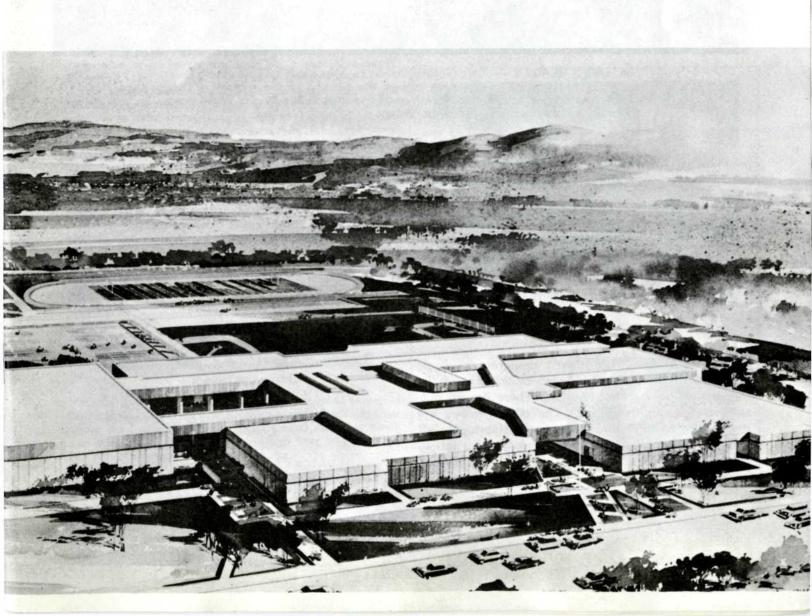
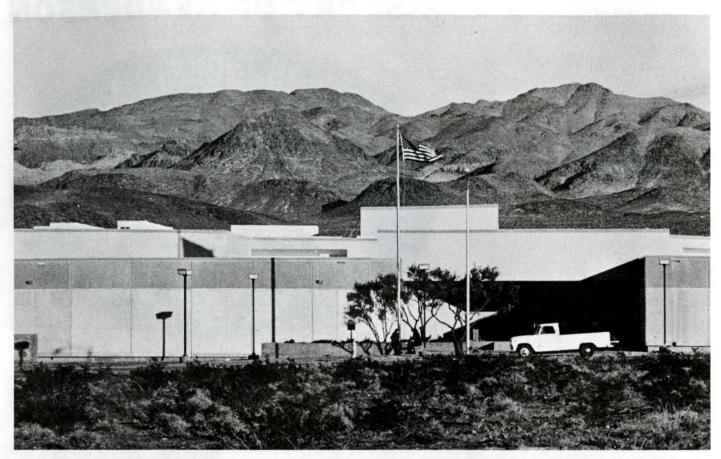
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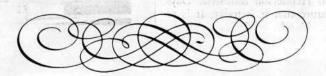






NATURE'S BEAUTY — This picture, taken by Woodruff's Basic Photo prior to the completion of landscaping, shows the beauty of the natural setting of the new school against the backdrop of the hills in the Vegas Wash area, the most colorful scenery in Vegas Valley.

DOCUMENTATION — The Big Job-Basic Magnesium News Letter; Lyal W. Burkholder, Estes M. McDoniel, and John A. Dooley. At the time the Henderson School District was formed, the author lived in the Duck Creek School District and had a son in school whose father, W. H. Rogers, was a member of the Duck Creek School Board.



COVER PICTURE — This artist's rendering of Basic High School gives one some idea of the size of the magnificent new school building. There are no outside windows in the school. The only windows are those surrounding the inside patio shown at left center. The athletic field is shown at the top left of the picture. Only a small part of the large parking area is shown.

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1973 HENDERSON INDUSTRIAL DAYS DEDICATION

by LYAL W. BURKHOLDER

Music is fun! For most Americans, of all ages, Happiness is a New Song. More people seek entertainment and relaxation from music for more hours per year than the grand total of persons in attendance at all sports events combined.

Many subjects are put to song, love, religion, patriotism but, more than any other, songs about the seasons are by far in greatest number. It is for this reason that the Henderson Industrial Days Committee has selected the theme "MUSIC FOR ALL SEASONS" to characterize all activities that will com-

prise HENDERSON INDUSTRIAL DAYS 1973.

"When Its Springtime Is Nevada" sings of the joys and happiness that the summer will bring. Henderson Industrial Days, April 25 through May 6, offers a great variety of fun and springtime activities for everyone: Beauty Contest; Arts and Crafts Exhibits; Southern Nevada Museum Exhibits; Home Show, Rodeo, Flower Shows; motorcycle trials, Carnival Rides and Carnival Games; and, most of all, the Grand Henderson Industrial Days Governor's Ball and the large and spectacular Henderson Industrial Days Parade. The parade features many school bands and precision marching and drill teams; Individual and group Horse Riding Celebrities; and many beautiful Fraternal, Industrial and Business Floats.

Watch, also, for the Henderson Industrial Days 1973 Souvenir Program; it narrates in picture and story the history of Henderson and provides a complete schedule of all events. A Free Copy will be delivered to your doorstep.

All of these activities are carefully planned for your enjoyment. Most activities are free and "Music For All Seasons" will sing to you in a gay and joyful variety of forms.

You will see hundreds of Henderson people wearing the Henderson Industrial Days Badge and sporting "OLD TIMER" costumes or street attire, all, to express their spirit of celebration through the Industrial Days Season. The Henderson, Nevada Chamber of Commerce extends a most CORDIAL INVITA-TION to all citizens and visitors in the Las Vegas Valley to join in attending and taking part In HENDERSON INDUSTRIAL DAYS 1973, April 25 to May 6. Add your voice to THE MUSIC OF ALL SEASONS and most of all HAVE FUN!

To our gladness a note of sorrow must come; Franklin T Morrell who, through his dynamic spirit and leadership for many years as General Chairman, more than any other person, guided and developed the annual Henderson Industrial Days Celebration to the enjoyment stature that it is today. It is to his memory and achievement that Henderson Industrial Days 1973 is respectfully dedicated.

LATTER DAY SAINTS CHOOSE QUEEN FOR SATURDAY BALL

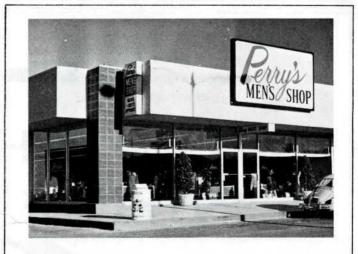
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Marba Rose Wilcox (Chem. Lab.) will reign as Queen of the Gold and Green Ball on Saturday night, March 20. Once a year the Latter Day Saints give a formal dance, at which time they present the young people who have had a year of dancing instruction.

Specialty numbers are featured during the evening, and it is one of the most colorful affairs of the whole season. Benjamin Cameron, Presiding Elder of the Mormon Church says the public is cordially invited to attend. The Boulderite Band will furnish the music. Remember — it's formal for the ladies!



LYAL W. BURKHOLDER - came here when the Hendeson school opened in 1942 as the first Principal of Basic High School and later became Superintendent of the Henderson School District. Now retired. Mr. Burkholder has been one of the most active workers of the Industrial Days Celebration since its inception.



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HISTORY OF HENDERSON

History of Our Schools

by RACHEL M. "RAE" VON DORNUM

The new Basic High School was designed by former Principal John A. Dooley and was specifically planned to reflect the aspirations of the people of Henderson for the education and welfare of the children of this city.

The school was designed to permit easy adaption of its facilities to the changes and improvements which are con-

stantly being made in methods of education.

More than ten years were devoted to planning the various

features of this building.

Records were kept of past needs which could not be fulfilled because of plant limitations. Thousands of pages related to well-planned schools were read and new school buildings, in many parts of the nation, were visited whenever possible. Mr. Dooley devoted most of his vacation trips to this purpose.

Ideas were contributed by students, teachers, administrators and local citizens. All were cataloged and each was considered. Imagination, Mr. Dooley said, played a very important role.

In explaining how the new school was designed and built,

Mr. Dooley said:

"IT IS FUNCTIONAL in that related subject areas are not only clustered together to permit departmental articulation, but also located to allow for greater inter-departmental cooperation in promoting the educational development of students.

"This represents a definite step away from departmental isolation in which each subject area is concerned only with its own contribution to the educational program.

"IT IS FLEXIBLE in that many academic and activity areas are so designed that they may be either reduced or expanded in size by merely opening or closing folding or sliding walls.

This feature permits the inclusion of instructional programs and activities which otherwise would not be feasible. Specific examples of this feature can be found in the speech and drama department where a wall, that slides into the ceiling, converts a small classroom, auditorium and the student activity center into an auditorium which seats hundreds of

Other examples can be found in the gym and social science

classroom areas.

"IT IS ADAPTABLE in that the structure and arrangement of instructional areas are so designed that they can be easily modified to permit the inclusion of new educational methodologies which will almost certainly be initiated in the future.

"IT IS AESTHETIC — Thousands of young people will spend four of the most important years of their lives in attractive surroundings which are conducive to a good learning

atmosphere.

"Examples can be found in the finish and furnishing of any of the classrooms; also in the beautiful panelling of the main hallways, the glass-walled student activity center and the terraced open area between the gym and student activity center.
"IT ALLOWS FOR COMMUNITY USE — It is so de-

signed that any area may be opened up to community use as

the need arises.

"IT IS ECONOMICAL - School building costs are basically governed by the number of square feet in a plant. It is considered a waste of money if any of such covered areas are not utilized to an optimum capacity.

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OUR FIRST SCHOOLS

Henderson's first school also included some of the utilitarian features of our new high school.

The Big Job - Basic Magnesium News Letter of July 23, 1942 reported; in an article headlined 1000 Pupils And Twelve Grades:

"Action to insure school facilities for children of project

families is taking place rapidly on all fronts.
"The Railroad Pass School District has been officially expanded to include Basic Townsite, the new trailer camp, and Pittman. A new Board of Trustees, including two project employees, has been legally established. A teaching staff will soon be selected.

"McNeil crews are already at work on construction of the

12-grade school building and auditorium.
"The auditorium will be available for use by the com-

munity at night and for church services on Sundays.

"A preliminary survey by the Trustee indicates that there will be approximately 1000 pupils of school age in the district when school opens in the fall."

Prior to the building of the Victory High School in Henderson, the laws of the State of Nevada stipulated that high

schools could not be built less than 40 miles apart.

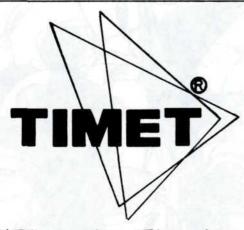
Before the Railroad Pass School District was expanded to include Pittman, it was a part of the Duck Creek District. There was no school house in the Duck Creek District and children from Whitney, now East Las Vegas, and Pittman were transported to the schools in Las Vegas by bus.

In exchange for the Pittman area, Basic Magnesium, Inc. built a school house in Whitney and dug a well from which

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HISTORY OF HENDERSON

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they piped water to the school. Most of the land on which the plant was built was in the Duck Creek District.

Roy G. Petrie, first Superintendent of the Henderson School District, took over his duties on July 15, 1942 and the teachers and janitors went to work early in October.

By the middle of December things were becoming a little panicky as no money had been received from "Uncle Sam" to pay for the operation of the school, according to The Big Job.

The School Board, with the approval of Nevada's Board of Finance, borrowed \$25,000 from the First National Bank of Las Vegas so the teachers could be paid before Christmas.

They received their first pay on Dec. 9.

Petrie congratulated the teachers, stating: "Your patience while working in crowded classrooms without pay, and without even knowing when you would be paid, represents the highest type of patriotism. Not one of you has complained. Your ability to 'take it' without kicking sets a fine example to every person on this great war project. We are all proud of you."

Lyal W. Burkholder was the first Principal of Basic High

School and Estes McDoniel was the first coach.

The town's first Christmas party was an excellent example of complete cooperation for the war effort. It was announced

in The Big Job as follows:

"The Community Church in cooperation with the BMI Post American Legion, The Masonic Club, Latter Day Saints and members of the Catholic Congregation will stage a Christmas party for children at the School Auditorium Christmas Eve. Santa Claus will be there with gifts for all."

Other interesting items from The Big Job include the

following:

WILL ORGANIZE RED CROSS HERE Dec. 3, 1942

Calling all persons in Basic Townsite, The Trailer Camp and Pittman who are interested in work of the American Red Cross! Mrs. F. E. Clough and Mrs. F. O. Case, both experienced in the work, have called a meeting for the purpose of launching a Red Cross organization in this area.

TIME: Thursday, Dec. 10, (1942) at 7:30 p.m. PLACE: Room 11 at Basic Townsite school.

There is an important and interesting job to be done here, which only the Red Cross can accomplish. Your attendance is earnestly solicited.

HEAT IN SCHOOL

Dec. 3, 1942

There's heat in the school now — thanks to quick action by new management. Original plans for installation of big furnaces was delayed by non-delivery. So individual oil heaters were purchased and installed by McNeil men on the double-quick. There are four heaters in the Auditorium now — which will please Monday night devotees of bridge, pinochle, checkers and what have you.

WHAT'S COOKIN' AT BMI Nov. 12, 1942

(Recreational Events at Basic School, unless otherwise specified, are open to all project employees and their families. This includes employees of Basic, and all contractors and subcontractors. Recreation programs are conducted by the U.S.O. in cooperation with BMI Section of Employee Activities. Sponsorship by other organizations is indicated in the following calendar of events.)

THURSDAY, Nov. 12-School Auditorium.

Movies at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Adults 25 cents Children under 12, 10 cents.

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FRIDAY, Nov. 13-School Aud. High School Dance 8 to

SATURDAY, Nov. 14—School Aud. 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Movies for children of school age. Admission 10 cents.

MONDAY, Nov. 16-School Aud. 7:30 p.m. Progressive Bridge party; prizes in Defense Stamps; Admission 25 cents; Pinochle, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Dominoes, Free. Same

event each Monday except second Monday of month.

TUESDAY, Nov. 17—School Aud. 7:30 p.m. Badminton.

Admission, 25 cents. No hard soled shoes. Adults only. Bad-

minton every Wednesday night.

THURSDAY, Nov. 19-School Aud. 7 and 9 p.m. Moving Pictures. Adults 25 cents; children under 12, 10 cents. Movies every Thursday night.

WHAT'S COOKIN' AT BMI Nov. 28, 1942

SATURDAY, Nov. 28-Movies, 2 p.m. for children. Admission, 10 cents. American Legion Dance, 8:30 to mid-

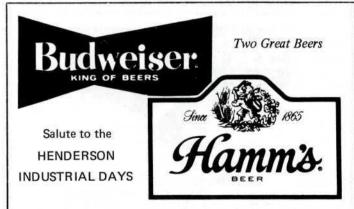
night, Admission, 20 cents per person.

MONDAY, Nov. 30—Bridge, Progressive; admission 25 cents; Defense Stamp prizes. Bring your own card tables. Pinochle, Five Hundred, Checkers, Cribbage, Chess, Dominoes. Arts and Crafts including leatherwork, finger painting, block printing, wood-carving. TUESDAY, Dec. 1-

-Square Dances, 8 to 11 p.m. Admission 25 cents. Square Dance Instruction 7:15 to 8. WEDNESDAY, Dec. 2—Badminton, 7 to 10:30 p.m.

Admission 25 cents. Birds, Racquets furnished.
THURSDAY, Dec. 3—Moving Pictures 7 and 9 p.m.

Adults, 25 cents Children, 10 cents.



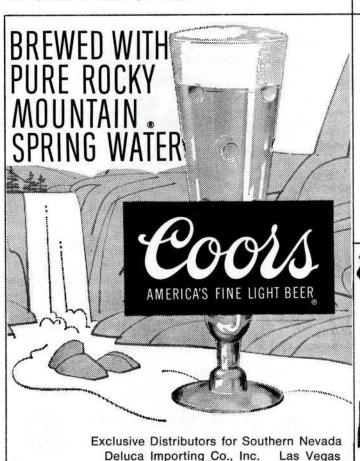
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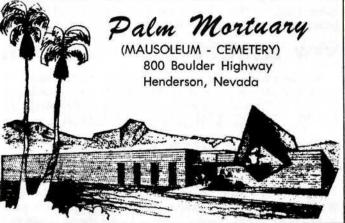


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March 18, 1943

Annie Conda, the office cat (four-legged model) caused a bit of excitement the other night by getting herself locked in the supply cupboard in the Ad Building. Being as how Annie is "expecting" she has of late been seeking dark corners and high shelves to take her snoozes and thought the supply cupboard was just made to order. She did not make known the fact that she was in there till around 8 o'clock and then there was frantic telephoning trying to locate the key to the cupboard. Long and short of it is that Annie was not released till near midnight on account of the "keeper of the key" being at the Bucket. Annie was none the worse for wear but we note that she has taken to sleepin' in the open these days—

It is with regret that we on the hill bid adieu to Tony Martin. He has finished his job — and a good one too — and leaves for Vegas tomorrow. We shall miss his affable countenance (also the "little brown job") around the plant. Also, I believe the Staff House will lose a good (?) bridge player.

VFW ELECTION

March 18, 1943

Stan Mutchler, acting commander of the VFW announces election of officers and vote to name the Post at a meeting to be held in Room 6 at the School Monday night, March 22 at 7:30.

PUPILS BUY WAR STAMPS

March 18, 1943

Pupils at the Basic School did themselves proud in their War Stamp and Bond effort last week. They bought a total of \$1,111.45 worth. Young America knows there's a war on.

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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 (Jasin 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

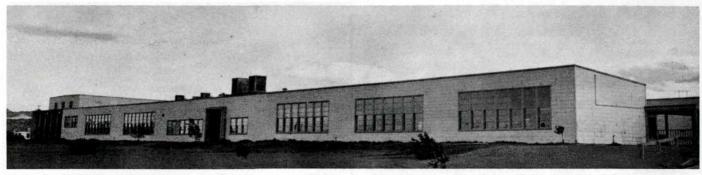
Just about 1500 men, women, and children of the Townsite, Trailer City, and Anderson's Camp are beating the stay-at-home decree imposed by gas rationing and are taking their fun in the School Auditorium. There's something doing every night. For details see the program on the other side. Attendance at 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 rehersal 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



THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE CAMPUS This school was opened in July of 1942 with 1,000 students and all twelve grades. Today a part of it is devoted to the Southern Nevada Museum, and part to the first classes of the Henderson Community College, Senior Citizens Center and other community activities.

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We all know the story of Poland. Old stuff now. Forgotten, almost, in the light of what has happened since. When the Germans rained bombs on Warsaw for 28 days, without a let-up day or night, we weren't in the war. Pearl Harbor hadn't happened. When we read that 365,000 people had died in that one city it was just another European nightmare. Dreadful, it is true, but remote — affecting us little.

But there is one woman who hasn't forgotten. She never will. She was there. In Poland she put out magnesium bombs which fell on her own roof. She is here now, making mag-

nesium to rain vengeance and death on the Axis.

Her name is Loretta Roach and she is the only woman worker in the Metals units doing "a man's job." It isn't easy. All day she works over molten magnesium. She must observe every safety precaution — mask, gloves and all.

every safety precaution — mask, gloves and all.

In Poland she painted portraits. Three hundred fifty of them and over 100 sculptures — years of study and work,

were destroyed by the Nazis.

Listen to Mrs. Roach:

"The wonderful courage of the women of Warsaw is deeply imprinted in my memory. But we must have courage here too. Perhaps at first this machinery and heat and fumes will frighten — but after awhile it is just like being around a hot stove. After Poland I no longer fear anything."

Mrs. Roach is an American, of Polish ancestry, the widow of John M. Roach the grandson of the traction magnate of Chicago. She has two brothers in the U.S. Army, one "some-

where in the Pacific."

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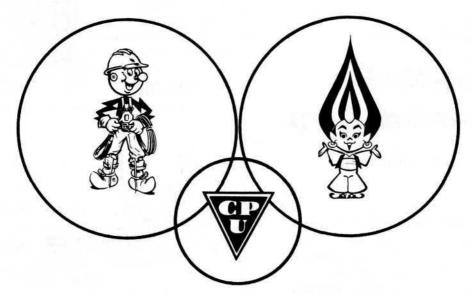
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WHAT'S COOKIN'

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(All Events at School Unless Otherwise Stated. Events marked with * sponsored by the BMI-USO Committee with proceeds going to BMI Recreation Fund.)

SATURDAY, March 6 — *Movies, 2 p.m. Kiddies matinee. MONDAY, March 8 — *Badminton, 7:30 p.m. — *Arts

& Crafts in small bldg. — Masonic Club, 8 p.m. TUESDAY, March 9 — *Square dance, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 10 - *Arts and Crafts 7:30 - Boy Scouts 7 to 9 p.m. — Red Cross Motor Corps 9 p.m.
THURSDAY, March 11 — *Moving pictures 7 and 9 p.m.

-Magnesium Club.



HIYA, RAY!

March 18, 1943

Ray Douthit, former head of the Basic printing department - the guy who used to go around talking to himself trying to get those rush orders out on time — is back with us again. He's at the hospital handling non-medical administration. Welcome to the old stamping ground, Ray.



PASTOR GETS HELPER March 4, 1943

Rev. Roy Crouch, pastor of the Community Church announces that the Church Federation has secured the services of Mrs. Ford Gilbert of Las Vegas as Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Gilbert will take charge of the Sunday School at Trailer Park and assist Rev. Crouch in his expanding religious activities in this section.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE OPENS SUNDAY WITH DOUBLE HEADER HERE March 18, 1943

The Basic Softball League will open its season Sunday with two ball games on tap. At 11 a.m. the Basic Accounting team will clash with the McNeil Aces. At 1:30 BMI Firemen and BMI Engineers will meet.

BOYS HELP MRS. HOGAN

March 18, 1943

Frank Hogan of the Preparation unit died suddenly. Mrs. Hogan was in need. The boys in Preparation heard about it, passed the hat and turned over \$103.61 to Bill Burke, who sent it to the widow.

DON'T MISS THIS, FOLKS— TRAILER CAMP RUMPUS SUNDAY

March 18, 1943

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The date: Sunday, March 21 at 2 o'clock. Admission 50 cents. Proceeds for Trailer Camp playground and Victory Garden fund. All are invited - whether you live in Pittman, Townsite, Boulder, Vegas, Whitney or along the side of the road. Come one, come all. She's going to be a lulu.

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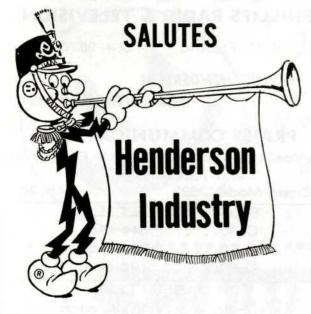
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Hal Grayson's orchestra played while hundreds one-stepped, waltzed and jitterbugged. At 11 o'clock the combined floorshows of El Rancho Vegas and the Last Frontier entertained.

The BMI Hostess Club assisted Jack Walsh in getting ready for the event. They decorated the big hall, and arrayed in ingenuously designed, home-made paper Easter bonnets danced with anybody who looked lonely and willing.

Andersons awarded cash prizes to winners of the hat contest. Ruth (I Greet 'Em) Lusch won the prize for the prettiest hat. (It was crowned with a \$50 War Bond). Esther Johnson, Printing, captured the award for the most ingenious top-piece. It featured Easter bunnies.

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BOY SCOUT LEADERS CALL FOR ADULT HELP March 18, 1943

Dave Anderson of BMI Post, American Legion sponsors of the Basic Scout Troop, issues a call for help. The troop needs a lot of things—and men helpers. Men with hobbies are especially desired. If you know model plane building, archery, first aid, bird life, plant life, desert stones, map making, arts and crafts, why not go to the Scout meeting Wednesday night in the School Auditorium and lend a hand? The Flying Tiger Patrol of the Troop has formed a First Aid class and rifle brigade.

MASONS - ATTENTION! March 4, 1943

The regular meeting of the Masonic Club of Basic Townsite will be held Monday, March 8, at 8 p.m. There will be an election of officers at this meeting, as well as entertainment and refreshments. Th Las Vegas Gunnery School will furnish the fun — part of the cast from the radio program "Guns Over Las Vegas" will appear on the program, also a magician, a colored male quartet and "Suitcase" Simpson at the piano.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU

March 18, 1943

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HOT PANTS OUT OF STYLE, March 18, 1943

Hot pants in the metals units will be history pretty soon. Safety department has ordered cloth fireproofing chemical from Dupont. Trousers will be treated so they won't burn. But don't bring in your Sunday britches.

RED CROSS BY-LAWS MEETING, March 18, 1943

To hear important reports and vote on by-laws, Basic Chapter of the Red Cross will hold a general membership meeting in Room 10 at the School Monday night, March 22 at 8 o'clock. The Executive Board will meet in the same room at 7 p.m.



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Said the Governor of North Carolina to the Governor of South Carolina: "It's a long time between — paydays."

At least that's what he would have said if he had been talk-

ing about teachers at the Basic Elementary school.

These teachers went to work early in October. So did the janitors. Superintendent Roy G. Petrie took over his duties on July 15. None of them had been on a payroll since last June. Funds with which to pay for operation of the school have not yet been received from Uncle Sam. But the school board, with the approval of Nevada's Board of Finance, borrowed \$25,000 from the First National Bank of Las Vegas — so the teachers

could be paid before Christmas. They got their first pay on December 9.

The picture shows a number of members of the staff — just after they had received their first checks since coming to work

nearly three months ago.

Said Petrie (at extreme right) — "Your patience while working in crowded classrooms without pay, and without even knowing when you would be paid, represents the highest type of patriotism. Not one of you has complained. Your ability to 'take it' without kicking sets a fine example to every person on this great war project. We are all proud of you."

BMI GROUPS PLAN OLD-TIME CHRISTMAS PARTIES

With all the plant activities shut down from Thursday night, December 24 to Monday morning, December 26 — excepting of course necessary operations and essential office work — BMI and its residential neighborhoods were ready today to establish a Yuletide tradition with an old-fashioned Christmas observance.

TOWNSITE. The Community Church in cooperation with the BMI Post American Legion, the Masonic Club, Latter Day Saints and members of the Catholic congregation will stage a Christmas party for children at the School Auditorium Christmas Eve. Santa Claus will be there with gifts for all.

TRAILER CAMP. Residents of this most unique area are

already busy decorating their trailers. A prize of \$10.00 in defense stamps has been offered for the trailer "most ingeniously" arrayed to welcome old Saint Nick.

N. R. Snyder, in cooperation with the USO, is conducting a turkey raffle and went out with his axe and brought back a large tree which is being decorated.

On Wednesday night, December 23, Santa Claus will arrive in style with presents for all the boys and girls.

ANDERSON'S CAMP. Jack Walsh at Anderson's is prepared to create a real Christmas atmosphere in the Commissary and Dining Hall. On Christmas Eve children will sing carols in the Commissary and throughout the camp.



From a school which did not exist six months ago sixteen Seniors were graduated last week. It was the first Commencement at Victory High School — fastest growing school in the United States. The graduates looked mighty nice in blue caps and gowns. Arthur F. Corey of Los Angeles delivered an impressive address, emphasizing that as a nation we must be "strong but smart, too." In the picture, top row, left to right are Betty Wandell, Aldis Schmidt, Alan McCullum, William McPhee, William Bedwell, Annabelle Plunkett, Marjorie Bertolini; sitting: Mary Kelley, Wanda Saunders, Georgia Consalvo, Very Keeney, Doris Stransky, Virginia Fallis, Betty Albin. Two graduates had left for college before Commencement. They are Dale Johnson and Dean Johnson.



BASIC BOMBARDIER: Oct. 20, 1944 — Basic youngsters, graduated in the third Commencement exercises at the local high school face the uncertainties of the war and the post-war period, confident, courageous, unafraid. In a panel discussion on "New Horizons" they gave adults plenty to think about. There were 23 graduates, eighteen in the picture. Back row: Hermoine Boam, Charlyne Forbess, Ethel Longabaugh, Jacqueline Crawford, Bob Hendricks, Dorothy Sylvester, Clare Cameron, Tom Tweedie, Willard Suit; Front row: Norma Jean Matson, Susan Lamkin, Ann Redden, Beverly Glazer, Bernice Weinberg, Doris Hatfield, Dorothy Bryant, Barbara Tinnes, Thomas Jekyll. Five were absent — three boys being in the armed services. They were Charles Ballmer, Darrell Bernard and David Heher. Their parents received their diplomas while a chorus sang songs of the respective services they have joined. Girl graduates not pictured were Mary Koontz and Wanda Davis. Barbara Tinnes was awarded the Governor E. P. Carville trophy for the best citizen in the school. This trophy was made available by the Governor last year.

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