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Cast members for "Oklahoma"



Cast and chorus of "Oklahoma"

"Oklahoma" Is A Smashing Success

by Mrs. Joyce Keith

Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma," the musical presented by the drama and music departments of Corsica High School, can be termed, so far, as a smashing success. The smiling cast took a few minutes from their busy schedule to pose for a picture and invite everyone who has not already seen the first two performances on Tuesday, March 26, and Wednesday, March 27,

to attend the final performance Thursday evening beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Many of the members of both the cast and the crew will be the first to admit that during the many hours of rehearsal time they began to wonder if spending countless hours learning lines, tossing and turning on sleepless nights worrying if all will go well, missing all those precious

hours of studying and watching grades go down is really worth it. But when they perform before an audience, especially an appreciative, responsive audience, they wish the musical could last indefinitely. Then it all does seem worth it! After Thursday night's performance, Corsica High's presentation of "Oklahoma" will be a memory—a very pleasant memory for all involved.

KENT FISHER MAKES ALL-CONFERENCE BASKETBALL

by Randy Dockendorf

Corsica High School had the honor of placing someone on the All-Conference team this year. The member of Coach Kreitlow's Comets happened to be Kent Fisher, a junior guard. On the year, Kent scored 328 points, for a 13.7 per game average. In the rebounding department,

he gathered in 61 rebounds.

This year the players themselves voted, but not for a member of their school. The players got votes from 10 to 1, with the top 12 scorers making the team. The coaches counted the ballots at the conference meeting.

COMING EVENTS

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10 Business Contest

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Parent-Teacher

Conferences Nearing

by Steven Bamberg

How well do your parents think you are doing in school? Well, they will be informed at the parent-teacher conference on Friday, March 29 beginning at 8:00. Each parent will be given a specific time to meet with their children's teachers. There will be no scheduled class held on this day.

DRINKING and DRIVING Can Be Dangerous

by Randy Olawsky and Terry Hall

Alcohol provides some people with more pleasure than pain. As a result, they keep on drinking. Drinking may be a social act, but drinking and driving is also a criminal act. In just the pleasant state of South Dakota, your odds of being killed on highways are about one in 2,000. These odds wouldn't be one-half as bad if you didn't drink and drive.

When you drink alcohol, the alcohol is absorbed in the blood and thus destroys brain cells. This makes you dizzy, dumb, and dangerous to yourself and others.

Some people say a drink or two will not hurt anyone. This is maybe true in one sense, but one or two drinks bring the Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) up to .03%. Even at this low level, judgement and inhibitions start dropping. At about .04%, the odds start showing greater accident involvement. The effects of headlights and "night blindness" lasts longer. Two or three drinks and the BAC is usually up .05%. Side vision is reduced to almost nothing, and intersection crashes are more likely to occur. Slight blurring of your vision will also occur. At .06% BAC, a driver's probability of causing an accident is twice that of zero BAC. For almost every person, driving judgement and ability are seriously impaired at .08% BAC. In two states, this is ground for DWI arrest. A 150 pound driver with 5 drinks has reached .10% BAC. This is the alcohol limit for driving in South Dakota. If he is arrested he becomes subject to a 30, 60, or 90 day license revocation and fines.

ALCOHOL

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SUPERINTENDENTS

COMMENTS

Have you ever tried to improve your spelling, perhaps, your reading speed, your fast-ball pitch, or your study habits? Did it seem that the harder you tried, the less progress you made? Did you think the whole world...luck... "they" were against you-- the cause of your failure?

Well, here's something to cheer you up. Most successful people have left behind them a trail of failures. The only difference is that successful people learned from their experience. There is an old saying, "If you never made a mistake, it is because you never did anything." But there is another chapter and verse to that.

"Unless we learn from the past, we are doomed to make like mistakes in the future", a philosopher once said. So don't blame your failures on the word, or luck; don't say "they" are against you. Instead, set your goal, work toward it, make your mistakes, and learn from them. Success isn't being 100 percent right. Success is only a favorable balance between achievement and failure.

WATCH
for your
EASTER
BUNNY!!

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FUTURE IS UP TO YOU

by Carol Hubers

"Do your best and never sluff off!!" As you can tell, the author of this philosophy is a serious kind of person when it comes to work.

"Having fun is fine and life would be lousy without it, but when it comes to something that counts, get in there and do it right."

The records that we leave now will effect us in the future. So next time you don't feel like studying for that test, think of this philosophy. When you've got the time, goofing off is fine. When it's time to be serious, think about your duty to yourself!

MATH CONTEST

TO BE HELD

by Doris Niewenhuis

The annual CEH mathematics contest will be held on April 11 at White Lake. Registration will be held in the gym after which, at 1:00, a one hour test will be given. Medals will be awarded for the first three places in each of the four divisions. The first five places will earn team points. High team will win a traveling trophy. Each school may enter three students in each division. Miss Wagner has not yet selected Corsica's contestants. So math students, sharpen your pencils and win Corsica honors at this year's contest.

THINK
POSITIVE!!

Voters--Register Now Take Heed Of Warning

by Chris Meeter

Attention all students who will be 18 before November 5, 1974--Your time is just about shot. Please, heed this warning!!

In order to vote in the primary on June 4, you must be registered by at least May 20.

"Big deal, who wants to vote in the primary. It's the general election I'm worried about." If this is your attitude, I beg you, Pay Heed!

Many young adults, when granted the right to vote, rejoiced in the fact that they finally had a voice in the government. What one fails to realize is that, in order to have a real voice in the government, one has to have his say as to the choice of party candidate. This is the purpose of the primary election, selection of the party's candidate.

You are eligible to vote in the South Dakota primary election if:

- A. You will be 18 on or before the general election.
- B. You've lived in the U.S. for 5 years and are a natural born or naturalized citizen.
- C. You've lived in South Dakota for at least one year.
- D. You've lived in your county 90 days.
- E. You've lived in your precinct 30 days.

It is your constitutional right and duty as a legal adult to vote. So put your body in motion, and truck on down to the Court House, and register NOW!!

FAYE MENNING CHOSEN

FOR ALL-STATE

by Chris Meeter

On March 23 at the Civic Arena in Aberdeen, 150 of South Dakota's best high school musicians will gather for the annual All State Band Concert, under the direction of Col. A. Gabriel director of the U.S. Air Force Band. Faye Menning from C.H.S. is a member of this extremely talented group of students

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It is not who is right but what is right that is of importance.

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It takes both rain and shine to make a rainbow.

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Wise men are not always silent, but they know when to be.

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Live so that you won't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.

Seniors Plan Skip Days

by Mary Van Roekel

The beginning of the last nine weeks brings signs of relief from the seniors. It is their last nine weeks of high school. Along with the last nine weeks comes the start of open campus for the seniors. They are no longer required to be in study hall.

The results from the sheets of consent that were sent home with the seniors were all turned in. The school board also gave their approval and the seniors

have been given permission to go on skip days. They may go anywhere within or out of the state within a reasonable distance. The seniors unanimously decided to go to the Black Hills. A bus will be chartered and the seniors will leave Friday morning and return Saturday night.

The seniors are reminded to pick up their senior announcements at Cora's office.

FRESHMEN

MOVE

AHEAD.

by Wanda Oakland

Not too much activity has been going on in the freshman class lately. But that doesn't mean that there are clear skies ahead. We are nearing the close of our third nine weeks, so we will all be studying for our nine weeks tests.

Some of the freshman have parts in our school play, "Oklahoma". They are working hard to get prepared before the first performance. It will be a pleasure to see this play which took a lot of hard and long work.

Not only are the guys working out in the gym for track, but you will also see a large number of girls participating in track.

JUNIORS

NEAR

END

by Gloria Spaans

Before this paper gets out, the third nine weeks will be over and the juniors will be on the home stretch with only one more year left to go.

Prom also is getting closer, and we should get into the groove of working on it again. It's closer than what we realize!

The juniors have been quite busy with the big assignments given after the State "B's" and also with nine week tests.

Track has started again but this year there is a change. The girls were also offered track. This is a big change for the girls and it is greatly appreciated.

SOPHOMORES

PLAN PROJECT

by Deb Bartelt

The end of the 3rd-nine-weeks is coming to a close. For the sophomores, it seems unbelievable. It seems as if only yesterday we were beginning high school. Many events have kept our days full and busy.

The prom waitresses and waiters have recently been chosen. They are as follows: Deb Arit, Deb Eggers, Helen Van Dyke and Linda Van Genderen, waitresses; Mick Schrank, Randy Dykstra, Randy Olawsky, and Terry Hall, waiters.

The sophomores have in the last week become engaged in a new project. They are putting together two papers resembling those of 100 years ago in England.

Along with the other high school classes, the sophomores, both girls and boys, are participating in track. There are 9 girls and 6 boys representing the sophomore class in this sport.

ALL-STATE

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Tryouts for participation took place in Mitchell, January 11. Bonnie De Boer, flute; Darwin Brouwer, bass; Kathy Kuyper, alto sax; and Faye Menning, baritone waited breathlessly for the results to be announced at the South Dakota Band Masters meeting, February 9.

All total points tallied, Faye was awarded participation in All State Band. Kathy just missed participation by one point.

"Congratulations" to all four students for their showing.

BE SURE TO ATTEND THE PROM

ON APRIL 19!!

BOY STATER IS CHOSEN

by Arleen Spaans

Boys State is an event held annually at Aberdeen. It is sponsored by the American Legion. The purpose of it is to help youth understand and appreciate the American system of government and way of life. They also try to give the boys a better knowledge of the fundamental principles of government within the State of South Dakota.

The representative from Corsica this year will be Dale Weerheim. Dale has served as vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the junior class. He is active on the school paper and the annual staff, participates in school plays, football, wrestling and track, and is a member of the Safety Council. Dale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Weerheim.

Alternate to Boys State is Dave Reimnitz. Dave's activities include wrestling, basketball, football, track, golf, chorus, junior class Student Council Representative, and he has participated in the Math Contest. Dave is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Reimnitz.

BIRTHDAY SUIT

'STREAKS' AGAIN

by Lois Kennedy

"It's a bird, it's a plane, no it's stalker." If you ever go walking down the street and see a guy riding a motorcycle, with no clothes on, in 20° weath-

Results Of Television Questionnaire Shown

by Mrs. Joyce Keith

Section two of the Freshman English class, compiled the following results from their recent television questionnaire which was given to all high school students.

Friday night ranked well ahead of all other evenings as the favorite night for television viewing.

Movies seemed to be preferred over regular television programs only by a small margin.

Mystery movies pulled into first place as the type of movie the viewer prefers to watch, while comedy movies finished a close second.

The top three favorite shows as determined by the high school students were "Happy Days," "All in the Family," and "The Rookies," in that order.

"Beat the Clock" placed a definite first as the television program that should be cut off the air.

The majority of the students do not feel television is getting to liberal and the majority also felt they would watch R- and X-rated movies on television (if their parents weren't home or didn't care.)

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er, don't think anything of it, he's just one of your ordinary streakers. It seems that streakers don't really care where they do their thing as long as there is a crowd around so they'll be sure to get attention, like during half-time of a basketball game, through a radio station, down main street on a horse or motorcycle and countless other places. After a number of streakers had ridden a bus, the bus driver was asked if the majority of the streakers riding his bus were male or female; he said he didn't know because they had masks on.

Why are they doing what they're doing? No one is really sure. Some say they are doing this as a protest against the government. Some may be doing it for money (although one man found that it wasn't so profitable when he had to See STREAKING

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CBH BUSINESS

CONTEST IS

SCHEDULED

by Evelyn Van Dyke

The annual CBH business contest will be held on April 10 at Mitchell Vocational Technical School. Although contestants have not been chosen, there will be three contestants entered in each of the four divisions. The divisions are typing I, typing II, book-keeping, and shorthand. No contestants can be in more than one division.

Contestants will lunch at Vo-Tech and afterwards will be taken on a tour through the school.

Medals will be awarded to the contestants who win the first three places in each division and a trophy for the school which scores the most points.

Track Season Takes Form

by Randy Olawsky

While driving your car, motorcycle, or bicycle you have probably seen a bunch of goofy kids in their pajamas running on the road. You know what this is? Due to the energy crisis, kids are now running to and from school. No, this is not the reason!! The dreadful track season has come again and everyone, including the girls at CHS, are now trying their best to get in shape.

seven meets, excluding the regional and state meets. The prospects for this season look quite promising according to Coach Kreitlow "We should be good if everyone does the best they can and by keeping the right attitude." The returning lettermen include six juniors, and four sophomores.

With the girls out for track, this should help the boys keep their mind off the agonizing task of working their hardest.

cont. from col. 1 going to be a little different view that the people of Corsica see. There are also going to be girls out running with the boys.

C.H.S. has started girls track this year and most of the girls that went out seem to be enjoying their new sport. The girls track team will be doing everything the boys do. First they do their exercises, then run.

The boys at C.H.S. seem to enjoy girls track almost as much as the girls do. With the girls out running, it seems to make a few of the boys run faster than usual.

BASKETBALL

LETTERMEN

NAMED

by Randy Dockendorf

The basketball lettermen for the 1973-74 season have been announced by Mr. Kreitlow. They are: Sam Reimnitz, Al Heber, Dick Bordewyk, and Bruce Zomer, seniors; Mike Noteboom, Kent Fisher, Duane Vanden Hoek, Arend Kuyper, Curt Mulienburg, Scott Beukelman, and Roger Flooster, juniors; and Randy Olawsky, sophomore.

FEMALES

KEEP PACE

WITH MALES

by Dale Weerheim

Once again the people of Corsica and the surrounding countryside can see a bunch of kids running around in sweatshirts and sweatpants. It's that time of the year again for track to start.

This year though, it's cont. col. 2

FEMALE

TRACKSTERS

MAKE DEBUT

by Carol Hubers

If you get hit by a flying discus or side-swiped by a girl racing around the gym, don't WORRY! It's only the girls of Corsica trying to prove that they will be good in track if they only work a little.

Alot of the guys are laughing at the girls who are out, so they plan to prove that they're not a laughing matter. The girls from this school have been fighting for the right to have a track team for four years now. They don't need to be humored, they need support. They want Corsica High School to be proud of their accomplishments and to help them over their rough spots. The girls track team of 74 wants to prove that a "winning team" isn't always a male team!

cont. from col. 2 not willing enough to put forth the energy that this sport requires. They hate the agonizing tasks of running hard.

Only one thing can be said: When we get out of school and are on our own, we will have to do some things that we will hate to do. How will we face these situations? Some guys are very talented in track, and in other things, also, but just don't have enough ambition to prove themselves. Don't act like a slouch by not doing the hard things. What you do now will pay off later!

PROVE YOURSELF--

WORK HARD

by Randy Olawsky

Track is a sport that takes a lot of guts and determination to become a winner. It is a sport that many kids don't like because they think it is a waste of time or they are just

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CONGRATULATIONS

DALE AND BEV!!!

STREAKING

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give all the money he made to a charitable organization), and others are doing it because they want to be different (they're proving that they're different all-right). Whatever their reasons, one thing is clear, they're getting plenty of publicity. Some businesses have even started using streaking as a new advertising campaign. Such as "DO not be bashful, streak on down and get the bare facts," about a certain kind of carpeting.

Streaking isn't just one of those things you read in the paper about some other state or country, but it is happening in South Dakota as well as anywhere else. So the next time you're driving down town be sure to watch the street signs, for, like in Salt Lake City, we might need streaker crossing signs.

TWO WRESTLERS

ATTEND

TOURNAMENT

by Randy Dockendorf
If you went to the Corn Palace March 22 or 23, you most likely saw an auditorium packed with wrestlers running all over the place. This mixed-up scene is not unusual, considering you're in the midst of the State Kid Wrestling Tournament held at Mitchell this year. Out of 800 faces two might look familiar. These belong to Delwyn Colwill (freshman), and Dave Buck (seventh grade.) These two aren't exactly "kids," as they wrestled on the CHS team, which ended with a winning 7-5 record.

PROM PLANS PROGRESS

by Bev Everson

Have you heard? The prom is approaching. The place will be the high school gym, remodeled to fit the theme, "A Time For Us." The day will be Friday, April 19. The colors will be ice blue, midnight blue, and American Beauty pink. The band will be a group known as "Deadwood" from Sioux Falls.

Before the prom is possible, the juniors have a great deal of hard work a-

head of them. Small worries like memory books, class prophesy and 1,000 paper flowers all combined, seem like an insurmountable mountain.

The waitresses have received the material for their outfits and are now working on the dresses. The waiters have been given the shirts for their outfits and are to have them fitted to meet their needs.

THE ROUCHELLES

VISIT CHS

Direct from England, the vocal harmony of the ROUCHELLES come to you for your enjoyment.

An outstanding husband and wife team, Michael and Jennifer Rouchelle have worked with the top British stars and have played all over England. The likable personality of Jennifer and Michael, both on and off stage, has made them popular with audiences wherever they have appeared.

The ROUCHELLES program consists of a great variety of songs ranging from old English folk songs to those of the modern beat. Ballads, country-western, and their own compositions are included in their repertoire. Because of the variety of songs and the versatility of Michael and Jennifer, they can adapt their program to any age level and situation.

THE ROUCHELLES have been arranged under the auspices of the University of Minnesota Program Service, a division of the Department of Concerts and Lectures.

How Far
is
UPI!!

WRESTLING

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Although we didn't get any words of wisdom from the dynamic duo, here is how they earned their way to state.

After placing in the district meet at Tyndall, Dave Buck advanced to the regional in Platte. Here he received fourth in the 80 pound division of 13-14 year olds. Boys above him were from Burke, Platte and Parkston respectively.

Delwyn Colwill went straight to Platte, and fought his way to runner-up spot for 15 years-old at 178 pounds. The only wrestler to top him was from Freeman.

Also placing but not attending state is Keith Weerheim, third at 154 pounds for 15 year-olds. He was nudged out by matmen from Mt. Vernon and Beresford.

HELP PREVENT ACCIDENTS!

by Bonnie DeBoer

Spring is one of the worst times of the year for driving. The roads are slick by freezing slush and are slippery because of melting snow and rain. Drivers must be cautious during weather and road conditions such as these, and they must remember to drive carefully and keep their speed down in order to avoid accidents. 20% of the accidents occurred in accidents which happened on wet roads in bad weather last year. But what about the other 80%? These accidents happened on dry roads in clear weather, so bad weather can't be blamed for everything.

Careless driving while drunk is the major factor leading to accidents on our nation's highways. Excessive speed as the second-ranking major factor. The 235 traffic accidents which occurred in South Dakota because of these and other reasons, killed 294 persons in 1972. The total amount of traffic deaths in the United States was 55,700. You may not drive after drinking and you may not go over the speed limit, but you could be one of the fatalities in next year's count. You could get hit by the "other guy" or you could even slip just once and have an accident yourself.

You can do something to help prevent accidents.

1. Concentrate on what you are doing.
2. Show courtesy to other road users.
3. Practice "defensive driving." Watch out for the "other guy."
4. Take care of your car. Watch especially for faulty lights and brakes and get it inspected on time each year.
5. Don't drive if you're ill, sleepy, disturbed, or under medication.
6. Don't drive even if you've had only a little bit to drink.
7. Avoid "show off" tactics behind the wheel.
8. Keep your speed down to the level you know is comfortable for conditions.
9. Plan (especially with the new speed limit) so you never have to rush where you're going.
10. Update your driving skills.

THE PAPER STAFF

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If you think you must drink and drive, know your limits. You can support these things by staying sober yourself when you drive. Avoid driving in the early morning hours of the week-end when as many as 1 out of 4 drivers may have been drinking. If you really want to help, keep your friends from drinking and driving.

To summarize the things we've said; "Remember if you must drink and drive, it may be you and your friends lives you are dealing with."

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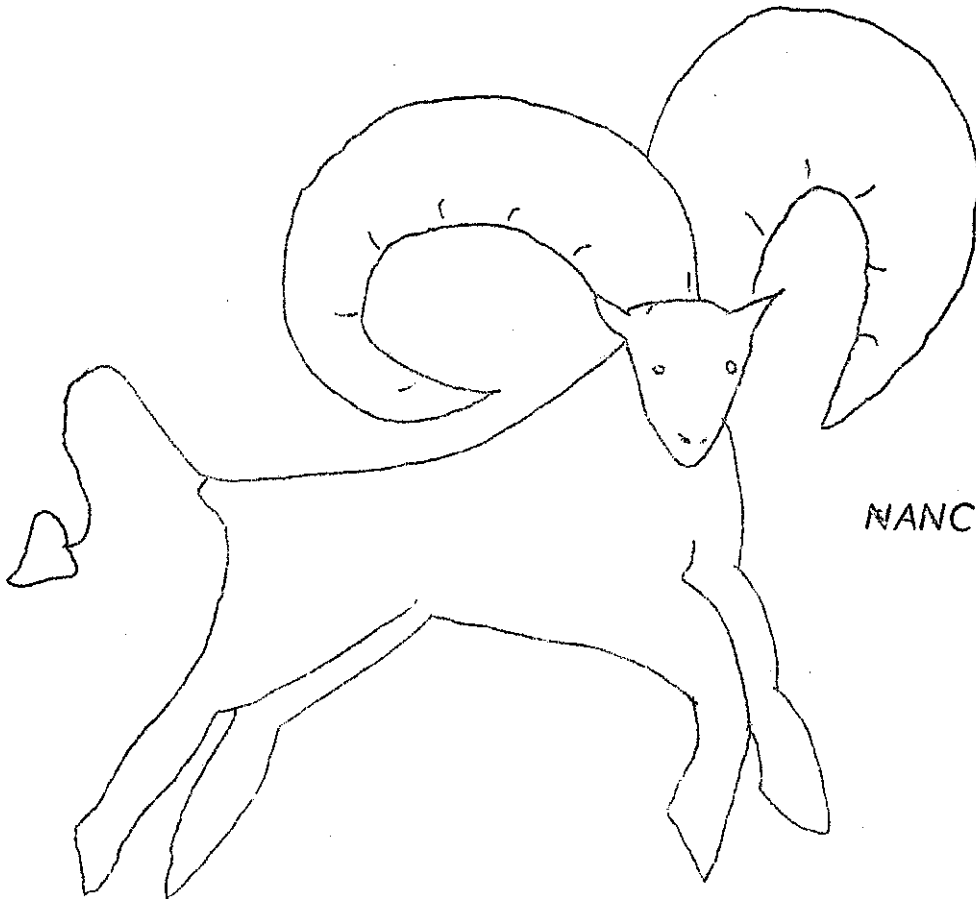
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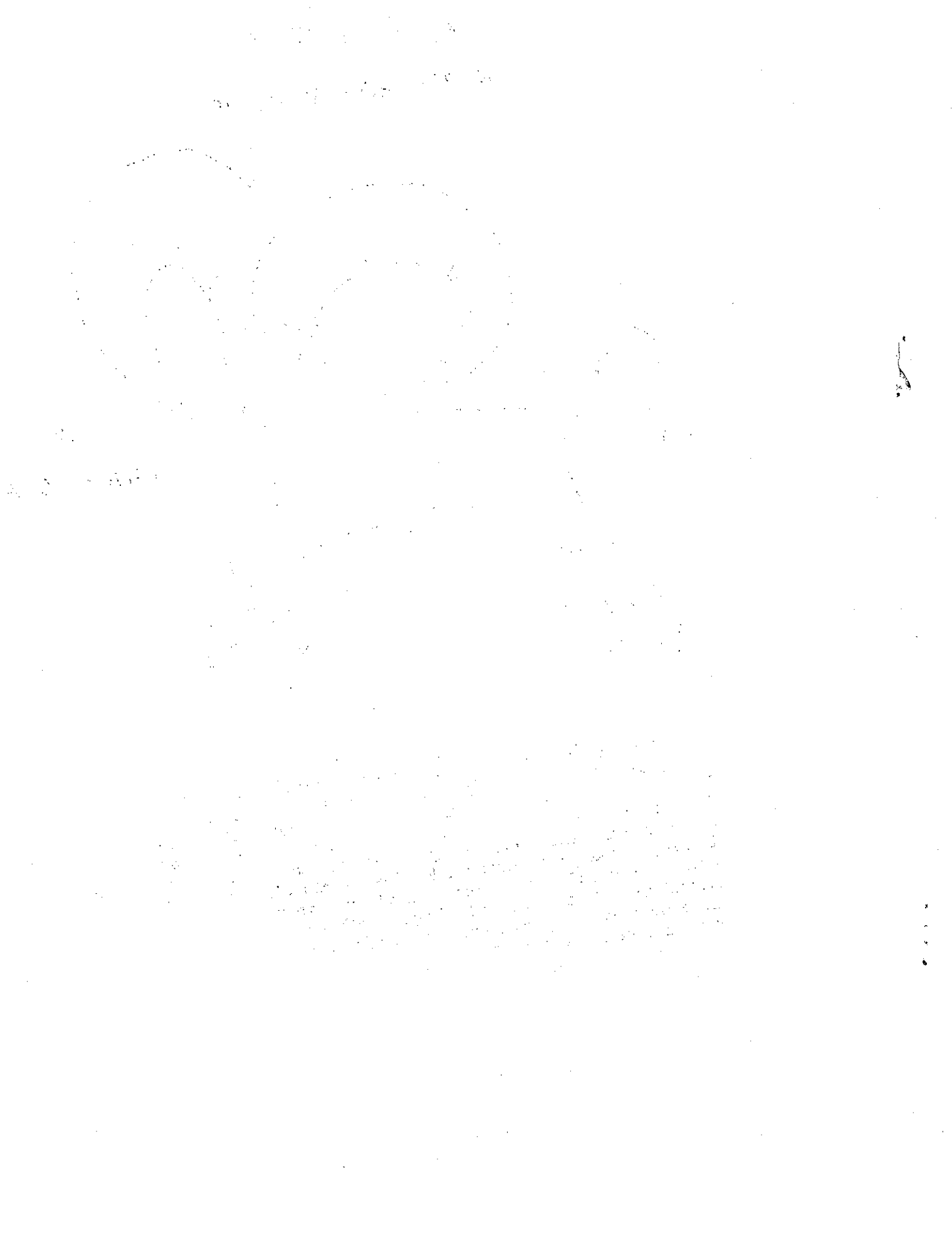
BY

NANCY STAR

Persons born at this time possess the drive and ambition to accomplish what they set out to do and enjoy it. Full of energy, always active, they live a life of exciting experiences. It is possible to expend your talent accomplishing the wrong things. Friends may look at you in awe, loved ones with pride, the world will respect your accomplishments. The ability to think, and the confidence of success will inspire others to copy you and follow your suggestions. Thursday is your lucky day, June and July, your best months.

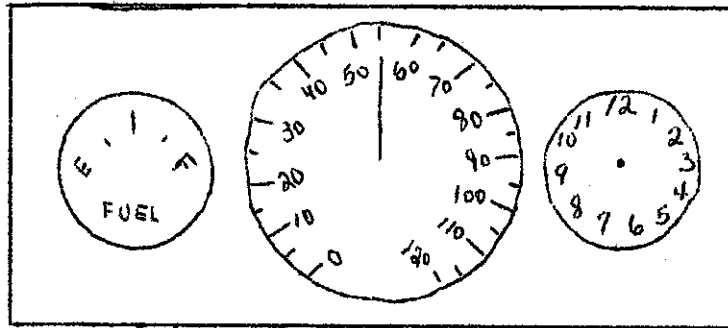
Those born under this sign in C.H.S. are:

March	26	Terry Hall
	30	Renee Tecklenberg
	31	Debbie Eggers
April	5	Cindy Ihnen
		Darwin Brouwer
	7	Donn Bordewyk
	11	Mike Noteboom
	14	Kevin Van Genderen



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