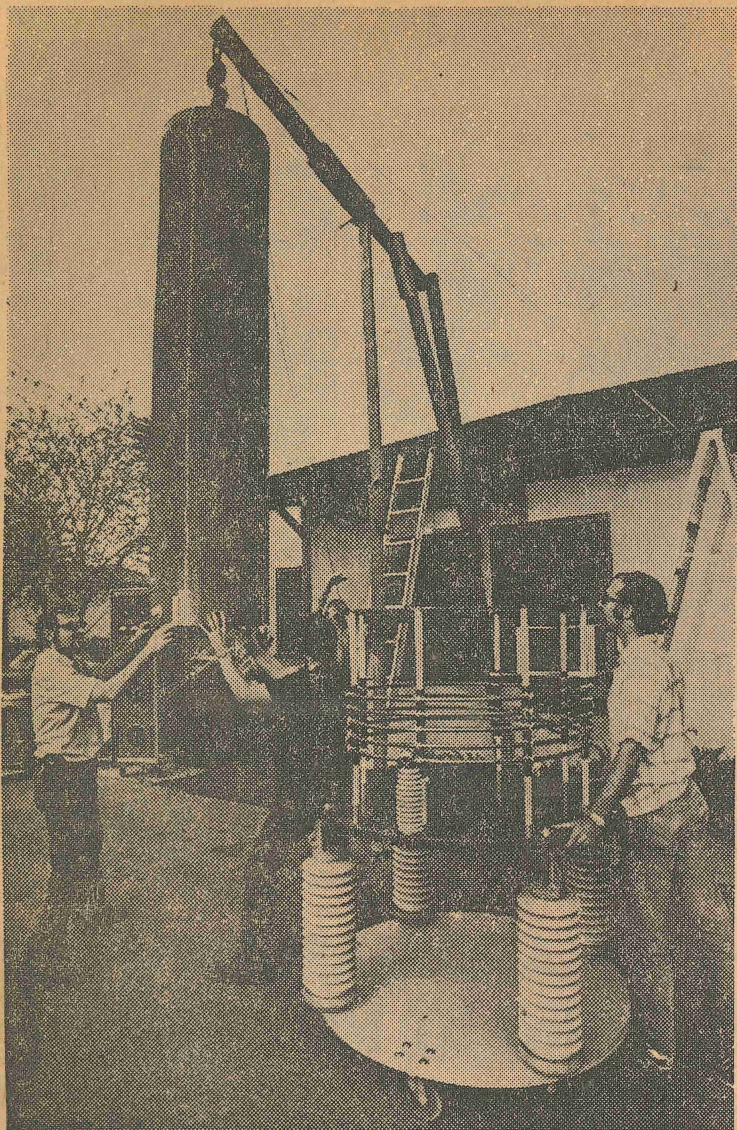
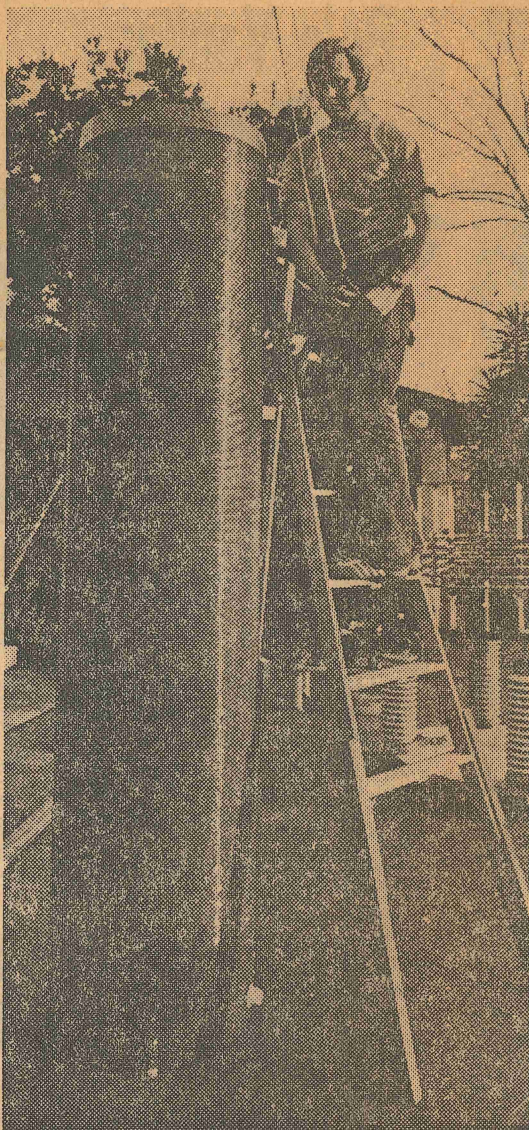
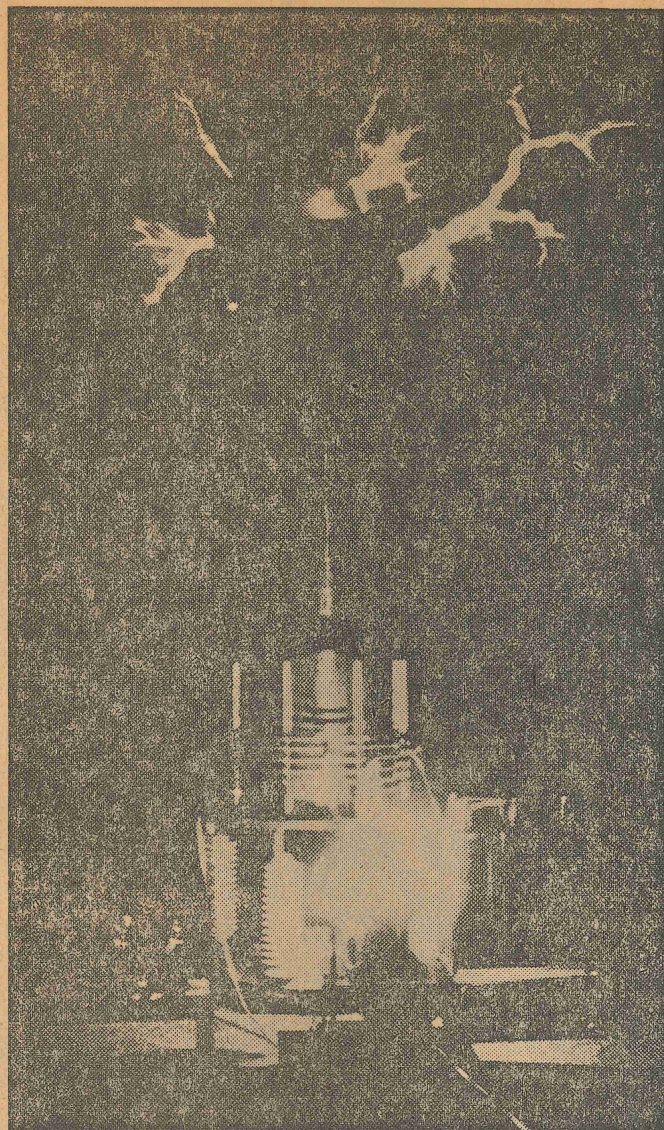




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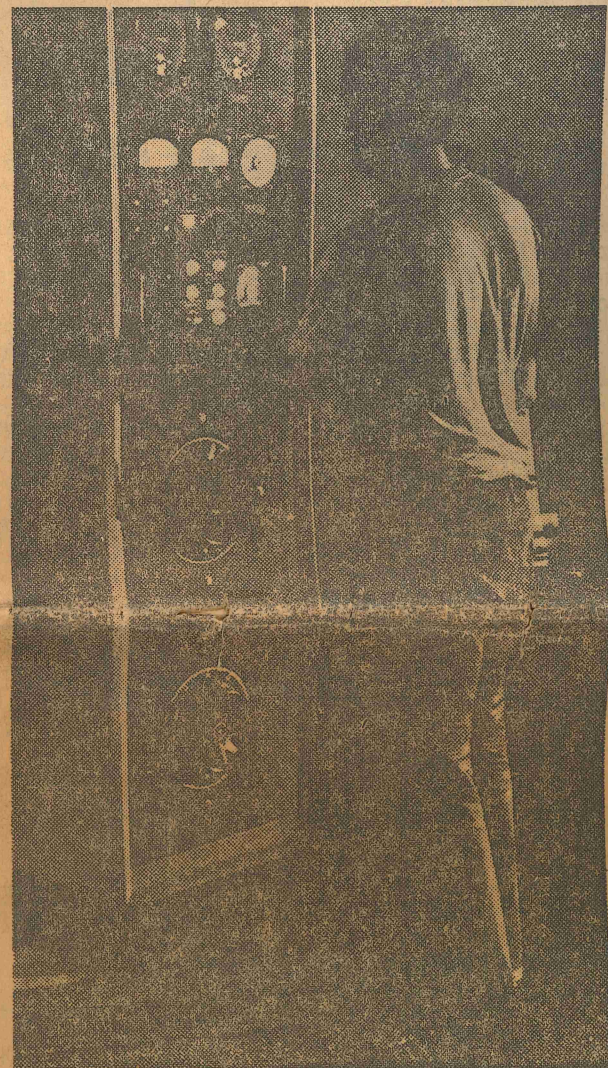
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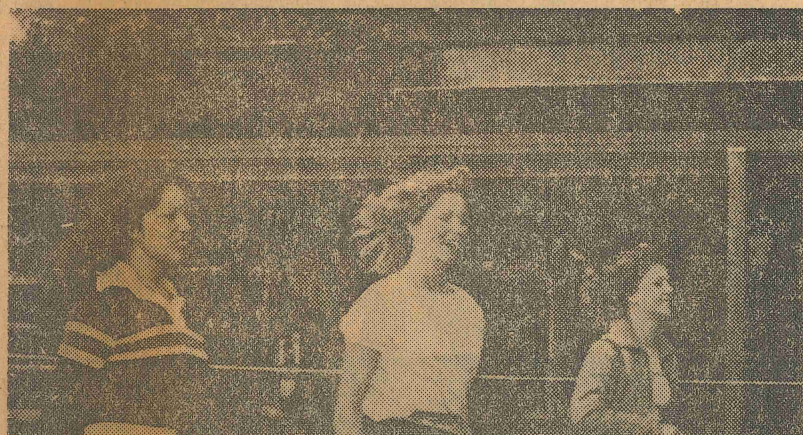
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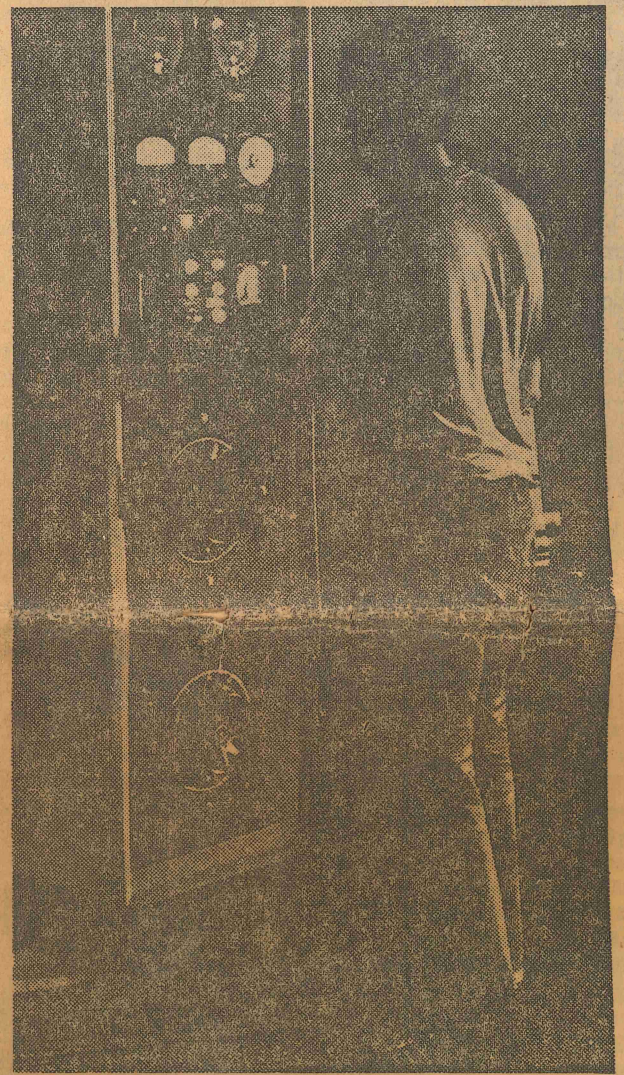
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But Director William Bogaard won majority support for a proposal that the association be allowed to use the room for a one-year trial period.

At the same time, Bogaard's proposal stipulated that only off-duty sworn officers who are under the supervision of a gymnasium instructor should be allowed to use the equipment.

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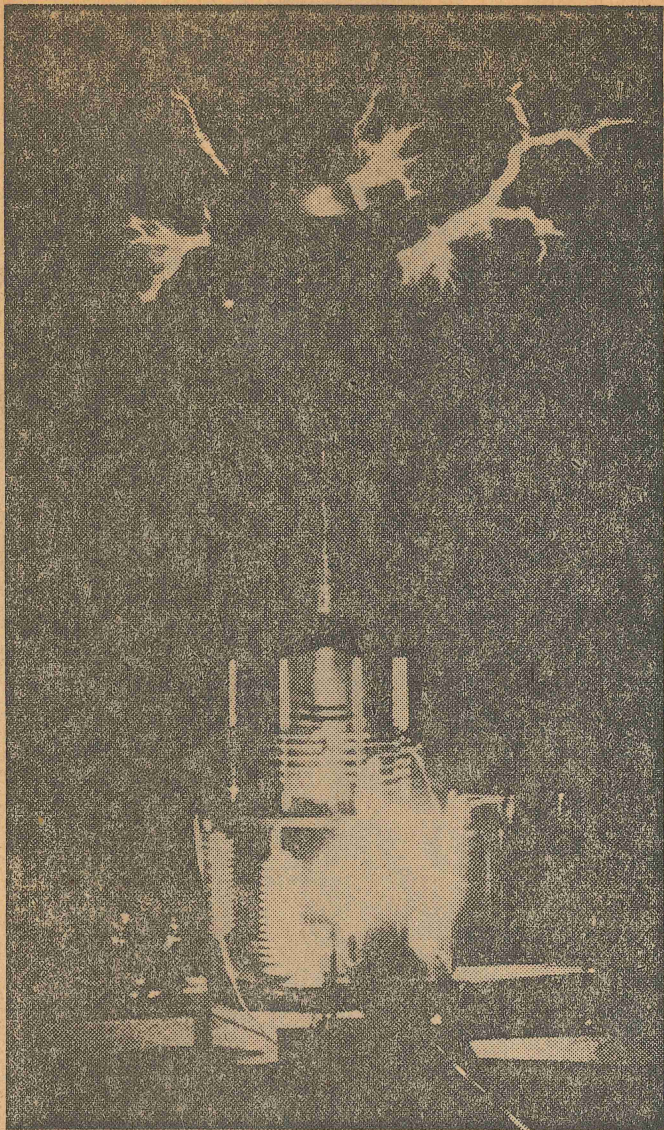
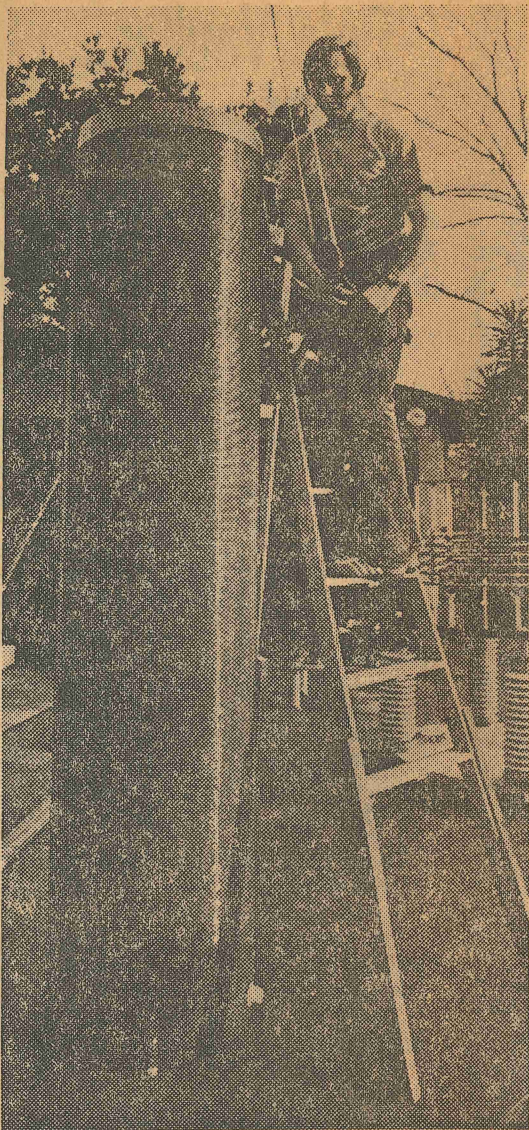
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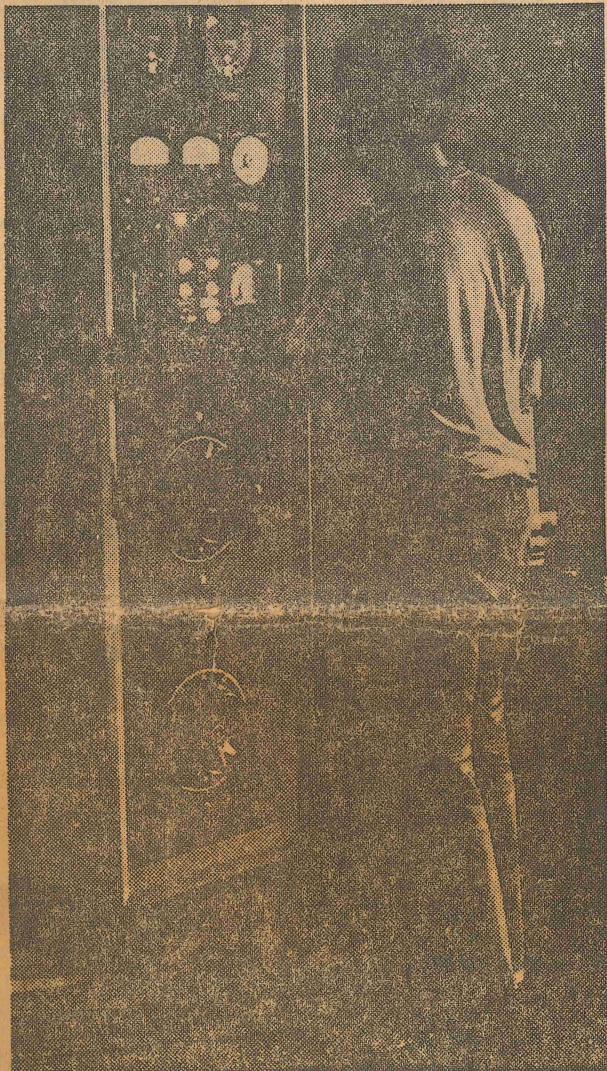
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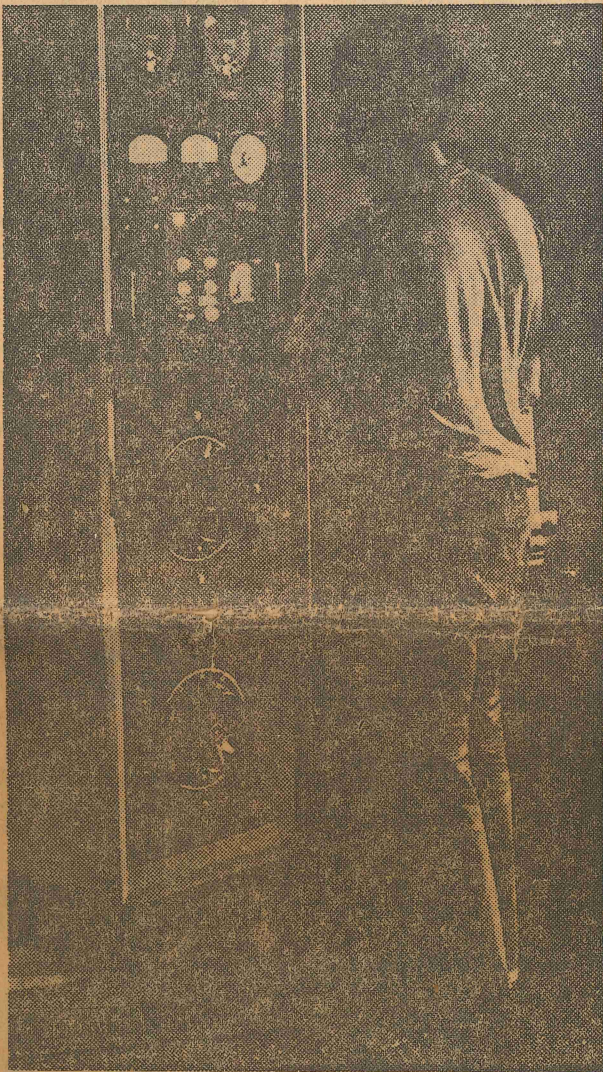
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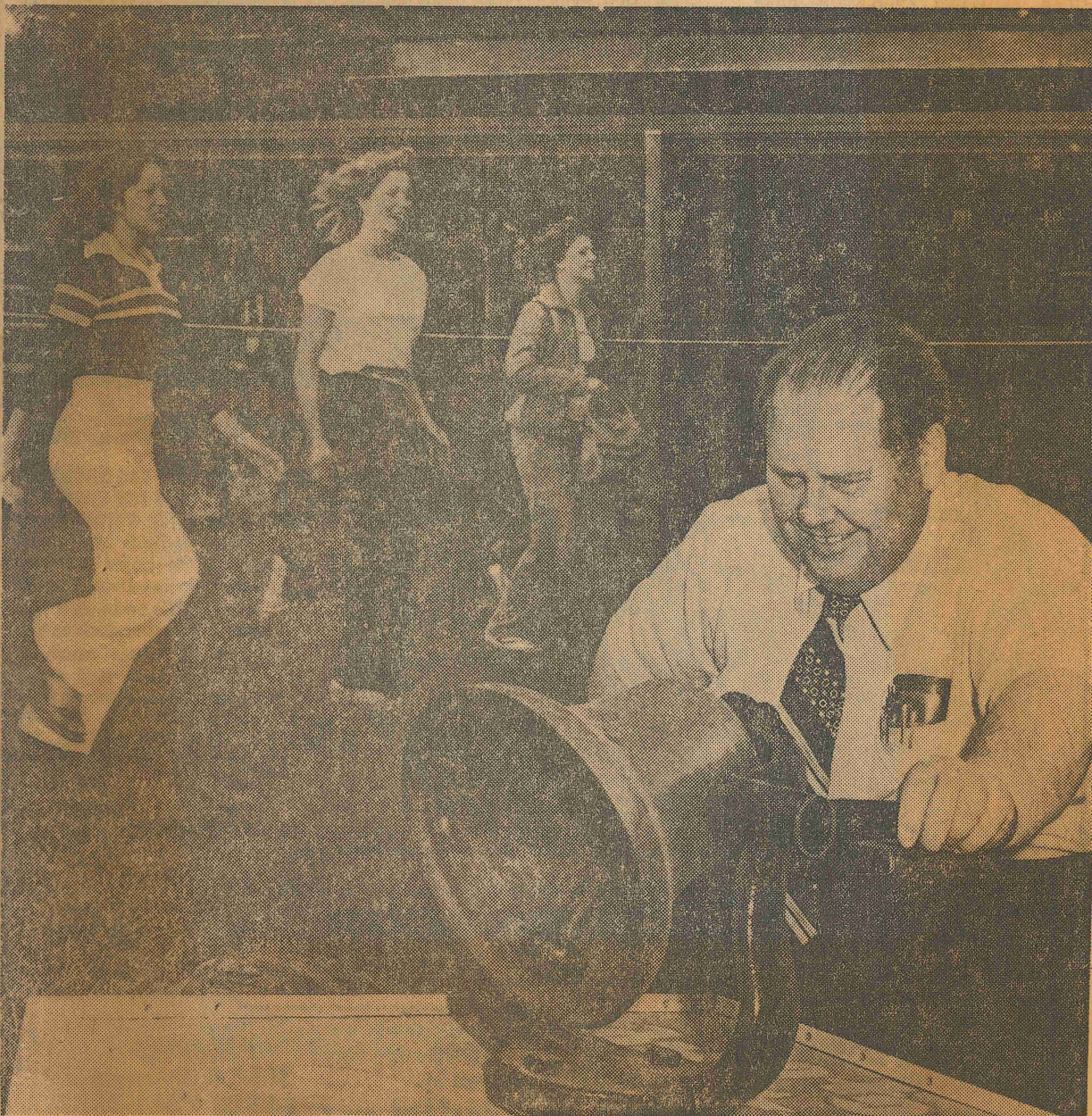
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TEACHERS

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The board accepts his recommendation. Krauss said none of the teachers who lose their jobs this time will be rehired unless there is an extraordinary rate of attrition—retirements, resignations and deaths among the teaching staff.

The district has 304 certificated employees.

However, one long-range plan adds a freedom of choice option if students desire to attend a school other than the one to which they are assigned.

Two of the plans provide for a skills center or a vocational type school for children in secondary grades.

However, the committee voted unanimously at its last meeting to recommend establishing a skills center at McKinley Junior High School next September in cooperation with the city and Pasadena City College.

The fundamental schools and the alternative school would be continued although their locations would be changed in several of the plans.

One plan calls for changing Blair High School to a fundamental seventh through 12th grade school. Another would offer alternative secondary school students academic classes at Blair along with its regular ninth through 12th grades. And Marshall fundamental school classes would be able to use Pasadena High School's facilities in a third plan.

Another plan calls for utilization of closed schools for multi-purpose use by the community instead of selling or leasing them. It would convert the schools or parts of them to child care centers and community meeting places.

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Four plans were developed by subcommittees headed by William Bibbiani, district research department evaluator; Scott Marshall, continuation high school staff member; Jimmie Charles, Eliot Junior High School vice principal, and Charles Parcell, Blair High School principal. The other three plans were designed by three committee members, Mrs. Martha Guth, PTCA Council president; Mrs. Kyle Crist, fundamental school reading teacher, and Frank Hardinge, who has been active in school matters.

Pending are recommendations for changes by two other committees.

One is a 20-member committee appointed by U.S. Dist. Judge Manuel Real, who ordered the school district to integrate in 1970. It is a key committee because Real holds legal jurisdiction over the district.

Committee Chairman Warren Ettinger, a former municipal judge, plans to have the committee's recommendations ready by May 11.

The other committee was furthered by Hickambottom shortly after his election. Committee chairman, the Rev. Kent D. Lawrence of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, expects the community-based group will have recommendations for the school board by mid-June.

RECORDS SURVIVE

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destroyed." John Sweat, dean of students, said classes have continued as usual because no classrooms were damaged. But, he said, there are inconveniences.

The fire destroyed the bell system that summons students to class, so the school's victory bell is used to announce the beginning and end of class periods. Teachers have supplemented the victory bell by ringing hand bells.

Supt. Donald Todd said the architect who designed the administration building has estimated the structural loss at \$250,000. The loss in furnishings and equipment is still undetermined, he said. Leonard said police and fire investigators based their total damage figure of \$350,000 on rough estimates by insurance investigators.

Sweat said this is the first major damage from fire of vandalism since the school was opened 22 years ago. However, the district's other high school, Edgewood, suffered \$500,000 damage in 1972 when fire destroyed

its media center. Another West Covina school, Orangewood, also was damaged Monday night by vandals who broke 90 windows. Todd estimated the replacement cost at \$1,800.

The investigation into the high school fire is being carried out jointly by the police and fire departments, with assistance of arson investigators from other Valley cities.

FESTIVITIES

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\$15 a person. A happy hour will begin at 6 p.m., dinner will be served from 7 to 9 p.m., and there will be dancing and folklorico entertainment until 1 a.m.

Sunday, May 6, a touring mariachi group from Mexico City, La Tribu de la Paz, will perform in a 1 p.m. concert on the grounds of Pacific Oaks College at 5 Westmoreland Place in Pasadena. Refreshments will be served and admission will be \$2 a family.

ENERGY HUNTER

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for his inventions as Edison, Alexander Graham Bell or Samuel Morse.

"Tesla helped lay the foundation for modern technology," he said. "The (television) picture tube, for example, is a direct descendant of Tesla's high voltage, high energy coil."

"Engineering schools here have little in their curriculum about Tesla. In Europe, he is required study. I hope someday he will be in this country."

Wysock said Tesla became a rival of Edison after he left the latter's employ.

"Edison was a proponent of direct current (DC) for electrical transmission," he said. "Tesla won out over Edison in a court case known as the 'War of the Currents.' The court ruled that AC was more economical than DC. It was a little-known victory."

Shortly after his court victory, Tesla sold the patents of his inventions to George Westinghouse, a Tesla backer and another Edison rival. Tesla also had been backed financially by John Jacob Astor and J.P. Morgan.

Wysock said Tesla died virtually unknown and penniless in 1943 at the age of 87.

Wysock, an electronics researcher for a large government-owned company, the Aerospace Corp., is attempting, in his spare time, to carry on Tesla's work as well as increase public appreciation of his inventions.

Wysock said when Tesla invented his coil, he created a new source of energy which has remained unperfected.

"The coil generates energy so that when you hold up a light bulb while it is operating, the bulb will light up," Wysock said. "It is a form of wireless energy of which Tesla was trying to produce in large quantities."

"The theory is that without wire, energy is radiated from a large coil. Then, you would tune in any amount of power you wanted. You could even transmit power to needy areas overseas. It is a nonpollutant type of energy discovered prior to 1900."

What Wysock eventually would like to do is to produce a long enough spark of man-made lightning, intense enough to produce ball lightning—large circular flames

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A 10-year class reunion of San Gabriel High School's class of 1969 will be held Saturday, May 5, at the Quiet Cannon Country Club in Montebello. The cost of \$20 a person will include a buffet dinner and dancing. Reservations may be made at the school.

Meeting for Senior Citizens

PASADENA—Assemblyman William H. Ivers (R-La Canada) will host a town hall meeting for senior citizens Friday, May 4, at 2 p.m. at the Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

Church Women Slate Sale

WEST COVINA—A rummage sale is planned by United Methodist Women of United Methodist Church, Azusa and Cameron Aves., on Friday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Film Explains Relativity

ARCADIA—"Time and Eternity," a film exploring the principles of relativity, will be screened at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in the Arcadia Friends Church, 5705 N. Lenore Ave.

Postcard, Collectibles Sale

ALHAMBRA—An exhibit and sale of antique postcards and paper collectibles will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in Alhambra Masonic Temple, 9 W. Woodward Ave. Wheelchair access will be provided. Admission is \$1, or 75 cents for senior citizens.

Methodists Plan Fashion Show

PASADENA—A fashion show, luncheon and boutique is planned by United Methodist Women of St. James United Methodist Church at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at the church, 2033 E. Washington Blvd.

Sisterhood Sets 'Dine-Around'

ARCADIA—The Sisterhood of Temple Shaarei Tikvah will present its annual fund-raising "Dine-Around" beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5. The progressive dinner will end with dessert and dancing at the home of new Arcadia school board member Paul Friedman. Reservations, at \$15 a person, are at the temple.

Singles Stress Workshop

SAN MARINO—The Roundtable group for singles will sponsor a stress management workshop Sunday, May 6, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at 1941 San Gabriel Blvd.

BIGGER LIGHTNING

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that appear only in intense electrical storms.

"Tesla accidentally produced ball lightning," Wysock said. "Because of its intensity, it is possible to produce the vast quantities of wireless energy necessary for an alternate energy source."

Wysock's love affair with the Tesla coil began when he first saw one at the age of 9 at Griffith Park Observatory. His interest was further sparked by an article about Tesla coils in Popular Electronics magazine.

It was then that he built his first coil which produced 1½-inch sparks. His later coils displayed around the living room of his home, which he shares with his wife, Lynn, and infant son. A poster of Tesla adorns the wall.

Wysock's coils are various sizes and are numbered according to the minimum size spark they produce.

"I would build one, then another," Wysock said. "Then, I would want to build one still bigger."

"Model 5 is the most popular. It is often used in educational demonstrations and at museums. With some modification, it is used in industry for generating fertilizing plants. It really is an economical means of generating extremely high voltage."

Wysock has sold several of his coils to museums and educational institutions. He hopes to sell others for research.

"For example, the Tesla coil is being used in a research project to find out why lightning strikes airplanes," Wysock said. "No one has ever tried to manufacture and sell a line of Tesla coils before. But I'm giving it a try."

Other modern-day uses for the Tesla coil are for special effects in the movies such as in the Frankenstein monster films. It was last used in "The Young Frankenstein."



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Humane Society Open House

PASADENA—Open house will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the Pasadena Humane Society, 361 S. Raymond Ave. The society will be presented a \$1,000 check from the Kennel Club of Pasadena to be used for its spaying and neutering programs.

Pastor Will Be Installed

HACIENDA HEIGHTS—Dr. Antony M. Gamley will be installed pastor of Shepherd of the Valley United Presbyterian Church in a service at the church at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6. Dr. J. Albert Smith, founding pastor of the church and senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Alhambra, will give the sermon.

Growth Center Classes Set

ARCADIA—A new series of classes in personal development will begin Saturday, May 5, at the Personal Growth Center of Santa Anita Church, 226 W. Colorado. Subjects range from Divine Science principles to disco dancing. Reservations are suggested.

Friends to Stage Concert

ALTADENA—Friends of the Public Library will present a concert by the Steed Woodwind Quintet on Friday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the library, 600 E. Mariposa St. The event is free to the public.

Nursery School Carnival

SIERRA MADRE—The annual carnival of the Community Nursery School will be Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sierra Vista Park. The event, free to the public, will include games, pony rides, boutiques and refreshments.

Fine Arts Series at Church

PASADENA—Singer Gwendolyn Lytle will perform as part of the Fine Arts Series of First Congregational Church, 464 E. Walnut St., Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m. General admission is \$3.

Symphony Orchestra at Civic

PASADENA—A free performance by the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra will be Sunday, May 6, at 3:30 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium.

Photo Day at Citrus College

Citrus College will hold a photo day Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for amateur and professional photographers to take pictures on campus. Models from a local agency, antique and new cars, trucks and motorcycles will be available for photographers' use.

Law Day Luncheon Slated

MONTEREY PARK—The annual law day luncheon of the San Gabriel Valley Bar Assn. will be held at noon Friday, May 4, at Luminarias restaurant, 3500 Ramona Blvd.

p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the Baldwin Park Community Hospital, 14148 Francisquito Ave. Demonstrations on first aid and paramedic rescue work will be interspersed with clowns, magic tricks, games and free refreshments.

Church Fellowship Day

PASADENA—Church Women United will celebrate May Fellowship Day on Friday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Rita Catholic Church, Baldwin and Grandview Aves., Sierra Madre.

Learning Center Open House

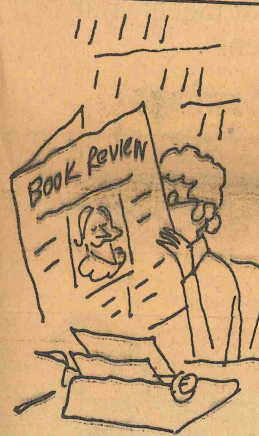
COVINA—The Assistance League of East San Gabriel Valley will hold an open house at its Learning Center, 626 E. San Bernardino Road, on Saturday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to noon. The center's purpose is to assist children who have learning disabilities.

Creative Arts Open House

TEMPLE CITY—Members of Creative Arts will hold an open house for the public Sunday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Live Oak Park.

Be Kind to Animals Week Slated

PASADENA—The Pasadena Humane Society, 361 S. Raymond Ave., will observe the beginning of "Be Kind to Animals Week" with its annual open house from 2 to 5



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