

## Sr. privileges begin this quarter

Parental permission must have been given for their children to have the senior privileges which started on March 13.

Some of the stipulations or guidelines the seniors must abide by to keep these privileges are:

\*Maintain passing grades. If the grades start to fall much, the privileges can be taken away.

\*Students do not need to be present if they do not have classes. They are free

to go during their free periods. Mr. Hall will not need parent permission if they leave after last class.

\*There will be no loitering in the school building or in hallways during their free periods. If they want to remain in the building they must report to a study hall or be assigned to a study hall.

\*There is to be no alcohol on them. If there is any evidence of drinking,

the privilege will be taken away and they will report back to regular schedule classes.

\*Proper driving of cars must be used, any exhibition of driving or report of such, the privileges will be taken away.

\*These privileges are not mandatory, so if the students do not wish to take part in them, they may remain in school on a regular basis.

## Board discusses contracts

The school board met March 13 at 7:30 to discuss teachers contracts and the proposed school building.

Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The Financial statement was also approved for filing.

Due to a death in the family Lynn Borge of Architects Plus was unable to attend as had been previously planned. Borge was scheduled to talk with the board concerning building plans for the new school. A special meeting is being planned by Architects Plus

at which time the plans will be presented.

A letter of resignation was read from Butch Reimisch and accepted by the board.

Supt. Neil Hall reported a contract had been signed with Josten's Yearbook Co. concerning the printing of the 78-79 Yearbook.

Mr. Hall reported on the beginning of Driver's Education classes for the Sophmores.

All of the teachers contracts, except one, were renewed by the board at an \$8,000 base.

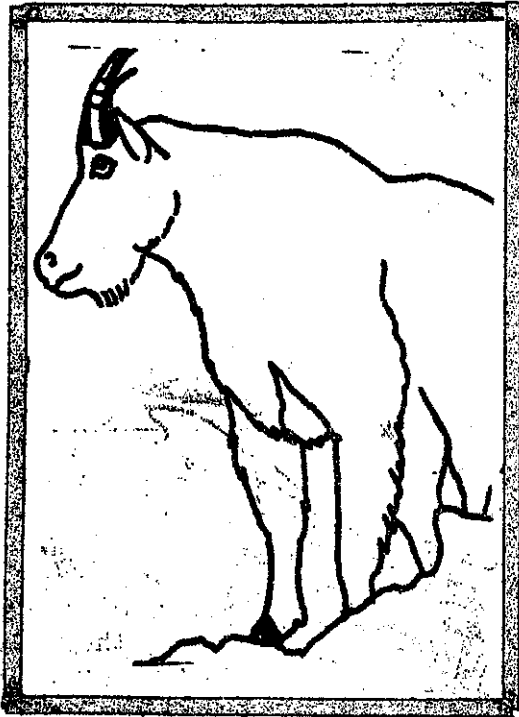
## First deadline met by staff

April 17 marks the second deadline for the annual staff to meet.

On March 6 the staff sent 32 pages of the annual to Josten's. This was 4 more pages than required by the publishers so the staff was given a six day extension on its last deadline.

On April 17 only 30 pages instead of 34 will be needed to fill the deadline requirements. This is also due to the extra pages finished earlier.

# Sometimes wildlife doesn't need us



Sometimes you can help wildlife best by not helping! If you find a wild animal - maybe a little rabbit or bird or squirrel - that seems to be deserted, remember it probably isn't.

Its mother might be close by watching, or off to get food or water. It's usually best to leave the animal alone, or put it back in its nest. If indeed it is deserted, raising the animal is a full-time task, one you should undertake only with help from someone experienced in raising wild orphaned babies. Remember, it's always best

to leave a wild animal free.

If you would like to read about the care of orphaned or injured wildlife, or have a young animal that needs help, you might check the following sources:

My Orphans of the Wild, Rosemary K. Collett with Claudia Briggs, J.B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, 1974

Wild Orphan Babies: Mammals and Birds: Caring for Them, Setting Them Free, Holt Rinehart and Winston, N.Y., 1975

Also see the following articles in Ranger Rick's Nature Magazine published by the National Wildlife Federation: "Let It Be, Wild and Free," May 1977; "First Bird Aid," April 1972; "Birds in Trouble," July 1976.

## Wildlife needs water

Water is as essential for wildlife as it is for you and me. It can be provided as easily as by overturning a trash can lid and keeping it filled with water.

You can go first-class and have a pool. If you want to build it yourself, you may get some assistance from a free National Wildlife Federation publication, "A Pool for the Backyard."

Pools raise problems which might not occur to you, such as your liability if someone falls in. You may want to content yourself instead with a bird-bath or two. Change the water frequently.

## Individuals can help wildlife by improving habitat in backyard

Individuals or groups can help wildlife by improving habitat in their own backyard, on a school-ground, at a churchyard, in a vacant lot owned by the city, or almost anywhere their presence would not be trespassing.

"Habitat" means food, water, cover (protection from natural enemies and the elements), and a place to raise young. When you supply those things, you give wildlife what it must have to live.

A quarter of an acre is a good size for the habitat area, a size that many backyards, schoolgrounds, and similar sites can meet. A split rail fence around it would look nice but it is not required.

What do you do to this little piece of earth to make it a better habitat?

You can plant trees and shrubs which produce shelter and food, such as berries, for animals. You can put up birdhouses and bird-feeders. You can install a pond, pool, or birdbath.

**Attend the musical**

**April 13, 14, and 15**

# Pranks played on April 1

Playing practical jokes on the first day of April is the custom we owe back to Roman legend. According to legend, Proserpina had filled her lap with daffodils in the Elysian meadows when Pluto, god of the underworld, found her and carried her screaming to the lower world. Ceres, her mother, heard the echo of the screams and went in search of the voice, but her search was like a fool's errand because it was futile for her to think she could even find the echo.

So goes one story. There are many others.

Still, the April Fool custom is celebrated in a number of countries. In India, where it has been observed for centuries, it is connected with the celebration of the rites of spring on March 31. On that day the people of India are sent on foolish errands.

In England, April Fool pranks began in the 18th century. American colonists from England brought the practice with them when they settled here.



## King and Hamburg chosen as staters

Deb King and Jeff Hamburg were chosen to represent Corsica at Girls State and Boys State.

Connie Everson and Dave Buck were chosen to be alternates. Girls State will be held during the first week of June at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell. Boys State will be held the last week in May at Northern State College in Aberdeen.

## School meets regulations

### Immunizations given at CHS

On Thursday, March 23 Carmen Christopherson, county health nurse will be at CHS to make sure all student's immunization records are up to date.

State law requires any child upon entering school must present to authorities proof that they have been immunized against polio, diphtheria, measles, and tetanus. If the child

is not immunized against these diseases he may be expelled from school until the requirements are met.

The state of South Dakota is receiving aid from the federal government to complete its program. These immunizations will be given free to any child requiring them.

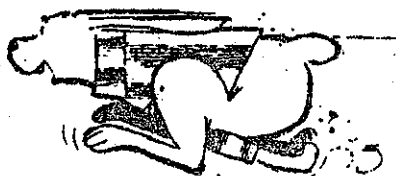
## Juniors finalize '78 prom plans

The colors, theme, and band have been decided on by the Junior Class in preparation for the Jr.-Sr. Prom, April 21.

Green, yellow and orange decorations have been ordered coordinate with the theme "You Light Up My Life", a recent hit by Debbie Boone.

A contract with the band Jeremiah has been sent and the Juniors are waiting for final confirmation.

Most decorations have been received and decorating is scheduled to begin April 17.



## Hill City presents concert

The Hill City Stage Band presented a concert at 10:30 in the Corsica gym on March 16.

Directing the stage band was Mrs. Gloria Kuchenbecher who was Corsica's band director for one year a few years ago. Some songs that they played were: "Hey Jude," "Bionic Elephant,"

"Beethoven's Fifth," "Time To Grow," and "Love Will Keep Us Together."

Hill City also participated in the Jazz on the Upper Great Plains Festival held at Augustana College in Sioux Falls as did Corsica's stage band on March 15.

# The Advisor - Coping with spring blues

Do you have the spring quarter blues? You know what I mean. You have gone out for track, the musical, and spring music concerts, and all of your teachers have given you the "big final projects". To top it all off you've got spring fever. Everyone is demanding time that just doesn't seem to be there.

Coping with these pressures can be hard, but there are a few ways we can handle them. For example, instead of watching "Johnny Carson" go to bed and get up at 6 a.m. Go out for a walk in the morning thinking what you have to get accomplished by the end of the day. Another way could be to drive 40 m.p.h. home instead of 75 m.p.h. This should give you time to settle down before the night's activities. Taking a mid-day break like this can rejuvenate your spirits. Finally, the best way to cope with the spring blues is doing something totally different from your regular routine. Use your imagination! Drive to the lake

and have your first picnic. Take a ten mile bike trip to a friend's house. Try searching through old homesteads for articles that could change the decorum of your room.

There is really no way

to stop the spring quarter blues, but there are ways to make it more enjoyable. Your imagination is all you need to enjoy yourself during this time of the year. Get out there and use it!

## School relates to town's growth

Recently we have seen a growth in the business district and the residential areas in Corsica. For this growth to continue we have to consider changes in the school facility to maintain this growth.

In April or May, Corsica will be having a new doctor coming to town. Plans are being made to purchase a mobile home for the clinic which will be set on the vacant lot next to the National Bank of South Dakota. This will greatly increase the growth of the community.

Some of the new businesses that have been built in Corsica in the past four years are: Corsica Cheese Plant, Gerlach's 66 Station, Corsica Hardware, Tuttle Electric, Corsica TV and Appliance Center, Ewald's Cafe and Lounge, and the Corsica Implement. Growth in the economic community also provides a lot of possibilities for Corsica.

Even though we have invested much money in the present growth of Corsica, how much have we invested in the future of Corsica? It's time to build a new school.

Soon we will be sending our students to neighboring schools because our facilities are so inadequate our school will have to be closed. When we have to start sending our students to other towns, the people's interest and money will be invested in the towns where they send their children. What will happen to the present growth of our community then?

Let's invest our money and interest in the growth of our business district, residential areas, and school facilities. All together we can maintain the growth in Corsica. Ignoring the need for a school building may endanger Corsica as a future community.

For angry words designed to shriek - you'll later have to eat.

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# School prodded to develop sex education course

**Editor's note:** This article was taken from the Brandon Valley High School ECHO, dated March 3, 1978.

A recent survey by this newspaper showed that there is a definite need for students to be educated in the area of human sexuality. The figures compiled showed, for example, that while 60% of the seniors who are sexually active use contraceptives, only 22% of the freshmen do so.

These and other figures from the survey indicate that students' knowledge of their sexuality rises only as they grow older--in other words, it appears that they are learning from experience rather than from teachers, parents, or books.

We don't feel it should be this way. Students of the BV school district should have the right to learn the complete facts of

life and what these facts mean to them in context of their own value systems before they enter high school in seventh and eighth grade if not sooner. These facts need to be known by all students as they mature into young adults.

The Administrative Rules of South Dakota, issued by the State Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, require that a health class be taught along with physical education in junior high. At present, there is no such class in our school system, although some of the things that might be covered are taught in seventh grade science.

We suggest that a junior high health course be instituted, since it is required by the Administrative Rules. Such a course could be used not only for

the instruction of sex education, but also for such topics as mental health, first aid, personal hygiene, drug and alcohol education, personality development, and numerous other areas which are of importance to the developing teenager.

One of a junior high and senior high school's functions is to help prepare students for life as an adult. Are the two schools doing their job in this area? We think, in the areas of human sexuality and health, that they are not. The facts must be made known to all students. As these young adults face the pressures of adolescence, they must be prepared and educated enough to make their own value judgements based on knowledge rather than ignorance.

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# Why so many can't read

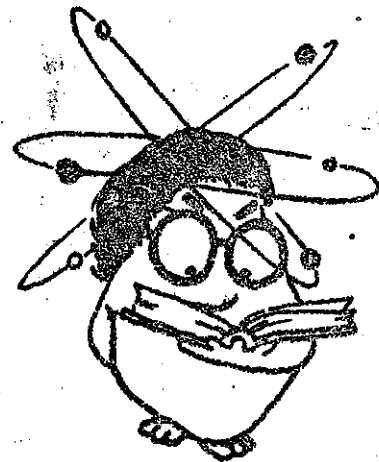
"One out of every four students has significant reading deficiencies. Millions of Americans are unable to read well enough to pass a driver's examination - write well enough to fill our applications for Medicare and welfare - read warning signs for poison - or address an envelope properly for the mail."

So says David J. Yarrington in his latest book, The Great American Reading Machine, published by Hayden Book Co., N.J.

"This book," Yarrington says, "is about how reading is taught and not taught."

Yarrington, head of the Lake Superior State College, blames America's reading ills on:

1. The interlocking self-interest of national, state, and local education bureaus
2. Materials publishers
3. Education professors and their disciples in the schools
4. School administrators
5. Private reading experts
6. Unsuspecting teachers



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Smile! It's easy to be happy. Think, too! It's easy to be a smiling moron

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It is difficult to believe that one is telling the truth when you know you would lie if you were in his place.

## Girls out to defend Region Title

Girls' Track started Monday, March 13, with 20 girls out for practice.

The girls will be defending their Region 6 Title from last year with 11 returning letterwomen. Last year 10 new school records were set.

The events and record holders are: 100 and 220 yard dash, Suzanne Fisher; 440 yard dash, Deb King; 880 yard run, Becky Weerheim; mile run, Sharlene Drefs; 440 and 880 yard relay, Deb King, Sheryl Beukelman, Barb Peters, and Suzanne Fisher; medley relay, Kim Van Roekel, Cherie Bakker, Barb Peters, and Sheryl Beukelman; mile relay, Cherie Bakker, Sheryl Beukelman, Deb King, and Barb Peters; two mile relay, Cindy Baier, Rose Drefs, Sharlene Drefs, and Becky Weerheim.

The girls that are out this year are: Barb Peters, Sheryl Beukelman, Deb King, Rose Drefs, Suzanne Fisher, Kim Van Roekel, Renee Peters, Ione Star, Brenda Buck, Laura De Vries, Carla Sipma, Ardis Everson, Rhonda Flooster, Sharlene Drefs, Cherie Bakker, Kathy Kredit, Lori Gruenewald, Cindy Weerheim, Gina Dockendorf, and DeAnn Gruenewald. Dianne Menning is the student manager and statistician.

## Honor Roll announced

Those who made the "A" Honor Roll are: Seniors: Scott Muckey and Paullette VandenHoek; Juniors: Sheryl Beukelman; Sophomores: Cindy Baier; Freshmen: Jim Beukelman, Dennis Hup and Carla Sipma.

Those who made the "B" Honor Roll are: Seniors: Veon Bormann, Elaine DeVries, Londa Groeneweg, Denise Markus, Laura Noteboom, Phyllis Olawsky, Colleen Olivier, Russell Olson, Barb Peters, Joy Uilenberg, and Karen Vreugdenhil; Juniors: Cheryl Bamberg, Mark Bormann, Dave Buck, Rose Drefs, Connie  
HONOR ROLL (cont. on pg. 7)

## TRACK SCHEDULE

The schedule hasn't been finalized because of the amount of snow on the ground yet.

The tentative schedule is:

April	7	Dan Lennon Relays (Girls)	Vermillion
	8	Dan Lennon Relays (Boys)	Vermillion
	15	Corn Palace Relays (Both)	Mitchell
	18	Flyer Invitational (Both)	Freeman
	26	Raiderette Relays (Girls)	Stickney
May	2	Menno Relays (Both)	Menno
	5-6	Howard Wood Relays (Both)	Sioux Falls
	12	CBH Conference (Both)	Kimball
	19	Regional (Both)	
	26-27	State (Both)	

The dates are subject to change and there will be more meets added as they are scheduled.

## New coach gears boys

Eighteen men are off and running into a new track season. There are six returning lettermen.

They are: Les Groeneweg, Scott Muckey, Dwight Flooster, Rod Van Roekel, Jeff Hamburg, and Mark Bormann. The tracksters will be led this year by a new coach, Dan Backland.

Members of the team are: Les Groeneweg, Scott Muckey, Rod Van Roekel, Jeff Hamburg, Dave Buck, Troy Noteboom, Dwight Flooster, Mark Bormann, Tim Noteboom, Dave Bordewyk, Bryan Bakker, Barry Bordewyk, Tom Dockendorf, Jim Beukelman, Bryan King, Doug Olivier, Brent Spencer, and Kevin Fey.

## Coming Events

March	30	Corn Palace Music Festival
April	10	School Board Meeting
	13, 14, 15	Musical - Li'l Abner
	21	Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet
	24	Assembly Program. 12:30
	28	High School Spring Concert
		Industrial Arts Fair

## Li'l Abner continues in full swing

Miss Marjorie Wagner is directing her third musical, *Li'l Abner*, to be presented to the public April 13, 14, and 15.

The cast and crew are almost finished with the dance steps and scenery. Now more emphasis is being placed on dialogue and music.

*Li'l Abner* is a story concerned with the endless efforts of Daisy Mae (Lori DeVries) to get *Li'l Abner* (Tim Engelland) to marry her.

Along with this, the government decides, after many years of research, that the town of Dogpatch is the most suitable for the testing of atomic bombs. But, Mammy Yokum (Phyllis Olawsky), *Li'l Abner's* mother, wants to stay where she is no matter what the government says and the plot unfolds.

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TO BOTH  
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TEAMS



### HONOR ROLL (cont. from pg. 6)

Everson, Brian Jendersee, Debra King, and Nancy Spaans; Sophomores: Brian Bakker, Dave Bordewyk, Suzanne Fisher, Tim Noteboom, Lynette Olawsky, and Marcia Olson; Freshmen: Brenda Buck, Laura De Vries, Tom Dockendorf, Bryan King, Doug Olivier, Rhonda Plooster, Ione Star, and Brenda Zomer.

## Stage band competes at jazz festival

The Corsica High School stage band attended the "Jazz on Upper Great Plains Festival" hosted by the Augustana College of Sioux Falls on March 15.

Twenty-seven school bands from Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota participated in the festival in the three different classes. Corsica competed in the third class. Each band had 25 minutes to set up, to perform, and to work with the judge. They were all criticized and will receive their criticism sheets at a later date. The two outstanding bands from each class received trophies and were able to perform in an evening concert. The top bands in each class were: 'A'-Mapleton, Iowa; 'B'-Arlington, South Dakota; and 'C'-Marion, South Dakota.

Louie Bellson a Jazz drummer was the guest soloist, adjudicator, and clinician at the festival. He judged and worked with class 'A'. He also gave a clinic on drumming.

After the Corsica band had finished performing, it was free to listen to any of the other bands perform.

There was a three hour concert in the evening in which the three first-place winners played their numbers, the Augustana band called Northlanders Jazz Ensemble performed, and the two guest judges also performed in the concert.

## Pop's Concert draws large crowd

The third annual Pop's Concert was presented on Tuesday, March 21 featuring the swing choir, stage band, and soloists.

Directors for the program were Mrs. Maribeth Hoek and Mrs. Brian Lund. Miss Marjorie Wagner helped with special lighting for the stage.

The gym was lit by candles which were placed on each table. Bars and punch furnished by the mothers of the students in the swing choir and stage band were served throughout the program by various waitresses.

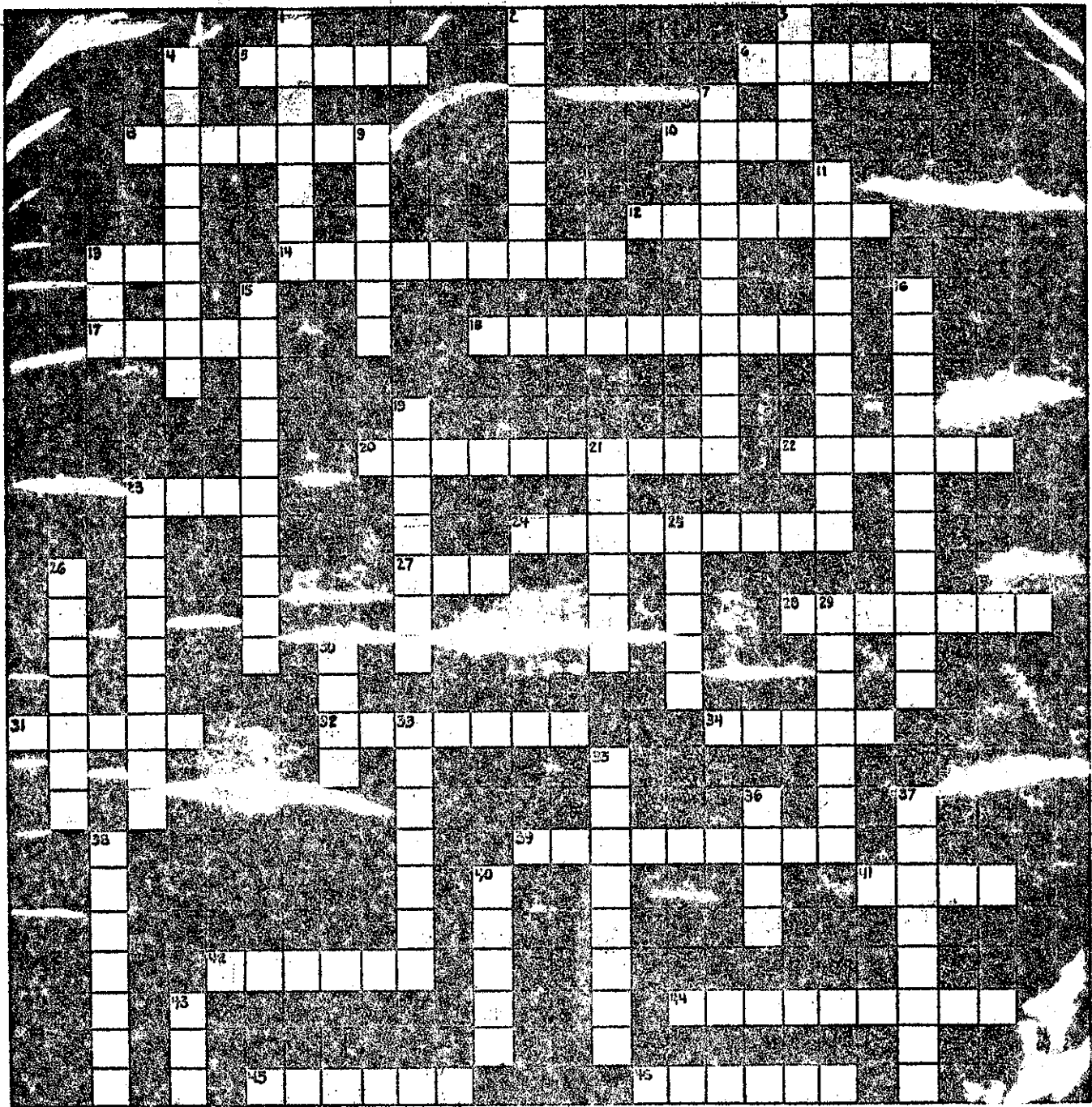
The swing choir sang eight songs consisting of: "Annie's Song," which fea-

tured the girls, "Boogie Nights," "Here Comes That Rainy Day Feeling Again," "Life is a Song Worth Singing," "Rock the Boat," "Sir Duke," "S.O.S.," and "You Make Me Feel Brand New."

The stage band played eight numbers consisting of: "Star Wars," "Piece of Cake," "Naudia's Theme," "Valley is Swingin'," "Pametto Bug," "Evergreen," and "Overtime."

There were also three numbers consisting of Renee Peters who sang "Ben," Doug Olivier who sang "Don't Give Up On Us," and Carmen Zwart, Suzanne Fisher, and Sheryl Beukelman who sang "My Heart Belongs To Me."

# 1978 NWW Crossword



## Down

1. Protect wildlife \_\_\_\_\_ (the place an animal lives) and you help wildlife.
2. The dodo is \_\_\_\_\_ (this means it's gone forever).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is part of habitat; animals eat it.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ are animals that eat other animals (rhymes with creditors).
7. \_\_\_\_\_ sprayed on fields can kill wildlife.
9. Planting \_\_\_\_\_ in your yard supplies food and nesting places for animals (rhymes with cubs).
11. \_\_\_\_\_ lands furnish food and oxygen and protect soil from blowing or washing (rhymes with glass).
13. A \_\_\_\_\_ in the Tennessee River threatens the life of a small fish, the snail darter (rhymes with clam).
15. The American crocodile has moved from the \_\_\_\_\_ list to the endangered list (means its falling population faced threats).



- 16. An animal needs a good \_\_\_\_\_ to have a good life (means surroundings).
- 19. \_\_\_\_\_ helps keep populations of game animals like deer at healthy levels.
- 21. A game \_\_\_\_\_ enforces laws protecting game.
- 23. \_\_\_\_\_ aid man by burying acorns which grow into trees.
- 25. \_\_\_\_\_ action is sometimes necessary to protect wildlife (rhymes with eagle).
- 26. \_\_\_\_\_, the first Americans, supported themselves partly by hunting.
- 29. \_\_\_\_\_ helps decide where and how an animal or plant lives.
- 30. Birds cannot live without places to \_\_\_\_\_
- 33. \_\_\_\_\_ is the study of living things and how they relate to their environment.
- 35. One of these in your backyard gives birds a drink and a bath.
- 36. The sale of federal \_\_\_\_\_ stamps raises millions of dollars each year for the purchase of waterfowl habitat.
- 37. \_\_\_\_\_ captive falcons and freeing the offspring in the wild assists in restoring the endangered peregrine (rhymes with seeding).
- 38. National wildlife \_\_\_\_\_ are home for many wildlife species.
- 40. A \_\_\_\_\_ as well as an animal can become endangered.
- 43. With the aid of \_\_\_\_\_, wildlife has a good future.

### Across

- 5. Without \_\_\_\_\_ (a part of habitat), wildlife dies.
- 6. Habitat includes \_\_\_\_\_ (rhymes with lover).
- 8. A common bird food growing on dogwood.
- 10. A \_\_\_\_\_ patch is a place where quail can hide; in a garden we pull it out.
- 12. Where fresh and salt water meet and many animals eat.
- 13. This pesticide has caused eggshell thinning in eagles and falcons (abbreviation).
- 14. Man's help has kept the \_\_\_\_\_ swan alive.
- 17. A wetlands area where ducks can breed (rhymes with harsh).
- 18. \_\_\_\_\_ piles provide shelter for rabbits, other creatures.
- 20. \_\_\_\_\_ have seeds that birds and people like.
- 22. \_\_\_\_\_ from the sun is clean and plentiful.
- 23. \_\_\_\_\_ is an animal fat you can put into a feeder for birds.
- 24. The \_\_\_\_\_ warbler breeds only in one state, Michigan.
- 27. When snow and \_\_\_\_\_ cover the ground, birds and other animals may find food scarce.
- 28. Biology is the \_\_\_\_\_ that is the study of life (rhymes with clients).
- 31. Carbon monoxide is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ in auto exhausts.
- 32. Over 170 \_\_\_\_\_ of U. S. animals are now listed as endangered.
- 34. The robin likes \_\_\_\_\_ and insects.
- 39. A man-made place for birds to live.
- 41. Use of un \_\_\_\_\_ ed gasoline in newer cars reduces pollution.
- 42. \_\_\_\_\_ skies would be worse without government air pollution rules.
- 44. \_\_\_\_\_ saves steel, aluminum, paper, and glass, and improves the environment.
- 45. If there is not enough food for deer, some may \_\_\_\_\_ (rhymes with carve).
- 46. The peregrine \_\_\_\_\_ flies faster than any other bird of prey.

ACROSS:  
 5. water, 6. cover, 8. berries, 10. weed, 12. estuary, 13. DOT,  
 14. trampoline, 17. marsh, 18. brush, 20. sunflower, 22. energy,  
 23. nut, 24. strling, 27. ice, 29. orange, 31. gear,  
 32. nut, 33. recycling, 35. berries, 36. falcon,  
 37. breeding, 38. cones, 39. birdhouse, 41. lead, 42. energy,

DOWN:  
 1. habitat, 2. estuary, 3. food, 4. predators, 7. pesticides,  
 9. shrubs, 11. grass, 13. dam, 15. conservation, 16. environment,  
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