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Ann Sullivan [Tammy Winkler], right, spells out the word 'dog' for her blind-mute student Helen Keller [Susan Parr] as the pet [McKeever Parr] waits impatiently in a scene from the spring play "Miracle Worker". [Photoby Tinny Sahr]

## Production wows audience

The nights of April 18, 21, and 22 were filled with the applause and laughter as the audiences at the spring play enjoyed "The Miracle Worker" in the Choir room at Riggs High.

The play, which took place in the 1880's was the story of Helen Keller, played superbly by Sue Parr, and her early lessons with her Instructress Annie Sullivan characterized by Tammy Winkler.

Assisting the two lead characters as Helen's father and mother were Pat Looby and Shelly Wooley. Aunt Ev, the sophisticated relative of the Kellers was portrayed admirably by Cindy Lenner. Annie's school, where she learned how to spell, learned the deaf alphabet, and all-around self discipline, had the characters portrayed in the form of Dr. Anagonos, Phil Looby and several blind girls, Jayne Barton, Julie Jorgenson, Ann Michael, Gail Dunwoody and Kristy Weischedel. The son of Arthur Keller,

and Helen's brother, James, was firmly established as a major character by Roger Inman.

The servants, one adult and two children, wore black make-up to give the audience the effect of the old South. The Negroes were Collete Bye as Viney, the adult, Lynne Mortenson as Martha, and Bob Neal as Percy, the latter two being the childhood playmates of Helen.

The play was headed by David Shelp, the adviser-director, and the two student directors Hyrma Zakahi and Jenny Jorgenson.

The play had special problems in that because of the size of the choir room, the size of the audience had to be restricted. The lights were another problem because the fuses weren't big enough to house the excessive electrical load placed on them by the large theatrical lights. And the largest problem was in that over half of the actors had never before been in a high school production under Mr. Shelp.

## Two Riggs seniors to join class of '79 at Westpoint

Ralph Flannery and Kevin Hipple have received official notification of appointment to the Class of 1979 at West Point, United States Military Academy.

They will be reporting to West Point, New York for orientation on July 7. They will spend four years at the Academy with a month break each summer and Christmas and spring breaks. After graduation from The Point they are required to accept a five year commission as an officer in the United States Army.

While the West Point academic system is set up in a traditional 2 semester system, there is also approximately two months every summer of participation in various activities designed to prepare them for their career as an officer.

At graduation they will be awarded a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. To qualify for the degree cadets must complete 48 one-semester courses and physical education and military training.

## Parents HEE-HAW Seniors with korny entertainment Food, Fun & Kissing Games

"Maybelle, what do you get when you cross Lassie and a rose?"

"I don't know, Shirley, what do you get when you cross Lassie and a rose?"

"A collie-flower." HEE-HAW

Such corn could only be found at an affair like the Parent-Senior party held in the Riggs gym April 19.

Under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hofer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Simet and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jansen, the parents of the graduating seniors put together a delightful variety of entertainment under the theme of the old-fashioned County Fair.

Big attractions included a men's-only booth and another that served as a kissing post, with those refusing to comply promptly getting a pie in the face.

The entertainment consisted of two 20 minute shows in the Hee Haw tradition. Don Rounds headed up the shows that included a spoof of the Riggs High First Ladies doing their famous "Soul Train" routine (ala senior daddies), various other "musical" numbers, and sketches in true Hee Haw style. The grande finale was the senior parents rendition "We've Grown Accustomed To Your Face" dedicated to their 1975 graduates.

Dance music was provided later by Buddy Ree and the Mystics, and some of the Seniors even managed to coax their parents into a dance or two.

The party's over for another year, and the graduating seniors say thanks to all the great parents who made the evening a wonderful memory.



Senior fathers spoofed the "Soul Train" routine of the First Ladies at the Senior-Parent party Saturday night. [Photo by Kevin Hipple]

# We salute the outstanding . . . . .

Ron Barness, Riggs High senior, won third place and \$25 in the South Dakota Press Women Association Bi-Centennial Early Dakotan interview writing contest.

The contest was open to all high school students in the state, thirty-six entries were submitted. The interview feature story was to be based on the lives or experiences of people who had lived in South Dakota before 1910.

Ron interviewed Leo O'Neal, a 79 year old Pierre man who is a retired rancher and who is now a guide at the Robinson Museum. His story covered the early days along the Missouri River and in the young town of Pierre.

The first prize story, written by Jill Karolevitz from Yankton High School, was about an historic leader Miss Gladys Pyle. The second prize story was about Florence Doris Belmont and was written by Nancy Pettit from Custer High School.

## Business Team

The Riggs High School business team, under the direction of Mr. Charles Fjelstad, took first place in the National College of Business contest in Rapid City on April 11.

Riggs was represented by six students from the high school business classes. They were matched against nineteen other teams from South Dakota, Nebraska, Montana, and Wyoming. The contest is an annual event held in Rapid City on the campus of the National College of Business.

The individual results for the students were: Mona Warne with a third place in Shorthand I, Becky Smith with a second place in Shorthand I. Becky Smith also took second in Business English Grammar. June Opp placed first in Shorthand I giving Pierre the top three places in the Shorthand I contest.

## THE RIGGS HIGH GOVERNOR

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Pam Richards took two firsts, one in Shorthand II and the other in Typing II. Kristy Briggs placed third in Shorthand II and Jim Jones won a second in Business Vocabulary.

## Pierre-Oahe FFA Chapter

We salute the Pierre-Oahe FFA chapter for receiving top activity honors, the State President position and 2nd in their BOAC program at the annual state FFA convention on the campus of SDSU on April 6-8.

The chapter won the National Chapter award for the third time in four years. This award signifies outstanding achievement in all FFA activities. The chapter will now be in competition for the national award.

Galen Keller was elected president of the South Dakota FFA organization at the convention and will represent the state at all FFA national activities during the next 12 months.

Two members, Brad Bonhorst and Galen Keller received the highest individual honors given in FFA on the state level, the State Farmer Degree.

## The 'Queen of Crime' creates masterpiece

**Murder on the Orient Express** originally published as **Murder in the Calais Coach** is a mystery by Agatha Christie the "Queen of Crime". Critics consider this mystery baffler to be her finest. Christie, who is the mistress of the surprise ending, has never offered a more astonishing and, as always, completely logical solution to a murder.

The story is of a three day train journey across Europe that is delayed by snowdrifts on the track. During this delay a man is brutally murdered. Since the snow outside was unbroken the murderer or murderers are thought to be still on board.

Hercule Poirot, a very well known detective, was one of the 14 passengers. As soon as the murder takes place he begins his thorough investigations into the matter. Everyone is a suspect, including himself, when a garment supposedly worn by the murderer or murderers is found in his own compartment.

He questions every passenger until he uncovers a certain kidnapping case in America with which they are all (including the murder victim) associated in one way or another. He then brings all of the suspects together and a most unusual conclusion to the murder is discovered.

If you don't take time to read the book, be sure to see the movie coming to Pierre soon, because if it is half as intriguing as the book it should be very good.

**Deb Bessert**

Qualifications include scholarship, leadership and cooperation in chapter and community activities.

The Pierre-Oahe chapter is only five years old but it has achieved State and national recognition in nearly every phase of FFA activity during that time. Mr. Larry Venner and Mr. Gary Grey, advisers, along with the 75 members of the local chapter is to be congratulated for their achievements and for bringing honors to Riggs High School.

## Mary Kurvink

Mary Kurvink, a Riggs High senior has won the prized State Student of the Year \$100 scholarship from the State Future Nurses Association. She was presented the scholarship and a plaque at the State FNA Convention, April 11 and 12 in Aberdeen.

Mary was selected over 14 other Students-of-the-Year on the basis of scholastic achievement, activities, and a written theme on her interest in a health occupation.

The scholarship has been issued for many years by the State FNA to those members who enter the health field at a South Dakota college or university. Mary, the first Pierre student to receive this honor, will enter pre-medical training at the University of South Dakota in August.

## Bunnies identity revealed



The Funny Bunnies

In a friendly embrace, Kathy Zander and Greg DuBois gaze starry eyed at one another, for the Bunny Contest has ended. Terry Merwin was awarded \$5 for his lucky guess. Kathy and Greg get "many thanks" from the **Governor** staff for being the Easter Funny Bunnies.

# Thinclads win triangular set

The Riggs cinderman, after adjusting their schedule around the snow and the rain, have made a good showing thus far this season.

The thinclads most recent efforts yielded them a first place in a Triangular meet at Pierre with a total of 108 points over Mobridge with 40 and Sully Buttes with 35.

At the Rapid City Track-O-Rama the cindermen were up against tough competition with 50 teams competing. Making a good showing for the Riggs squad were Russ Harrison who placed in the 100 yard dash, Ron Mann who placed in the long jump, and Scott Stabnow placed in the discus.

The Gov's traveled to Miller for a dual contest on April 15. The Govs put forth a gallant effort but lost narrowly 64-77.

Placing foremost in the Pierre lineup were Dan Frost in the 100 yard dash, the team of Terry Hipple, Steve Howard, Tim Witsey, and Dan Frost in the 880 yard relay, Terry Hipple in the 180 low hurkles and Tim Wilsey in the 220 yard dash.

On April 1, the Gov's devastated the Redfield squad on their home track. Terry Hipple and Brad Robinson placed 1st and 2nd respectively in the 70 yard high hurdles. In the 100 yard dash Russ Harrison captured first place as did John Smith in the mile. Russ Harrison took a blue ribbon in the 220 yard dash, and so did Paul Mernaugh in the 2 mile with Tim Stark second. The Gov's did well in the field events, capturing 1st and 2nd in the

## Riggs linksters teeing off season

Pierre's Golf Team, with one week's practice behind them, traveled to Rapid City on Monday, April 21. In competition with both Stevens and Central High School. The Governor golfers faired pretty well. Although R. C. Stevens understroked Pierre 317 to 351, the Gov's were able to down Central, which finished at 362.

Steve Bender, the Gov's top golfer, and freshman Brady Marone lead Pierre with 83 apiece. Bernard Linn finished with 90, Pat Doyle, also a freshman, 95, Brent Lindbloom's 100 rounded out Pierre's score.

Poor weather conditions delayed the opening of the golf course, and as a result, Coach Dick Kennedy was not able to start practice until Monday, April 14.

Some new faces on the green include Bob Mayer and Mark Schuler, along with about fifteen other young golfers with limited experience. All will be trying to earn a place on the five-person team, which now consists of those who competed at Rapid City.

This Friday the team travels to Winner for an Invitational Tournament. At least six schools will be represented, so it will provide a good challenge for the team.

shot-put with Jeff Brusseau hurling for 1st, Scott Stabnow 2nd and Brad Fawcett 3rd. The Govs also dominated the long and high jumps, with Phil Thomas taking 1st in the high jump, Ron Mann 2nd and Doug Rounds 3rd. In the long jump, Phil Thomas captured 1st, Ron Mann 2nd, and Bob Sandstrom 3rd.

The coaches hope their athletes will be in peak form and condition for the state meet in late May.

Mr. Vern Miller is the head track coach and has the direction of the pole vaulters. The distance runners are coached by Mr. Larry Lundeen; the sprinters are under Mr. Tom Ball. The hurtlers are coached by Mr. Bob Judson the field events by Mr. Roger Pries.



Nori Isogai soars to great lengths while broadjumping. [photo by Tinny Sahr]

## Girls track team victorious at Miller

After a disappointing Triangular meet at Redfield where the Pierre girls track team lost to Watertown and Redfield by a slim 8 points, the girls came back with a win against Miller on April 15, to keep their season going strong.

Those placing in the Triangular were Sandy Simmons, 1st in 100 and 200 yard dashes; Deb Hayes, 2nd in 220 yard dash; Jacque Gardner, 3rd in the mile run; Roberta Barnes, 1st in shot and 4th in discus; Joanie Opbroek, 3rd in shot and 3rd in discus.

The mile relay team of Ahlene Stillwell, Deb Winkler, Deb Hayes, and Sandy Simmons came in 1st, and the medley relay team of Ahlene Stillwell, Beth Popowski, Cindy Lenner, and Deb Hayes came in 2nd.

Those who placed in the Miller meet, where Pierre won 76-29, were Sandy Simmons, 1st in 100, 220, and 440 yard dashes; Roberta Barnes, 1st in shot and discus; Deb Hayes, 1st in 880 run and 2nd in high jump; Jacque Gardner, 1st in the mile run; and Joanie Opbroek, 3rd in shot and 2nd in discus.

## Netmen to travel to Bismarck Friday

Pierre will travel to Bismarck on April 25 and 26 to play Bismarck St. Mary's and Bismarck High School. The following week the netmen will travel to Aberdeen to compete with the Roncalli and Central schools.

The Riggs High tennis team was handed their first loss in dual competition at the hands of an experienced Rapid City Central squad by a score of 6-3 on Friday, April 18. The Gov's swept an earlier match at Huron on April 8, winning 8-1.

In the first match of the year at Huron, Pierre swept all the singles matches but the doubles team of Mark and Ralph Flannery were toppled 6-4 for the only loss to the inexperienced Huron team.

The Gov's travelled to Rapid City on April 18, where because of a slight snow flurry they were prevented from completing the second match with Rapid City Stevens. In the singles matches earlier in the day, wins were recorded by Mike Trautner, Mark Flannery, and Allen Olson.

Members of this year's squad include in the No.1 spot Mike Trautner, followed by Jim Thielen, Mark Flannery, Ralph Flannery, Alan Olson, Pat Springer and Mike Hemmelman. Also out this year are Roger Mesteth, Tom Cronin, Derek Hazeltine, Mark Parrot and Mike Springer.

## Soph Cindermen undefeated so far

The Sophomore trackmen have been undefeated thus far this season, despite the limited practice and cancelled events.

Individual competition with Miller the Soph cindermen blew the Miller squad off the track, on April 15, accumulating 102 points to Miller's 25.

Pierre swept the first three places in the 100 yard dash with Jim Bucholz getting 1st, Mark Nelleremoe 2nd, and Tim Washechek 3rd.

The 880 yard relay team of Tim Washechek, Mark Nelleremoe, Steve Johnson, and Bob Truax also ran for a blue ribbon as did the sprint medley team of Nelleremoe, Woodard, Schathorst, and Solberg.

In the field events Pierre swept the long jump - Steve Johnson getting 1st, Dennis Gran 2nd, and Bob Dermer 3rd. In the triple jump, Steve Johnson and Dennis Gran took 1st and 2nd. In the pole vault Tim Rounds was 1st, Pat Looby heaved for a 1st in the shot-put.

In a meet with Redfield on April 1, Pierre again took 1st, beating Redfield with a final score of 55 to 41.

The track coaches are very impressed by the fine showing of the Sophs and are looking forward to next season when this group forms the varsity nucleus.

# 21 Quill & Scroll members initiated at banquet

Twenty-one new members were initiated into Quill & Scroll at the annual banquet held in their honor at the Elks Club April 17. Attending the banquet were last year's members, the initiates, their parents, Mrs. Donlin, **Gumbo** adviser, and Mrs. Ledbetter, **Governor** adviser.

Quill and Scroll is an international honorary society for high school journalists. To qualify for membership in the Society, a student must be a junior or senior in high school, be in the upper one-third of his or her class, and must have done superior work in some phase of journalism.

Senior initiates include Shari Yocum, Kathleen Wold, Mary Thelen, Deb Schuler, Julie Perry, Wanda Ness, Sharon Mayer, Lise Gray, and Hillary Brady, all section editors of the **Gumbo** staff; and Trina Egger, Jim Thielen, Ron Barness, Beth Thomas, Kathy Doyle, and Darleen Mitchell, page editors, and Caroline Burtts, Deb Bessert and Lee Miller, reporters for the **Governor** staff.

The three junior initiates are Elizabeth Sahr, editor of the 1975-76 **Gumbo**, Glea Kruger, editor of next year's **Governor**, and Barb Logan, next year's **Governor** assistant editor.



**Quill and Scroll 1975 members are: back row from the left, Kathleen Wold, Lee Miller, Sherrie Spilde, Deb Bessert, Sharon Mayer, Cathy Doyle, Lise Gray; second row, Barb Logan, Beth Thomas, Trina Egger, Lori Snyder, Caroline Burtts, Darlene Mitchell; third row, Hillary Brady, Wanda Ness, Deb Schuler, Heidi Licht, Shari Yocum, Julie Perry, May Thelen; front, Glea Krueger, Jim Thielen, Ron Barness and Tinny Sahr.**

## Music groups perform and compete

The Riggs High Band, along with three other bands, Sully Buttes, Faulkton, and Gettysburg, participated in a day long musical activity which included rehearsing and a concert that night, at Gettysburg April 14.

The combined band under the direction of Mr. Larry Mitchell, jazz and marching band instructor at USD, Vermillion, assembled at 10:30 a.m. for a full day of musical activities. The students practiced nearly six hours during the day and exhibited their talent at a concert that evening.

Each individual school also displayed each of its own musical abilities by performing a single prepared selection at the beginning of the concert.

The encore of the concert was a selection entitled, "Roosters Lay Eggs In Kansas". This 2 minute song featured seven soloists. Four of them were Riggs High students.

The Riggs High Music Department competed against 18 other schools and won 3 division I ratings at the Region VI music contest at Gettysburg April 16.

The Mixed Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Tim Kahre, Riggs High Chorus director, obtained a Division I rating in the AA Class, the Madrigal Choir, a smaller group, also obtained a Division I rating in a class where all the schools are in a common division.

The Riggs High Stage Band, under the direction of Mr. Gerald Cutshaw, Riggs High Band Director, also received a Division I rating for the 4 selections they had performed.

## Fawcett wins third

Brad Fawcett, Riggs High School Junior, was one of the winners in the West River Math contest sponsored by S.D. School of Mines in Rapid City, April 5.

Twelve Riggs High students participated in the annual contest including seven in third year math and five in fourth year math.

Brad won third in the third year division.

Those participating in the third year division besides Brad included: Alvin Gramm, Randy Gullickson, Brad Vieth, Becky Smith, Erik Johnson and Steve Bender.

Those in the fourth year division were: Jim Butler, Kim Beyer, Raymond Hedman, Chuck Nail, and John McClure. Bob Burrell, math teacher, accompanied the group to Rapid City.



**The award winning writers at Riggs High this year include: from the left back row, Sherrie Spilde, All-State Journalist; Darlene Mitchell, SDHSPA award winner; Beth Thomas, SDWPA Editorial winner; seated, Ron Barness, SDWPA Early Dakotan interview winner and SDHSPA winner, and John Hayes, SDHSPA winner.**

## Three Riggs journalists win honors in state writing contest

Three Riggs High Journalists won honors in the annual South Dakota High School Activities Association 1975 Writing Contest.

Ron Barness received second place in the interview category with his student employment survey which was published in the February issue of the **Governor**. Ron also received two honorable mentions. One for his editorial on Olson and Kneip, and the other in the feature category on the Ford Rally. Both were printed in the October issue.

Darleen Mitchell acquired an honorable mention for her interview with Nori

Isogai, the exchange student from Hekinani, Aicchi, Japan. This was in the September publication.

John Hayes won in the sports category with an honorable mention. His story about hunting fees appeared in the January issue.

Pierre journalists entered seventeen stories and photographs involving all eight categories. The categories included general photographs, sports photographs, general news writing, feature writing, columns, editorials, sportswriting, and interviews.