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Hard work pays off for 'Fiddler' cast

played the lead role, "This was the first full length production I have ever been in and I found it very challenging. It was hard work but it was rewarding."

One of the villagers, Julie Losea, wished, "I would have tried out for plays earlier because I really enjoyed being in Fiddler."

The students practiced for the past month and a half, and although several problems resulted, none were apparent during the final show. According to Bill Mefford, technical head, "It took us a few weeks to build the set and it didn't look like we would finish. We were fortunate to have several fathers aid in extending the stage." The stage was extended 20 feet to make room for the dancers and more acting space.

Costume crew head Eileen Redden stated, "It was a big project to try to line up costumes for everybody. I had a lot of help and co-operation from my crew."

Meeting people and learning new skills was a major reason some students enjoyed the musical so much as exemplified by Karla Richards, "Before, I didn't know anything about special make-up, but now I do, and I had a chance to meet many wonderful people."

Linda Kern, who portrayed the eldest daughter exclaimed, "I got to meet so many people and really got to know them well. We are like a big family and I'll remember these kids forever."

The show, which lasted for 3 hours, was under the direction of Ms. Louise Bormann. "I hope that the rest of the school is as proud of these kids as they are of the debate team, ball clubs, and music students who continue to represent Riggs High School so well." Ms. Bormann summed up her feelings this way, "I couldn't think of a better possible way to end my two years here."

matchmaker, stated, "It was a lot of work but also lots of fun. I miss it already! I am relieved it went as well as it did. I mean, it DID go GREAT, right? Of course, right!"

"Fiddler was more difficult to do than 'Oklahoma' and the role of Golde was much more demanding than any of the other roles I've played," remarked Kriste Smalley.

For many students this musical was the first time they had been in a play. According to Todd Meierhenry, who

"It was the most exciting play that I know of and I'm proud to have been a part of it," exclaimed Janet Chu of the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" in which she had the title role.

"Fiddler on the Roof," which was presented April 6-7 in the Riggs gym, showed how hard work and patience paid off, as more than 60 students performed one of the best plays ever presented at Riggs.

Sonia Gaard e, who played Yente the



Sitting on the roof to play a fiddle sounds crazy. Yes? No. The Riggs drama department explained it musically when they presented their spring musical "Fiddler on The Roof." Lead character Teveya, Todd Meierhenry, faces the challenge of Jewish tradition as the title character, the fiddler, Janet Chu, expresses it in music.

(photo by Tim Socking)

VEGETABLE WARS

Every person knows who will take over the world when humans are gone. Many people side with ants while others tend to root for reptiles. Still more are sure the insect world will have it all. Silly people, all of them, because the answer is obvious.

Fruits and vegetables, all the common garden plants, and all commonly planted farm crops, will assume dominance of the Earth.

In the year 2731 the scene will be like this:

The President of the United States, a large pumpkin, has called an emergency meeting of his cabinet to discuss the ongoing war with the Eastern Hemisphere. Scarred from early childhood by one of the last human beings armed with a butcher knife, the President has a large smile which belies the tense world situation. The cabinet is seated, and President Pumpkin takes his place at the head of the table.

"Gentlemen," he begins, "I don't have to tell you the deep trouble we're in. Instead I'll give you this. The Eastern Hemisphere has threatened to throw everything they have at us..."

that is morally right and decent. And now it threatens Doomsday for the Western Hemisphere.

"... So with that in mind I came to you for help," says the President to his Cabinet. "Have you any suggestions?"

The Cabinet is silent for a while. The President smiles. Suddenly the Sergeant-at-Arms, an onion, rushes into the room with an urgent message, which brings everyone to tears. The message informs the group that the Beets have left to join the Eastern Hemisphere.

"There goes any chance we had of beating them," mutters Cornelius Cotton, the President's right hand plant.

"Aw, what the hell does a cash crop know!" yells Lefty Lettuce as he wilts into nothing.

"Wait, I have an idea," says Petey Potato in his Idaho accent. "Why don't we raise Cane with them?"

"We can't, mourns Andy Apple. "This year's harvest isn't in yet."

Meanwhile, in the back of the room, Otis Oats and Wally Wheat are arguing about whose fault it was that the war started anyway.

The room is in chaos until Stevey Strawberry inquires, "What about the Peas? Couldn't we use them?"

"Nope," sighs the President. "Most of the veterans have black eyes and the others are too green to do any good."

The cabinet falls quiet. Then battle-weary Colonel Corn gets up off his ear and says, "I have heard of a place in Minnesota where can be found our ultimate weapon. But first, we must check the place out to see if it is safe to go there."

Stevy Strawberry sends out a runner who later reports all is safe in Minnesota.

The President and his cabinet board Air Force One and travel to Minnesota. The Colonel leads them on a trip of 136 kilometers until they are on top of a small hill looking down into a beautiful valley. They all travel down into the valley until the Colonel motions them to stop.

"Hallo!" he shouts. He waits, then smiles contentedly. The rest of the group is upset.

"Nothing has happened. Are we out here to waste our time?" asks the President. "We didn't even hear anything." The rest of the group nods in agreement.



"Well, I heard what I wanted to hear. Just wait and be patient," murmurs the Colonel in his husky voice.

Suddenly, in the upper part of the valley a commotion begins. The holders of all that is morally right and decent run away until the Colonel says it is safe to stop.

Up in the valley a shape appears, then rises till its shadow is cast over the President, the cabinet and the entire valley. The gigantic green shape makes a noise which rumbles back and forth across the hills like an earthquake, signaling the beginning of the end for the Eastern Hemisphere.

"Ho! Ho! Ho!..."

Who's Tolly?



Michael Stein



A large groan escapes the cabinet. An all-out assault by the Eastern Hemisphere could just about wipe out the Western Hemisphere.

Ah yes, the deadly Eastern Hemisphere, composed of Brussel Sprouts, Broccoli, Spinach, Okra, Squash and String Beans, this group, if it has its way, will destroy all

Riggs band to have new uniforms next year

Those who have attended Riggs High Homecoming parades for the last few years will be in for a pleasant surprise next October when the band steps out in their new uniforms.

If all goes as planned, the new uniforms should be ready for show at the beginning of the 1979-80 school year.

All students including the 9th graders planning to join band next year will have to be measured before May. Thus everyone will have his "own" band uniform. It will be next year's band that will be most

privileged because after next year, the succeeding students will have to make some adjustments as to fit and comfort of the uniforms.

It is estimated that approximately 85 students have enrolled for next year's band. 100 uniforms have been ordered at the cost of approximately \$15,000.

The whole uniform consists of jacket, pants and shako with plume with a military cadet look. This style was chosen because the trend in band uniforms is back to the military according to Mr. Paul Upsahl band director.



The smart, military-style uniform will be the new look for the Riggs High Band next fall.

The new uniforms are of a lively green and white, while the present ones are a rather dark green.

Mr. Upsahl is pleased to see that the plans for the new uniforms are progressing. He has been searching for the right uniform since the beginning of this school year. The present band members favor his choice. They are just as eager as Mr. Upsahl to try on their new uniforms.

The band will probably make their first appearance in their new uniforms at the Homecoming parade next fall. Mr. Upsahl is also planning for the band to enter possibly two marching contests at two different colleges where the band will perform during their Homecoming parade and will be competing against other high school bands.

Now that a hundred new uniforms are coming in, a hundred old ones must go out. But where? The school board has not yet decided what to do with the old uniforms. It is difficult to get rid of clothes that have "Pierre" on both cuffs and pocket of the jacket and skirt.

Six period day considered by board

Hanging in a circle pattern of the usual 30 day waiting period concerning changes in school policy, is the proposed six hour class periods for Riggs High School schedule for next year.

The seven hour day has been in effect for 10 years, instituted originally because of the shortage of class rooms. This has been alleviated with the new science and library wing.

The six member study committee that took on the schedule problem at Riggs came up with recommendations for a shorter school day beginning at 8:30 and ending at 2:55 p.m.

Within the proposal, the band and special athletic study halls would be out of the regularly scheduled day. Lunch would be in the 4th period from 11:30 to 12:55

continuing the regular A, B and C lunch periods. Each period would be a few minutes longer than it is now.

The relief of the traffic congestion prior to the 8:00 a.m. was listed as one prime reason for asking for the change. The committee also argued that a time schedule starting on the half hour would be easier for parents, students, teachers and the community to comprehend. Transporting children to the various schools should be easier if all schools start at the same time. Longer time after school for individual help from teachers, less tardies, and more time for extra curricular activities were also listed by the committee.

The proposal also asks for closed campus for juniors as well as sophomores.

Four Girls State counselors chosen

Chosen to serve as Girl's State Junior Counselors were Riggs High seniors Ruth Pottratz, Kristine Wollman, Sonia Gaarder and Leesa Sivage.

Four of the eight counselors selected out of the 400 girls of 1978 Girls' State are from Pierre. Each of the four young ladies attended Girls' State on the campus at Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, as juniors representing various American

Legion Auxiliary chapters across the state.

Leesa Sivage was chosen in 1978 as one of the delegates from Pierre, Sonia Gaarder from Britton, Kristine Wollman from Hitchcock, and Ruth Pottratz was chosen from Pierre for Journalism City.

Invited back by the staff of Girls' State, all four will serve as helpers, leaders, and big sisters to the 400 junior girls attending Girls' State 1979.



Junior Counselors for the 1979 Girls' State, selected from among last year's 400 participants by the staff, are from the left, Sonia Gaarder, Leesa Sivage, Kristine Wollman and Ruth Pottratz.

(photo by Mike Springer)

Sophomores open campus denied

At the April meeting of the Pierre School Board, the sophomores lost the chance for 4th quarter open campus by a close vote of 3-2.

Michele Newberger, president of the sophomore class, spoke the issue, arguing the ability of the present sophomores to handle open campus time. She encouraged the board to consider open campus for the remainder of the year.

It appeared that Principal Roger Lonbaken was in favor of a negotiable amount of time for the class. But the board was noticeably nervous as they closed the door to sophomore's hopes for being released from study hall this spring.

Board member Mrs. Peggy Cruse, spoke softly when she said, "We don't want a class to think we are blessing or punishing them... I feel students learn better when they are in school full time."

"I'll make a motion for the sake of discussion," said Rich Burke in an attempt to move the topic to the formal agenda.

The discussion itself was long and tense. Much contemplation was an obvious feature of the five people seated on the board.

"Pierre people want the students back in study hall," Mrs. Adam declared. She smiled and added, after the vote, "Don't give up, kids... keep on trying."

Visiting poet to instruct writing classes

For the seventh year in a row the Pierre Public Schools will be sponsoring a poet in residence, Kathleen Norris, from April 23-27.

Ms. Norris will be offering students at Riggs the opportunity to participate in writing and reading poetry. She will spend the week encouraging students to express their thoughts in verse. They will finish the unit with a small collection of original poems. Ms. Norris manager of a family farm cooperative, "Leaves of Grass Inc." near Lemmon, was educated at Panahou Academy in Honolulu and Bennington College in Vermont, where she received her B.S. in literature and writing.

Ms. Norris is the author of a collection of poetry entitled "Falling Off." Her works also have appeared in two anthologies and numerous magazines.



Kathleen Norris will be Riggs High's poet-in-residence next week.

Latin banquet to feature authentic Roman meal

Latin students, parents and teachers will assemble for the annual Latin Banquet April 28.

The Riggs gym will be transformed for the Roman festivities, decorated brightly with sparkling lights and candles. The main attraction will be the new water fountain. Guests garbed in togas of all colors and styles, will recline on mats at the ankle-high tables and leisurely dine as slaves serve them a right eight-course meal.

Plans had been made to entertain the Italian Ambassador from Washington D.C., Paulo Pansa Cedronio, after he had accepted an invitation from Governor Janklow to visit South Dakota this month. Last week the Ambassador was forced to cancel the visit because of political unrest in Italy.

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The eight course meal will include roast pig, chicken, ham, "wine," shaved ice, and cake. The cake celebrates Rome's birthday which is April 21.

Entertainment for the evening will be the Maypole dance, the dance of the Vestal Virgins, and group singing. The Bell Choir from the Faith Lutheran church in Pierre will perform "O, How Lovely is the Evening." Other entertainment will include the Swing Choir, the Junior High percussion ensemble. The Junior High Swing Choir will sing the United States and the Italian national anthems. Douglas High School, Rapid City, will present a Latin skit "The First Fashion Show."

Editorials

Vandalism equals time, money

In the past year, 363 cases of vandalism were reported in the Pierre area by the police force. This outrageous attempt by certain persons in this community to get attention is costing the taxpayers money and time. Some solution must be found to reduce this horrid destruction of property.

Monetary damage to the Pierre area by vandalism in 1978 was estimated at \$12,000.00 by the Police Department. This didn't include the labor and time spent to repair the damage.

The individuals apprehended for vandalism mainly fell into the 14 to 16-year-old grouping, obviously though, older people destroy property, but they are probably not caught as often.

These offenders' main object of destruction for the year of 1978 was to private property, with 266 of the cases reported done to private homes and businesses. Thirteen cases of vandalism were targeted at schools.

According to the PPD, in most instances, the probability of being apprehended is very small. "Vandalism is a hit and run tactic that doesn't require much time to do much damage," said Detective Charlie Walker.

If damage caused by vandalism is \$20 or less, it is classified as a class two misdemeanor, according to South Dakota Code Law 22-34-1. The penalty can amount to as much as thirty days imprisonment in a county jail, or a \$100 fine, or both. If the damage is less than \$200 dollars but more than \$20, a class one misdemeanor has occurred, which can amount to as much as 12 months in the county jail, or a \$1000 fine, or both.

Vandalism poses many serious problems. One is that insurance companies are now charging higher premiums to maintain insurance on potential items. More insurance companies are issuing more coverage on windows.

Vandalism is generally a measure of retaliation against someone or something. It is a means of getting revenge by causing damage to items that they will have to pay for.

Is one moment of thoughtless vandalism worth a penalty that could leave a permanent scar?

According to Walker, "If the community accepts the fact that what we all own is being destroyed and fail to do anything about it, we are as guilty of doing it as if we did it ourselves. Become involved. It doesn't hurt to contact the law enforcement agency and tell them what was seen. It is our property and our tax dollar that is being destroyed."

Spring fever conspicuous state-wide

Spring fever has hit surrounding schools in the form of plays, track, and tennis among other things. Highlights from the latest exchange of papers include:

Senator McGovern spoke to the student body at Stevens High School in Rapid City during January. He also spoke to the 5th hour government class at Brandon Valley High by means of a long-distance phone call. -- 'Spinster Week' seems to be a popular event in numerous schools under a variety of titles -- Sioux Falls' Washington High School referred to the Gov's victory in the championship game as the 'luck of the Irish' because of the 'wearing of the green' on St. Patrick's Day! -- The Warriors from WHS in Sioux Falls have participated in the State 'A' Tourney a total of 50 years since 1912 when it

started. -- Talent or variety shows have made the news in school newspapers this spring (Does anyone know why Riggs no longer holds one?) -- Cheerleaders at Highmore High School will be chosen by college cheerleaders for the 1979-80 school year. The squads were also cut to 3 and 4 members. -- Spearfish High School has an interesting student, Salwa Al-Hamden from Saudi Arabia -- Intramurals at Madison High must be similar to Riggs' as they're also referred to as "intramurders"! -- Vermillion High School's environmental art class is painting the hallways and teacher's rooms with original designs and murals.

Legislative aide analyzes political party differences

During my tenure as a legislative aide, I was having what started out to be an intelligent political conversation with an aide to the Democratic leadership. Prior to my being called to run an errand for my employer, she made a comment that the Democratic Party was "The People Party" and I, as a Republican was nothing short of a heartless exploiter of the workers. This comment shocked, hurt, and irritated me and caused me to analyze the two parties in this regard.

I decided to list the major differences of the parties in the last decade and evaluate them for what they are worth. The first and most obvious is the Vietnam War. The Liberals, who mostly compose the Democrat Party, cried for an end to a war that we had no business in while the Major G.O.P. leaders advocated a policy of victory.

After analyzing the war they wanted us out of, I saw their main reason for our

Traffic violation could spell disaster

On Wednesday the 28th of March, a letter written by Tom Taylor, an officer from the Pierre Police Department, was brought to the attention of the Governor staff. It deals with a little known traffic offense which occurs many times daily and its possible result could spell disaster. Due to the letters' length and this issue's need for space, it was impossible to run the story in its original form.

The preceding morning officer Taylor observed three girls attempting to cross the street at the Broadway and Jefferson intersection. At this intersection, there is a clearly marked crosswalk intended for pedestrian right-of-way. The speed limit at this time of the morning is 15 mph maximum, and cars were streaming past the school and through the crosswalk at speeds of up to and over 30 mph.

These drivers took from those girls their right of safe passage across fifty feet of street, as stated in the City of Pierre Code of ordinances: "9-7-101 Pedestrian Right-of-Way. The operator of any vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at the end of a block . . ."

The girls, after standing for nearly three minutes, took matters into their own hands and ventured to the center stripe and waited for five cars to pass before dashing to the other side. They survived, but how long will it be before someone is not so lucky as these girls were, and end up seriously injured? These drivers were not maliciously taking the right-of-way from the girls, they were simply ignorant of an important, safety-oriented city ordinance

designated for a situation such as this.

Officer Taylor pursued and did manage to stop two of the drivers. He did not issue citations due to the inability to secure a witness. He attempted to get one of the girl's names as he started pursuit, but the girls had no idea what was going on. In fact, Officer Taylor was afraid the girls thought that the fault was theirs. He based this assumption on the expression which they were wearing. In his letter he

reassured the girls, should they ever be known, that they did nothing wrong.

He strongly feels that he made the correct choice by not writing tickets. Neither knew of the ordinance and did not realize they were infringing on the rights of the girls to cross. Both of the drivers have children attending Riggs. These two drivers know the rules now and even agreed to tell their friends.

In the performance of Officer Taylor's various duties, it is impossible for him to monitor this intersection every morning, as it is for any police officer. It is imperative, as Officer Taylor stated in his letter, "that we should try to inform one another that there is a law which protects the pedestrian" and to "think how good it would feel to be able to walk those fifty feet in relative safety."

It would please the staff of this paper if those of you would keep in mind the importance of this ordinance, and to spread the word amongst fellow drivers to keep a lookout for those needing to use the crosswalk. Show some courtesy.

T.H. Smith

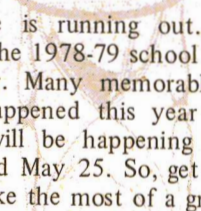
Apology received from Lincoln student

To the editor
Riggs High School Newspaper

Please accept my apology for my part in the State "A" Tournament disturbance. I realize that the actions taken were not in the best interest of your high school. I hope I did not cause your student body undue embarrassment.

Congratulations on your tournament win, you really deserved it.

Pat Kennedy
Lincoln Senior High



Time is running out. In five weeks the 1978-79 school year will be over. Many memorable events have happened this year -- many more will be happening between now and May 25. So, get involved and make the most of a great year.

The GWANGI

Here lies the Gwangi once King of the kings.
Of his might the ancient people's songs ring.
He sculptured the earth and cleared out the skies.
Leaving the natives with awe-struck eyes.
No man could challenge or even disdain if he dwelled within the Gwangi's domain.
The creature ran rampant until modern day,
killing each person who got in his way.
No weapon could stop him not even God's hand
till Gwangi got x-rayed on 3-mile Island.
And Carter stood there in his bright yellow boots
addressing a crowd of low-level galoots.
"The Gwangi is dead" he said with a grin.
I told you in time we would finally win!"
And his words drifted up to the cloud-ridden skies
as the Gwangi smiled and opened his eyes.

John Pohlman

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only allowed substance not long-range self-betterment. Is it really caring for people when you send our poverty stricken a check so they can continue to live in those wretched conditions but ease the conscience of society rather than work to provide incentive for the private sector to create jobs and allow these people to maintain their self-esteem and be productive members of society?

Yes, as I've said many times, the two party system is what makes this country so great and anything to threaten it is a threat to our freedom. But stating that the Republicans have no concern for the common man is as absurd as it is ridiculous. I'll present to you a motto I heard that represents the philosophy for the G.O.P. and you decide which party you think really cares about PEOPLE. "I ask you not to be ordinary but dare you to be uncommon."

Troy Jones

Journalists receive honors

Riggs High School received recognition recently as two senior students won first-place honors in the 1979 South Dakota Press Women writing contest. The students, Ruth Pottratz and Perry Trautner, are now eligible for national competition.

Ruth placed first out of 23 entries in editorial writing with her article for Veterans Day 1978 which appeared in the November issue of the "Governor".

Perry won first out of 103 entries in feature writing, with his story about the 1908 football experiences of local resident Charlie Hyde. The article was

entitled "It All Started Seventy Years Ago" and appeared in the October issue.

Both stories have been submitted to the National Federation of Press Women for national judging. National winners, who will be announced during the NFPW convention June 5-9 in Indianapolis, Ind., will receive cash prizes.

Senior Leesa Sivage received an honorable mention in the newswriting category for her interview with gubernatorial candidate Roger McKellips.



Greta Hesse, left, and Trent Thompson, front, were chosen as the March Students-of-the-month. Greta was one of the main characters in the play "Fiddler on the Roof," and Trent is active in golf.

Students-of-the-Month for April are Sonia Gaarder and Blake Thomas. Sonia performed in "Fiddler on the Roof" and Blake is involved in track.



Representatives chosen from Riggs to attend the 1979 Girl's State on the campus of DWU on May 27-June 1 include these junior girls: sitting from left, Lynn Ten Eyck and Dana Eisnach. Standing from left are, Sharon Jones-alternate, Lana Petersen, Jill Powell and Michelle Schneider-alternate.

FFA members head to state convo

The big event of the year for the FFA-the State Convention -- will be held April 22, 23 and 24 on the SDSU campus in Brookings. Thirty members from the Pierre-Oahe Chapter will be participating in

chosen by a personal interview and will represent South Dakota at the American Royal during the National FFA Convention next November.

"The Blue Plague", as it is commonly referred to by the college students.

Eight judging teams, plus participants in the FFA Chorus and Sweetheart contest, will be representing Pierre during the three day convention.

Tentative teams have been set up on a volunteer basis and by means of previous

contests and classes. They are -- Livestock: Shané Cowan, Tim Withers and the third has not yet been determined; Poultry: Jim Hardwick, Kordy Kiel and Mike Nelson;

Dairy Products: Julie Jacobs, Gigi Mathews and Mike Hawkins; Farm Management: Paul Zimmerman, Suzi Solem, and Don Schroer; Dairy Cattle: Jeff Metzinger, Shawn Maher and Jay Etkorn; Ag

Mechanics: Steve Venner, Marty Venner and Jeff Johnson; Meats: Sonny Harrowa, Randy Bauer and Steve Andersen; Crops: Karrie Wendt, Shawn Maher and Brad Mews.

Chorus members and Sweetheart candidates were selected by written application. Chorus applicants were rated by their music teacher. Pierre's chorus members are Kathy Klein, Ann VanEpps,

Carmen Cowan, Holly Maher, Wendy Snyder and Kim Cowan. They will rehearse with other FFA'ers chosen to be in the State Chorus in preparation for a performance at a General Assembly during the convention.

Kathy Klein and Suzi Solem will be participating in Sweetheart competition. Sweetheart candidates must be at least 17 years old. The State Sweetheart will be



Ten junior boys and two alternates were named by the Pierre American Legion Post to represent Riggs High School at the 1979 Boys State to be held on the campus of NSC May 27-June 1. The group includes from the left, back row, Paul Zimmerman, Jeff Parker, Bob Medina, Mark Chichos, John Pohlman, Neal Thompson and Britt Brancel; seated from the left, are Tim Hanson, alternate, Mark Tieszen, Steve Leach, alternate and Keith Byer. (photo by Mike Springer)

Juniors prepare prom

The highlight of the social year for juniors and seniors is now approaching with the upcoming Junior-Senior prom Saturday, April 21.

Every year the Juniors strive to put on the best prom ever given for the Seniors who always expect much and aren't easy to impress.

Raising money for the funding of a prom came about through long, hard work by a few chosen to work at the dreaded concession stand during the seasons of girls' basketball, football, wrestling and boys' basketball.

With the work of these few juniors the idea of a prom prospered.

Now the real fun is beginning, as enthusiastic junior volunteers form different committees. Each committee has gone through the hassel of choosing one of numerous ingenious ideas, and then selecting materials to carry out the idea. They also had to keep in mind the set budget limit they were given earlier.

Eight committees were selected for this year's Prom. Each committee deals with the part of the plan which has been assigned to them, and they decide on colors and construction details.

With the theme of "Here Comes The Sun," the gym will probably be decorated in yellows and reds, and materials will be centered around the song.

The committees are walls and floors, ceilings, entrance, program and invitations, menus and tables, waiters and waitresses, ordering, and invocation.

Students have already witnessed the industrious work of the committees as invitations have been sent out and waiters

and waitresses are practicing during the early hours in the gym. Many of the planning meetings have been held after school on the opposite end of detention study hall.

When Friday, April 20, arrives the confusion will start as committees sort out materials and begin to set up. This is when they find out what important materials they forgot to order or ordered too little.

But the imaginative juniors will make do with what they have or think up some impromptu material late Friday night. Saturday morning and afternoon the whole crew will be putting on finishing touches, cleaning, and covering up a few mistakes.

On the eve of April 21, the traditional Senior Banquet will be held at 7:00 in the gym. Seniors, Junior class officers, and special guests begin feasting on roast beef, baked potato, green beans, tea rolls, appetizer, French Wild Cherry Delight, and a beverage. Participation will also come from the sophomore class with the chosen 18 waiters and waitresses who will be serving the night's meals and providing entertainment with their dance routine.

After the banquet and a few quick clothing changes the Prom begins. "Ambush" has been chosen as the band for the evening. This band is known for playing the top 40 hits with a little country-western. The night's entertainment also includes the dance given by the sophomore waiters and waitresses with two performances, one at 10:00 and the other at 12:00.

When the prom is over, the majority will climax the evening with the drive-in movie.



Sophomore waiters and waitresses for the Senior Banquet are from the left: Back row Kurt Bohn, Lisa Tigner, Perry Wilson, Marilee Nold, Curt Hartog, Wendy Buechler, Annette Helgesen, Daryl Ebach; middle row, Peter Park, Nancy Gordon, Jeff Drummond, Kris Hartford, June Schuetzle, Kelly Kayser; front row, Dan Creager, Craig Bump, Michele Newberger, head waitress Ken Flannery head waiter.

18 sophs wait on prom & banquet

Eighteen sophomores were chosen by the Junior Class to serve as waiters and waitresses at the Senior Banquet and Junior-Senior Prom April 21.

A committee composed of Barb Owens, Michele Martinson, Karla Schramm, Lecia Stemler, and Sherry Zeiszler is teaching the waiters and waitresses a dance to the song "Here Comes The Sun".

Supervising the dancers are Miss Pickering and Mrs. MacNally.

Head waiter Ken Flannery and head waitress Michele Newberger will be wearing an orange on yellow costume. The rest of the waiters and waitresses will be wearing yellow on orange.

Their duties include serving the banquet, performing their dance and serving punch at the prom.

The group has met every morning at 7:00 A.M. for the past two weeks to practice their dance routine.

Jeff Wallenstrom was selected to replace Perry Wilson for the dance routine after Perry had surgery last week. He will continue as a waiter, however.

Are you going to the Prom?
No, I'm going out of town.

Are you going to the Prom?
No, I haven't been feeling well.

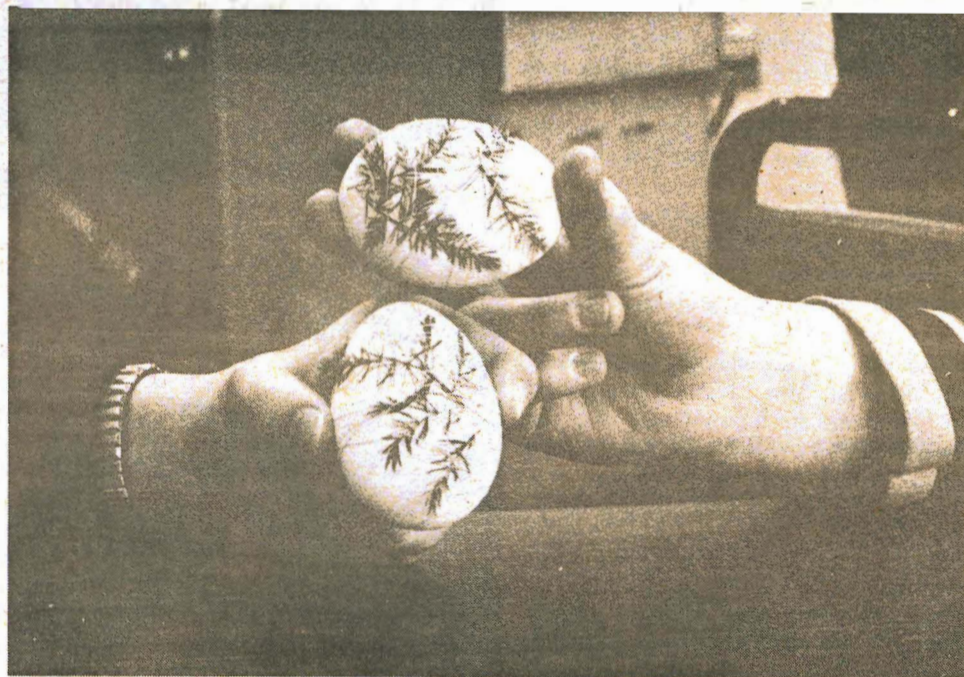
Are you going to the Prom?
No, there isn't anyone I like.

Are you going to the Prom?
No, I can't find a gown.

Are you going to the Prom?
No, I didn't get asked.

Anonymous

Beets, onions used to dye eggs



German students decorated Easter eggs German style for an April class project.

German II and members of German I classes were busy last week with decorating Easter eggs in the traditional German manner.

Mrs. Beverly Mickelson, adviser, arranged to use the Home Ec room while the students brought the necessities like the hardboiled eggs. She brought the other materials.

Yellow onion skins and beet juice were used as dyes for the process. These were placed in hot water. The students

took the eggs and little plant leaves which were wrapped around the egg with thread. The egg then was placed into the pan with a dye and left until the desired color appeared.

Some of the problems encountered were when the thread came off leaving no design, hunger pains and accidental

breakage added to the loss of the finished eggs, but the majority of the eggs turned out nicely with some evidence of leaf imprints.



Winners of the foreign language phrase contest, part of Language Week activities, were first place winner, Cara Snyder, left, and second place winner, Andrea Gomez. Cara won a gift certificate for a record, and Andrea won a bag of German candy.

Calendar of events

April 21	Jr.-Sr. banquet and prom -- Riggs
22	FFA State Convention -- Brookings
22-23	State FBLA contests -- Sioux Falls
24	Quill & Scroll initiation banquet, 6 p.m.
28	Latin banquet -- Riggs, 6 p.m.
May 5	Parent-Senior party
10	FFA banquet -- Riggs
17	Awards night -- Riggs
18	Thespians Initiation banquet (tentative)
20	Baccalaureate -- Riggs
21-22	State Golf tournament -- Sioux Falls
22	Senior picnic
23	Graduation ceremonies
25	Last day of school for underclassmen
25	State track meet -- Sioux Falls
25	State tennis meet -- Sioux Falls
27	Boys State -- Aberdeen NSC
June 1	Girls State -- Mitchell DWU
Sept. 4	1979-80 school year begins

Lady Govs fight spring weather

The girl's golf team this year is trying to get off on the right foot, but it hasn't been easy. They've had to fight with the wind, rain, and the snow since the start of the season.

Mr. Terry Hofer, the coach, says during the first week all they did was go over the rules and etiquette. "Since then we've been trying to get in as much practice as the weather permits. The course itself opened Thursday, April 12 and is in fair condition, except for the greens which do need some improvement."

This year's team has three returning seniors, Connie Bohn, Lisa Brinkman and Lynn Bonrud and two juniors Carin Doyle and Nancy Thelen. The rest of the team includes sophomores Mary Lehecka, Shelley Gregory, Roxann Nafziger and the freshmen Patty Williams and Terry Jennings.

Mr. Hofer said, "This year's team is an older team and has more upperclassmen," he also added that the seniors have played a lot of golf, and that Carin Doyle took fifth in state last year.

April 19	Winner H
April 27	Rapid City Invitational	. T
May 3	Pierre Invitational H
May 7	ESD Yankton T
May 14	Region VI H
May 21&22	State Tournament	
	(Huron) T



With spring in the air and the ground somewhat dry underneath, Mark Perry heads for the baja on his cycle. (photo by Mike Springer)

Spring Fever!

Sports

Tracksters hope!

Spring turns minds and feet toward track at Riggs but the unpredictable spring weather has delayed competition for several weeks.

Weather has played a deciding factor concerning all the meets this year. The traditional Corn Palace Relays held in Mitchell were cancelled due to a wet track. Redfield and Huron were cancelled or delayed due to snow.

The Pierre tracksters have made it to two meets, one an invitational and dual in Rapid City the other a dual in Winner.

Boys track coach Vern Miller describes the year, "Our season has been delayed because of poor weather, but we have been running good times and performing well in other events."

The boys defeated Winner by a score of 94-46.

Girls coach Don Shields explained the

dual against Winner, "We improved in almost all areas over the Stevens dual, due to the hard work the girls have been putting in."

The girls team defeated Winner on Tuesday in a close match of 63½-60½. Karen McDonald turned in a stupendous performance with an all time record of 156'4" in the discus.

Both coaches are looking forward to the importance of the next meets.

Shields had encouragement for the girls' improvement in the future, "Because they'll be able to work out more on the track."

Miller commented, "We've had excellent senior leadership during the season."

The girls' next meet is in Watertown for the Watoma Relays and the boys travel to dual Todd County on Saturday.

ESD championship team returns for another outstanding year

The Riggs High boys tennis squad began a promising year with 9-0 wins over Watertown and Mitchell and 6-3 drubbing of Huron at the Huron Quadrangular meet April 7.

Coach Phil Trautner has Mark Parrott playing No. 1 singles again this year. Mark, a senior, finished 2nd in the ESD as a junior and was instrumental in leading the Governors to their 4th straight conference championship in 1978.

Chad Anderson, the only other senior on the team and winner of 1st place in 2nd flight singles in the ESD conference meet, returns with high hopes for this year. "We're expected to win the ESD and I'm

confident that we can do well in the State also."

Junior Tom Burchill, a 2nd team All-State basketball player, comes back at No. 3 singles to try to top a successful '78 season.

Ken Flannery, at No. 4 singles and only a sophomore, stated positively, "We have a young but experienced team and hopefully we can be competitive in the State."

Rounding out the squad will be Greg Axtman, a junior, at No. 5 singles and Mark Thelen, a sophomore at No. 6. Junior Stuart Quam and Todd Sherrill, a sophomore, are expected to fill in competently.

Sideline Views

by Mike Springer

BASKETBALL HONORS

The Basketball season ended a little over a month ago, but its hardly been forgotten.

Since the State "A" tourney, the honors have been rolling in for the State Champion Governors.

Joe Ashley was named to the Converse All-American team as well as the Sportswriters' and Argus Leader's All-State teams. Tom Burchill was named to the Sportswriters' second team. Earlier, Ashley and Burchill were both named to the All-Tourney team.

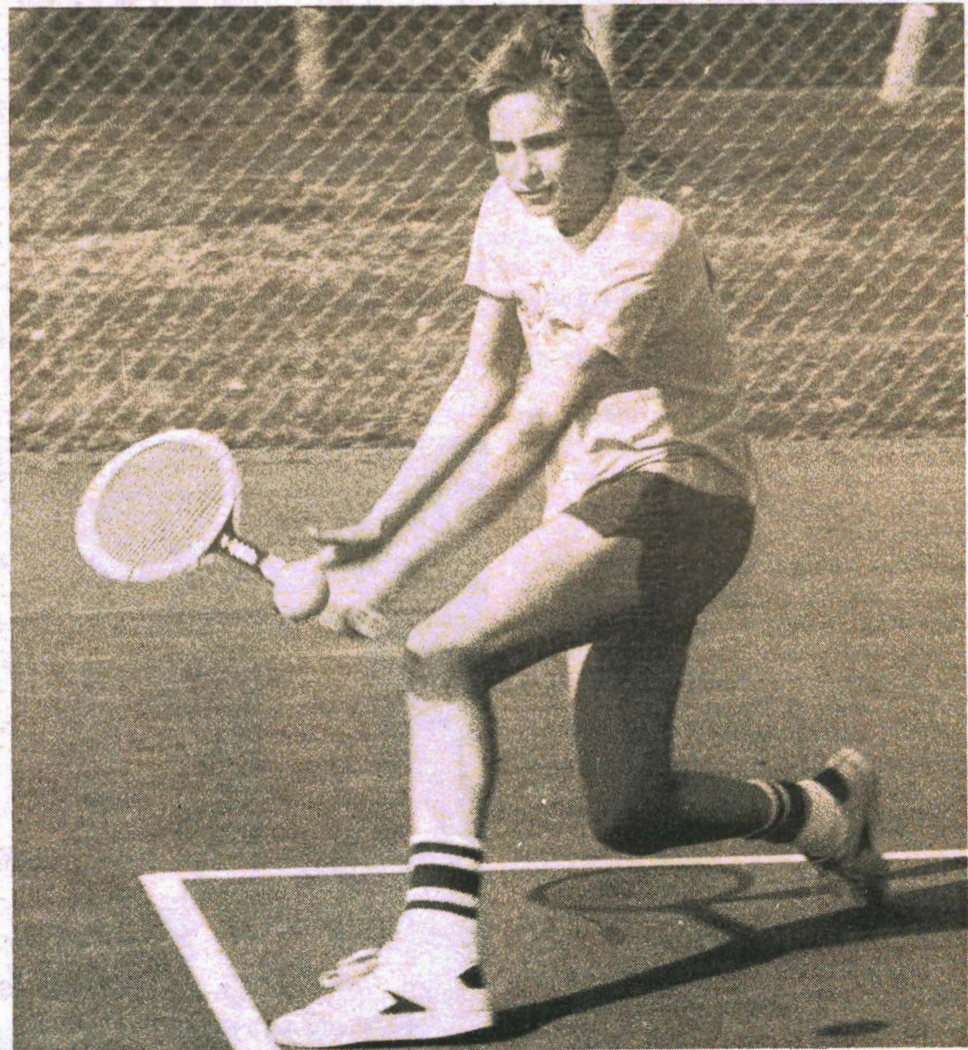
Coach Roger Pries was named Coach of the Year by his fellow coaches. Coach Pries is the second coach from Riggs to win the honor this year. Football Coach Bob Bozied was also Coach of the Year. This was the last year as coach of the Governors for both of them. Pries resigned as head coach but is still teaching at Riggs and Bozied is now head football coach at Dakota State College in Madison. **ALL-SPORTS CHAMPS?**

It appears that the Governors have a good chance of winning the Boy's ESD All-Sports Championship.

The championship doesn't even exist officially, but all ESD schools keep track, and newspapers publicize the results.

Athletic Director Phil Trautner said that the last time he checked, Huron was ahead of Pierre 32-29½. Points are distributed as follows: First place in each sport is eight points, second-- seven points, third -- six, fourth -- five, etc. . . .

Mr. Trautner said that the Goves would probably have to finish above Huron in both tennis and track in order to win the all-sports title. The tennis team has already defeated Huron in a match but the track team should have more difficulty.



Mark Thielen practices his two-handed back hand for the upcoming season. (photo by Mike Springer)

'Fiddler' production praised as 'The Best!'

"Fiddler on the Roof," presented by Riggs Drama and Music students April 6-7, was one of the best productions ever presented at Riggs High.

Before the play even began, the audience was awe-struck with the inspiring set which produced the mood for the musical. A versatile Bill Mefford as technical head, with the assistance of a well qualified set crew and several ambitious fathers, can take the credit for this portion of the production.

As the lights dimmed and the orchestra started, there was no doubt in the minds of the people watching that this play was going to be special. The orchestra, under the direction of Paul Upsahl, kept this feeling throughout the evening with 16 musicians showing their talents to two full houses.

As characters began appearing on stage, it was no longer make-believe but real, and

the audience became a part of the village, Anatevka.

Todd Meierhenry, who played the lead role of Tevye, dominated the play with his unique character portrayal. The audience was hypnotized by his remarkable acting and singing abilities.

Kriste Smalley, an already experienced actress, shone with her powerful portrayal of Golde, Tevye's obstinate wife.

The story takes place in Russia on the eve of the revolutionary period which destroyed much of the old way of life. The play ends on a serious note as the traditions of Anatevka are shattered by Tevye's daughters' unusual marriages and when the villagers are forced to leave their homes by the Russians military officers.

Although the play is serious there are light moments too. Yente the matchmaker, played by Sonia Gaarder, added humor to



Todd Meierhenry, Tevya, ponders over the anxieties of life as wife Golde, Kriste Smalley looks on.



Andy Barden and Kristine Wollman break an old Jewish tradition as they dance together. (photo by Tim Stocking)

the musical as she frivolously tried to match Tevye's daughters with husbands.

Linda Kern, Kristine Wollman and Greta Hesse, the three older daughters, radiated their roles with their superior acting and singing skills.

Peter Hesse, Andy Barden and Murray Schatz, who were cast as the boyfriends, showed their past acting experience by perfecting their characters remarkably well.

Nanette Echols' outstanding portrayal of Fruma-Sarah, left everyone sitting on the edge of their chairs.

The play wouldn't have been complete without the Fiddler, the symbol of tradition played by Janet Chu. Janet, who fit the role perfectly because of her size and grace, couldn't have done a better job even though she admits she is afraid of heights.

The village people, who worked just as hard as the major parts, held the show together with their singing and dancing

performances, especially the Russian and village dancers who held the audience spellbound with their difficult dance feats.

In charge of the musical portions of the play was Ms. Jeannie Campbell. The costume, makeup and lighting crews all did a tremendous job, and their final products added to the total effect of the play. The scene changers should also be acknowledged for their efficiency in moving scenes in changing the sets in total darkness.

Of course no play would ever materialize if it didn't have a director, and Riggs is lucky to have one of the best drama coaches in the state, Ms. Louise Bormann

Assisting Ms. Bormann was the very capable and enthusiastic Carla Bates. Besides this musical, Carla assisted last year's musical and directed a one-act. She also had the lead role in the 1977 fall production "The Dragon."

Stephanie Sommer

Band and chorus groups receive excellent ratings at contest

One hundred thirty one music students from Riggs High participated in the Class AA division in the annual Large Group Music Contest in Mobridge April 4.

Of the five groups represented by the Riggs High Students, four received excellent or "I" ratings and the other group received a good or "II" rating.

Under the direction of Mr. Paul Upsahl, the stage band received the "I" rating and Band a "II".

Chorus, Girls Glee Club and Swing Choir, directed by Miss Jeanie Campbell, all received "I" ratings.

The groups were rated by three judges and the scores were averaged for the final rating.

Music students from 26 schools participated in the contest in four classes, AA, A, B, and C, divided according to school enrollment.

The Girls Chorus sang "Save the Country" by Laura Nyro. They were accompanied by Andy Barden, piano, Linda Reed, tambourine, James Cavanaugh, bass, Peter Hesse, trap set, and Kari Deyo, Linda Kern, Jill Lundeen and Ann VanEpps, guitar.

The Mixed Chorus is a select group of 44 boys and girls. They performed two songs, "Alleluia" by Marius Monnie

Kendam and "Laudate Pueri" by W.A. Mozart with the accompaniment of Anita Fuoss and Danna Eisnach both on piano.

The Swing Choir, made up of 18 students, sang and danced to the songs "Brighter World" by Lennie Neihaus and "Great Jubilation" by Anka Harris. Their performance was made complete by their costumes of white painters pants, brightly colored tee-shirts and multicolored

suspenders. They were accompanied by Anita Fuoss, piano, Mike Pfeiffer, bass, Mike Springer, guitar, and Peter Park, trap set.

The chorus is under the direction of Miss Jeannie Campbell.



The Riggs Jazz band received superior ratings at District VI contest in Mobridge. (photo by Mike Springer)

Students basically like jobs

Does employment during high school affect the decisions of students concerning their future education and careers?

Looking over a cross section of the students at Riggs, many are employed double duty with school and a job, and they still spend extra time in school activities or in private education.

Interviews show that some jobs do make a difference while others do not.

A wide variety of answers came from the group interviewed. Some of these interviewed work at office jobs doing secretarial work, others are downtown in the merchants' world. But each job involves heavy contact with people.

The many students who were interviewed revealed that they had found jobs on their own due to career interest or to make money.

Distributive Education classes offered at Riggs also provide educational experience for those students involved.

Students basically like their jobs. Some, more than others. Marge Feldsein, an employee of C. Allen Jewelry, smiled, "My job is just right. I really enjoy it."

Several of the girls who work as secretaries through Office Education said their jobs were okay, but found the work somewhat monotonous.

A few student employees wish to stay with the same position they have now. Tim Smith, a part-time employee at his father's Sports Shop commented, "I wouldn't mind running the family business." YMCA worker Cathy Bohn answered, "I like working with the people. I wouldn't mind any job where I'm involved with people."

Many students apply for an after school job, and now are reaping the benefits of extra "money for a little extra work" remarked Sue Warne, a part time waitress at the Kings Inn.

In each case the workers had a reason for choosing their job, whether it was for experience, out of boredom, for spending money or college finances.

Riggs High will graduate young people with many different interest areas from

architects to dress shop owners and many others like psychologists, teachers, photo-journalists, counselors, therapists, still there are many undecided.

Nevertheless each type of employment has somewhat affected the students decision for their future. Changing their minds or stabilizing their decision because of their jobs, is an important aspect of high school employment.

A future career can, and probably is, chosen due to the knowledge and experience the students hold during their high school days.

Will the job you are working at right now affect your career decision for the future?

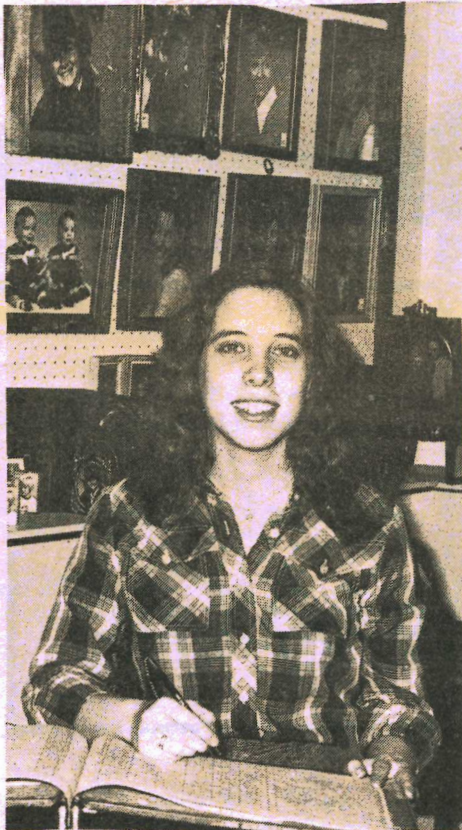


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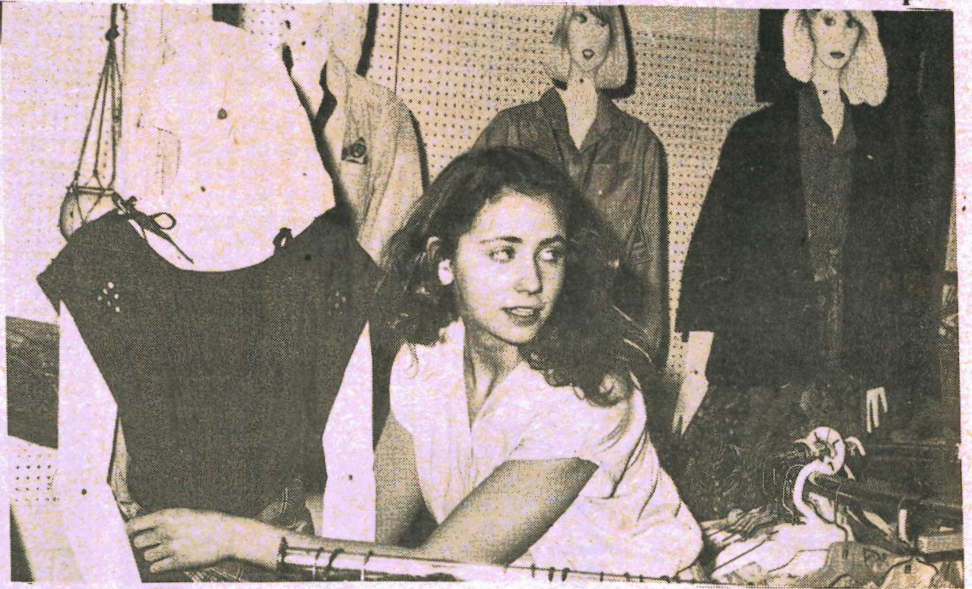
Senior Ted Lautenschlager smiles with contentment as he works at the 'Doop.'



Deca Student Judy E. Smith, finds many types and kinds of shoes to fit a variety of feet as she works at Bert's.



Surrounded by pictures and smiles, senior Patsy Olson flashes one of her own at Miller Studio.



Roxi Misterik, senior, stylishly outfits her 'friend' at Burlap & Baubles clothing store.

(photos by Cindy Brabander)



Red Owl cash clerk Ken Trankle pauses from his tough work to smile for the camera girls.

Money prime reason for job

Earning money is the prime reason for getting a job. However according to Red Owl Manager Al Kundert, high school students also learn important attributes of adult-life, such as self-discipline, cooperation, and self-sufficiency from their job experiences.

"It doesn't matter who you are or how much money you have," stated Mr. Kundert, "you will always be working for someone else. A person needs to know how to discipline himself in order to accept the responsibilities given to him by others." He emphasized, "This cannot be learned at home. It comes only through actual experience."

Mr. Kundert also feels that learning to discipline oneself to work hard and keep trying one's best is the only way to get ahead in the adult world.

Being able to get along with fellow employees is another trait learned only through work experience. By cooperating with one's colleagues, Mr. Kundert explained, "The student learns the importance of good human relationships in working conditions."

He added that this quality is necessary for becoming successful in any business.

Another educational advantage a working student has over a jobless one is that he learns how to become a self-provider. In Mr. Kundert's opinion "These students mature and become much better citizens because they learn to work hard for their money and manage it to their advantage at an early age."

He went on to say, "The student who has everything provided for him won't know the first thing about managing money. He thinks the world owes him a living."

Mr. Kundert has discovered that working students benefit others as well as themselves. He stated "We at the store enjoy working with the students, and I find it rewarding to watch the students mature as they work here."

He also commented, "We feel we've played an important part in providing some of their education and helping them get a good start in life."

Esther Park



Seniors Lonnie Hosman and Mark 'Buck' Perry look longingly at the food as they check and sack it at Sooper Dooper.

