Corsica High School

# THE COMET

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Above: Theater Class.

## CHILDREN'S THEATER PRESENTED

by Lonnie Van Zee

After five weeks of long rehearsals, the children's theater gave its first performance. A matinee was given to a very receptive audience composed of the first six grades and the various rural schools Wednesday afternoon. No admission

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Left: Everett Menning, and Lloyd Vanden Hoek.

## Safe Driving Acknowledged

by Jeanne Hoekstra

Two of the school bus drivers, Everett Menning and Lloyd Vanden Hoek, received Safety Award Cards for their years of no accident driving.

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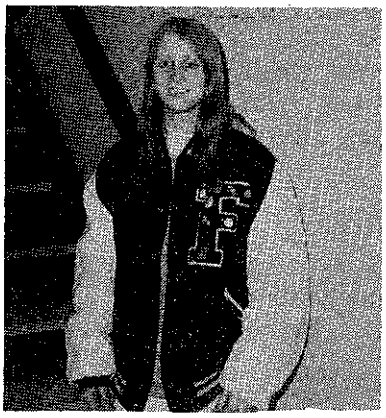
was charged to see the matinee. It was presented again Thursday evening, March 22, at the time of 8:00. The admission was fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for students. The play was forty minutes of singing, and various other entertainment.

## C. H. S. WELCOMES NEW STUDENT



Above: Debra Kortan

by Gloria Spaans

The sophomore class has a new addition which has made them very happy. This new student brings their class enrollment to 24.

Corsica's new addition, named Deb Kortan, arrived March 6 from Scotland. She attended Scotland High School the first part of the school year. She was enrolled at Tyndall for her freshman year.

The classes that she is taking in Corsica are American History, Algebra I, Speech, and Typing I. She is also active in band and is participating in the play "Down To Earth."

We hope that everyone will try to make it easy for Deb to adjust to our school system and make many new friends.

Mr. Menning's award was for 12 years of driving and Mr. Vanden Hoek's for four years. Mr. Droppers received a letter of commendation from the State Department of Education, extending congratulations for the years of safe driving and a wish for continued success on the highway.

## HEBER NAMED AS BOYS' STATER

by Phyllis Vanden Hoek

Albert Heber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Heber was chosen to represent Corsica High School as Boy's Stater. He will be attending Boy's State in Aberdeen during the week of May 27 - June 2.

Above Left: Albert Heber and Dick Bordewyk.

Albert Heber, a junior at Corsica High School is presently the Vice President of the Junior class. He is actively participating in six different subjects. He is showing his talents in the extra circular activities of football, basketball, band and chorus.

Dick Bordewyk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Bordewyk was chosen as alternate. He is also a junior at CHS.

# ROAD SAFETY... TODAY AN ATTITUDE, TOMORROW A REALITY.

In order to achieve peace and safety on the roads of tomorrow we must strive for driving improvements today.

Each year the number of young drivers increases. With this increase, the possibilities for accidents multiply. However, in these new drivers lies one of the greatest potentials for improvement of the present situation. Your sons or daughters will be the adult drivers of tomorrow. Therefore, who are better qualified to provide the necessary information, offer the essential understanding and foster the proper attitude than you, their parents?

The key to this safety is attitude--driver's attitude. You can help create this proper outlook by working closely with your son or daughter, by suggesting what to look for and cooperating in developing the skills and attitudes of safe driving.

Avoid making them feel that they are being lectured or preached to. Instead, try to instill the proper attitude through personal guidance, assistance and good example. Don't regulate--work as a team, and you'll find that you too are contributing to a safer tomorrow.

Working as a team, you can help assure that there will be peace on the roads of tomorrow through young drivers today. KEMPER INSURANCE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## MESSAGE TO THE SENIORS

by Supt. Mel Droppers

As the end of another school year keeps drawing nearer, the seniors must start thinking about the future. I would like to bring to their attention a few thoughts that have come to my mind.

Robert Browning said in one of his poems: ".....a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's heaven for?"

If we just look and see we will find great men of every age have reached, however short they were of grasp.

In our age, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt "reached" by proposing that mankind be endowed with four freedoms:

1. Freedom of speech and expression
2. Freedom of worship
3. Freedom from want
4. Freedom from fear

Yes, these freedoms sound very simple, but stop and think - don't they make almost impossible demands upon the economic and social structure of all existing societies? Whether this society is American, French, English, German, Swedish or Russian, the Four Freedoms are still not wholly in man's grasp.

Take for instance, in our country we believe that we come closer to these ideals; but there is still want and fear.

This is why President Roosevelt recognized that his reach would exceed his grasp.

Yet, we strive. In this striving there is the beginning of attainment. But the goal remains.

The students who follow in the true American tradition will come ever closer to the goal because their reach exceeds their grasp.

# Signs Of The Times

SIGN in a Funeral Parlor: "Drive carefully--we can wait!"

SIGN in a motel: "Our King Size Beds are a lot of bunk."

SIGN at reducing salon: "Let us help you win the losing game."

SIGN in front of a church: "We have a long praying record."

SIGN in a second hand store: "These books were owned by a little old lady who never read faster than 50 words a minute."

SIGN in a tobacco store: "Keep off the grass."

SIGN at Kangaroo Airline: "Fly with us and hop off anywhere."

SIGN in an optometrist's window: "We're the best in sight."

SIGN in a shoe repair shop: "We bring back departed soles."

SIGN on a school bulletin board: "Free! Wisdom on Mondays through Fridays. Bring your own container."

# STUDENTS TO ATTEND CONTEST

by Nancy Scholten

Eleven students from Corsica High School will be traveling to Mitchell on April 3, to participate in the CBH Business Contest. The contest will be held at the Vocational Technical School. Several of the schools from the surrounding area will be competing there. Students from Corsica are:

Typing I: Arleen Spaans and Vernon Heber.

Typing II: Nancy Scholten, Londa Gruenewald, and Kent Techlenburg.

Bookkeeping: Marcie Ligtenberg, Sam Reimnitz, and Albert Heber.

Shorthand: Heanne Hoekstra, Phyllis Vanden Hoek, and Marilyn Gerlach.

# NEW MINI COURSES OFFERED

by Bev Mulder

This nine weeks, there are mini courses being offered again. The teachers are Mrs. Wisdahl and Mrs. Keith, each having two new courses and some from last nine weeks.

The new mini courses Mrs. Keith has, are South Dakota literature, fifth period and basic comprehension, seventh period. She will have new students in reading comprehension this nine weeks and will also be teaching speech, third and sixth periods.

Mrs. Wisdahl has the new mini courses of world literature, third period and spelling, fifth period. She also has British literature, second period.

# HEALTH CLASS OFFERED

by Laura Vanden Hoek

Every Friday from 9:30 to 10:15, the Freshman and Sophomores gather in the Science room to listen and look at films, and some Fridays, discuss different things.

The first couple of films that were shown were about different men who discovered medicines. The last few that were shown were Medical Self Help Films. These films contained the information of what treatments to give to people who have injuries of different kinds in emergencies.

The class divided into groups of five or six people who chose a topic which the group will report on.

The teacher for Health Class is Mr. Bass.

# Which Is Better?

by Dorothy Spaans

Several seniors were asked their opinions of whether a college or a vocational school was best and why?

Darrell Vanden Hoek: It depends on the position of the person and the career he wants to go into.

Renee Bye: Vocational School, because to many kids start college not knowing what their going to do and drop our before they ever finish. Vo-tech takes less time and they get what their going after right away.

Judy Ommen: College, because it gives the kids more opportunities than a Vo-tech school.

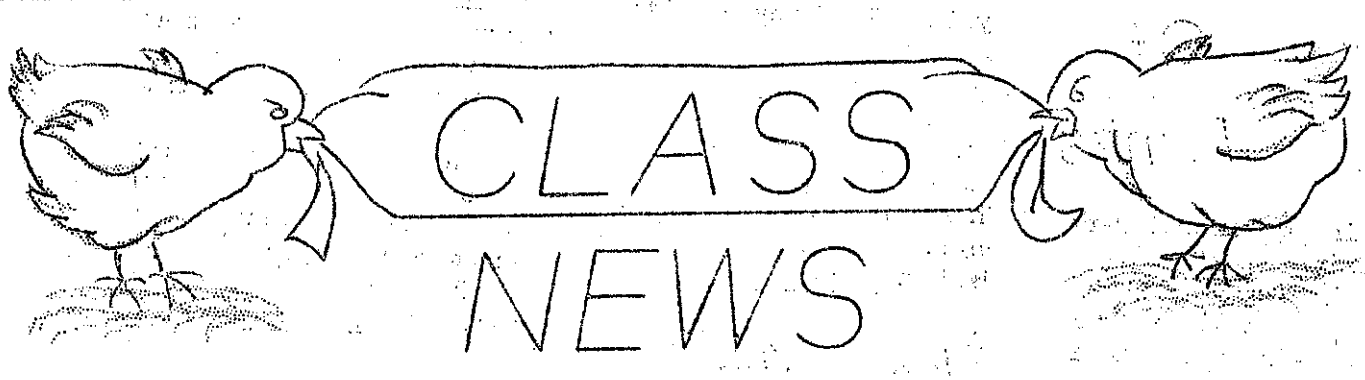
Russ Metzger: College, Because Vo-tech doesn't offer enough courses that one would be interested in.

Marilyn Gerlach: Their both good.

Tom Eggers: College, because they have sports!

Lois Groen: Vo-tech, although not everyone should go, depending on the person. Vo-tech is cheaper and one doesn't have to go as long and you only have to take the courses your career depends on.

Nelson Vanden Hoek: College, because they have sports and you can travel with your training, and besides they have more women!




## Skip Days Approach

by Renee Bye

The seniors are still busy raising money for skip days. A candy sale was held at noon on March 14 for both grade and high school. The seniors also ordered all-occasion cards to sell for extra money. They will be coming soon.

The seniors have been making plans for graduation. A speaker is being chosen and honor students are also being picked.

## Juniors Make Prom Plans

by Nancy Star

The junior class has been busy the month of March. Several class meetings have been held as the date of the prom and banquet are drawing near.

Flowers and nut cups are being made before the decorating of the gym begins. The junior mothers met on Monday, March 19, to discuss the menu and make plans for preparing the meal for the banquet.

The waiters and waitresses have been chosen from the sophomore class. The waiters are Mike N., Arend K., Kent F. and Dale W. Ruth D.V., Bev E., Arleen S. and Marsha V.H. have been chosen as waitresses.

## Sophomores Have New Student

by Bev Everson

The sophomore's number of students has gone up again with the addition of Deb Kortan. With the differences in schools she can only take speech and typing with the sophomores. Her other classes are taken with freshmen and juniors.

Dissecting continues in biology. The list has grown with the addition of sharks and perch.

Luckily for the sophomores there are few tests to be taken as the nine weeks ends.

## Freshmen End Third Nine Weeks

by Pam Engelland

Freshmen are starting to study very hard, because nine weeks tests are this week. Freshmen are very fortunate they have only one nine weeks test, which is in Science.

On Fridays, the freshmen and sophomores have health class. They enjoy it very much. We have films about Infant Care, Emergency Self Help and etc. Now they have projects to work on.

Next nine weeks are the last nine weeks of the school year. Most of the freshmen are anxious to have the school year come to an end.

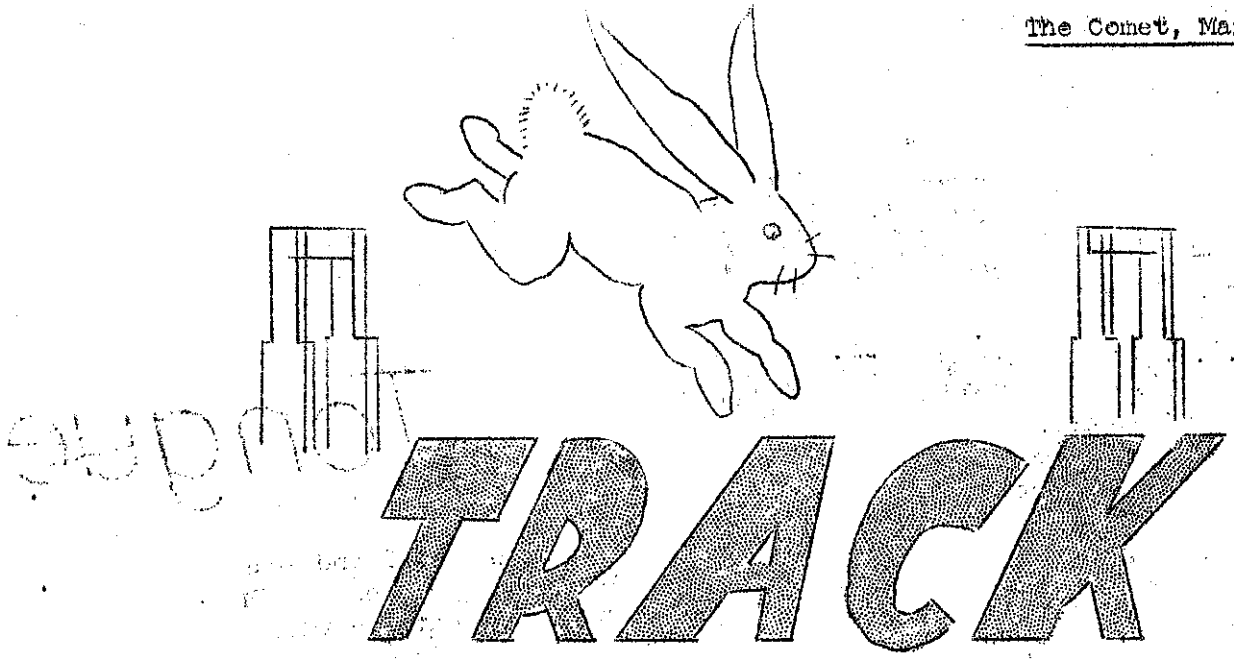
## Music Department Is Active At CHS

by Mary Van Roekel

The Music Dept. of CHS held its Spring Concert on March 1, 1973, under the direction of Mr. Fred Eitemiller. The Mixed and Girls Chorus sang a variety of numbers which included both sacred and contemporary music. The Band performed several selections which went from a march, to rock, to contemporary, to the favorite "America the Beautiful". Swing Choir also favored the audience with modern selections.

Friday, March 23, the chorus was invited to Delmont to join with them in a public appearance for a joint concert.

The band and chorus will travel to Mitchell for the annual instrumental and vocal large group contest on April 13.




## IMPROVEMENT CITED

by Dale Weerheim

Last year the track team was exceptionally good. It set many new school and meet records. This year's team will do a fine job, but may have difficulty over coming the previous records that were set. If any of the records are broken, they are likely to be in the running events. There are not many participants in field events.

The freshmen show fine qualities and should prove to be an asset to the track team in the years ahead.

## HOW DO YOU THINK OUR TRACK TEAM WILL DO THIS YEAR?

by Dale Weerheim

The following question was asked at randum of the students: "How do you think our track team will do this year?"

Arend K.-Duh!

Bruce Z.-Oh, great, great!

Lindi G.-It's going to be a close race.

Don O.-Good, but not as good as last year.

Karla B.-Nothing but the best!

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# Track Season Approaches

by Randy Dockendorf

The track team will start out on a road that they will end as successful as last year, when they travel to winner April 4, to open their season.

Can the Comets perform the same feats of last season? Comments Mr. Bob Krietlow, head track coach at CHS, "We lost a lot of outstanding seniors from last year's team. (Corsica finished first or near the top in every meet.) However, we have about 30 boys out this year, 13 of them are lettermen. But only five of them are seniors. (Rus Metzger, Tom Eggers, Jerry Dykstra, Mike Buck, and Curt Kredit.) As you can see, we'll be mostly underclassmen."

What about the '73' team's potential? "We should have a strong relay in the team events," he adds, "and as far as individuals go, we should have some good low hurdlers. As far as the other events, it will be mostly unknown until we get into some track meets."

Last but not least, who should the Comets be on the lookout for? "Corsica did win both conferences last year and the CBH two years in a row," continues Mr. Krietlow. "I feel that Stickney will make a go of the CBH conference title, while Armour and Colome will be shooting for the Ft. Randall crown." With that in mind, Coach Krietlow and his assistant, Mr. Wagner, will lead the team through the following schedule.

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| Winner Invitational | Winner | April 4 |
| Bonesteel Relays | Bonesteel | April 10 |
| Corn Palace Relays | Mitchell | April 14 |
| Raider Relays | Stickney | April 17 |
| Redfield Relays | Redfield | April 19 |
| Ft. Randall Conference | Tripp | May 3 |
| Howard Wood Relays | Sioux Falls | May 5 |
| CBH Conference | Mitchell | May 9 |
| Regional | Mitchell | May 18 |
| State | Mitchell | May 25-26 |

## ATTEND THE TRACK MEETS

TRACK TEAM

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Duane V.D.H.-Good relays, weak field events.

Steve B.-It will be good if we make it through the practices.

Brad H.-We're going to have a good year.

# Commercial Club Contest Winners Named

by Londa Gruenewald

The Corsica Commercial Club sponsored an essay contest in which any Corsica High student could participate. The topic of the essay was "Why we should shop in Corsica." The response to this contest was commendable. The Commercial Club read each essay and selected a first, second, and third place winner from each class. Those receiving first were Bonnie De Boer, Bev Everson, Mary Van Roekel, and Lois Groen. Receiving second places were Debbie Eggers, Arlene Spaans, Londa Gruenewald, and Cal Muilenburg. The third place winners were Brian Stredde, Curt Muilenburg, Doris Niewenhuis, and Judy Ommen.

# The Tongue

"The boneless tongue, so small and weak,
Can crush and kill," declares the Greek.
"The tongue destroys a greater horde,"
The Turk asserts, "than does the sword."

A Persian proverb wisely saith,
"A lengthy tongue--and early death."
Or somethimes takes this form instead:
"Don't let your tongue cut off your head."

"The tongue can speak a word whose speed,"
The Chinese say," outstrips the steed."
While Arab sages this impart:
"The tongue's great storehouse is the heart."

From Hebrew hath this maxim sprung,
"Though feet should skip, ne'er let the tongue."
The sacred writer crowns the whole,
"Who keeps his tongue dothe keep his soul!"

--Philip B. Strong

# Apostles' Performs At Spring Dance

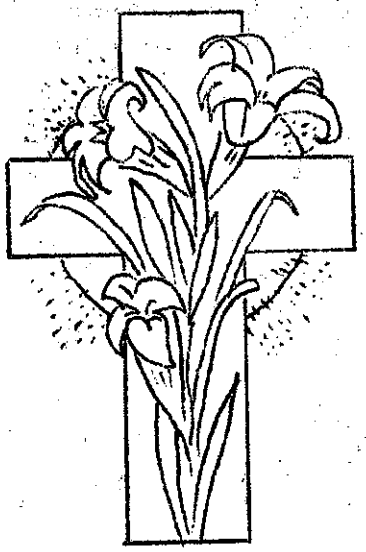
by Connie Rexwinkle

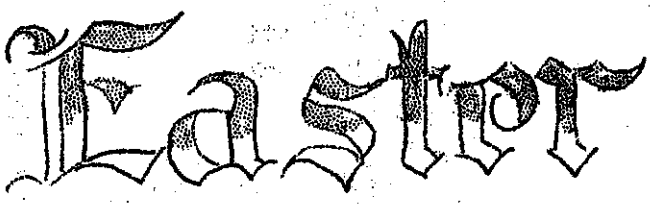
"Precious and Few" was the theme of the Student Council Dance held March 16, 1972 in the CHS gym.

The gym was filled with music by the "Apostles." The dance floor was filled with many of the students and their dates.

The Student Council members decorated the gym with blue and silver streamers. A sign with the theme painted on it was also done in blue and silver.

Lunch was served by the Pep Club later in the evening.





# Happy Birthday Aries -- The Ram

## March 20 to April 18

If your birthday falls between the days of March 20 and April 18, you were born under the sign of the Ram.

Dynamic is the word for the Aries personality. You seldom--if ever--do anything in a half-hearted or lazy manner. It's either "all the way" or nothing at all. You will always be noted for your energy and enthusiasm. In fact, perhaps the most difficult of all your life's tasks is to allow someone else to lead. You are well suited for heading and organizing new projects and activities.

Money comes and goes swiftly through your hands. You should keep a close check on your personal budget.

As an Arian, life for you is a continual grasping of new and tried activities with which to challenge and weigh your own abilities. You are fiercely competitive and find great pleasure merely in the glory of the chase.

MARRIAGE PARTNER: Libra, Gemini, Aquarius
LUCKY MONTHS: August and December
LUCKY DAY: Tuesday
BIRTHSTONE: Diamond
FLOWER: Violet
LUCKY NUMBER: 8
FAMOUS PERSONS born under ARIES: Leopold Stokowski, Lowell Thomas, Sir Alec Guinness, Gloria Swanson, Mary Pickford, Wilbur Wright, Joan Crawford, Charlie Chaplin, and Henry Clay.
CHS STUDENTS born under ARIES:

Terry Hall - March 26
Renee Tecklenburg - March 30
Deborah Eggers - March 31
Shirley Rus - April 11
Michael Noteboom - April 11
Kevin Van Genderen - April 14

# Coming Events

April 9 - School Board Meeting
April 13 - Region V Large Group Music Contest at Mitchell
April 17-18 - All School Play
April 20 - Good Friday, No School
April 22 - Easter
April 23 - No School
April 27 - Junior and Senior Prom and Banquet
April 30 - Junior and Senior Tea

# Assembly Presented To Students

The University of Minnesota Children's Theatre tour, proudly calling itself "Colonel Carters Traveling Rag Company", presented a selection of stories from Hans Christian Anderson.

The actors, Mike Boyle, Valery Daemke, and Karen Nienaber, costumed in the clothes that look as if they were scavenged from a "rag bag", change jackets, hats and scarves as they switch from one character to another. Combining narrative with dialogue, mime, dances, impersonations and acrobatics, the players presented selections from THE EMPERORS'S NEW CLOTHES, THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA, THE UGLY DUCKLING, WHAT THE OLD MAN DOES IS ALWAYS RIGHT, and BIG CLAUS AND LITTLE CLAUS.

All three have had a variety of acting experiences. Mike, as a Theatre Arts major at the University, has appeared in Twin Cities theatres and Shakespeare in the Streets. Valery, currently pursuing her M.F.A. Degree as a Bush Fellow was a member this past summer of the Centennial Showboat Company. Karen, a Theatre Arts major, has appeared in many University productions, at the Chimera Theatre in St. Paul, and this past summer was a member of the University's Peppermint Tent Cast.

The program was presented to the CHS student body of March 26 at 8:45 a.m.

**NOTICE: D. Niewenhuis was selected Girls Stater and M. Ligtenburg Alternate.**

# Drama Club To Present Play

by Connie Rexwinkel

The CHS Drama Club will present the play Down to Earth on April 17 and 18.

The play is about three angels that go down to earth to pick up two elderly souls who live on the same block and are not very friendly to each other.

The third angel, a half-angel, discovers he has the powers of cupid. He makes all the wrong people fall in love, but in the end everything is resolved, after several humerous incidents take place.

Don't Miss It--it's sure to be hilarious.

# History of Measurements

The following was published in the Farmer's Almanac.

The word "inch" is derived from the Latin "uncia", the twelfth part. An inch was simply one-twelfth the length of a human foot. In the time of Edward I an inch was defined as the length of three dry and round barley-corns from the middle of the ear.

Fathom is derived from a word meaning the out-stretched arms, and the original fathom was the distance that a man could extend his arms.

A finger is the breadth of a finger on the hand, considered to be three-fourths of an inch. A finger length is defined as four-and-a-half inches.

Acre itself is derived from a root meaning to do or work, and acre as a measure was originally the area a yoke of oxen could plow in one day.

# Prelude To Easter

In the joy which comes at Easter
Lies the happiness of spring;
Gone are all the snows of winter,
New life comes to everything.
And no matter what the problems
Which beset us all year long,
Happiness is still contagious. . .
In the heart there comes a song.

Jonquils, violets, tulips, lilies,
All are lovely in their way;
Each one bears a special message
Told in colors bright and gay.
Spring reminds the heart of courtship;
Easter says we're born anew.
Spring, the loveliest of our seasons. . .
This is our salute to you!

--Alice Roberts

# What Is Lent?

by Steven Bamberg

What is Lent? When and how did it start? Lent was designed as a period for people to remember Christ's suffering and death on Good Friday.

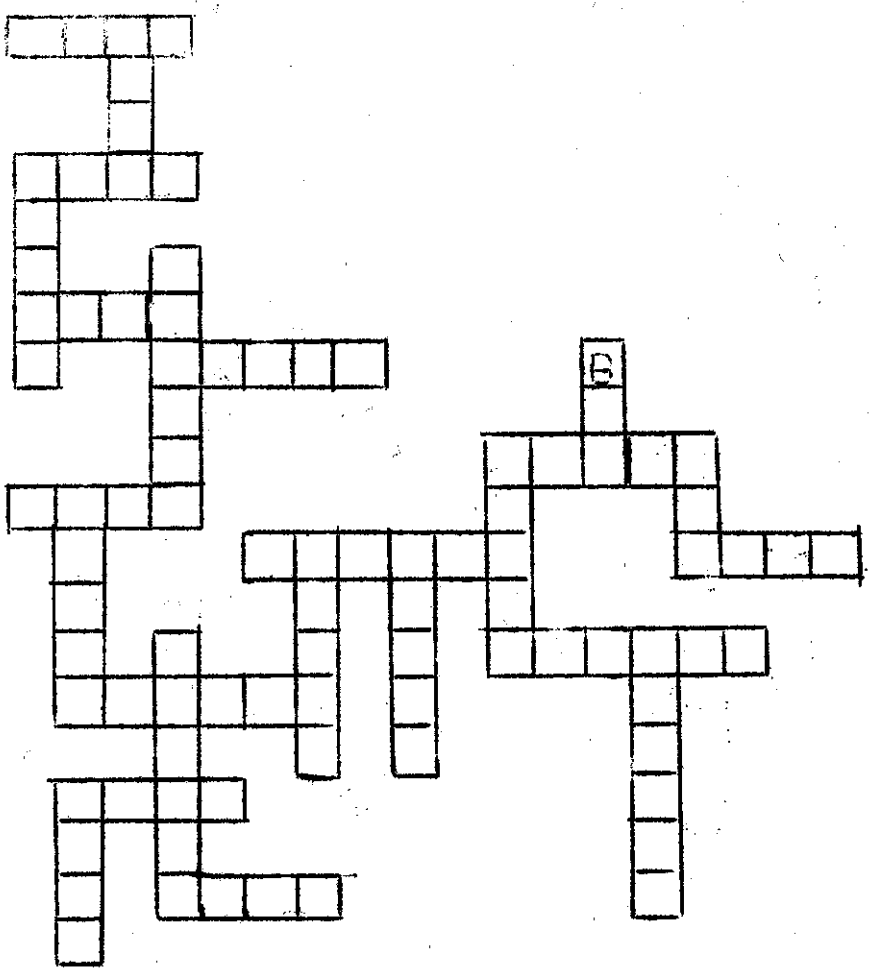
Lent, according to the dictionary, is the forty weekdays before Easter, kept as a time for fasting and repenting of sins.

Some Christians think that the word Lent came from an Anglo-Saxon word which means spring. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until Easter Sunday. Lent excludes Sundays because to Christians, Sunday is a day of worship. Lent is forty days long, but before the Charlemagne it was thirty-six days long. When Charlemagne reigned he made it forty days long because he wanted to remind Christians of Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness for forty days.

The season Lent started as a spiritual preparation for Easter in remembrance of Christ's suffering and resurrection. Churches and Christians observe Lent in different ways. Churches give out special masses and the clergymen wear purple vestments for their services. Christians observe Lent by fasting, performing penace, giving alms, or abstaining from amusements so Lent is a very important religious season and Christians must not forget Jesus Christ for his suffering and death on the cross for our sins.

# Sophomore Acrostic

By Gloria Spaans

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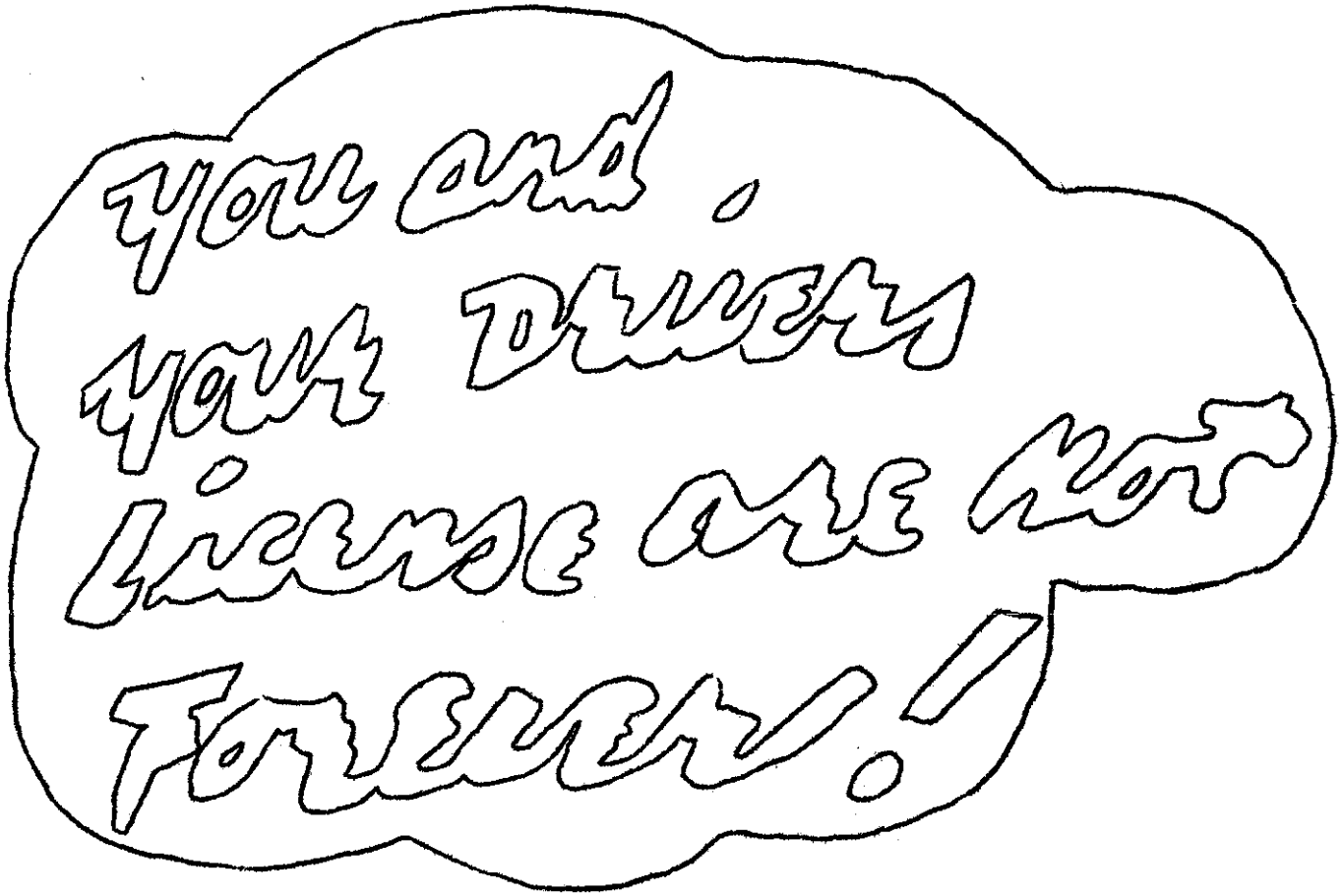


Too many of us assume that once we obtain a driver's license, it is ours to keep forever!

To drive a vehicle is not an inherent right! It is a privilege that once earned needs to be continually protected through constant adherence to the principles of safe and sane driving!

Driving errors can cost you your life!