

## READ ALONG WITH MONTY

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## Tuesday Is Night Of Grades' Program

The first six grades will present their traditional Christmas program Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym.

Their theme this year is "Spirit of Christmas."

The first part of the program will be put on by the first three grades. They will sing, and each student will say a "piece." They are being helped by Mrs. Olerud, Mrs. Jolley, and Mrs. King.

The second part is to be given by the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students. The fourth grade will put on an acrostic; the fifth and sixth will put on a play, and all three grades will sing. Mrs. Baseley, Mrs. Steele, and Mr. Lockhart are their teachers.

There will be coffee and cookies at the close of the program.

---Rhonda Massey

## Jean Bourk Wins VFW Essay Contest

Jean Bourk is the winner of the V.F.W. essay contest in which all students in grades 10-12 were invited to take part.

She and Kato Mitchell were the only ones from Blunt to enter the contest.

Jean competed against Jim Hunt from Pierre and Patty Olson from Onida. She won first place, receiving a \$25.00 savings bond and a free supper for her and her folks along with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoyt.

On Saturday Jean went to KCCR

## High School Concert Set For Wednesday

The Blunt High School Christmas concert will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym.

The chorus, boys and girls glee clubs, choir, and all of the small groups will present the program under the direction of Parker Knox.

The first half of the concert will consist of sacred Christmas songs while the remainder of the program will be secular music.

There will be no admission charge, but a free-will offering basket will be provided for those who wish to contribute to the music fund.

A matinee will be presented for grades one through six on Wednesday afternoon, tentatively at 1:45 p.m.

Remember music students: in just five days the six weeks of long practices will finally reach a climax with the concert! Is this startling news?

---Carlotta Albright

Radio, and there they taped her essay to send it on to the district contest. If Jean wins there, her essay will then go to the state contest, and there it will have a chance to get to go to the national contest.

Jean comments that she was pleasantly surprised when she got the word that she had won.

---Ramona Peters

BLUNT VS. HARROLD TONIGHT -----  
----- See Sports Section for details

## 7 Seniors Take ACT's Tomorrow

The A.C.T. tests are coming up again tomorrow, December 14, at Riggs High School in Pierre at 8:00 in the morning.

There are quite a number of seniors taking the test this time. They are Randy Harkless, Janet Gee, Mary Junkman, Dave Walker, Jean Bourk, Mike Ogan, and Jan Kirsch.

As for me, I found the tests very difficult. I doubt that they will be any easier this time either. In fact they will probably be harder since it is a little later in the year.

The tests cover four main areas--- English, mathematics, natural science, and social science. All together with recesses, the tests take about four hours to complete.

---Julian Olson

## \$200 Prize Offered In Writing Contest

The Black Hills, Badlands, and Lakes Association is sponsoring a feature story contest, the subject of which is any South Dakota activity or attraction, scenic or man-made, that would appeal to the traveling public.

The Association's purpose in sponsoring this contest is to secure a file of feature stories on South Dakota attractions that is current and can be used to publicize the many interesting places to visit and things to see in "The Land of Infinite Variety."

Any South Dakota writer, professional or amateur, regardless of age, is eligible. The contest period is Dec. 1 to Feb. 1.

Each manuscript is to be of from 500 to 1,500 words, typed and double-spaced, and sent to Box 539, Sturgis, S.D. All writing and materials must be original and uncopyrighted. The first place and all honorable mention manuscripts

## JUNIOR JOTTINGS

Surprise! I didn't start out by saying, "Well, we haven't been doing much this week!"

The fact is, we've been pretty busy since we had a history test Monday, plus the chorus practice early Tuesday morning and a thrilling basketball game that night. A class meeting was held Wednesday.

It seems some of us had a pretty busy weekend, too.

The roads in Blunt were just wonderful, I mean terrible Friday night, but Les and Rick weren't phased, even though they both had a flat tire.

There is a certain member of our class whose \$6,000 pickup has an agglutinated fan and radiator, whatever that is.

What was the big attraction up on the north hill last Friday night? It looked like the Hollywood Freeway!

Hey, June! Did you hear any strange noises coming from the street in front of your house Friday night? If you did, yours truly doesn't know a thing about it!

Kim and Lettie were reported to have been sneaking into Blunt late Friday night, but you can't prove it, Coach!

Not too much happened last Saturday night, but has anybody seen John Wayne lately?

Is it a rumor, or did Sharon Met-singer really leave her clothes in West-ington?

There were some really weird suggestions for Christmas presents for Mrs. Hoyt at the class meeting Wednesday, especially from Russ.

---Rick Walker

will become the property of the association.

The first prize is \$200. Each manuscript given an honorable mention rating by the judges will also receive \$25.

Examples of subjects are scenic areas, interesting events, unusual recreational resources, and historical sites.

# Screens Added To North Windows

Blunt High has had a few improvements lately. One of these is the new screens on the north windows in the assembly. Mr. Harsia reports that there will also be shades put up. The screens will help to keep out the cold north winds which blow through the assembly every winter.

There are also a few new improvements in the gym. One of these is new paint on the floor as you come into the building. Also in the gym a new basketball hoop was put up on the south side with a new free throw line painted. Now if we could have one more really big improvement, we've got it made. Can you guess what that one big improvement is?

---Frank Gos

# BHS Welcomes June Chase

June Chase, a sophomore, is the newest member to join the Blunt High School student body.

June's family moved here from Parkston where she attended Parkston High School, which has about 300 students in the high school. Her father works with the road construction company.

She has three brothers who are in grades two, five, and six, a sister in the eighth grade, and an older brother who graduated from high school last year.

June was asked to comment on the things she thought were different here. Her answer was: "Girls, sports, choice of courses, and classes."

June says her first impression of Blunt High School was, "It's awfully small, but I like it!"

---Sharon Metzinger

# SENIOR SENTENCES

English III is on a new unit on "The Pursuit of Happiness." We are having short quizzes daily.

In American history we had a test on Chapter 13 Monday, and we are studying Chapter 14.

In office practice we are on the same thing---just doing a lot of typing of letters. In journalism we are having newspaper terms and test after test; isn't that right, Mr. Knox?

Jeannie won first place at Pierre in the VFW contest, and for her prize she got a \$25 savings bond.

---Shirley Flansburg

# FRESHMAN FACTS

In math the students are now practicing areas and perimeters. In algebra the students are finding the unknowns in a problem.

In typing Jerry Ogan seems to be getting a little perturbed; huh Jerry?

I'm supposed to write the crazy things that happened in typing. Well, the other day Janell Adams got a little carried away and broke her electric typewriter. I wonder if it is the boy who sits by her! Steve?

On Monday the eighth graders were making popcorn, and the whole high school smelled like it.

The freshmen are looking for another win tonight for the "A" and "B" boys!

---Sharon Harkless

# FOURTH GRADE

We're putting decorations in our room this week, and we are still putting them up. Christmas is getting near. The Christmas program will be Dec. 17. We hope you are having fun picking out presents this year!

Susan E. was absent Monday, Dec. 9. We are practicing for our Christmas program, and we have drawn names for Christmas presents.---Gordon H. and Sherry L.

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SPORTS!

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Monarchs' Rally  
Sinks Wessington  
For Third Victory

The scrappy Blunt High Monarchs rallied in the final period Tuesday night at Wessington to defeat a Warrior team that was looking for its first victory of the season, 69-61.

The Monarchs' come-from-behind effort gave them a season's record of 3-0 heading into three games in the next seven days. It all starts tonight against Harrold at Ft. Pierre, followed by games Monday and Thursday against Glenham and Highmore.

In Tuesday's fateful fourth quarter the Blunt press caused numerous Wessington turnovers and brought the Black and Gold roaring back just when it appeared that hope was almost lost. The quarter began with Blunt on the short end, 53-47. Kerry Stobbs of the Warriors scored thirty seconds into the quarter, and Blunt was faced with a deficit of eight points, 55-47.

Les Severing started the rally with a field goal at the 7:20 mark. A free throw by Ed Welch and a rebound shot by Gale Harkless cut the gap to three, 55-52, with 6:27 remaining in the game.

Following a Wessington free throw by Dave Johnson (56-52), the Blunt press suddenly took dramatic effect when Wessington lost the ball bringing it down the court three consecutive times in less than 45 seconds. Gale Harkless scored to make it 56-54 for Wessington. Then Ted Massey took charge, hitting the typing bucket with 5:20 to go and giving the Monarchs the lead for the very first time in the entire game, 58-56, at 5:07. Massey hit the nets one more time two minutes later, and the tide had suddenly turned. It was 60-56 for the Black and Gold.

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TWO GAMES IN ONE:

BLUNT, HARROLD  
CLASH TONIGHT  
FOR C.P.A.C. LEAD

What could be one of the most exciting games of the season will be played at Parkview Gym in Ft. Pierre tonight when those two old rivals, Blunt and Harrold, clash in a game of vital importance to both schools.

The unbeaten Monarchs and the neighboring Cardinals are tied for the lead in the Central Plains Athletic Conference with 2-0 records, and tonight's winner will assume the driver's seat in the conference race.

It will be like playing two games in one tonight, however, for this game also counts in the standings of the Little Central Conference where Blunt is 0-0 and Harrold is 0-1.

Neither of these teams is blessed with great height, but both scrap and scramble for what they get, and something has to give.

First-year coach Dennis Marsc had the misfortune of having to open his season at Onida where the Warriors beat his Cardinals, 69-32. Three nights later, however, Harrold looked impressive in subduing Stephan, 59-33. Harrold went on to defeat Polo, 72-64, in its other CPAC game and lost to Cresbard, 48-47, last Friday. Harrold did not play Tuesday.

Six lettermen return to Harrold's team this season---senior Jack Buchanan, juniors Roger Meyers, Rick Bauer, Alan Parks, David Berrien, and Jerry Barnes.

Buchanan has led his team in scoring in three of the four games to date. In the Stephan contest Bauer had 22 and Parks 18 for Harrold.

Coach Ron Baseley's Blunt B's, who now have a record of 2-1, will face a Harrold team whose mark so far is 1-3. Their only victory came over Polo, 48-27. Their defeats have been at the hands of Onida, 61-37; Stephan, 30-34, and Cresbard, 30-21.

The "B" game starts at 6:30 p.m.

READ ALONG WITH MEMOS

MONARCHS' RALLY

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Ed Welch, off to a great start so far this season, added two important free throws in a game in which accuracy in that department had kept the Monarchs from taking the lead earlier. Randy Harkless added two more to the surging effort, driving in for a lay-up with 1:07 left when Gale had stolen the ball.

To the remaining 1:07, Blunt had scored 12 consecutive points, and Wessington, so wary from the lead for three periods, had scored only three points in the quarter. Dave Johnson's three points cut the spread to 64-59 with 47 seconds left, but Massey added a three-point play at 0:29 (67-59), and Randy Harkless hit again at 0:15 to end Blunt's offense for the evening. A basket by Wessington's Sargent near the end made the final score, 69-61.

Back at the beginning of the game Wessington scored first, and Blunt didn't catch up until only 1:50 was left in the period. 8-8. The first field goal had not come until 2:10 when Harkless made one at 2:10. The score was later tied at 10, but the period score was 15-12 for Wessington.

The Monarchs fell behind by eight points, 28-20, with 2:40 left in the first half, but Ed Welch kept them in the ballgame when disaster was imminent, scoring a free throw and then three straight field goals in a minute's time to make it 27-28. At 1:07 a Russell Spaid free shot tied it up, but Wessington led at the half anyway, 33-30. Welch had 16 points in the half.

Through the first part of the third quarter Blunt stayed close, keeping within three-to-five points of the Warriors. The home team, however, pulled out ahead by eight again in the final minute of the period which ended with the score 53-47 for Wessington. That set the stage for the Monarchs' never-say-die effort in the late stages of the game.

In the scoring columns Welch finished the game with 21 points. Massey and Gale Harkless had 14 each. Dave Johnson ended up with 28 for Wessington, and Kent Sargent scored 13 points.

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| BLUNT (69)            | FG        | FT           | PF        | TP        |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Massey .....          | 6         | 2-5          | 4         | 14        |
| Welch .....           | 8         | 5-10         | 3         | 21        |
| Spaid .....           | 1         | 3-4          | 3         | 5         |
| Sevning .....         | 3         | 1-4          | 4         | 7         |
| Harkless, Gale .....  | 6         | 2-5          | 5         | 14        |
| Harkless, Randy ..... | 3         | 0-1          | 3         | 6         |
| King .....            | 1         | 0-0          | 1         | 2         |
| Doyle .....           | 0         | 0-0          | 0         | 0         |
| Kimbley .....         | 0         | 0-0          | 0         | 0         |
| <b>TOTALS</b> .....   | <b>28</b> | <b>13-29</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>69</b> |

| WESSINGTON (61)     | FG        | FT           | PF        | TP        |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Rowen .....         | 2         | 0-2          | 5         | 4         |
| Fritache .....      | 2         | 3-6          | 4         | 7         |
| Johnson .....       | 10        | 8-12         | 3         | 28        |
| Stobbe .....        | 2         | 0-1          | 3         | 4         |
| Sargent .....       | 6         | 1-3          | 2         | 13        |
| Schilling .....     | 2         | 0-0          | 2         | 4         |
| Runge .....         | 0         | 0-0          | 2         | 0         |
| Fritache .....      | 0         | 1-2          | 1         | 1         |
| Woodruff .....      | 0         | 0-1          | 0         | 0         |
| <b>TOTALS</b> ..... | <b>24</b> | <b>13-27</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>61</b> |

BLUNT ..... 12 18 17 22--69  
 WESSINGTON ..... 15 20 8--61

Officials: Clemens and Gleason.

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MONARCH MEMOS ..... One fan made this remark after the Wessington game: "They're sure a bunch of scrappers, aren't they?" ..... A Wessington fan said that the Blunt team "play it cool" like past Blunt teams, even when they were behind, never getting rattled. .... Wessington's coach, Wayne Naboe, is in his first year of coaching. His last chance to get his first victory until 1969 will be tonight when the Warriors meet their biggest rival, Walsey, which has one of its best teams in recent seasons. Wessington will not play again until the first week of January. .... Trudy King made her debut as "mascot" for Blunt's "A" cheerleaders.

## Grade Teams Lose To Harrold Squads

Blunt's Little Monarchs dropped two games to Harrold here Monday night.

The fifth and sixth graders got into action for the first time this year in the opener, but they were defeated by a lopsided score of 42-20.

Blunt scorers were led by Robbie Spaid and Jan Harkless with 11 and seven, respectively. Harrold was led by Bollweg with 12 and Barnes with ten points.

Harrold also took the second game from the seventh and eighth grade team. Blunt kept well within reach of the Cardinals until halftime when Harrold led by only seven points. Harrold took an 18-point lead at the end of the third quarter. When the final buzzer rang, Blunt had been defeated by 19 points, 55-36.

Quarter scores were 10-7, 21-14, 38-20, and 55-36 with Harrold leading at all stops.

The Blunt scoring attack was led by Robbie Robbins with 13 points. For Harrold it was Tom Meyer and David Parks with 20 and 18 points, respectively.

The Blunt-Agar grade games that were set for Saturday, Dec. 14, have been postponed. The tentative date is next Friday, Dec. 20, at 7:00 p.m.

---Buddy King

## Committee Plans District Tourney

Members of the District 15 committee met in Ft. Pierre Wednesday afternoon to make further plans for the district tournament to be held there Feb. 17-18-19.

Schools represented were Blunt, Agar, Onida, Ft. Pierre, Harrold, and Highmore.

Such matters as seating, officials, and bands were discussed at the meeting.

The drawing for tournament pairings will be held at Blunt on Monday, Feb. 3, at 1:30 p.m.

## BHS Faces Glenham, Highmore Next Week

The Blunt Monarchs will play a home game against Glenham at Agar on Monday, Dec. 16.

The Glenham team, which has compiled a record of 2-3 so far this season, is a new team on Blunt's schedule. They dropped their opener to Northwestern Lutheran Academy, 50-45. Dupree knocked off Glenham, 54-48, before they tallied in the win column. Glenham tipped Isabel, 32-23, and Wakpala, 46-38, before losing to Bowditch in a 65-63 squeaker.

On Thursday, Dec. 19, the Monarchs will play the Highmore Pirates at Ft. Pierre. This will also be Blunt's home game and is a Little Central Conference contest.

The Pirates have seven returning lettermen from last year's 4-18 record team. Returning lettermen are Dave Splittstoesser, Ward Cline, Wayne McKelvey, Craig Fawcett, Gregg Davis, Jerry King, and Gary Lusk.

The Pirates dumped Sunshine Bible in their season opener, 62-47. Cresbard rallied to beat the Pirates, 66-59, before Highmore lost to the Faulkton Trojans, 63-40, and to the Stephan Chieftains, 61-55. On Tuesday the Pirates lost to Wolsey, 64-50.

---Ed Welch

## DATES SET FOR FROSH-SOPH TOURNEY

The Little Central Athletic Conference freshman-sophomore basketball tournament will be held in Ft. Pierre on Friday and Saturday, March 14-15.

This was decided at a meeting there Wednesday afternoon.

This tournament is being held in place of the traditional LCAC varsity tournament, which was discontinued this year because the same six LCAC schools will compete together in the District 15 tournament in February.

# GRADE B.B. SCHEDULE

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| Dec. 14: Agar, here (1:30 p.m.)                | 5-8 |
| Dec. 28: Tournament, here (1:30 and 6:30 p.m.) |     |
| Jan. 6: Ft. Pierre, here                       | 7-8 |
| Jan. 20: Onida, here                           | 5-8 |
| Jan. 23: Harrold, there                        | 5-8 |
| Jan. 27: Highmore, there                       | 5-8 |
| Feb. 3: Onida, there                           | 5-8 |
| Feb. 10: Highmore, here                        | 5-8 |
| Feb. 14: Agar, there                           | 5-8 |

Game times: 6:30 p.m., home and away.

# EDITORIAL

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS--- PREPARATION FOR LIFE:

by David Kling

(reprinted from the SDHSAA Newsletter)

Many times fellow classmates wonder why I and other athletes spend so much time participating in interscholastic sports when we could be earning money and avoiding the sweat, toil and pain that athletes endure. Ask the average on-locker why a boy is out for a sport, and he will probably reply, "Recognition." If recognition were the only motivating factor, high school athletes would have faded out long ago. Athletics in our school do many things to prepare an individual for his life ahead. First, athletics disciplines; second, it develops a winning or a positive attitude; and third, it stimulates teamwork and cooperation.

Discipline is a key factor in everyone's life. The person who properly disciplines himself to do those things that he does not especially care to do successfully accomplishes his work. During the past two basketball seasons, I have realized the importance of a disciplined life more than ever before. When we were working out our coach would say, "Conditioning starts when you don't think you can take another step." To experience the ordeal of this saying is a part of discipline that I believe everyone should be subjected to.

There is pain in such grueling drills, but pain, when administered correctly, helps build character. It hardens a person, makes him tougher, and through it he realizes that if he can go through the pain in practice, he can more easily go through it under game conditions. Men sent to Vietnam have to experience pain or some would never survive. They have to be toughened to withstand the pressure of the enemy.

You have probably heard the saying, "Winning isn't everything, but it sure beats coming in second." To win is to  
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# STANDINGS

## CENTRAL PLAINS CONFERENCE

|                      | W | L | Pct.  | Games Left |
|----------------------|---|---|-------|------------|
| Blunt .....          | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 6          |
| Harrold .....        | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 6          |
| Stephan .....        | 1 | 1 | .500  | 6          |
| Sunshine Bible ..... | 0 | 2 | .000  | 6          |
| Polo .....           | 0 | 2 | .000  | 6          |

Conference games this week:

Tonight, Dec. 13:

Blunt vs. Harrold at Ft. Pierre.

Stephan at Polo.

Saturday, Dec. 14:

Harrold at Sunshine Bible.

## LITTLE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

|                  | W | L | Pct.  | Games Left |
|------------------|---|---|-------|------------|
| Onida .....      | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 4          |
| Ft. Pierre ..... | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 4          |
| Blunt .....      | 0 | 0 | .000  | 5          |
| Highmore .....   | 0 | 0 | .000  | 5          |
| Agar .....       | 0 | 1 | .000  | 4          |
| Harrold .....    | 0 | 1 | .000  | 4          |

Conference games this week:

Tonight, Dec. 13:

Blunt vs. Harrold at Ft. Pierre.

Tuesday, Dec. 17:

Onida at Agar.

Wednesday, Dec. 18:

Agar vs. Harrold at Highmore.

Thursday, Dec. 19:

Blunt vs. Highmore at Ft. Pierre.

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compete. Competition is the key factor in all athletics. The highly competitive athlete will always do his best and then even more. If one does not care about winning and competing, why bother to even play the game? Why play a game "just for the fun of it"?

Too many people are not only this way in athletics but in their everyday lives also. They are not interested in striving to do their best, but are content with mediocre efforts, finding excuses to give for their results, such as, "things just weren't going right." They have an "If I don't get my way, I'll take my ball and go home" attitude. Many people have the attitude that if things do not go just right, they will quit trying. They do not want to accept anything that they may fail at. A positive attitude does away with the give-up attitude and this type of thinking is so essential in life as well as athletics. The positive attitude builds confidence and a winner.

Teamwork and cooperation are so important that a lack of them produces inferior teams. If one cannot get along with the other members of a team, then he will probably have difficulty getting along with his business associates later in life. Through teamwork each person has to sacrifice for another—for the good of everyone. Cooperation is essential in almost anything we do, and this cooperation can be instilled in high school athletics. An amount of pride is present if the group of boys function as a team, and as the pride becomes greater, the teamwork becomes greater, and in turn, the team becomes better. Teamwork binds those participating into a close fellowship and a kind of relationship that all seek to maintain.

High school athletics prepare one for the life ahead in discipline, positive thinking, and cooperation. There are few substitutes for building not only a strong body but a strong desire and will also.

## SOPHOMORE SLANTS

The sophomores are still studying Silas Warner in English II, and we are in Chapter 13, "Diastrophism," in general science.

In plane geometry class they are studying the angles of a polygon. In world history the students are learning how the growth of medieval towns promoted progress.

In drivers ed there's still a pickup left because there haven't been any girls driving it yet. But it has had a few miles put on it by the boys in the past few days.

---Mike Mitchell

## One Year Ago . . . . .

Issue of December 15, 1967:

The Blunt C's and Sophomores lost at the Pierre Indian School in a wild night of basketball. . . . . Dennis Stanton had 26 fouls plus a technical called on him in practice! . . . . . An impressive performance by the Monarchs resulted in a 68-45 win over Wessington at Highmore. Blunt's defense kept the opposition under 50 points for the third game in a row. . . . . Gary Johnson brought a supply of mistletoe for the sixth grade bulletin board. . . . . Caville Olson's opinion of the A.C.T. tests: "Blah!"

## Two Years Ago . . . . .

Issue of December 16, 1966:

A free throw with 10 seconds left by Gale Harkless proved to be the winning point as Blunt edged Harrold, 44-43, at Highmore. . . . . Dennis Stanton scored 16 to lead the Blunt B's over Harrold, 41-30. . . . . A purple 1967 Ford arrived as the new drivers ed car for BHS, but four hours later, it was scratch when another car slid into it in front of the school. . . . . A shot from the center of the court by Wessington's Stobbs beat Blunt, 46-45, for the Monarchs' first loss of the season. . . . . Supt. Nelson was hospitalized with a painful slipped disc.

## Blunt B's Suffer First Loss, 49-17

The Blunt B's lost their first game of the season to Wessington Tuesday night, 49-17.

Mark Kozel led the Monarchs in scoring with seven points, followed by Jerry Ogan, Dewayne Robbins, Steve Ogan, Gary Harkless, and Frank Goc, each with two.

Bohr led Wessington in scoring with 17 points.

The Monarchs just couldn't get moving. They made only one free throw in the game and shot 18% from the field.

---Ted Massey

## Kozel's Corner

Cleveland and Baltimore along with Dallas now hold conference championships in the NFL.

Cleveland held off a late Washington rally and won 24-21. With 61 seconds left in the game Washington scored a touchdown and recovered an on-side kick but couldn't move it, giving Cleveland the win.

Baltimore eliminated Green Bay on Saturday by downing the Packers, 16-3. This win along with a Chicago win over Los Angeles gave the Colts the Coastal Division.

In the one undecided division with one week to go, Minnesota and Chicago are tied. A Chicago win and a Minnesota win will send Chicago to the Western Conference finals by virtue of their two wins over Minnesota.

---Mark Kesel

## T.V. HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, Dec. 14:

12:45 p.m.: NFL Football: St. Louis vs. Cleveland.

Sunday, Dec. 15:

12:30 p.m.: NFL Football: Green Bay vs. Chicago, followed by Baltimore vs. Los Angeles.

## WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

QUESTION (asked by Linda Ogan and Janet Goc): "Robert T. Smith, columnist for the Minneapolis Tribune, has stated that the present national anthem, 'The Star Spangled Banner,' is outdated, a leasy song, and impossible for a normal person to sing. Do you agree, or should it be kept as the national anthem?"

Mary Junkman:

I think "The Star Spangled Banner" is a beautiful patriotic song and would hate to see it replaced. However, I realize it is hard to sing. Why not have two national anthems, one to be played and one to be sung?

Mrs. Hoyt:

I can't imagine changing our national anthem. It is a bit difficult for most of us to hit that one high note, but it is such a stirring song when either sung or played that I thrill to hear it. Let's keep it!

Mrs. Colin Steele:

I have always been fond of "The Star Spangled Banner." It takes a good portion of a lifetime, however, for us average Americans to come close to singing it comfortably. It is usually a disaster to try it without accompaniment. An entirely new song for the national anthem might well be considered. I would favor a snappy march tune.

Don Kietzmann:

I like "The Star Spangled Banner." It has a lot of meaning behind it. After all, remember how we received it from Sir Francis Scott Key after the battle at  
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Fort McHenry. We should keep it as it is, with a wonderful meaning and memory.

Ted Massey:

Robert T. Smith can say anything about our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," he wants to, but to me the meaning of the song and the events it stands for will never be outdated or lousy. He might as well ask for a new flag.

Mr. Knox:

Granted that it's difficult to sing and granted that some bands just can't play it, but you just don't go around changing the national anthem whenever you get the urge to do so. The song can be sung, as anyone who heard the all-state chorus sing it in 1967 at Huron will testify.

Mrs. Marfin Massey:

I see no reason to change our national anthem. Personally I like the music. There will never be a song written that fits everyone's voice range. "The Star Spangled Banner" goes from high to low so everyone can sing somewhere during the song!

It would be impossible to keep a song "updated" without changing the words several times a year. The feeling that inspired this song was one of patriotic joy and the same principal should apply today. It was written in 1814, and Congress adopted it as the national anthem in 1931. If it took 117 years to get a song accepted, it would probably take even longer to get it changed. I think there is plenty of important things for man to dwell on and leave the national anthem alone.

If Robert T. Smith is left cold after hearing "The Star Spangled Banner," he must have either failed history class or be a poor American.

# Becky Nelson Is Poster Winner

Rebecca Nelson of the fifth grade has been declared the winner of the "---- the Cardinals" poster contest, and her winning poster, "Kill the Cardinals," will be on display at Ft. Pierre tonight when Blunt plays Harrold.

Other winners chosen by the journalism class were Barry Massey, second grade, in second place, and Barbara Langkeek, sixth grade, in third place. Barry's poster reads, "Monarchs Eat Cardinals," and Barbie's says, "Cream the Cardinals."

A total of seven entries were received. The actual prizes have not been decided upon yet, but they will be given out eventually!

## EDITORIAL

Congratulations to the 12 freshmen who had perfect attendance during the second six-weeks. Could it be that we have a new generation of "school-attenders" among us---people who do their shopping, working, hunting, baby-sitting, sleeping, and goofing off at times other than school time and who come to school even when it is cold out, when their heads ache, when their backs hurt, when they need to make some extra spending money, when their hair needs fixing, when they have a deer to clean, when their cars don't start, when they are all tuckered out, and when they have English, general science, and history tests scheduled. Let us hope so. ---PK

Basketball fans will be watching the daily papers Tuesday when the first Associated Press Class "B" poll of the season is released.

WATCH YOUR STEP:

# Just Another Friday? Or An Unlucky Day?

To many people Friday the 13th means bad luck.

Back in Christ's days, people in Great Britain believed it to be a day of bad luck. If women did their washing on this day, the suds would turn to blood and the clothes would be spotted with blood. On the other hand, it was thought lucky to break pottery on this day for the sharp points of the broken pieces were believed to pierce the body of Judas, the one who betrayed Jesus.

The number 13 is thought of as a bad luck number when it falls on Friday to sailors also. They refuse to leave port for duty on a ship if the day is Friday the 13th.

Back in the olden days, criminals were executed on Fridays, then known as "hangman's day."

Are you really superstitious about Friday the 13th?

Ray Marshall: I am not!

Don Kietzmann: I am not superstitious. My sister won a bicycle on Friday the 13th, so I know she isn't superstitious either!

Mr. Knox: Any Friday is a glorious day; I couldn't care less what the date is.

Linda Ogan: Are you joking me? I love Friday the 13th.

Peggy Longkeek: No, Friday the 13th isn't any different from any other Friday except maybe we can have some fun watching those stupid, superstitious people.

Mrs. Hoyt: Of course I'm superstitious about Friday the 13th! Look at all the bad luck I've had on that day! I was born on the 13th, married on the 13th, and with any luck at all, I'll probably pass on to that "big classroom in the sky" on the 13th. Seriously I'm never aware

## GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

### FIFTH GRADE .....

The class is working very hard preparing themselves for their Christmas play.

We are also working on three digit multiplication problems in math class. As a group the class is doing quite well.

### THIRD GRADE .....

Things are beginning to shape up for our program. We hope all parents and friends will be able to attend.

Program time is 7:30 on Tuesday, and we ask all students to be at school at 7:15.

Paula and Moine brought in some things for our room for Christmas.

We have 11 new library books in our room to really enjoy after the Christmas rush.

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it is Friday the 13th unless someone tells me.

---Don Kietzmann

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### SECOND GRADE .....

Thanks to all the parents who came to conferences as scheduled.

We know all our songs for the program and are working hard on our individual pieces.

We all enjoyed the grade basketball games Monday night even though we lost.

We plan to have a Christmas party in our room the afternoon of December 20. Each second grade girl is to bring a gift for a girl; each boy should bring a gift for a boy. The price of the gift should be between 79¢ and \$1.03. If each student can bring one ornament for our tree, we will decorate it soon.

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# Frances Stuart Places Second

Ether Piccione, a charming Spanish girl, was selected as the 1969 Onida Snow Queen Saturday night at Onida. She is a foreign exchange student at Riggs High in Pierre.

Frances Stuart, senior at Blunt High, received the first runner-up position. She is to take over the throne if the Snow Queen cannot participate in the events she is to attend in the next year.

Nineteen girls between 17 and 25 participated in the tenth annual Snow Queen contest. The afternoon began with the lining up of girls and the rehearsing of walking on the ramp. There was a tea at 3:00, and the interviews with the judges followed immediately. All of the girls were to meet back at the auditorium at 7:30. This was the opening of a successful pageant.

The program was opened with a talent show including nine entries. First place went to Corlie Wise, Pierre, with a character dance. Tom Fox, Peggy, Diane, and Kathy Hur, Onida, received second place with their musical selections.

Frances Stuart and Kate Mitchell of Blunt also entered the talent contest as a duet.

The program progressed with the parade of future queens. Twenty little girls between the ages of four and six walked proudly down the ramp and back to their positions. Introduction of the past queens was the next event on the program. The last event was the crowning of the 1969 Snow Queen.

"Who's the Queen?" everybody was wondering. Third runner-up was Judy Ranler, Onida. Second runner-up was Sharon Hutchison, Ft. Pierre. Then came the announcement of Francie's first runner-up spot and Miss Piccione's award as Queen.

When we asked Francie about her reactions, she said she didn't realize it until later that she had won first runner-up!

---Kate Mitchell

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SECOND GRADE

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Raymond Lee Chase enrolled in our school December 2. He went to school in Parkston before moving to Blunt. Now we have six boys and nine girls.

Please note that our program will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. December 17.

SPORTS SHORTS ..... One of the baskets came tumbling down in the gym the other afternoon when Ted Massey held on to the rim too long. It was pushed back up and used for Monday night's grade games and was then welded into place the next day. .... Several local fans will remember one of the glass backboards that shattered at the State "B" two years ago. The same thing happened in the Onida gym last week when two school officials were standing nearby. No basketball was being played in the gym at the time; the board just popped and that was that! A new one was brought up from Pierre in time for a game the next night. .... All action stopped for a second at the start of the Wessington "B" game when the buzzer sounded after the tip, but a Wessington player kept moving and scored a bucket.