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Cast Begins Rehearsal

Work For Annual Musical Rings With Exciting Talent

Tryouts for the annual musical, **Bells Are Ringing**, were held in room 213 after school during the week of February 9. The cast, a combination of sophomores, juniors, and seniors, will perform under the direction of F. Eugene Malcolm, head of the speech department, and Murray J. Osborn, head of the music department.

Members of the cast are Jeff played by Doug Lindy; Ella by Debbie Foley; Sue by Judy Roderick; Gwynn by Nancy Schnieder; Sandor by John Robison; Inspector Barnes by Brad Appier; and Francis by Randy Doyle.

Other members of the cast are Carl, played by Tom Taylor; Carol, by Millie Lawrence; Olga, Debbie Hammon; Larry Hasting, by Roy Phelps; Blake Barton, by Tim Herman; Michele is Ann Osborn; Dr. Ketchell, by Peter Soderburg; Ludwig Smiley by Wolfgang Krismanits; Man from Corvello Mob by Ted Brown, and Paul Arnold, by Don Olson.

The comedy is a delightful mixture of roaring humor, tender romance with the right amount of suspense.

The play is centered around an answering service headed by Sue and Ella, her romantically inclined cousin, and assistant. Ella falls in love with one of her customers, Jeff, a writer. Although they have never seen each other, Ella is determined to assist him in writing his next play.

Meanwhile Sue has fallen in love with Sandor, head of a record company which is actually a book making concern with a fiendishly ingeneous code. The police are already investigating the answering service as a vice for the concern. Sue and Sandor plan a trip abroad as he tries to borrow money from her to cover racing losses.

Some of the songs included in the play are such songs as, "The Party's Over," "It's a Simple Little System," "Hello, Hello There," "Drop That Name" and "It's a Perfect Relationship."

The play will be held in the school auditorium April 3 and 4 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are .75 for students, and $1.25 for adults. They can be obtained from any chorus member or at the door the night of the performance.

Top Scholars Are Announced

Top ten members of the graduating class of 1970 were announced, as were the members of the National Honor Society on February 25 by Mrs. Marguerite Pierce and Mr. Herbert Wagner. The top ten scholars are, in order of rank:

Paul Grossman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bruce Grossman, 1043-20th Street; Jeffrey Seidel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seidel, 4100-18th Avenue; Annette Burlingame, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burlingame, 1830-41st Street; and Randy Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Doyle, 7437-76th Street.

Also Ann Osborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Osborn, 2223-17th Street; Diane Potter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Potter; 2461-28th Avenue Court; Thomas Shay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shay, 31 Brittany Lane; Patricia Schachel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schachel, 2117-4th Street; Susan Wolff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wolff, 3224-29th Ave. Court; and Vickie Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall, 1213-14th Street.

Officers of the NHS for 1970 are Randy Doyle, President, Vickie Marshall, Vice-President, and Susan Sherrard, Secretary. The Rocky scholars ranking 81 or above in this year's class of 651 are inducted into the Society at a special assembly in May. They are awarded certificates and gold pins.

THE TOP TEN join together to build a pyramid of pride. They are from right to left or 10 to 1; Vicci Marshall, Susan Wolff, Patricia Schachel, Tom Shay, Diane Potter, Randy Doyle, Annette Burlingame, Jeff Seidel and Paul Grossman. Smiling, these students will lead the graduating class of 1970. Not pictured, Ann Osborne.

Scholastic qualifications for the Society are mainly that the students maintain a 92 average from their freshman through their senior year, or the seventh semester of high school work.

The members in alphabetical order are Nancy Adney, Jane Allison, Mary Jane Anderson, Bradley Appier, Linda Armstrong, Elodie Arnett, Beverly Banks, Carlene Bingaman, Lauren Boyd, Arthur Breck, Craig Brown, Peggy Bull, Deborah Bunch, Jerry Carpenter, Elaine Collier, Cathleen Colvin, John Conway, Diane DeBacker, Joan DeBarr, Jon Duyvejonck, and Deirdre Epperly.

Also Jayme Gallager, Marcia Glassner, Sheryl Greve, Rick Grossell, Deborah Hammen, Christopher Hegg, Donald Hentrich, Joy Herron, Kathleen Hillan, Bonnie Hintz, Roberta Huff, Linnea Johnson, Teresa Johnson, Martha Kaisen, Jacki Kinney, Adena Kershner, Martin Leftstein, Mark McMillan, Melodie Maisenbach, Robert Martenson, Pamela Mason, Emily Moen, Daniel Murphy, Steven Nagel, Bruce Peterson, Kathleen Peterson, Jill Robbins, John Robison, Pamela Rogers, and Patrick Ryan.

Also, John Salstrom, Virginia Schreiner, Sara Schweibert, Rebecca Sears, Susan Sherrard, Douglas Stelling, Carita Stevens, Barbara Sullivan, Steven Telford, Sandra Thomas, Christine Thompson, Teresa Thomson, Joseph Ullman, Craig Ward, Susan Weeks, Barbara Weisenborn, Julie Werth, Lynn Wertheimer, Karen Williams, Mark Wilson, and Susan Wolff.

The National Honor Society was first organized at Rocky in 1937. This year marks its 33rd year at Rocky.

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On March 26 Debbie will be an honored guest at a dinner at the Sheraton Rock Island with her co-ordinator, Ken Johnson and guest Mrs. Sharon Butterfield of Rocky's business education department.

Two Juniors Participate In Sectional Speech Contest

Two Rocky Juniors, Bridget Kennedy and Janice Peschang participated in the sectional tournament of the Illinois High School Speech Association in Moline on February 28.

Bridget presented the after-dinner speech **Hinkly Junction Hobby Awards** and the serious reading **The Lark.** Janice presented her original monologue **The Diary.**

Both girls had placed first with the same works in the LaSalle-Peru district tournament on February 14. However, in sectional competition Bridget was disqualified because her reading did not contain enough dialogue and Janice received a sixth place award.

This is the first time in two years that Rock Island has been represented at the Sectional Contest.

JANICE PESCHANG AND Bridget Kennedy traveled to the Moline Sectional Speech Contest. Smiling, they look forward to next year.

Vernal Equinox Ushers In Vacation

At the end of school today Rock Island high school students will begin their ten day Easter vacation. During the vacation, Christians will celebrate Easter and the Jews will commemorate Passover.

Also during this time the whole world will join together to welcome the arrival of spring. Spring begins officially on March 21, and lasts until June 21. The warmer days begin because the sun crosses the equator and starts northward. As it travels north its rays strike the northern countries more directly each day and the weather grows steadily warmer.

Spring is the time of year which affects people with a certain illness which is very catchy —Spring Fever.

Guidelines For Dress Approved After Long Wait

New dress guidelines have become a part of Rocky. A committee headed by Doug Lindy has drawn up a code which was presented to the Board of Education on Tuesday, March 10. The code was approved by the Board and presented to the student body March 11.

It is suggested that girls do not wear slacks. Skirt length is left up to the individual with recommendations not to be too extreme.

Hair length for boys is also left up to the individual, provided it is clean. Clothes cannot be torn or have obsene writing on them.

In general, the student may wear whatever he wants provided his clothes are clean, not torn, and do not present a health hazard. Bare feet and pajamas are prohibited. Sandals must be attached to the feet.

Students experimented with a new dress code last spring for a short period of time, but it was dissolved with the arrival of a new administration.

This revision of the dress code went into effect as of Wednesday, March 11, and will continue until students are notified of any changes.

New Courses For Study; Expansion Set For Autumn

New courses selected by area teachers for the 1970-1971 school year were chosen from these three areas: home economics, vocational education, and additions to the present academic program. The purpose is to expand study in order to meet the needs of college-bound as well as job-seaking students.

Additions to the academic study program are: World Problems and Contemporary Literature. For the first time, students are able to substitute Journalism, Business English, or Contemporary Literature for English.

Vocational training offers classes in Auto Body, Electronics, Electricity, Drafting, Auto Servicing, Graphic Arts, Welding, Machine Tool Operation, Machine Shop, and Auto Mechanics. Graphic Arts is the only course in the Vocational Training Department that girls will be allowed to take.

Programs in home economics and vocational education provide on-the-job training in order to secure a job after graduation, more knowledge in that particular field, job understanding in order to become a good employee, and experience in order to choose a job which suits that individual..

Home economics is providing courses in foods, child care, redecorating, clothing and home furnishings. Courses in these four categories include: Food Selection, Meal Planning and Preparation, Foods For Children, Child Development, Fads and Fashions, Housing and Home Furnishings, Interior Decorating, Gourmet cooking, Special Clothing Needs, Junior Chefs', Tailoring, Costume Design, Adult Living, Home Nursing, and Consumer Buying and Equipment.

Boys are eligible for many of the new courses in the Home Economics Department. Jobs are waiting for many eager, young people.

Courses such as these will be available next fall. In order to apply for any one of these courses, it will be necessary to see a counselor. Some of the courses need the recommendation of a teacher.

Jaunt To Hannibal, Missouri Helps Watchtower Students Understand

Cropped pictures, page layouts, and typed copy all became a reality to Mrs. Eleanor Conrad, yearbook advisor, and five members of the yearbook staff during their trip to Hannibal, Missouri. The students chosen to go were Kathy Adams, Doug Frazer, Jerry Mitchell, Lori Skafidas, and Sally Strohbehn.

Sponsored and financially hosted by the American Yearbook Company, these students were able to tour the yearbook plant on February 11 and 12. They lodged at the Holiday Inn. The trip was arranged by Mr. Mike Gardner, Rocky's yearbook representative.

The tour of the plant consisted of viewing the various processes of putting together a yearbook. Mrs. Conrad explained, "As the yearbooks are checked in, the copy is set on tape, linotype is no longer used. Pictures are reduced or enlarged to be pasted on the specific layout.

Four pages are printed on one huge sheet of paper and the pages are cut accordingly. The pages then go through a folding machine and are sewed together in various sections to form a yearbook. The final assembling process takes place in one day."

Lori Skafidas commented, "It really helped to understand the yearbook by seeing it created step by step." Jerry Mitchell felt, "The trip was worthwhile even though the water in the swimming pool was too cold."

Sally Strohbehn added, "The company produces other books besides yearbooks, such as pamphlets, stamp books, and others of that nature."

Mrs. Conrad received a letter from the American Yearbook Company expressing appreciation of their visit and welcoming them back next year.

Red Letter Days

March

21—Y-Teen Dance — "Roaring Twenties"

22-23—Playcrafters present "Dark of the Moon" — Barn Theatre, Moline

23-28—No School — Easter Vacation

30—First day of fourth quarter

April

2—In-Service training day — dismissal at 12:45

3—Fitzgerald assembly

10—No School—Teachers' meeting

20—Report cards

25—A.C.T. test

Clubs Choose K-Karnival Queen Candidates

This year's Kiwanis Karnival, sponsored by the Rock Island Kiwanis Club and the Rocky Key Club will be held on April 17, in the girls gymnasium at the high school. The annual event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the booths selling food and try-your-luck games until the coronation of the Kiwanis Queen at 10:00 p.m.

There are 16 candidates this year representing various Rocky Clubs. They are: Rene Miers, Y-Teens; Diane Terry, CWT; Ellen Batt, Drama Club; Sue Miller, Senior Glee; Alice Lee, Pep Club; Fanny Larre, Pan American League; Beth Soady, Future Nurses; and Sandy Jennings, DO.

Other representatives are Susie Sherrard, Ski Club; Marcia Glassner, Key Club; Donna Shannon, Lettermen; Susie Kelleher, GAA; Vicki Marshall, Girls Glee; Melodie Maisenbach, AFS; Ann Robinson, Human Relations; and Judy Miers, French Club.

Alleman high school has participated in past years but will not have any queen candidates this year.

The activities arranged for these girls began on March 18 with the distribution of tickets.

KIWANIS KARNIVAL QUEEN Candidates this year from left to right, first row: S. Jennings, B. Soady, A. Lee, J. Miers. Second row: S. Sherrard, V. Marshall, S. Kelleher, E. Batt, M. Glassner. Third row: A. Robinson, D. Shannon, M. Maisenbach, S. Miller, R. Miers, F. Larre. Absent from the picture is Diane Terry.

On March 20, with their Kiwanis escorts the candidates were guests at the "Queens Luncheon" held at the Sheraton Rock Island. On April 6 and again on April 16, the girls will be honored at the regular luncheon meetings of the Kiwanis Club at the Y.W.C.A. in Rock Island.

Tickets for this event are sold by each queen candidate and the members of the club sponsoring her. The number of tickets sold for each candidate by 8:30 p.m. on the night of the Karnival determines who the Kiwanis Karnival Queen will be.

At about 10:00 p.m. the candidates and their escorts from the Rock Island Kiwanis Club are introduced to the audience. Following the introductions the Queen is announced. At this time she is presented a portable television set. Each of the attendants receives a portable radio.

Tickets are available for 25¢ each or a book of five for $1.00. These tickets are good for admission, door prizes and are a means of determining votes for the queen candidates. Each ticket purchased is worth 200 or 250 votes.

Preamble For Happiness Brought About By Senate

We the Students of Rock Island high school, in order to form a more satisfying atmosphere, establish only guidelines, insure classroom tranquility, provide for the common happiness, promote the general contentment, and secure the blessing of free dress to ourselves and our posterity to ordain and establish this Dress Code for the Rock Island Rocks.

After many long months of deliberation Rocky students have gained a new freedom — the freedom of dress. At last, the subject of school attire is left up to the individual and each of us should be grateful to our Senate dress code committee for this decision.

Rocky is quite fortunate to have achieved this new freedom but problems regarding dress are not yet solved. It is probable that a minority of students will abuse this privilege. It is our responsibility to prove to the administration and our city that these guidelines can be followed. Only through cooperation and common sense can this privilege be retained. Let's show them we can do it!

Students' Friendliness Overwhelming

Walking through the corridors of Rocky is such a rewarding, invigorating experience. The smiling faces and thoughtful ways of the students fortifies our faith in mankind.

We are so fortunate that the pushing and shoving that plagues other schools of comparable size does not exist at Rocky. It is a real blessing that the students are so considerate to one another. Never is a blasphemous or a discouraging word uttered. When an accident on the stairways occurs everyone rushes to the air of the victim, to willingly offer their assistance.

The sounds of joyous reunions resound through the halls as the students greet each other. The teachers smile fondly as the pupils pass by.

The whole situation may be summed up as a lesson in Brotherly Love. Thank you, Rocky, for allowing such ideal conditions to prevail.

See Success For Project

For the most part, the Model Cities program is still in the planning stages. Since it began just over a year ago, a five year plan for development of the Model Cities program has been instituted. It seems with five years to plan, the Model Cities program should be advantageous to the communities involved.

The federal government has gone so far as to allow communities to pay one-third of the costs, and government takes over the other two-thirds. This project will bring approximately $1,500,000 into our area alone.

More than the amount of money involved is the desperate need of involvement of people in the cities to help this program to its end. As in everything attempted, whether it be a government project, or a group of citizens working for something, it takes conscientious planning and work. So far, the work of citizens in this program seems to insure its future success.

Model Cities Program Beginning

by Karen Klatt

Formed in the spring of 1968, the Rock Island Model Cities program was a grant to plan a comprehensive attack on the "west end" problems. This prompted the city to apply to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Developmen (H.U.D.) for the grant.

The program was also designed to encourage participating cities to develop a concentrated attack on social and economic problems as well as physical decay. Eligible cities were to receive one-year planning grants with which to prepare comprehensive plans "to improve the quality of life" in their Model Neighborhoods.

Implementation and ongoing planning would occur over a four to seven year period. Funds would be available through Federal Aid programs and Model Cities grants. Out of 200 applications in 1967 and 1968, H.U.D. selected only 75.

The comprehensive plan is to analyze Model neighborhoods' major problems, causes, and interrelationship of causes. Cities are required to submit results of the first stage in draft form for H.U.D.'s review at the end of eight months. The city then lays out some four to seven year objectives step by step and year by year.

Our Model Neighborhood is a 68-block area bordered by the Expressway on the north continuing west to 10th Avenue on the south. Then to 15th street on the east. The population of this area is 4,000 people. In 1960 two-thirds were white; today two-thirds are black. A survey was made in the form of a questionaire carried out by some 70 people, mostly from the Model Neighborhood.

The survey centered around the household head. The results showed that about 25% of the household heads are women, with the median age being 44 years old. Three-fifths of the people are married couples, one-fifth are separated or divorced, and one-sixth are widows or widowers.

The education level on the average is slightly above nine years of school. Only 45 of the 539 heads of the household had been to college or beyond high school.

One-half of the families are living in single family dwellings. One-forth are in two family structures. One hundred seventeen households are living in structures for three or more. The middle rent rate or mortgage payment per month is from $80.00 to $100.00. Only 124 households out of 542 were paid for, out of this number only 231 were occupied by the owner. The other 316 are rented out to other people.

The proposed budget, if passed, for the first year would be a total of $335,000. This would be broken down into many categories, such as $15,000 for the Executive Director of the program, $12,000 for the Housing and Manpower Development Director, and $8,500 for the Assistant Housing and Manpower Director.

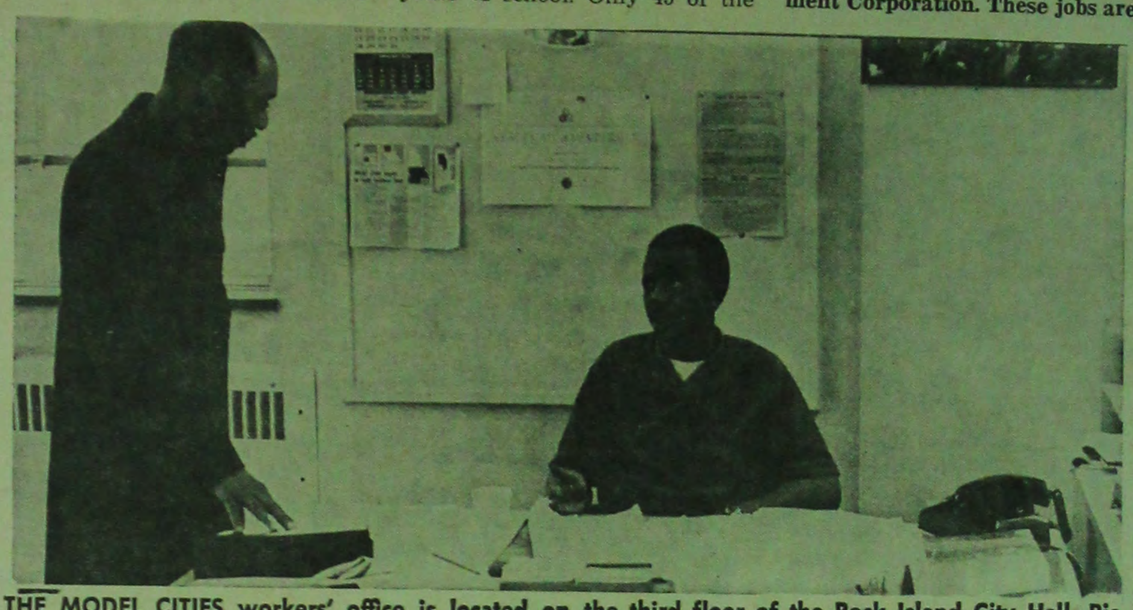
There are many other jobs connected with the Rock Island Program, which is called the Rock Island Economics Development Corporation. These jobs are Small Business Assistance Director, Family Assistance Director, Accounting Technician, Secretary, Typist/Receptionist which, with their salaries added to the ones previously mentioned, come to a total of $77,500.

This sum does not include other expenses like fringe benefits at about 15% of the personnel cost, consultant services, travel expenses, building space and rental, office furniture and equipment and supplies and office services, which added to the $77,500 becomes about $190,335. This sum is to be paid for out of three different sources.

The first is the Model Cities Funds, the second is other Federal Funding Sources and the third is the Rock Island Economic Development Corporation or R.I.E.D.C. Funds. One group gives $310,335 federally and $24,665 from R.I.E.D.C.

Rock Island's Model Cities program has its strengths and weaknesses. The most important strength of the program is the positive attitude and progressive spirit of Model Neighborhood residents. Another strength is that many of the local private and public agencies have shown a very positive attitude toward the goals of the program and have willingly participated in the planning process.

Although the road to change is not clear, the goal of the Model Cities program is. It is simply to provide Model Neighborhood residents and others an equal opportunity in achieving the "good life" for themselves and their families. This means a nice home, a good job, and the chance to participate and share all sides of community life.



THE MODEL CITIES workers' office is located on the third floor of the Rock Island City Hall. Pictured above are just a few of the people behind the completion of the Model Cities Program.

Interest Grows In Model Cities

by Nan Wynn

Mrs. Ethel Sherlock, neighborhood relations co-ordinator for the target area of Model Cities in Rock Island stated that many of the people in that district are sincerely interested in the program. She feels a number of the residents are willing to get out and work for the betterment of their neighborhood.

"People at large, in the city are interested in the plan," she explained. This means not only those in the model district, but the people from all sections of Rock Island. This was demonstrated by a list of addresses of citizens working on the problem.

"The whole city will benefit," she continued. "It's just like having a house with a dilapidated room, if you fix that room then the entire house is improved."

When Mrs. Sherlock began her job as relations coordinator she appointed block captains. These captains are now the spokesmen of the residents living in their block areas.

If a citizens of the target area have a suggested or a problem they first go to their block captain, who then sees Mrs. Sherlock. She in turn takes the item to the task forces. The chairman of the task force, plus one elected member of the force, then refers the suggestion to the policy board of the model program.

MRS. SHERLOCK SPENDS many hours working on the Model Cities Program at the office in City Hall.

The task forces include such topics as education, health, welfare, crime and delinquency, and economic development. Mrs. Sherlock suggests that anyone who is genuinely concerned should join one of these task forces, which can be done by anyone by attending two consecutive meetings of the force they choose.

As neighborhood relation coordinator, Mrs. Ethel Sherlock's duties are establishing speaking engagements for the model cities bureau, and also to help in the bureau's efforts to "tell it like it is" to residents.

She must analyze and understand problems and seek constructive solutions to them. She has required written reports to be handed in. Finally a person in this position must be able to supervise people effectively and have the power to motivate them to accomplish jobs.

Model Cities Plan Comes As Hope To Needy Areas

by Sheila Carey

One of the current issues facing modern city government is the model cities program. This program is designed to upgrade lower income areas making them more representative in regard to the brighter aspects of the city. It is hoped that this will be accomplished by preventing cheap land to be sold to factories for commercial purposes and instead bought by the people for homesites.

Some of the major plans within the program include the possibility of more people buying homes, more recreational centers, and new park facilities.

The cost is estimated at 1.3 to 1.4 million dollars per year. The money hopefully will come from a federal grant and local contributions. The program is estimated to be accomplished within a five to seven year period.

Under the guidance of professional people, residents of the model area, and the Educational Task Force, many of these goals will meet fulfillment. The professional people are considered to be the workers who will undertake the clerical work, but have no definite opinion. The decisions for all plans are made by the task force. The mayor and city council are vested with veto power for final approval of the program.

No goals can be accomplished without the residents' opinions or help. The task force feels that with help and effort many people will want to live in this area.

The work will soon be under way for all model areas throughout the United States. The year to start work is 1970, about the middle of the month or the fiscal year, which is the working month.

Model Cities Spells Progress

by Mary Cloninger
and Gretchen Furstenau

Mrs. Jan Watts, Assistant to the Coordinator in the Model Cities program, feels optimistic for the people of our area since health, education, and physical recreation are the three major points of the Model City goal. She has satisfaction in knowing that uplifting all, cutting the loss for the individual, and being able to see progress are in the near future of the Quad-Cities.

In the field of health such things as Clean-up Week, various social service agencies, and rehabilitating the sewer system are in progress. Mrs. Watts works with the Coordinator, Mrs. Fred Schoberth, to help coordinate all the involved agencies on a county wide basis.

This is to prevent any overlapping of the services, because the federal government makes sure that money will not be wasted before it appropriates any funds. To keep ideas coordinated, she attends seminars, works closely with the "city fathers," engages in panel work, talks directly with people involved in the program, and works extra hours at her desk.

HELPING TO STRENGTHEN the Model Cities goal, this building provides an optimistic view of reaching this goal.

Model Cities is attempting to point out the weaknesses of our educational system by introducing a tutoring program, The Youth Council, The Office of Economic Opportunity, and Vocational-Technology. Voc-Tech was born out of the fact that many graduates not going on to college after high school had no worthwhile skills to acquire good jobs. Businesses, industries, and specialized businesses are now beginning to hire those with trained skills.

At present, preparation for the Pre-Apprenticeship test is covered in their study program so that students may enter an apprenticeship if they so desire.

Mrs. Watts thinks that the In-Service Program for teachers is important in order to create a more well-balanced educational system. At the Lighted School Houses, children are able to become more physically fit through sports, camping, and various summer programs.

Beginning April 1, 1970, Mrs. Watts will become Administrative Assistant and her job will be to help any coordinator in trouble in the Model neighborhood. Last year between March and September she worked a twelve-hour day. Presently she works approximately eight hours and turns in a good amount of overtime.

Mrs. Watts finds that she gets fulfillment from life in being able to provide for other's enrichment in life. She feels that the great success of the entire Model Cities program lies in the fact that it has eliminated idleness by creating new jobs for lesser educated people with nowhere to turn.

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pionship team.

Prior to coming to Rocky, Coach Ackerson taught junior high and grade school in Muscatine, Iowa. While there he led the Muscatine swimmers to an Iowa state championship.

Coach Ackerson has led Rocky's swim team to three district championships, which is more than any other school and had 54 boys receive All-American Citations. His teams were fourth in the state last year and have been second, five times; sixth, seven times, and eighth once.

The "Neptune of Rocky" was educated at the University of Iowa and Iowa Wesleyan University. Here at Rocky, he taught sex education along with his regular gym classes and had supervision of the annual Dolphinette spring water shows.

"We have never had a losing year," commented Coach Ackerson. In his years as Rocky's swim coach, he never had a losing year.

Track Begins; Coach Thinks Outlook Good

Rocky's spring track season got under way last weekend at the Western Invitational Meet in Macomb, Illinois.

According to newly appointed coach, Duane Bonsall, the team is in "great shape" and looking forward to a successful season. He also said, "The three senior pole vaulters Jerry Carpenter, Dan Tomich, and Steve Kean should be tops in the Quad- City area.

"We expect great things from our three sophomore lettermen, Robert Taylor, Robert Williams, and Steve Lewis, in the sprints and long jump. With most of our sprinters able to run the 440, we expect to be strong in the 880 and mile relays. We'll be depending on many sophomores and juniors this year in many events and anticipate them doing a fine job with the leadership of the seniors."

The team began practicing in the fieldhouse area the first week in February under the direction of Mr. Bonsall and his assistants. Coach Bonsall is in charge of the hurdlers and sprinters besides supervising the entire track program.

Dick Allison oversees the field events, John Coolidge oversees distance and weight training, and Bill Hardin coaches the jumpers.

The squad's next encounter will be the Quad-City Indoor Meet at Macomb on March 26.

AFTER HIS VICTORY in the 100 yard Butterfly, Keith Gilliam is being interviewed by WGN TV announcer, Lloyd Pettit.

All-American, State Honors Garnered By R.I. Splashers

Hinsdale Central, led by national record holder John Kinsella, took first in eight of eleven events and ran away with the Illinois high school Swimming and Diving Championships held at Hinsdale South.

The R.I. Dolphins were in the thick of a close fight for second thru fifth which wasn't decided on until the final event. As the final scores were tallied New Trier East beat Thornridge and Rock Island, while pre-meet favorite Evanston was a distant fifth.

Although the tankers were able to capture only one first place, Keith Gilliam in the 100 yd. Butterfly, the splashers were able to score more points than any other down state team.

Along with taking first in the fly Gilliam also placed a close second to Olympian Kinsella in the 200 yd. Individual Medley. Bob Lohmeier, the team distance ace, added to the cause with a fifth in the 200 and the 400 yd. free. Also placing for Rock Island was Scot Boxman in the 100 yd. Backstroke and the 200 yd. Medley Relay team composed of Boxman, Jeff Kolinchinski, Jon Duyvejonck, and Ted Brown.

The All-American 400 yd. Freestyle Relay of Scot Boxman, Jon Duyvejonck, Bob Lohmeier and Keith broke the existing state record by .5 seconds but came in third as both Hinsdale Central and Thornbridge beat the four in the finals.

Even though the R.I. tankers placed second in their district meet they easily out-distanced the District Champion team from Peoria at the state meet.

Stargazing a Smash

Rocky Dolphinettes Present Splashy Annual Water Show

Horoscopes, zodiac signs, dazzling costumes, grace, beauty and comedy. These were the sights of the 1970 Dolphinette water show, March 12,, 13 and 14 in the Rock Island high school natatorium.

The show, *Stargazing*, offered 13 acts plus a finale. The routines varied from psyched-out Aquarians to idealistic Librans.

Masters of ceremonies were Paul Eagle and John Robison. Paul and John were joined by five-year-old Beth Ann Peterson.

Special additions to the show were two numbers done by a group of thirteen junior high girls. Five girls were in one number, and eight in another.

There were 40 performers in the show. Four boys from the Rock Island swim team even joined in for a side splitting comedy number. The Dolphinettes and the boys practiced almost every day before school and after school for a month before the water show began.

This was the ninth annual water show presented by the Dolphinettes under Coach Gary L. Ackerson. The last night of the show the girls held a party, and gave Coach Ackerson a gift for all the work and long hours he spent on the show.

"This was my last show," stated Ackerson, "I think **Stargazing** was the best show the Dolphinettes have ever presented."

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(According to Mrs. Lynn Strauss' First Grade Pupils)

by Karyl Kepes

Teen-agers think so very differently than they did as first graders. To bring out just a few memories, here are some ideas from the mouths of naive babes.

* * *

A principal is a boy and a principal can eat.

Phyllis

* * *

A principal is very, very, very, mean. Sometimes he is for typing and for straightening files in the office.

Brian

* * *

We have to give him Valentines.

Cathy

* * *

A principal is nice. A principal talks on the speaker.

Terry

* * *

A principal is a meany principal. A principal eats in the lunch room. He has rools.

Marcia

A principal is a father man.

Jennifer

* * *

A principal is mean. A principal is mean. A principal can be mean. A principal lets you go to lunch. A principal lets you go home.

Robert

* * *

A principal is to take out splinters. A principal is very, very very nice.

Carol

* * *

A principal is to spank you when you are bad. A principal is to help you. I like the principal.

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* * *

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THE ROCK ISLAND Jail is located at the foot of the Rock Island Centennial Bridge. The sign reads "Talking to Prisoners is Prohibited."

No Place To Live

Rock Island's County Jail Visited By Crier Reporter

by David Boyle

Rock Island County Jail is a nice place to visit, but nobody would want to live there. This was proved to me a couple of weeks back when an opportunity came to visit Sheriff Boyle and the jail.

The jail, built in 1920, is under the supervision of Sheriff William Boyle and his deputies. There are always at least two jailers and a matron on duty at all times.

Upon entering the Jail, the accused is searched for any weapons which he may be concealing.

The first room on the tour was the briefing room where the deputies receive their assignments. Just off this room is a smaller room where prisoners are allowed to meet with lawyers, ministers, and priests.

The prisoner, when taken into custody is brought to a large desk where papers and forms are filled out. The prisoner's fingerprints and picture are taken and placed in a file. If he is a juvenile he is taken to the juvenile section of the jail where they have discussion groups work with visiting groups. Sheriff Boyle said, "these visiting groups are never turned down."

If the prisoner is not a juvenile he is taken to a large cell block which is divided into cells. These cells are surrounded by a bull pen. Prisoners are responsible for keeping the bull pen clean. The doors are operated electronically. There is room in the jail for 86 men and 14 women.

Prisoners who are difficult to handle or who cause disturbances are placed in a detention cell, a single empty room with a small single window door.

Prisoners are fed three times a day. The morning meal consists of sweet rolls of some type and coffee. In the afternoon the main meal is served. The menu varies. In the evening sandwiches and occasionally soup are served. The kitchen is operated by the trustees.

The prisoners are allowed to send out two letters a week. The prisoners also have a comissary where they may buy candy, cigarettes, etc.

Sheriff Boyle, when asked about the condition of the jail, said, "They are adequate and in better shape than most jails other than new ones, but there is still room for improvement."

As a closing statement Mr. Boyle told what a man said on his second trip to the Joliet penitentiary, "I wish only the kids would listen to us." Another boy going to St. Charles said with tears in his eyes, "I am leaving the only family I ever knew."

Spanish Department Varies Program, Expands Interest

Forty-six students from the 2nd, 4th, and 5th year Spanish classes of Mr. John Blomberg will participate in the National Spanish Examination on April 4, 1970, which will be given under the direction of Mrs. Martha Smick. This test is given annually on a nation-wide basis. Local winners will receive prizes from Mexico as well as the chance to receive scholarships.

This test is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, and students will participate from several of the other high schools in the area as well as from Washington Junior High School.

Also on that day, Mr. Blomberg will sponsor a workshop for area Spanish teachers. This workshop will include discussions of new textbooks, guidelines for teaching, articulation, and methods of testing. Several of the students of the Spanish classes will assist in giving demonstrations and directing the teachers.

Second-year students have been exchanging letters in Spanish with five different high schools. The schools include Alleman, Calvin Coolidge Junior High, and schools in Atkinson, Rockton, and Puerto Rico. Three of these teachers are former students of Mr. Blomberg. The letters include a description of a poster.

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539 heads of the household had been to college or beyond high school.

One-half of the families are living in single family dwellings. One-forth are in two family structures. One hundred seventeen households are living in structures for three or more. The middle rent rate or mortgage payment per month is from $80.00 to $100.00. Only 124 households out of 542 were paid for, out of this number only 231 were occupied by the owner. The other 316 are rented out to other people.

The proposed budget, if passed, for the first year would be a total of $335,000. This would be broken down into many categories, such as $15,000 for the Executive Director of the program, $12,000 for the Housing and Manpower Development Director, and $8,500 for the Assistant Housing and Manpower Director.

There are many other jobs connected with the Rock Island Program, which is called the Rock Island Economics Development Corporation. These jobs are Small Business Assistance Director, Family Assistance Director, Accounting Technician, Secretary, Typist/Receptionist which, with their salaries added to the ones previously mentioned, come to a total of $77,500.

This sum does not include other fringe benefits

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Student Directors Present One-Acts For Drama Club

Four one-act plays were presented at 8:00 P.M. on March 17 and 19 in the Rocky high auditorium.

The Dear Departed, directed by Ellen Batt was the first presentation. Next, directed by John Robison, was **The Romancers. Aria Da Capo** was directed by Debbie Bunch. Last, directed by Vickie Enburg, was **I Married Her Because She's Got Eyes Like Abraham Lincoln. The Death Cell** which was directed by Ellen Batt, was presented between plays. Also, Joe Ullman and Jan Peschang entertained.

This was Drama Club's second production of the year. The cast was made up of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Some of cast includes Sophomores; Peter Soderberg, Julie Dalkoff, Toby Bevill, and Len McAdams; Juniors, Nancy Keifer, Jon Spur-

the planning process.

Although the road to change is not clear, the goal of the Model Cities program is. It is simply to provide Model Neighborhood residents and others an equal opportunity in achieving the "good life" for themselves and their families. This means a nice home, a good job, and the chance to participate and share all sides of community life.

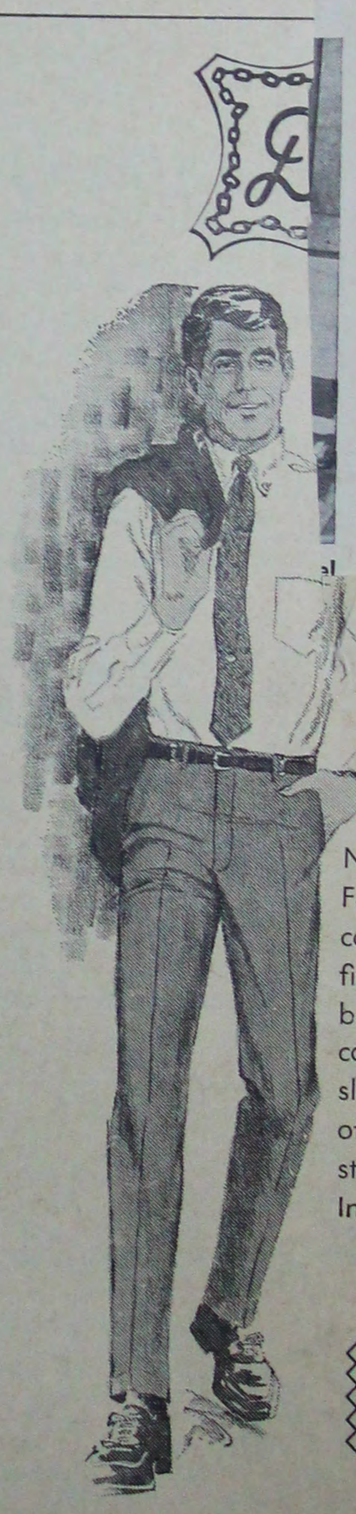
Model Cities Plan Comes As Hope To Needy Areas

by Sheila Carey

One of the current issues facing modern city government is the model cities program. This program is designed to upgrade lower income areas making them more representative in regard to the brighter aspects of the city. It is hoped that this will be accomplished by preventing cheap land to be sold to factories for commercial purposes and instead bought by the people for homesites.

Some of the major plans within the program include the possibility of more people buying homes, more recreational centers, and new park facilities.

The cost is estimated at 1.3 to 1.4 million dollars per year. The money hopefully will come from a federal grant and local contributions. The program is esti-



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