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## Telephone Pioneers Donate 'Vibrator Chair' To School

The Site I branch of Old North State Chapter No. 79 Telephone Pioneers recently completed their first project



Designer Ernie Duckworth, [l], and Pioneer Herb Swain [r], enjoy the delight of one of the deaf-blind children as she experiences the vibrating sensation produced by the chair.



Mrs. Goulet, instructor in the Deaf-Blind program at the Grafton State School, poses with two of the 12 children in the program.

for an area institution, the Grafton State School for the Mentally Retarded.

In September, 1973, Neal Hodson and Carol Goodman visited with the school's administrators to explain the community services aspect of the Telephone Pioneers. A few weeks later, a request came from the school, "Would it be possible to build a vibrating chair?" The chair would be used by school instructors in training the deaf-blind children as a reinforcement for learning accomplishments. The director of the deaf-blind program explained that the children enjoy vibration as a reward.

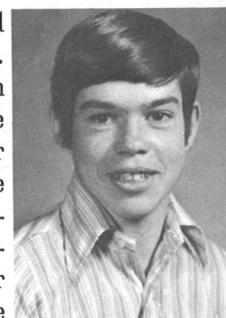
The request was turned over to Ernie Duckworth XO-01420, an engineer at the MSR, who produced a design for the chair. With "technical support" from John Beakley XO-01420, a wooden chair supplied by Jack Skonier XO-01420, assistance in ordering parts from Pioneer Don Hobson XO-01460, and assembly help from Bud Kirk XO-01A30, a vibrating chair was produced! The chair has a vibrator of variable control attached underneath, and is operated by a 10 AMP AC foot-switch at the end of a long cord. The chair was delivered to the Grafton State School February 1 by Ernie Duckworth and Carol Goodman.

There are several other projects that are underway and we hope to demonstrate to the fine state of North Dakota that we care.

## Bill Drake Is Chosen As Honor Student

The son of a McDonnell Douglas supervisor recently was chosen as the outstanding sophomore at Langdon High School by a committee of school

staff members. Bill Drake, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Drake, Sr., became a candidate for selection of one outstanding sophomore in North Dakota. The winner will attend the Hugh O'Brian



Bill Drake

Youth Foundation Leadership Seminar on Government in Washington, D. C., this month.

An honor student both in junior high and high school, Bill placed twice on an all-star soccer team, once on an all-star baseball team and received first-place trophies for cross-country and baseball when he attended school in southern California. He also was a member of the Boy Scouts, co-editor of a Spanish newspaper and received several scholastic awards.

Since coming to Langdon, Bill has been the student trainer for the Langdon High School wrestling team and has worked for a hunter safety certificate. Bill's "number one" hobby is fishing, and he is a collector of anything from coins to tropical fish.

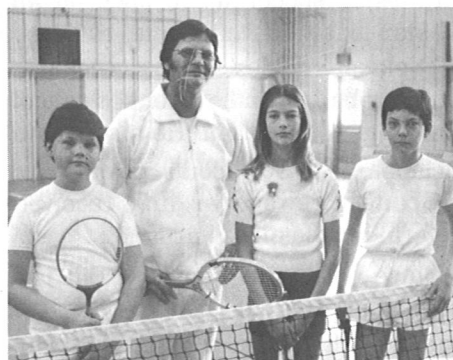
# Safeguard Tennis Club Formed At Meeting Held Feb. 6

A new club has been formed at the North Dakota Site. About 20 tennis enthusiasts held an organizational meeting February 6, 1974, at the Sprint Officers Club and formed the SAFEGUARD Tennis Club. A week earlier, a regulation tennis court was set up in the MSR gymnasium and indoor play had already begun. The club is open to all site personnel and their families. No membership dues are required.

During this first meeting, the members elected the following club officials: Al Ratkalis (MDAC), president; Marjorie and Dorsey Roe (SACOM), co - chairmen, special events; Don Forester (WECO), chairman, publicity, and Bill Smith (CE), coordinator, Army Interface.



With the MSR gymnasium reserved for tennis enthusiasts over 25 hours a week, this group took advantage of the tennis hours one Sunday recently. Left to right, Marjorie Roe, Jim Henry [BTL], Dorsey Roe [SACOM], Kathy Roe, Robin Roe, Jerry Keneipp [SACOM], and Mike Roe.



Werthmullers All — Jim, Nick, Heidi, Jay.

Club rules and court reservation procedures were also established. The gymnasium is being made available exclusively for tennis over 25 hours per week.

Since this first meeting, club membership has grown to over 45. Future club plans include the operation of a tennis clinic and inter and intra club matches. So if you enjoy playing tennis or would just like to learn how to play America's fastest growing sport, join the SAFEGUARD Tennis Club. For more information, contact any one of the club officials. □

## Pioneers To Start Program Of Events This Spring

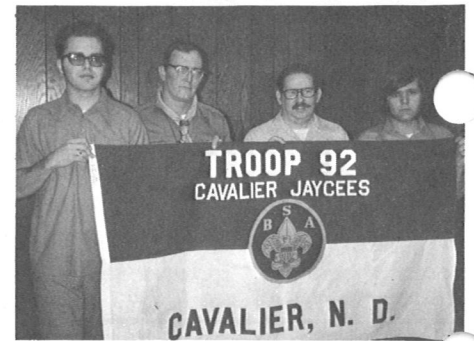
Letters were sent to all known site Telephone Pioneers during the week of February 25-March 1 to obtain a "show of interest" on the part of Pioneers in beginning a regular, on-going program of events. Site Pioneer Coordinator, Neal Hodson - XO 86450, stated in the letter that plans for two events now being considered will be finalized upon receiving inputs from the site members.

The Pioneers have held only one get-together since members arrived at site. A social-buffet supper with a program on tax questions took place in March 1973. Since then Mr. Hodson has made contact with the Grafton State School to discuss areas in which the Pioneer site branch chapter could offer assistance.

Activities being considered by Mr. Hodson to kick off the Pioneer program are a dinner meeting with a speaker from the Grafton State School and a Pioneer-spouse spring dinner-dance.

The letter announcing the coming Pioneer activities hopefully reached all site members. If someone was missed due to an error in membership records, be sure to give Neal a call.

## Cavalier Jaycees Present New Flag To Scout Troop 92



Flag presented by Cavalier Jaycees. Pictured, left to right, Ron Wuesthoff XO-01331, Scoutmaster Noel Thompson, Asst. Scoutmaster John Dickerson XO-01331, and Tony Kelly XO-01711.

Two big events took place Thursday, Feb. 14, Valentine Day and Scout Court of Honor.

The Scout Court of Honor was held at the River Bend Estates Rec Center and the following boys were presented awards.

Three new boys received their Scout badges, Mike Bills, Allyn Yanish, and Randy Erickson. Other awards went to Mike Kautz, a Tenderfoot badge, Mike Stange, a Safety award, and Tim Means, receiving a Camping and a Fishing award.

The Cavalier JC's, represented by Ron Wuesthoff and Tony Kelly, presented a new troop flag to Scoutmaster Noel Thompson and Assistant Scoutmaster John Dickerson. This sponsorship and interest shown by the JC's in Scouting is very much appreciated by Troop 92. □



## MSR Men's Basketball League

On March 11, 13, 18 & 20, a League Tournament will be held at the MSR Gymnasium. Further notice will be given on tournament pairings and mes.

March 1, 1974

	Won	Lost
Pan Am	11	1
I.H.O.T.M.	10	3
Meddacs	10	3
Bombers	8	4
Spartans	5	8
L.D.A.G.	4	8
Sprinters	2	11
Polar	1	13

## Sport Catching On Quickly At New Curling Club At Cavalier

The new Cavalier Curling Club was not open at the beginning of the season due to construction problems. This, however, has been remedied and now the sheets are full almost every night with enthusiastic veteran and novis curlers.

The comment heard most frequently from beginners is, "It's a lot harder than it looks." But regardless of the curler's ability, everyone has fun and at the same time gets plenty of exercise. The exercise, of course, coming from the methodical sweeping

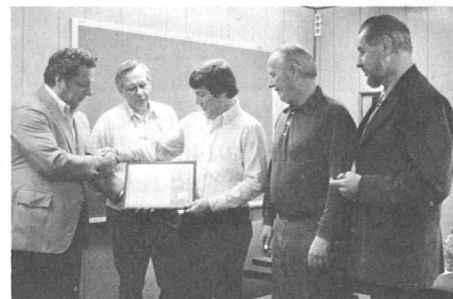


required to "heat" the ice.

Monday night curlers, (left to right), John Savage (BTL), Jim Davis (WECO), and Bob Boyd (WECO), appear to be ready for the National Playdowns as they kneel at the eight foot circle. John is in his second year of curling while Jim and Bob are completely new to the game. At game time their newly developed talents, however, are utilized to its maximum as they combine their efforts with the more experienced resident team members.

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## Heist Is Given Certificate Of Appreciation



P. C. [Paul] Heist [center] received the site Certificate of Appreciation and "best wishes" from Western Electric and Bell Labs supervisors when he left for Winston-Salem, N. C., March 8. Participating in the presentation were [left to right], K. F. Szymanski, H. E. Grieser, Paul, J. E. Dancy, and W. L. Mraz. Paul will be a section chief in Purchasing at Winston-Salem.



Jim and Eleanor Thompson [seated, front] were surrounded by friends as they opened their 25th Anniversary gifts. Standing [left to right] are

Rosie and Carmen Inteso, Shirley Redmann, Sam Freshour, Charlie Adams, Pete Swangin, and Helen Swangin.

## Honored On Wedding Anniversary

A group of Jim and Eleanor Thompson's friends gathered at the Carmen Inteso home in Cavalier on February 23, 1974, to help the Thompsons celebrate their Silver Anniversary. The group presented them with a gift of sterling for their anniversary which was actually on Feb. 26th.

Jim and Eleanor have been in North

Dakota since the summer of 1972 and reside at 900 Bjornson Drive in Cavalier. Their three children are Greg, a freshman at North Dakota State University in Fargo; Mike, a senior at Cavalier High School; and Terri, who is a 7th grader in Cavalier. Jim is Section Chief of PAR Security, XO 01462.

# Chatter

## about Site people & events

Several children of contractor personnel helped the Langdon High School French II Class to first place in the N. D. State French Convention in Grand Forks recently. The class captured first place with a skit entitled "Blanche Neige" (Snow White). The students of site employees were Kris Carter, Carrie Rice, Sharon Couch, Debbie Stout and Karrie Skonier.

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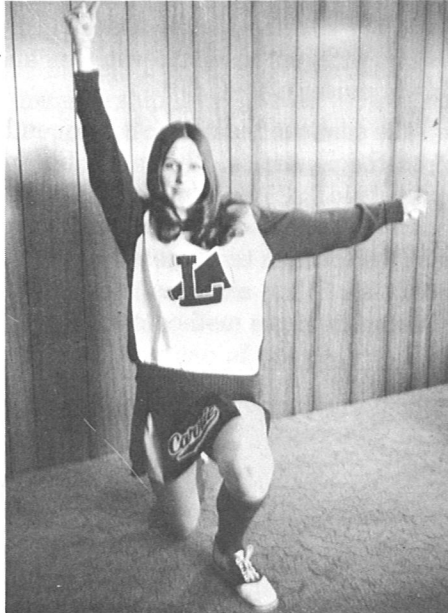
Julie Johnson, clerk-typist for Pan American at the MSR (Facilities Engineering Group), recently placed as one of the winners of the Limerick Contest sponsored by the December issue of the "Industrial Supervisor" magazine. Julie was one of 15 runner-up winners in the United States.

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Linda Gutterud Ziegler, secretary to W. H. Carter - XO 01460, worked her last day at the MSR Site February 22. Linda and her husband will move to Devils Lake, N. D., where he is employed. Dept. XO 01460 gave Linda a going-away luncheon February 20 and presented her with a gift. Linda started working for Mr. Carter in May of 1972 when the few Western Electric employees already on site were still located in the Corps of Engineers building. Linda's replacement in XO 01460 will not be a stranger to the department. Martha Wooten Keneipp will be occupying the departmental secretary's chair. Best of luck to Linda and welcome back Martha!

### "Yeah Team"



CARRIE RICE

As one of the Langdon High Varsity Cheerleaders, Carrie Rice spends quite a bit of time in the basketball gym — jumping, kicking up her heels, doing cartwheels, and giving out "Rebel Yells" for her team. Coach Westphal of Langdon has stated on several occasions that he thinks his cheerleaders do a fine job and encourage both the fans and the players. He mentioned that the cheerleaders do much more than lead the cheers at the games; they spend hours decorating the gym with posters, etc., providing refreshments for parents' nights for various events, putting on skits at pep rallies, and practicing for the games.

Carrie is not a newcomer to the basketball scene, having played on the Langdon Girls Varsity team for the past two years. Langdon's Girls recently completed a winning 10-2 season under Coach Dean Tibbets. Several W/SC daughters were members of the team.

Carrie is the daughter of Bob and Racine Rice, both in the 01400 organization at the MSR.

The wife of a Western Electric employee led a Langdon curling team to the number one spot in the Langdon Lassie Invitational Curling Bonspiel January 26-27. Ruth Eyman, whose husband, Don, is with Department XO-01310 at the PAR, led her rink to the championship in the 16-rink bonspiel. Mrs. Bill (Rowene) Clark was one of the two women who headed the committees responsible for the bonspiel's Saturday night dinner and Sunday morning pancake-sausage breakfast.

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Some people really know the right place to go at the right time of year. Steve (XO 01410) and Vicki (Pan Am - BOS) Kail spent February 15-24 in Hawaii. The majority of the Kails' time was spent on the main island of Oahu with a side trip to the other islands.

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Pan Am Warehousemen completed a "Powered Industrial Trucks" training course February 4. As outlined in Pan Am's Industrial Safety Program and in compliance with OSHA requirements, these five individuals have been certified as Forklift Operators. From left to right, Ray Elke, Instructor, David Plummer, Kevin Doherty, Randy Balsdon, Eddie Boura, and Marty Danielson.

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