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25 Present At Initial Group Meeting

Twenty-five members of the site Bell Telephone Pioneers Old North State Chapter No. 79 gathered for their first meeting at the Ember Steakhouse in Langdon on March 15, 1973. The informal social hour and buffet supper was enjoyed by the group that included several new members of the Pioneers.

William Heigaard, Langdon Attorney and Cavalier County's States Attorney, was the featured speaker for the kick-off meeting. Mr. Heigaard's talk was on the topic of income taxes with particular attention to North Dakota tax laws. He cited certain tax laws unique to North Dakota that would be helpful to new residents and also answered the many questions asked by the Pioneer members.

This first site Pioneer meeting was originally scheduled as a luncheon, but it was later decided that a late afternoon meeting time would be more convenient for the members. Because of the good turn out for the first event, coordinator Neal Hodson indicated that the after-work meetings would probably be the regular meeting time. He also indicated that he does not have a list of on-site BTL Pioneers yet, and that they should call him if they wish to be notified of Pioneer activities until his list arrives.

Company Executives Visit Missile Sites



WECO Executive Vice Presidents A. F. Fick, left, and J. S. Herbert, second from left, on tour of the PAR building.



Raymond Nelson, center, met Mrs. Neal [Marge] Hodson at the social event in connection with his site visit. Ernie Weinberg, Raytheon's Site Manager, made the introductions.

There are several projects in the area in which Pioneers can become involved, such as the State School for the Mentally Retarded in Grafton, North Dakota; the School for the Deaf in Devils Lake, North Dakota; and several worth-while activities in the local communities. Mr. Hodson said that Pioneer members would be contacted in the near future to assist with these projects.

Visits to the site by executives from two WSC companies took place recently. Raymond Nelson, Raytheon's Program Manager—MSR—SAFE-GUARD, visited North Dakota February 26 and 27. Mr. Nelson, from Raytheon's Bedford, Massachusetts, location, had the opportunity to meet the WSC supervisors and their wives at a social hour and buffet held at the Langdon American Legion Club on February 26.

A. F. Fick and J. S. Herbert, Western Electric Executive Vice Presidents out of New York, spent March 6 touring the PAR and MSR. It was Mr. Fick's first visit to the site.

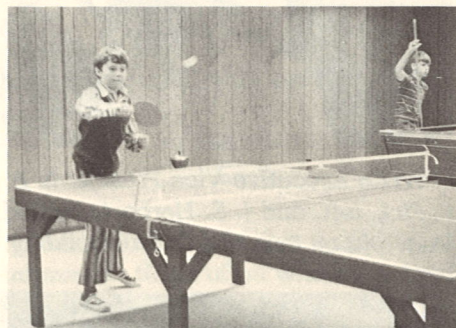
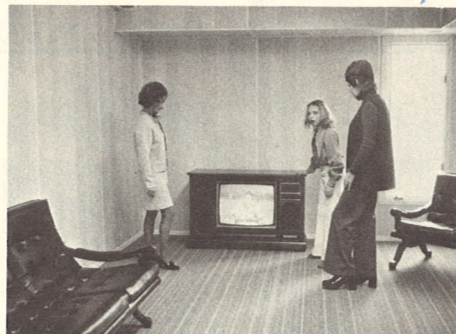
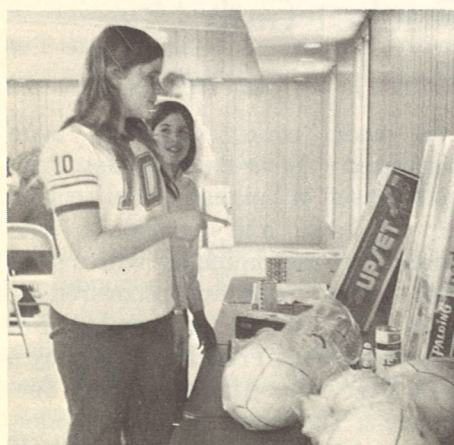
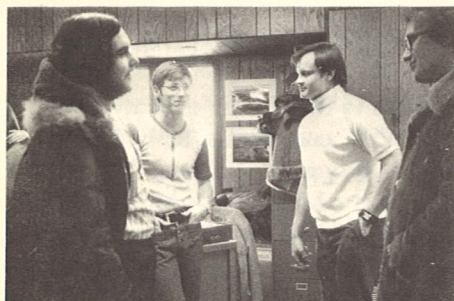
Several GE and BTL executives joined site supervisors for the Management Review Meeting on February 28. The visitors for the meeting came in from Syracuse, Whippany and Madison Laboratories.

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Rocket Club Has Been Organized

A model rocket club has been organized at River Bend Estates. Projects consist of building model rockets out of balsa and cardboard. The rockets are then launched with a solid fuel rocket engine and recovered by parachute. Officers and members are Scott Mickelson, President; Todd Boyd, Vice President; Andrea Jessup, Secretary & Treasurer; Scott Schneider, Timmy Means, Laura Jessup, Rick Merrick, John Fields, Jeff Smith and Maurice Sieber.

300 Attend Open House



The Open House at the Prairie View Estates Recreation Center in Langdon, March 18, provided the opportunity for WSC employees and their families to tour the building and view the equipment that is available for activities. Approximately three hundred people attended the afternoon Open House and were welcomed by W. R. Blankenship, Administrative Services Manager.

Jim Lorenz and Jim Olson, the two housing representatives who will have their offices in the recreation center, were introduced and designated as the contacts for making reservations to use the building.

The new recreation center will be available for immediate reservation, but will be closed for a few days in the near future when office and kitchen facilities will be installed.

Group Hikes Around Homme Dam

By Charlie Walter

The Rough Riders of the Murray Hill Canoe Club broke a trail around Homme Reservoir on March 4, 1973. It was a pippin of a day for a walk—clear blue sky, 20 degree temperature at the start of the hike and 45 degrees when we arrived home. The hike was around Homme Reservoir, backed up by a Corps-of-Engineers dam on the Park River and which was built in 1951. The location is south of Edinburg and west of Park River, North Dakota. The area is studded with rolling hills from the east side of the Pembina Escarpment and as such offered an easy 5 mile walk around the perimeter of the reservoir.

Old deer tracks were seen in the snert,* but the only other signs of wildlife were the birds who sang in the trees. The crows have already migrated back to Canada (one week early) so all signs point to an early spring (perhaps late May). The unmarked trail was the dam, high bluffs on the side of the reservoir, adjacent farm lands with golden wheat stubble glistening in the sun, and occasional bushwacking through woods of oak, aspen, birch, hawthorne, and beautiful trees whose bark on the top branches is yellow similar to the willows of the east, but now turning orange.

At the lunch stop on a dock 10 feet above the present level of the lake, we watched ice fishermen take 18" wall-eyed pike from the lake through the ice. Continuing on after lunch, the dam was reached and the hike continued east on one bank of the Park River until a ford across the river was available.

Present on the trip were Cliff Somers, Charlie Walter, Tim Carr and Tom Hillring.

*A mixture of snow and black dirt.

New Site Managers Begin Duties

The last two WSC site managers to arrive in North Dakota recently began their duties in connection with the project.

Warren F. Opitz arrived early in March to assume his responsibilities as Martin Marietta's site manager.

Re-locating from Orlando, Florida, Mr. Opitz holds a valid professional engineer's license, is a certified reliability engineer, a graduate of the Purdue University Electrical Engineering School, and holds a Masters of Commercial Science Degree.

Two of Mr. Opitz' previous positions include Site Manager of Titan I Site Operations Base at Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, South Dakota, and later Resident Operations Manager of a Titan II Site Operations Base at McDonnell AFB, Wichita, Kansas.

He has been with MMC since 1956, and he and his wife, Cornelia, will live in Langdon.

Heading up the McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company (MDAC) at site is Raymond W. Laakso.

Mr. Laakso is not unfamiliar with the northern part of the country, having been born at Virginia, Minnesota. Mrs. Laakso is also a Minnesota native.

Mr. Laakso joined MDAC in 1955, holds a B.B.A. degree from the University of Texas and the equivalent of an electrical engineering degree from 5½ years schooling and experience in this discipline while in both the U. S. Navy Submarine Service and U. S. Air Force Radar Landing Systems.

Mr. Laakso moved here from southern California, and he and his family live in Langdon.

Site Managers who arrived previously were C. V. Roth—IBM, B. R. Narcisse—GE, C. C. Carter—Pan Am, W. L. Mraz—BTL, E. F. Weinberg—Raytheon, and S. C. McDonald—Western Electric.

Country Club Will Offer Activities

An excellent opportunity for WSC employees to participate in group activities and to meet new people will once again present itself when the Cavalier Country Club opens for the season. The Club is opening the 1973 season with their annual membership drive, and according to Bud Kirk (MMC) the activities could start in mid April, depending on the weather. Bud is a newly elected director of the club. The Club's 9-hole golf course is located five miles west of Cavalier on the banks of Lake Renwick, has grass greens and a newly remodeled club house. Plans are for further remodeling during the 1973 season and will include the addition of a golfing equipment display area.

In addition to the availability of regular golfing, the Club also offers many special activities such as dances and parties, women's luncheons and golf tournaments, and men's Wednesday night dinners. The annual family golfing dues are \$36.50 for parents and children to age 18. Student golfing privileges are available for college students.

The club has been in existence for about 50 years. The grass greens were added about three years ago. The facility offers many enjoyable activities

and events and welcomes your membership and support. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Bud Kirk at the MSR (ext. 5706) or George Sharpe at the PAR (ext. 3445).

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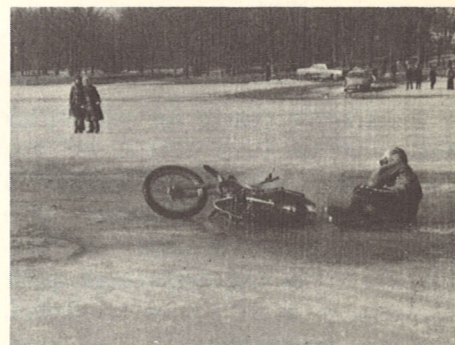
Recreation Center Closed Temporarily

The River Bend Estates Recreation Center closed temporarily on March 12, 1973, for remodeling and repairs that will probably require about three weeks of work. When the recreation center is reopened again early in April, RBE residents will find that carpet has been replaced with the addition of tile in some areas, the complete kitchen has been installed, the vending machine room has been converted to a storage area for new equipment, and that general repairs and additions have taken place throughout the entire building.

Harold Rohde is the new housing representative in the recreation center's office and replaces Dave Mandt, who is now working for Don Welch at Pan Am in Langdon.



Jeff Hopkins on a Husqvarna 400.



Jack Johnson on a Husqvarna 400.

Motorcycle Race Is Held On Lake

On Sunday, March 4, 1973, the River Bend Riders Motorcycle Club of Cavalier held a motorcycle ice race on the lake at Icelandic State Park. A course was laid out on the ice and sand spread to increase the traction. It was the club's first event and everything ran smoothly. Jim Nowatski on a

Suzuki 90 took first place in the 200 cc-and-under-class while Scott Hendrichs on a Hodaka Wombat 125 cc took second place. Jeff Hopkins took first place in the open class on a Husqvarna 400 cross. All the winners are from Cavalier. More motorcycle events are planned for the future.

Congratulations to Ken Weaver, WECO, and his new bride Catherine! They were married February 28, 1973, in Florhan Park, N. J., and spent their honeymoon skiing at Sun Valley.

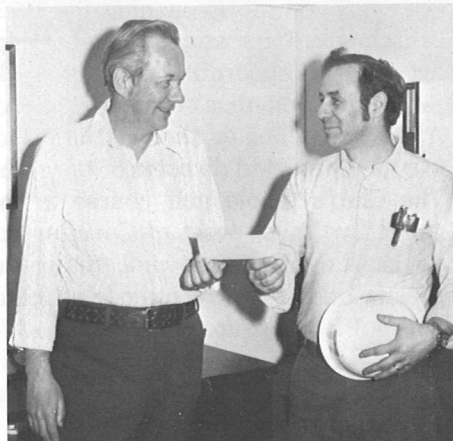
Martin Marietta Corporation increased their site personnel by four people recently. All four will be on site until September, 1974.

F. Haas, responsible for Material and Production Control activities, is residing in Prairie View Estates. Living at the MSR family housing is A. Norris, who is in charge of Warehousing and Inventory Control.

Two of the new MMC employees are residing in the trailer complexes. In Hillcrest Manor is E. Pokorny, responsible for Procurement and Transportation activities. G. Spencer, responsible for Labor and Industrial Relations, Security, and Public Relations, is living in Cavalier Estates.

A refresher course for secretaries began at the PAR March 19. The course will run about 5 weeks and will be taught by Jane Efraimson. The group will meet Mondays and Wednesdays in the PAR conference room, 4:30-6:00 p. m. If you're interested, call Jane on X3458.

Bell Laboratories secretaries had the opportunity February 21 to participate in a training session. Procedures and new methods were presented by Mrs. Jeanette Lillico who spent a week at a similar session at Whippany in December.



Marshall H. Butler, Jr., pictured with Mr. Hank Grieser, recently received a cash suggestion award from WECO. Marshall, a TMRC technician, is an IDC transferee from Vancouver, Washington. D. E. Gagnon, Mr. Butler's supervisor, was present for the ceremony.

Vicki Kail thought this would be of interest to those of us who have lived or are presently living in apartments.

THE PEOPLE UPSTAIRS

By Ogden Nash

The people upstairs all practice ballet,
 Their living room is a bowling alley.
 Their bedroom is full of conducted tours,
 Their radio is louder than yours.
 They celebrate week-ends all the week.
 When they take showers, your ceilings leak.
 They try to get their parties to mix
 By supplying their guests with Pogo sticks,
 And when their orgy at last abates,
 They go to the bathroom on roller skates.
 I might love the people upstairs wondrous
 If instead of above us, they just lived under us.

—Versus

Three children of WSC employees in Langdon were tapped into the National Honor Society March 16. They are Tom Bodenheimer, Kris Carter, and Carrie Rice.

The PAR/MSR Housekeeping Committee urges you to clean up your area and practice good housekeeping!

Langdon residents keep in mind the school election April 3 to decide a proposal to increase the school mill levy. Background information is being published in the local weekly newspaper.

A meeting for all personnel interested in the formation of a baseball league for on site employees will be held Friday, March 30, 1:00 p. m., PAR Admin. I Conference Room.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Saggio proudly announce the birth of Heather Wendy, born March 17, 1973. Heather weighed in at 7 lbs., 2 oz., and is the first addition to the Saggio family. Congratulations!

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