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School survey results completed

A special school board meeting was held on January 30 when a representative from Nebraska Business Development Center (NBDC) recommended to the board not to plan a completely new school but to focus on just the high interest programs.

NBDC prepared a questionnaire that was submitted to the registered voters of Corsica. The results of the survey show that there is not enough interest in many of the programs which makes a completely new school doubtful. Home economics, industrial arts, and music showed high interest from the respondents. Home economics showed 63 per cent moderate to high interest, industrial arts showed 58 per cent, and music showed 60 per cent.

Two types of cafeterias were proposed. One was for eating only and the other was for food prepared and eating area. The respondents were not as interested in the eating area only, as there were only 30 per cent that were moderately to highly interested. The food preparation and eating area had 40 per cent of the respondents indicate moderate to high interest. The art room had the greatest number of respondents indicating no interest as the per cent was 50 per cent. Only 35 per cent indicated moderate to high interest. There were two sizes of gymnasiums and stages proposed. One would seat 600 and the other 800. Only 26 per cent of the respondents indicated moderate to high interest in 600 seating gym and 41 per

cent indicated moderate to high interest in the 800 seating gym.

There were 154 rural people who returned their surveys and 97 town people. The three high interest programs (home economics, industrial arts, and music room) were favored more by the town people than the rural people. Approximately 50 per cent of the people who returned their surveys had no children in school but there was no difference between their response and those with one or more children currently in school.

The respondents were also asked to give any comments they had that were not dealt with in the survey. 29 respondents felt that the cost was too high, 29 thought that the existing building should just be modified, 26 thought that the declining enrollment diminished the need for a new school, 22 felt that there was too much emphasis on extracurricular activities, 17 felt that a new school was needed, nine felt that a gymnasium should be built, if nothing else, eight felt that the new school should be kept simple and build just a little at a time, eight felt that there was no need for a new school, eight felt the need for better teachers, seven felt that better facilities were needed, seven felt that more and specific programs should be included, six felt that improved education was needed, two pointed out the advantages of a new school to the community.

A representative from

Architects Plus presented three possible plans to the school board for consideration. One plan included all new facilities to accommodate either grades 9 through 12 or grades 7 through 12. A second plan included several new classrooms and a future gymnasium. Both plans were presented for building on the acreage purchased east of Corsica by the school. The third plan was to build additions to the present building. This plan is no longer possible under present laws, according to reports by members of the school board.

All three plans were put before discussion. Possible faults were brought out about each plan and additional proposals were made by individuals attending the special meeting.

Video recorder purchased

With help from Federal grants the Corsica Public School has purchased a used Video Tape Recorder (VTR).

Mr. Neil Hall applied for a Federal Title IV B grant of \$887 from Pierre to be used to help pay for part of the VTR.

The VTR is like a built-in television station. It records the audio and visual. It can be used in areas such as speech, drama, athletics, and classrooms.

"Summer" magazine to be released

The second annual edition of Summer-A Guide For Getting Started After High School will soon be distributed to seniors. The publication is being distributed free of charge and it is sponsored by the U.S. Army.

The 56-page publication addresses questions and concerns that seniors have close to graduation, such as what to do following high school, how to cope with living independently, and how to begin a career. Similarly, a number of articles focus on sports and adventure.

"Class Notes" is a section developed from seven "roving" high school reporters for Summer. They polled their classmates on a variety of topics ranging from what symbols would best represent the last four years to what causes senior stress.

For those seniors who are thinking about summer

jobs, "Jobs Outdoors" will be quite interesting. The Summer editors talked w recent high school grads who held a variety of outdoor jobs last summer--from wrangler at a dude ranch to crew boss in a cornfield. They relate their summer experiences and provide some tips on how to find similar jobs.

"Tactics for Teenage Job Seekers" uses advice from placement counselors to outline a strategy for beating the tight job market. It discusses some of the typical job-seeking problems of teenagers and suggests ways to search for openings and handle interviews.

Additionally, readers of Summer will find an article on the freshman experience in college, a section on the Outward Bound program, and a backstage visit with the Fonz--and then there's something on teenage marriage, unusual jobs and vanning.

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Scholarships
available

The University of South Dakota's Music Department is awarding \$15,000 in scholarships for the 1978-79 school year, according to Jack Noble, Chairman of Scholarship Committee of the Department of Music.

All high school students interested in auditioning for a music scholarship are to watch for later publications for exact times and places that auditions will be held.

Auditions are being scheduled in Vermillion on March 4 and 11, 1978. Persons interested in this opportunity should write to: Chairman, Scholarship Committee Department of Music University of South Dakota Vermillion, S.D. 57069

Audit required

A required state audit of the financial records of Corsica Public School will begin sometime after June 30, the end of the fiscal year, according to Mr. Neil Hall, superintendent.

State law requires a state audit twice in five years. On the other years a private auditor can be hired by the school.

"The reason the books are audited is so that we don't make the same mistakes over again" according to Judy Renshaw, school's secretary.

Lunch program loses money

The financial basis for the lunch program at Corsica Public School has dwindled down to \$698.96 for the past two or three years due to a rise in prices and salaries according to Mr. Neil Hall, Superintendent.

Not until recently has the school board raised the cost of meals from 35¢ to 45¢ a meal to make up for this loss. They hope this raise in price will take care of the loss, Hall said and bring the fund above the negative mark. In a couple months, the board should be able to tell if the raise will work, Hall

said. If it doesn't work, the fund will have to be replenished from some other fund to balance it.

The lunch program is generally self-supporting. The salaries of the cooks and helpers, the social security taxes and insurance benefits, all food expenses, and small supplies such as soap, silverware, dishes are paid for out of this fund, Hall said. The government gives some commodities to the lunch program, but the transportation charges to get it here are also paid for out of the fund.

The Advisor-Teacher, Student Relations

Just how "close" can a teacher and a student be before their relationship stands in the way of education? Can they share friendship or must they go the other way and be enemies?

Too often a student feels that the teacher who "lets them off easy" is really a good educator. That teacher

is really their "friend". But let's take another look at this situation. Does a teacher who consistently relieves the students of his responsibility really act as a friend would? The job of a teacher is to prepare the student for what he may encounter once he is out of school.

It is impossible to equip the student when he is not required to work for it. The old adage that what one puts into something is exactly what he is going to get out is truer a school system than in many other areas. Teachers who are "friends" to the student cheat that student. Do friends cheat each other?

Mr. Hall discusses ITED testing

During the early part of the school year, in Sep. 1977, the Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors took the ITED (Iowa Test of Educational Development) tests.

These tests were given to help measure the educational growth from year to year. The test enables teachers and parents to see which areas of the courses your progress is satisfactory and the areas the student may be developing more slowly than normal. With this information, the teachers and parents are able to advise the student on their educational problems and plans for the future.

The student can make their own educational decisions better by looking at the results.

The scores of the ITED are converted into percentile. The percentile ranks indicate what percentage of the students at their grade level had scores lower than the individual student. For example, if a student has a percentile rank of 75, this means that 75 percent of a large and typical group of students at their grade level re-

ceived scores lower than theirs.

The profile chart has high and low percentages indicating the students strengths and weaknesses in the areas tested. By discussing the scores with teachers and parents, the student is better able to determine which areas should receive more attention and effort.

If the students scores high in the ITED test and is getting low grades in school, this would indicate to us that they have the ability to do good school work but are goofing around and not putting enough effort on their studies. Also if they scored low on the ITED and are getting fairly good grades, this would indicate to us that their ability is low, but are putting forth a lot of time and effort on their studies to get good grades.

Sometime you will find a few students that do not take the ITED test serious and when taking the test they just zip through it and do not try their best making for low scores.

It is really hard to believe that a teacher is an actual enemy of a student too. Enemies who are actually enemies sincerely want to stop the battle either by destroying their foe or compromising. To stop the teacher/student battle all the teacher would have to do is quit. Too often a teacher is put on the opposite side of the fence for requiring a student to live up to his personal responsibility to himself. We wrongfully label the teacher as "enemy" for he is no more than a person who urges intellectual or emotional growth.

So where does this leave us as far as the student/teacher relationship is concerned? It leaves us right where we are a student/teacher relationship. The teacher gives knowledge and the student receives it. In turn, the teacher receives personal fulfillment for being part of another's growth. The next time we try to make the teacher/student relationship more or less than it is, we should remember that this relationship serves a purpose just as it is - intellectual and emotional growth.

Mr. Wieseler

Guest Editorial

building examined

There has been a recent interest in building a new school in Corsica. Being one of the most prosperous towns in this area, Corsica has one of the poorer schools facilities.

Improvements should be made in the cirricular area. Overall, the rooms are in fair condition, but there is a shortage of space. The school is so tight for room that several teachers use the same room and classes are held in the lab and in the library. Also the library floor is slowly buckling up due to a leaky water pipe. The present Industrial Arts building is crammed for space.

The music department needs added facilities to function properly. You will have to agree when band lessons are being held in the locker rooms and students singing in the halls, something has to be done.

The community of Corsica should be ashamed to hold athletic activities in the gym under the present conditions. The biggest improvement would be to build a new gym. The gym is one of the worst around. It is 1/3 to 1/2 as small as the regulation sized floor. Besides being too small the gym is slowly deteriorating. Every year boards warp and need to be replaced. The coaches' room is a closet, and the closet does not have adequate room to store athletic supplies. For example, some basketball uniforms are stored in the locker rooms where they can be ripped off. The locker rooms don't even have lockers. The students must rush to take a shower or they will be taking a cold one.

A rough estimation of the cost of a new gymnasium, and industrial arts building, a music room, and an addition of four classrooms to the present school building would be \$600,000. If these improvements are not made, you will soon be bussing your kids to Armour.

What would you rather have?

Dave Bordewyk and Brian Bakker

Voters unaware of school's needs

Apparently, there are many people in the Corsica School District who do not know why they need the new proposed school building.

At the January 30 school board meeting a few people said they did not know why we would need art or some other proposed programs. The people said, "They did not know."

For the people to make an educated decision on a school building the people have to be informed.

Whose responsibility is it to let these people know - the administration and school board, the newspaper, or the students? It is time for the people in the community to obtain information. It is time for someone to take the responsibility to educate the people.

Support the Comets

PTO survey results published

Earlier this school year a questionnaire was circulated by members of the PTO concerning various school matters.

The poll was simply to find the parent's opinion or feelings on certain subjects. Surveys were sent out to each school family 40 surveys were returned to the PTO, according to Mrs.

Dete Sipma, President of the PTO.

One half of these who returned their surveys were in favor of a supervised teen center downtown for students.

In response to the question concerning study hall discipline there were no affirmative answers from the parents.

Opinion was divided three ways-1/3 for, 1/3 against, and 1/3 no comment- on questions concerning school photography and town curfew for grade and high school students.

Those returning the surveys felt the PTO programs should consist of both entertainment and education but should not be involved in fund raising projects.

Comets record 11-4

Boys BB record increased

The Corsica Comets have a 11-4 record for the season so far this year having played Platte, Stickney, Artesian, Wagner, Ethan, Geddes, Letcher, and Plankinton.

The Comets beat the Platte Panthers, 46-44. Double figure men were Jeff Hamburg, 14, and Les Groeneweg, 11 points.

Platte beat the "B" game 43-49, in an overtime. Doug Olivier and Tom Dockendorf led the Comets with 12 points each.

The Comets lost to the Stickney Raiders, 54-53. Les Groeneweg was high scorer with 16 points. Closely following was Tim Noteboom with 11 points.

The Comets defeated the Artesian Rams, 79-52. Dwight De Vries was high

scorer with 23 points. Other double figure men were Scott Muckey, 14, Les Groeneweg, 13, and Tim Noteboom, 12.

Artesian won the "B" game, 45-43. Brian Bakker had 15 points and Tom Dockendorf had 13 points.

The Comets defeated the Wagner Red Raiders, 68-52. Double figure men were Les Groeneweg, 18, Jeff Hamburg, 14, Tim Noteboom, 12, and Troy Noteboom, 10 points.

The Ethan Ristlers upset the Comets, 69-67. Jeff Hamburg led the Comets with 18 points. Other double figure men were Scott Muckey, 12, Les Groeneweg, 11, and Tim Noteboom, 10 points.

A last second toss by the Geddes Rams downed the Comets, 74-73. Les Groeneweg shot 22 points closely fol-

lowed by Tom Dockendorf with 20 points and Troy Noteboom with 11 points.

Corsica stopped the Letcher Tigers, 64-48. High scorer was Les Groeneweg with 18 points followed by Scott Muckey with 10 points.

The Corsica Comets defeated the Plankinton Pirates, 89-55. Les Groeneweg again led the team with 21 points. Other double figure men were Tim Noteboom, 16, and Tom Dockendorf, 11 points. Tim Noteboom also captured 12 rebounds.

The Comets also participated in the Aurora Tourney placing second.

Troy Noteboom contributed 20 points in the game against Plankinton. Tom Dockendorf, 12, and Tim Noteboom, 10, followed closely behind.

Les Groeneweg and Scott Muckey made 12 points each in the game against Stickney.

Wrestlers end season

The Corsica Comet wrestling team ended their season with a 5-4 record with wins over Woonsocket, Wagner J.V., and Mt. Vernon and losses to Kimball and Lake Andes.

The wrestling team also took second place in the Woonsocket Invitational with 142½ total points.

Individual records for the season were:

- 98 - Bryan King 11-5
- 105 - Kevin Fey 5-9
- 112 - Dave Buck 14-3
- 119 - Brian Van Genderen 11-3
- 126 - Harlan Star 0-6
- Doug Greunawald 0-8
- 132 - Brad Zomer 0-4
- Norman Bye 1-4
- 138 - Darwin De Vries 8-5-1
- 145 - Jim Olivier 2-8
- Steve Groseth 0-2
- 155 - Keith Niewenhuis 9-5
- 167 - Tim Engelland 7-6
- 185 - Forrest Stredde 7-5
- HWT - Mark Bormann 4-8

Buck places

Dave Buck placed second in his weight class at the District 6 Wrestling Tournament which was held February 3 and 4 in Platte.

Coach Dan Backlund took nine wrestlers to the Districts, but Buck was the only wrestler who placed.

Buck's record now stands at 14-1. He lost his first match Friday, by decision, 6-7, to Steve Turgeon of Chamberlain.

Dave participated in the regionals in Wagner on Saturday, February 11, but did not place.

Monopoly madness

This puzzle contains hidden words which are twisted, curved, arched bent and otherwise distorted.

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Coming events



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| Feb. | 14 | Boys BB | Armour | Away |
| | 16 | School Board Meeting, 7:30 | | |
| | 17 | Assembly program on magic, 2:30 | | |
| | | Boys BB | White Lake | Away |
| | 17 & 18 | State Wrestling Tourneys | Sioux Falls | |
| | 22, 24, 25 | Boys District 27 BB Tourney at Wagner | | |
| Mar. | 2, 3 | Boys BB Region Tourney at Wagner | | |
| | 8 | End of 3rd Nine Weeks | | |
| | 9, 10 | Spring Break | | |
| | | State B Basketball Tourney | | |

11 superiors taken at Contest

Corsica Music Department received 11 superior ratings, two excellent, and one good at the Regional Vocal Music Contest in Lake Andes on February 1.

There are six ensembles and 9 soloists for the contest. Boy's Ensemble includes Jim Beukelman, Kevin Fey, Brad Zomer, Mark Bormann, John Engelland, Curt Wagner, Brian Van Genderen, Steve Groseth, and Tim Engelland. They received a II. Connie Everson, Renee Peters, Phyllis Olawsky, Cheryl Bamberg, Ardis Everson, Brenda Zomer, Shelly Beukelman, and Nancy Spaans received a I in the Triple Trio. Girl's Miscellaneous involves Sheryl Beukelman, Phyllis Olawsky, Cheryl Bamberg, Suzanne Fisher,

Carmen Zwart, and Denise Markus received a II. Phyllis Olawsky, Sheryl Beukelman, Carmen Zwart, Suzanne Fisher, Mark Bormann, Jim Beukelman, Tim Engelland, and Steve Groseth received an I in the Mixed Octet. The Madrigal included Sheryl Beukelman, Paulette Vanden Hoek, Phyllis Olawsky, Lori De Vries, Suzanne Fisher, Barb Peters, Londa Groeneweg, Denise Markus, Jim Beukelman, Kevin Fey, Brad Zomer, Mark Bormann, Tim Engelland, Steve Groseth, Brian Van Genderen, and Scott Muckey received a I. The Swing Choir received I at contest. Those in Swing Choir are Sheryl Beukelman, Paulette Vanden Hoek, Phyllis Olawsky, Lori De Vries, Carmen Zwart,

Barb Peters, Londa Groeneweg, Denise Markus, Jeff Hamburg, Jim Beukelman, Brad Zomer, Mark Bormann, Tim Engelland, Steve Groseth, Brian Van Genderen, and Scott Muckey.

Those receiving I's on their solos were Carmen Zwart, Suzanne Fisher, Jim Beukelman, Tim Engelland, Lori De Vries, Denise Markus, and Renee Peters. Sheryl Beukelman received a II, and John Engelland received a III.

Drum set bought

A new trap set (drum set) was purchased February 2, and was paid for from the Music Department Budget and the General Fund.

The trap set consists of the following items: bass drum, floor tom, double-mounted tom, snare, hi-hat, two cymbals, and a throne (chair).

The Corsica High School received bids from K and M Music, Mollet Music, and Mitchell Music. But Mitchell Music had the lowest bid of \$920.

Band to acquire overlays

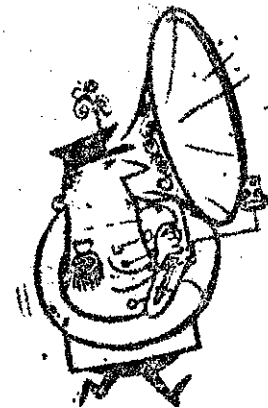
The Corsica High School band is getting new overlays, which fit over top of their blazers. They are made out of white vinyl and maroon cloth.

The Music Boosters bought the material for about \$10 an overlay, whereas if they had bought them already made it would have been \$65 an overlay.

Mrs. Marion Van Roekel said, "The Music Boosters plan on getting about 23 sewing machines, contacting parents, and making an assembly line in the gym some Saturday to make the overlays."

The school board is also discussing buying new slacks next year for the band. The slacks with the adjustable waist band are \$18 a piece, and the slacks with the non-adjustable waist band are \$14 a piece. Another option is to buy material for the slacks.

"Getting overlays and pants for the band will greatly improve the looks of the group, especially in the eyes of the community. I hope that not only will the parents be proud of their kids, but that the new uniforms will instill some pride in the band members themselves," said Mrs. Debbie Lund, director of the band.



Lil' Abner tryouts, Feb. 20-28

Tryouts for the spring musical will be held Feb. 20-28.

Lil' Abner is a musical centered around the Kentucky hillbillies and it takes place in Dogpatch, U.S.A. The Government is trying to find the most unnecessary place in the world to use for testing their bombs, and they decided to use Dogpatch, U.S.A. The people of Dogpatch were really worried. The Government said if there was something in Dog-

patch that was not in the rest of the world they would not use it as a bombing area. There is a Yock-umberry tree in Dogpatch U.S.A. that gives Kickapoo juice. If you drink this juice it makes you strong. Lil' Abner drinks this juice to make him strong and handsome.

This musical requires

many scene changes. There is a possibility that there will be a stage built by the kitchen that will swing around and there will be a scene on both side. This will be done so the scene changes can be made faster.

A minimum of 40 people are needed for cast and crews and this does not include the band.

Smile ... Even If

*The new baby next door cries only at night.

*Your best friend waits for you to pick up the check.

*Everyone else is laughing at you.

*You complete a report a week before it is due and you lose it.

*Last year's form on ice skates is still good, but your shape is stretched out a bit.

*The little doggie wags his tail before he bites your hand.

*You listen attentively to the latest joke and still can't get it.

*You get an invitation to the social event of the year and that morning you come down with a bad cold.

*That new suit you wear for the first time is ruined by a leaky pen.

*You make a grand entrance and trip over your own feet.

*But, keep smiling - particularly when it hurts.

Leak causes floor to raise

During the week of December 19, 1977, some boards in the floor of the library began raising. By the second of January, when we came back from Christmas vacation, the raise had increased very much and now it stands up approximately eight inches high.

The cause of the raise was pressure exposed by a leak in the steam pipes under the floor. The pressure from the leak was so great that it even raised the boards under a book shelf which was full of books. There are a few other raises but they are not as high.

Cenex came and removed the boards and fixed the pipes but the floor itself will not be fixed until spring when there will probably be a complete new floor put in.

Do you know what your school board is doing for you?

Carnival to be discontinued

Since the carnival has lost money for the past three years, the school board at their January meeting decided to discontinue it.

It has been estimated that \$60 to \$80 had been lost for the 1977 carnival. This event also consumes the students time and the

public is losing interest in it according to Mr. Neil Hall, Superintendent.

The faculty and administration are considering on some other type of activity to replace the carnival. They will also devise a way for each high school class to be able to raise money Hall said.

