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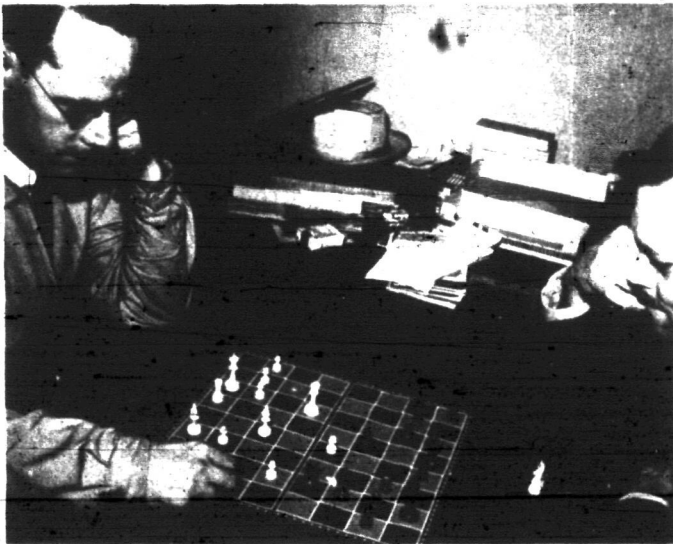
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## RECREATION PROGRAM DRAWS 1500 WEEKLY

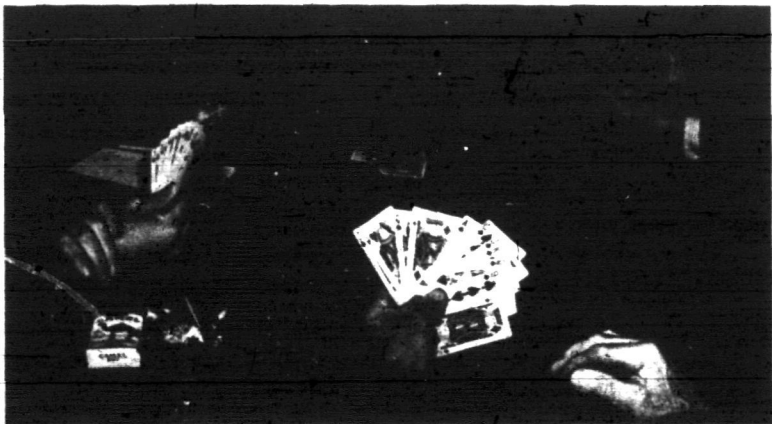


### IT'S YOUR MOVE

Jim Blair, BMI Superintendent of Recovery moves faster on the job than he does Monday nights. Jim (left) is studying strategy in a chess game against Paul Tinnes, BMI Chlorine. Chess is part of the Monday night program of cards and other games at the school auditorium. There's progressive Bridge, checkers, cribbage, pinochle, Chinese checkers--and leather work. Everybody is welcome. Come on along.

### HANDS

Look, you pinochle players. See what Eric Johnson (J as in Yohnson) drew at a Monday night pinochle setto at the School auditorium. Double pinochle and a run. Eric's from Chlorination. Other players in this game were W. M. Doak, chief load dispatcher; W.E. Montgomery, chief electrical dispatcher; John Torp, Chlorination.



### PLAY PROGRAM GAINS POPULARITY

Just about 1500 men, women, and children of the Townsite, Trailer City, and Anderson's Camp are beating the stay-at-home decree imposed by gas rationing and are taking their fun in the School Auditorium. There's something doing every night. For details see the program on the other side. Attendance at events last week broke all records as folks began putting the old Scotch squeeze on the gas tank. A new program--arts and crafts--slated for Monday and Wednesday nights is proving popular. Benches are being constructed for the temporary building which management had moved to the school grounds. This space will be used for crafts and hobbies nightly.

### CALL FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLLERS

Men and women and high school boys and girls wishing to take part in community Christmas Carol singing are requested to attend a rehearsal at the school auditorium Friday night, December 11th at 7:30. Come out and help make this--the first Christmas in the townsite and trailer camp--one long to be remembered for good will and good cheer.

### PAUL REVERE, SILVER, COPPER!

Old Paul Revere would have been pleased to the depths of his patriotic soul had he been present at the BMI bus bar plant last week. He would have been present at the end of another historic ride, started by a company

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bearing his name and executed, as was his famous horseback gallop, to win an American war.

Three cars reached BMI. They contained 141.8 tons of solid silver bus bar--sped here to replace copper sorely needed for shell cases and other war uses. The shipment would have pleased old Paul particularly because it was sent here from the Revere Copper and Brass Company of Baltimore.

## NEVADA SILVER GOES TO WAR AGAIN

This second Revere ride stirred the patriotic fervor of Nevada's history students. They recalled that silver from Nevada's fabulous Comstock Lode just about financed the War between the States. And now Nevada's silver comes home to help win another war. And by one of those strange quirks it arrived to replace copper just a short time after management of BMI had been taken over by representatives of that giant of the copper industry--Anaconda. Paul Revere, the Comstock lode, silver, copper, Anaconda, magnesium! If that isn't a combination of stimulating circumstances, try to think up a better one.

## BASKET SUPPER SCHEDULED

Members of the Community Church will join in Basic Townsite's first basket supper at the school auditorium Friday night. The occasion will serve as a welcome to Rev. Roy C. Crouch and Mrs. Crouch who will arrive here this week. Rev. Crouch has been assigned to the newly organized church as pastor. Officers of the church make plain that all will be welcome at the supper.

## TOWNSITE GROCERIES SOON

With materials here, or on their way, "Shorty" Kimball advised The Big Job this week that the grocery store in the Townsite will be completed by January 15.

## A SLANT FOR YOU AT THE CAMP

The Big Job has received a letter from an employee who sleeps and eats at Anderson's camp. Looks to us like he's "got something there." Here is the letter:

"EDITOR, The Big Job,

Dear Sir:

"I've been here several months. I live at the camp. Mingling with fellow workers I hear a few complaints which seem to me to be unwarranted.

"My wife and family are still living in Los Angeles. I get two or three cups of coffee for breakfast. My wife was without coffee for six days. With rationing, she'll do well to get a cup a day. We have bacon pretty regularly. My wife writes that it is next to impossible to buy bacon in L.A. Meat rationing is around the corner with two pounds and a half a week for each per-

son. We'll probably get more than that at Andersons. The point I'm trying to make is that we boys who eat at the camp are really better off than we would be if we had to buy our own groceries. I think that the few who are complaining don't realize what food rationing is doing to the average American's home-cooked meals. If they did, they wouldn't kick--and certainly they wouldn't waste food. My oldest son, who is in the Navy, just reached the United States from the Solomons. Maybe his experiences make me quicker to argue back when somebody around here complains. Let's quit belly-aching and be REAL Americans.

"Sincerely yours,

"LAWRENCE CROWELL, BMI"

## ATTACK HOUSING PROBLEM

Worried about a house? Are you one of those who wants to stay here, but gets lonesome for the wife and kids? O.K. Just hang on awhile. New management is driving toward a solution of the housing problem with energy and dispatch. Before officials in Washington right now are applications for allocations of materials for construction of several hundred houses and apartment units at Basic and a lot more dwellings at Gabbs. It is expected to be only a matter of days before allocations are approved. With the arrival of materials, construction will start at once.

## HOUSES FOR BASIC EMPLOYEES

Houses in Las Vegas--modern two-bedroom dwellings and duplexes--will soon be available to Basic employees and their families. Built by the Huntridge Development Company the houses will be both for rent and sale. A person renting will have a 30-month option to buy and part of rent payments will build up as part of the down payment. Sales will be under FHA terms. Rentals will be \$50 a month.

Basic employees interested in renting or buying should file application with the BMI housing committee in the Administration building.

## WHAT'S COOKIN'!

SATURDAY, DEC. 12--Movies, 2 p.m. Primarily for children. Admission, 10 cents.

Dance, 8 p.m. Auspices American Legion.

MONDAY, DEC. 14--P.T.A. regular monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m. Christmas program by school children. (No card party or craft class on this night.)

TUESDAY, DEC. 15--Square dancing, 8 to 12 p.m.

Legion buffet--Anderson's camp dining room, 8 p.m. All veterans invited.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16--Badminton, 7 to 11 p.m. Arts and crafts.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17--Movies, 7 and 9 p.m.