have thrown the book at you. I doubt you could have stood a breathalyzer test."

My grandparents were amazed that their eldest grandchild could be so foolish, the other relatives attempted feeble jokes and seemed happy I wasn't theirs. Only I, and perhaps my parents, realized what my night out had cost me. Thanks to my drinking and the accident, my attained dream lay in shambles.

I have to finish paying for my mangled 'Vette'. I'll come out of four years in the Navy broke and full of habits I'll have to change. Eight months at sea will give me plenty of time to remember and work on changing. I need to change many of my ways, especially my drinking habits. It'll be a long road back, in more ways than one.

Rules For Pedestrians

by Marcia Vanden Hoek

Traffic safety reminders automatically make you think of a car and driver, but did you ever stop to consider the pedestrian's responsibility? Records show unpredictable pedestrians to be one of the major sources of traffic fatalities. The "dangerous ages" for pedestrians are under 15 and over 45. Even if you don't fit into these age groups here are some wise rules to follow:

1. Cross city streets only at corners.

2. Where there's a signal wait until the light turns green and be sure all traffic has cleared before you step off the curb.
3. If there's no signal wait for a break in traffic.
4. Don't step into the street from between parked cars.
5. Don't count on motorists stopping or seeing you in time.
6. If you walk at night carry something reflective or wear light-colored clothing.

If you're on foot: Don't assume drivers will give you a "brake"!

When you're at the wheel: Remember, a human body is no match for a two-ton car--so, whether the pedestrian is right or wrong, he's at your mercy. Show it to him!

Taken in part from booklet published by Auto Dealers Traffic Safety Council.

"All True Stories End In Death"

by Russell Metzger

Ernest Hemingway once said, "All true stories end in death." Well, this is a true story--maybe!

One day Milton the Gopher and his elderly father, Morton, were walking along Highway 37 gathering small pebbles to make a lovely stone walk in front of Milton's new hole, when suddenly it happened. A careless driver purposely swerved towards Morton. Not having the quick reflexes of his youth, Morton was unable to dodge the wheels of the oncoming car. The car ran over Morton's lower hip and See MILTON

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MILTON

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got off the shoulder of the road. Not being able to get the car back on the road the careless driver slammed into a bridge embankment. Milton quickly ran to the assistance of his crippled father. Unable to move, Morton lay in great pain waiting for the end to come. Milton became frantic. He tried to stop the cars and get some help, but alas, all the attention was going over to the wrecked car. Milton couldn't figure it out. Finally he decided to return to his father, but all too late the end had come. In great despair, Milton kicked his father off the road, and went to find out what was going on by the wrecked car. As he approached, an ambulance came speeding up and they loaded the careless driver and once again the ambulance sped away. Suddenly, everybody disappeared. Milton spat on the earth and went home full of hate. That night Milton shaved his head, put on sack cloth, sat in ashes, cut himself with broken pottery, and chanted for the death of the careless driver. The next morning, Milton heard of the death of a careless driver over his short wave radio. Full of joy, Milton went about his everyday tasks of ruining civilized man.

Weather Changes Necessary

by Don Oakland

A person can have certain driving habits he follows but these habits should be changed by the driver when the weather changes.

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Improvements Made Inside Cars For Better Safety

by Ruth DeVries

Many more people are coming out of accidents today, better than they would have if they had had the same accident a few years before. The safety features on our new cars are paying off. Two years after Detroit and the government had begun to make cars safer, the death toll dropped from 56,000 to 54,700. During this period of time the number of accidents rose by 6% but deaths that took place inside cars dropped by 7½%.

Here are some of the lifesaving improvements that are placed inside cars either by the industry or by government order.

1. "Blanket" windshields. Today's windshields are made out of plastic, sandwiched by glass. This windshield bends instead of shatters.

2. Anti-burst latch. Many people would strike their heads when their doors would open in an accident. One out of 3 doors opened in accidents, but since being improved it is only 1 out of every 15.

3. Bendable dash panel. Before dash panels and protruding buttons caused severe injury. Now they bend and spread the impact over a wide area.

4. "Cushion" steering wheel. The steering wheel now compresses like a telescope instead of crushing the driver's body.

5. Lap-shoulder belts. Lap-shoulder belts are a great help in safety. In crashes where 50 to 100 people might have been killed, all but two escaped with mild or no injury, when they wore lap-shoulder belts.

6. Head restraints. Even though they are not perfect, there are fewer head and upper-spine injuries.

7. "Side-bumpers." Side bumpers are really steel straps inside of the doors. They protect a car from cracking in half when it is hit in the side.

8. Disc brakes. These new brakes are still being worked on but are a great improvement over other brakes. They prevent cars from going into wild spins.

Other things that are being worked on are: shock-absorbing front ends, anti-skid devices, better lap-shoulder belts, inflatable crash belts, safety blankets, and double-skinned roofs.



Tips In Getting Ready

by Arleen Spaans

Is your car ready for winter? If it isn't, what are you waiting for? The following is a few tips in getting it ready. 1) Make sure of your car's starting efficiency. Would you like to be stalled on the highway just because your starter is bad? Why not replace it? 2) Make sure you put antifreeze in the radiator, so it doesn't freeze in the coldest weather. 3) The windshield should not be cracked so that it impairs your eyesight. Also make sure your wiper blades are in good condition so they can keep the snow off the windshield. 4) Are your tires good or are they worn? Do you have chains along for when the snow gets bad? 5) Do the heater and defroster work? An accident would not be necessary if caused by only a frosted-up windshield. How much fun would it be riding in a car with no heater when it is about 20 below zero? 6) How are your brakes and lights working? Think of how dangerous it is riding with poor brakes. Why not get them fixed? Who knows, you may even save your life! How much fun would it be if when getting out on the road, your brakes aren't working, the windshield is cracked, the heater is not working, but you never got around to fixing them. You just didn't get time to do it.

So why don't you prepare your car for winter or you may find yourself walking!

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The winter months may be one of the most dangerous months to drive, but to make them safer, a person has to learn to adjust his driving to the conditions that occur.

Before starting out, make sure all the snow is properly brushed from all the windows. You should run the car awhile before starting to defrost the windows, for this frost could impair your vision.

When such conditions as rain, snow, or fog occur, drive with your headlights on. Don't drive with your parking lights on, for this can deceive oncoming cars as to your relative distance.

Under normal conditions it is a rule to allow at least one car length between vehicles for every 10 miles an hour you are traveling. When conditions of ice or rain occur, the highway becomes a bit more slick and this rule should be changed as to the severity of the condition. Also your speed should be reduced.

With the winter months here, it is up to you as a driver, to try and prevent accidents that are unnecessary. Try to follow some of these habits while you are driving and make some of your own habits this winter for safe driving.

Watch Out For The Other Guy

by Dale Weerheim

Christmas vacation is a time of fun and family gatherings. You like to think about the things you will do during the Christmas vacation. Quite often, things happen that are not planned. While you're driving to your relatives or friends, you probably don't think about the heavy traffic or about the other people on the road with plans similar to yours. When you drive during the vacation, watch out for the other guy on the road. Get where you're going safely and have the good time you planned on. But remember the return trip can be just as dangerous. You'll enjoy the holiday season much more if you drive with caution!

CHS Wishes
You A Safe
And Happy
Holiday!

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December 20, 1972

Mr. Santa Claus
Christmas Town
North Pole 00000

Dear Santa:

We, the students and faculty of Corsica High, would like the following requests granted because we have tried to do things the way we felt were right.

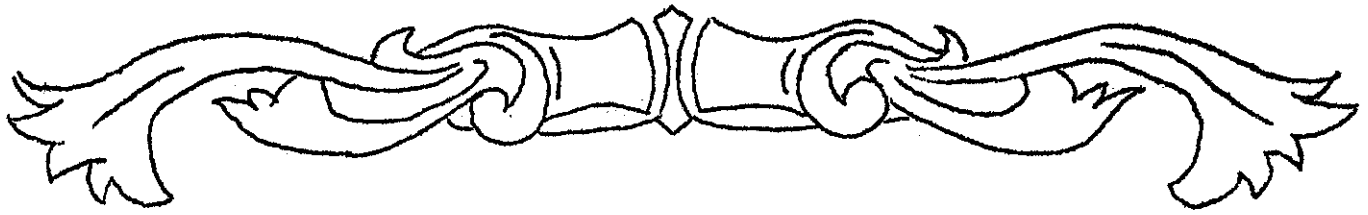
Mr. Brown would like \$200,000 cash. A first period study hall without Glen Van Zee was requested by Miss Wagner. Mr. Krietlow requests a basketball team with the spirit of winning. Mr. Kruse needs shorthand students that don't panic. Mr. Eitemiller would like a little extra height. Mrs. Keith's one wish is a chestnut-colored quarter horse. Mrs. Wisdahl is begging and pleading of you an uninterrupted Christmas vacation with Richard and \$125. Mr. Wagner wants an automatic polisher. Mr. Hall said he would like good health. Mr. Bass wants 12 elves that can wrestle.

The 'B' team cheerleaders would like looser-fitting outfits. Nancy Star requests ten fingers that never hit the wrong typewriter keys. Carol Hubers would like to receive a typewritten note with a signature. Dwight Beukelman wants Santa to give him a "big heap girl." Evan Bultje needs a new boyfriend. Marcia Vanden Hoek thought a pink lab coat and custom-made goggles would come in handy for Chemistry class. Shirley Bultje would like a secretarial job at "Marve's Shop." Mary Van Roekel would appreciate a red and white striped bunsen burner and a blow torch to light it. Ruth De Vries would like to become famous. Russell Metzger wants a pink, purple-edged marshmallow. Tom Eggers requested something money cannot buy and Donna Sprecher requested something you can't give her. Darrell Vanden Hoek wants a diet plan. Scott Beukelman would appreciate very much a blonde and a brunette. Cal Muilenberg wants "The Back Porch" to move to Corsica. Tom Plooster needs something to start out his career as an assassin. Jeanne Hoekstra says we need new government books. Nelson Vanden Hoek asked for Raquel Welch in a pink bathtub. Renee Bye wants an Air Force Base closer to Corsica.

The entire student body wishes you a Merry Christmas!

Love from all of us,

CHS



There Are
Several Long
Weekends Coming -
Don't Make It
An Eternity!

by Supt. Droppers

Several long weekends are coming up - the Christmas weekend and the New Year holiday - and that means vacationing somewhere or visiting or driving miles and miles to get away from it all.

Most road patrolmen, doctors, nurses, and ambulance drivers won't be vacationing. They will be busy with broken bones, bloody bodies, and assorted injuries - all the results from accidents on the highways. The accident victims aren't that lucky either. It's no fun to be in pain.

But some accident cases won't have to bother with doctors and nurses. Some will go directly to the morgue minus pain or further problems of this earth.

So, for the sake of those who love you and need you, let road patrolmen, doctors, nurses, and ambulance drivers who faithfully stand by their posts, do nothing, absolutely nothing! They don't want your business anyhow. And they deserve some rest on these long weekends, too.

