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**WHICH ONE WILL BE THE QUEEN?** These seven sophomore girls have been chosen queen candidates for the Spring Formal to be held on April 23. The girls are, back row, left to right, Paula Williams, Janice Abraham, Teresa Puntney, and Linda Cowen; seated, left to right, Linda McCluskey, Lana Haun, and Carol Lee. (Hilliard-Myers Photo)

## Mt. VCC Hosts State-Wide SEA Meeting; J. Lester Buford Delivers Keynote Address

The Illinois Student Education Association's Spring Workshop was held March 26 at Mt.VCC. Eighteen chapters of SIEA from around the state were represented. J. L. Buford, past president of the National Education Association and former head of the Mt. Vernon Public School System, gave the keynote address.

Richard Walsh, president of SIEA, presided at the first general session, following the presentation of the colors by the Community College Color Guard. Dean Howard Rawlinson welcomed the students to Mt.VCC and Miss Betty Andrews, Program Assistant of the National Student Education Association, gave greetings from the national organization.

Following the opening assembly in the high school auditorium, the students broke up into discussion groups. Discussion leaders included Dr. Leonard A. Brubaker, Associate Professor of Education at

Illinois State University; Dr. Robert H. Zeller, Assistant Superintendent, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Springfield; and Joseph E. Keating, Principal of the Salt Creek School in Elmhurst.

A noon luncheon was held at the First Methodist Church with Robert Brown, president of the local SEA chapter, presiding. Special guests at the luncheon were Mr. and Mrs. Buford; County Superintendent of Schools Ogie Ellis; Miss Pam Kostenko, past president of SIEA; and Miss Carl Barr, past Secretary-Treasurer of SIEA. The Communiquettes provided entertainment during the luncheon. Reginald Simon, Past President of SIEA delivered the luncheon address.

Following more group discussions in the afternoon, the Workshop adjourned at 4 p.m.

Commenting on the meeting, Robert Brown told a Pyramid Press reporter, "Our local SEA

chapter and advisor, Mrs. Imogene Book, express their thanks to everyone in Mt. Vernon who helped us to make this one of our most successful achievements."

## Four Sources Will Finance Area College

By MIKE AARON

Many people in this area are concerned with how the proposed Rend Lake Junior College will be financed. This article aims to explain, for both students and taxpayers, how the college will be paid for. Four sources will provide the income for the college: federal assistance, state assistance, tuition, and district tax money.

If the Rend Lake Junior College is approved by the state Junior College Board, combined state and federal assistance will pay for 75% of construction costs through 1971, after which the aid is reduced to 50%. It is estimated that approximately 20% of the courses to be offered by the college will be eligible for operating costs for these courses. Additional federal assistance is available through the Higher Education Act of 1965, the Economic Opportunity Act, and the National Defense Education Act.

As previously mentioned, the state along with the federal government will pay for 75% of the costs of constructing the college. The state will also pay \$11.50 per semester hour per student. This aid will probably apply to only 80% of the estimated full time enrollment since the 20% of the courses eligible for 50% or more federal assistance are not open to \$11.50 state aid.

### Tuition

No decision has been made yet as to whether or not tuition will be charged. If charged, it should not exceed \$30 per

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## "Arabian Nights" Spring Formal Slated April 23

One thousand and one stars will be shining in a make-believe sky as the 1966 Mt. Vernon Community College Spring Formal is transformed into the "Arabian Nights."

The dance will be held in the Boys' Gymnasium on Saturday, April 23, from 8:30 to 12:30. Music will be furnished by the Jack Engler Orchestra from St. Louis.

Following the dance, students may change clothes and then go to the Nu-Bowl Bowling Alley, where the recreation facilities will be open to all college students from 1-3 a.m. Following this activity everyone is invited to the Elks Lodge for a snack and a two hour period of "Swinging" dance music. Music at the Elks will be provided by Wayne Gibbs and the Runaways.

## Seven Girls Are Queen Candidates

Seven sophomore girls have been chosen as Mt. Vernon Community College Spring Formal Queen candidates. The girls are:

- Janice Abraham
- Linda Cowen
- Lana Haun
- Carol Lee
- Linda McCluskey
- Teresa Puntney
- Paula Williams

One of these girls will be crowned 1966 queen of the Spring Formal on April 23.

Miss Kathleen Abraham, 1965 queen, will return to Mt.VCC to crown the new queen. Kathleen is a junior at San Francisco State University in California.

Miss Mary Beth McCullough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCullough will be the flower girl for the coronation. Master Richard Abraham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ency Abraham, will be the crown bearer.

The queen will be selected the night of the formal. Each couple attending the dance will be eligible to vote for the queen.

Highlights of the Spring Formal will be the crowning of the 1966 queen at 10 p.m.

Sophomore David Holtman is the chairman for the entire evening's proceedings. David has been planning since the beginning of the semester to make this dance a memorable one for all the college students.

Assisting David are the following committee chairmen:

- Patty McCleary—refreshments.
- Marvin Leathers—wall decorations.
- Alan Wiley—ceiling decorations.
- Mike Hassan—entrance.
- Bob Waller—tables and chairs.

Sponsors for the dance will be Mrs. Betty Ann Ward, Mr. and Mrs. James Yates, Mr. Felix DyReyes, Jr., and Mr. Tom Allemang.

"This dance will be one of the most exotic and spectacular ever held at the Mt. Vernon Community College," stated David Holtman. "We're expecting a record crowd!"

## Peace Corps Placement Test To Be Given On Mt.VCC Campus

On Saturday, April 30, a special on-campus Peace Corps Placement Test will be given at the Mt. Vernon Community College at 8:30 a.m. This test is intended for those

students who plan to apply for the Peace Corps project after graduation.

All those students interested in taking this placement exam should see Mrs. Betty Ann Ward within the next week.



**SEVERAL MT. VERNON SEA** members were on hand to help visiting students register at the state workshop on March 25. The students are, from left to right, Don Wood, Judy Walker, Karen Gordon, Jane Hart, and Mary Alice Bond. (Paul Kern Photo)



**SPRING FORMAL PLANNING** Committee members are, left to right, Patty McCleary, Alan Wiley, Bob Waller, John Murray, Mike Hassan, and chairman, David Holtman. Absent from the picture is Marvin Leathers. (Dan Ellis Photo)



## "Park It Buddy," "OK, But Where?"

With the increased enrollment at the beginning of the second semester and the old ja'opies coming out with warm weather, students and teachers of Mt. Vernon Community College face a serious problem. Where do we park the o'd junk heap?

Most students of the college live far enough away from the school that a car is needed to arrive at the college. On any typical school day, one can expect to find we'll over 200 cars, registered and unregistered, in school parking lots and on nearby streets. Next fall, the enrollment of the college will undoubtedly increase and with this rise, there will be an increase in the number of automobiles coming to school. Where will they go?

The restrictions on parking lots cause serious problems for all the students. Forced to turn to other measures, the angry student wedges his car in the main parking lot which is already overcrowded, and stops the flow of traffic. He can take his vehicle to the city parking lot on Jordan, where he will promptly receive a parking ticket because he can't get there between classes to feed the meter. Or he can try to find a parking place on the street which is virtually impossible.

To rectify this dire situation, we first advise the obvious, obtain more parking lots. We realize this is probably impossible because of land value near the school. But there are several suggestions which come to mind. Patrol the existing parking lots more closely and weed out all cars of high school students; we have enough problems of our own. We also suggest some method of devising individual parking spaces within the existing lots to simplify the problem of getting out after the student gets in.

To make a long story short, teachers and other school personnel have reserved parking facilities. The teachers and personnel are present to instruct and serve the students, members of tomorrow's ruling generation. If we are to rule, why can't we have a parking place?

—Mike Hassan

## College Freshman Interviews American Nazi Leader

(Editor's note: The following was written by Pyramid Press reporter, Terry M. Pigg, after his interview last August with George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi party.

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By **TERRY M. PIGG**

"White Man Fight. Smash the Blackman Revolution Now!"

These words, in huge, black letters boldly greet the visitor to 928 N. Randolph St., Arlington, Virginia, the National-International Headquarters of the American Nazi Party.

The first time I saw the American Nazi Headquarters I thought I was looking at the local meeting place of some group like the White Citizens Council or even the Ku Klux Klan, for nowhere on the building was there written the word "Nazi." It was very difficult, indeed, for me to believe that I was looking at something which was designated a "headquarters," because what I saw was an old, two-story, white building, formerly a

private home, badly in need of repair. A broken window pane, a dilapidated, rusting screen door, and a small, grassless yard all added to the preposterousness of this being, as its occupants described it to me later, the center of an "international political party."

My purpose for being at 928 Randolph was to arrange an interview with the leader of the American Nazi Party, Mr. George Lincoln Rockwell.

Attempting to enter, I pulled at the screen door; it was locked so I knocked and was shortly greeted by a young man, apparently in his early 20's, wearing a .38 caliber revolver in a buttoned-down holster around his waist.

As I entered the door I saw directly in front of me, at the base of a staircase, a poster which proclaimed "Down With Martin Luther Coon!", an example of Nazi hate-humor.

Leading me into a dark little office, the young Nazi apologized for the "non-militant air" in the headquarters as no one was "in uniform today."

**Storm Troopers Question**

While the Storm Trooper proceeded with what was apparently a routine matter of requesting my name, address and whom I represented, all of which he recorded in a register on his desk, I observed the small room.

Behind the desk a large red, white, and black swastika banner with a blue, round spot in the center (I was later told that the spot symbolized the globe, and thus the "internationalization of Nazism") was displayed on a black wall; to the left of the banner was a portrait of Adolph Hitler, and, ironically, to the right was a portrait of George Washington.

**Terry Describes Room**

Three things hung on the hardwood paneled wall opposite the Nazi flag: first, there was a self-portrait of the self-styled successor to the "Fuhrer," Commander Lincoln Rockwell (my host explained that this portrait was a "result of the Commander's artistic

## "The Arabian Nights"

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## Instructor Reviews Best Selling Novel

(Editor's note: The following is a review of Bel Kaufman's Up the Down Staircase.)

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By **TOM ALLEMANG**

"Hi teach." With these startling words for the opening day of school, we enter the world of a beginning teacher, Sylvia Barrett, English instructor in an overcrowded New York high school.

The book is classified as a novel. If so, it is a novel with a new technique. Readers expecting the conventional narrative style of most novels will be disappointed and even irritated at the book's unique format. "Important" office communications, appropriately numbered for easy filing, remarks by students, highly critical of the school and its teachers, and letters from Sylvia Barrett to a college friend and a touch of reality to the reading experience.

Those who teach or have taught will be familiar with Sylvia Barrett's dilemma. An administration which is too absorbed in its own bureaucratic sense of superiority that it neglects the minds of the students is the enemy of any conscientious teacher interested in students' welfare. Each time that Miss Barrett asks for something to better the conditions of her room, she is greeted by a note which says: "Let it be a challenge to you." In other words, nothing can be done. **"Hawk" Writes Suggestions**

The students' comments in the suggestion box are by far the most humorous and enlightening part of the novel for there we see the critical mind at work. In notes from such people as "The Hawk," we find all the frustration and futility of some of these students' lives. We also find those students who are on Miss Barrett's side, as well as occasional comments about her physical beauty.

The administrators and other teachers of the novel should also be noted. McHabe, the administrative assistant reflects complete lack of understanding of students' problems, and a definite tendency to regard organization as more important.

Yet we finish the novel not with desperation but with hope, for Sylvia Barrett has hope. She begins to see minds awakening to ideas. Her class sees her for what she is, a dedicated person wanting nothing more than to help them, something which other teachers had forgotten through complacency. As long as there are dedicated teachers like her there is hope for education.

flair"); next, there were framed reproductions of both the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution; and, finally, there was Lt. Commander George Lincoln Rockwell's military discharge paper, declaring that he was honorably separated from the United States Navy on February 5, 1960.

**Arranges Interview**

From an adjoining room a young man in faded blue jeans entered the main office; he, like my questioner seemed eager to give me any information I wanted. I asked if I could interview Rockwell on the following Saturday and was told that, if this could be arranged, I would receive a confirmation of the tentative date by telephone.

The preliminary preparations for my interview completed, I decided to question both Nazis about their party to see how well versed they were in their own doctrine.

Asking one of the men if the Nazi Party was both Anti-Semitic and Anti-Negro, I was informed that "85% of all Jews are Communist controlled." A man who walked into the room while I was asking this question broke into the conversation and explained that the Party was not really opposed to the Jews and Negroes as individuals—for "a few are not Communists"—but, "since you have to oppose a group of people as a group when the largest part of the group is your enemy, the Party opposes Negroes and Jews."

**Receives Nazi Papers**

At this point I decided to save the rest of my questions for Rockwell himself, and preparing to leave, asked for some of the Party's literature to take along with me. Most of the pamphlets were free but two pieces were for sale. I took the free literature and bought a \$.25 magazine, "The Stormtrooper," the official Party magazine filled with Anti-Semitic and Anti-Negro propaganda, including a number of "faked photographs" and dirty jokes. (On the back cover of

"The Stormtrooper" was a listing of "Nazi Literature and Other Items For Sale," among which was a 45 r.p.m record by "Country Music Star Odis Cochran and the Three Bigots singing 'Ship Those Niggers Back' and 'We is Non-Violent Niggers!'" The recording was guaranteed to make you laugh or your money refunded.)

**Shakedown Coming Up**

Re-confirming the tentative date for my interview, I was given one final bit of information; before I would be allowed to see the Commander I would have to go through a "shake down" to check for any "concealed knives or other weapons which I might use to assassinate him." The idea of a "shake down" shook me up, but I agreed to it anyway. Saying good-bye to the young Nazis (as far as I could tell there were no old Nazis) and thanking them for their propaganda, I walked away from the national-international headquarters thinking of possible questions for the "junior Feuhrer."



**THE "RANGER ROOTERS"** hit Mt. VCC last month! College students from Benton started a fad by wearing cowboy hats to support Benton during the Illinois State High School Basketball tournament. Pictured above are some of the loyal Ranger fans. From left to right, David Barton, Henry Phillips, Mike Buntin, and Jim Rice. (Dan Ellis Photo)

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## Pianist Gives Convocation For Students

Pianist Mr. Scott Morrison presented a convocation to the college student body last Thursday. Mr. Morrison presented a "Conversation Concert," combining concert material with interesting anecdotes.

Mr. Morrison, whose present home is in New York City, travels more than fifty thousand miles a year in the United States and in Europe, filling concert engagements. He has studied piano and composition with some of the outstanding teachers in this country and abroad.

Mr. Morrison's special interest is young people, the audience of tomorrow. His favorite hobby is cooking, but he also finds time in his busy schedule to play bridge and to enjoy visiting a circus or watching a boxing or wrestling match.

## Jaycees Hold Third Autorama

The third annual Mt. Vernon Autorama was presented by the Mt. Vernon Jaycees and the Kingsmen last Saturday and Sunday in the Armory.

The show included antique, custom, and hot rod cars. Trophies were awarded to the best cars in each class.

Five girls from the Mt. Vernon Community College were honored as queen candidates. The girls were Joyce Bullard, Linda Cowan, Flossie Hall, Carol Lee, and Mary Jane Moss. The girls were selected by students of the college.

## Spring Formal



### Four Sources Will Finance Area College

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quarter. However, students living in the proposed district will attend tuition free.

The projected tax rate for the local district will be 20c per \$100 assessed valuation for educational funds and 5c per \$100 to retire the construction bonds. This 5c rate means that the building bonds could be paid off within 20 years. The total tax rate of 25c was determined by a feasibility study conducted by the Paralex Company of Mt. Vernon. The total assessed valuation of the proposed district is approximately \$195,200,000.

### Ronnie Storment Will Attend State Meeting

Sophomore Ronnie Storment will serve as a student representative to the state junior college convention to be held in Carbondale on April 23. Ronnie will serve on a panel with students from other junior colleges throughout the state to discuss the subject of junior colleges as a whole. Dean Howard Rawlinson and Registrar James Yates will also attend the convention.

## Midwest Is Favorite Site of Instructor Felix DyReyes

Economic teacher, Mr. Felix DyReyes, has become a familiar personality around the Mt. Vernon Community College. A native of the Philippines, Mr. DyReyes has been teaching economics at Mt.VCC since the beginning of the school year.

Mr. DyReyes was born on the island of Manila. He received his Bachelor's Degree in commerce there before coming to the United States where he obtained a Master's Degree in economics from Southern Illinois University. His interest in economics stems from the fact that his country needs good economists in order to fully develop the country's assets. Upon the conclusion of his American visit he plans to return to Manila to teach and also to work for the government.

The first boy in a family of nine children, Mr. DyReyes

speaks three languages—English, a bit of Spanish, and his native Philippine language. His favorite hobbies include basketball, movies, and soccer. He helped to organize the college soccer club this year and served as faculty advisor.

Having traveled through San Francisco, Hawaii, Chicago, and Kentucky, Mr. DyReyes believes that he likes the Midwest best because, "Midwestern people accept foreigners without any reservations or prejudices."

Aside from his teaching duties, he has served as sponsor for the "Variety A Go Go," "Mr. Roberts," the soccer club, and is now assisting on the Spring Formal.

Economics students have found him to be understanding and good natured and always in good humor. Mr. DyReyes has certainly been an asset to Mt.VCC and to the Mt. Vernon community.



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**THE MAMMOTH**



# Warriors Begin Baseball Season; Will Lee Coaches

College baseball season officially opened in Mt. Vernon last week as the Community College Baseball Warriors began their spring training. The Warriors are coached by Mr. Will Lee, instructor at the Mt. Vernon Township High School. Team managers will be Mike Pace and Bill Murray.

The schedule includes 18 games. The Warriors will be competing against Harrisburg, Centralia, Belleville, and Mt. Carmel. All games are double-headers and all will begin at 1 p.m.

The schedule is as follows:  
 April 16—Harrisburg, there  
 April 18—Centralia, here  
 April 21—Belleville, there

April 23—Mt. Carmel, here  
 April 25—Centralia, there  
 April 28-29—Tourney  
 May 7—Harrisburg, here  
 May 10—Mt. Carmel, there  
 May 12—Belleville, here  
 May 13—Lincoln Tourney

## Attention Boys!

For all young men who plan to request occupational deferments as college students, the selective service college qualification will be given on May 14, May 21, and June 3. Scores on the test will be used in considering the relative qualifications of registrants for continued college study.



# Pyramid Sports

## Trophies Are Awarded As Season Ends

The Mt. Vernon Community College Bowling League closed its season March 23. The league had been quite successful until recently when three of the ten teams dissolved. On April 6 trophies were presented to outstanding participants in the league.

The Pink Panthers—Mary Jane Moss, David Martin, and John Muzzarelli—were awarded the first place team trophy. Trophies for high average, high series, and high game were awarded to both men and women. Each bowler was eligible for only one individual trophy and must have participated in at least two-thirds of the games during the season. Individual trophies went to: John Muzzarelli, high average, 167; Joe Beasley, high game, 203; Roger Garbers, high series, 557; Mary Jane Moss, high average, 143; Elaine Wilson, high series, 451; and Sharon Johnson, high game, 155.

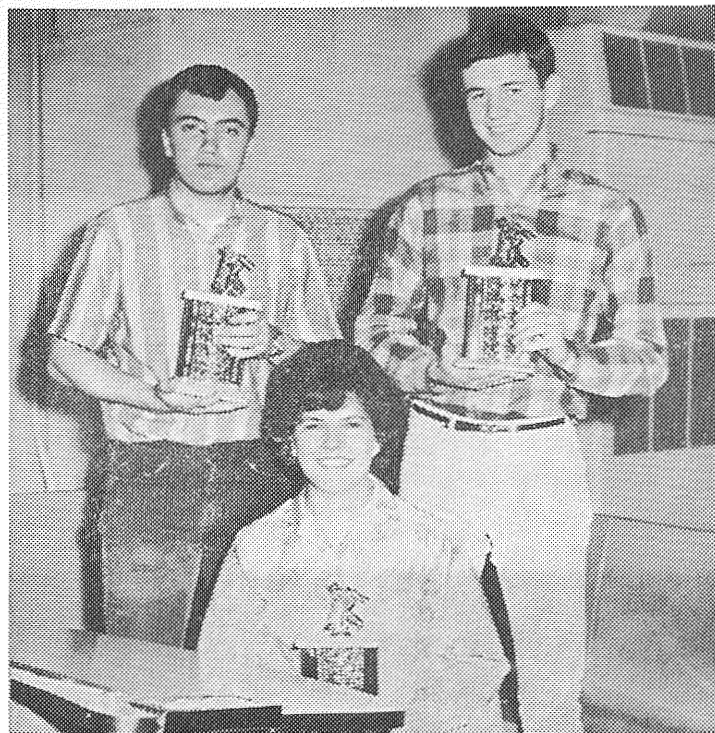
Honorable mention for high game went to the following bowlers: Tom Sweeten, 217; Mike Garlinghouse, 206; Jim Wood, 206; Mike Piper, 202; Johnny Cherry, 201; Mike Pace, 197; David Martin, 192; Marv Leathers, 191; Randy Olson, 184; Tom Vowell, 183; Bob Payne, 182; Danny Anderson, 179; Don Phillips, 175; and John Sturdevant, 157.

Final team standings of those teams which finished the season are as follows:

Pink Panthers	51	27
Dukes of Bowling	49	29
Nite Owls	46½	31½
Unpredictables	42	36
The Mets	40	38
Pin Busters	36	42
Kollege Kids	31	47



PICTURED ABOVE are the winners of the individual bowling trophies won in the college bowling league. They are from left to right, back row, Sharon Johnson, high game; Elaine Wilson, high series; Mary Jane Moss, high average; kneeling, left to right, Joe Beasley, high game; Roger Garbers, high series; and John Muzzarelli, high average. (Paul Kern Photo)



MEMBERS of the championship bowling team, the "Pink Panthers", are, left to right, John Muzzarelli, Mary Jane Moss, and David Martin. (Paul Kern Photo)

## The Spring Formal Is Near!

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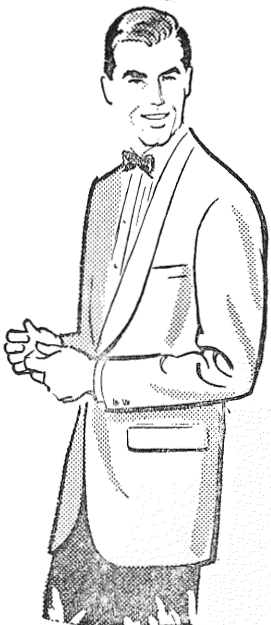
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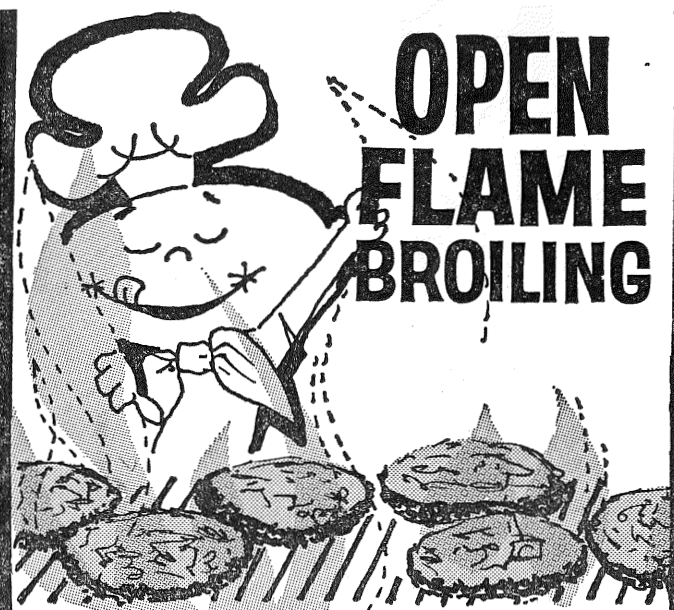
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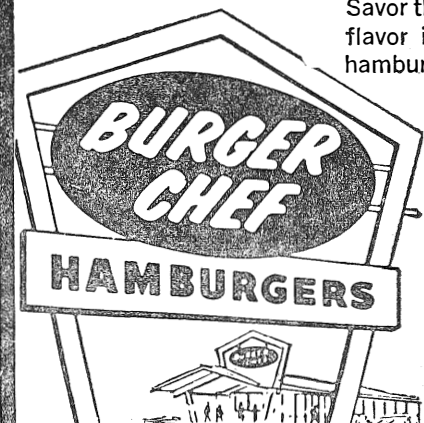
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