

# "SCRATCH"

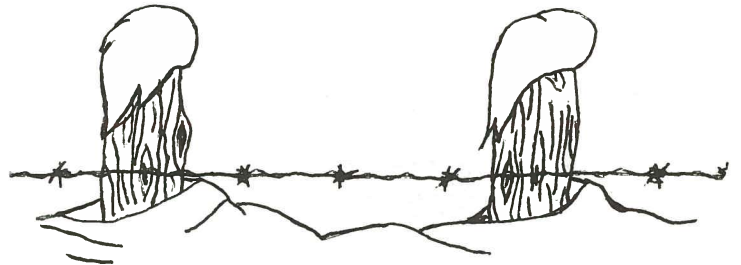
"SCRATCH" was a familiar word in the hustle and bussle of room 16 at the beginning of the year.

It took the twenty-four members of THREE WIRE WINTER a little over two weeks to come up with a title for our magazine. Each member worked a long, hard, nailbiting, hair-pulling two hour day five days a week.

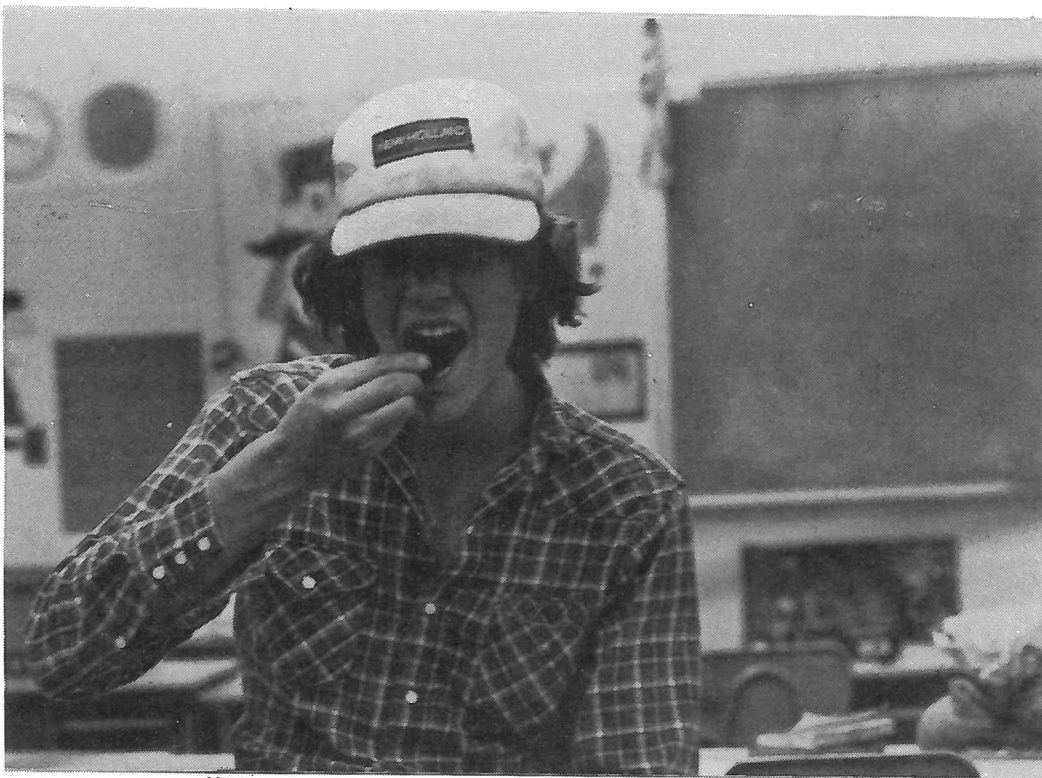
We had names of animals such as Whistlepig and Magpie; names of trees such as Aspen, Chokecherry, and pine; streams, mountains and even imaginary places. Over 243 names were being turned inside out, upside down, backwards. We were looking for a name with which we could identify.

Each day a class member would take his turn at the blackboard, writing his/her original idea for the class to scrutinize. Inevitably someone would scream out "SCRATCH!" With so many SCRATCHES we almost gave up and called it Cowpie.

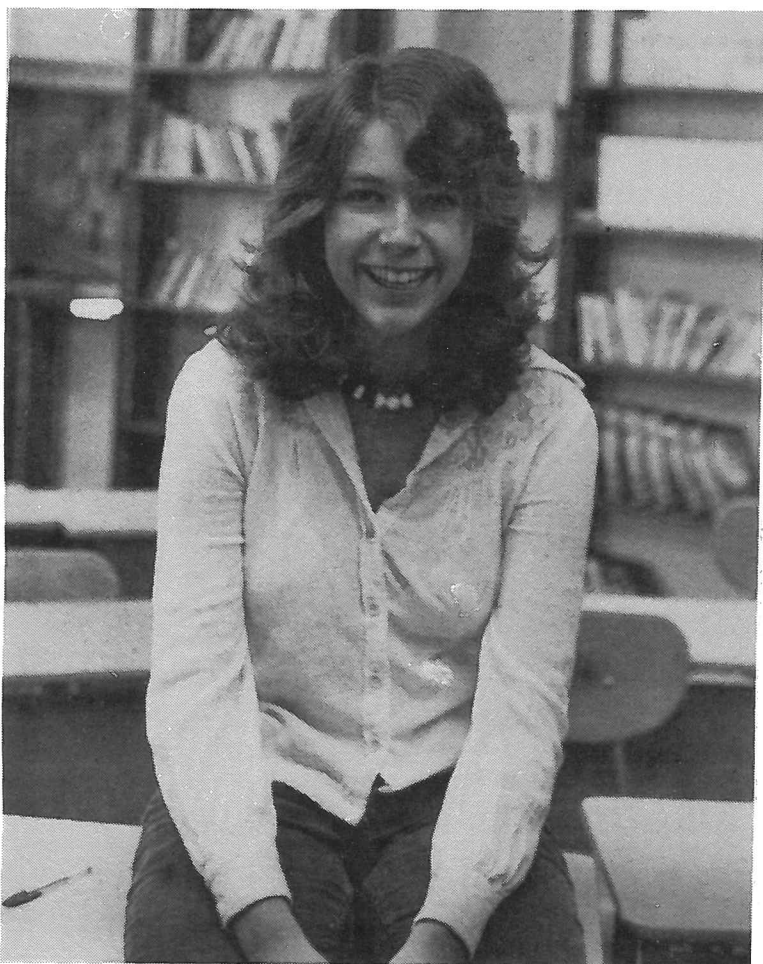
THREE WIRE WINTER came to us by way of authoress Jean Wren. Four Wire Winter is the name of a chapter in her book "Steamboat Springs and the Treacherous and Speedy Skee".



**"WE GOT OUR NAME!"**



**"NO, FOUR INSTEAD OF THREE!"**



**"SCRATCH - NOT AGAIN!"**

This title is what we wanted and what we chose, but it took us a few more pain filled days to realize it, for we couldn't decide on how many wires our fence should have. Any number sounded good. Two wires? Six wires? Why three wires? We doubt if many people have seen a six wire winter.

Now you are asking what THREE WIRE WINTER means. It means that the snow has come up to the third wire on a barbed wire fence during the winter. And we have had a few of these in the Steamboat Springs area.

Well, we got our title and you now have your first issue of THREE WIRE WINTER.